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ENGLAND.

READING.

J. McKendrick has lately left the coal mines at Hamilton and is earnestly engaging in evangelizing. W. Easton has been for some time at Andover, Hants. There were only one brother and his wife there (formerly of Reading) when he went, and now there is a gathering of 15 and happy. Easton has but poor health lately; his chest and throat suffer chiefly from over-work years past in open-air work in Cumberland and the North. There are many others of real gift and serving Christ in the place where they live, but prevented by business from going about. How glad we should be to see some of you over here in England; it might be the means of riveting the links of fellowship more closely.

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SHETLAND.

BALTASOUND.

I need not try to express my gratitude for your boundless kindness to me. The Lord reward you out of His exhaustless treasure. Your letters have been fraught with the word of life made plain, and I cannot tell you how it has been blessed to my soul. When I think that a stranger should care so much for me, I just trace it all back to the one source from whence all our-comforts flow. I am confined to my room with my spine, and how refreshed I was with the little book, "Safety," etc. What a blessing your letters and tracts are to me. I often long for a visit from a Christian minister, but unless asked to come they do not, but my blessed Saviour abides and that in every pang. "He was the man of sorrows." *B. T.*

SPAIN.

SEVILLE.

I have a young man engaged in the work of distributing tracts in the Pueblos of this province (Sevilla) whose whole time is devoted to it. We number now 34 Pueblos; by the end of the month it will be increased to 40; besides, I visit the "muelle" (or quay) every Sunday distributing tracts to all nationalities of vessels coming to this port. . . . also to a great many "calles" (streets) in the city of Sevilla. The openings are wonderful and most encouraging; as a rule (the exceptions are very few) almost every one is eager to receive the tract. I cannot but feel the good hand of the Lord is with us. We

only need now the gracious blessing of the Holy Spirit upon His divine truth, awakening and converting souls to Christ, to give us the complete evangelization of this very important province, so influential in the past history, and still so potent in the affairs of Spain. I cannot see why we may not have a Pentecostal season here now if we only have faith that God is willing to answer our prayers.

Marcos, my young man, has asked me to write you to say he has constant enquiries at the muelle in the Pueblos and in the Iglesia San Basileo for "*Las Buenas Nuevas*." He says we can distribute almost any quantity, it is so much liked. If you can send us some we will be very thankful. We can distribute more or less, as you may be pleased to send, judiciously, carefully, discriminatingly, without any waste. Marcos says we have received Nos. 3 and 4 Serie B, so other numbers would be desirable, as we avoid repeating as far as it is possible to do so.

S. B. C.

To R. Grant, Editor of *Las Buenas Nuevas*.

MEXICO.

MEXICO, D. F.

A few days after arriving here I met a native preacher, who was going to a new station in an adjoining State. He invited me to join him there. I took it as an opening of the Lord and accepted it. It was a small town situated in what is called "The mouth of the hot country."

It is a journey of about 50 miles by rail and it takes seven hours to make it. A few hours after leaving the capital we reach the foot of Mt. Popocatepetl, with its snows glistening in the sun like burnished silver. Soon we rapidly descend and in half an hour's time the increased warmth is distinctly felt, but a shower comes on and cools the air so that the heat is not oppres-

sive. Soon the pines are left behind and we are in the land of sugar-cane and bananas. It seems strange at first to find oneself walking through groves of bananas and yet still in sight of the snow-covered mountains, and this in the month of June, too! The air is soft and balmy; warm but not hot, and one can breathe much more freely than on the high table-land of the capital.

I walked through the town built amidst thick groves of banana and other tropical fruit trees. The appearance of the palm tree struck me very much, for it raises itself up above all the other trees as though sighing for a breath of heaven. Its straight trunk, its great height, its leaves and fruit borne above nearest the sky, forms such a contrast to the fat, gross-looking banana. I thought of the Scripture "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree," and remembered that our calling is "upward" (Phil. iii.) and heavenly. Oh that our deportment may as distinctly preach separation from the things of earth as the palm tree is distinct from its neighbors. It forms no link with the things around, for it has no branches to intertwine with others; its only branches are its leaves, which all spring from the top and shoot upward; and this is ever its growth—upward.

I preached the gospel there with the model of the Tabernacle. A favorite title given to Mary by the poor Catholics is "Door of heaven," therefore it is particularly interesting to those who are beginning to learn the truth to see that there is but one door—Christ Himself; and that he who enters that door is saved and surrounded by the wall of righteousness.

