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UNITED STATES.

BOYERTOWN, PA.

The saints here are all as usual. The Lord's work is still going on. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand." May He come soon!
H. B.

EL PASO, TEXAS.

I shall endeavor this evening to fulfil a purpose of some time past and send you a line, which must be brief, as I am only just beginning to pick up a little strength after a short but severe illness which kept me to my bed about four days, but which has left me but little of my usual strength. However, thanks to the Lord's mercy and my dear wife's care, I am mending.

We hear little of what is going on in one part of the field and another in these distant parts, and it is one of the greatest trials of the work to be cut off from inter-

course and fellowship with so many beloved ones. We had set out from Los Angeles with the intention of spending at least the summer East; but as we passed from point to point and saw the deep need among these poor neglected Mexicans we concluded, after looking to the Lord and waiting long on Him, to turn back again and make this our center for a time. At all the places we visited we found some who manifestly got help and light from the Word, and thousands read and many heard a gospel which before had not been declared to them. At San Antonio a young man named Walter Scott is, I trust, being led on of the Lord to give himself to the Spanish work. He was much helped by our intercourse. He is in rather a trying school, which is perhaps a healthful discipline. He refused a partnership with his father quite recently, because, as he said to me, "I have given myself to the Lord." I left him, "*God's Call to His People*," which, I trust, will help him.

Since our return here, which was nearly two weeks ago, we have met with so many difficulties that but for the belief that God had led us here I could have given all up; and indeed when the mind dwells on that side of things and the loneliness of the field and path one feels it would be a relief to do so, but then comes the sense of responsibility to the Master and of the poor needy ones who have no light, not like the multitudes you have around you in the East to whom the facts of the gospel are known and despised by them. It is the profound darkness of those who never

heard the facts of Christianity save as transformed into some perversion which utterly excludes the truth.

We have at last secured two rooms for ourselves and another good-sized one in an "adobe" building which I am about to fit up for meetings. I should much desire to do this in Paso del Norte were it possible. I have access to the Congregational Mission there and would use their room, but realize the need of keeping apart.

Both the Methodist missionaries on this side and some others are glad to see us back and desire to be present at meetings. One of them who knows most and of whom I have spoken before in my letters to others says he desires to know and teach the truth and nothing else, and that he will be Christ's servant and not man's.

Since being here I got a letter from a Christian Mexican in Arizona saying he had got a copy of "*Las Buenas Nuevas*" and desired more, and tracts also, asking about Bibles with references which he and others desired to study and search for themselves, and they did not know where to get them, offering to pay for the books. He said there were altogether three families of "creyentes" (believers) and over 300 other Mexicans and no one to help them. I replied at once and asking where Morenci was. On Saturday I got a very nice letter inviting me up there, and saying there was another town further up a little way with just as many. He spoke also of how they went up to the top of the low mountain back of the town on Lord's Days to read and pray together and sing hymns. Had we not been just beginning here, and there being many things to hinder, I should have gone there at once; as it is it must be deferred till the way is more clear. But they seemed so rejoiced to hear of a possibility of some one getting there to preach the gospel and in finding a little sympathy. I have sent them tracts

for distribution and to help themselves.

R. T. G.

CATAWBA, N. C.

Since I came here I have been sowing the seed. I have given out the Word in three different places. May the Lord bless it. C. C. J., of Key West, Fla., writes of four or more coming to the Lord's table there and that the testimony has gone out to the smaller islands, hearing more especially from Cay Largo, where they very frequently send tracts. These Cays are thinly peopled by farmers, mostly from the Bahamas. A brother E. S——, a sponge fisher, has been giving out the gospel there, and now two or three colored men are with us, in heart at least. There seems to be a good work going on there, almost unknown to us, and it all came from a brother's visit there, who gave them the gospel, which has now been accepted by some five or six. A brother I met on the boat to Charleston, N. C., writes, "I feel sure it was the guidance of our Father that brought us together. I have read '*Daniel Mann*' and like it very much. Our meeting was like a cool spring in a thirsty land."

W. B.

BALTIMORE, MD.

Before leaving Brother Booth we visited Lexington, N. C., where I preached three or four times, getting opposition. The most likely way of reaching souls there is turning to the factory hands and miners, who come out more freely, and, I trust, will accept the gospel. Our dear Brother Forney is here sick, but happy, bright and submissive.

