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ST. PAUL, MINN.

We had Brothers Booth and Scott with us here and were refreshed by the meetings. A few have been added to our little gathering—a Swedish brother and two sisters. Some too have moved into the country. There still continues to be an open door in this State, especially around Farmington, Waterford and those parts.

STOWE, VT.

It has been a little lonely this winter. We have scarcely heard a word about brethren for a long time. When this occurs, I long for a word from some one.

There has been a great change in this town. I think God has been working. Mr. D——, a Methodist minister, preaches in the village in the forenoon and then goes about two miles to a country meeting house. At the latter place a work began last fall and has continued. Then in the village, a Mr. P——, an Evangelist, began union meetings, which were carried on for about two weeks. Mr. P—— left, but the meetings were kept up, three or four evenings of the week in the village and the other nights at the country meeting house. I think some have been saved.

Mr. D—— has seemed very glad to get tracts from me. I have given him a good many and he has told me of two cases of blessing through them. Doubtless there are others, and it is a blessed thing to have the truth to scatter in that way.

If a paper could be got out once a fortnight or once a month, which should give accounts of gospel work and like mat-

ters, it would be very nice. I suppose there are many like us here, who seldom learn what the Lord is doing through His servants, and it does not seem right to have no method of speedily and cheaply communicating such information. It is easy enough getting news of the evil that is being done in the earth, but it is not easy for us to learn of what the Lord's servants are doing, or where souls are being saved; and so we cannot have the fellowship we desire with the work. . . . One often does not know for months where any of the laborers are, and if there is blessing, one is not made glad by it and cannot pray intelligently for God's blessing.

J. W. A.

DUNDAS, MINN.

Brother Little has held gospel meetings in different places. Here he preaches Lord's Day evenings, and a good many come out, the little hall being full nearly every time. We cannot see much blessing yet, but thank God they come out to hear. Our prayer is that the Lord may bless the seed, and we leave the result with Him. He can do more than we can ask or understand. We rejoice in and thank God for the blessing around us. You have likely heard of the gathering at Waterford, they are going on quietly with the Lord. It is the same also at Farmington. Brother Booth has labored there a good deal. Brother Little is called there to-morrow to preach at the funeral of a dear departed sister. Our hearts go out in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for His grace and mercy. Remember the work in these parts before the Lord. Brother

Booth will leave St. Paul for Canada this week. Brother A. Scott is at Green, Butler Co., Iowa, now. He says there is an opening for the gospel, and that the saints are standing firm. All are well here.

J. P. H.

NEW YORK.

All are going on quietly round about here. One would be glad to see more to encourage, yet for peace and love among the saints and some growth, I trust, we may be thankful to our God. Brother Paul is in the West, St. Louis and elsewhere. He is much cheered among the saints and with blessing among some dear young believers for their deliverance.

Will be glad to have you bring to notice "*The Reprint*"¹ to such as might be glad to embrace the opportunity of having two volumes of this work ("*Plain Papers on Prophetic Subjects*") for \$1.25. It will require quite a number of subscriptions not to be at a loss, but we have thought many would gladly take the opportunity and so the book be made much more known than otherwise. The first number will soon be ready. We print it together with what is necessary for the book and can take of it more or less according to the need.

T. O. L.

PORT HURON, MICH.

We are thankful to our Lord for His patience with us. There are about ten of us here altogether breaking bread, but we are having some precious meetings. The Lord blesses us though we are but few in number, but we have Himself and we can count on that, and in our experience we have proved it again and again. *P. B.*

EL PASO, TEXAS.

You will think me very neglectful for not having before acknowledged the receipt of your letter, but this is the second

¹Loizeaux Brothers, 63 Fourth Ave., New York.

letter I have written, the first incomplete. I cannot tell where it is, as in the confusion incidental to packing and travelling it has been mislaid. We should have left Los Angeles two months ago but for the sickness nigh unto death of a brother who came from Canada for his health. Though at death's door at one time, we left him very much better and able to get about. Los Angeles we were thankful to leave for some reasons, though sorry to part with the saints there. But the whole character of the place is getting quite trying and men seem to have neither leisure nor desire for anything but to make money in speculations—legitimate or otherwise seems to be matter of indifference.

On our journey here, which took about two days, we met with some little encouragement on the train, and one young man, who was a news agent going out to take charge of an incoming train which had been delayed, sought an opportunity for conversation and proved to be a good bit exercised about his soul.

Here we are on the Mexican border, and El Paso del Norte in the State of Chihuahua is just across the Rio Grande, a town of about 6,000 though scattered. With few exceptions they take our tracts freely except they cannot read, which indeed is no uncommon thing among the poorest. The priests take great pains to keep them ignorant of course, although superstition has a hold over even educated people, and the enemy knows well how to link up men's worldly interests with the pursuance of error. They are quite numerous in this town also and living in squalor and poverty generally. We purpose remaining a little here and waiting on the Lord to see what access He may be pleased to give us to them; not forgetting also that it is seed time and not harvest, and that only the day of the Lord will reveal what has been the fruit. There are some of the worst of men in these parts,

and numbers go across the border to witness the bull-fights which are held through the winter months. One man, a trader over there, told us he was glad when some of them got killed.

