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GLEANINGS.

E. S. Lyman has been visiting Lachute during April.

P. J. Loizeaux has been about New York.

S. A. White (now 167 Passaic St., Trenton, N. J.), at Brooklyn, N. Y., during the winter, gave addresses on "The Dispensations" and "Christian Unity."

W. C. Johnston, in and about Nelson, New Zealand, gave lectures during March and April on "The Church," "Coming of the Lord" and "Down Grade" views.

B. C. Greenman during April has been working in Virginia; Culpeper 12 days, Raccoon Ford, Lignum and Orange 7 days, and thence Blue Ridge Mountains. The chief work in the country is personal and visiting, for which there is an open door. (Address is still Culpeper.)

We are thankful to hear of the work of the Lord in the city of Quebec, Canada, where an evangelist, Mickle, has been laboring for some time with evident blessing from God. Though he "follows not us," yet we would seek to re-

joice in his work and pray that the blessing be multiplied many fold.

W. McCaudless had two meetings at Black Cape, Que., one at Maria and one at Grand Casapedia, returning April 4th. He has been to Port Daniel two or three times; some received blessing, some oppose very much.

A General Meeting, to commence Thursday, July 9th, 3 p. m., and continue four days, will (D. V.) be held at Black Cape, Que. Brethren are cordially invited. Those coming by I. C. R. R. should arrive at Dalhousie, N. B., Tuesday (7th), taking steamer next morning to New Richmond, where they will be met.

During the past year our brethren in Chicago have had more success in getting in people to the Gospel. They have had a good room on State Street, where a constant stream of people pass, and a number come up on personal invitation. J. J. Sims had very encouraging audiences there last winter. Some in the gathering have been taken home this spring, and others are sick with La Grippe. How appealing this renewed visitation of God's hand! May it impress us that "*the time is short.*"

Numbers of souls in Virginia are ready to receive the truth. At Potomac City, Cherry Hill, and some miles about. At Woodbridge no preaching for several years. Was once occupied by two brethren from Washington. (A. S.)

One writes—The Blue Ridge Mountains, Virginia, is a wide and deeply interesting field. Many precious souls are longing for and famishing for want of the Word of life there, which might be termed "the regions beyond." A brother near and well acquainted with its people has made several visits there in the service of the Lord. In Prince William Co., a little below Washington, there seems an open door, precious souls whom the Lord would have on our hearts. Another writes—At Culpeper He gave me no entrance. Thence, one way, Raccoon Ford,

Stevensburg, Lignum, Mine Run and Locust Grove. It is a long journey from Culpeper to Blue Ridge, but the most interesting and hopeful field I can conceive of will be found there. Around "Woodland" you will find hospitality, but little light. Nethers is the nearest post office to the Blue Ridge. From there every door and heart is open. At Nicholson Hollow many will welcome you and receive eagerly the Word of God from you. So Milan Gap and many places to which Bro. N. will direct you.

(C. F. B.)

Any desiring a list of interested ones to communicate with for their mutual benefit can receive it from J. B. Jackson, 3 Tremont Row, Boston.

In Baltimore, Md., Bro. Ridout is preaching three times weekly, the Lord giving, he says, more encouragement than in ten years past. Subjects—A *midday* scene on the road; A *midnight* scene in prison; A famine-stricken city, and how it was relieved; The two Samaritans (Luke x. and xvii.); Can a Christian be lost? Conviction, cleansing and power; Present ministry of Christ. Two young brethren (Hoffman and Cole) have a Sunday School in the suburbs (Calverton), which we trust will in due time bear fruit. Bro. T. Roberts has moved to Birmingham, Alabama. Oh, that in our moves, business and social spheres we may be able to say before God, "whose I am and whom I serve." How sadly the lack of this puts the light under the bushel (business) or bed (self-pleasing), and thus the Lord is robbed.

Prof. Totten (Yale) says that a mathematical calculation founded on biblical truth proves beyond peradventure that Messiah will come before 1900; not that the millennium will begin then, that is a thousand years away, but Christ will make the world better as at His first coming, and the end will not come for a million years.

(Baltimore Sun.)

How solemn the despalal of God's revelation is such vagaries.

1. Mark xiii. 32-37, Acts i. 7, II. Peter i. 9 forbid such speculations. Our Lord says "none know," "not for us to know," and the light of prophecy is until the day dawn.

2. He will *judge*, not reform, the world (Acts xvii. 31, II. Thess. i. 8, 9, Jude 15).

3. Christ's appearing as the Sun of righteous-

ness ushers in the "day of the Lord," the only millennium of the Bible.

4. Rev. xx. 3 shows "a little season," not a million years, follow it ere the eternal state.

MISSIONARY BRIEFS.

The Church's marching orders are, "Go ye into all the world," etc.

