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EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

A YOUNG man engaged scoffing in a bar-room offered to sell his interest in Christ for five dollars. A stranger quietly took out a five-dollar bill, with pen and paper, and asked the young man to write:—"I — do hereby renounce both now and forever all claim I may have in Jesus Christ, for the sum of ———," his hand trembled and stopped—ashy pale he said, "No, I may need him by and by." Scoffing was at an end. Reader, you have an interest in Christ—that of a sinner Jesus came to save. Are you selling it for a fit of spleen? for selfish pride? for a five-dollar bill in the way of dishonest gain? Like Esau is your birthright despised for a mess of earth's pottage? Ah, throw not away your hope in Christ for any world'y gain. What profit though the world were your's and you a castaway?

OUR Union meeting is approaching. Notices of meetings, etc., are found in other columns. Let earnestness be experienced as churches and pastors prepare to do their part in making the meetings profitable. Congregationalism implies "to every man his work;" no drones, no proxies. We are in this position, as it seems to us. An encouraging measure of success has been attained after a period of depression and of trial. A feeling of hopeful expectancy pervades the churches. To stop or to go back now is to invite a state worse than the former. A relapse is more to be feared than a first attack. Therefore we need to keep steadily before us the necessity of a wise yet courageous advance. We do not meet often, and we are separated the one from the other. Therefore the opportunities the Union affords are not to be lightly esteemed, or thoughtlessly pushed aside. Remember, we meet for the pleasure of work. Ottawa scenery is truly grand, and a glance

thereat is not forbidden, but we do not go there to enjoy scenery, or to view the Parliament buildings, noble architectural pieces though they are; we assemble to consult regarding Christ's kingdom and our working relation thereto. Let our churches remember these meetings in their prayers, and in active sympathy. Why should there be an unrepresented church in all our connexion? Brethren, rally round the Union, and may God give us abundant blessing.

WE draw special attention to the state of our college finances as per Treasurer's statement in another column. That we are not running behind as fast as before may be a matter of congratulation, but we are constantly adding to our indebtedness, and that is not comforting. That a permanent addition to the teaching staff is an immediate and pressing necessity is generally felt, but equally necessary is a large increase in our permanent contributions. To our mind both are needed, and needed *now*, and the annual meeting should earnestly set itself to face both issues if we are to keep the vantage ground gained, to live and not to die.

THE Labour troubles in Chicago have assumed serious proportions, lives on either side having been sacrificed. Our American friends however have taken prompt measures; the police are ordered to fire on the first provocation, the right of public gathering has been suspended, even Mr. Moody's meetings being stopped. We have every sympathy with those who toil, and gladly look forward to the shortening of the hours of labour as men learn to use their leisure hours with profit; man cannot live by bread alone; but the spirit of "down with everything" which appears to have pervaded the Chicago rioters, (who, it is fair to say are not for the greater part Americans, but