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NOTICES.

In view of the continuance of FIELD AND WORK (D. V.) for 1889, while thanking God for His favor extended to us in it, it is due to Him, our brethren and ourselves to state that being enlarged to eight pages, it has not been self-sustaining, although edited free of charge, it being undertaken as a "labor of love" to promote deepened interest in each other and the work of the Lord. Its claims, however, being mutual upon all who, believing it "worketh the work of the Lord" (1 Cor. xvi. 10), value it, it will now be placed at a rate sufficient to carry it on and the "Free List" being quite a large one (over one third) all surplus, if any, will be applied to that end. All who are "our friends" and "helpers in the work" may now have the

opportunity to practically express their fellowship in its support, both in subscriptions and contributions of matter for its pages and prayer for its well being. In deference to the desire of Bro. Crain as publisher, mention of this has hitherto been withheld, and as the enlarging was purely voluntary, of course none were under obligation to do more than further its circulation. In many places few have taken it, in some none but those receiving it *free*, and others have scarcely known of its existence. At its low rate of subscription, surely *every* family with us can afford a copy, and to "know how our brethren do," if our hearts "care one for another," cannot but be productive of good, and lead to prayer and thanksgiving to God. It is desired also that whatever is "the work of the Lord," whether that in which our own hands are engaged or those of others who serve Him but yet "follow not with us, may be better known among us, thus to promote deeper interest in and "love unto *all* saints," check the selfishness which would even seek our own things in the service of the Lord, and prove "abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God."

Much being received from beloved brethren who write us, both in the line of Questions and Thoughts upon Scripture (which not being tidings of the work is now omitted, though of equal if not higher value to the Lord's people) an additional sheet, entitled GOODLY PORTIONS, will (D. V.) be issued uniform in size and

price with **FIELD AND WORK**. These will go well together, as relative to the "*word and work*" of the Lord—His revelation and interests among men. Its pages will welcome all questions for "godly edifying," as well as answers from any seeking the welfare of their brethren, notes and jottings on Scripture that any have which will be for the general good, short practical papers on questions of every-day life; in short, any and everything conducive to the "edification, exhortation and comfort" of the beloved people of God. That He "may make all grace abound towards us, that we, having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to *every good work*," is our earnest desire and prayer on behalf of ourselves and all His own.

GOODLY PORTIONS will be issued at the same rates as **FIELD AND WORK**: 1 copy for one year 30c; 4 copies for one year to one address \$1.00.

A few volumes of **FIELD AND WORK** are being bound in paper for any desiring them. Though chiefly of present interest, some may be glad to refer to them, or to send them to friends, who know but little of their brethren and of the work of the Lord in their hands. (Price 25c.)

A meeting for prayer, the study of the Word and the preaching of the Gospel is announced for the 29th Dec., to continue till the 2nd of Jan., at Bedford, N. S. The prayers of God's people are asked that it may be a time of refreshing and blessing.

Benj. C. Greenman.

UNITED STATES.

OAKLAND, CAL.—I keep on with the tent, having nightly meetings with varying attendance and some decided interest. An old man of 74, who has been perhaps 50 years a believer, but trying almost every sect, and both a doctor and missionary in

Turkey, found peace and is I trust getting established in the truth. He has been with us at the Lord's table the last two weeks. Another person and wife, much esteemed among Baptists, have been learning a good deal. They are constant attendants. They wish to get me the lecture room of the Baptist Church for readings, but I do not think it will be allowed, as the preachers are all very much against the tent meetings, and do all in their power to dissuade people. On my own part, I stipulate that I must be quite free and bound by no sectarian rules. Others have got a measure of help. A German Methodist, who does some preaching himself, comes constantly, and I believe with profit, though Methodist training is hard to get out of. I learn that an old preacher among German Evangelicals, who writes nicely in their papers, but who is rather ridiculed by some of the other preachers, was at one time put in an asylum as out of his mind. He thought he had sinned away his day of grace and was in despair. A tract of dear J. N. D.'s fell into his hands, God used to bring him into peace, and hence the tone of his present writings. It needs a deep plowing up to deliver from Arminian doctrines.

When through here, our purpose (D. V.) is to get back to the Mexican work, making Trinidad, Cal., on the borders of New Mexico, (22 miles) our center, as it is needful for the work that I should have some central place, and that seems the best. I hope to do something in a periodical for Christians in Spanish, keeping the other entirely for the Gospel.

