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The Congregational Union Meeting in London seems to have "gone off" with fully its usual *eclat*, its numbers, interest and influence constantly increasing. The address of the Chairman, Rev. J. C. Harrison, was on a very timely theme, "Liberty in its relation to Christ." If not so brilliant an utterance as some of its predecessors, it was marked by that balanced judgment and that fervent piety which are of more value than any oratory. Mr. Harrison pointing out how the aspirations of our day were all for liberty, in every sphere of human life, showed how this liberty should be exercised in willing subjection to Christ as our Teacher and our Lord. The report of the Union of course gave prominence to the loss sustained by the death of Dr. Smith. The special report, nominating Mr. Hanlay as his successor, was adopted, by acclamation. *He retains the Secretariat of the Colonial Missionary Society.* The "Congregational Lecture" is to be revived, Dr. Reynolds and Professor Henry Rogers having been already engaged to deliver courses. The old Congregational Hymn Book is nearly extinct. It will not be reprinted. Of the new, 750,000 copies have been sold in ten years. The Pastor's Retiring Fund is making splendid progress. Sir Francis Crossly's munificent gift of £10,000 is being followed up by others, so that £100,000 are now within sight. When shall *we* begin ours in Canada? Rev. Thomas Jones, of Swansea, is to be the next Chairman. The Education Bill was discussed, without a very definite result. The Palestine Exploration Fund was represented by Mr. George Grove, Secretary, and endorsed. The case for Scripture Revision was submitted in two able papers by Professors Newth and Simon, and favourably received. An address was given after one of the luncheons by Baboo Keshub Chunder Sen, the Hindoo religious reformed.

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Of the Anniversaries generally, we think it unnecessary to give many details. The meetings were as full and as excited as ever, and most of the Societies were able to report gratifying progress. This was specially noticeable in the cases of the Bible, the Tract, and the London Missionary Societies. The advance in their revenues and enterprises, however, does not keep pace with that of the wealth of England.

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The Colonial Missionary Society had a better Anniversary than usual, as to attendance, report and speaking. The income of the Society had been over £5,200, and the balance in hand was £700. Rev. F. Hastings spoke for the Canadian field, which was thrown into the shade as usual, by Australia.

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The Education Bill is still the subject of a most earnest agitation, the successive stages of which it is rather difficult to follow by telegraph and newspaper. Changes are made in the Government measure, and all the changes are in the direction of a more national system, and one in which the teaching will be chiefly secular; the "religious" element being