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Editorial Jottings.

THE human mind is as ground which acquires a nature according to its cultivation.—*Swedenborg.*

It is often just as easy to set a precedent, as to follow one. If the right thing is to be done, *somebody* has got to begin it!

THE COMPANY which built the railroad between Jaffa and Jerusalem in Palestine has failed, and the road has fallen into the hands of the banking house of the Rothschilds of Paris.

IF there be one thing upon earth that mankind love and admire better than another, it is a brave man—it is a man who dares look the devil in the face and tell him he is a devil.—*Garfield.*

THE only way to get rid of evil is by crowding it out with good. A million men in a century could not empty a room of darkness, but a child opening a door can dispel it in a second.—*Rev. A. H. Bradford, D.D.*

THE SCOTTISH CONGREGATIONAL YEAR BOOK for 1894 is out. There are in Scotland 91 C. U. churches, 124 Sunday Schools, and 90 Bible-classes. There are 19 Christian Endeavor Societies reported; and 30 Bands of Hope.

THE COLONIAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Rev. D. Burford Hooke, Editor of the *Independent* and *Nonconformist*, has been appointed Secretary of the Colonial Missionary Society, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Fielden. Mr. Hooke will impart vigor to the society's operations.

TWO GOOD PLEDGES were given in June this year. The ministers and delegates at the Union, pledged their churches to raise one dollar per member, for missions: and the Woman's Board at their annual meeting in Montreal, passed a resolution to raise \$500 for Home Missions this year.

PROGRESS.—In Manchester, Eng., the Congregational churches have resolved to carry on evangelistic work with more system—an order of Evangelists, specially trained for the work; inexpensive, moveable buildings for meetings; and a general forward movement for the cause of Christ.

SLANG.—Never use slang. Over and above the influence it has on the mind, in making it coarse, it often puts its votaries to shame at unexpected turns. If one permits himself to use slang at home, it will come out in public some day, and make him ashamed. It is like a good many other things—"total abstinence" is the only safety.

MISS EMILY MACALLUM.—Mr. Thomas Conant, writing to the *Toronto Globe* from Smyrna, says:

"A Miss Macallum of Glengarry, near Sanfield McDonald's place, you know, is principal of a girls' school. She is away out here quite alone, but feels her way clear and lives down home-sickness in her zealous work, and she justly deserves her conceded success and honor. Shall I ever think of being ashamed of my nationality? Never, and I am only doing justice to our fellow Canadians to mention these specially as I meet them here."

MORMONISM.—Utah is received as a "State." Its constitution will probably be silent on polygamy; but the Mormon church and leaders will have great influence. The Gospel such as our Canadian Congregational brother