C. H. B. has left Mexico and talks of South America. *Robt. T. Grant.*

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NEW YORK.—My heart was gladdened yesterday as a gentleman came in and said with marked feeling, "God only knows what my soul got last night as you were

preaching. I have grown gray going round and round to get it, but last evening you sent me in a straight line to the cross and took off everything between my soul and it." So God works, and that by us, poor earthen vessels. Glory be to His Name! to His wonderful grace.

P. J. Loizeaux.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—We were together at Cottage Grove some 10 days. It was the largest meeting we ever had in the West. The Word was ministered in much power by Brn. Sims, Little, Hammel, Gottshall, Ellis, Canner, Allan and myself.

We had readings each day and I believe with blessed results for all. Our hearts and minds were stirred up as to practical life in connection with the "One Body." While our feet are to tread the narrow path our hearts are to take in "all saints." The Person of Christ as the Beloved of the Father was also much before us. All were led to say, "It is good for us to be here," and when parting time came our hearts were much drawn on to His coming, when partings will be unknown and every heart will enjoy Christ in all His perfections.

Dundas, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Cordova, Stillwater, Duluth, etc., were well represented.

The most solemn part was, just the day before our meeting Bro. Dole was thrown from his buggy in the city. After lying 10 days unconscious he passed away to be with the Lord. He never spoke after the accident. Mrs. Dole and George desired me to speak at the funeral, which I did, seeking to give a few loving words to all. The Congregational minister who was present seemed very nice indeed. He read James i. 9, 10 and 11.

I purpose to remain a few days, then return to Lowry and other western parts. Perhaps Bro. Little will accompany me.

Bro. Sims has gone East again. I cannot help feeling the Lord's hand will be seen in the departure of Bro. Dole. "This is for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby." (John xi. 4.)

A. E. Booth.

LANDENBURG, PA.—I rejoice to say now I have communion with our dear risen Saviour and am resting sweetly in Him. I feel so rejoiced to think He is soon coming to take us all up where the storms of life will be over and we shall be like Him. (1 John iii. 3.) This thought has been so much on my mind of late, and it is such a sanctifying power. Oh, that He may keep us all low at the feet of Jesus, trusting Him for all things until He come, for the "way of man is not in himself." (Jer. x. 23.) I am still quite alone with the Lord as to fellowship, but feel strongly led to hold meetings. I hope some of the Lord's servants will come here soon, for I believe there is an open door and souls starving.

Fred. Ravillious to J. H.

CANADA.

HALIFAX, N. S.—I want my brother so much to see you, and promised him I would ask you. He has been a High Churchman, but I am thankful to say that is a thing of the past, as he says from reading some of your people's books, but he wants help and encouragement. It does me good to hear how clearly he has got hold of truth, for besides the good to himself, he is quite an earnest worker.

Bro. Lyman has been laboring among us very successfully, pastoring the flock, and I rejoice to say a better feeling pervades the assembly; only in honest confession and renunciation of the practice of judging one another can blessing ensue. The room is now 109 Maitland St. It is too advanced for open-air meetings, but I hope for other open doors and often think of the word

you gave me, Ex. iv. 2, and trust the Lord to be content to do small things until He raises up greater ones. *F. J. Enefer.*

MARGARET'S BAY, N. S.—Bro. L. Smith and I drove here this week, finding souls eager to hear the Word and many wondering when they would hear more and a few graciously delivered from the snare of Seventh Day Adventism. But few enjoy "assurance of salvation," and one woman told us that she was then 64 years old, and never before heard of "Two Resurrections." Each night in two places, four miles apart, there is a full meeting and most attentive, some asking questions at the close, so we are adopting "after meetings" for this object, as we found them very welcome in Newfoundland. Lord's Day I have meetings in three places, as all are desirous to have a share. In Halifax am having readings with some Church of England Christians at their request, in which I trust will be "building up" in a divine way. In nine or ten places through the summer the Lord has enabled us to carry the Word, helped in it by our Brn. Lyman (now in St. John, N.B.), Johnston, now lecturing in Montreal, and McCaffery, who with Harvie still follows up the work at New Richmond, Que. Good tidings reach us of Brn. Ridout and Haskell at Towanda, Pa., of a three days' meeting with much blessing, a new gathering formed, seven miles out, and many open doors. Shall we not heartily respond, "Praise the Lord"? Here the Lord has come close to some of us in the death of Mr. Clarke's brother, of whom however there was assurance that he had "fled for refuge" to Christ, and our earnest desire is that out of it may spring life for some of his former companions in sin. One of them sent him the following in answer to a letter urging salvation upon him: "Take courage then! 'Ask and believe, expecting mercy from the Lord.

The promise runs, 'Ask and receive' and Christ is faithful to His word. (F. R. H.)"
Benj. C. Greenman.

