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## Editorial Jottings.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR! And it will only be happy, as it is spent with God, and in God's work. Is this year to be better than the last? More consecration? More self-renouncing, and more Christ-attaining?

WE want very much the *Independent* to promote two things this year; will our readers all try to promote them in their churches?—To save souls; and as soon as they are saved, to get them *right to work* in Christ's service!

THE biggest work a church has on hand, is the evangelization of its own neighborhood. Has each Deacon got his own district to visit and superintend? And has he asked *you* yet to come and help him? If not, will you or he send us word before our next number, Why?

DR. JOSEPH PARKER sailed in the *Etruria* for home, Dec. 10. The great city of London is fortunate in having, at the heart and centre of it, the gospel ministry of a man so gifted and on the whole so devoted to his work.

WE hope and pray that the Municipal Elections of to-day, in City, Town, Village and Township, may result in the return, everywhere, of God-fearing men, who will work for sobriety, Sabbath-keeping, good order and peace! It will be so, if the PEOPLE will it!

A GOOD basis of union is to *work* together. Dr. MacPherson said, when he went to Chicago, he wondered at the friendliness of the denominations with one another, and asked a Baptist pastor the reason of it. "Oh," said he, "we are so busy fighting the Devil, we haven't time to fight one another."

WE direct attention to two Book Reviews. They both touch on Mission work. one among the lapsed classes at home, the other among the same classes in a foreign country; while the story of "Hermannsburg and its Mission," shows what may be done by a single Christian community, where the Spirit of Christ is alone consulted.

WHEN the whole Church are at work, the world begins to ask, "What are we going to do about it?" And somebody, thinking it is time he repented, gives himself to God; and before we are aware, there is a great Revival going on. Converts coming in at such a time, are generally *set to work*. How is it at other times? or why should there be any "other times?"

"THE News of the Churches" has always been a strong (and a welcome) feature of the *Independent*. As may easily be understood, it is difficult to divert the stream in the way of the new Editor all at once; and the items are fewer this issue than they will be in the future. We want to hear from every Church, and every Minister—if it were only on a post-card; that is exceedingly good sometimes—every month!

How time passes! It scarcely seems six years since Mr. Burton accepted the Editorship of the *Independent*! And yet we print this month a soberly-worded and well-deserved Resolution of the Publishing Company, on his withdrawal after his six years' work. And now it is in order for his readers to give *their* thanks! More especially, as his salary has, for most if not all of that period, been of that easily-circulated, but somewhat intangible currency!