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ADDRESSES WANTED.

Can any one of our readers send us the address of a brother, named John Dixon, who came to this country in 1870 and lived for a time at Vinton, Iowa?

A brother from England desires to know the nearest assembly to Chaffy Locks, Clear Lake, Can. He has relatives there and writes: "We have been sending books, etc., there for the last seven years; now they and their neighbors to whom they have been lending them want to learn by the living voice the same truths they have been reading. We purpose to visit them and other places as the Lord may guide."

GLEANINGS.

F. W. Grant has been visiting Toronto, Guelph, Fergus, Clinton, Grey and London, Ont. we learn, with some blessing. At Grey they had a meeting for a few days.

P. J. Loizeaux, after visiting Toronto, was at Guelph, Fergus, Grey and Clinton also. At Fergus large numbers came out to the meetings in the drill shed, 300 to 500, some they hope got clear.

E. S. Lyman has been some months about Philadelphia, visiting Harrisburg and other places also, to the help and encouragement of the brethren.

W. McCandless and family, early in November, moved to New Carlisle for a while. May the Lord make it to redound to His glory and His people's blessing. He has been seeing tokens of blessing, which encourage him to go on. At Paspébiac he finds the work of separation going on in a few.

G. O. Atkinson remained at New Carlisle, Que., until Nov. 14th; then hearing of the illness of his family returned to Albany, visiting St. John, N. B., on the way, where he had some refreshing with the brethren. We are glad to learn of the recovery of his children.

R. Harvie has been at Fergus, Guelph and Grey, Ont., with brethren F. W.

Grant and P. J. Loizeaux, and later for eight or ten days at Amberley.

W. H. Jeffries, we learn, is visiting Lucknow, Ont., and probably other parts in that direction.

A FAVOR ACKNOWLEDGED.

The express man had just left the bundle of tracts when the postman brought your letter. There are some offerings that touch our hearts, as the widow's mites did the Lord's. Of such a nature is the one from your children's mission box. It is not the amount that the Lord looks upon, but the willing mind. He loveth a cheerful giver. I recall an offering that will ever be sweet to my memory.

Upon my first trip to the West Indies, when I used my cot and oil stove, a poor woman sent me a half loaf of bread wrapped in a clean towel, two eggs and a few sweet potatoes. I have at times received a liberal cheque from the Lord's people, but no gift ever brought more joy to my heart than this. So this morning tears filled my eyes as I read of the contents of a children's mission box sent to me. Thank them for me. May the Lord put it in His book of remembrance. To-day is the farmer's day, and I will have opportunity to give out many tracts on the trains as they are returning home. Some packages have come from different parts, so that I have a good supply. Two brethren came to-day from Jug Tavern and pressed me to visit them again. The Lord willing, I will go this coming month. I also continue my trip to Jefferson and Bowersville.

There are many open doors with but few who have faith to enter. * * *

GREAT BRITAIN.

ABERDEENSHIRE, N. B.—Two young

brothers, laboring in connection with an evangelist mission in Aberdeenshire, have lately commenced to break bread with us. Their names are Alexander Servewright and James Milne. They are earnest, simple young men, and God has already owned their labors amongst us. A series of meetings has just closed in Aberdeen and at Cowhill, about 25 miles out of Aberdeen. The former was conducted by our brother Milne, the latter by Servewright. Several souls have been converted at both places and saints refreshed. We commend these two laborers to the fellowship and prayers of our brethren, especially in Scotland and England.

J. S.

27 LANCEFIELD ST., LONDON, W.—Twice I have gone for a little rest into the country and both times much cheered by a measure of fellowship and intercourse with His people. A month spent in each place, Andover and Devizes, was marked by distinct blessing in the latter place, principally among children—so gracious of Him to give the increase—refreshing His own dear people when we so much need it, there being much to discourage. Blessing in London and interest, several enquiring about breaking bread. The increased interest there has arisen out of some persecution extended to those standing for the truth in a place of business—the Word in its fulness and sufficiency being ministered to them—the result further blessing and strengthening, not defeat as the enemy had hoped. May we be abundantly encouraged and helped to stand in an evil day. I am not yet strong, yet these infirmities are no barriers, and may be but a thorn in the flesh to remind me of my need of depending upon Him at all times.