BLACK CAPE, QUE.—Some seed has been sown at Truro, therefore Ecclesiastes xi. is consolatory. I regret Halifax has not been moved; but cannot say I am surprised. So far, I have found signal manifestations of the Spirit commencing unexpectedly, and beginning in realized weakness. Paul's call to Macedonia, in Acts xvi. is a beautiful picture of it. First the call, "Come over and help us;" then the "straight course;" then the restful abiding for certain days, until the Sabbath (bodily rest from natural activity); then the river side (Ps. i.); then prayer, and then the work commences. I am thankful Margaret's Bay shows signs of fruitfulness; and trust there will be a continued increase. It is pleasing to find an opening, like what you mention, to hold readings. May God bless your efforts to glorify Him. The Word says, "Blessed is he that soweth beside *all* waters." The work here still continues. Now about 90 have taken their places at the table. A pleasing result of the first meeting for breaking of bread recently came to my notice. A young married woman, an onlooker, was so deeply impressed that she was convicted of sin; and found unclouded peace the next day. "Oh," she said, "it broke my heart to think I was not fit to remember the Lord, only fit for hell." At Maria, a young man was saved and many interested on 25th inst. I expect a table will be there shortly, probably 12 or 15 will come out at once. Already seven are standing firmly, four are brothers who can take an intelligent part in the meetings. One of them, a nice intelligent man named ———, will, I believe, be of great service to the Lord yet. He sees things clearly and is warm and active in endeavoring to

help others. If you could come for a few weeks it would be a great benefit to the saints, I am certain. The trowel, you know, is a very useful instrument to handle plaster with. Letters from Syracuse and Rochester speak of progress in divine things. J. Stovel writes of an exceedingly happy time in Guelph, the warmest meeting he ever attended. *J. B. McCaffery.*

SHERBROOKE, QUE.—Seven of us were taken with typhoid fever; our eldest daughter had been away two months, and the Lord blessed it to her, so that she came home well, and nursed us all. Poor Mrs. S. took it and died in two weeks, not conscious that she was going home. The night before she died she said, "Jesus died for me," but did not know any one. J. is left with six children, the youngest not a year old. He has Miss S. with him, else I don't know what he would do. Bro. Ross buried her. The Lord taught us all a lesson in our sickness, may we remember it for His glory. *J. Brown.*

GOLDEN LAKE, ONT.—The Lord gave us much comfort in coming together. From the first we realized His presence with us, and the result was, as it ever must be, blessing from first to last; the best wine, as it were, kept till the last. Not as many from other gatherings as expected, but those who did come were not disappointed. We took up the Epistle to the Hebrews and the Lord gave what was needed. The meeting lasted 10 days, and 18 souls confessed Christ, many of them young men. The people came miles and filled the tent nightly. The word was truly fulfilled, "Gather the people together and I will give them water." Up to the present, 17 have taken their places and three restored, 20 in all. Others are making progress, and will no doubt take their places as they get clear. I have stayed on to follow up the work, am having meetings here and at Round Lake,

where souls are receiving blessing. The work in Arnprior still goes on, five have taken their places since I left, and a few others are still exercised. This will encourage those who came in before I left, as well as the rest. May we, in all that He gives us to do, be cast on Himself in real dependence! The Lord gives us the privilege of working with Him (2 Cor. vi. 12.); how great the responsibility in this respect! We count on the prayers of the saints for the work in these parts. (Heb. xiii. 18.) Heard from sister Dever, Picton; she is not expected to live. She writes in a happy spirit, "ready to depart and be with Christ, which is far better."

John Rogers.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—The general meeting held in Guelph from the 28th Sept. until the 4th Oct. for the reading of the Word and prayer was one of real blessing. One marked feature was the large attendance at the prayer meetings at seven o'clock each morning, nearly all being present. The Gospel meetings in the drill shed and in the house were well attended. Bro. W. McCandless's ministry was very much enjoyed, both in readings and the Gospel. The praise and thanksgiving meeting on Thursday morning was touching amid tears of gratitude and thanks to our God for His great grace and mercy shown to us all. Not a jar from the beginning to the close to mar the never-to-be-forgotten occasion so full of blessing. The whole arrangement and character of the meetings were highly pleasing and the brethren in Guelph were thoroughly devoted in their endeavors to serve, which was very much appreciated. Love to the Lord Jesus was the promoting cause.

Thomas Somerville.

