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Editorial Gittings.

THE heights by great men reached and kept,
Were not attained by sudden flight;
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upwards in the night.—*Longfellow.*

How well it succeeds when we go faithfully
and conscionably about our work, and leave
the issue to God!—*Bishop Hall.*

SAVONAROLA'S dying cry, "O Italy, I warn
thee that only Christ can save thee! The
time for the Holy Ghost has not come, but it
will!"

REV. DR Stevenson, formerly of Montreal,
and who has been very ill, is shortly (so says
the *Christian World*), to go to Canada on a
visit for the good of his health.

THE COUNCIL OF 1891.—In last number,
page 330, there was a mistake in the names
of the Delegates to the General Council, 1891.
For Rev. John Burton, read Rev. John Morton.
The names will be found correctly given in
July number, page 197.

THE NATIONAL LIBERAL FEDERATION has
distinctly resolved to place Disestablishment
in Wales, in the forefront of their programme
at the next election. Certainly the time has
come to cease compelling the Welsh Congrega-
tionalists and Methodists to support the
English Church.

STANLEY'S book on "In Darkest Africa" is
out, its two volumes of a thousand pages in
all, written in fifty days. The first edition
was an issue of sixteen thousand copies. He
says he might have expanded the work into

ten volumes; but he still has "no end of
plums in pickle" which he will bring out
when he gets ready.

THE CENSUS in Great Britain will be taken
in April next year. The House of Commons
has decided against a column for "Religious
Belief." The Nonconformists consider this a
great victory; "for" say they, "hundreds of
thousands of people who never enter a place
of worship, would describe themselves as be-
longing to the Established Church."

IN the four Welsh dioceses a gross estimated
total of £380,000 is received annually by the
clergy for attending to a church population of
350,000, including children, out of a population
of 1,750,000! Not much impression seems to
be made even on the 350,000, for the average
amount of pew rents, fees, and offerings towards
the income of incumbents in these dioceses
last year was only £7 per incumbent.

A FREE CHURCH.—An attentive perusal of
the obituary notice of the late Thomas Jordan
of St. John, N. B., will show that freedom
and independence cannot be secured and per-
petuated in a church organization, where the
membership have not full power to elect their
pastor, and appoint their officers, and transact
their church-business. We must either be
democratic or oligarchic. We struck for free-
dom two hundred years ago; and we jealously
guard our birthright.

"How can these things be?" said Nicodemus
to Jesus in regard to the doctrine of the
new birth. (John iii. 9.) Jesus did not tell
him how they could be, but simply told him
the facts relating to this doctrine. God in his
Word does not answer all the curious ques-