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TO OUR READERS.

THIS is the last month of the year. We want all our subscribers, in their own interest, as well as ours, to pay up this month.

If the Magazine is worth reading, it is worth paying for; and you might as well pay now, as have us put to the trouble of striking your name off our list, and then—three months later, have it set up in type again, when you pay. All will be dropped next month, who are six months in arrears.

EVERY PASTOR of a Congregational church, in Canada and Newfoundland, is an authorized agent for the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT. We want all our brethren to feel that they have a personal interest both in the utterances and the circulation of our Church organ. We hope to hear from very many of them before the year is done.

IN North and South Dakota, not only is Prohibition a part of the new State Constitution, but in it is found a rule that a verdict of three-fourths of a jury shall be valid. In Scotland this has ever been the rule: fifteen to a jury—a majority verdict—and three possible deliverances: "guilty," "not guilty" and "not proven."

IS IT A SOLUTION? At a recent Sunday School Convention at Bradford, Mr. J. E. Dickson, Principal of the High School at Newmarket, and himself a S. S. Superintendent, said: "In those families where *the parents attend the Sunday School*, there is no drifting away of the boys and girls from the S. S. when they get to be fifteen or sixteen!" He had noticed this fact in his own personal observation. And why should not the parents attend, as well as their children? May not this be a possible solution of an important question?

LAY preaching is almost unknown in Scotland, and this can hardly be wondered at if many ministers are of Rev. J. B. Meek's opinion. Preaching in Rothesay on the question, "Is Lay Preaching Scriptural?" Mr. Meek said that while much good was done through lay agency in evangelistic work, preaching—the upbuilding in spiritual things—could only be effectual through the stated ordinances of worship and by the regularly appointed pastors of the Church. This dictum is a good modern illustration of the truth of Milton's famous phrase that "New Pre-byter is but old Priest writ large."—*Christian World*.

VACANT PULPITS.— We made the offer, some time ago, of putting a list on one of the pages of the cover, of Ministers available for supplying vacant pulpits. We are often written to, on this subject, and cannot always give much information. Besides, it is a needless expenditure of time and postage. And the same of Churches, needing such supplies. Now let both these—Ministers willing to take such occasional service, and Churches seeking supplies, or wishing a pastor—keep us in-