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### ENGLAND.

MAYFIELD, REIGATE.

We were much cheered by yours telling us that mouths and hearts are not shut up from the needs of the unsaved, but the necessity felt of telling to others the ground of our own joy. May the joy of the Lord fill your hearts whom He has called out in His service. We are expecting Mr. W—— to-morrow to stay over Lord's Day. Those with us are but a very few and we do not hear much of what is going on. Mrs. C—— was quite pleased to hear of Newfoundland and open doors found there, as she was five years there during the time her father was Chief Justice. The Roman Catholic party was very strong in those days and led to her father being recalled, because he was equally strong as a Protestant and would

not submit to be ruled by the priests.

There was a meeting lately at Reading at which there were over 150. It was a happy meeting, I am told. I was not able to be at it, being confined to the house. The gospel work seems taken up in earnest by the denominations of Protestants in sending out missionaries abroad, more especially to India, China and Africa; and everywhere there seems to be open doors, though with persecution even unto death, but plenty to follow in their steps and fill up the gaps. I have read that in central places in China, where missionaries have associated together, they have had happy fellowship, having one common object in view. Would that it were more so in the country from which they have gone forth, where there is, alas! more thought among many of their own body than of Christ. The distress in this country generally, and more especially in London, among those out of work is terrible, which increases the difficulty felt by those thirsting for souls. Nature desires food for the body, and calls upon one from London are almost daily.

J. C.

HAMILTON, N. B.

I am quite in sympathy with your desire for closer fellowship, and would rejoice if some of you could see your way to visit us and let us have your fellowship and ministry. God has evidently set His stamp of approval upon the work on your side of the ocean. . . . We have, I fear, in the past shut our eyes to much that was good amongst persons not with us. Should we not gladly own all that the

Spirit has wrought amongst the beloved of God? Of course there is danger of going to an extreme, but from that danger and others God will guard His own. The work on this side is not, I fear, at all equal to that among you in either energy or results. Here has been perhaps an exception. A large gathering has been built up of souls saved at our gospel meetings. We confess before God our sin when there is no apparent result, hence as a general thing we have conversions every week. *W. S.*

### UNITED STATES.

ALTON, ILL.

It is most blessed to be able to speak with authority. The Scribes may have taught truthfully, to be sure, but formally. Neither unction nor conscience accompanied their expositions of the Word, but when "Jesus had ended these sayings the people were astonished at his doctrine, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as do the Scribes." I have been enabled to preach the Word the year round except a few Lord's Days when confined in bed.

In Amberly, Gray, Clinton, Crosswell, Mich., and Indianapolis the word was in solemnity to saints and to some unawakened consciences. At Rockford, the weather being unfavorable, we had only a few meetings—two or three of them in power and blessing to the saints and a few others. One young person spoke to me of having received much help. She has peace through a sister's faithful walk and ministry of the Word.

At Cordova, the eight in the gathering were much refreshed. The consciences of a very few others were disturbed as to their walk—how deeply I cannot tell. Here at Alton some blessing is manifest. Last Lord's Day at the gospel meeting one soul was disquieted and found peace at

three o'clock the following afternoon. It was John iii. 16 that gave him rest. He is an intelligent man, and we believe the work of grace is genuine in his soul; we trust the Lord will perfect what He has begun.

ALBANY, N. Y.

Ever since the outside place by the grace of God has been my portion, I have felt great hesitancy in committing to or seeing anything in print pertaining to the service of the Lord, knowing that the tendency to make a fair show of fruit may exist even in the hearts of those outside the camp. This scrupulousness, I am aware, may be carried to an extreme.

In this day of small things, any account of blessing is in fact the common property of all interested in the Lord's work.

The Lord has given us in Albany some blessing to encourage our hearts. About 18 months since, a brother, J. C. Holmes, (who with his brother and two sisters were members of the Presbyterian Church of Greenbush, a village on the opposite side of the Hudson River), was startled by the action of the church in not only receiving but actually giving a public vote of thanks to a member—a wealthy brewer, for an appropriation to repair the church building.

Brother H—, in faithfulness to Christ, firmly protested against the act, as sacrificing the moral good of the church for the ill-gotten gains of the world. His protest being unheeded—even unconsidered by the minister himself, he withdrew entirely from the church. His brother and two sisters also withdrew.

