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### Editorial Gleanings.

"Ou, God," prayed the Breton fisherman, "preserve me! for my boat is so small, and Thy sea is so great!"

If you wish to appear agreeable in society you must consent to be taught many things which you know already.—*Lavater.*

How long is it since your church has had a special sermon or service or sociable for the old people? Did you remember them at Easter with flowers?—*Congregationalist.*

THE question of union between the "Congregational Union," and the "Evangelical Union," in Scotland, will likely be decided this month. It will probably carry. It should.

"C. E."—Look out for the great Christian Endeavor Convention in Cleveland, beginning 11th July. Great preparations are being made; and there is no reason why it should not be a vast, enthusiastic and profitable gathering. We hope each province of the Dominion will be well represented.

WE are pained to see the announcement of the death of Miss Martha Crawford Hall, eldest daughter of Rev. Thomas Hall, of Point St. Charles Congregational Church, after a long illness, on 7th April. Mr. Hall's many friends, in numberless places throughout the provinces, will sympathize with the family.

REV. CHARLES F. DEEMS, pastor of the "Church of the Strangers," in New York, died universally lamented. As a preacher, an

author, a man of affairs, he will be missed not only in that city, but wherever honest, earnest work for God is done. He was a many-sided man, evangelical in spirit, wise in counsel, charitable and magnanimous in sympathy. His dying words were, "My faith holds out."

SPAIN.—A new Methodist church was, after a good deal of trouble with the authorities, opened in Madrid last year, and all seemed to be going quietly on, till a few days ago the front door was peremptorily closed by the police. The worshippers must come in by some back door! The friends of the church will appeal to the national Cortes or Parliament for their rights.

ERZROOM.—Rev. F. W. Macallum writes to some of the papers of a terrible famine in the part of Asia Minor where he is. The crops have failed for two years, and the distress and destitution is terrible. Mr. Macallum will personally distribute any funds that may be sent in aid of the destitute and starving in his flock and around him. Such remittances may be made through Langdon S. Ward, Esq., Treasurer of the American Board, No. 1 Somerset St., Boston.

BEECHER'S three great principles for interesting and effective preaching, were (1) Freshen and vitalize truth as much as possible. (2) Get into close sympathy with people's hearts, minds and needs. (3) Be bold and outspoken on all questions of moment. It was his opinion that any man of average ability, and in love with his calling, who should adopt these principles and adhere to them through a course of years, would be sure to win a good degree of success in the ministry.