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GLEANINGS.

Mrs. J. Withers, Gardiner's Creek, N. B., departed to the Lord Feb. 14th, after much patient suffering with cancer.

W. McCandless has been visiting Black Cape, Que., his family remaining at New Carlisle.

G. M. McCandless went on with meetings for some time in Montreal, which we learn were finely attended and profitable, and we trust will bear fruit.

W. F. Jefferies has been visiting Grey and other places in western Ontario, then Detroit on his way home.

W. F. Grant was west as far as St. Louis, Mo., returning home in January. P. J. Loizeaux also was visiting various places in the west at the same time. We learn of blessing and encouragement to some through this ministry.

T. O. Loizeaux has been quite a sufferer for ten days. "La Grippe" went to his eyes, producing great suffering. We trust he is now recovered. Every hair of our heads is numbered, and here lies the comfort of deep abiding peace.

The interest still continues in New Carlisle, Que., we rejoice to learn. One man lately got peace, who came first to the meetings to contend against the truth, and is now so filled with joy he goes round telling every one what the Lord has done for him. W. McCandless has been having meetings in Black Cape nearly every night.

THE WORK AND WORKERS.

A beautifully refreshing and simple ex-

ample of Christian work is given us in I. Thess. i., which might well stimulate us to enquire the secret of such blessed results, that by God's grace we may also seek to "go and do likewise."

True, much may be urged against our expecting exactly the same result, inasmuch as this was in the days of the Church's vigor, not decline; was apostolic, not ordinary; the establishment of Christianity pure and simple, and not amid its present abounding counterfeits and corruptions.

But this, while sufficient ground for serious thought and humble bearing on our part, in no wise shuts out the full possibility of realizing the ideal given us here.

Two small words, possessive pronouns, "our" and "your," are wedded here, which let us into this happy secret, which God grant us both understanding and faithful possession of.

First, the *workers* who did the work, the men behind the message; for here we must begin. It is not without significance that three are linked in the epistle (i. 1) and the two former in the narrative (Acts xvii.), not as apostles, mark, but preachers; perhaps more correctly *workers*.

As to the first we may rightly say, "Paul we know;" eighteen chapters in Acts and fourteen epistles from him make fully known his "manner of life," etc. (II. Tim. iii. 10, 11). But sufficient for our purpose lies before us here.

Silas we also know in happy contrast with John Mark, who, after their meeting but one who "withstood them," "went not with them to the work" (Acts xiii. 8-13; xv. 38-41). He, on the contrary, after many stripes, prison and the stocks were realized as the heritage of the servants of the Lord, yet clave unto Paul. In short, was "a *faithful brother*," as Peter well supposes.

Timotheus, not so directly connected

with the founding as with the nurture, perhaps, of this little assembly, we hear well of: "He worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do." "I have no man like-minded, who will naturally care for your state." "Our brother, minister of God, fellow laborer in the Gospel" (I. Cor. xvi. 10; Phil. ii. 20; I. Thess. iii. 2).

Blending, then, this trinity of service, what have we? What was "the manner of entering in" of which they speak? Thus it runs: We

1. "Were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention."

2. "Were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God which trieth our hearts."

3. "Were gentle among you as a nurse cherisheth her children."

4. "Were willing to have imparted unto you not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us."

5. "Preached unto you the gospel of God . . . laboring night and day."

6. "Behaved ourselves holly and justly and unblamably among you that believe."

7. "Exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children."

8. "Thank God without ceasing because ye received the word of God not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."

9. "Endeavored the more abundantly to see your face with great desire."

10. "Would have come unto you once and again, but Satan hindered."

11. "Could no longer forbear . . . so sent Timotheus to establish you," etc.

12. "Told you before that we should suffer tribulation."

13. "Sent to know your faith, lest by

some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labor be in vain."

14. "Were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith."

15. "Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face and perfect that which is lacking in your faith."

Briefly, then, the points are these: They were—

1. *Bold*—men of courage; and yet one could say, "I was with you in weakness and fear and much trembling." Hence it was "in our God."

2. *Faithful*—put in trust as counted so, and this is the prime mark of a steward (1. Cor. iv. 2; 1. Tim. i. 12).

3. *Gentle*—believed there is more in a bunch of grapes than the pruning knife, more in training children than the rod.

