



Editorial Jottings.

AFTER the First of January next, all copies of the INDEPENDENT will be stopped, as soon as they fall six months in arrears. We give plenty of notice.

Over 43,000,000 copies of the Moody and Sankey gospel hymn books have been issued in this country and England.

"THE COMMON PEOPLE heard him gladly." So says the record, respecting Christ. President Lincoln said, "God must love the common people, since he has made so many of them!"

THE "SENIOR WRANGLER" is the first scholar of his year, at an English University. This year, at Cambridge, he is a Nonconformist. In 29 years past, it has thus fallen to a Nonconformist 19 times. And at Cambridge, "dissenters" are only a small minority of the whole. There is energy and learning outside of the "church."

WHITEFIELD'S Tabernacle, Tottenham-court-road—'Whitefield's soul-trap,' as the enemies of the famous evangelist derisively termed it—has been found by a surveyor to be unsafe; and the congregation is now worshipping elsewhere. Rev. Jackson Wray is the pastor. We shall no doubt hear of their re-building soon.

SOMEBODY says, "It was once the custom to pray daily, at home, for the pastor." We hope it is the custom yet. If once we suffer ourselves to speak well of anybody—be it in talk, in writing or in prayer—we from that instant begin to *think well* of that person. Now, "Is it right to pray for the pastor?"

Most certainly it is! Then do so: and doing so, you will have no disparaging remarks or thoughts, any more, about him. Isn't this a cheap, available, Christian, successful and perfect way of avoiding "church-troubles?"

THE PEW-RENT QUESTION.—In some of the United States religious journals, pew-rents have been under discussion. Very decided opinions are expressed on both sides. Where pew-renters are selfish, it works badly. Where free-seaters are stingy, *that* works badly. Perhaps as good a plan as any, is that of rented seats in the morning, and free seats in the evening. Always remembering, however, that the blessing of the Gospel and the power of the Holy Ghost does not depend on "seats"; Zaccheus received the Gospel on the yielding, insecure branch of a sycamore.

A RESIDENT AGENT in England, for Canadian Congregationalism, was broached at the recent Union in Brantford. Rev. John B. Saer, of St. John, N.B., spoke of it; and Rev. Mr. Udall, of London, England, who was present, said, "If the right man were over in England, it would be thousands of pounds, where now it is but hundreds." We don't know. We shall have to depend, for the present, upon volunteer and occasional agents. And we hope every man who goes from Canada, will continue in Canadian Congregational principles—the absolute equality of all religious denominations—out-and-out total abstinence—no interference of Government in church matters—and the most absolute democratic liberty consistent with Christian order. So, in the meantime, though we might not get much money for our weak churches, we could be doing a little missionary work in the Old Land.