CLINTON, ONT.—We are going on much as usual, rather inclined to take our ease when there is no special thing to stir us up,

and then when there is something that we might do, find we are not able for it. Oct. 12 we buried our sister, Mrs. Manning of Londsboro; and Bro. Radford is not expected to last long, Mrs. T. Hill is poorly also. About FIELD AND WORK, many of us are not acquainted with the initials in it, and this hinders fellowship to a great extent. I would like to know is there any reason why the full name should not be given.

John Tedford.

CRAIGLEITH, ONT.—Have just been two weeks at Thessalon and had a nice time, visited two sick persons with Bro. Lamont, saw another to whom the path of separation was too narrow and thinks we are too exclusive; another, who is the Lord's but much engaged with things of the world, gave us a hall to preach in. Met Bro. Adamson at Little Rapids, where we visited and had a meeting, quite a few came and seemed interested. Another dear soul offered her house to preach in and we went; Lord's Day read Josh. v. with the brethren, showing where the death of Christ brought us and that separation and communion go together (1 Jno. i.), then preached in hall, a goodly number came, and also at 7 P. M. at Little Rapids. How few seem exercised about the truth, even among saints indifference to it; the Lord stir us up. We were on Barrie Island two days, had two nice meetings, quite a number in, and we visited some who seemed interested. I left Bro. A. there to welcome Bro. Jennings, who has gone there to live; the Lord bless him there. It is "a day of small things" and we need the exhortation to hold fast. I feel led to return to Thessalon. *Charles Millar.*

GODERICH, ONT.—I never read the FIELD AND WORK but it makes me long to be out in the work again, but I seem laid aside for the time; but the Lord knows all. When I have learned my lesson I may have

more liberty. The meeting at Guelph two sisters here who attended it say was very precious and enjoyed it very much, and it brightened them considerably; Somerville, Vanloon and McCandless were the only laborers there. I was at Amberley and Lucknow only once since my vacation with W. Buchanan, Jr. I always enjoy these little trips and get refreshed in trying to refresh others. *A. J. Mauger.*

VANKLEEK HILL, ONT.—I have been able to help quite a few by free tracts; thank God for the privilege. I would much like to make "Tidings of Mercy" an eight page, but my press is too small. I need to lean hard on His loving hand, as things are dull here at present. We shall see Himself—bright prospect.

A. W. Otto.

STAYNER, ONT.—Arrived home the 15th of Oct., leaving the 25th of Aug., taking the "Pacific" to Gore Bay, reaching there late at night. I stayed three weeks on Barrie Island and visited most of the settlers, but did not meet one who had assurance and few even professed. Held meetings each Lord's Day. It is the old tale,— "oxen, farm and wife," and most on the ground of works—the young fond of fun, etc. I trust Bro. Jennings in the Lord's mercy may be used for blessing there. At Thessalon I remained two weeks, found many glad to be spoken with. Went to Day Township and had a nice time, with one there getting to no meetings. "Things seen" get a large place. Returning to Thessalon met Millar, and was very glad; one professed to find peace. Had long converse with another, but the world has a large place. Another, gone into An-nihilationism, was completely silenced and got mad. His wife is bright and happy. Mrs. W. lost her husband, but seems nice and contented. M. C. is now with us. Another fought believers not coming into judg-

ment, but afterwards received it. H. and I pressed hard as to our responsibility. He winced a bit and showed that his particular Baptist views land him where he has no assurance whatever. Sad indeed the fruits of holding the truth in unrighteousness; it will suit those who wish to shirk responsibility. Returning to Gore Bay we visited as far as we could old Mrs. N. confined to bed and so glad to see us. Millar left here and Jennings and I had two nice meetings and good attention.

Mrs. D. evidently enjoys her fresh discoveries in the truth, and much enjoys fellowship, but few of her friends care to hear of it. What she may be led to I cannot tell, but the eyes are generally ahead of the feet. Mrs. S. loves ministry and would jump the fence any time for a good feed, but separation is seen but dimly. Mrs. O. seems bright, and should have been outside. Mrs. K., too, loves ministry, but won't hear of separation; it tells a tale, and I think Jno. xii: 42, 43 might be applied to them, but our own miserable doings have doubtless stumbled many.

H. Adamson.

DEACON, ONT.—The word of encouragement is very cheering, and the scriptures you point to are indeed precious. How easy to get discouraged if results do not follow, but it says, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand," and what a comfort to know we are ever a sweet savor to God in those that perish, as well as in those who are saved. In Samuel's case it is said, "The Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground." Samuel might think at times that his work was a failure, as when Saul turned aside, and he lay before the Lord and wept. How needed the word you speak of, "Judge nothing before the time" as to all we are engaged in; the Lord give the needed grace and wisdom.