W. B.

LOWRY, MINN.

I must write to tell you how pleased I am to receive from you the tracts which you sent and which I received last night. I have had a regular feast on the address on "*The Church, which is Christ's Body.*" Business is kind of dull just now and I

have plenty of time to study. Day by day the Word is being unfolded to me, and I am glad to say that I can thank God with all my heart that it pleased Him to send you and Brother Scott out here. I think many of those who were attending your meetings are prospering nicely in the Word. Of course there are some who are opposed to anything that is good, but we must expect opposition. Mr. and Mrs. H— I think are settled in their minds. They seem to enjoy waiting on the Lord. We have really an interesting Sunday School. Many are inquiring after knowledge of the Scriptures and some are attaining it. But as you told me, we must wait on the Lord and He will lead us. I do earnestly wish that you and Brother Scott could come out to us again. We are not rich in worldly goods, yet the Lord always gives us enough and to spare.

Your meeting with us has helped a number. Last Lord's Day evening we had a Bible reading at our house. A few young people met with us and took one of your tracts to see if these things were true. The one we had before us was on the Lord's coming, and we took great interest in it. Each person had a Bible, and as I read the tract the Scriptures referred to were all looked up. They want to come again and study "*Eight Lectures on Prophecy*" in the same way. *R. E. J.*

FARMINGTON, MINN.

The Lord has encouraged us much in the work. In Lowry, Brother Scott and I had some blessing. Several confessed Christ and a number of Christians got help. We were nearly three weeks in Minneapolis and had meetings almost every night. It was a season of refreshment and encouragement, some receiving blessing. They are very happy there now. One brother was restored and others were received. At Waterford, where we were when out here first, they are breaking

bread and going on nicely. Here also many received blessing.

With regard to Minnesota, dear brother, it is a very large field, and Wisconsin next to it has scarcely been touched. I went down to Dundas and spent a week there and at Waterford. Brother Little came here with me last week. The Lord has gathered out about 12 here. Dr. E—, a dear godly man, and an Elder among the Presbyterians, has come out, I believe, the clearest of any and is doing a great deal to further the truth. I trust to visit Cottage Grove soon and other places later. Brother Scott and I had blessing at a small place called Lowry. Some 15 or 20 souls got help. *A. E. B.*

PORT HURON, MICH.

I have been here about four weeks. There have been a few conversions and some 10 or 12 added to the gathering. There is a very large field out in the West and room for many laborers. I trust the Lord will lay it on the heart of others to come out this way. We need to have Rom. ii. 7 much before us, "patient continuance in well doing." The Lord is soon coming, the blessed hope of His waiting people. *A. E. B.*

NEW YORK.

We expect Brother P. J. Loizeaux in a couple of days home again, after two and a half month's unceasing labor. F. W. Grant is at home except from Saturday to Wednesday, at which time he is in Philadelphia.

P. J. Loizeaux returned from St. Louis encouraged, though cast down at first. The few with us were also somewhat depressed, but one Lord's Day there were four restored and one conversion. Many nice souls were inquiring also.

T. O. L.

MARION, IND.

The letters and tracts came duly to

hand, from which I received much comfort, as also admonition. I am still alone. The Lord has not seen fit to send any one to teach the truth. For four years I have been alone, hoping all the time that the Lord would direct one of His servants this way. Brother Jeffries paid us a short visit, but it was when every one almost was wrapped up in holiday amusements, and then the roads were very muddy and nights dark. I cannot say whether seed fell on good ground, only I was encouraged and benefitted. I find much comfort in studying the Word, but of late am somewhat deprived of it on account of my eyes, serving all the week, and reading seems too much for them. I have never had the privilege of breaking bread with any one. It seems it is not truth the people want. We are extremely anxious to hear from some of our Lord's servants and that He may send one or more this way. A few weeks ago I proposed to some of our neighbors to open my shop for them to meet with me once a week to study our Bibles. A few came in, and though it seemed new and novel to them yet I was surprised at the interest they manifested. One woman in particular who had often visited my shop to talk on these subjects with me made an open expression of settled peace, and they all seem very anxious for a teacher to be sent here. Nothing could please me more than for the Lord to send a servant to labor among us for some time.

