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Editorial Jottings.

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

THE BLESSING OF NECESSITY.—Few men do more than their circumstances compel them to do. The reason Homer could repeat all the books of the Iliad by heart was because he was blind and had to.—*Dr. Dowling.*

A POSER.—A woman who made her thirtieth appearance for drunkenness before the courts in Sheffield, England, asked the magistrates why they licensed the saloons if they objected to people getting drunk. They had no reply ready.

REVIVALS.—Some of our brethren in this number, speak of spiritual movements, and conversions in their churches. The Spirit will be found always ready with His divine influences, if men are anxious and wishful. "Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it," is the promise.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, ON "CHURCH AND STATE."—When a religion is good, I conceive that it will support itself; and when it cannot support itself, and God does not take care to support it, so that its professors are obliged to call for the aid of the civil power, it is a sign, I apprehend, of its being a bad one.

REV. JOHN MCNEILL may be asked to speak at the great missionary meeting in Exeter

Hall next May. Mr. Spurgeon, thinking he might not be well enough to attend last year, asked Dr. Gibson to be provided with a substitute. The choice fell upon Mr. McNeill, and was heartily approved of by Mr. Spurgeon.

HOW IT LOOKS.—"I used to dance before I became a Christian," said a man I met on the train, "and at dances I almost always met some professors of religion. But they always looked out of place to me, and I made up my mind that if I ever became a Christian I wouldn't be seen there."

HAND SHAKING.—Attention is called in the New York *Advocate* to the number of ministers who have taken the influenza through hurrying to the church door after service to shake hands with the departing congregation. Even if there were risk of getting chilled, this "pump-handle business," it is urged, is of no real use for diffusing social life in a church, the best thing is to get the people to shake hands with one another.

SABBATH KEEPING AT CHICAGO.—Our Government should order the Canadian Exhibit at the World's Fair at Chicago to be closed on Sunday. The British Government did the same for their exhibitors at the Paris Exposition. Several of the individual States of the Union have decided to close their departments on Sunday—as no doubt Great Britain will—and these things, if nothing else, will probably influence the saloon-guided commissioners to close the whole exhibition.

PROFESSOR DRUMMOND.—The kingdom of God is a society of the best men working for the best ends, according to the best methods.