The seats would not hold the people; a crowd stood at the door and windows. I was asked to stay longer, but could not. These poor people imagine that foreigners are all rich, and therefore shrink from in-

inviting us to their houses ; so I had to put up at the hotel.

I have accepted an invitation to visit other towns and intend to do so if the Lord makes it possible.

The more I know these people the more I love them, and my heart yearns over them. How little they have ever heard the gospel ! But what can one do ? Where there were synagogues there Paul could testify the truth ; where there were only heathen temples he could preach in the streets. Here we have the temples of idols, but not the liberty of street preaching ; so a house must be specially rented for the purpose. Let, then, those who think of coming to Mexico to labor count the cost first. A year, at least, must pass before they talk enough Spanish to be understood, and then, that accomplished, they must be prepared to bestow much patient labor. I say this not to deter any (for I long to see many real evangelists here, and have from lack of a fellow-laborer had at times to let pass by real openings for the Word), but to prepare them, so that they be not disappointed if they come. Here we have to work in spiritual things much as the Mexicans till their soil—a crooked stick for a plow, sowing by hand, reaping with a little garden scythe, and threshing as in Bible times with oxen and horses. Thus in spiritual work much painful labor is necessary, and one who comes here unconnected with any missionary board has to do without many of the usual helps for sowing and reaping, which are not to be despised, for the soil is hard, and we long for some help to plow deeper and plow more ground ; and as the breath of the Devil blows much seed away to scatter it more liberally ; and where fruit is given to be able to gather it when ripe ere some mischance befalls it.

Oh that we who know so well how the work ought not to be done, and criticise

all so freely, could only give the example of how the work should be done !

“Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” is a positive commandment, and ought to weigh on our consciences more than it does.

C. H. Bright, Apartado 703.

UNITED STATES.

EL PASO, TEXAS.

We are thinking seriously of three or four months in San Francisco. “*Las Buenas Nuevas*” gets on pretty well, and I suppose the whole edition of 15,000 will be used this time. Mexico wants light and help. I cannot go about very much, but I am anxious to get the truth amongst them while the door is open ; in this I can surely count upon the Lord.

At Austin we had meetings in an old cotton warehouse and some listening with a measure of interest and we hope profit ; but almost every one is filled with some form of unsound doctrine. Some Campbellite preachers were inclined to be disputatious, as is common with their sect, but one or two most full of strife are now quiet listeners, so we hope that God is working with them. But people are so engrossed with everything else and so ignorant of and indifferent to the Bible that it is very discouraging, and one meets with not a little in the way of insult and contempt for Christianity, largely the result of the ways of professors. But all this is to be expected, yet it is none the less sorrowful to find such almost universal hardening against the message of love and salvation sent from a gracious God to His perishing creatures.

There are four in fellowship at Austin and the meetings have been helpful to them, and there was much need in this way.

Several Mexicans have received help, but one who asked me to visit him finds

the truth more than he is prepared for and has given up coming. Some of his company I hope are getting their eyes open to their false doctrines as to questions of vital importance. The most here are Romanists, but usually receive the tracts.

Thousands of tracts and "*Las Buenas Nuevas*" have been circulated and many have heard the gospel who probably never did before. It is as bread cast upon the waters to be found again after many days.

Sometimes we get what cheers and encourages and the Lord uses to stimulate us in the work and revive our faith in Him and the power of His Word and Spirit. Near San Antonio, an old bed-ridden woman (Mexican) whose heart the Lord had prepared for the message said, "I am 74 years old, and you are the first that ever came into my house to read and explain the Scriptures." We left her happy in knowing of a Great High Priest who had entered heaven to make intercession for us and had been the perfect sacrifice upon the cross. These things, so well known to us, are to them as new as if they had been never revealed before, for Popery, bad as it is everywhere, among these poor ignorant people is but a mass of superstition and ignorant fables of the grossest kind.

Robert T. Grant.

DUNDAS, MINN.

Brother Ellis of Minneapolis was preaching in Howard Lake, and several found peace, and the work was still going on. Here we still have good attendance at Sunday School and gospel meetings. In Waterford also, saints are going on with the Lord quietly. The other day Brother Hammell and I travelled twenty-two miles and distributed a large number of tracts. If I had my tent I would have some meetings in Northfield. They are afraid to let me in there, yet I believe the Lord will open the door.