Have been away from London two months, and hope to get away again soon, having a little more strength and hearing

of needy parts. Was much cheered and refreshed bodily and spiritually seeing some manifest blessing in Devizes, principally among the Sunday School children, about seven of whom confessed Christ, and are going on happily and soberly. Two or three adults found peace, and some of the Lord's dear ones helped, and opened up their houses for readings.

W. Blatchley.

[We rejoice in these tidings from our brother and pray that he may be much helped of God in his service and that God may revive His work in the midst of the days.

ED].

CANADA.

BEDFORD, N. S.—The last six weeks I have been holding meetings, chiefly in the country; through the Lord's grace have been enabled to get to a number of places where the Word seems to be welcomed and blessed. Besides Margaret's Bay and Eastern Passage, visited formerly, have extended my coast to Hubbard's Cove, Chester, Centreville, Canard, Billtown, Port William and Cow Bay, in various directions.

It is as yet chiefly seed-sowing, but *that* means in due time reaping, the Lord graciously assures us. Later (D. V.), I hope to follow up with Bible readings and visiting, one place only as yet seeming ripe for it. Our annual meeting here we trust will help on the work. Finding a horse a necessity for these parts was enabled to get one at last, and though it involves long cold journeys, yet one hails it as the mercy of the Lord to reach other needy parts. (II. Cor. x. 15, 16). So let it be.

B. C. G.

WATERLOO, QUE.—We are going on, doing in a small measure what we can for the wayward and perishing by walk and word. My daughter has taken her place

with us, which is a source of joy to us, and may it be all to His praise and our blessing. There has been no one here now for a long time, but we are waiting, in faith, on God to answer our requests in His own time for a blessing to Waterloo; that souls may be prepared and the Word told out by whomsoever He may please. Another has come with us, making five out of one family. This is encouraging, though we are but few, yet all seem satisfied to go on quietly waiting for the Lord.

J. O. Todd.

BLACK CAPE, QUE.—A little girl, twelve years old, just died here trusting in Jesus. The last hymn she tried to sing was "We know there's a bright and glorious home." She was too weak. She always wished me to read to her and asked for me often.

L. McK.

CUMBERLAND, ONT.—I found an ear for the Gospel in Sunnidale and Craigleith. I only wish my stay could have been longer. I left through my father being ill. Hearing of a meeting at Lachute, Thanksgiving day, I only stayed over night at a few places on the way. Our meeting was very happy; we wished it were longer; quite a number were present. I find openings for Gospel work here. The brethren have been going on in the country parts with the Gospel and find manifest interest. There are quite a number of young souls around here, so we hope that the New Year meeting may be for real comfort and blessing. I was cheered to find things so happy at Sunnidale. Another sister broke bread while I was there. Two at Craigleith are, I trust, fully restored in their souls. The Lord keep and guide them. He will have His own way with us, and though we may think it hard at the time, yet in the end we will see that His desire was to bless us, but in His own way.

John Rogers.

[We are glad to learn that the work is since opening up around Cumberland very happily. Some hopeful signs of blessing are observed. The Lord teach us to both lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes, and make room for more. ED.]

BRANTFORD, ONT.—It has been my privilege of late to visit several assemblies and some lonely ones and minister to them spiritually with mutual blessing from the Lord. In Amberley, Lucknow and Fergus there was good attendance at Gospel meetings and seeming interest. The Lord of the harvest will take care of the seed sown. In Nanticoke, I visited brother and sister Wedrick, alone for about twenty years; it was a season of mutual refreshment. Had a hall full in the afternoon to hear the Gospel. The Lord add His blessing!

Thomas Somerville.

TOWNSHIP OF BANGOR, ONT.—Thank God it is a sweet privilege to work for Him in these last days. The need is great and the Lord gives blessing by enlarging our coast, though in the face of much opposition and many difficulties.

I am happy to say I am much better now; have been three weeks holding meetings here and at Combermere, about 30 miles from Golden Lake.

The first place we went to, after three meetings they closed the school house and church against us. We then returned to Combermere and this place, where God gave us open doors and some blessing; in fact, more work than we are able to do.

There are open doors on every hand, a cry for more meetings, even from the place they have shut against us. I wish the Lord would direct some of His servants this way to give a hand, for the Lord has much people in these back places, who are hungering and thirsting after the truth.

