



Editorial Jottings.

Every Minister of a Congregational Church, in Canada and Newfoundland, is an authorized agent for the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT.

A GOOD ADVICE to hot-headed Emperors. "If God gang-na to the stoure, kings wad be wysser at hame!"—*Hately Waddell.*

THE importance of a man is just the importance of the things about which he busies himself. Weighed by this test, how few are great!

Alexander the Great, referring to his indebtedness to the teaching of the great philosopher, said: "Philip of Macedon, my father, gave me life: but Aristotle taught me how to make the most of life."

THE International Sunday School Convention will be held at Pittsburgh, June 24-27. A good delegation is expected from Canada. Special arrangements will be made for a party from Toronto, on June 23rd.

THE UNION MEETINGS in June are approaching. Let us have every church represented, and gain inspiration from contact with one another in spiritual and church work. We refer to the Official Notices, on another page, as to programme and travel.

UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE. — There is a simple law of popular criticism which no Christian seeker after the mind of the Spirit will ever wish to ignore. It is, "that of all the various interpretations which any passage of Scripture will bear, that one must be pre-

ferred which best harmonizes with all the rest of Scripture."

"THE LAST DECADE."—In many publications, and from the lips of people who should know better, we have, this year, a good deal about "the last decade of the century" having commenced. Patience, gentlemen, till next year! 1890 is not the beginning of a new "decade," nor is 1900 the beginning of a new century.

NEWMAN HALL, it is said, was lately visiting in a place where there was but one church and a very small curate, who remarked that should Mr. Hall present himself for holy communion he should feel it to be his painful duty to refuse him. The bishop heard of it, and the young man will not soon forget what he said.—*Christian World.*

WE have heard of organized movements, in one or two directions, about increasing and maintaining the list of INDEPENDENTS in those places. And one Church is making up a list, to get a Communion Service by way of premium. We trust that many of the brethren will come to the Union with good lists of new subscribers, and a dollar with each.

MINISTERS and other Christians must carry Christ's religion into every home, as far and as fast as they can. One way is by "good reading." The late Rev. Thos. Pullar of Hamilton once told us that he often made a "reason" for calling, by taking a book to a young man. And then, of course, there was another mission to get it again! And some pictorial tracts or children's papers, are better than any possible personal introduction!