

Correspondence.

THE MEETING OF THE A.B.C. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MR. EDITOR,—By some mischance the subjoined letter from Rev. Mr Wallace, formerly of London, did not reach me till after my return home from the Union. As it is of considerable interest and importance to brethren, I trust you will secure it a place in the August number of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT.—I am, etc.,

JOHN WOOD, *Late Secy. C. U.*

Dear Brother Wood,—I am reminded that the Union assembles to-morrow, and I wish you would convey to the brethren my kind remembrances, and hopes that their meeting may be as inspiring as it will be pleasant. I wish I could run down and see you all, but parish work detains me here. So I can only send words of greeting.

I wish to call the attention of the brethren to this fact, that the American Board is to hold its annual meeting in Detroit the coming autumn. I need not tell them anything of the grand spiritual up-life of the Board meetings, or their marvellous inspiring power, as many of them have experienced it all, I doubt not, by their attendance in the past. But I wish to extend a most cordial invitation to them all to come in October next and enjoy the feast.

We expect to have more than 2,000 guests to entertain, because Detroit is so accessible from all directions; and why should not my Canadian brethren be among these guests?

If those who intend coming will let me know personally, I will prove a friend in the court of hospitality, and anything I can do to make their stay in our beautiful city of the straits pleasant will be most heartily done.

Wishing you and your brethren again a season of deepest spiritual profit in your London gathering, I remain, dear Brother, yours very sincerely,

R. W. WALLACE.

164 Baker Street, Detroit, June 5, 1883.

COMMUNION WINE.

MR. EDITOR,—In presenting a resolution at the recent Union meeting, recommending that the churches use only unfermented wine at the communion—a resolution which, I am glad to say, was unanimously adopted—I promised to furnish any one desiring it with a good *recipe* for making such wine. A deacon of one of our western churches wrote me, shortly after my return home, asking me for the *recipe*, and adding—"One of the members of our church told me that before we gave up using intoxicating wine, it was with the greatest difficulty that he

was able to resist taking more after the taste was excited." For several years past they have been using "a sort of grape juice" that has not given satisfaction. As other churches may be similarly situated, I send you herewith the *recipe* for making an excellent wine, given me by the lady—the wife of one of our deacons—who prepares the wine for our communion table, and one which, I am sure, will give satisfaction. I trust all our churches will adopt the plan of making their own wine, there being no longer any excuse for continuing to use "strong drink" at the Lord's table.—I am, dear Sir, yours etc.,

J. Wood.

Ottawa, July 10th, 1883.

COMMUNION WINE.

Take one gallon of grapes, mash them well, add half a gallon of water, put in an earthen jar, and let stand for three days. Then run off the liquid which is at the bottom, being careful to disturb as little as possible the skins and seeds that have risen to the surface. Add to each quart of liquid one pound of granulated sugar; put in a preserving kettle, and let it come to a boil. Put up in self-sealing jars or cans, as in canning fruit, being sure to keep it boiling while doing so. Wine thus made will keep for an unlimited time. Bottles may be used if properly sealed. For convenience use small jars (pints), one of these being sufficient for a small church, as the wine soon sours when once opened.

MR. EDITOR,—A short letter from me may not be unacceptable to some of the readers of the CANADIAN INDEPENDENT. On the 9th inst. I left Kingston for the North-West Territory. My tent and poles, which I could not get along by the same train, I left in charge of the station agent, who has informed me he shipped them on the same evening, but they have not arrived here yet.

I arrived in Winnipeg on Sunday morning, the 13th, and worshipped in the Congregational church. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Silcox, preached an excellent sermon. The church was well attended. In the afternoon I attended Sunday school and Bible class. The former is well attended, and the teachers appear to be of the right stamp. The Bible class is the largest I have seen in connection with any of our churches. There were about seventy persons present. Mr. Silcox expounded the Sabbath school lesson in a colloquial way. I was not surprised at the large attendance when I observed the able and interesting manner in which the class was conducted.

In the evening I preached for Mr. Silcox. The congregation was large, there being about 800 people present. On special occasions, when they have to throw open the Sunday school room, the attendance is said to be from 1,000 to 1,200.

It was indeed a glorious sight to me, who had some of the work and anxiety (along with Rev. W. Ewing)