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Editorial Jottings.

TO DISTANT SUBSCRIBERS.—After first of January next, we shall require cash in advance for all copies of the INDEPENDENT sent to subscribers outside the Dominion of Canada. We give timely notice, that no one may be put to any inconvenience. Subscribers in the United States, Britain and Newfoundland, will please remit before January.

WE have no authorized agent in Montreal. Subscribers will communicate direct with Newmarket.

W. W. SMITH, *Manager.*

Newmarket, 18th Sept., 1888.

IT is said that the temperance people in England are preparing a list of the ministers of all denominations who hold shares in brewing companies.

MR. W. V. Wright and wife, of Pickering, have started for Tokio, Japan, to engage in missionary work there under direction of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Society of Friends in Canada.

THE Cumberland Presbyterians in the United States, taking a hint from the Salvation Army, have agreed to set apart the first week in September as a week of self-denial, devoting to the church all that they would otherwise have expended beyond what will provide absolute necessities.

THE Chicago Labor Assembly proposes a novel kind of boycott. In order to bring the brewers to time, the Assembly voted last Sunday not to drink any beer for thirty days. When 20,000 workmen stop drinking beer,

said the member who made the motion, the brewers will submit. This is a grand strike, and we trust that the Assembly will keep it up henceforth and forever.—*Chicago Advance.*

THERE are now 27 vessels engaged in missionary work in different parts of the world, under the auspices of 16 societies: of these missionary vessels 16 are running on the coasts or rivers of Africa, and six among the islands of the Pacific.—*Calcutta Witness.*

THERE is a double-edged sarcasm in this: "Passenger (to street car conductor): 'Do you ever go to church, young man?' Conductor: 'No, sir; but I always get a load of people coming from church every Sunday morning, so I know all about the sermon. A good many poor sermons preached now-a-days, sir.'"

IN Scotch elementary schools a higher education, it is pointed out, is given already, 100,000 out of 381,000 children over seven years of age passing in 'specific subjects;' whereas, in England, the number was only 56,341 passes out of 2,464,000 children over seven.

"AND now comes" our Michigan correspondent again this week, and finds, after a careful and thorough investigation, that about twenty per cent. of the total contributions of the Congregational churches of Michigan last year went to foreign missions, of which sum the women gave six parts; the churches, as such, three; and individuals, two.—*Congregationalist.*

WHITEFIELD'S PRAYER.—"I prayed God this day to make me an extraordinary Christian." So reads an entry in the diary of the great and good Whitefield, and his life is the