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### CORRECTION.

In the letter from Towanda, Pa., in our Sept. issue, our readers will please notice a mistake and read "*also three others,*" for "*also thirty others.*"—ED.

### UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK.—A beautiful work of God is going on in St. Louis. we hear through the preaching of Bros. J. J. Sims and Andrew Scott. A large tent rented for the purpose is filled nightly, and blessing almost every evening. Some little encouragement too in the tent-work here, (N.Y.)

T.O.L.

No doubt your hearts are refreshed together at St. C., and one is refreshed to think of it.

"This world is a wilderness wide,"

and these moments together over His word furnish us for the journey, though they may make the wilderness still more a wilderness. Who found it so like our Lord? Who sorrowed like Him, and yet who that knows Him does not covet the joy that was in Him? I see now why I could not feel liberty of spirit to go to St. Croix. Timothy became troubled with his hay fever, and received an invitation to sail to England. We all took it as from the Lord, and so he sailed in the "Etruria." At the tent in New York the Lord is giving refreshment and encouragement. A few set free and being received. In St. Louis Sims is getting a splendid hearing, and some blessing. From western Iowa near Council Bluffs, and from Council Bluffs itself, I get news which make me desire to go. The Lord is blessing them.

"How good is the God we adore."

P.J.L. to E.S.L.

Had intended spending my vacation at Long Island with exception of a few days between Trenton, Mt. Holly and Easton, but when I received Bro. Tyre's letter started for Wilmington, Del., at once—too late for the funeral. I spent several days there (mainly visiting), from thence to Baltimore. Preached the gospel in a meat-market. Our sister Ridout was very much prostrated and I fear still far from well. Bro. Ridout and Tinley went to Baltimore Co. about forty miles distant, by horse and carriage, and were very much encouraged in the gospel. From Balt.

went to Little Creek, Del. Very much refreshed with the little season spent with the dear saints there. They are somewhat weak and only a few coming to the Table. Preached the gospel once in open air. From thence to Patchogue, L. I., arriving in the evening. The next day (Lord's Day) P. M., preached the gospel in a grove, where some Christians held a meeting, and an opportunity was given for telling the "old, old story," ever fresh, ever full and ever free. It created quite a stir, so entirely different to what they had been accustomed to hear. Some appeared to question the matter of salvation apart from works, evidently not understanding the grace of God. Others were taken aback at being told that instead of the sinner praying to God for salvation, God was praying the sinner to receive it as a free gift. And thus my vacation was exhausted. Last Lord's Day I went again to Patchogue, and the gospel was listened to apparently with deep interest. Next Lord's Day I hope to go again. We are encouraged to think that the Lord is working there.

J. G. B.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.—Mr. Grant has been poorly. P. J. Loizeaux has been at home, and preaching in Plainfield and New York. The work at the tent goes on, G. McCandless preaching or lecturing nearly every night. There has been blessing in a quiet way, and many souls have been greatly helped. We are about as usual here.

J. F. P.

TRENTON, N. J.—Yes, "blackness all around," but precious souls being made "light in the Lord." Last evening at Hainesport, M. asked, "Can any one live with his heart free from sin, *i. e.*, with no sin in it? The ministry was very close and sharp. I called *special* attention to 2 Peter i. 10, where the apostle calls for *doings* in order to "make one's calling