Mrs. B.

Brother Jeffries hopes (D. V.) to be here soon. I hope he or some one will come, for a few seem anxious. There has been an unusual amount of sickness and death here lately. I so regret for one to go without the sure testimony of peace with God. I will take more pains to circulate tracts than in the past. It is discouraging sometimes to have them spurned or made light of, but after all it is the Lord that uses them for blessing.

A. B.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.

I enjoy reading "FIELD AND WORK." It is real heart-cheering to know that there are some who are willing to go outside the camp with the rejected Lord and Saviour, esteeming it greater riches to be counted worthy by Him to suffer for His sake than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season, and truly we ought to esteem it a great privilege to be counted worthy to suffer for His sake, and how it should fill us with shame when we shrink to bow to anything that would be for His honor and glory.

M. J. S.

ELLINGTON, N. Y.

I am glad to learn that you are still wearing the gospel armor. Keep it bright, my brother, by constant use. Even the polished steel grows dim unused; so also the Christian graces lose their luster if not called into action. What we do must be done quickly. "The harvest is great, but the laborers are few." The world needs men energized by the Holy Spirit, who are not afraid of toil nor reproach and who will not shun to declare the whole counsel of God. How few of such there are in these days! O, brother, let us be found faithful stewards, using our Lord's gifts so that when He comes He may receive His own with usury.

F.

KEY WEST, FLA.

I know when you hear this you will rejoice. Yes, brother, I thank God that I can say that I am one of His children and that I can rest on the blood that was shed for me on the cross. When I think that I was in that lost state so long, and that it is so easy only to believe and rest on Him, I wonder. The night I found I could rest on Him I went to bed singing. O, dear brother, what a change. My wife confessed Christ one week before me and now we are happy in the Lord. I have broken bread with the saints twice and my wife

broke bread last Sunday. O, what a joy to show the Lord's death till he comes! Father is very sick and still clinging to the world. He says he believes but cannot rest on it. *B.*

BOSTON.

We had a very happy meeting yesterday morning. A Dr. S— (M. D.), who is holding meetings as a mission work, broke bread with us. He said he would come again. The widow of a city missionary at work in the same mission wants to come too. I have been there three times, taking part. I had an opportunity yesterday in the open air on a wharf, where a number were waiting the return of a prize fighter from the old country. There was good attendance at the end. A few outsiders come in occasionally, but I wish there could be more gift to hold them. We are having open meetings Thursday evenings with some profit. The Lord show us mercy, and give help to the sheep of His flock. On returning from New York (D. V.) will get out to Pawtucket, Fitchburg, Groton and Concord. *E. S. L.*

CANADA.

STAYNER, ONT.

We were at the second line last night. There were more out than before. I read Matt. viii., and spoke a little about dispensational truth. One brother seemed much interested and spoke a stirring word. A man hailed me yesterday and asked for some of our writings on the Jews and the Church. I will send him some. The interest continues good at Batteaux. *H. A.*

BRANTFORD, ONT.

Our Brother E. H. Vanloon, of Manitowaning, Ont., went to Manitoulin Island from here in July, 1886, finding but five meetings with us, but an open door for the

Word, which the Lord blessed, gathering some 20 or 25 to His name. Finding the chief interest in one place he removed to Clover Valley, from which he goes out in the gospel to various parts of the island. In Oct., 1887, Brethren W. Haviland and E. Adams, of Boston, Ont., went there, remaining seven months and finding good interest, first in Clover Valley, and afterward at Sandfield, Tehkummah and Providence Bay, a few being gathered (10 or 12) at the latter places. The interest still continues there and at other parts of the island, where Brother Vanloon expects now to labor further. The brethren there, chiefly babes in Christ, are growing in grace, and may they be kept near to Him. Some are on the point of separation, and others are enquiring as to the true path for God's people, and reading His Word with interest. These tidings from the above-mentioned places, where in former years I had "bestowed much labor," have been very cheering to one's heart and hailed as the gracious fulfilment of our Lord's words, "one soweth and another reapeth, that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." Lately one's work has been in other lines, chiefly as Ezekiel xxxiv. 12 and 16, and through the Lord's enabling over 30 places have been visited, and it is trusted not without some fruit in the ways of the Lord's people being a brighter testimony for Him. *B. C. G.*

KINGSTON, ONT.

