

## Correspondence.

MR. EDITOR,—In response to your invitation "to write something about my vacation trip to England," I shall not weary your readers with a recital of experiences common to all in these days of universal travel.

My trip was undertaken in company with Dr. Lorimer to attend the Summer School of Theology held at Oxford during July. There were present some 350 students from various parts of the civilized and uncivilized world and representing almost every shade of evangelical belief. The session extended over eleven days, averaging 1 daily bill of fare of from five to six lectures. The Theology was of a somewhat mixed quality—mildly "modern" with a saving dash of mediæval grimness. Principal A. M. Fairbairn of Mansfield College was of course and of right the foremost figure among the lecturers. Professors A. B. Bruce and George Adam Smith and James Robertson of Glasgow, Prof. Seth of Edinboro', and Dr. Sanday of Oxford, were among those who gave courses in their various subjects.

We dined in the Great Commons room of Wadham College and as a matter of course many delightful friendships were formed over an occupation so dear to the soul of men. Among others I met Rev. T. Witton Davies, B.A., Principal of the Midland Baptist College, Nottingham, and Rev. Joseph Clark pastor of the great Baptist Tabernacle in the same city. Mr. Davies is a genial scholarly gentleman who has been entrusted by English Baptists with a position of peculiar difficulty and requiring, what he certainly supplies, a man of character, helpfulness and persistency.

Mr. Clark is a royal character. The father of a true patriarchal family, with one son a rancher in Manitoba, he is as young as any of his boys. A splendid specimen physically, he happily possesses a corresponding stature of mind and spirit. On my return from Scotland I accepted his invitation to pay him a visit and preach for him. I can testify from most delightful experience that Mr. and Mrs. Clark know how to dispense true English hospitality. As Carlyle put it "We had much good talk." I soon learned that one of Mr. Clark's pet projects is to stock the Canadian North-West with—young Baptist preachers—men possessed of pioneer souls, able to live on "almost nothing" and fitted by training and nature to endure hardships. When I heard this and considered other things seen and heard, I soon became convinced that Acadia ought to have a colony of British young men among her students. If the scores and hundreds of young men from Baptist homes who are destined to come to America were to come earlier and obtain their education at Acadia they would be infinitely better equipped for life in America than would be possible in any other way. For this reason I say that the matter ought to be wisely put before the English people from time to time and thus enlarge our sphere of influence. And why not? Why should not Acadia serve as an educational mediator