Five broke bread with us last Lord's Day here for the first time, and I believe more will follow soon. There is much interest in Combermere (six miles from here). It is a little priest-ridden village, but a few are getting the truth and very anxious for meetings.

The soul-emancipating doctrine of the believer's eternal security through the finished work of Christ is bringing out much opposition from the Methodist body, who oppose it with all their might, but God is saving souls in the midst of it all.

Should the Lord open our way we would like to return south again this winter, or as soon as the work is finished here.

The Lord gave us much blessing in Key West and refreshing for our own souls. Seventeen were saved and thirteen gathered, and all are going on happily with the Lord. The Lord "made new ones and mended some old ones;" from them is sounding forth the word of truth. "Thus we know their election of God."

We found the fellowship of the saints in Key West very precious, the more so as they gave *practical* proof of it.

George Pearson.

MOLESWORTH, ONT.—Thank the Lord, all are going on quietly, nothing of late to mar fellowship, which surely we are thankful for, yet do not desire to boast. The Gospel is being told out Lord's Day in the room, and always a goodly number come out, and we can trust the Lord to look after the seed sown, and well afford to wait for the fruits. If nothing else, it serves to keep the saints fresh. I am quite free to get about, as the meetings go on without me. This summer have been able to visit Gorrie, Palmerston, Guelph, Brussels, Wingham and Amberley. I have had Paisley before me too, but have not got there yet. *John McAllister.*

BARRIE ISLAND, ONT.—How nice it is for saints to meet in His precious name down here; but what will it be up there in His presence! What a meeting that will be! “Our times are in His hand,” and indeed “We wish them there.” May every step we take be for His glory. It does not look quite so favorable here lately, the spirit of opposition seems to be a little on the rise, but the Lord can overrule it all. Pray for us that our faith be not daunted, but that we buckle on the whole armor. The flesh does not like to be put down so low as not to be able to find a standing ground, but we know it is needful before Christ can have His true place in one’s heart. Christians do not seek to understand rightly dividing the Word of truth, and until they see it needful they cannot make any progress in the right path of faith. *John Jennings.*

PORT SYDNEY, ONT.—It is joy to know that God works in the midst of all the darkness. Have been reminded again that He has His way of spreading His truth, and if those entrusted with it fail He can use others. There are some who call themselves Disciples who have been holding meetings not very far from here, and I was handed some of the books they have distributed, and found they were written by Trotter, Crowley, Mackintosh, etc. Are not God’s ways marvelous? But He will have the Church for His Son although we have been so unfaithful, but how gracious of our God to allow us to help and perhaps suffer in such a great work. May He have many servants, real servants devoted to His person and serving those dear to Him. May He grant us to be like the few who “loved the Lord and spake often one to another.”

A. E. Hay.

DOUGLAS, ONT.—At Arnprior found much to cheer, had reason to believe the Word was blest. At Renfrew, found one

sad case. Satan is busy everywhere, but God in His grace blest the Word there also and brokenness was manifest. Was there three days and all seemed refreshed. Bro. Hynes is holding meetings a few miles out Lord’s Day and is much encouraged with the prospect. Here I have had meetings every night, visiting through the day, four weeks, and God has blest His Word. Three have taken their place, more soon to follow. Some at Round Lake on loose ground have given me a warm invitation to see them; they are dear souls and want feeding and I hope will soon take the true ground. Satan is busy stirring up the lewd people, but they are powerless. How cheering is Deut. xxxi. 6.

J. R. McLaren.

UNITED STATES.

FITCHBURG, MASS.—The Lord is working here. After so long a time He has taken up the work Himself. Over a year ago we were led to pray for our neighbors in a real spirit of contrition, and this increasingly until now. Our prayer has been, “Lord, take up the work Thyself in such a way that none shall boast or have a chance to glory.” And He is answering it exactly; so that all we have done is to pray. We just want to keep low enough to hear the “sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees”—the rollicking of His mighty chariot as He rides forth in majesty and glory. Four precious happy souls have been brought, through the Lord’s mercy, into fellowship, and the spirit of prayer continues. Thanks be to God! One dear fellow, saved from sin, Satan, profanity, rum and tobacco on Thursday, was baptized Saturday, and in happy fellowship with his wife and us at the Lord’s table Lord’s Day.