and election sure." I said, "We are justified in doubting the reality of our conversion if we cannot do these things. The true believer can, but the empty professor will make a sad failure of it, but the Lord will sustain the one leaning on Him." D. B. is much interested; said he could sit all night. At Lumberton interest is increasing. One came in late but was much pleased, and said, "I must come earlier next time;" being one of the Lord's converts, is real, as the Spirit's work always is. Blessed for us to follow closely His ministry. D. asked, "What's in a name?" which suggested, the "name above every name." All were very happy. Matt. xx. was also up, bringing out the Lord's goodness to us Gentiles, of the "eleventh hour," A most precious time we had. In Mount Holly there is real fruit, I am most happy to say, at least six are hungry. Mrs. T. very happy, says but little, but her diligent invitations to meetings, happy face and eager attention shows what is within. Four others thirsty for the truth, one a young man (19 years) very happy, and said, "I have long wished for some Christian to talk with, and am coming to see you *often*." Another is contemplating separation. They are of three different denominations. All happy in the Lord. This is best of all. The Hall meeting did not show many on account of weather. We look for more and are *expecting* blessing, for the Spirit of God is at work, and so is Satan through the activity of an annihilationist. Two being rescued from him and Satan's net. Praise the Lord! This was a public exposure, as he represented himself as being *with me!* which I could not permit, as the Word says, "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather *reprove* them." Happy to hear Bro. Rauser is with you. Should like when the weather is cool enough for tramping if we could "scatter

the seed" in printed form, as the field is large and *ripe*, and the Lord has His sheep to be hunted up. I ask earnest prayers for *me*, feeling how needful to be *with the Lord* always, and following the ministry of the Spirit closely and patiently. I do not find time for my own work, there is so much of the Lord's to be done. Mrs. W. told me when you delivered some goods you asked her if she were saved, and she replied, "I hope so," and you pointed her to John v. 24, "*hath*," showing how God-dishonoring it was to doubt His love. "After he left" she said, "I got my Bible and marked the verse, and wept to think I had dishonored God in not believing His word, and then believed it. Oh, you don't know how much good you are doing in going about this way. He helped me *so much* and I have had no doubts since. I don't see that any Christian has any right to doubt." Another instance to encourage you in the Lord's work. [Well for us each to remember thus that we are "put in trust with the gospel," not "select men," but *all* who "know the joyful sound." God bless these brethren, and fulfill 2 Cor. 8-12, both to them and ourselves.—Ed.] Had a packed house in Eayrestown, front and back rooms, also porch and walk, all were *very much* interested. My first visit, July 6th was owned of God, souls being awakened; my second brought farmers from quite a distance, evidently an open door. I am looking to go to Vincetown (D.V.). Some there spiritual and growing in grace.

*S. A. White to W. C. W.*

(60 Washington St., Chambersburg.)

DULUTH, MINN.—Glad to hear of encouragement in the Lord's work. Had hoped your course might have been this way, but He knows best and our likes and dislikes are often evidently not His mind, but I suppose ought to be if the members were truly in fellowship with the Head.

Great activity in religious efforts here has evidently led some to feel the want of reality in it to satisfy their souls, and will read papers that usually would be rejected. Surely blessing is for us, if not hindered. Great rush of business here as in the days of Lot. All rush on to get well fixed for this world.

. . . Bro. Booth was here nine or ten days (now at Lowry), visiting from house to house. I was with him at Mrs. C.'s, and glad of instruction given on life and union. He did not see Bro. Hopkins, now at his mill in Minnong, Washington Co., Wis., Have not seen him for two months. Bro. Booth thought best not to commence gospel meetings here at present, but pushed along to Lowry, where he was urged very much to return, and thought it best for the sake of those who accepted the truth last year. Preached twice, a good number out the second time. Think that interest would have shown could he have continued, makes the Word very plain. I was with him only three days, having been to Hawkesbury Ont., on account of my brother being drowned. Am thankful for having visited him a year ago for five weeks, little thinking to go so soon to mourn with the bereaved family. The call to him, so sudden, was of the Lord out of this scene, and will respond to the still more sudden call (1 Thess. iv. 16). For me, opportunity was given to meet Bros. T. and J. White, and to witness again on the Lord's side, visiting some who have believed with much cheer and joy, others with sorrow. Surely the gospel has come to them without money and without price, in a wealthy neighborhood. Bros. White and Otto taking with them even lamps and oil for light, the clergy still opposing it and visiting from house to house. Glad your father has gone to Thessalon. It will cheer the faithful ones there. Have read Notes of Lachute Meeting, each piece best, the

sum of it all what we are separated from and called to as saints. So many like little children cannot understand that fire burns untill scorched by it, even then would play with it. T. L. still coming slowly into the light. Comes quite regular to meetings and thinks to go to Cottage Grove Meeting, and my son also. Read Haggai i. ii. It seemed to speak to us. I would like to know more about ii. 12-14, *what is taught*. Bro. A. M. Dole has been very sick. I hear he is better.