He then hired a hall in the immediate neighborhood and commenced evangelistic services with much blessing. The family being good singers, in connection with his earnest preaching, the meetings soon drew a goodly number of all classes—among them Baptists, Methodists and An-nihilationists. with many unconverted. Of

the latter class some 30 or more professed salvation.

About this time the company received some help as to gospel truth through an open brother, of Albany, who lectured on the "Tabernacle," &c. Brother Temple and myself preached to them a few times, but fearing that our desire to serve them would be construed as a fraternizing with them as to a position which we knew to be false and unscriptural, we thought best to wait until the time arrived when we could afford them true help. They commenced to break bread on open ground. Although they rejected Annihilationists, they were soon disturbed and shortly broken up by the subject of baptism.

Brother F. W. G—— spending a week with us about this time, we invited Brother H—— and the brother so zealous for Baptist doctrine to meet with our Brother G——. They did so with the result that Brother H—— was helped, while the other remained stedfast to Baptist doctrine.

About the time of my return from Canada, last fall, Brother H——, who during the summer had frequently met brethren personally, expressed the desire for some brother to come to Greenbush for the purpose of enlightening them as to the true ground of gathering. I went over and in a humble way endeavored to help them. Through the blessing of God, the result was, Mr. H—— and several others soon came over to remember with us the Lord's death. Others afterwards became convinced and at different times took their place at the Lord's table, until now some 15 souls from Greenbush are in fellowship with us. There are several others who will doubtless take their place at a future time, should the Lord tarry.

Of course there is much room for growth in the truth, yet on the whole they are progressing steadily and happily in the Lord. These 15 from Greenbush, with three

young people of Albany, who have lately come into fellowship, and two about doing so—one the wife of a brother in fellowship, the other a girl lately converted, working in the family of a brother—thus add to our number and therefore to our responsibility.

Brothers H—— and T—— being earnest workers for souls, we have been moved to seek a wider field for gospel effort, and are now holding meetings in this city, in Greenbush and in the school house at Hurstville, several miles from Albany. There have been during the winter a few conversions to cheer our hearts. One young woman on her sick bed, whom I visited twice, gladly received Christ as her Saviour and gave a bright testimony before her death. One on a visit to Greenbush went home happy in the Lord. Another was converted through hearing a discourse upon the Judgment. Several others have professed conversion.

Brother Knapp of Amsterdam has just gone to be with the Lord. His last words were, "I'm going home." He leaves a wife and three children for remembrance in our prayers. *G. O. A.*

#### PORT HURON, MICH.

We are expecting Brother Booth here and that he will stop with us for some time. We are getting along nicely and (D. V.) are to make arrangements about a hall to break bread, and hold some gospel meetings in. Our prayer is that God will bless you in all your labors. *P. B.*

#### CATAWBA, N. C.

I have it on my heart to write you a letter, for I feel sure that you and the many dear brethren in Canada who have manifested a tender interest in the Lord's work in North Carolina would like to hear more. There has been no great display of the Lord's power, such as to attract the attention of men, but the Lord has been graciously passing the truth in a quiet

way to the enlightenment of some few souls who have been so long under the influence of system. Two in this neighborhood, a brother and his wife, have come out. Bless the Lord!

The Lord's table has been set up in my house. Our daughter, Annie, has taken her place, and also our son, Frank, who was a Baptist for five years.

Brother C—— came to see us two weeks ago and spent eight days with us. He was much used of the Lord for our encouragement, and I trust to the good of others also. One of the best women in all this section, who says she knows she is saved, is very much interested in the truth of separation. Her husband seems interested, and her oldest son also, who is evidently a converted man, but has never united with any church, because of the ruin he has been seeing. His wife, who is the daughter of a Baptist minister of high repute (now dead), seems disposed to fight the truth at every point.

The work here is small, but I feel sure the Lord has greater things in store for us in the way of testimony. I have been keeping close at home this winter—much more so than I thought when I first came out; yet I see now that it was of the Lord, for I needed to get, as Brother Cotten says, a little ballast. O, what a blessed thing to feel one's self in the Lord's hands, to be guided by Him and used of Him as He will. May He ever keep me humble and guided by His eye. However, I have not been idle as to work, as the Lord has given me an open door in this neighborhood for Bible readings and gospel meetings. I feel that He is going to bless the truth thus given out to the good of some souls. Some unconverted attend and listen with marked attention and manifest interest. I have it on my heart to visit several places in the State as soon as the way opens, and I am sure that it is the Lord's time for me to go out to work.

