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Be not simply good, but good for something.—*Thoreau*.

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

“NO CHRISTIAN MAN should be satisfied unless he can see that the calling in which he is engaged is contributing to the cause of Christ.” So said Dr. Stalker at the recent convention at Dublin.

FIND YOUR PLACE, AND WORK IN IT!—The Almighty sends none of you into this world without a work, and none of you without a capacity to perform that work with earnestness and diligence.—*Gladstone*.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT should be popular with the Jews. Jewish authorities have decided that as—on expert testimony—the electric light does not result from combustion in the lamp, and that “fire and flame” are not a part of it, it is not “kindling a fire” on the Jewish Sabbath, to use it.

WANTED.—A pastor of a Congregational Church in Michigan, desiring a change, would like to supply a church in Ontario for a month or two; or during pastor's vacation during the summer. References, etc.; address Pastor Congregational Church, Mattawan, Michigan.—[ADV.]

PITY THE CHURCH that has dwindled into a sort of spiritual restaurant, expecting the pastor to furnish two square meals on Sunday and a lunch in the middle of the week. “Feed the sheep,” said a good old deacon to me and I declare I felt a little like using the butt end of the shepherd's crook as I said to him: “I have fed the sheep until they are so fat now they can hardly walk. What they need is to exercise a little and work off their superfluous flesh.”—*Rev. A. C. Dixon*.

RUSSIA.—Fraud is seeking to profit by famine in Russia. The Urban Committee of St. Petersburg has discovered that 300,000 pounds of corn purchased from merchants at Libau “consisted in great part of dust.” The *Novo Vremya* is displaying samples of it. If the merchants had only distributed a tract in favour of a Parliament they would soon be on the way to Siberia.—*Christian World*.

SHELTERS IN WINTER—The Salvation Army has set the fashion. Spottford Brooke has asked his Unitarian church to assist him in opening a number of “shelters” for London's submerged tenth. One shelter is already in operation, and the appointments are similar to those of Army shelters. The London County Council is also meditating a measure for the opening of municipal shelters. And why should not the large cities make some other provision for the stranded and penniless poor than the police station.—*Advance*.

THE GRIPPE.—Some of our readers were just getting a little impatient over the slow appearance of the January number, and we had not the chance to tell them it was the *Grippe* among the printers. And if the March number is delayed, it will be the