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### Editorial Gittings.

USE A BINDER.—Cloth, gold-lettered, 75 cents, post-paid. This office.

EVERY pastor of a Congregational church in Canada, is an authorized agent of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT.

MR. MOODY says that those who say they will forgive, but can't forget, an injury, simply bury the hatchet while they leave the handle out, ready for immediate use.

ANOTHER WORKER FALLEN.—Mr. Charles A. Richardson, for thirty-five years office editor of the *Congregationalist*, Boston, is dead. It seems so sad that both editors, Mr. Dexter and Mr. Richardson, should be so nearly at the same time removed by death. They were both gifted men for their positions.

BOXES FOR HOME MISSIONARIES.—Somebody says in the *Advance*, in deprecation of the criticisms on "Missionary boxes":

God bless the army of "box" packers. I don't see how it would be possible for home missionaries to live on their salaries without them. Paul was the recipient of a missionary box once, and I often thought his letter of acknowledgment a beautiful model for such letters. If the ladies of the churches had remembered him oftener in this way, perhaps he need not have mentioned "nakedness" in his enumeration of proofs that he was a "minister of Christ."

HOW RITUALISM STRIKES A HINDU.—"Missionaries say that idolatry is child's play. But surely the worship of the cross is a superstition worthy of scorn. It is only on a level with the play of children who put up broom-sticks and call them soldiers. These

people put one stick across another and worship it because Christ died on such a cross. They call our worship idolatry: we may well call theirs *stick-worship*.—*Hindu Tract*.

CANON LIDDON'S distinction between admiration and adoration. "As admirers," he says, "we are taking it for granted that we are so far on a level with the object admired, as to be able to do Him justice. As admirers we pre-suppose and exercise, although favourably, our rights as critics: in adoration we abandon utterly all such pretensions as profane, as grotesque; we have no thought but that of God's solitary and awful greatness, and of our own utter insignificance before Him."

THE *Missionary Herald* for February contains a valuable map showing the partition of Africa as settled by international agreements. It is carefully prepared and may be considered good authority. Although France has the largest area, a large portion of her territory is desert. Following are the summaries of square miles claimed: Spain, 210,000; Italy, 360,000; Portugal, 774,993; Congo Free State, 1,000,000; Germany, 1,035,720; France, 2,300,248; Great Britain, 1,909,445. What a stirring summons to the Christian Church such a map as this is!

MATERIALISM, like other forms of infidelity, has a basis of *insincerity*. At a meeting in Liverpool an evangelist publicly said: "I do not believe there is an honest man in the world who really believes that we are simply matter and go out of existence at death. If there is a real materialist in this audience I would like to see him." A man rose up and