Living in the last days of Christendom;

it behoves us to live near the Lord, and as the tide of evil rises higher to have truth and spiritual energy to meet it. I have been at home some time holding gospel meetings, readings and visiting. Our hearts have been refreshed by a young man studying in the Baptist seminary, who, having been led out, had his name erased from their books, and has taken his place with us, and I hope the Lord may yet use him in the work. Several have taken their place, and thus we have been encouraged.

I am sorry to hear of some being overcome. Well, nothing but the POWER of GOD can keep any of us, and enable us to overcome. Surely the tide of evil is rising higher and higher, and if the mighty hand that held back the waters of the Red Sea does not protect us we shall all be swamped, but thank God He has the power and will exert it on our behalf. May this watchword be ours, "GO FORWARD."

There are many open doors here for the gospel. I wish I could enter them all. I travel through the surrounding country, distribute tracts and preach wherever a door is open, and here every Lord's Day evening, and at Waterford, where there are some sisters gathered to the Lord. I have readings through the week in both places, and at Farmington, eighteen miles from here, where there are some twelve or fourteen gathered to the Lord. I expect (D. V.) to preach in several other school houses in the country.

I am looking to the Lord to send forth more laborers into the great North West. "The harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few."

David Little.

HARRISBURG, PENN.

I left here last April 26th for Elmira, where I spent about twenty days, preaching the gospel and ministering to the saints; while there I was called to Towanda, to

attended dear N. K.'s funeral. I was happy to be there and to minister at such a time. I remained there two weeks, preaching six times in the hall, three times at Macedonia, once at Highland and once at Wyalusing, at a funeral. The Lord was in it all, and I look back with thanks to Him for all that He taught me in it. At Elmira a brother K—, (conductor of the Erie R. R.) whose home is in Rochester, invited me to go with him to his home. He was much interested last winter when I was at Elmira. I went with him and the Lord made it all very blessed to the dear saints there, with whom I had happy fellowship, and to Brother K— and his family. I preached in a Presbyterian church by invitation of the pastor, who had been to a reading at Brother K.'s house, and confidently expect fruit from it.

Brother K— is very anxious about his position. He is not yet outside to the name of Christ, but is earnestly inquiring. The assembly in Rochester is in a very healthful condition. The meetings here are good, but we look for much more blessing. Surely God is willing to save men and to bring out His own from that which is so plainly of man. How long I shall be here I do not know. If it please the Lord in a few weeks I want to take my family to my wife's home, Salisbury, Mass., to be gone as long as God pleases. Brother Rideout, of Baltimore, has written that (D. V.) he will be here ere long. We are glad for it. His ministry will be very helpful for us. The truth is always precious and never more so than now. O! for ability to tell out the wonderful gospel of the grace of God, "that God SO loved the world that He gave *His Son*."

Martin Stutzman to A. F. C.

NEW YORK.

For some time back the brethren here have been crying to God for blessing on the gospel, especially in their families,

bringing them to the feet of Jesus. God has heard and answered our feeble cries, and blessed us far above anything we could have thought of. To His name be the glory. He has sent His servants in our midst—Brothers Haskell and McCandless, a direct answer to the earnest prayer of many, for which we give thanks. Almost from the first God has been working. In one family a daughter was saved, and is with us; her sister who was once so, but through worldliness had been away, has been restored, causing deep joy in that household. In another a brother and sister have found peace, and are with us. Another brother's heart has been gladdened who stood alone in his family. His eldest daughter is small and comes with us also. Besides all this the hearts of all the dear saints are refreshed, many others exercised through the gospel, some outside the families of the saints saved, and some Christians led outside the camp to bear witness for Jesus. A tent is erected for gospel preaching, four nights in the week and twice Lord's Day. We trust thus to reach many who would not come to the room. Our confidence is in God, and in the sweet assurance of His love. The attendance is not large, but the interest is deepening, some children of God have received blessing, and sinners convicted of sin, and we trust converted. The results are in God's hand. Eternity alone will reveal what God is doing through the efforts of his servants.

R. E.

BOSTON.

It has been suggested that reports of blessing only are given by us. Desiring to deal fairly, we mention with sorrow that in Bradford, Toronto and Brockville, Ont., ten or twelve have gone out from us in each place. In Kingston, Ont., five of those who came in last year, and six also in Hyde Park, Mass., all that are known to us. The causes are known to Him who

“trieth the reins and heart,” but it is for us to humble ourselves beneath His mighty hand as to it, only seeking more earnestly to walk in obedience to His Word, and while regretting the giving up thus of Divine principles, to “be not high-minded, but fear.”

