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

IN the rest of the Christian there is stability. Nothing can shake his confidence but sin.—*H. Moore.*

A PARTICULAR Truth, with a general application: "The Methodist Church does not need more harness, it needs more horse"—*Bishop Goodsell.*

PALESTINE is threatened with cholera. It is reported to be bad in Damascus. All Syria is quarantined; and no one from these lands can visit the Holy Land at present.

A SOCIETY in the Church at Denver supplies every pew with paper and pencil, so that strangers may leave their names and addresses, if they would like the pastor to call on them.

GOOD PAPERS.—We call attention to the good papers advertised this month—the *Montreal Witness* and *Scientific American*. Each stand at the very head, in their own class; the *Witness* for the family, the *Scientific American* for industrial and business life.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON!—We wish all our readers a very Happy New Year; and as many added new years as they are prepared to make a good use of. We "wish above all

things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, *even as thy soul prospereth.*"

MOODY AND SANKEY are again in Scotland. Mr. Moody's expressed intention of soon visiting India, was the main cause of his hesitation about going to Scotland. But the Doctors tell him he must not go to India. He wants to be in Chicago at the Exhibition of 1893; but in the meantime will speak a year in Britain.

THE effective sermon is like a safety match. The match must be prepared and so must the surface upon which it is to strike. On some minds it may strike without illumination. It needs the prepared brain and the prepared heart to bring fire.—*Christian Register.*

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.—S. S. work, largely the result of efforts by the Foreign S. S. Association, shows now about 300,000 scholars in Germany; 150,000 in Holland; 115,000 in France, and smaller numbers in many other countries of Europe and Asia and South America.

DECEASED.—Our esteemed brother in the Gospel, Rev. George Purkis, now resident in Bowmanville, has suffered a sad bereavement in the loss of his second daughter, the wife of Rev. A. Leslie, M.A., of Newtonville, Ont., near Newcastle. Mrs. Leslie died 7th Dec., in the faith of the Gospel.

THE LATE REV. DR. STEVENSON.—Sixteen of Dr. Stevenson's most representative sermons, with a portrait, and sketch of his life, the latter by Mrs. Stevenson, have been published in a three-and-sixpenny volume by James Clark & Co., London. The volume is