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## Editorial Jottings.

GUDE-WILL, like gude oyle, rins weel and gangs far.—*Hately Waddell.*

INDEX and title-page for Vol. VII., with the February number. Our friends who intend to bind the volume, can afford to wait a month.

This is the last number to be sent to any subscriber outside the Dominion of Canada, who has not paid for the Magazine in advance.

A CLEAN MOUTH. — An old man, in the County of York, once said to the Editor of this magazine, "A good many years ago, when I was praying for a clean heart, I thought I ought to keep a *clean mouth*; and I gave up tobacco, and have never used it since.

We direct special attention to the letter of Mr. Alfred Howell, on another page, respecting Bequests to the C. C. M. Society. Will not some one, equally skilled in the law, tell us how these matters stand in Quebec Province?

BROOKLYN, N.S.—Rev. Mr. Goldberg has, apparently, a good "Young People's Christian Society" in Brooklyn. Their programme for 12 fortnightly meetings for autumn and winter, comprises three lectures, two debates; and recitations and music for the others. We like "Christian" in the *name*; and trust that all their meetings may promote their Christian joy.

WE do not intend to send our religion up to the biological laboratory for examination and approval. We shall not be afraid to open

our eyes in the presence of nature, or ashamed to close them in the presence of God.—*President Patton, Princeton.*

It is a matter of absorbing interest to all our churches, that Mr. Wilberforce Lee, of the Congregational College at Montreal, will go out, God willing, in the Spring, to reinforce Mr. Currie in Bailundu, West Africa. Mr. Lee has won golden opinions, in Cowansville, and wherever he has labored as a student; and seems to be just the young man of resources that is needed in such a field.

Those sending papers for publication will be patient if their articles do not appear at once. Where an article is necessarily more than two or three columns in length, it is well to make a division and let it appear in successive issues. We prefer to have the authors condense their thoughts rather than to have to do it for them, as we are liable to leave out just what they think most essential.—*N. W. Cong.*

It is much to be hoped that the Provident Fund may not be overlooked by the members of the churches. At this holiday season, when it seems so natural and pleasant to make everybody happy, remember the claim of the widows and orphans depending on this fund. The Treasurer, as will be seen under "Official Notices," fears that the annuities may have to be reduced, if the churches don't help. An average of \$10 from every church would send the directors, for another year, on their way rejoicing.

"THE RECORDER," a Congregational Monthly, from Tulare, California, is on our table. It is conducted and published by Rev. W. D. Williams, formerly of Madrid, N.Y. Many of