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EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

WE hear, even in unbelieving circles, of the brotherhood of man. Brotherhood implies a common paternity; in other words there is no brotherhood where there is not a common fatherhood, hence our elder brother taught us to pray "Our Father." Nor to us is there any revelation of that fatherhood, save in the only begotten Son who hath declared the same. Reader, are you an alien in the world, or a brother beloved through Jesus Christ our Lord? An heir of God through the beloved, or an outcast from the commonwealth of Israel. Down on your knees, alone with God, and answer.

WE had neglected to notice, until reminded of the same by our friend Dr. Jackson, the resolution of the English Union on the suggestion made by our Union at its last meeting concerning the practicability of a general Congregational Council. The suggestion was favorably received, earnestly commented on, and correspondence resolved upon with representatives from all parts of the Congregational world as to the practicability of the same. One of the objects mentioned in the constitution of the English Union is the maintenance of correspondence with the Congregational churches * * * throughout the world."

WE ask attention to a missionary pastor's letter. It has some weighty suggestions. We may be comparatively doing fairly well in the matter of contributions, but we suspect very few of our members have denied themselves any luxury for the cause of missions, home or foreign, or on behalf of our college. We hold our principles very cheap, we do,—God make us feel they are worth more than gold, and that to us a trust has been committed.

SOME of us never tire of discussing the divine right of New Testament Congregationalism, and yet, with that strange inconsistency inseparable from our present imperfect state, take too frequently the shell, leaving the kernel to be trodden under foot. There can be little doubt but that in the early churches a plurality of elders existed, of teaching elders too. We select one man and expect him to be pastor, teacher, evangelist, business manager and general hack; the ruling however must remain with those who have the purse, in accordance with an old distich of early memories:—

"Be it for better, be it for worse,

"Be governed by him who carries the purse."

WE confess to serious doubts as to the *jus divinum* of the form of Congregational Independency. At a recent meeting of Congregational ministers in London, Eng., the "one-man ministry" was discussed. The system was denounced as being almost impossible to the lengthened maintenance of an edifying ministry. In ten years at most, a man would have said all he had to say for the edification of the same people. Moreover, to deliver only once a discourse which had cost much thought and feeling was an extravagant expenditure of effort, whereas if it were brought forth and re-delivered some five times, not only would it be distributed over a wider area but its effectiveness would increase as it went. A system of interchange was suggested, even of co-pastor-et-as, by means of which a man's usefulness in his own special direction might be spread over a much larger sphere. This subject might profitably employ some of our pens either in these columns, or in papers for discussion at Association meetings.

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