(1508 West 1st St.) *Samuel Stevens.*

LOWRY, MINN.—I did not call at Manitoulin. Bro. Vanloon had left and our boat did not stop, and the lateness of the season caused me to hasten my steps. In Duluth, Bro. Stevens being away part of the time, I had a few cottage meetings, some in a sister's house (lately from an isolated place in Minn. and formerly from Lowell, Mich., Mrs. Helmer) it was very full. The dear saints there are going on nicely, devoted to the Lord Himself—several there from open brethren—very nice in God's things. I visited Mrs. C. and had a nice time with her, also Bro. T. and wife, but know not how much they are exercised. Had over "life and nature" in John's writings and "union" in Paul's, and Gal. iv. our place as "sons," in contrast with O. T. saints—children but not in the liberty of sons. Would that we realized and enjoyed it more deeply, thus Christ would be honored and glorified, and we more like Him "the beloved Son." Bro. — who received blessing in former years through your meetings, although not yet very clear nor at the table, yet a warm hearted man, has been blessed financially and desires to communicate of his means to the Lord's work, so gave enclosed which I accepted, believing the Lord will bless him, and meet the great need we meet with in the gospel. We commenced meetings here Sunday—a full house and an interest.

May He open many hearts! Bro. Ellis may join me for a little. Bros. Little and Gottshall at St. Paul or near. I ordered fifty charts<sup>1</sup> sent you. *A. E. Booth.*

PORT HURON, MICH.—Bro. A. E. B. spent two weeks with us on his way to Minnesota. There not being any open door for gospel work he held Reading meetings, which were attended by all in fellowship, and a few other Christians. We believe much good will result from this studying of the Word. Two more were added to us, making about twenty seven now in fellowship. May the Lord help us ever to be occupied with Himself, always remembering, "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and your spirit which are His." *Jos. H. Lovick.*

HASTINGS, MINN.—Bro. Ellis and a Bro. Fisher paid us a visit some time ago. Bro. F. came from Wyoming, and was in Minneapolis a month before he found any of the brethren. Told me he was saved six years ago, but never saw separation till six months ago, when the Lord showed him clearly. He is not decided whether to return to Wyoming or commence in gospel work, as he says there is a large field in the west and few laborers. Bro. McKown has been holding meetings at St. Paul Lake, a new town ten miles from St. Paul. There are a great many there and no denominations have come in yet. I am doing some printing of gospel tracts, and am giving them away free as far as I am able, and hungry souls are longing for His word all over the U.S. Bro. Smith gave one to an old man in the street car, he read it and said, "Thank you, God bless you!" *J.B.*

TOWANDA, PA.—I read FIELD AND WORK with great interest. Our gathering

<sup>1</sup> Chart of the Ages, 5c., \$2.50 a hundred, Loizeaux Bros., 63 Fourth Ave., New York. Very simple and helpful.—Ed.

is in fellowship and peace, and we have such good meetings on Lord's Day, and it seems as though it has drawn us closer together, having been called to see two of our little flock pass away to be with the Lord. We do not wish them back but are wishing for the Lord to come and take us too. It only makes one think more of the ties up there. We would be glad to see any of you and often think of the comfort you were to us when we lost our children.

*H. A. C.*

The Lord has taken our youngest brother, but had given us another in his place, just before. Two sisters also lying at the point of death then, were restored. Thanks be to God! Bro. Stutzman was here for some time. There was a large attendance, as we heard several times the words of truth. He preached once from "God is our refuge," and proved in so many ways how He is so.

