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## Editorial Jottings.

THE Union met this year in the building of the Bond Street Church of this city, a cut of which appears on this page, with the new school house now about to be erected.

This church was formed in February, 1849, when ten male members of Zion Church withdrew therefrom, and formed a second Congregational Church, which assembled in a house on Yonge Street. Subsequently a rough-cast building, capable of seating about 200, was secured on Richmond Street. This had been built by the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was then occupied by the United Presbyterians, who had now built in a more eligible position. The first pastor was Mr. Archibald Geikie, father of Rev. Cunningham Geikie, and of Dr. Geikie of this

city. The stipend promised was \$400 per annum. In April, 1854, a call was given to Mr. John Scoble, a layman, but declined, and in July the invitation was extended to Mr. F. H. Marling, then pastor of the Gosford Street Congregational Church, Montreal. Mr. Marling accepted, entering upon his duties in the following October, with a salary of \$600. The membership now was thirty-five, having declined

very much during the vacancy. It was in the fall of this year that the Editor, then a lad, spent a Sunday in the city, and entered this building to worship. The place was small, the pulpit big, with a precentor's desk, the pews high, the deacons

attentive to strangers, and the entire service home-like. It was a very Bethel. In 1856 the building was enlarged to meet the growing needs. The year 1863 witnessed the laying of the foundation stone of a new building on the site of the present church, and we notice some familiar names at the ceremony, e.g., Messrs. E. Barker, W. H. Allworth, J. Unsworth, R. Hay, C. Duff, and W. F. Clarke. The church bade farewell to its old home on Richmond street, December, 1863, the pastor's texts being Deut. viii. 2, and Ex. xxxii. 15. The new building was used first

on the following Thursday by a prayer meeting. Until December, 1875, Mr. Marling's ministry continued, the history of the church being steady growth, earnest work and increasing power. In every local and denominational interest the Bond Street Congregational Church stood in the front rank for liberality, zeal and spiritual power. The present church building, with seating capacity for 1,600, which, by draw seats, etc.,

