

ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS FOR CANADIAN MISSIONARIES.

DEAR BROTHER,—I am now a "missionary pastor" of something like four years' standing, and know somewhat of the hardships and privations, as well as the pleasures of my honourable station. If required, I might state several things that have stood, and still stand, in the way, preventing me from giving myself wholly to the work; but such is not my intention at present. I wish to say a few words about the difficulties of some missionary pastors in securing the advantages of our denominational literature. For me, some such paper as the *Globe* is a necessity. My better-half joins me in saying, "so is the *Montreal Witness*." The latter we can read, and then distribute to the people in my mission fields, where it is gladly received. No objections to "old numbers."

The *Canada Farmer* and the *Canadian Independent* are also necessities—the former because its suggestions help to develop schemes for "self sustentation" the latter because it is the only medium of communication between the brethren and the churches. After remitting for all these, it is difficult to see how \$6 can be spared from an annual income of £60 for the *Patriot* or the *Nonconformist*. I am over twelve miles from any Congregational minister—some of my brethren are more isolated still. Thus, of necessity, we have to be pretty much "self-supporting" in our knowledge of Congregationalism. Now, I want to know if some of the good folks either on this side or the other of the Atlantic cannot do with their *Patriots*, &c., what I find it good to do with the *Montreal Witness*, viz.: "read and circulate." Some kind person sent me the *Patriot*, which contained Dr. Sturtevant's sermon before the Boston Council. It was long after date but I read it with avidity, and now it is laid by as an oracle. Late in December I saw the last number for October. Brother Duff and I read it with intense delight. It was new to us. I make these hints not for myself only, but for my brethren of like tastes and circumstances.

You, Mr. Editor, can put these suggestions under Brother C.'s heading,—
"A bold and more vigorous policy." I have been "bold;" perhaps some others will be "vigorous."

Yours, respectfully,

ROBERT BROWN.

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NOTE.—We recommend the above to the attention of our recent visitors from England. Very few of our Canadian pastors, especially those labouring in newer settlements, ever see an English newspaper. But all would receive one with as much eagerness as our correspondent. We have no doubt that Dr. Smith or Mr. Poore could easily find twenty or thirty persons in England who would mail their *Patriot*, *Nonconformist*, or *Standard*, a week after date, to our missionaries, and would be glad to have so valuable a use for it.—ED. C. I.

The wedding ring is put on the fourth finger of the woman's left hand, because, it is said in the original formulary of marriage, it was placed first on the top of the thumb, with these words; "In the name of the Father;" then on the next finger, with the words; "And of the Son;" then on the middle finger, with: "And of the Holy Ghost;" and finally on the fourth, with the "Amen."

SAYING THINGS.—We oftener say things because we can say them well than because they are sound and reasonable.