*L. G. W.*

BROWNSVILLE, TEN. — Send me a few lines, just a few comforting words, for I need them, oh, so sadly! Years have passed since we met, yet few hours have gone by without thought of you and your precious Saviour. O my own true brother and friend, did you know the half I have been through these years, the terrible struggles against Him, you could pity me. I know well the cause, yet my wretched, stubborn heart refuses to bend and I know well that shortly He will call me to account. You understand me, He has taken all I ever loved on earth, the dearest and most precious have been taken, and how else He has punished me I cannot say here. I am nothing to-night, and my heart turns to you for some word to help. Will eagerly look to hear. \* \* \*

[This is inserted to enlist the sympathies of other hearts in prayer that Hosea xiv. 4, may be fulfilled in this sad case.—ED.]

## CANADA.

ST. CROIX, N. S.—Amid many mercies, —fine weather, brethren we hoped to see, coming, and other answers to prayer our Meeting commenced. The first meeting the Lord gave through our Bro. W. C. Johnston a double watchword, "Have faith in God," and "Present before God," which seemed to lend that character to it, and when at times we had to learn that he "gives grace to the *humble*"—"more grace," it was happy to recall these first words, and we proved it not in vain to seek their fulfillment. About 100 present, of these ten for the first time were with us in the breaking of bread, and as many more sharing as we hoped (Num. x. 32) in the blessing which the Lord gave and all so welcome, it being both "theirs and ours." It lasted six days instead of three, many, however, leaving on the third, being unable to remain longer; but all, we trust and believe were refreshed, some finding peace, and others help and deliverance, and the Lord His delight in blessing us. That we now may be mindful of His rich grace, and our constant dependence upon Him, and "go forward" in His name and strength is our prayer in behalf of each and all. *Benj. C. Greenman.*

Some valuable addresses on "Deliverance" being given, "Notes" of Meeting will, (D.V.) be issued, (of which notice will be given) and to be obtained at the Tracts Depots.

*B. C. G.*

ST. CROIX, N. S.—We had a good time in the open air at Windsor, only a few in the hall, but good attention. May go again, not decided. W. C. Johnston lectures here to-night and Thursday on the Passover. We may try this at Windsor some week night.

*E. S. Lyman.*

Had a few more at Windsor on Lord's Day afternoon, not many in the evening, though had a nice reading with them. I spoke on the street afterwards, and got

about 150 and had great liberty and quietness, indeed fixed attention for about half an hour.

We had also a hearing, all three on the street in Windsor on Saturday night. I go again on Friday and Lord's Day.

*W. Corrie Johnston.*

BEDFORD, N. S. — Returning from the Meeting at St. Croix, Bro. McCaffery, Clarke, Horne and myself drove Lord's Day, P. M. to Eastern Passage (14 miles), Bros. Enefer and Gorman joining us on the way. We had a serious meeting (Luke xviii. and xix.) which we felt could not be without result in the Lord's good hand. Returning to Bedford had a powerful meeting in the room, Bro. McC. speaking from Deut. xxi. 1-9, Jas. ii. 14-26—where we *are* "justified by works" and where we *are not*. Monday at Richmond, though the number was not great, yet with encouraging interest, the subjects of *peace* and *power* being dwelt upon. Last night, again, the number was more than doubled and the interest good and better still. It is hoped that the husband of a sister is being truly delivered from the enemy through seeing that God "*first* loved us." In behalf of this place we especially desire the prayers of the brethren that "the word of the Lord may have *free* course and be glorified." The meetings proposed at Golden Lake, Sept. 20th, Guelph, Ont., 28th, and Cottage Grove, Minn. Oct., 1, we trust have been upon many hearts that they might be truly "three days' journey into the wilderness (separation) to hold a feast unto the Lord" (communion). Seeing that "the days are evil, iniquity abounds, and the love of many waxes cold," how needful to be found thus "exhorting one another," and "building up ourselves in our most holy faith." The Lord give increased interest in such privileges, and to many "to take joyfully the

spoiling of their goods" to further them. Let us then reach out in desire to "*all saints*," and with the gospel to "*all men*," and in faith and expectation up to *God*, and such shall not be in vain. May we on our side, as we are assured He will on His fulfill Mal. iii. 10, 11, to His praise and our blessing! *Benj. C. Greenman.*

