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EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

WE regret that sentences have appeared regarding our Manitoba relations which seemed to be personal, or imputative of motive. We desire to remember, and to have it remembered, that THE INDEPENDENT is a *Christian* journal, seeking to exemplify outspoken fidelity with that charity which thinketh no evil. We have no desire to put on other shoulders the responsibility which rightly rests upon our own, therefore we do not specify the lines which we think should have been drawn through by the editor's pen. Readers and correspondents will pardon any error of head they may have detected. It is right, however, that views of the situation should be expressed. And we may say, as indicative of a prevalent feeling, that all that has thus far appeared from these Provinces other than our own two unmarked jottings, and Mr. Hall's letter, has come from brethren who have honourably passed through the chair of the Union. We regret to have to decline much sent since for publication, not only account of length, but because of expressions unseemly, and charging with "absolute untruthfulness" where no specification is given. It is due to Mr. Silcox to mention that in a letter we have received from him, he distinctly says: "If either the editor or authorized representative of the C. C. M. S. will state definitely wherein they think I have blocked or hindered their work in Manitoba, I will give them a frank and full reply." If our brother will look back he will see that "blocked or hindered" are words of his own, not ours. We spoke of an "adverse position," and only thus because of a statement of his implying neglect on the part of our Missionary Society. We did not say inimical, because a position may be adverse without being hostile, hence our choice of the word. Nor did we say the adverse position was unjustifiable, only this, that as it seems to us that our brother had advised on the line

of the policy he virtually charged against the Society, the apparent insinuation of "not considering Manitoba and the North-West Territories a part of Canada," required a demurrer.

IN view of statements *definitely* given by Mr. Hall, and expressly made in the Winnipeg item, other friends have felt that the position has been adverse in a still more marked degree, and without impugning motives, these convictions may justly be expressed. We shall be only too glad to find that our friend Mr. Silcox has been misunderstood, as will also all who have in our columns expressed dissent from his supposed position. For ourselves, we believe Congregationalism has a work to do in these new territories as truly as in any other part of this wide world, and shall not rest until some more tangible results are seen from the earnest desire we know possesses many hearts to spread the Gospel in that lone land by the multiplication of true Congregational churches. We may further say, that though denominationalism, as such, has little charm for us, as a means of spreading the Gospel it has its sacred responsibilities, and he is the best Christian worker, in our judgment, who seeks to give life and power to the denomination wherein he elects, or is elected, to serve his God.

AND we give as our conviction, that the church at Winnipeg should be a centre of missionary operations for our denomination in that far-off land, to which desirable end it is necessary that full confidence be established between it and the churches in the older settled provinces; and that such ends may be speedily attained our prayers shall rise, and our efforts be directed.

IN the letter referred to above, Mr. Silcox, speaking of Dr. Wilkes' letter, says: "With the sentiments of Dr. Wilkes' letter I am in fullest accord, and it would be my joy to help