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## Editorial Jottings.

Rev. Andrew O. Cossar, one of the Alumni of the College, for some years in the United States, has resigned his charge at St. Johns, Michigan. "Whither bound?" we do not know.

A discussion recently took place at Lucknow between the Arya Somaj and the orthodox Hindus, when the attacks made upon Christianity by the former aroused the ire of the Mahommedans, who *took sides with the Christians*, declaring that Christ was holy and sinless.

The Bi-centenary of the "glorious revolution" of 1688, is engaging the attention of the Congregational Union in England. A series of meetings and addresses, and a memorial volume, will probably be some of the outcomes of the deliberations held. Things have not yet taken definite shape.

1496 Churches and Stations are reported among the Congregationalists of Great Britain as without pastors; but are pretty regularly and efficiently supplied by *lay preachers*. The class, we fear, is almost extinct among us—greatly to our loss. A country church, with us, unable for the time to secure, or support a minister, begins at once to dwindle. What are the members doing?

We had Rev. Thomas Hall "our way," a few days ago. He was up to "re-open" the Congregational Church, Newmarket. He preached two good, plain, earnest, Hall-like sermons. He announced that "The pulpit would be supplied regularly; and that if a suitable pastor were not secured in the meantime, an advanced student would be sent for

the summer; and that the Missionary Society would assist, for a year or two." The church is handsomely renovated, but the congregation is scattered. No services for three years past.

High license, (\$500 to \$1000,) has been tried in Nebraska. The best men testify that while it makes saloons fewer, it does not diminish drinking. And the mistake of placing license-money to the support of schools, (\$200,000 in Omaha, from liquor, for schools!) has entrenched the traffic in the selfishness of the average citizen, that will make it hard now to change. "High license" satisfies half-hearted "temperance" men; and will be found a hindrance to Prohibition.

And the Anti-Scott party has carried the County of Halton for "repeal!" Well; those who labored and voted for the continuance of the Scott Act have good consciences, at any rate. Whenever the time comes that Christ shall reign in all lands—and it is coming!—there will be no liquor sold over tavern-bars: "Truth, struck to earth, shall rise again!" sings Bryant; and Halton will yet have a chance to let her best men and women decide for her.

Rev. Charles Berry is still at Wolverhampton, and would not come to Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, and he is more popular than ever, from the very fact of his having been thus "called." The last time Beecher was in England, the Lancashire Board gave him a breakfast in Liverpool, and Berry was one of two deputed to give him an address of welcome. Beecher was so taken with him, that he remarked, "We shall hear of that man again." So we shall! In the meantime, his people, not wishing him to work himself to death, have provided him with an assistant.