The meeting at Lachute was a happy one, larger than any before, over 200 in all. We had readings on 2 Peter i.; 1 Cor. xiv.; Lev. xvi. Open meetings in which Brothers Johnston, McCandless, Atkinson, McCaffery, Lyman, McLaren, McAllister, Ross and myself took part, and addresses by F. W. Grant on Gal. ii., John xiv., Ex. xxv. (Notes are being issued which can be had at the Tract Depots, 25c. a copy, 5 for \$1.00). Similar meetings are proposed, (D. V.) at St. Croix, N. S., Sept. 7, Golden Lake, Ont., Sept. 22, and Minnesota about Oct. 1. Many might change their *holidays* into *holydays* by attending such, if able (Acts iv. 23). If not, however, if we enjoy the Lord and His gifts with Him, using them for Him, this may still be so.

Matter for FIELD AND WORK coming from so many, we continue it eight instead of four pages, and would like those who value it to aid in extending its circulation.

Benj. C. Greenman,

Bedford, N. S.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

I have been out into the worst part of the city. Last Lord's Day before I had arrived a family fight had aroused the neighborhood, but I went right on as if nothing had transpired, and had earnest listeners from youngest to oldest, including those who were engaged in the fight. The Lord did help me to deal in faithfulness with them, seeking to show them the wickedness of their own hearts, and what a Saviour is. Have been using an unoccupied chapel, and the county jail, thus sowing beside all waters, gleaning

where few would care to go. I may be able in a quiet way to do some as “Merari” carrying “the pins”—truly needful that service was.

My heart is filled with praise at the goodness of God in using such a poor instrument as I in the salvation of souls. I have a peculiar case in one “Black Tom,” (56 years old) who has been as low seemingly as one could get—cleaning spittoons for saloons to get his whiskey and tobacco, but, living in the low neighborhood (with white and black) where I have been holding open-air meetings, has from the first been a quiet listener to the preaching of the gospel. Yesterday he came in, and in broken sentences through weeping told how “the Word” had searched the depths of his soul, and had delivered him from the power of Satan, so that now he was clothed and in his right mind, and said others were much moved there. Fourth of July was a test for Tom, as this city for the first time in many years “celebrated,” and crowds of people came in and whiskey was rampant, yet “Tom” told me he never left the quiet of his “hovel” all day. I shall watch with deep interest the growth of this poor soul in the things of God. I do long for even one brother here, that we may go out together in the by-ways and hedges and compel them to come in. Pray for this. *A. F. Cowles.*

CANADA.

LACHUTE, QUE.

I lectured here on Lord's Day afternoon to a good number, had the gospel in the hall at night, and got in about a dozen unsaved souls, besides the saints. They went to the street and had by far the largest number within hearing of the sort wanted that has been seen yet. I continued the lectures on the Lord's coming from Wednesday to Friday. We had not a great many last night, but there was real

interest and a quiet sense of power and freshness. A few outside people come in. I go on step by step, and soon may get to Montreal (D. V.).

W. Corrie Johnston.

HALIFAX, N. S.

The Lord is working here—two souls got peace, one man that was a drunkard, three more are anxious and several seeking after truth. Another man and his wife, Christians, both willing to learn. Mrs. E.'s father has found peace. Mr. E—— has spoken at the sailor's home and was invited to go again. We have a meeting every Thursday afternoon at Mrs. E——'s for four women who asked to come to the meetings—have prayed and read the Word. One took right hold of the truth that believers are free from the law, and another sees separation from the world. Every time we meet the Spirit brings some new truth to them, and to-day one of them said she longed for Thursdays. Among others, a Catholic is a very anxious soul. May we always be in a position for our Father to take us up and use us for His glory.

In going round every day I find dissatisfied souls. How much need of prayer that the Lord of the harvest should send forth laborers.

E. F.

PARKDALE, ONT.

We had a large meeting Lord's Day for the West End, and glad you remained over. The Lord give deep response to all they have heard for the past weeks, and no doubt He will. If I can will get away now as I am pressed with the need. The Lord encourage and give much fruit to seed sown. "*Yet a little while*" has been before me lately, and thankful that John xiv. was before us all on May 24th. We need our minds stirred up by way of remembrance.

A. E. Booth.

MOLESWORTH, ONT.

