

## ECCLESHILL,

another Bradford suburb. Here I addressed a large Sabbath school. The church is one of the early landmarks of the place—old style, but comfortable. There was a good congregation, and though there was not any announcement for a collection, a substantial one was made at the doors as the congregation was retiring. This, with the promise of subscriptions, was a very good beginning. The Rev. W. Manning is the pastor—a young man of promise and considerable ability.

Next day I met the Ministerial Association of Bradford District, and laid some facts before them in regard to our work in Canada. I invited them all to come over to the North-West, and help us to plant Congregational Churches in that great country. There were no volunteers. I have had numerous communications from men wishing for various reasons to go out to Canada as missionaries. One or two, I think, have the necessary qualifications.

## DEWSBURY.

There are four or five churches in this town. They united in a public missionary meeting, but storm and rain and various other circumstances combined to make our gathering small. The Rev. Gilbert MacCallum, a noble Scotchman, and one of the nine students who long ago were turned out of our Glasgow Theological Seminary for heresy (?), the Rev. A. A. Ramsay, an Irishman whom I have known from youth, the Rev. Henry Sturk, an Englishman, and an earnest premillennialist, took part in the meeting. It was hearty and cordial, and the churches will in future consider the claims of this country. The same week I lectured in Mr. Sturt's church, Ebenezer.

## HUDDERSFIELD.

Four churches combined to have a Colonial Missionary meeting. The evening was unusually severe; the rain came down in torrents, and the wind blew almost a hurricane. This night the Channel was swept by a fearful gale, and two lifeboats, with their crews were upset and lost near Southport. We had a fair attendance. Rev. Dr. Bruce, of Highfield Church; Rev. Mr. Antliff, in whose church the meeting was held, Ramsden Street; Rev. Mr. Scurra and Rev. Mr. Phillips, Hillhouse, all took part in the meeting. I was the guest of Rev. S. R. Antliff, brother of the distinguished Methodist divine of that name in Montreal. Huddersfield has five Congregational Churches. From only one of them, Dr. Bruce's, has the society received even a few subscriptions; yet from this neighbourhood, as from almost every other I have visited, they have friends in one or other of our colonies. But the people have no knowledge of the necessities of these new countries; and there seems to be no chance of getting them informed.

## HALIFAX.

This is a Congregational stronghold. The churches are large, some of them really gorgeous; immense congregations, and much wealth. Yet only two churches out of the five contribute to our society, and they less than £15 a year, all told. The great firm of Crossly Brothers is here, and they are among the most liberal supporters of Congregational institutions. Edward Crossly, Esq., M.P., has recently been made chairman of the English Congregational Chapel Building Society.

I spent a Sunday in this town, addressing a large congregation in the morning in Park Church, of which Rev. W. Bailey is pastor. The service is very interesting, and the singing a specialty. In the afternoon I had a mass meeting of Sunday school children and teachers in Starman Church, of which Rev. Keith Walden is pastor; and at night in Square Church, where the late Rev. Enoch Miller, D.D., was pastor for so many years, and of which the Rev. E. A. Lawrence is the esteemed pastor at present. This was the wettest of wet days in England; such a day would have completely washed out Canadian congregations, but they were very good in all the places I have named. There were about 1,000 children and teachers in the afternoon, though it poured all the day. I heard at the Square Church of the visit of the late Dr. Wilkes during the past summer. His earnest words made a deep impression, and his unexpected death has given emphasis to what he said on the occasion. He is well remembered here, as in many other places which he visited so recently. I visited the Crossly Works, and had a pleasant interview with Mr. Edward Crossly, M.P., who has promised to consider the claims of our society, and give us assistance. Others testified their interest in the work in a practical way, and I believe Halifax will do better for us in future. One more Sunday and a couple of week evening lectures will finish Yorkshire, or at least my present visit and work. Then I expect to spend Christmas Day in Old Ireland, and return to London for New Year, pursuing my work in various parts of the South for the next three months, and finishing at Liverpool somewhere about the end of March, I hope. We have had very little taste of winter as yet—just a few showers of snow, and three or four nights of frost; on the whole, pleasant weather. My work becomes more agreeable as I get acquainted with the people. A series of letters in the *Christian World* gives me an introduction to many whom I cannot reach in any other way. That widely read paper—perhaps the most widely read of any journal in England—has been placed at my service by the estimable proprietor, Mr. Clarke, and I have availed myself of his generous offer to write a weekly letter on "Congregationalism in the Colonies." Hitherto I have written chiefly on Cana-