

We are confident that if some leading layman would take this matter up, he would, with due notice given, soon succeed in organizing—if not a devout—a diligent band of pilgrims, ready for a pilgrimage. With the net-work of organized excursion trips which cover the world, the work should not be difficult. Sure we are, that the pleasure and profit in visiting thus together, scenes of natural grandeur or of historic interest would be greatly increased.

DR. WILKES has been urged to remain in England until after the 12th October, in order to preach the annual sermon before the Congregational Union, which is to meet in Huddersfield at that time. It has also been urged that a special opportunity would be given him to advocate the claims of the College, and our Home Missionary Society. Under the circumstances, he has not felt free to decline the honour extended to him, and to the brethren in Canada whom he represents. Though he will not be present at the beginning of the College session, arrangements have been made whereby the college work will be carried on during the interim.

CONGREGATIONALISM in Missouri, according to the statement of a Presbyterian minister in St. Louis, has made such progress during the past fifteen years, that it is indicated as an "Ecclesiastical Phenomenon." He says :—

"In the year 1859, there was within our entire territory of 57,000 square miles, just one Congregational church. How is it to-day, after the lapse of only fifteen years? There are in our State sixty-nine Congregational churches, with fifty-two ministers, comprising an aggregate of over three thousand members, with five thousand children in their Sunday-schools. And these are distributed with a

good degree of evenness over the entire area of the country. The Congregationalists have also founded and strongly established two collegiate institutions, very suitably located."

BUNYAN'S two hundredth anniversary of escape from Bedford Gaol, was a great day in England. The Duke of Bedford has erected a statue, the Dean of Westminster has assisted in its unveiling, and the *London Times* has devoted a column of eulogy to a once-hated and persecuted tinker and preacher, who was a noble Christian, and the greatest of English allegorists. What a wonder-worker time is!—how the world of mind moves! Dean Stanley's address at the banquet, which followed, was long, elaborate, and eloquent; but that delivered on the unveiling by Lady Augusta Stanley we give entire :—

"The Mayor has done his work on this day, the Duke of Bedford has done his work, the sculptor and the artist have done theirs, and now I ask you to do your work in commemorating John Bunyan, and that is—every one of you who has not read the "Pilgrim's Progress," if there be any such present, read it without delay [hear, hear]; those who have read the "Pilgrim's Progress" a hundred times, read it again for the hundred-and-first time, and follow out in your lives the lesson which "Pilgrim's Progress" teaches you; and then you will all of you be better monuments of John Bunyan, even than this magnificent statue which the Duke of Bedford has given to you."

THE NEW MARRIAGE LAW for Ontario came into force on the first day of last month. Now marriage certificates may be secured in place of licenses, for the small sum of \$2, and ever this may be saved by one publication of the banns by the officiating minister. Thus the members of the Ontario Government, by legislation, seek to encourage the happiest of all human estates known in this world.