The last letter I received from my father, who lives nearly 200 miles east of here, he stated that many in that section were anxious to hear me. There is a section still east of there, near the coast, that I am feeling very much drawn to, and also a place between here and my father's. So I am looking to the Lord to direct me with regard to labor in these parts. I do not want to enter upon such a tour until I am well assured that it is the Lord's mind, although it would be very nice to visit my parents, whom I have not seen for over three years.

Will you and the dear brethren pray that I may be guided aright in the matter, and not be led by any personal or natural feelings? I was much gratified to learn through Brother C—— of the progress of the truth in Canada. Would like much to get a letter from you whenever it will not be too great a tax on your time. I hope, if the Lord tarries, He will direct you this way before very long. My little home is open to you or any of the brethren whom the Lord may send. Our love to yourself and the saints with you.

*J. H. B.*

HOWARD, MINN.

When Brother Booth was in Minneapolis, a young brother (son of a sister here) came into fellowship there and is rejoicing. May Gal. v. 1 be his henceforth! I hope soon to be on the road again distributing tracts. May the Lord send some laborers to reap the seed sown in Minnesota.

*J. C. L.*

BOSTON.

A happy day yesterday. An evangelist, Wiseman by name, has probably taken his place with us in Rochester.

*E. S. L.*

DUNDAS, MINN.

Well, dear brother, man proposes, but God disposes, and it is well He is above all

our plans—working out His eternal purposes. Oh, may we be in the line of His thoughts and carried along in the current of *His ways*, and fill the sphere He in His wisdom and grace has placed us in, that from His own most gracious lips we may hear, “*Well done.*”

It must have been comforting to your dear mother to have you with her in her last moments. How blessed to know that your loss is her *gain*.

I have been preaching here every Sunday night for some time and the congregation has increased from a few to a crowded house; some seem exercised about their souls. We are looking to the Lord for much blessing. I have been preaching at Waterford every two weeks and have had several Bible readings with them. There are about 15 breaking bread there now and about the same number at Farmington, where Brothers Booth and Gottshall had been laboring. I hope to be able to spend some little time with them occasionally.

*D. L.*

#### KEY WEST, FLA.

One more sister has been added to us, and two families removed from the Bahamas, thus increasing the number, and if really with God this must increase strength also.

Find the saints happy and the city all astir. The truth has been sounded out. Brother C. H.— is here with his family. Am not able for much at present, but hope to do a little visiting among the saints. There is interest here still. Have added another meeting and a very important one—for *prayer*. We are having happy seasons. Three have taken their place at the Lord's table, and others are enquiring. One or two have confessed Christ who have not yet taken their place. We are expecting Brother Johnson, of Nassau, and Brother Lowe, of Green Turtle Cay.

*W. B.*

## CANADA.

### BOSCURIS, N. W. T.

Received the package of Cyclostyles last mail. Am thankful to hear of the work of the Lord prospering in so many parts. We are still trying to bear a little testimony for our blessed Lord, although it be feeble, for we are almost alone—only one family with us, and they live about 20 miles from us and cannot get to meetings often. However, there are five of us and we can still claim the precious promise to two or three, and no doubt if more faithful the Lord would add to our number. You will be glad to hear that the work is still going on at the Manitoulin Island. Brother V— has built a house in Clover Valley, so I expect he intends to sojourn there for some time. There are two other brethren from Bradford with him. He expects they will stop the winter. Let us hope that many will be led to a saving knowledge of the truth.

*J. S.*

### KINGSTON, ONT.

Came here from Smith's Falls and intend (D. V.) to go on to Napanee in a few days, and may be with you in a week or so. I left the brethren all fairly well. R. C. has been saved and has taken his place with us. Mr. and Mrs. W— are quite bright. Their two eldest boys are saved and seem to be getting on. If it is the Lord's mind that I should come may it be for real blessing. Rom. i. 10—12.