INDIA: Eighty years ago missionaries forbidden to land, now 6,200 foreign workers, 30,000 native ones, 1,000,000 more or less under the power of the Gospel.

JAPAN: Thirty years ago closed; now 527 missionaries, 31,000 native Christians, 22,000 Sunday School scholars.

CHINA: In 1807 not one convert; 1843 not 12; now about 33,000 and 250,000 adherents.

MADAGASCAR: Entered 50 years ago; 1857 2,000 native martyrs there; now about 60,000 converts and 250,000 adherents.

Fiji ISLANDS: Entered 1835; now four-fifths profess conversion there.

SANDWICH ISLANDS: In 1820 heathens; now have sent out nearly 100 missionaries to islands beyond.

AFRICA: In 1817 Moffat led the advance, then Livingstone and others; now 400,000 converts, 500 stations, and the last five years over 200 native martyrs. (Gospel in All Lands.)

Thankful to God for thus "hastening His word to perform it," it is yet well to view all from His own standpoint both as to His way and means and their end. Whoever or wherever we may be, if the mantle of our ascended Master is upon us (the Spirit of Christ), we should be "witnesses unto Him" unto "the ends of the earth;" the result, "a people for His name" (Comp. Matt. x. 5, Acts i. 8, xv. 14).

The best missionary agency is the plain Word of God. The work among the Jews illustrates this old truth anew. No missionary work is more arduous and unthankful than among the Israelites. Yet what has been done has been solely by the conviction that the New Testament and Christianity are the fulfillment of the Old Testament and Judaism. Exhortation, entreaty and persuasion seemingly have no effect on them. But if they can be brought to examine the New Testament teachings impartially, their hearts are opened to the truth; the word does not return void. A new era in Jewish missions has been inaugurated in the last ten years,

almost entirely through the Hebrew translations of the New Testament by Delitzsch and Salkinson.

THE NEED OF THE WORK.

We want laborers. Oh that the Lord would raise up single-eyed, devoted workmen, coming direct from Christ to those around, enduring hardness too by times, as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. He has raised up some—His name be praised—but we need *many more*.

The full mind of God has opened itself out to me more largely than ever in these latter times, but I am not satisfied with myself as to my *love to souls*. I bow to filling the little niche I may have been allotted, but still envy (not with an ill feeling) more active evangelists, and sometimes ask myself whether cowardice and want of zeal do not hinder me. Fully occupied and laboring, the question is whether a simple love to souls would not put me in another place. . . . I ask if the exposition of Scripture is the task allotted me. I see the Church's need as to it, and am content with anything, but I have ever loved evangelization. At the beginning brethren were engaged, and pretty much alone, in the roughest evangelizing—*fairs, markets, races, regattas*, and everywhere in the open air. Gatherings grew up and the care of them became needful, though evangelizing went on and was blessed, and in a measure is in many places. Others since have occupied the field who are really their followers under God. If even contention mix itself with this, if Christ be preached *we ought to rejoice*. I judge it would be a deplorable sight if we could not freely rejoice where God evidently works, but I have no desire, in having my heart large, and tender too as regards the Lord's work, to have my feet out of the narrow path. God is not always awakening souls in a marked way; it is done in a place and ceases, though souls may be converted afterwards. An awakening may again occur through other means, another layer being reached, and by those morally nearer their state. The evangelist may have to go elsewhere. I have known it cease and go into a neighboring village.

There is another point. In passing from the love of God in mercy to sinners filling the soul, and the love of God to saints as such, when we have become interested in them through the other, it requires both distinct gift and being

very near Christ in consecration of heart to carry on both. *J. N. D.*

UNITED STATES.

BOYERTOWN, PA.—May the Lord bless you much in Virginia and bring you here in the fullness of the grace and power of the Gospel of God. Most of the saints here are going on nicely with the Lord. The Lord is blessing. Some have come into fellowship lately, three last Lord's Day. One plants, another waters, "but God giveth the increase." George H. McCandless was here some time ago and had a series of meetings. The Lord blessed the word to many souls. He gave some addresses on the Lord's coming, but along with them he preached the Gospel with power. Many heard it who would likely not have come if it had been announced simply Gospel meetings. I believe it is well to have some kind of an outline to hand to people, they won't forget it so readily. *J. S. East.*

GLOBE, N. C.—The needs in the South are so very great we are glad the Lord is moving you towards some of the needy places, even though we may not see you in North Carolina. That is with Him. We know not what He may have for us as to labor and changes here. Bro. Pearson reached here March 24th. We are all much delighted to have him and his daughter with us. Since he came the door has been open for the Gospel in a small way, and I trust some are getting help. We purpose first to go across the Blue Ridge into Watanga Co., where I

have been invited, then to Catawba, Denver, Simpson's and other places. We are having much rain and muddy roads. We do not yet know what doors may open or means come in to go on, but will trust Him who opens doors and lays it on the hearts of His people to supply needed funds. Mt. Holly, 30 miles south of Catawba, I have recently had much exercise about as a suitable place for me. We expect to go there and see what the Lord has for the place. I am thinking much of the needs in Wake Co., and must (D. V.) use Bro. P. there. Let us pray the Lord to use him here, and so identify him with the work that while He tarries he will make North Carolina the central point of his labor. *J. H. Booth.*

