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Editorial Jottings.

CHRIST fits His ministers through manifold experience of sorrow and pain for the highest service. Such as He would make most eminent in His service he takes furthest with Him into Gethsemane.—*Dr. Wm. M. Taylor.*

GOING TO CHICAGO.—Dependent women or girls should be earnest; cautioned against coming to Chicago with the hope of finding employment, unless they know of a certainty just what they are coming to, and on what they can assuredly rely.—*Advance, Chicago.*

THE FREE CHURCH.—A considerable amount of enthusiasm has been evoked in Scotland over the Jubilee of the Free Church, which dates from 18th May, 1843. All the leaders of the Free Church are anxious to see a union of all Presbyterians in Scotland; and they are unanimous that as soon as *Disestablishment* is accomplished, the great and only obstacle to this union will have been removed.

GOOD ADVICE FOR ALL BOYS.—Restlessness and inattention of some students in college chapel recently got a good admonition from the president, which will apply to people in audiences of other sorts, when he said: "If you do not understand what the speaker is saying, do not shuffle about and snap your watch-cases, but sit still and look right at the speaker, and *no one will know but that you understand every word.*"—*Advance.*

AN IMPORTANT FACT.—Do all the readers of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT know that *what a man does*, determines his character? His daily life moulds him into some certain

shape. Now, what a man *does*, is just what he *thinks*. If the thoughts are ennobling, uplifting, pure—the character is getting better all the time. If otherwise ——. Brother, what is your mind employed on, day by day?

INTERESTING FIND.—The earlier books of the Bible mention chariots of iron as possessed by the old Canaanites; and we are told of one time when the Israelites were not allowed by the Philistines who oppressed them to sharpen their agricultural implements at forges. A curious discovery is reported by Mr. E. J. Bliss at Tel-el-Hesi, who has found in this old mound near ancient Lachish a blast furnace for smelting iron, which may be dated as far back as the fourteenth century, B.C.

THE WORLD'S FAIR.—As our readers know, the Local Directory have fought hard to have the gates open on Sunday; and for two Sundays they succeeded. The courts have been invoked; and it is probable they will now be kept closed. We are glad the British and Canadian departments were all closed and silent on the Lord's Day: as well as a large number of the individual States' exhibits. Many Christian people will keep away, if the gates are thus opened.

THE UNION MEETINGS.—We give a good deal of our space this month to reports of the Union meetings in London. They will amply repay perusal. Though disclaiming any authority over the individual churches, the Union is full of solicitude that all the independent churches thus confederated should have the best advice and encouragement in doing Christian work, both in their own localities and in the wider fields around them. The next meeting will likely be in Toronto.