As regards the work abroad there is an encouraging demand for the little gospel paper and the tracts. The American consul at Seville, Spain, got hold of some and wrote asking for a supply to help in some work he had taken up round about S—. He visits 14 or 15 puebloes (towns) to carry tracts as he is able to the people who receive them willingly. He does it all outside of his office hours, and, as he says, for love to the Name of the One who died for him. The government allows him so small a sum that it is all expended in helping the many applicants for aid, and thus he is not able to purchase. Another who had seen the papers at Buenos Ayres asks for a supply to be sent him at Monte Video. The Argentine Confederacy seems to be the most open of all the South American States. No doubt everywhere the liberal reaction against Popery, though it opens the door under the good hand of God, yet it is in itself largely infidel. But surely it is He that is giving thus access to souls that many may be saved and that there may be a witness to His grace which brings salvation to all men ere the fast approaching close comes. The Lord's return is so little thought of that generally the title of a little tract, "La Veinda de Cristo," excites their curiosity and sometimes laughter as soon as they see it.

But I must draw to a close, dear brother, as I am in arrears with writing, having had so much broken time. I suppose we shall journey farther east after a while, having bought a through ticket to Chicago to save the paying high local rates, and we think to visit some other points near or on the Mexican border as we go; for this the winter and early spring are best on account of the great heat in summer. But

we may get to some places in Mexico perhaps, and are prepared to tarry if a door open manifestly of the Lord seems to be found in any part.

Much love to the saints and thanks for their continued fellowship with us in the work, knowing also that their prayers are going up to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus that the gospel of His grace may have free course and be glorified, poor and feeble as we may be in our setting of it forth. The few believers we meet seem generally so marred in their faith by some error or defect and so little concerned about it that they are hardly like the children of God, and one's fellowship is very limited. *R. T. G. to H. B.*

WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

I have been led to put the matter of "giving" in quite a different form to my own heart from former times—something like this; if I belong to Him, having been bought with a price, and the silver and gold being His, how little *dare I* reserve for my own needs? Are they not *His goods*? Alas! that God's dear ones should have been so blinded as to all this, but I trust many are waking up and being exercised. I am beginning to speak a little for Him. Was out yesterday to the County House. The Lord did give me liberty and blessed me in it. I realize more that there must be first the filling of the vessel ere it can overflow. *A. F. C.*

MARION, KANSAS.

Thankful for the testimony of the departure of your dear mother. It all helps to encourage and strengthen. Thank you very much for the "Notes" you sent me. I rejoice to know that the work of the Lord is still prospering and that many are accepting eternal life. We never received a letter from any brother but you, but we received some tracts from Canada; we do not know who sent them, but were

thankful to receive them. A great number has confessed Christ this winter, among them two of mine. *C. E.*

CROSWELL, MICH.

We have had much encouragement. Three more are breaking bread with us. We opened a meeting in the Poor House and it seems very encouraging. There are 30 inmates and they seem delighted with the meeting. The whole country round about there seem to be pleased and come in so that we can hardly find standing room. Pray that the word may find an entrance into their hearts. *J. M. P.*

Our gospel meetings in the old Methodist Chapel every Sunday evening have a good attendance. We have also good meetings in the Poor House every Sunday afternoon. Have had no conversions that we know of, although many Christians seem refreshed. Other places have opened up for the gospel and we cannot fill them. Our meetings Lord's Day morning are very precious. There is great need of visiting the gatherings, as saints are cast down over the failure of the past and need a word of encouragement. Had a very nice time with the brethren in Detroit lately. *J. M. P. to J. McA.*

BAHAMAS.

GREAT HARBOR.

Since the hurricane I have been laboring with my hands and getting very little, but blessed be the Lord He has been precious unto me—a God near at hand, and it has drawn me out to more humble dependence upon Him. I am brought face to face with His precious word, "Ask and it shall be given you," and have proved Him true in all that He has said. The saints here seem to be enjoying the Lord in their souls. I have been to Cherokee Sound twice since the hurricane. I spent

four days there and preached five times. There seems to be a coldness, and I think it is because they do not see their true place of separation, and so their testimony is weakened and they lose spiritual growth. The people at large seem to be hardened and without room for the gospel. Let us bear them up in prayer. I have been twice to Green Turtle Cay. They are looking to the Lord for wisdom and guidance. At Sweeting's they are getting on nicely, and some are giving up old habits. A brother has been restored at Great Guano. *J. E. S. to R. H.*

CANADA.

STAYNER, ONT.

R.H.—had a card that Neil is saved and rejoicing. I was so glad to hear it, he has been on my heart so much every day lately. *I.*

The convict Neil professed to be saved through simply trusting the blood of Christ. The clergyman wanted him to take the sacrament, but he would not saying, it would not take him to heaven—nothing but the blood of Christ would do that. *H. A.*

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