We have been going out into the streets with the gospel the last two weeks and finding encouragement, at least in having the attention of the people. And we have the word, "be not weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." *W. McC.*

GODERICH, ONT.

I spent Sunday before last with the few in Seaforth in company with Brother Ted-

ford. We had, I think, a profitable time together. I hope soon to get to Lucknow and Amberley and to help to strengthen a little. Here we are still going on quietly, with no apparent interest or blessing, which I trust we are not the cause of.

A. J. M.

COLLINGWOOD, ONT.

The Lord has again given us something to be thankful for. A young woman, who was saved a few weeks ago, has taken her place with us at Craigleith. Another is exercised as to it, but her father is opposed. Another also is deeply exercised about her soul. The others are going on quietly and happily and were starting gospel meetings on the mountain. I spent six days there, Brother T. R. Foster being also with us one Lord's Day. We had sweet fellowship in the precious things of the Lord. The opposition is increasing. At Batteaux the meetings continue, some weeks having two, and a goodly number coming out. One is clear on separation and purposes taking her place. Others are going on happily. Here I get an occasional open ear. I spent an evening with one who appears open and honest and will, I trust, get on. Another has drunk freely of what makes her uncomfortable where she is. Brother B——'s daughter stands firm. Her husband, though opposed at first, comes to the gospel meeting and treats me kindly. Another gave me an open ear and, I trust, her Lord an open heart (Acts xvi. 14). The sisters are thinking of having a prayer meeting. I had an hour with the church clergyman. It was indeed a plain talk. He told me of his conversion and said we were preaching Christ and that his heart was with us, but he hoped we would not take away any of his members. *R. H.*

PICTON, ONT.

I have been here a week and have had two meetings in a public hall. The at-

tendance on Lord's Day evening was very good. I have now taken a room and fitted it up for meetings. A few may come together next Lord's Day. I have been much alone and feel the need of fellowship. All cannot enter into the cares of one who feels the responsibility of the Lord's work. I do not forget that the Master we serve is patient and tender, and that He enters into all that He calls us to pass through and sustains and cheers us in the darkest hours. May we ever seek to know more of His word to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee." The few here seem to be very happy in the place they have taken. Five are now breaking bread, and they are quite content to go on quietly with the Lord. May we know more how to distrust ourselves and be cast in simple dependence upon Himself in whom is our strength. There seems no opening for the gospel here at present. When I leave for Montreal I hope to call at some places on the way. *J. R.*

ETHEL, ONT.

We have had blessing here, and how it does refresh our hearts to see others brought in. Two who confessed the Lord seem to be going on nicely and apparently enjoy the readings very much. May the Lord still bless His own Word.

J. L. K.

MONTREAL, ONT.

We have got our new room and it is very nice. Brother McCaffrey is with us just now and will, I hope, stay with us quite a while yet. We also expect Brother J. Rogers before long. We had preaching in the new room last Lord's Day evening. Several strangers came in. I feel confident more will come in when we can have the doors open. We hope to have the Point St. Charles room ready pretty soon, and then there will be preaching there too. Mr. Ross is leaving for

Sherbrooke, Que. We had tea together at the room and a prayer meeting afterwards, which was very nice. Mr. Ross spoke a few words which were very touching. He feels leaving very much, having been here so long—25 years—but still believes it to be the Lord's mind.

C. S. C.

Brother McCaffrey is still here. Quite a few come out and seem interested. We are looking up for blessing.

G. P.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

The Lord appears to give some cheer to E. S. Lyman around Boston. I trust you also are being comforted in His work. He can give the living water from the hard rock even. We are going on quietly. Some are sick and Brother Howard has gone to Prince Edward Island. The Lord leads through the wilderness in strange ways, but a path that brings us closer to Him will be eventually realized as the right way. Israel never knew fully the why and wherefore of their wilderness journeys and haltings, but we shall know hereafter.

A. McB.

HORTON LANDING, N. S.