4. *Unselfish*—willing to impart their very souls as well as their message; did not aim at being "orators" or "pulpit men," but *servants*, the old-time meaning of ministers.

5. *Diligent*—ate no man's bread for nought, earned their living to make the Gospel free until Jason received them.

6. *Unblamable*—their works were as their words, like the mercy seat and cherubim, of *one* piece; men for God's use, keeping good consciences toward all, and giving none occasion to the adversary.

7. *Fatherly*—officialism was not in their line, believed it better, as Jotham's trees, to be fruit bearers than a king, and nurtured their little ones with tender care (Song ii. 15).

8. *Thankful*—rejoiced in God's word having effect in souls, and believed it abiding, so were able to count on Him through present changes. Were not misanthropists, crying, All is hopeless.

9. *Earnest*—followed up the work to note its progress and remedy its defects; did not believe in a few texts as sufficient to make steady Christians.

10. *Ready*—lacked not heart, if ability, laboring *for* souls when unable to be among them, not easily daunted by difficulties.

11. *Zealous*—found a way to serve by others, and rejoiced in their fellowship and work, speaking well of them.

12. *Thoughtful*—forewarning as to dangers, furnishing assurance as to trials to be met with, keeping back nothing profitable to souls.

13. *Watchful*—not ignorant of the enemy's devices, knew his untiring malice and made no truce; were "diligent to know the state of the flock."

14. *Responsive*—forgot their own affliction in hearing of others' blessing, took comfort when it was given them, hunted up mercies rather than trials, counted their blessings, not troubles.

15. *Prayerful*—kept right desires long and constantly before God, believing that though deferred they would yet be realized; believed in divine power using human weakness, and waited on God continually.

All this we see they *had done* in the past, followed in the epistle by what they now *did* in the present, and hoped to in the future. Of this, if God will, more anon. Comment on it is unnecessary; it goes without saying that the character of these men and of their work were of one piece. Not of course that they knew nothing, as we, of sad cases lapsing and turning aside, for this they did; but their conduct and witness agreeing did much to hinder counterfeits and stimulate like faithfulness in these of whom we read, "Ye became followers of us and of the Lord." Meanwhile may we, brethren, challenge our hearts as to *our* service and character, manner of life and meetness for the Master's use, and our meditation will not be in vain.

B. C. G.

UNITED STATES.

OAKLAND, CAL.—Of all the hard places I ever saw, these two cities beat them all—Oak and San Francisco. There is plenty of church-going such as it is, but as for listening to the precious truth, it is impossible to get the people to do it. I often think what a seething mass of corruption this place must be in the eyes of the Lord, for to one who knows the truth it is almost unbearable. The barefaced, open way that people will insult God to His face is terrible, and yet at the same time make the most lofty pretensions to holiness. All kinds of trade go on here without ceasing, Sundays as well as week days. The old saying, "They don't regard God, man nor the devil" seems to apply here with double force. What patience and long-suffering on God's part to wait so long before entering into judgment with them. Yet that hour will not tarry forever; it will surely come, and woe! woe!! woe!!! to California in that day.

I have not preached the Gospel since coming here, though I might have done so on the street, but it takes more than mortal courage to face what one has to meet here in that kind of work. Salvation Army and holiness people are at it all the time, and people are tired of it. In tract work have done very little also. You would be surprised to see how some of them show their contempt for you and your tracts, yet many will take and read them. But there is a law forbidding the circulation of any kind of printed circulars on the streets, so that one runs a chance of being arrested at any time. I have some thought of going to Napa to live; think I might find something to do for the Lord there. "Tidings of Mercy" is discontinued, having but few renewals for 1890 out of nearly 3000 circulation. Bro. Grant and his dear wife are at El

Paso, Tex. They went to the City of Mexico, but found little to encourage. Did not stay very long, but worked their way back to El Paso. Mrs. Grant has not been very well, but was recovering when Mr. Grant wrote.

A. W. Otto.

CATAWBA, N. C.—I have been away from home for nearly six weeks on a preaching tour. I visited the Croatan tribe of Indians in the south eastern part of North Carolina. Oh, how they desire the Gospel! I found thirty-five who knew they were saved.

