

Correspondence.

HAMILTON, IMMANUEL.

[Our Hamilton correspondent tells in a pleasant parable of the moving of their little wooden church from Canada Street to a better corner. - Ed.]

DEAR SIR,—We had a novel experience a few days ago. Our church building started on a journey through Canada. Also up a Pearly kingdom and across a Hemtie domain, then climbing up the Hill of Zion rested, at last, on the lofty Cedars (though not of Lebanon). As we journeyed we sweetly sang the songs of Zion. During our first halt in Canada we held a prayer meeting with a goodly number present. We got through the Pearly kingdom without a stop, and up Zion's Hill we held our Sabbath services, having a crowded building in the evening, when we had a Foreign Missionary sermon on "Open Doors."

We crossed the railway track of the C. P. R. with decorous haste, and on the whole made a very successful journey. On the 19th we had a Y. P. S. C. E. meeting, and on the 22nd we held an entertainment, given by the Young Women's Bible Class. On the 25th we held our first Sabbath services on the final resting spot (The Cedars). It being Eastertide, we had a sermon on "Now is Christ risen from the dead, etc." May we indeed all be risen into newness of life and quickened by resurrection joys.

Looking at the "hole from whence we have been dug"—a side street and a narrow way—we have to praise God for the commanding position and greater light accorded us. We trust it shall not prove the "broad way that leadeth, etc." Now we are as "a city that is set upon an hill that cannot be hid." May we have the true hiding in the power of God, "Our life hid with Christ in God." Last Sabbath we received two more members into fellowship, and "more to follow."

Our main difficulty, if we can name it such, is financial. Here is an opportunity among a thousand for a wise use of consecrated money for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Our Contributors.

DENOMINATIONAL STEADFASTNESS.

Those glimpses of our Canadian church history which we are getting from the articles in THE CANADIAN INDEPENDENT, are not only interesting, but they also tend to edify and stimulate the reader in the direction of steadfastness to principle. We are encouraged by being reminded of the efforts and struggles of our first churches and ministers, during their noble work and self-denial, while planting amid primeval forests, or by dark streams, the seeds of what have in some instances already become, and of others what may at no distant day grow into, flourishing Christian churches. These pastors and their helpers were, evidently men of strong faith and hope. They left homes of social comfort and cultured surroundings, and, like Abraham, they went forth as at God's command, believing that He would direct them, provide for them and bless their labors; and He did; although as ever, at more or less cost of personal sacrifice. But these good men who manifested so much zeal and tenacity in the past, have left ample opportunities for the exercise of "like precious faith" in our own time. They, like other forerunners in Christian work, did not expect to see the full results of their labors. Even the Master looked forward through the ages to see the effects of His seed-sowing. The Christian's work is still one of faith rather than of sight. Our pioneers were persuaded that a glorious harvest would be the outcome of their self-denying efforts. These "other men have labored, and we have entered into their labors."

Although we do not now experience so many of the same kind of difficulties to try our faith and patience, as our honored denominational predecessors did, yet both pastors and flocks sometimes find that even now, in connection with some of our struggling Canadian churches, which seem almost too small to be dignified by that ecclesiastical name, there are still adverse circumstances to be contended with, and crosses to be borne. But our position and opportunities are better and more encouraging than theirs were. Standing on our present vantage ground, what should be the result of equal zeal and steadfastness on our part to-day?