CULPEPER, VA.—Here 10 days past with G. Hoffman (Baltimore), have plodded on with meetings, visiting and tract work. Unable to get out to the Blue Ridge or the Flats on coming, we took the Y. M. C. A. Hall long vacated), made seats, and gave out meetings at 3 and 7.45 p. m. daily, resulting in a few opened hearts in the readings and a good attendance in the evenings. Preached also to the colored people, a large yet quiet and earnest meeting, and once in the country a few miles out. The Jason "who received us" and his dear family have manifestly got on, and we hope others also. Gross darkness, race pride and spiritual poverty abound, and morality in some respects low, assurance practically unknown, and the Word of God little entered into, and yet most are "meeting folks" and have

"got religion," such as it is, and say "our fathers worshipped." *B. C. G.*

NETHERS, MADISON CO., VA.—I am very glad indeed that the Lord has directed you thus far toward the Blue Ridge. We need your ministry very much here. May our blessed Lord guide you to our place. We are leaning on Him for help, and He will most assuredly help those who trust Him. He gave us the use of His servant, Bro. Boynton, for two or three weeks, which was very helpful for us.

John Markes.

Chas. R. Jenkins.

PORT HURON, MICH.—Bro. Jeffries preached the Gospel here March 22d. We were all glad to see him, and are expecting Bro. Booth also (D. V.). We are getting along nicely as an assembly.

P. Brass.

2087 Military St.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The time I was down to Neabsco, Va., the Lord blessed a man named J. W. Kinchloe, and the Lord's Day Bro. Boynton preached He blessed one named Annis Williams (Neabsco Mills, Prince William Co.). Since then Bro. K. writes that he knows he has eternal life, and that the books are a great comfort to him. Pray that they may be faithful witnesses for our Lord.

A. Skinner.

414 Ninth St., S. W.

AUBURN, MAINE.—Have been to the Y. M. C. A. several times, sent for a lot of tracts to distribute, and had it on my heart to go to work in earnest, but my wife has had some bad attacks, and the children sick also. But I have been learn

ing something, a precious lesson—one may get hold of truth without knowing it *practically*. Oh, for better acquaintance with God! The mists of unbelief hinder so much. None can teach like Himself. A sister of Alex. Cumming (Sherbrooke, Que.) has just gone to the Lord in N. B.

M. A. Thompson.

[The Lord teach us each to do or suffer His holy will, "ready to every *good work*" or "ready to be *offered up*" as pleases Him. Let us realize that *mending, washing and casting* our nets all have their time and season. ED.]

BOSTON, MASS.—Excellent meetings April 2d. Bro. Crain and Potter were here, the former remaining over Lord's Day. A Swedish woman recently converted broke bread two weeks ago. A man converted same evening seems very happy. A Jew has lately confessed Christ, and in his testimony at Dr. Gordon's church dates his conversion from his conversation with Bro. Cran two weeks since.

J. B. Jackson.

328 NORTH ONIA STREET, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—We have changed location, necessitated by distance from our son's business and too much rent. It was tedious work in middle March; went beyond strength, been on and off bed; am improving, and all the more cheered believing that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

"Goodly Portions" (for March) had been in my hands but a little when my eye caught the words, "I can wait." A hasty glance showed the initials (E. A.) of our darling now "absent from the body," but "present with the Lord." At Nipomo,

Cal., I waited at her bedside day and night, mainly, about four weeks (a period filled with wonderful scenes and testimonies). In a clear, sweet voice she uttered, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ," in the presence of many deeply solemnized and moved—a solemn but joyful moment. The "better part," her present portion, till His quickening word brings us there forever—and so near is it! She was young in "new birth" when that was written. We were truly cheered.

There are with us some ten or fourteen—a remnant of those who at one time or another, and on one ground or other, have been at the table. They move quietly on, and appear to be quite of one mind.

Ah, brother, many that "weep and lament" now "shall leap for joy" ere long.

C. E. B. Armstrong.

CANADA.

ETHEL, ONT.—We were glad to have our Bro. Jeffries with us for about six weeks; he was pretty well in body while here, and so was able to get around very well, and the Lord used him very much. We have now quite a number of fresh, new-born souls, and in their first love, and so it reminds us of when we were there. Dear souls, one thinks of them. May the Lord keep them there. It has surely stirred us all up in some measure.