During my journey of nearly six hundred miles to and from I found many who were willing to receive the glorious Gospel, and many hungering to receive God's truth. Oh, how glad I am that salvation is free through the blood of Jesus, for if it cost money the poor would be left out, and the humble writer of this is numbered with the Lord's poor. But thanks be to God, while poor as to this world, I have a home in heaven, a mansion beautiful and fair, divinely bright. I do not feel lonely, for Christ is with me, and though I feel weary after a hard day's work to help to defray expenses, I am happy.

Nathan Cooper.

HOWARD, MINN.—The New Year meeting here was one of great blessing to the saints who came, as well as those here. Several Christians in system also received much blessing. Our hall was crowded with attentive hearers at the Gospel meetings, and some interest manifested. I have been giving a series of lectures on the seven parables in Matt. xiii. lately to good large audiences, and the ministers are very indignant; but it makes us realize more and more that we are living in the last days, and that being outside the camp we have to bear "His reproach."

It pleased the Lord to take dear sister

Oakley to be with Himself Jan. 16th. We committed her precious dust to Him on the 18th. She had the joy of seeing her husband brought to the Lord a few days before He took her.

Brother Linden Parker, who became very much interested in truth lately, but still connected with the Friends, passed away to the Lord a few days afterward. He sent for me the day before his death and I remained with him until a few hours before he departed. He was very happy and asked me to preach the Word of God to the people at his funeral.

The Lord gives me many opportunities for presenting the truth. Oh, for wisdom and grace. They are anxious for me to go to Aden Co., Iowa. Am looking to the Lord about it.

David Little.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—We had a meeting at Howard at New Year for six days. Had nice fellowship over the Word, and blessing, I trust, to the saints. I came here to the funeral of Bro. Smith's daughter—precious for her to be absent from the body and present with the Lord, and for us to know she is there. Have had meetings each night, well attended, and access to quite a few. I trust there may be fruit from the seed sown. All here seem to be going on in peace and brotherly love, for which I praise God. Just as we go on in communion with Him do we love all whom He loves. I leave here (D. V.) for Port Huron and some of the old places in Ontario, and if He tarries return here, perhaps, in the Spring, where there seems to be so many open doors. Have been exhorting the saints as to periodicals, and am glad of a number of responses. Am glad the Lord has laid it on Bro. F. W. G.'s heart to take up this Numerical Bible. May numbers be blessed through it. Bro. Little is at home for a little, Bro. W. H. Scott and Allen at Cottage Grove, P.

J. L. at home again. The Lord's coming has been very much before me of late. May we be girded when He comes, and thus fitted for His service now and have His approval and fruit for eternity. Do you know anything of a Bro. Kerr, an evangelist, formerly of Albany, N. Y.? He has been here a good deal this past year, and a number have been blessed, but he has gathered them to an independent table. He has much light, but I do not think sees clearly the ground of gathering. Some have told me he was once with us. How guarded we need to be in a day of division against adding to their number. The Lord keep us from all that dishonors His beloved Son, and going on with Himself.

A. F. B.

We are all well, and the glory shines brighter than ever. Bro. Little was at the reading Wednesday and went to Dundas this morning. We are getting along very happily in the assembly just now. I wish you were here, but if the Lord builds it will stand. Our son-in-law is in fellowship now; he is a real blessing to us since Emma's death. We miss her much, but how it casts us on God, and how He comforts us in our loss. The coming of the Lord is so real now.

E. H. Smith.

BOSTON.—One man saved at McCaffery's meetings lately. McC. left here for Newport, R. I. There is a Mr. Blain there who writes that he is separate from denominations, and has access to a Mission Hall and invites him to preach. I intended to go, but have concluded to remain here a little longer.

I noticed lately in Genesis that the Lord speaks to Abraham in covenant just seven times, and then an eighth, after receiving Isaac from the dead. The second time He speaks to him the seed is mentioned; the third time he is accorded spiritual

sight as being in the sanctuary, and is able to walk through the land in resurrection liberty. P. J. L. has been here. His sermon on I. Tim. ii. was a most edifying setting forth of God's love in the Gospel, with a warning to Christians holding back from the path, which I find took hold upon one. I was praying that there might be such a faithful word—too much lacking in ministry, in public and private.

E. S. Lyman.

CANADA.

