

well-spoken of in the *Christian World*, and will be of great interest to very many in Canada, where Dr. Stevenson's loveable nature and distinguished services were so displayed.

ENGLISH CONGREGATIONAL UNION.—Dr. Mackennal, who will be remembered by many of our friends, as having visited Canada in 1889, and who was enthusiastically and unanimously elected Secretary of the English Union, has, after weighing the matter and consulting his church, finally declined. The name of Rev. G. S. Barrett of Norwich is before the Committee; and it hoped he will accept.

THE ANARCHISTS.—George Vaughan testified at a late meeting in Boston, that the Anarchists of New York, Brooklyn and Philadelphia had engaged him to speak at their meetings, and when he went to fulfil his engagements, they would not let him speak because he was not an Atheist! It is well to know just where the Anarchists of Europe and America stand in this respect.

CHURCH DEBTS.—A novel plan for extinguishing a church debt, has been hit upon in Melbourne, Australia. The church committee—or vestry, as the case may be—divide the total debt among themselves, and each man insures his life for the amount that falls to his share. The policies are transferred to the church, and the annual payments on them are made out of the collections. Then, of course, as members of the committee “drop off,” the sums insured on their lives drop in, and later, when the only survivor dies, the last instalment of the church debt is paid.—*Ex.*

WHEN the consciousness of sin takes such possession of a man's inner being that he feels it to be the one central fact of his moral history, then he begins to feel as profoundly his need of Christ. From this discovery the step is short to that of the reality of Christ. It is human nature to believe vehemently in the thing we need. We seldom believe in Christ as a reality till we first find Him as a necessity. Other and finer relations to Him disclose themselves at a later stage of spiritual growth, but the initial discovery is that of a desperate necessity. We find Christ in the deep religious sense of faith, because we must find Him.—*Austin Phelps.*

THE PRINCE OF WALES.—Albert Edward, who is understood to have the name and style of “Edward VII.” in view for future use, has just passed his 50th birthday. The compliments were numerous, and the presents were valuable. The London newspapers have, most of them, with amiable good-will, tried to speak well of the Prince, making much of his popularity—which with certain and numerous classes, is certainly a fact; and one of them, the *Standard*, compliments him on “not interfering in political and constitutional controversies,” which is also a fact.

DR. MCGLYNN, of New York, goes on preaching and ministering to his people, notwithstanding his excommunication by the “Church.” He says, “I am no longer at the beck and call of the Pope and Archbishop. They have thrown me out. I am no longer of them.” The ring of these words will not soon cease to be heard. Nor will the prophecy: “I predict that in another generation the bitterest opponents of the Catholic church will be the children and grandchildren of people who are thronging the church to-day.”

THE DECAY OF POPEDOM.—Last week Premier Rudiwi made a speech at Milan in which he declared the papacy to be “limited to the exercise of spiritual powers.” This incensed Pope Leo, who does not mean to be considered a subject of King Humbert. How wistfully must the aged pontiff look back to that occasion, about 800 years ago, when his predecessor, Gregory VII., compelled a prouder and greater monarch than Humbert to stand in the snow at Canossa three days before being received to absolution for wishing, like Humbert, to rule his own territories!—*Congregationalist.*

EDUCATION IN INDIA.—In the year 1855 there were in British India 430 schools, both government and missionary, having 30,000 pupils, chiefly boys, by the recent census it appears that there are 130,000 schools of all grades, and over 4,000,000 pupils, a goodly percentage of these pupils being girls. Remember the enormous population of India to see that there is a vast work yet to be done; for though there are 4,000,000 pupils in the schools, this is but one and one-fourth per cent of the population.—*Morning Star.*