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EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

WOULD that we had a multitude of friends, staunch and true as our venerable father, Rev. Thomas Baker, of Hamilton, and as humble likewise. Here is the closing part of a letter he recently sent to the secretary of our college, Dr. Cornish: "Pardon me for again troubling you with two post-office orders, which I wish to be appropriated as follows: Congregational Mission, \$10; College, \$10; College Building Fund, \$100; in all, \$120." We do not know how Dr. Cornish pardons such a fault, we do know how we pray—Blessings on the venerable man. May others rise and *sin* likewise. We join with him in trusting that the set time to favour Zion is come, that the little one shall soon become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation.

WE cannot expect any good thing to come to our correspondent who writes on "That Model Council" in this issue, from the Nazareth of the Council System, and yet if a church or churches see fit to order themselves thereby, it does seem strange that their right so to do should be challenged, and that on New Testament ground, seeing the great Apostle, who "gave place in the way of subjection, no, not for an hour," actually did go up to Jerusalem with the apostles and elders there, and suffered his actions to pass under their review; and we suspect there is a Christian submitting of ourselves to one another. As to the *ad captandum* sentence, "Point out the chapter and verse," etc., we would simply refer to that which accompanied the letter of our friend, the notice of the Speedside church, which appears in our "News of Churches," and say, "Point out the chapter and verse in which He we call Master and Lord has lent His sanction to a crowded tea-meeting as the manner in which He would have a pastor settled over His church. Let us either stop

prating about our New Testament polity or else confess we are keeping up with the times." We printed the minutes referred to by Mr. Clark by request as a guide, not as an iron rule, and believing that the man or church that would command the sympathy and co-operation of others must do so by other means than shouting his independence, believing, too, that he who has nothing to hide has no difficulty in coming under the review of his brethren. We further believe that the spirit of the Council System (we care little for form only as it expresses the spirit) is a necessary factor in any success we as a denomination may desire. There we leave it.

OUR friend Dr. S. N. Jackson has been, according to report, making some strictures upon the public Press, at which several of our contemporaries are correspondingly angry. Our very friendly Belleville Ontario, to whom we are indebted for many kind notices, and whose editor we can number among our personal friends, has, *e.g.*, this among other sentences:

"It might surprise Rev. Dr. Jackson, of Kingston, who has attacked the morality of the Press, to know that the Rev. Canon Dumoulin, Rector of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, expressed the opinion, when with a delegation interviewing the License Commissioners, that the influence for good of the Press was greater than that of the pulpit." We have not seen any full account of our brother pastor's utterances. We were present when Canon Dumoulin expressed the opinion as to the influence for good of the press. We happen to form a small part of the Press just now, and shall, therefore, take the opportunity of airing ourselves a little on the subject, and feel satisfied that in doing so our triangle of friends will suffer no injustice.

That the Press is a power we know, how great none can estimate. The "Letters of Junius" aided in the overthrow of a powerful ministry more than the bayonets of the French revolution did in overthrowing the monarchy. To-