

may be missed, or fondly remembered by what we have done! Mr. McIntosh's place is ably filled by the Rev. George Robertson, B.A., who entered upon his labours last summer, about the same time qualifying for more efficient service by taking unto himself an "helpmeet." Only I have wholesome dread of consequences, I would say more on this subject. I will venture this much, that I believe both pastor and people are very fortunate, and deserve hearty congratulations. The work in their hands will not suffer. I had only a week-day evening congregation, and did intend spending part of a Sunday also, but the storm forbade. The Missionary Society is still alive, and will give a better account of itself in coming years.

RICHMOND.

Just across the bridge that spans the St. Francis is a growing town. Here Mr. Robertson, like his predecessor, has an evening service in the town hall, and indeed here he has his largest congregation, and here he does real missionary work. Had he a church building he would soon have a strong church. The Melbourne and Richmond congregations may unite, and build on a site that would be central for both. Melbourne needs a new church edifice, and the site of the present one, though quite picturesque and conspicuous, is by no means desirable, unless it can be made more accessible by building an elevated railway or some contrivance of that kind. Mr. Robertson has a third congregation eight miles distant in

ULVERTON,

where he preaches in the afternoon. The congregation is large and devoted. The young people are very earnest, many of them having been converted during the past few years. I was informed that in the recent Scott Act contest this township, composed principally of Congregationalists and Methodists, did not give *one adverse vote*; and prohibition is not a mere experiment with them, for the Dunkin Act has been in force, and *enforced* for years. We had a most delightful meeting in the Ulverton church, on an intensely cold night, when many of the side roads were badly drifted. The Ladies' Missionary Society lives and labours successfully, old and young taking hold of the work cheerfully. If we had the man to spare, and a little means, we should place a student on this end of the field during the summer, and let him supply

DANBY,

some eleven miles distant, where we have a nice church building, and once had a good congregation. Now the people are neglected, or worse than neglected. It is a crying shame to leave things as they are in Danby.

DANVILLE.

I met the Ladies' Missionary Society, and learned

that their monthly meetings are sustained, missionary literature in constant circulation, and missionary contributions systematically given. This is the way to develop the missionary spirit in the Church, and it is being developed in the Danville church. I spent the Sunday here, presenting the claims of the Society at both services. I had arranged to preach in Ulverton fifteen miles distant in the afternoon, and Richmond at night, but one of the severest storms of the season setting in on Saturday night, and continuing all of Sunday, spoiled my plans. I had ample time to talk about our missionary field with Brother Sanderson, and to give him all the information he wished for respecting the Maritime Provinces, which he represents on the Executive of the Missionary Society. I think the interests of the churches in the Lower Provinces could not be placed in the hands of one more desirous of their welfare.

I must remember that neither your time nor space will admit of long articles, so will stop here, and remain as ever,
Truly yours, T. HALL.

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MR. EDITOR,—We are so ready, very ready, saying when we don't like THE CANADIAN INDEPENDENT that we may sometimes say when we do like it, without any fear of flattery. Our good fathers would not tell us, when we were children, that we ever did a good thing, because that would "spoil" us. But they may have been wrong, and we would like to say that THE CANADIAN INDEPENDENT was never better conducted than to-day. Its editorials and selections are helpful and inspiring. Our Bishop's letters make us feel our sister churches are "bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh." My litte children, and the big ones too, are always ready for the "Children's Corner." Thank you for the selection, in the March number, from the *English Congregationalist*, on "Organized Independency," the results of which are wonderful. It set me thinking, and I thought of our city—Toronto, and the disorganization of our churches. I thought of the ground we have lost,—of our comparative strength thirty years ago with to-day; I then thought "Oh, could we but have a happy and vigorous organization?" What far-reaching results would follow? Would not our churches be brighter and better fitted to meet our spiritual foes, and go forth conquering and to conquer? Would not the aggressive spirit permeate individual members and churches, and our denomination too?

I verily believe, when such a unity prevails, no form of church government is so well adapted as ours, with God's blessing, to fit men for the fray in the battlefield of life. Did you not feel its inspiring influence at the Congregational Union in the old land, when you stood there as the Canadian representative? Of