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Editorial Gleanings.

REMITTANCES.—Since the P. O. authorities have taken the backward step of taxing letters five cents (instead of two) for registry, we advise all our friends, in remitting their *dollar* for the *Independent*, to get a P. O. order; which only costs two cents, and is safer than sending a bill in a letter.

A LAYMAN might be defined as an unordained minister, using the word "minister" in the sense that Christ used it when he said, "Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister." The true minister is one who faithfully serves, whether he be ordained or unordained.—*N. W. Congregationist*.

"AH," said a man to his pastor, you so often tell us we ought to work more in the church; but you never give us good directions as to the *methods* of working. We know we ought to work more; and so we don't need so much exhortation on that point. But we *don't know* how to work. If you'd tell us how, I believe we would do a good deal of it."

EIGHT HUNDRED people worshipped together near Boston. After the collection, the plates were found to contain 622 *pieces* of money, of which 333 were single *cents*. "Sam" Jones recently preached in that very church on the subject, "Quit your meanness!" "Sam" is evidently not appreciated. Now, don't let anybody begin and count out the *cents* in some Canadian church. We should be a little afraid of the result.

Good Mrs. Lamont, of Nova Scotia, planted a "Missionary" Apple-tree 20 years ago. She

is dead; but the tree had \$5.75 worth of apples this year. Can't our young readers take a hint? But when you plant a tree, or beg one from "father," don't let it be a "Northern Spy." They are 12 years old before they bear. "Duchess of Oldenburg" is the quickest to bear, and the hardiest of all trees. But a few yards square of strawberries do very nicely.

MUCH as we dislike personal encounters between brethren, we could not deny Mr. Goldberg the opportunity he desired to reply to two or three words in one of Mr. Hall's letters, which he deemed unfavorable to him. If Mr. Hall replies privately, or to the Missionary Committee, it would probably be best. If however he replies through our columns, we will print his letter, if it is *short*. Then the matter must end, as far as the INDEPENDENT is concerned.

THE MANUAL of Doctrine and Church Polity, commenced in this issue of the INDEPENDENT, will, we hope, answer a certain useful purpose. Nothing in this world is perfect; but we trust the simplicity of the language used, the mighty truths touched upon, and the desire of many young people for some outline of Theology they can understand, may gain it a favorable perusal. It will probably be issued in a separate form when completed.

WE BEGIN in this number, a Serial Story by John Habberton, author of "Helen's Babies," etc., from the pages of Lippincott's Magazine, Philadelphia. This is a good Magazine of its class. \$3.00 a year. A peculiarity is the giving of an entire story in each number. "All he knew" occupies 75 pages in the November issue. The circumstances were all known to