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## Editorial Gleanings.

THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY report 4,049,000 copies of the Scriptures, in whole or in part, sold during 1892.

WHEN SATAN first comes to tempt he is modest and asks but little. He digs about and loosens the roots of faith, and then the tree falls the easier on the next gust of temptation.—*Garnall*.

THE McALL MISSION has four "Sunday schools" (though some of them are held on the half-holiday of Thursday afternoon.) in Algiers, and in these schools some 200 Arab children are under instruction. Not one Arab woman in Algeria can read. Yet they are very accessible to female missionaries.

THY KINGDOM COME!—The English historian, Sharon Turner, says that at the end of the first century there were 500,000 Christians. By the end of the second century there were 2,000,000. This number was increased in the next 100 years to 5,000,000. Then the figures advanced until now, in 1893, it reaches 250,000,000.

A NICE LETTER.—DEAR SIR,—Please find enclosed one dollar, to renew my subscription to the INDEPENDENT for another year. I have crossed the octogenarian line seven years ago; and with one eye I can read the INDEPENDENT: and should it fail me, and my hearing remain for a while, some near friend will read it for me. Yours truly, H— C—.

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THE "LAST WORD."—A young girl once

heard a bit of wisdom from the lips of a very aged woman—a woman who had rounded the full term of ninety years, and with eyes still bright and clear looked out upon the inrolling waters of eternity. The girl was impressed by the emphasis with which the venerable dame said to her, "Bessie, never insist on having the last word."

USE A "BINDER."—Binders for the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT, good cloth, with the name in gilt letters on the side, will be mailed at the low price of 50 cents. Excellent for a temporary binding; and can be used for each successive year. Remit to the Editor.

ROME'S USE OF THE BIBLE.—"Of course, Catholics do not read the Bible with the idea of finding out the truth. They have the truth already, taught them by the church, and if they are in doubt on any subject they go to their pastor or spiritual director to be instructed. This is on the Scriptural principle that 'the priest's lips should keep knowledge and the people should seek the law at his mouth.' Still the people, especially intelligent Catholics, should read the Bible."—*Catholic Review*.

KANSAS.—That peripatetic farce, the Royal Commission on Temperance, was lately in Kansas. The author of the Commission, Hon. G. E. Foster, was once there too. The Montreal *Witness* says:—

"What would have been very interesting for the Commission to have taken notes of in Kansas, if they had managed to obtain it, would have been the record of the ardent and convincing speeches on behalf of immediate prohibition delivered all over that State by one George E. Foster, who was a leading power in securing the passage of the benign law under which Kansas has been so greatly blessed."