NEWMARKET, ONT.—Bro. Willis of Uxbridge was to see me in Aug. His health is much improved. They were thankful for your visit, though short. Miss W. spent most of her holidays with me. We were at Aurora Lord's Day and remembered His death together. She enjoyed the little while there so much. The quiet and peace of that little home left an impression she will not easily forget. Her future is in the Lord's hands. May He lead her on! Her mother, a dear Christian is sorely afflicted mentally. Who is sufficient for these things? But we find the question answered for us, "our sufficiency is of *God*." "There is no want to them that fear Him." *L.J.H.*

ARNPRIOR, ONT.—I had thought of being further up the line by this, but am only as far as Arnprior. I spent three weeks in Carlton Place, and preached in the open air till my throat gave out. I enjoyed the visit and trust that others were profited. Came on here six weeks ago, and started open-air meetings until my tent arrived. It came in due time and we have had meetings in it every night since. The Lord has encouraged us. Nothing great, but a real work of God in a few of His own. Two have taken their places with us, and two sisters are quite clear; one of them just coming out of deep exercise of soul on account of the truth. She was present at the breaking of bread and wept all through the meeting. It was a meeting long to be remembered. His presence was realized. The meetings are well attended, and a number manifest real in-

terest. This has kept me here so long. I intend (D.V.) going on to Douglas for a week or so before the meeting at Golden Lake, and from there to it. Bro. McLaren has been with me for a few days, for which I am thankful. It is hardly possible that I will be free to leave here for some time, should He tarry, but all is with Him who alone has the right to direct His servants.

*John Rogers.*

BRANTFORD, ONT.—I was at Buffalo one Lord's Day, and had a meeting on the street and in the room, and at Fort Erie in the afternoon. Good attendance. There are some fine, earnest men there, six or eight of them preached. J. J. S. has been quite used there. He was in St. Louis all August. There is still good attendance in the bush near by Lynden. Will have to drop it soon on account of weather. Our God never fails us. Man is a poor broken reed. Soon our home will be with Him who loves us.

*Thos. Somerville.*

KINGSTON, ONT.—I hope to get to Golden Lake (D.V.) May the Lord give quietness and soberness of mind. If the public meetings are characterized by a peaceful solemnity and sense of the Holy Spirit's presence, the ministry is more effectual and there is manifest edification. There is an activity which wears out our souls and grieves the Spirit. May we all know more what it is to be with God in communion, that He may be with us in testimony. Here we have been preaching in the Park, Lord's Day afternoons, having a goodly number to hear. A man who was silenced by some Methodists because he preached eternal life, came and stood with us last Lord's day and testified, no man forbidding him. May the Lord give him to see the truth still further.

(85 Colborne St.)

*W. McCandless.*

MARTINTOWN, ONT.—It may be of interest to the readers of FIELD AND WORK to learn that Bro. McRae of Cumberland

who is on a missionary tour paid us a visit, remaining over Lord's Day. He preached on Friday evening to a surprisingly large number and told the tale of God's love to sinners. Seeking to water others he was watered also himself, so that we rejoiced together."

*M. Clingen.*

PICTON, ONT.—I stayed over Lord's Day and had the blessed privilege of once more expressing the Lord's death, and worshiping God in Spirit and in truth. The saints are all getting along happily in the Lord. How very sad it is to see so many of God's professing children in such darkness, having so little love for the truth, but it is greater sorrow to see those in fellowship conforming to the ways of the world. Oh if Christians were more thoroughly Christians, the world would understand what it was all about. God is a jealous God. He wants our whole hearts. I often think of the thought, "It is better to have the heart broken over truth, than having a thousand in the head."

