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### Editorial Jottings.



SOME one has said that the work of those who speak in the prayer-meeting is not so much to teach, as to testify. When the pastor preaches about "faith," or any other grace, the mission of the brethren is to testify to the truth of what the pastor

has said, to bear witness of how that particular truth has helped them in their lives, and thus comfort each other and let the world know that what the preacher said is true. They have found it so. Keep this testifying idea uppermost and the words will be helpful and easy. And how much better would the minister preach; and how profitable might the prayer-meetings become!

"I COULDNA lat it alane [election]; I plaguit the Lord nicht and day till he lat me ken!"  
—*George Macdonald.*

THE PROVINCIAL S. S. CONVENTION for Ontario, will be held at Brantford, October 29th to 30th. A good meeting is expected. We shall try to be present.

Now, won't every church ask one of its younger members, to act for the INDEPENDENT? We want to make our improvements

permanent—and extend them. But we *must* have a larger income! And let the renewals be looked after, as well as new names.

THE rejection of Jesus Christ as the Saviour of sinners is the great mystery and marvel of human depravity, and is alike the sin and the curse of thoughtless millions. There is nothing more astonishing than this rejection on the part of man. The moral absurdity of the course lies upon its face.—*Ex.*

WHY NOT?—One of the surest ways for Mr. Powderly and the Knights of Labor to insure the public sympathy will be in the manifestation, on their part, of a disposition to accord to laborers *not* members of their order the same rights, as men and as workmen, which they claim for themselves.—*Chicago Advance.*

"STUDY promotes study. The more a man studies, the more he wants to study; and, on the other hand, the man who does not study at all wonders why any one else should want to study." So says the *S. S. Times*, and it is true. It is only a piece of the larger philosophy that whatever you do, and continue to do, you begin to *like*. What an important thing, then, to do what is *best*!

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.—In Canada are 6,636 Sunday Schools, and 467,292 scholars. England and Wales have 35,983 Sunday Schools, and 5,733,325 scholars. The United States have 108,252 Sunday Schools, and 8,641,255 scholars. There are in all the world, as reported at the International S. S. Convention of 1890, 183,390 Sunday Schools.