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## Editorial Jottings.

WE see it stated that Rev. Lyman Abbott has been selected as the acting pastor of Plymouth church, at the same salary paid Mr. Beecher. He will also retain his editorial connection with the *Christian Union*.

AT Mr. McAdie's ordination at St. Andrew's, the statement was made, on behalf of the church, that "the stipend they offered was *very small*, but the prayer meetings *were full*." Go on, Brother McAdie! you will find both work and bread.

FROM a history of American Presbyterianism, now appearing in a New York journal, it appears that the Huguenot was the original Presbyterian element in the New World. There was an English Presbyterian settlement on Nasmond River, and it was to this colony that the *Mayflower* set sail, the vessel's course being changed to Plymouth by contrary winds.

WILL our friends read Mr. Hall's and Mr. McKinnon's letters, and then act accordingly? Where are the men who have been calling out for a "vigorous policy in Manitoba?" (1) let them each send ten dollars to honest young John Brown, Wood Bay, the treasurer of the church (son of our old friend, Rev. Robert Brown—"Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children!"): and (2) cannot some one be got in every church, to secure new subscribers for the INDEPENDENT?

ONE of the recent most noted instrumentalities for the evangelization of the Jews, has been the Hebrew translation of the New Testament by the illustrious German scholar, Franz Delitzsch. Within the last eight years

over 50,000 copies of the work have been distributed among European and Asiatic Jews. On another page will be found an account of Rabinowitsch, brought to see the truth by means of the *Hebrew New Testament*.

WE elsewhere print the circular of the Ottawa Church, asking for help in their new enterprise. When the Union met there last year, everyone advised them to make their building what a representative Congregational church building ought to be, at the National Capital. The photograph they send us, shows the new improvements to be solid, sensible and beautiful; and with no unnecessary expense. They deserve help. If any kind friends would like to see the photo before subscribing, please send to A. Crawley, Ottawa.

AN exchange says: "The most effective, and perhaps most equitable way to obviate the difficulties that have arisen in regard to exempting the incomes of Protestant and Catholic clergymen, would be to abolish exemptions on all incomes." We think, that in view of the many opportunities for fraud in the matter, it were better to abolish, not the exemptions, but the tax itself on incomes: and then abolish all exemptions on buildings or land of any kind.

THE Turkish Government has been on the whole very tolerant of Christian Missions: looking upon them as mainly intended to operate among the subject-races. But now, when Girls' Schools and other instrumentalities are bringing the Gospel among the Turks themselves, the Government is getting repressive. Intelligence has been received by the American Board of Foreign Missions, that the Turkish Government is revising its school laws, with the aim of suppressing American and other foreign schools.