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Editorial Jottings.

Rev. Lyman Abbott, D.D., accepted Sunday the permanent pastorate of the Plymouth church, Brooklyn.

There are two ways of putting a thing. "Some people," says a sensible man, "are always finding fault with nature for putting thorns on roses. I always thank her for having put roses on thorns."

God always will give to the faithful church and pastor just as many converts as they can care for, and no more. Is your church training and properly nurturing the converts of the last revival? If not, it might be best to attend to that before trying to bring about another revival.—*Indiana Baptist*

By a vote of 288 clerical and 88 lay members in the affirmative, to 66 clerical and 65 lay in the negative, the United States Methodist Conference has changed the limit of the pastoral term in that body from three to five years.

Emerson sagely says: "Every man takes care that his neighbor shall not cheat him. But a day comes when he begins to care that he does not cheat his neighbor. Then all goes well. He has changed his market-cart into a chariot of the sun."

A worthy Quaker thus wrote: "I expect to pass through this world but once; if, therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

At the recent Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. John H. Vincent, of Sunday School fame, was, on the third ballot, elected one of the five new Bishops. One was only elected on the 14th ballot, and one on the 16th! The election required a two-thirds vote.

Some interesting antiquarian researches into the early history of the Congregational Church in Cornwallis, N.S. (1) from the Historical Society, Boston, and (2) supplemented by our Brother the Rev. Jacob W. Cox, will appear in our next. "Union" matters occupy our pages very much this month.

"Is it wrong to play cards? or to dance? or to go to the theatre? I want to do right, and I sometimes feel doubtful or uneasy about doing these things. What is my Christian duty?" Now brother, turn right round. Cease doing these things; and then, if your Christian conscience troubles you about having neglected these things, come to us again, and we'll advise with you on the matter.

It is stated that Sir A. B. Walker, of Liverpool, a brewer, has offered to build a cathedral in that city, at a cost of \$1,250,000. Some of the religious papers object decidedly. They say he is not only a brewer, but is owner of a large number of drink-shops in Liverpool. The money he would put into the cathedral is, they say, "blood-money," and it ought not to be accepted.

A computation of the statistics of the internal revenue department shows that the people of the United States spend annually more than \$800,000,000 for liquor. If Maine spent as much in proportion to her population as the people of other States, her share of this would