

general rule we first wish and then *get*, it comes to be accepted with us that wishing is the first milestone on the road of obtaining. Now, we have a few wishes in the way of hearing:

1. We want to hear of every church beginning to plan for a "Revival." Pray for it, wish for it, "talk it up" in church-meetings. The Holy Spirit is perfectly ready whenever the church is ready.

2. We want to hear of organized efforts to put only Temperance men in Municipal Councils this winter. Now that the Court of Appeal has overturned Chief Justice Galt's decision, and affirmed the constitutionality of the Ontario Local Option Law, it won't do to have other than sound Temperance men in the Councils. Many places will now move for Local Option.

3. We want at all times to hear of all our ministers "throwing off their coats" and working in the great Temperance movement whenever they are away from home. No one can tell how far his influence can reach for good. In this connection, we wait for some reports from the large clerical deputation we sent to Europe this year. Let us hear how Temperance fares in Great Britain? and in what ways our brethren found opportunities to help it?

4. We want to hear of every "vacant" church keeping up their regular sessions of worship on the Lord's Day. If nobody can "preach," let somebody "talk." An hour, occupied jointly by four or five members, is often better than if occupied by one.

5. We want to hear of a number of converted children being welcomed into church-membership. The lambs are better *in* the fold than outside it. Reliable investigations show that fewer of them fall away than of grown people.

6. Other wishes to come

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LETTER FROM MR. CURRIE.

DEAR SIR,—In the April number of the INDEPENDENT, I notice an article from G. B., with reference to the "Congregational College." In his article he asks, "Is the College primarily for the home field, or must the foreign be the chief

claim?" I fail to see the pertinency of his question, or to understand its object. Is it intended to awaken opposition to the work of the foreign field, or to weaken confidence in the work of our College?

You are aware that our College has been in existence for over fifty years. During that period only four of its students have gone to the foreign field. Where are the rest of them? Are they all working in Canada, who have not moved heavenward? Has any large number of them gone where their services will be of greater benefit to the Canadian churches than the labors of the men who represent those churches in the foreign field?

A few years ago there were sixteen students in the Congregational College. Its friends then felt greatly encouraged. At that time there was no fear that many of the men would go to the foreign field. Such a thing as a student of the Congregational College going to preach to the heathen had never been heard of. If an unlucky chap spoke of doing so he was laughed at. It was then distinctly understood that the College was "primarily for the home field." Were the men trained to remain in the home field? Alas! no. Of the sixteen, four gave up all thought of the ministry before they finished "the course," and eight who graduated are not now working either in the home or foreign field.

If a goodly number at present are turning to the foreign field, it is perhaps the result of a reaction against a mistaken and radically wrong policy; as against the possession of an unwise devil that for fifty years kept our young men from the foreign field, and did not enable them to do the work that ought to have been done in the home field.

Might you not consider, with some real profit, such questions as the following: How can our beloved College be brought to a greater state of efficiency? How can our people be educated to a more lively interest in the welfare of our College? How can our young men, in greater numbers, be led to such a personal consecration to the work of Christ, as will lead them to flock to the College classes? When we have settled these and other like questions, there will be no lack of men for the home field, and no necessity of begrudging those whom God may lead to work among the heathen.