C. E. Haskell.

[The Lord be praised for His grace in thus glorifying His name, answering His

people's cry and saving souls. In how many places yet the cry goes up to Him, Lord, how long? Along with it may we "search and try our ways," suffer and do His will and stay our hearts upon Him, saying "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? *hope* thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance" (Psa. xlii.).

Ed.]

WISCASSET, MAINE.—I greatly enjoyed the meetings at Black Cape and felt that God's blessing rested on them. I was a member of the Presbyterian Church, but not at peace with God. Reading His word, "He that believeth hath everlasting life," God blessed it to me. I afterwards heard Bro. McCaffery explain God's truth so clearly that I have no desire to enroll myself in denominations, thank God. My wife is also clear as to the truth, and although we have no teachers here we have His Word and Spirit. Here they seem dead to the truth. I have had conversations with some. They think it will be all right, they are taught a code of morals, but nothing of the atoning blood of Christ. May many have their eyes opened. Pray that God may keep us from falling.

Nathaniel McKenzie.

RAHWAY, N. J.—Came here after the Plainfield meeting, lectured and held Bible readings, found marked interest, some blessing.

I have Bible readings in different parts of the town with increased interest. About 12 or 14 years ago the Lord separated me to Himself here. I moved away and He then called my brother W—, who has gone over the whole town more than once, leaving tracts at every house. I have long wished and prayed for an open door here. I cannot express my joy in being counted faithful enough to testify the Gospel here. There are a few instances of blessing. Bro. Ransen gave a Christian woman a notice;

visiting her I found she had attended the lecture on the Lord's coming. We spent over an hour speaking of it, the Lord blessing His word.

Called on another couple, found them in great distress of soul over "inbred sin." I spent an hour on Rom. vii., two natures, etc. They betrayed the deepest interest; the wife exclaimed, "Oh I see it all now. I understand it. It is just believing God's word; God has answered my prayers." Both wept tears of joy. I left them feasting upon Him whose love was now known and believed. They showed their pastor a tract of ours; he sullenly threw it from him saying, "damnable doctrine." But the Lord proved Himself of more power than man that day.

S. A. White.

I loaned "Notes on Genesis," etc., to a clergyman whose congregation, I think, is the largest in town. He sent for me to pay for some books. I called and was received cordially. He then told me he was preaching a series of sermons from thoughts found in the "Notes." He seemed very happy, said that the people seemed very much interested in them. He also preached on "the blood and its shelter." My heart throbbed with joy to hear it. God's glad tidings has begun to flow forth from a quarter unexpected. Praise the Lord. He told me of the piles of commentaries he had. "Much to wade through to get so little," he said; "while these 'Notes' put all before you so quickly, connecting Scripture in a way I have never seen before."

W. C. White.

ONEONTA, N. Y.—I came to Albany Aug. 4th, and being enabled by my business to travel through New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, etc., I seek as the Lord opens to do a little service for Him. The numbers increased at the meetings in Albany and I trust some received blessing. The people came out pretty well while Bro. Bonta was there, and there was some blessing.

W. McKown.

NEW YORK.—While Bro. G. H. McCandless was holding meetings here in the tent the attendance was very encouraging and the interest marked. Some were exercised about their sins and professed to receive salvation. Many Christians also spoke of blessing received. One lady well up in years said, "Thank God for sending His servant and bringing me here, us for two years I have been in misery, doubting my salvation. Now, glory to God! I see it all, it is in the hands of my adorable Saviour. He says I can never perish." Her aged face was lit up with joy. This is a sample of more. Although "men will not endure sound doctrine," yet there are those whose ears are open to the Shepherd's voice. *R. E.*

HASTINGS, MINN.—A few lines may encourage you as you are so well acquainted with us. Soon the Lord will gather in His harvest. I am daily receiving encouraging letters from people receiving tracts, which encourages one much in that blessed work, knowing that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. I trust He may lead me to give my whole talent, which is but weak, to His blessed cause, but He will give more if we but use what we have. "Lord, increase our faith to sow beside all waters." By-and-by we shall see the results. How blessed to look forward to worship and praise Him forever. *John Burton.*

