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Editorial Jottings.

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

“WHEN thou art obliged to speak,” said William Penn, “be sure to speak the truth, for equivocation is half way to lying, and lying is the whole way to hell.”

THE end of preaching is persuasion, and its objective point is the will. Anything short of this and the purpose of the pulpit is prostituted:

Work for some end, be it ever so lowly.
Work for some good, be it ever so slowly,
Work, for all labor is noble and holy.

Now, Evan, you know the veriest child can be a witness if he knows anything about the facts; and I do certainly know some wonderful things about Jesus, to which I could witness.—*Pansy.*

“HOME RULE.”—The *Contemporary Review* points out, in a recent article, that the irreconcilable divergence between Home Rule which is Home Rule, and the Home Rule which is the rule of the Americanized Irish, must sooner or later break forth.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY has very nearly died a natural death. The postman's work was comparatively light this year. Instead of the sentimental or comic valentine, useful presents are now more frequently sent. A few years ago close upon 3,000,000 valentines were posted in London; last year they did not exceed 320,000.

CAN WE HAVE A REVIVAL IN OUR CHURCH?—Most of the revivalists say “Yes.” We would like to hear, in one-column articles, from our correspondents on this subject. Everyone desires a genuine revival. What are the conditions, expectations, limitations, agents, mode of procedure, and best utilizing of results?

WE BLUSH.—A correspondent in Toronto writes:—“The INDEPENDENT is very interesting, and every page is readable, over and over again; and I, as an ex-journalist, say that it is a credit, and takes the lead in the monthlies that are issued in the Dominion, and should be in the house of every Congregationalist in Canada. You can publish this if you like.”

MORAL CHARACTER: WHAT IT IS NOT.—What a man is, is not what he is on a Sunday, when the organist plays to him, and the minister preaches to him, and all good influences play upon him, but it is what he is in the week-day, when his life is wearing, and working, and weaving for him the garment in which he is to stand and be judged.—*H. W. Beecher.*

MISSION STEAMER.—The Christian Endeavorers of the Saco (Maine) Congregational Church, have started the project of building a mission steamer, to be called the “Christian Endeavor,” at a cost of \$10,000, to cruise about the islands and coast of Maine, on Christian work. Captain Lane, who has been doing what he could in a small sailing yacht, will be the commander.

THOSE who are struggling to keep the Universities shut against all young men who do not know Greek, have received a severe blow