

RECENTLY, at a barn in the village of Bowerchalke, in Wilts, about five hundred persons assembled on the occasion of a conference between members of the Church of England and Baptists. The Vicar presided, and Earl Neison, representing the Home Reunion Society, the Rev. E. B. Ottley, Principal of the Salisbury Diocesan Theological College, and leading Baptist ministers of the county, took part in the discussion, which ranged over the history and practice of the Church from the days of the Apostles and Tertullian, and lasted four hours. The proceedings were marked throughout by the greatest courtesy and good feeling.

WITHIN the Episcopal Jews' Chapel, London, during the last twenty years more Israelites have stood at the baptismal font, and on bended knees vowed fidelity and love to the Saviour, than in any other Protestant place of worship since the Reformation. Those who attend the chapel had an illustration of this on a recent afternoon, when after the Second Lesson, four adult Israelites and a child were baptized. The men were all in the prime and vigor of manhood, and evidently belonged to the better and more educated class of Jews. The prayers were in Hebrew, and the sermon, which was listened to with deep attention, was in English. A good number of believing and unbelieving Jews witnessed the administration of the solemn ordinance. The Rev. Dr. Stern officiated.

THE Old Catholics of the Grand Duchy of Baden recently held a

general meeting, in which proofs of the rapid extension of the new Church were given by several delegates. The meeting sent an address of congratulation to Count de Campello at Rome. According to recent information the late canon is trying to found an Old Catholic Church in the capital of Italy; he is said to have gained to his cause several priests now holding high positions in the Romish Church. Count Campello is actively working for that purpose in his newspaper *Il Labaro*.—*L'Alliance Libérale* (Paris).

AN old Methodist preacher once offered the following prayer in meeting: "Lord help us to trust Thee with our souls." "Amen," was responded by many voices. "Lord, help us to trust Thee with our bodies." "Amen," was responded with as much warmth as ever. "Lord help us to trust Thee with our money." But to this petition the "Amen" was not forthcoming.

There was great point in John Wesley's question, "Is his *purse* converted?"

HOSPITAL Sunday shows in New York, as in London, the relative strength of the Anglican Communion, and the larger-handed liberality of Churchmen above other religionists. The New York returns this year give the Church collections as amounting to three-fourths of the whole money raised. Yet, besides the fourteen general hospitals, to which the fund goes, the Church maintains at her sole expense five hospitals in New York.

DURING the last fortnight Bishop