HOWARD LAKE, MINN.—The Lord abundantly bless you in the work given to you to do. "To every man his work." He seems to keep me opening up new fields, "the regions beyond." I suppose it is where He can use me most for His glory. He who guided Paul to Philippi to break the bread of life to hungry souls guides His servants still, where there is the "single eye." I have realized this more and more the past year than ever

before; how highly privileged we are to take the bread from His hand after He has blest it and give it to hearts prepared to receive it. At Stillwater Bro. Booth and I held meetings two weeks in the tent. The Lord blest His Word, and some got interested, but the clergy got alarmed and warned them against the work, yet some will not be guided by man, but are looking into His Word. At St. Joseph, Wis., the Lord blessed His Word to several. It is a very neglected place. The people are principally from Canada, have been there 11 years and tell us they have had no religious meetings of any kind until lately a man started a Sunday School and preached a few times. He attended our meetings and was interested in the truth. There, thank God, there was no clergy to oppose the work. In another settlement some were interested also. A brother and sister Scott from Newington, Ont., were delighted to meet us. The Lord has refreshed my heart by bringing my second daughter to receive the truth and take her place. I am now looking to Him for my boy; he is somewhat exercised now.

David Little.

YATES CENTRE, KAN.—I believe that to you I am indebted for FIELD AND WORK and GOODLY PORTIONS during this current year. I am constrained to write you my sincere thanks. It may be interesting to you to know how I am here in this wilderness and the way the Lord is using me.

During the war of the rebellion and some time after I was superintendant of the Newburyport Engine Works (now extinct). Thither I had gone in my ambition to gain fame in my business of mechanical and civil engineering. But the Lord in mercy allowed me to get sufficiently high that I might afterwards be able to judge the emptiness of this world's

glory, then laid His hand on me to break my ambition. Sickness in my own person and my dear family forced me to resign and seek an asylum for my dear ones at our old home in Iowa beside my wife's relations (for I did not expect to recover so as to work again). He graciously gave me strength again, and for 17 years I served the C. & N. W. R. Y. I then fell in with James Inglis's publications, "*The Witness*" and "*Waymarks in the Wilderness.*" Through these I received much blessing. When they stopped, on the death of that dear servant of the Lord, in a mysteriously providential way I met "*Sound Words,*" then edited by Wolston, and a most profitable correspondence opened between us, but his health failing I felt it unkind to press it upon his already overtaxed brain and hand. He recommended me to Paul J. Loizeaux, who after two years was providentially mixed up in trains till brought to Clinton to be the means, in the Lord's wisdom, to break the bonds that held me in system to my continued grief. Beyond ministering to the edification of a little flock, whom the Lord in grace gathered there, and the distribution of tracts, there was no door open for the preaching of the Word.

Five years ago next March I came here to seek some land to till, as I had been forced out of employment; and as my sons spoke of farming I thought it best, as the horizon was looming dark with impending strife between labor and capital. On arriving here with two Presbyterian relatives and hearing them say Lord's Days morning there would be no preaching but Sunday School would be held, I said if they would gather the people I would preach. So after Sunday School the bell was rung and a good number came out. Removing to the country to build a house for my eldest son, and after, one for my own household, I found opportunity to

preach in school houses. This I continued, going hither and thither as I thought I saw openings till my strength failed, and as there seemed a better interest at one especial district I concluded to preach there, if the Lord willed, every Lord's Day. In the beginning of November, 1888, I began a course of lectures on the Epistle to the Romans, which was so successful I followed by lectures on Hebrews. The interest being permanent and foundation truth well laid, I took up the Epistle to the Corinthians, that I might lead the conscience to judge the failure of the professed Church and confess the departure from the faith once committed to the saints. The last lecture was I. Cor. xii. The attendance is good and attention all that could be desired. There is no sign of weariness even though I should continue my speech for more than an hour. I always make it a point to have a solemn word to the unconverted. It is evident the Lord is edifying His own and may yet gather some to His name. The power of the truth and the work of the Spirit are often visible in the countenances of the people, and I am aware of two who have been converted. One has taken his place at the Lord's table. Had I opportunity I might relate incidents of interest, but I have already trespassed enough on your time and patience. Again, dear brother, accept my thanks for your kindness in giving me fellowship in what the Lord is doing by His servants unobserved by the world and untrumpeted by fame.

G. W. Paterson.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER.

The prayers of the Lord's people are asked for the blessing of God to rest on the distribution of books and tracts in new fields.

A brother writes of a few who show interest in the truth, and will be thankful for the prayers of God's people for it to be deepened.