MOLESWORTH, ONT.—Many changes have taken place the past two years—some gone home, others left to be witnesses for Christ. What a place to fill, sent ones, to fill up what is behind of the sufferings of Christ, then to be glorified with Him! Oh that He may have the joy of seeing us please Him now, and of rewarding us for all done and suffered for Him in His rejection. What a scene we are passing through, and how little we know what may yet be our lot. May we be real for Himself, so that we may not be carried about or halt on our way, but quit ourselves like men. We had rather a quiet New Year, a very wet day, but had two nice, happy meetings. Our souls were led out for many things, also giving thanks for many mercies in the past, sweet remembrances of blessings showered on us at such occasions. Had Bro. Jeffries with us then and a little while previous; he then returned to Detroit, on his way home. Had also a visit from P. J. Loizeaux and F. W. Grant this fall; we called in a few near assemblies, so had a refreshing time for a few days. This is the first time these brethren have visited us, and we were much drawn out to praise the Lord for their ministry. So He has been good to us, and has shown that He is caring for us. We go on quietly, keep-

ing up the Gospel and seeking to keep before others Christ's death and resurrection. I am moving back to the old homestead (the mill). I trust the Lord may bless our souls in it.

John McAllister.

[The Lord be praised for His grace to our brethren, and give us each "in everything to give thanks," His will concerning us, often so little fulfilled. "Patient continuance in well doing" is what honors Him, helps ourselves, and blesses others. ED.]

KINGARF, ONT.—The Gospel work has gone on faithfully at the school house, South Line, Kincardine Township. At first the meetings were every other Lord's Day, but as there was much interest I closed the meetings here and devoted all my time there and at Kinlough. Bro. Cliff, Holmes and Stovel are with me in the work, the two latter having meetings there every Saturday night from house to house with much interest, and four have confessed they were saved. One has taken her place at the Lord's table. What joy it is to see the Lord giving the increase! Bro. Jeffries gave us a call, which was a real cheer to us and revived the work at Kinlough. There is a good attendance; some anxious, but none have confessed yet. There is not time for visiting from house to house, as we drive there (about seven miles) and then back in time for meeting on South Line at 7 o'clock, and this school house is eight miles from my house. Here at Kingarf the Lord has given blessing lately, two hired men were saved in my house. A door has been opened for Gospel meetings three miles from here. I go every Thursday night; good turnout. One young woman confessed she was saved at the second meeting, who had formerly attended meetings here. I hear of good results from tracts and books sent out all over this country. I feel encouraged and trust the Lord will make

me more devoted to His work, to cry aloud and spare not. I receive a cheer every month in **FIELD AND WORK**. Met Bro. P. J. Loizeaux in Grey, who refreshed and encouraged me in the work.

Samuel Pollock.

BLACK CAPE, QUE.—We had a meeting Feb. 4th to see about a house for any of the brethren who come around to preach that have a family. We have bought one 36 by 20 feet. Those present seemed as if they would help, and some others will help also. May we bow ourselves to the work of walking habitually before God. Oh for a more hearty consecration of all we are and have to the service of such a glorious Saviour. Bro. McCandless was there, but returned to New Carlisle on the 8th. There is much need of the Gospel down there.

J. J. C.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—When we are fit to be blessed, our loving Father will not withhold. L. W. has been with us twice at the Lord's table. Mrs. Withers continues to suffer, drawing nearer to the moment when in seeing His face the light affliction will be realized as light indeed. What a change! She can sing occasionally and some days move about.

The "Rest" still continues fairly well supplied with sailors, though but few vessels are in port, and Miss H. finds that with many encouragements she needs to strengthen herself in God, and realizes that human needs will not support. Still she works amid it all, failure of converts, forsaking of friends, no doubt all for His wise ends who knows how to instruct His children. Am trying a little Bible reading there Lord's Day afternoons and evenings. There is generally an audience.

A. McBeath.

[Coming here one thankfully finds work ready to hand in this sphere, having Bible readings afternoons and preaching even-

ings. The quiet, respectful interest manifest helps one in publishing the message, and one can count on Him whose it is to speed it to the heart haven He has in view. May many of these sons of the sea realize Psa. cvii. 30. ED.]

