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REASONS why the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT should be more heartily supported by our churches, pastors and members:—

It was established and has been continuously published at much personal sacrifice in their interests.

It is the one means of constant communication between the scattered churches of our order throughout the Dominion.

It is a common platform from which all may speak, provided they are not riding hobbies, or seeking mere personal ends.

The denominational *esprit de corps* is a necessity, and would be very much weakened without the denominational paper.

Therefore:—

Every church should feel that it is "our paper," see that it is widely circulated, and that its Editor is kept posted in any local item of general interest.

Grumblers should grumble openly and put their hands to the wheel, helping meantime. No man has a right to grumble who will not work.

More anon.

## EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

"TURN to God one day before you die," said an old divine to a thoughtless youth. "But," was the reply, "I do not know the day of death." "Then turn *now*." To live each day as though it were the last would be to carry a dead weight ever, paralyzing every activity, and bringing every moment under the bondage of fear. To work as though each day might usher into eternity would be to keep us soberly earnest, and truthfully active. Lord keep us as those who wait for the Master's return.

Some men seem to think it fine fun to run a tilt against the idea of a personal Devil. "It is so funny, you know, that any one should believe in such an antiquated worn out idea," and so on, and so on. We are not concerned just now to argue that question; of one thing we are sure, that there is a devil and a very real devil too in every man's soul, unless the Master has cast the usurper out and entered into the soul himself to fill the place. We have

known more than one argue glibly against the existence of a devil, when all the time their own hearts were in his possession, and they went on to prove that such was the case. It is a solemn thought that of the many out of whom the Saviour cast unclean spirits, not one sought it of Him. Friends did, but their only greeting was, "what have I to do with thee." Beware of the devil within.

In the recent Synod meeting of the Anglican church in this city, our old friend Dr. Roy moved:—That this Synod instruct its delegates to the provincial Synod respectfully to request that body to appoint a committee of representative men to confer with any similar committees appointed by other Christian bodies for the purpose of ascertaining the possibility of honorable union with such bodies, and, if such a union be found possible without sacrifice of essential Christian principles, to formulate a scheme for effecting such union."

Dr. Roy said this was a subject on which he felt very deeply. The resolution simply asked