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Editorial Jottings.

WHOEVER fears God fears to sit at ease.—
Mrs. Browning.

WHAT are God's purposes? Learn man's true needs and you will know.

HOLINESS does not consist merely in the ability to see defects in the religious life of others; but some seem to think it does.

THERE are people who claim that they are willing to do anything for the Lord who never think of going to church on a rainy Sunday.

BEST WAY FOR SERMONS.—The best and most effective way, if one can do it, is to write the sermon out, and then leave it in the study and preach from memory.—*Dr. Cuyler.*

WE HAVE to acknowledge receipt of *The Canadian Congregational Year Book*, a bulky volume, giving statistics which would be hard to draw out of the officials of Australasian churches.—*Australasian Independent.*

AS NO POLITICAL PARTY that was on its knees to the slave power deserved support from honest, patriotic citizens, so no political party that is on its knees to the whisky power deserves support from men of intelligence, conscience and honor.—*Joseph Cook.*

TIME-LIMIT FOR DEACONS.—Deacons are often now elected for a term; generally three years. A good plan. Let it always be accompanied with the further provision that one drops out of office every year, and is in-

eligible for re-election for one year. It gets over the difficulty of dropping an inefficient (but otherwise excellent) brother, who might feel hurt at being superseded; and it compels the church to introduce new men into office: two good objects gained.

CONGREGATIONALISTS travelling in Canada are urged to disclose themselves to our brethren here, and to render all the aid and encouragement they can to our churches and pastors. The benefit will be mutual. Yet visitors from Great Britain and the United States often forget this duty.

A DEAD CHURCH.—Another fact remains true. If the Holy Spirit should convict and powerfully convert in many places the converts would die. Of what earthly or heavenly use is it to bring converts into many churches? They are sure to die. Of what good to have them become like the majority there now?—*Selected.*

SELF-MADE MEN.—Many people are fond of talking about "self-made men"; but the only value of the matter depends on *what* they have made themselves to be at last! as somebody says, "The gist of the matter is, not where a man starts from, but where he comes out."

SOURCES OF PAIN.—The touchy temper, which takes offence at a word. The irritable temper, which takes offence whether offence is meant or not. The brooding, sullen temper, which never utters a word, but displays a cloudy face day after day. The severe temper, which always looks on the dark side of things. The grumbling, discontented spirit, always dwelling on its own wrongs. The