In Arnprior they are happy. Beattie is

encouraged. Seven had taken their place and a few others were anxious when I left. They are mostly Baptists. As they could not pay their minister \$700 a year they had to shut their chapel and go elsewhere. This gave an opening for the truth.

THESSALON, ONT.—We were much refreshed by the visit of Brn. Adamson and Millar. I am working here and get many opportunities to speak the Word. Had a Gospel meeting in Day Township lately; they turn out very well there. Many are sick here, but often receive us more readily than at other times. I often think of that word, "Because iniquity abounds, the love of many waxes cold." I get a number of tracts sent me to use, besides those you send; they help me very much. Some brother pays for 50 copies of "The Messenger of Peace." FIELD AND WORK is very useful. It is strange how one likes to see the letters of another, and not his own. The Lord give grace and wisdom to carry it on. I find the main thing in bearing testimony is to be kept from evil. I would like to visit more, but the Lord knows all things. W. K. would like to be near the meeting. I trust the Lord will keep him.

John Lamont.

WATERLOO, QUE.—Bro. Pearson left last week, and since wrote he was free and starting for Renfrew in the Lord's work. May the Lord use him much. When will we see you again? There is an immense field here, villages and country in the townships, besides Waterloo, which has never been worked by us. Somehow all the brethren stop in the upper or lower provinces. Surely the Lord has many souls in all these places, but He knows all about it, and who and when to send.

J. O. Todd.

[In reply I have presented the importance of *faithfulness* with what we *have*, "doing what we can," as the Lord said to

Moses, "*What hast thou in thy hand?*" I feel that as to both this and the support of the Lord's interests otherwise many need serious exhortation. Ed.]

MELBOURNE, QUE.—The Browns of Sherbrooke are recovering. He was out last Lord's Day. We had a precious visit from our Bro. Ross, now of Sherbrooke, with Bro. Rogers of Montreal. It was truly a time of refreshment to us. We are glad to get FIELD AND WORK. A number are receiving it free, but I do not think there are any subscribing for it here. We need your prayers that the Lord may keep us faithful—not denying His name before the world that is hurrying on to its terrible doom. Surely He is coming quickly. May our hearts truly say, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." L. Blake.

[Will those subscribing, if appreciated by them as well as others, kindly order for themselves and others also for the coming year, or at least bring it to the notice of others, that thus there may be "*equality*" in its being carried on, as well as the Lord's glory and the welfare of our brethren,—on our part it being sincerely a "*labor of love*," because "*ye are dear unto us*." Thus, however, the burden, which falling on one or two is a heavy one, would be but little, it being shared as mutual interests by many. Ed.]

ONSLow, ONT.—At Calumet Island, the first meeting, had the encouragement of one soul saying, "I can now trust Jesus." Having noticed her deep feeling while preaching I put the question which brought out the above cheering answer. Where I was holding meetings is the only Protestant part. As to results, the Lord of the harvest has given blessing far above our expectations. One who professed to be saved, an old man, bid me tell his nephew (J. O. White of Hawkesbury) that he was the chief means of it. A Catholic girl, forbid-

den by the priest to attend, came out bright and happy. She had been serious before, and now loves to learn to read God's precious Word. The most important feature of blessing was increased light upon Scripture. All seemed disarmed of prejudice and searched the Word after the Berean style. Such expressions as "I see the two resurrections and about the judgments" are cheering to the earnest laborer's heart in these days of indifference and hardness of heart. The last meeting was an open one, questions asked and answered till near 10 o'clock, and none seemed tired, although we commenced at seven. I introduced as a moral tonic a little church truth as was consistent and profitable, and cannot but believe that they are practically delivered from Methodism. A Presbyterian minister listened with interest to a discourse on the last judgment, and thanked me at the close.

AMBERLEY, ONT.—Bro. Jeffries deserves many kind words from us; but the "well done" of the Master will be infinitely better than anything we can say. His visit was a pleasant surprise. We were especially pleased to find his health partially restored and trust he will soon enjoy a full measure of it. We had a few nice quiet meetings—Gospel and readings. His ministry seemed seasonable; more particularly his last on 1 Tim. iii. The weather was unfavorable, but it takes strong winds and beating rains to keep us at home when we are in full sympathy with the Master. There is nothing untrue in saying our love is not so deep as we would like to see it, when it is chilled by a few fall showers and bad roads.

Surely nothing gives our hearts such real joy as to learn of the Lord's work in different parts, and I think FIELD AND WORK will stir us all up to be more in earnest. Ralph Bueglass.