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### Editorial Gleanings.

REV. WILBERFORCE LEE has been visiting his home in Toronto, for a few days, saying "Good-bye," to his many friends, before sailing to Africa. He was to sail from Boston on June 1st. Our prayers and good wishes follow him.

WASHINGTON.—Especially encouraging is the spread of Congregationalism in the Capital City itself. The *Fifth* Congregational church of Washington was admitted, it being in reality the sixth on the list.—*Congregationalist*.

THE seventh triennial session of the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States will be held with the Plymouth church, Worcester, beginning Wednesday, Oct. 9, and continuing until Tuesday, Oct. 15.

SOME of our novelists will not be able to write such a sentence as that which Sir Walter Scott penned in reviewing his life-work: "I have been perhaps the most voluminous author of the day, and it is a comfort to me to think that I have tried to unsettle no man's faith, to corrupt no man's principle."

SENATOR BLAIR says, that "the rapidly growing feeling among the people of the United States in favor of the expulsion of the Jesuits from the country cannot much longer be restrained from public expression, and I think that it is time that the discussion be conducted openly and dispassionately, before the general indignation, now so deep and de-

termined, breaks out into an unmanageable, irresistible popular fury."

DR. PENTECOST'S week-day addresses to the merchants of Glasgow are proving so successful that it is proposed to continue the meetings as a permanent institution. And just so it was, many years ago, after Mr. Hammond had been there. The "after-meetings" were kept up on Sunday nights, in some of the churches, and with blessed results. "Sow beside all waters" is the principle.

A WISE WORD ABOUT PEWS.—The fact is, pew arrangements are only one thing, an important thing certainly, but only one thing. The only sure way to bring people to church is to have reasonably good preaching and singing, and a live membership that will go out into the highways and hedges and ask them to come. That is the New Testament plan, and no pew arrangement can improve on it—though good pews may help more than a little.—*Canada Presbyterian*.

"THE KNOWLEDGE of the Lord shall cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea." The British and Foreign Bible Society reports that the sacred Scriptures were last year translated into six fresh languages. The number of tongues in which this Society now publishes the Bible is thus increased to 300. During the past year, the Society has issued 4,206,000 copies and portions of the Scriptures; more than ever before.

THE men who have been asserting so freely of late that many clergymen secretly hold liberal theological opinions, which they dare