Very marked interest here at the Sailors' Rest, in which Bro. McBeath and others have plodded on for months. We have meetings, often twice daily for two weeks past, and we trust with some lasting, if not yet much manifest fruit in souls. The Lord's name be praised. *B. C. G.*

MALAGA, N. S.—I thought to get down to the New Year meeting, and have been weekly expecting to go but cannot tell how long I may be here, yet am fully trusting that I may soon get where I can attend meetings regularly. Am sorry you are going away. I know there are many souls in Nova Scotia to be brought to know the true salvation. May the Lord open their eyes. I have not served the Lord as I should, yet I am trusting Him and shall forever, and not only pray for myself but all Christians and those who have not come to Him. Have been kept well when many are laid up; when night comes am very tired yet the Lord's work is in my mind and anything I can do shall do with a good will. For the one that labors there is rest.

George S. Frazer.

[Such as our brother, isolated from fellowship, need our prayers, and their desire for it should emulate us to get to every meeting we possibly can. ED.]

HALIFAX, N. S.—Through mercy our coast seems enlarging here where all seemed Jericho-like before. Several Christians around, our helpers (I. Chron. xii. 18), desirous that the Tract Depot should go on, engaged to help with the rent, and now circulate the precious truth to others. May we and they realize our holy trust (I. Cor. iv. 2; II. Tim. i. 14). By invi-

tation have had meetings in both Episcopal and Presbyterian churches with encouraging interest. God speed the message given. Adding to the Tract Depot a *free* Lending Library, we hope to benefit many and bring valuable works in reach of those who cannot purchase. Any wishing to receive such, and others desiring to help in it and find an outlet for anything they can contribute, address Bible Truth Depot, 65 Granville St., where list of library and catalogue may soon be had.

B. C. G.

ST. CROIX, N. S.—It has been a time of sickness here, but the Lord has shown mercy and we trust will yet. There surely will be fruit from all the seed sown in Nova Scotia. Is there any manifest? A young man near here died lately. His brother came for me a week ago. I went, and since W. M. and I. Poor fellow, he had no learning and very dark spiritually; could not say he was happy, but that he believed all I told him, and his only desire was to be saved. I trust he was. He seemed so pleased to have us talk to him, sorry we had not seen him before.

Loran Smith.

[Much sowing has been done. May there be prayer and care for it further.

ED.]

HORTON LANDING, N. S.—Although my trip to Aylesford seemed to have but little to profit in business, rather to discourage, I have felt there might be something in it that God could bless. I travelled a back mountain road giving papers as I had opportunity. For some particular cases I ask your special prayers and those of others. One old man, Ward, of Beach Hill, when spoken to bristled up and used profane language. After he had got through, I tried to bring home to him his true condition before God. Left "Tidings of Mercy" with him, feeling God had sent me to speak to him. Another old

man of seventy with whom I stopped one night, and whose thanks at table seemed only an empty form, handed me the Bible asking me to read and pray with them. I found him reading in Gen. ix. Looking to God to lead our hearts, I said I would be glad to do so, using my own book that he might have his. The fourth verse arrested him and I was able to answer some questions. When he turned to the sacrifices of Cain and Abel he got really in earnest and seemed to get help. He would read anything sent him. (William Sanford, Prospect, Kings Co., N. S.) Another I found in a lumber camp, where I was storm-staid one night. About 30 men there, and the evening passed with songs and course jokes. I wanted to speak to them, but could not make the break. At the word "Turn in," when all hustled to their places, the foreman offered me a place beside him, camp style, all in a row. I kneeled down at the deacon's seat (so called) and prayed that God might bring them to a sense of His presence where all was naked and open to His eye. There was soon a quiet, and none disturbed me. The next morning had a word with the cook, who seemed to be trusting in Jesus, but not fully confident of salvation. He said, "If I get to heaven, it will not be through anything I ever did, but because Christ died for me." This was cheering in such a place. I left him some tracts. We seemed to have a common feeling for each other. (Address Isaac Demond, Ohio, Lunenburg Co., N. S.) Others with whom I was brought into contact I shall send papers to, as they seem to desire to know the truth. I have written much of myself, but oh, I feel my witness has been faint and weak, but trust that some fruit may be borne for the Lord. It seems like driving a stake here and there to take up claims for the Lord.

John R. Stewart.