

The speech of the Rev. W. Hay, of Scotland, moved me profoundly. To listen to his biographic tale of theological evolution was intensely interesting. Oh the power and blessedness of keeping the heart green and full as a temple with the love of Jesus. From this came the benign changes enumerated and kept the mind open and sensitive to the light streaming in, with the circling ages from the central orb of the universe the revealing Word.

Sincere thanks were then offered to the Rev. C. E. Gordon Smith and our generous hosts, and so ended our pleasant gathering.

Very truly yours,

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[Several articles under this head, and contributions, are unavoidably held over for want of space.—ED.]

MR. HALL'S LETTER.

DEAR EDITOR,—Having very little to occupy the long hours of the passing days, I naturally turn my thoughts to those I have left behind in Canada. I think and think gain of churches and pastors and deacons and members, Sunday school superintendents and teachers, and of ladies' missionary auxiliaries, of individuals too numerous to mention, and as I expect to be fully occupied after I land on British soil, I must pen a few words for the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT ON

MID-OCEAN.

The peculiarities, pleasures, and horrors of a sea voyage have been so often described by more eloquent pens than mine, that I will not occupy your space with much of that.

Our ship is all that could be desired, and all the appointments and arrangements are as comfortable as is possible, yet many of our fellow passengers are troubled with a peculiar sensation to which I am and have been for many years a perfect stranger, and which seems to render them almost oblivious to everything that is transpiring on board or elsewhere. I find the sea is in this respect no respecter of persons, for I see the learned ecclesiastic, and the simpler country man alike pale, feeble, helpless and ———. I was never better in my life. Conducted service in the saloon on Sunday; and in other parts of the ship twice since. I expect to put this on board the west-bound steamer at Moville, Ireland. I have been thinking of those

TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS

that Mr. J. C. Field, of Cobourg, is anxious to secure

for work in the Northwest. I wonder if his challenge will be accepted? Will four others find each \$500 for the great missionary cause in that new country? We have just asked a missionary to proceed to the Northwest forthwith; I am hoping I shall find one or two young men in the old land with the necessary qualifications to become pioneers in those distant regions. What an impetus will \$2,500 give in the establishment of new missions. May the Divine Spirit guide the Master's servants in the wise distribution of that which he has committed to their trust. I have been mentally travelling through our vast mission field over which I have gone in person so frequently during the past four years. I have been thinking of the

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

this fall and winter. I wish where it can be done without much expense, the pastors would exchange pulpits and preach rousing missionary sermons. Where this exchange is not practicable, the pastor should preach on missions twice on the Sunday preceding the missionary meetings, besides, and without fail give a missionary address in the Sunday school.

Would it not be a good plan for the ladies' missionary societies to have a public missionary meeting at some convenient time during the winter. I am certain that the surest way to success in the local church is to devote much more time and means to the cause of missions.

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VACANT CHURCHES.

There will be some difficulty in finding supplies, but if the churches that have pastors would be sisterly, as they should be, and send their pastors two Sundays each during the next six months, in most cases the difficulties would be partly met.

I have been thinking often about the prospects of

EVANGELISTIC WORK

throughout the churches during the coming winter. For several years past many churches have rejoiced in revivals which have added numbers to their membership, and generally some of their best workers. I pray that it may be so this season, and more abundantly. There is room for a difference of opinion regarding the employment of evangelists, yet generally some help is needed in addition to what may be worked in from the local church. I have been told by several who have had experience in the matter, that it is an excellent plan for pastors to help each other, say for two or three weeks at a time. They have opportunities of praying together, preaching alternately, laboring with a greater number in the enquiry room, and in many ways strengthening each other's hands.

But, however the work is done, whether by local talent or by neighboring brethren, or by the help of