While in Stratford three days I took up the gospel in the market, had a great many

hearing what the Lord gave me for an hour. In going around with tracts one man gave me considerable abuse, but I said, "That's nothing to what the Lord got while here," which seemed to fill him with rage, and so I passed on and met a man who sought to cheer me, and told me not to mind the insults. So I could thank God and trust Him for the results, and I may meet even this man in glory. I was in Brantford also, they seemed encouraged by your visit. The gospel meetings here are being well attended, and interest seems to increase. Two that got peace are getting on nicely. Some have much to praise the Lord for.

John McAllister.

STAYNER, ONT.

I saw Mrs. R——, who has lately buried a son and daughter, but it has brought her to know the Lord. I had a long talk with her, which we both enjoyed. I believe she is resting in Christ, and her husband, she tells me, sees with her. I met an old man of eighty, and on bidding him good night asked if all was bright above for him. He replied very gravely, "I hav'nt peace." You may be sure I did not leave the house directly, but sat beside him an hour quoting Scriptures, and at last I John v. 13 took hold of him, and in reply he said, "I can trust God's Word," and we bowed before the Lord and sang, "Not all the blood of beasts."

H. A.

LEWISHAM, ONT.

Thank you for so much Christian reading as you sent me. I find most happy hours in reading them. I was glad to hear the brethren were getting blessed down there, my soul gets so blessed at home and I feel so happy. I think I could tell all the world what a dear Saviour I have found. I have some hopes of my dear husband, he reads the books you send. I wish I could be with the brethren some times, but God is with me at all times and

in all places. Pray for me that I may have my lamp burning till my Saviour comes.

Mrs. Fox.

HAMILTON, ONT.

Last night we had a prayer-meeting, and I got a deaf mute to come and I explained the Word to him, and thus had an opportunity of speaking to him of Jesus, reading John iii. and xix. I trust that the work may be a real one in his soul.

BRANTFORD, ONT.

Brother Lee and I were down with the Indians (Tuscarora) on Lord's Day (June 10) and I had a Bible-reading in the afternoon; the room was full and we had real joy and blessing together over the Word. It was decidedly refreshing to observe the real simplicity and evident satisfaction with which the truth was enjoyed.

I was over at Lyndon on Lord's Day, and had a meeting in the grove. There was good attendance. *T. Somerville.*

BRUSSELS, ONT.

In the village of Chesley, on Thursday of each week, in the house of a Mrs. Kiltie, may be heard songs of praise mingled with the voices of prayer, in connection with which there is an earnest searching of God's Word. A little company of women (like a memorable company of old) gathered together there to wait on the Lord, and to hear His voice through His Word. Two at least, and perhaps more, of that company have their hearts lit up by the truth of the Lord's coming, and are evidently longing for more light from that Word, which, manifestly, is becoming day by day more precious to them. One offers her house cheerfully to any laborer who may be led by the Lord to that place, and her prayer to God is that He will send one of His servants there to feed their hungry souls, and cast a few rays of light over that part of a darkening scene. May the readers of FIELD AND WORK find a place in their

petitions to God for this little company, that it may please Him to grant it according to their request. *E. A. Martin.*

TOWNSEND, ONT.

I have been out to Manitoulin laboring with Brother E. H. Vanloon. It is most blessed to see how the Lord is saving souls, and gathering them to His name. There is another assembly in Tehkummah now with about twelve in fellowship, a number besides have been saved and others are still anxious. May the Lord bless and keep them. *W. H.*

BAHAMAS.

NASSAU, N. P.

Thaddeus Johnson's wife has confessed Christ. It is delightful to witness the change, as she was not a little opposed to the truth. The Lord be praised for the work of grace in her soul. I need not say our brother is joyful and happy.

At Harbor Island there is peace and quietness. Brother Sweeting, Sen., visited us a few weeks ago. He preached a few times in Grant's Town and other places and was thankful for the interest shown in the Word. Brother Johnson occasionally goes out with the gospel. How soon the Lord has honored him for his decided stand for Christ a year ago by giving him his wife to share his joy in Christ.

I am glad to know that A— is bright and happy, bearing testimony for Christ, is a lover of the precious Word and is seeking to walk by its precepts. Lately she refused to be engaged to a young man on the ground that she could marry "only in the Lord." *T. W. Sweeting.*

GREAT HARBOR.

I have been away from home to the States since the 15th of May. The saints were going on happily and quietly together. Some of them have given up their smoking habit. *John Edgar Sands.*