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### Editorial Gittings.

EVERY Pastor of a Congregational church, in Canada and Newfoundland, is an authorized agent for the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT.

THE founding of two new Congregational churches in Toronto will be a bit of welcome news to our readers. Now, brethren, how many INDEPENDENTS do you want?

OUR readers will notice the very excellent description by our young friend, The Rev. J. K. Unsworth, of his experiment of "Bible Study" in his church. It is an example, and a success, well worth imitating and following.

WE commend attention to the excellent letter of Rev. J. B. Silcox on another page of this issue. Mr Silcox's trip to Vancouver would do both the Church and himself much good.

How many pastors keep an exact record of the number of persons who come inside their church doors on Sunday? It can easily be done, and it is one of those matters concerning which it pays to know the exact facts.—*Congregationalist*.

MADAGASCAR.—Over 1600 delegates attended the "Congregational Union" in Madagascar this year. The Churches have over 300,000 adherents and members. The "Union" supports six Missionaries among the outlying tribes. "What hath God wrought?"

THE gain of membership in the Presbyterian Church, U.S., in the past year has been 47 per cent. The gains of other bodies have

been: all Presbyterian bodies, 4 per cent.; Baptist, 2.5 per cent.; Lutheran, 4.1 per cent. (largely by immigration); Congregational, 4 per cent.; Episcopal, 2.5 per cent.—*Etc.*

CHURCHES are specially sensitive as to any rumors of the resignation of their pastor; and pastors are too much inclined to trifle with their churches in this respect. A minister should not, I think, hold out open arms to every invitation, unless he is willing to consider it with some possibility of its acceptance.—*Advance, Chicago.*

REV. A. J. BRAY, once the eccentric, brilliant and unreliable Pastor of Zion Church, Montreal, England, without a friend, and without a character. Another life wasted: first the aristocratic wine-cup and aristocratic tipplers; then degradation, imbecility, death.

WE have always had our "manifestoes or didactic summaries of truth," our "confessions of faith," but we have constantly refused to make them the conditions of communion, assured that schism consists not in this that men deviate from our doctrine, but in this that we or others make such deviation "a bar to fellowship with us."—*Scottish Congregationalist*.

IN JAPAN, Buddhist temples have always been exempt from taxation. Now the Government have, on being appealed to, placed a native Christian place of worship on the same footing of exemption. This is in accordance with the new Constitution, which declares equal privileges to all religions.