

Correspondence.

MR. HALL'S LETTER.

(FROM ENGLAND).—NO. 7.

DEAR EDITOR,—This should be my last from England, but as I am to remain till after the May meetings I suppose I may write one or two more. I am still pursuing the even tenor of my way; and talking about the colonies—Canada in particular—on every occasion that presents itself. I will mention some of the places where I have spoken since I last wrote you.

COLCHESTER.

This is an historic town. Here the Emperor Constantine the Great was born, and the old church built by his Christian mother is still pointed out. The old Roman wall is very perfect in many places close to the town. The castle, with its wonderful museum of antiquities is a sight worth seeing. Old ruins, old coins, everything seems old; but the boys and the girls are as like boys and girls in Canada as you can imagine. I preached in two of our churches and gave an address to about 600 Sunday school children.

ZION WALK

is the largest and most influential Nonconformist church in the town. There is a very magnificent building, and I imagine a devoted people. Here I found considerable interest in our missionary work. The Rev. T. Robinson, B.A., is the esteemed pastor.

STOCKWELL

is the name of the other church at which I spoke in the evening. The congregation is smaller, but they too willingly contributed to the funds of our society. Rev. T. Batty is the pastor.

HARLEY STREET, BOW, LONDON,

under the pastorate of the Rev. W. E. Hurdall, M.A., gave me a full house on a week evening, and we had a very pleasant meeting.

KENSINGTON.

With difficulty I found my way to this place through the fog—a London fog, oh! I could scarcely see my congregation through the smoke. The Rev. C. B. Sims is the successor here to the late Rev. Dr. Raleigh. This is one of the contributing churches, but it might easily do ten times as much.

WOODFORD.

Here I was the guest of our long tried friend, James Spicer, Esq. I spent the whole Sunday in the church, and had a mass meeting of Sunday school children in the afternoon. The collections were good.

MANCHESTER.

In company with the secretary I spent a week in this important centre. Our first meeting was with the

Ministers' and Deacons' Association of the district. After speech-making, we had a pleasant conference on Colonial Missionary work. The association resolved to organize an auxiliary in connection with our society, so that in future its claims may be brought systematically before the churches. We had another meeting at

BROUGHTON PARK.

This is one of the most costly buildings we have in Manchester. The entire cost, I was told, was over \$100,000. Henry Lee, Esq., was the chief mover and contributor, yet this church has done *nothing* for our society. The Rev. Dr. MacFadyen had a drawing-room meeting to which he invited the representative men of our church in South Manchester, and a most important meeting it was. Our conference lasted for three hours, all present taking a lively interest in the proceedings. Dr. MacFadyen occupied the chair, and made one of the best Colonial Missionary speeches I have yet had the pleasure of hearing. On the Sunday I addressed large congregations in Dr. MacFadyen's church and Cavendish Chapel. In the afternoon I spoke to the children in Carleton Road Sunday schools, numbering about 1,000. Mr. Fielden preached in two other churches. It was many years since Manchester heard so much on the colonies. Everywhere we were well received.

To Dr. MacFadyen we owe a great deal of our pleasure and success. Mr. Ford, secretary of the Ministers' and Deacons' Association, himself a minister's son, rendered us important services all through.

While in Manchester we addressed the students of

LANCASHIRE INDEPENDENT COLLEGE,

some thirty in number. They appear to be able, earnest and devoted young men, loyal to Christ and all the beauties of our holy faith. In the years to come we trust some of them may cast in their lot with us in the colonies, and at least as pastors at home co-operate in assisting to plant the truth in the vast new lands God has given us beyond the seas.

NOTTINGHAM INSTITUTE.

This was our next point, and our mission was to address the students, some seventy-five in all. A more hearty and promising lot of young men it has not been our pleasure to meet. They gave us a right hearty welcome. One of their number, I found, is a subscriber for THE CANADIAN INDEPENDENT. He paid me two years' subscription in advance. What a fine thing, Mr. Editor, if all your readers would do that. I have often thought, when speaking with the students in different colleges, and finding them so anxious to get information about Canada, would it not be a good plan to send a copy of our magazine to each of these schools of the prophets?

With the Principal, Rev. Dr. Paton, we spent a