

befitting its importance, and likely to secure the end in view. The subjects of address appropriate to a missionary meeting are numerous and diversified, covering a wide range of fact and principle. We have lately heard the suggestion, and value it highly, that it would be most natural and interesting to present on these occasions, the missionary work of the Congregational body at large, in England and America, on the home and the foreign fields. These are the only denominational missionary meetings which our Churches hold, and it is right to make them complete in their scope. They are capable of a vast educational influence.

We have often thrown out the hint, and to some extent it has been acted on, that these annual visits can be utilised as opportunities for communication between the Society and the missionary churches, where anything has to be said by either party to the other. The deputations may often do a useful service by conferring with a Church or its officers in a friendly spirit upon their condition and affairs.

We must not fail to call attention to the fact, that the pastors of our Churches, with scarce an exception, are found so ready to undertake this service every season. It is honourable to their brotherly spirit and their missionary zeal. We trust that the meetings of the coming winter will be larger, more interesting, instructive and awakening, and more promotive of liberality, labour and prayer, than those of any previous year.

One more word—let us not fail to have prompt and complete reports of every meeting for the magazine.

### A NEW-YEAR'S SUGGESTION.

The volume of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT begins with the month of July every year, but new subscribers are received at any time, their subscriptions dating from the period of remittance, or from the beginning of the volume, in which case back numbers are supplied. Next month the second half-year of our fourteenth volume begins. It is the beginning of the calendar year also. Shall we not receive a long list of new names? Will not canvassers, intending to go to work "sometime," do it *now*? Fifty cents will secure the magazine till June, and a six month's trial is a good introduction to future acquaintance. We must also remind some that this is a good time to pay what was due half a year ago, perhaps long before.

**Q.** What shall a teacher do when one young man is continually talking and laughing with the other members of the class?

**A.** *Wait patiently, until that young man becomes quiet. He will not continue the contest long if the teacher patiently waits.*