*J. R. to R. H.*

J. R— has been with us for a week, and gone on to Napanee. He is expecting to visit Picton, as he has had word from there desiring him to come. He thinks he may possibly remain in that vicinity longer than he had intended. *M. H. G.*

### STAYNER, ONT.

Meetings are going on as usual. At Craighleith, the night you left, a few more were out. At Collingwood, last Lord's

Day, every seat in Town Hall was filled. There were also more out than at former meetings at the reading in the sister's house. I hope to continue the meetings twice a week and do some visiting, which seems to be much needed. I came here yesterday and had a reading, and to-night the usual meeting in the hall. *R. H.*

Meetings on the second line are good as far as numbers are concerned, and they wish them kept up. At Batteaux they have closed the school house, but a person has opened his house. At Collingwood the interest keeps up; they are very desirous for more meetings. Two were under conviction there last Sunday; that is very encouraging. *H. A.*

BRANTFORD, ONT.

J. J. S— has been in Lockport and Buffalo, N. Y., for a month back, and is in Buffalo now, where there is good attendance and blessing. Brother G. McC— has left Lachute, and is, I think, in Osgoode. Surely God has blessed them greatly in Lachute. About 35 have been added to their number. I look back at the meeting there on Thanksgiving Day as one of the times the Lord pours us down a blessing, and how much oftener He would do so if only we were in a position to receive it. *C. S. C.*

LACHUTE, ONT.

G. McC— has gone to Cumberland and Osgoode, and thence to Albany and New York. We hope to see him back (D. V.) by June. We think of a meeting then, but it is not decided yet. There has been a happy work around us. Brownsburg at last yielded to the gospel and a large number have been saved. At Hillhead 15 or 16 have been converted. Thus far 35 have come with us, making our little gathering about 70. So far there has been but little sifting, as most took their stand knowing what they were doing, and therefore have not been moved by the storm of

opposition which ministers and people have raised. We are to have a new hall just near the old one. We need it badly.

*W. B.*

WEST OSGOODE, ONT.

I am more than ever convinced that patient, steadfast godliness and care for the glory of Christ, with the confession in our hearts of how utterly we have failed to enter into the spirit of the truth we have professed, is our path to-day. May God keep hearts quiet and at rest. At the East Settlement, near Lachute, two or three professed blessing, but clerical opposition has succeeded in keeping some away who were saved. Yet large numbers came out, and I am satisfied there will be a good work there yet. Opposition has risen to a great height and feeling has become very marked. In result, many who seemed friendly at first now remain away. Here, where there was a work two years ago, there is a good deal of freshness and spiritual joy, though the testing that time brings with it has tried some, as the flush of activity and opposition at the first prevented their being tried at the time. I am going down for a while to the vicinity of New York, if the Lord permit. My brother is still in Kingston. How much we need to be in prayerful waiting upon God for renewal of strength, otherwise the overwhelming force of evil will intimidate us and cause our hands to hang down. How much too we need the Enoch character—to walk with God. May the blessing of this be ours and may we be able to serve others in the joy of communion.

*G. H. McC. to J. McC.*

PAISLEY, ONT.

I found the C—'s very unhappy. An Elder's wife said she would give the world to know she was saved. Where P— lives there are quite a few saved ones who see the truth of the one body. They are talking of renting a house and meeting to

break bread. Mr. M— preached there seven years ago; although we did not see fruit then, we can see it now. Have we not much to thank our Lord for such love to poor vile sinners.

*Mrs. McD. to J. McA.*

NAPANEE, ONT.

I go to Picton (D. V.) to see a few of them. Have been going on with meetings here every night. There has been some blessing and some appear to be in a measure interested.

*J. R.*

KINGARF, ONT.

We had a blessed remembrance of the Lord this morning. Our number is the smallest, but we have His blessed presence, which is the joy of our hearts. I think that is such a precious verse, "For where two or three are gathered together in *My* name, there am I in the midst of them." Hymn 114 was so blessed to us this morning, and those words,

"To all our prayers and praises  
Christ adds His sweet perfume."

I have had it on my mind to do something for the gospel in this place. Since I came here I have not been idle altogether. Have been three years here, and not one soul blessed that I know of. I am not discouraged. I have rented a house about one half mile from my place for a year, and will have to get it ready. I was greatly encouraged in the Word, reading 1 Chron. xxii. 14, 16, about David when in his trouble he began to provide for the Lord's house. I was thinking if I was rich what I could do for the Lord, but this gave me another view of working for Him. I know not who will be the chief speaker, but hope it will be like Moses said to Jethro, "Come with us and we will do thee good." I am trusting in the Lord, and know He will bless the place with His glorious gospel.

