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Editorial Jottings.



COUNCIL.

THE National Council of the Congregational churches of the United States will hold its seventh triennial session with

the Plymouth Church, Worcester, Mass., beginning Wednesday, October 9th, at 10 a.m., and continuing until Tuesday, the 15th. Notice of the appointment of delegates should be sent promptly to the secretary of the Council, Rev. Henry A. Hazen, Auburndale, Mass. The preparation of the roll—for the early use of the Council—is very important, to expedite its business, and special attention is called to this request. The churches in Worcester will entertain delegates, or will assist any delegates or others who may wish to provide for themselves. All such persons are invited to send their names and P. O. to G. Henry Whitecomb, Worcester, Mass., chairman of the committee of arrangement.

AFTER the First of January next, all copies of the INDEPENDENT will be stopped, as soon as they fall six months in arrears. We give plenty of notice.

AT the late Methodist Conference in England, it was proposed to make the term for

ministers longer than three years. This was lost; but the rule prohibiting the return to a former circuit in less than six years, was changed to read "three years."

A NIAGARA FALLS picnic, under Roman Catholic auspices had boxes of cigars, two bottles of wine, and one bottle of brandy for prizes to be competed for. More scandalous still, nine-tenths of all the prizes were contributed by Protestants. Shame.

THE HOME MISSIONARY ADVOCATE, a neat little four-page monthly, by our active Missionary Superintendent, Mr. Hall, comes regularly to our table. The August number states that the issue is four thousand. At the nominal rate of five cents a year, it is a good paper to distribute widely, in the interest of our Home Missions. Rev. Thomas Hall, 46 William St., Kingston.

TURKISH atrocities in Armenia, equalling those in Bulgaria a few years ago, still continue. Mr. Gladstone has taken the matter up in trumpet tones. Great Britain is entitled by treaty to demand from the Sultan the suppression of such outrages. The *Christian World* remarks: "If Lord Salisbury does not demand with energy and promptitude, from the Sultan such redress as is possible for these wrongs, and efficient protection for the poor Armenians in the future, the country will speedily make its voice heard as sternly and as loudly as it did in reference to Bulgaria."

EQUAL RIGHTS.—The advance made in six months is full of hope; it has been more rapid and more deep than we dared expect. And now the question is put on all hands, What