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Editorial Jottings.

EVERY Pastor of a Congregational church in the Dominion is an authorized agent for the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT.

HOLD fast upon God with one hand and open wide the other to your neighbor.—*Geo. Macdonald.*

THIS number begins the thirty-eighth year of the publication of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT; the first issue being in July, 1854.

THERE'S only one kind of religion in which the more devoted a man is, the fewer proselytes he makes—the worship of himself.—*Geo. Macdonald.*

AN aggressive pastor was asked how his church was getting along. He replied, "Very well considering the number of brakemen I have in proportion to engineers."

RUSKIN wrote:—"A man may hide himself from you, misrepresent himself to you in every other way, but he cannot in his work. There you have him to the inmost."

ALL THINGS are literally better, lovelier, and more beloved for the imperfections which have been divinely appointed, that the law of human life may be effort, and the law of human judgment mercy.—*John Ruskin*

THE UNION.—A large space in the present number is taken up with the proceedings of the Congregational Union at Guelph. The importance of the occasion demands it. We

will try to get back to our usual variety in our next number.

TEMPERANCE.—We hope to hear of all our brethren who are over in England this year, taking hold of the Temperance cause, on every occasion that may offer. Our brethren may thus do a little missionary work. This has not always been the case.

SIR JOHN MACDONALD.—The death of this eminent man is an epoch in the history of Canada. Seldom does any man have the privilege of directing for so long a series of years, the public affairs of a country. Friends and opponents unite in giving him the praise of being true to his friends, genial in his temperament, magnetic in his influence, and a true lover of his country.

SOME years ago a writer in one of our magazines said that there were three kinds of churches:—The church militant, ever fighting against evil; the church termagant, ever scolding its members and the world, and the church constructant, building the people up in the good. The true church is both militant and constructive.—*Lx.*

THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS of Dr. Briggs, of Union Seminary, New York, has greatly exercised our American Presbyterian brethren. At the General Assembly, in Detroit, by about five to one, his appointment was not approved; the Assembly possessing a *veto* in the case. Dr. Briggs continues to assert his orthodoxy; but evidently his putting Christ virtually out of the Old Testament will not be tolerated in a public teacher of theology.