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Editorial Jottings.

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

TRADITION.—Rumor is always an artist, and tradition, which is but fossil rumour, is the great saint-maker.—*Dr. Eggleston.*

ST. THOMAS.—Won't somebody, with a little money to invest, take hold of St. Thomas? And while putting out, say \$2,250, at fair interest, on good security, ensure the carrying on of the useful work that has been going on for some years. Correspond with Rev. W. H. A. Claris, Frome.

THE date of the next Council is not fixed; but 1896 has been suggested; making it a quinquennial institution. This will probably be the date. The "National Council" of the United States, meets in 1892 and 1895. It could scarcely come in so early as to be between those dates; it could not well be in 1895, and beyond 1896 would be too distant.

THE EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL at Toronto, has been one of the notable events of the summer. Many of the leading educationists of the United States and Canada gave their opinions, plans and experiences concerning the basis, the modes, the objects, and the recipients of education. Several thousand teachers and others interested in education attended. The National Educational Association may be congratulated upon its Canadian meeting.

HE who thinks he is praised above his deserts by a friend ought to be impelled by that

praise to honest effort to deserve it. "I am sure you overpraise me," said one to an enthusiastic friend; "but this I am glad of, that your praise is always in the direction of my own best ideals, and therefore your praise is a constant incitement to me. I want to deserve it, although I know that as yet I do not."—*S. S. Times.*

THE CONGREGATIONAL YEAR BOOK for 1891-92 is now ready. It contains, in addition to the reports of the various bodies, the Chairman's address at the Union, "The New Protestantism;" a church map of the Lower Provinces; illustrations of two churches, and several portraits. It is a good number, and shows some clean, good printing; and is furnished at about half the actual cost of paper and printing—not to speak of the postage being paid.

"THE COLLEGE COLUMN."—Not by any want of attention on the part of our young friends in Montreal, but by some kink in the Post-office, the *column* failed to "materialize" last month. The manuscript, re-directed at Newmarket to catch the Editor temporarily in Toronto, no doubt found its leisurely way to the Dead Letter office at the capital. We dare not make a complaint to any of the Departments at Ottawa just now—they have as much as they can stagger under, already!

Do our boys realize that the world is always *looking for specialists!* Any man who thoroughly qualifies himself for any special duty, study, engagement, or work—will be sure to be taken hold of! Take up some special thing—it being useful, and innocent in itself—and get to know more of *that thing* than anybody else, and you will be surprised