I almost grow faint sometimes, when my prayers seem to remain unanswered as to things here, but the word of encouragement, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint," comes to me and I ask the Lord to show me where I fail. When I speak of our responsibility to be in the world for Christ those who are Christians admit the truth, but still seem unmoved. I have been in Aylesford some this winter past, and was glad to be able to help some relatives there a little in the truth by tracts, or, as I was able, pointing to God's answers in His own Word to some of their questions. They appear quite anxious for the truth, and are so far enlightened that they believe they have been hearing but very little of God's truth. They have

asked me to say that if any of the Lord's servants were that way and would call and see them for teaching at home or preaching they would like it. I think it a good opening for some work for the Lord. May He open the way and bless His own work. I often desire to spend Lord's Day with you, for I feel lonesome for Christian fellowship and some who have a heart to meet for prayer and praise.

J. R. S.

ENGLAND.

ARBROATH, N. B.

God is still giving distinct answers to prayer. We had a splendid time last night. One soul got peace, and many are anxious. At the meeting in the afternoon for Christians the hall was full. Two others broke bread yesterday and others are coming. There are 17 in fellowship; there were five when I came here. Many of the young converts are members of some of the congregations and are not easily weaned from them. I am so glad to hear of W. Easton and of what God is doing at A—. Keep praying and tell others.

At your request I pen a few lines to let you know the results of this week's labors so far as we see. I told you we had four conversions on Sunday evening; we had another on Monday—one who had been anxious for a long time. There were three on Thursday. We had a splendid meeting last night, and we are expecting to have a good time to-night in the street. We can only get the large hall for one night next week, but we have taken a smaller one for two nights. I intend leaving here on the 10th of April for Berrie for two weeks, a place where we had a rich time of blessing in the autumn of last year. After this I trust to go home, to dear and much-loved Hamilton, for a time. I am glad to say that others here

are finding their way to the Lord's table. I expect to see a large assembly in Arbroath.

J. McK.

MEXICO.

MEXICO, D. F.

Since last writing the Lord has given us to see more blessing on His Word than we have ever before seen in Mexico in the same space of time. We left Eagle Pass on the first train that came through on the new Mexican International Railroad, arriving at Lerdo, where we stopped three weeks. One man and his wife found peace through my preaching and are rejoicing in the grace of God. Their hearts are full of gratitude.

Both in Lerdo and another town near by (San Pedro) the work is very real, and the believers numerous, sincere and pious. Fortunately no mission has its headquarters there, therefore there is no American money to spend and no employments to give (which things are the great temptation to hypocrisy). The work is all under a native preacher who gave up a good business to devote himself to this work.

I preached three nights on the "Tabernacle" and on other occasions on other gospel subjects. The room was filled with eager listeners, and I received many warm embraces (for in this country we embrace on parting). I have reason to say that the Word was accompanied with very much blessing. I visited San Pedro, though reaching it only with great difficulty, but was well repaid, and was cheered and stimulated in faith to see the blessed work the Spirit of God has wrought. It is but a village, yet the night I preached the house was full. The Word was really food to them, they listened to it with such attention and joy. I preached the first night on "Mephibosheth," which really captivated them. They felt the force of

the illustration—they too were lame ones. The idea that the angels are our servants was strange to them, for as Catholics they had been accustomed to worship them.

But not only in the meetings, but also in the house they listened eagerly, many brethren calling on me to talk over the Word, and in each house I visited the Word was the topic. Of course I had many things to tell them that were entirely new to them—such as the fullness of the salvation we have, the true hope of the Church, the end of this age, the testing of the Kingdom of Heaven, who is the Man of sin, etc.

In San Pedro they have received very little foreign aid. They have a good-sized "temple" built by their own labor and money, and they contribute largely to pay the expenses of the work around them. They are simple and unsectarian. They are called Presbyterians, but the simple people do not know what it means—they would just as soon be anything else, but in their consciences they are simply Christians. There is no other denomination there, therefore there are none of the evil results of rivalry.

We arrived here (Mexico) four days ago. I have invitations to preach in various places, but how much I would like to rent a place of our own for this purpose. But rents are high here and I must do what I can till the Lord enables me to work separately.

C. H. B.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

HARBOUR GRACE.

I feel it my duty to let you know that in Harbour Grace there is one who has been benefitted by your preaching. You may think it strange for me to write you, but there are some points of doctrine which I am in doubt about.

W. W.