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Editorial Jottings.

A HOLY life is like the pure snow; and the footsteps of the man who walks therein leave a mark but not a stain.

OUR frontispiece this month is a portrait of the Editor. We don't claim much for it, but thought we might as well use it sometime to help to brighten our pages up a little.

THE *N. Y. Independent* describes a pessimist to be one who "spends most of his life in condemning what he believes life is, without offering any help toward reaching what life ought to be."

WE wonder at so few of our friends using the cloth, gold lettered "Binder" for their INDEPENDENTS. It is practically a good and handsome binding, and can be removed at the end of the year and used for the next volume, and will last for years.

AT the approaching Ontario Elections the Dominion Alliance hopes for the co-operation of all who favor temperance, in endeavouring to return reliable temperance men as members. With a Temperance House we shall have Temperance laws, and well enforced.

AT the American Presbyterian Assembly now meeting (15th May) at Saratoga, the question of Revision of the Confession will come up for discussion. Two thirds of the 193 Presbyteries have voted for revision. Of course the revision may be more or it may be less, with the probabilities in favor of caution and conservatism.

THE Sixth International Sunday School Convention will be held at Pittsburgh, June 24-27. Ontario is entitled to 52 delegates. The probability is that the full number will attend. A party will leave Toronto by a steamer for Lewiston, (thence by rail) on 23rd. We expect to be of the party.

THE Prisoner's Aid Association has held its annual meeting in Toronto. President: Hon. S. H. Blake: Corresponding Secretary: Dr. A. M. Rosebrugh. This worthy charity is doing a good work—Missions in gaols and reformatories, helping discharged prisoners home and to get work, agitating for better classifications in prisons, etc.

AN uneducated workingman, deploring his lack of early advantages, was in the habit of taking his little son on his lap at night to hear his lessons. He followed the boy through all his high-school work, and is to-day an educated man through giving the child continued sympathy in his studies.—*Mary. E. Burt.*

THE Chinese Bill which passed the House at Washington has been killed in the Senate. It proposed to treat as criminals all Chinese found in the country, other than those put down in a special census to be taken. But the Christian sentiment of the country rebelled against it; and petitions and protests poured into the Senate; and it was quietly shelved.

A CURIOUS use of the boycott is reported from Georgia. John Wanamaker, Postmaster-General, has appointed a negro as postmaster of Athens, in that State. No doubt he was a capable man but he was African in descent