

the evangelist, we will all pray that a harvest may be gathered throughout our land in all the churches, and to the Divine Spirit will we ascribe all the glory.

We have reached the coast of old Ireland. The sea has been as calm as a mill pond since we left the shores of Newfoundland. Last night we had an entertainment on board for the benefit of widows and orphans of sailors in Liverpool, and for the sailor's institute in Montreal. To-night there is another in the intermediate. Our company is small, but select. We have been most agreeable, and it has been my joy to meet several who are in the service of the King—and "waiting for the blessed hope." some of them are from Canada, others from the United States of America, and England, Scotland, Sweden and Norway. The Lord has his people in every land, and in every condition in life.*

I cannot pass the land of my birth without feelings too deep to be expressed in language. I think especially of one to whom I owe more than to any other, who has long since gone up higher. What would I give if I could once more look upon a mother's bright and happy face, and hear her sing one of the songs she sang "long, long ago." The longer I live and the more I know of life, the more am I impressed with the value of a mother's love, a mother's counsels and a mother's example. Truly "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Thank God for a christian mother.

I hope to pay a short visit to the scenes of boyhood before I recross the western ocean, perhaps for the last time.

In the meantime my mission and work will be in England for some months to come, from which place I hope to have more important news to communicate from time to time. I assure you Mr. Editor, that distance will not diminish my interest in the glorious work of our denomination, and that I will return to my duties then as soon as I have fulfilled my mission here.

I remain, dear Editor,

Very truly yours,

THOS. HALL.

October 9th, 1886.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT,—

MY DEAR SIR,

As Chairman of the "Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec" for this year, I recently received from the Prolocutor of the Provincial Synod of the Church of England in Canada, the accompanying resolutions on the subject of union with other Christian bodies. For the benefit of your readers you might publish them, as they may be of historic interest.

I have acknowledged their receipt. Unless the Un-

ion committee decree otherwise, it will fall to my successor in office to deal with the resolutions.

Are they not streaks of the morning light of that day not far distant, when every true Christian heart shall thrill at the name of "brother?"

Yours, etc.,

DUNCAN MCGREGOR

Guelph, Oct. 21st, 1886.

HOUSE OF BISHOPS.

1. Resolved, That a committee of this House be appointed to confer with any similar committee appointed to represent other Christian bodies, for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is any possibility of honourable union with such bodies, and that the Lower House of this synod be invited to appoint a committee to act jointly with a committee of this House.

LOWER HOUSE.

2. Resolved, That this House do concur in the message from the Upper House on the subject of Christian union.

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3. Resolved, That the Prolocutor be instructed to convey the resolution on Christian union unanimously adopted yesterday, to the Moderator of the General Presbyterian Assembly, the General Superintendent of the Methodist General Conference, and the presiding officers of other Christian bodies.

News of the Churches.

No column is more eagerly scanned than this, by our readers. Brethren, yes and sisters, let us hear of your church. One or two churches have regular correspondents for our columns. Let this example be followed by every one. Will pastors kindly aid in this?

CHEBROGUE, N. S.—The first annual gathering of the "Busy Bee Society," of Zion church, took place on Friday evening the 8th Oct. Outside, was a lovely night, the moon smiling down on happy faces as they journeyed to the place of gathering. Inside, was a table, richly laden with little works of art and flowers of every hue telling the story better than words could, that young hearts were being enlisted warmly in the cause of their heathen brothers and sisters over the seas. It would have done Bro. Currie's heart good to have been here and listened to the little helpers, as they rendered a very efficient programme. Several little ones ranging from six years up, recited the Books of the Bible from memory, answered Bible questions fluently, sang gospel songs and choruses, and gave many interesting recitations touching upon mission work, all did well, while a piece entitled "the missionary doll" by Miss Maggie Hilton was especially commendable. Treasurer's report showed us balance on hand of \$5.25, and receipts of evening brought this up