*H.L. to J.R.*

The Lord in His mercy has delivered another dear sister from N.H.H. by taking her to be with Himself, after only twenty-four hours' illness. Surely He will deliver His people, and it is so nice to wait on Him. Eternity will be too short to praise Him for the deliverance He has wrought for us here. He is keeping us quietly going on with Himself, "seeing no man save Jesus only." There are only five of us yet, but we have Himself, and He enables us to say, "Jesus Thou art enough," and though in much weakness we have the strong One with us, and are thankful if He can use the feeble testimony in any measure for His glory. It is encouraging to see the Lord working in so many places. Trust He will make the studying *Notes of Lachute Meeting* profitable to us. There has been no one with us since Bro. Rogers except Mr. and Mrs. Duffet one Lord's

Day. Would be glad to see any the Lord may lead this way. Ezekiel xxxiv. 11, 12, is precious. We have just heard that Bro. A. Hay and wife have come with us from N.H.H. The Lord deliver many more.

A. G.

All well and happy in Him, who is soon coming for His saints. Our Father's will is that they whom He has given to Christ, be with Him where He is, that they may behold His glory (John xvii.).

MOLESWORTH, ONT.—I am about visiting Chicago, our busiest season as farmers being over, and surely we owe our God for health and strength and blessing on our labors given—much to be thankful for. I look to Him now to use us in meeting the need of some needy ones, giving strength to serve Him. As to the Lord's work here I can only say we are being sustained, and go on seeking to fill any opening that is of the Lord, and it does seem when this is our desire, they come, and I thank the Lord for them. I have had nice openings on the streets of the villages round me the last two months. Saturday night I find is a real, good time for this, a lot are about the streets and many like to stand and listen. Had an interesting crowd to listen at Palmerston, and a nice time with the few gathered there, who are very thankful for the visits received (yours, Bro. Booth's and mine), which encouraged them. Had also two meetings outside in Gorrie, Wm. Buchanan, Jr., being with me one night, and spoke a nice word which I was thankful for. We found some really interested, who took the papers with thankfulness. I was also at Brussels two nights where we had also a number to listen, and found some happy Christians to say amen to the word spoken. Bro. E. Martin had a word for the people for the first time on the street. I trust the Lord may give him courage to go on. One of my neighbors opened up his house in a new section, and

there has been fifty or sixty for five meetings, and so both at the room, and there we have had meetings lately, S. Pollock having fellowship with them one night, E. Martin another, and W. Buchanan Jr. two nights, so it has been nice to have them come along. Oh that the Lord may encourage these young men to go on for Him<sup>s</sup> self, and tell out His love. Surely "the harvest is plenteous, but laborers are few." I was at the burial of Bro. McLean's child in Morris.

*John McAllister.*

MELBOURNE, QUE.—We are not as we should be when there is so little earnestness in seeking to know the Lord's will in written ministry. Of course we have the ever blessed Word, but I think reading these books is of the same kind as Mal. iii. 16, (A needful occasion of "searching of hearts" with many.—ED.) "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name." It is a great privilege to get "Notes of Lachute Meeting," being unable to attend and hear for ourselves. *L.B.*

BLACK CAPE, QUE.—The people are flocking in crowds to hear the Word. There is an intense interest to get food from the scriptures, and room for a number of laborers, and I trust the Lord in grace will send several. *J.B. McCaffery.*

[Our brother who left this field of labor for St. Croix meeting, hopes to return shortly, R. Harvie also, and should be much upon our hearts for grace and wisdom to "declare the whole council of God" there.—ED.]

[Bro. Ellis (blind) of Minneapolis, and Bro. D. Little have been holding meetings lately at Howard Lake, Minn., and our Bro. J. J. Sims and A. M. Scott during the month of Sept. in a tent in St. Louis, Mo., with much interest.—ED.]