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Editorial Jottings.

EVERY pastor of a Congregational church in the Dominion is an authorized agent for the Canadian Independent.

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It is good for us to think that no grace or blessing is truly ours till we are aware that God has blessed some one else with it through us.—Rev. Phillips Brooks.

To ALL SUBSCRIBERS.—We hope all our subscribers who have not already paid for 1892, will do so at once; and not put us to the labor of first striking their names off the list, and then setting up the type to put them on again.

Rev. Jacob Freshman is carrying on a good Christian work among the Jews in New York. He is pastor of the only Hebrew Christian church in America. He sent us his circular lately, from which we learn he employs four converts as assistants, has many Jews attending his services, and has nearly paid for the mission premises, No. 17 St. Mark's Place. His work deserves sympathy and help.

JAPAN.—One report of the recent meeting of the Synod of the Presbyterian church represented a desire to form such a creed as should be most perfectly adapted to the needs of the church in Japan, and the result was the adoption of a creed which indeed omits all distinctively Calvinistic features, but contains all the grand fundamental doctrines of Christianity.—Gospel in all Lands.

TWENTY London Congregational spulpits, exclusive of Welsh Congregational churches, are occupied by Welshmen. The British Weekly, commenting on this remarkable tribute to the Welsh as preachers, says, "Time was when we were invaded by Scotchmen; now we are being inundated by the Cymro."

NEW SCHSCRIBERS.—We will give to old or new subscribers, who remit \$1.50, the INDEPENDENT for one year, and a copy of either "The Life and Times of Rev. Dr. Wilkes," cloth, portrait; or "The Poems of William Wye Smith," portrait, cloth, green and gold. Or for \$2.50 for two subscriptions, one of which at least must be new, both books, or two copies of either, as premiums.

DECEMBER is on us: the best month of all the year for getting subscriptions and renewals for the INDEPENDENT. Will all the pastors—and in addition, some one active member in each church—see that our list is increased in their own church? One day given to this work in December, in each church, is all we ask. Shall we now have those 500 new subscribers we have been asking for, to put the magazine on a good paying footing?

It is not good for a man, or a church, or a conference, to be universally praised. It might make them proud. Here is what *The Catholic Telegraph* (United States), says about the recent Methodist Ecumenical Conference at Washington:—

"It is no wonder they decided nothing and taught nothing and remedied nothing, for as an organization they are cut off from the Church of God, the Church of the Bible, the Church of History."

TO THE POLLS !- Let Christian men and