Thank you for letters sent—how they refreshed me. I have been working in a feeble way, distributing tracts. I must have given away about 2,000. I have heard of a number of persons who have been blessed by them, and this gives encouragement. The house I have rented for meetings will be cold for winter, but plenty of wood and a good stove will make it comfortable. I intend to have it ready shortly. I know not yet who will be the preacher, but the "Lord will provide."

It is joy to look above. There are many things around us to discourage, some growing cold and turning back, thinking the path of faith too lonely—like Solomon, large-hearted in a wrong way. He could take wives from all the nations and go on with all they did, but the end was a sad one, and he lost his true place before the Lord. That word you said to my brother is such a comfort, "No man save Jesus only." God so loved us as to give us one object to set our affections on. Oh to be true-hearted the little while till He comes. I long to see a gospel work go on here.

A week ago we had just seven out, as it was a stormy day. When they came they wanted to know if the ministers were there. We had a little meeting and took up Eph. ii. Last night the Lord stirred the people to come out. Some one counted 50. How thankful we were to see so many coming to be fed. Some lived three miles away and some are the wildest young men we have here. When they came in they were laughing and talking. We felt our weakness, but trusting in the Lord for quietness it was granted. I spoke from John iii., the Lord filling the empty vessel to overflowing. What can the Lord do when we really trust Him! They seemed friendly and like talking to us after the meeting. May we keep our place at His feet, learning His mind.

*S. P.*

## MANITOULIN ISLAND, ONT.

The Lord is still gathering souls to Himself in these parts. We had a series of gospel meetings at Providence Bay (30 miles from here). Several souls got blessing. The Lord willing, we will visit the place again. May He guide us with His eye in everything. *E. H. V.*

## KALADAR, ONT.

I must inform you that our dear sister Caroline Campbell passed away to her Saviour, for whom she was waiting, on the 27th of February. Her body was laid in the grave on the 1st of March, till the coming of the Lord. How glad and thankful I am that the Lord gave me the privilege of visiting her shortly before her death and gathering from her own lips how strong her faith was in Christ, and to see how patiently she was waiting His time to take her home. Her father requested me to speak at the funeral (they had written for Brother R—— to come and see her some time ago, but I suppose the Lord did not think it needful to send him). I felt very weak, but you know the Word says His strength is made perfect in weakness; so if I had not been weak the Lord could not have been my strength, but as it was the Lord strengthened me. I was directed to John xi. 35.

Tell Brother Greenman we received his paper, *FIELD AND WORK*, and it cheered and comforted our hearts. As we read of the labors of our brethren in different parts it brought fresh to our minds how much the Lord has done for us back here through His servants. We are at present going on about the same as when you left us, and in spite of our failures the Lord is prospering us in many ways.

*E. R. to R. H.*

## GARDINER'S CREEK, N. B.

Yours received, and also *FIELD AND WORK*. It was sweet and cheering to us

in this rather isolated place, and has made us, like many others, to "thank God and take courage." God grant that we may follow the faith of the dear one whose farewell words you sent us. Brother L—— made us a visit, which refreshed our souls very much. He preached at our house and Fairfield, and visited neighbors often. He seemed to make a good impression wherever he went. May the seed then sowed bear fruit to the glory of God. It was a fine week and he seemed pleased with the place and people. Mrs. W—— has not been well. She went to St. John some time ago and while there had the privilege of breaking bread with them.

"Perhaps the dreaded future has less of sorrow than I think;  
The Lord may sweeten the waters before I stoop to drink.  
But if Marah must be Marah He will stand beside the brink."

We feel our only safety is to get near Him who holds the rod. I am praying that God may heal. May our Lord give you much grace in your work of visiting out-of-the-way places.

"Gifts to the least of those I love  
Thou givest unto me."

*J. E. W.*

## YORK MILLS, N. B.

Have been over a week here, stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, good reliable, people, he a dear old man very firm, who deserves honor. Have preached three times. A daughter-in-law of T——'s is inquiring the way. Some here are very poor, as in the country. Had a nice visit at the W——'s. There has been sad work here years past. The Lord show us mercy! Ought people to be gathered and then left as they often are? We need to be deeply humbled—to confess and to pray. Pride and stubbornness have been our downfall. Pray for them here.

*E. S. L.*