

family of such, laid aside by sickness at this time. Almost to a unit, we are total abstainers from intoxicating liquors, and nearly all the male members eschew that filthy poison, tobacco. Over our front porch we have inscribed, in golden letters, "Have faith in God." Over our platform we have "Christ is all;" and from our flag staff we float a pennant with the same motto, "Christ is all," and beneath it we have a red flag, on which is inscribed, "Salvation;" a white flag on which is "Healing and Holiness;" and a blue flag on which is "Temperance." The pennant always flies, and the subordinate flag denotes the kind of meeting about to be held within, except on the Lord's day, when all are unfurled. I am fully convinced that Christians must be faithful all round, to be used by God in this Ministry of Healing; and their consecration, and consequently sanctification, must be continuous and complete.

Kindly excuse a hurried closing; but I must do so to save the mail. May I ask an interest in the united prayers of the Conference, for whom we over here shall be praying too? With most earnest wishes for its success, and warmest fraternal love, I am,

Faithfully yours in Jesus,

JOHN ALEX. DOWIE.

P. S.—The letter is printed in the Report of the Conference. As Mr. Dowie was not able to be present in person his letter was read at the time and headed,

"Free Christian Tabernacle,
Fitzroy, Melbourne, Victoria,
16th April, 1885."

GRIMSBY PARK.

I have been, Mr. Editor, as you know, with my family, resting in this beautiful place for a few weeks. There are several Congregational cottages on the grounds, and the visits of friends from various parts have made the time pass very pleasantly. We have enjoyed the daily services, and have had the privilege of hearing many distinguished speakers, both Canadian and American, on subjects of science, art, temperance, and religion, among them Dr. Talmage, of Brooklyn; Dr. McCabe, of New York; Dr. Withrow, of Toronto; and Rev. John Burto, Editor of THE INDEPENDENT. On the 19th I went home for a day to attend our annual garden party at the beautiful residence of Mrs. R. Eadie, in Oakland. The attendance, the music and speaking were all that could be desired. The Arion club, led by Mr. Sager and composed of twelve musicians and vocalists from Brantford, helped us greatly, as well as the Scotland Brass Band. My ministerial brethren of the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist churches spoke in the kindest way of the great work done for the Master and for humanity by the ministers and churches of the Congregational body.

The Sunday schools in both my congregations of Burford and Scotland are carried on in a very efficient way, and we hope to make up our part of missionary deficit before the 1st of October.

One of my deacons at Burford helps me to extend my vacation by taking some of my Sabbath work.
W. HAY.

QUEBEC ASSOCIATION OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERS AND DELEGATES.

The members of the above Association met in Granby on Tuesday, September 7th, 1886. After the usual formalities of opening had been observed, our missionary Superintendent delivered an energetic and practical address on "Home Missions." The need of men and money was emphasised, and the ministers present were urged to create a deeper interest amongst the different churches on this question. After some discussion on this subject amongst the members present, the question of Foreign Missions was taken up and introduced by Rev. Geo. Willet, of Cowansville. He spoke with such effect about the necessity of pastors and people interesting themselves in our own foreign missionary through the columns of the INDEPENDENT, that several delinquent members subscribed for the magazine on the spot.

Rev. Mr. Purkis also read a paper on "The Christian's duty in regard to politics," in which he took the ground that the dirt which had accumulated in political regions was to be swept away by the good influence of Christian men. Mr. Purkis was requested by the Association to send his paper to the INDEPENDENT for publication. After some remarks by Rev. Mr. Hindley and others, on this subject, the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. On Tuesday evening a rousing missionary meeting was held, at which Revs. Messrs. Hall, Dunlap, of Rock Island, and Hill, of Calvary, gave interesting addresses. The people seemed much interested, there being quite a number out and the result will likely be favorable to the funds of our Missionary Society.

At 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning the members of the Association met as appointed, and after a pleasant and profitable hour spent in devotional exercises, the regular business of the Association was taken up. Resolutions of sympathy with the relatives of John Dougall, of the New York Witness, and Thos. Pritchard, of our College, who have lately passed away, were passed and a committee appointed to put them in regular form and send them to the bereaved. Rev. E. R. Brainard was also granted a letter of dismissal from the Association as he is about to leave for California. Quite a discussion arose over a question asked by Rev. Mr. Skinner, of Eaton, in regard to a matter of church discipline, the matter being made a little more misty by