It has pleased the Lord to bless His

own Word in and around Jamestown; 12 have taken their place with us at the table of the Lord, and others seem on the eve of doing so. Oh, that the Lord may lead them on.

John McAllister.

CLINTON, ONT.—Bro. Somerville was here three weeks holding meetings every night in different places—Bayfield, Londesboro' and Hullet. In Bayfield there was a good number out every meeting, and many seemed interested and expressed sorrow because he was giving up the meetings, and wished him to return soon, which he purposes doing. This is encouraging, as this is new ground. There are many places around us here like this. May the Lord raise up more amongst us, fill and send them out in this work.

John Tedford.

KALADAR, ONT.—Nearly all of us have experienced some of the light afflictions, sickness, but it has been needed. The blessed Lord's hand has been in it, and through His goodness and love we are enjoying usual health. The saints are well on Perry Road, Glastonbury and the mountains. It is a year since you and Bro. Rogers came here. The dear brother is now with the Lord, and oh, ere long we will be with him and all the redeemed in our Father's house.

Eben Ruttan.

POPLAR P. O., MANITOULIN ISLAND, ONT.—The books you have sent me from time to time have been a blessing to me and others here.

John Scott.

BRANTFORD, ONT.—I left home March 5th and was away 21 days; had 20 meetings in Clinton, Bayfield, Londesboro',

and three miles from Clinton. In Bayfield there was a good interest, and large attendance for a small place. We had nine meetings. Many interested, and sorry when meetings were over. Bro. Tedford and I held forth the word of life in the Town Hall to eager and attentive listeners. Bro. Mauger was with us one Lord's Day. At Londesboro' had three meetings, the attendance increasing. Had two good meetings in the country three miles from Clinton, with evident interest. Clinton is quiet and not much interest. Will be at home some weeks printing my periodicals, when (D. V.) will get out again in Gospel work.

T. Somerville.

SHERBROOKE, QUE.—About six weeks ago Bro. Pennington (Montreal) came to work here, beside preaching Friday and Sunday evenings, and every second Sunday at Orford. The Lord blessed His word in bringing two to Himself, who remembered the Lord with us today; also another, saved but nine hours ere he fell asleep; he testified clearly that Jesus had saved him. Mr. Brown, P. McCullough and wife and Mr. Pennington and family are going to Peterboro' with the Electric Light Co. We are not yet going, and desire to wait on God as to His will; but how little we seem to know it. There are six brothers from here out at Orford this afternoon. There was a reading at Melbourn over Easter, Mr. Ross and Mr. Brown went, and we had Bro. Slack and wife here same Lord's Day.

J. Brown.

HALIFAX, N. S.—They are having a week of preaching at the Mission, and I

am glad to say there is more prayer amongst us. Oh, to have a *true* spirit of prayer, and as the answers come to be encouraged to expect more blessing until God gives a revival in this dead old place.

M. I. A.

HORTON LANDING, N. S.—A few seem waking up to look to Scripture for themselves, but seem backward to come together to read it, as they think that having regular meetings nothing more is necessary. A very sad death here lately, one I had spoken to several times, yet I believe God will yet bring glory to Christ from it.

John R. Stewart.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—Bro. Withers in with us Lord's Day. May many South see the light. Weeping and bearing precious seed insures the rejoicing return. Faith manifested by works—not a sound, but an act—is much needed, and one sees little. Societies work, committees plan, the individual is merged in them, and devoted self-surrender is rare. Thank God it still exists, perhaps in seven thousands of whom none know but the Master.

A. McBeath.

A GOOD WORK.

I should be glad to get a list of some of the out-lying meetings or individuals. I often think of them lying here and would like to interest others in them; indeed many here only require to hear and know of the Lord's tried and faithful ones in other places to have their love flow out,

and prayer rise for them. This must be pleasing to Him.

You thought you were going home, but had to enter the good fight again for your Lord, whose eye is ever upon you. Perhaps the Lord will soon come and we shall all be together with Him whom unseen we love. But now how perfect the rest of rising and resting with Christ in glory. Oh! what heart's rest we experience *there*—no cloud, no shade, no storm, no conflict there. Surely the calm of that presence enables us to come down here and take up everything for Him again. You must often look on to the "rest that remaineth" amidst all your toil—that rest when sower and reaper shall rejoice together. We earnestly look meanwhile to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest. When one thinks how great is the work and scant the supply, it is a great rest to see he calls it *His* harvest, and that He has the sending forth of the laborers into it. We cannot always understand His ways, but we can His *object*—the glory of His Christ. And surely His object more than makes us content with His ways. One's only resource now is prayer. You must find it hard to get a quiet time "alone with Jesus." Perhaps you are too busy to study Scripture much. Feeding on it is easy when the Spirit is ungrieved.

Farewell! Jude 24. He is able. Oh, what exceeding joy will be His when we are all presented faultless even in the very presence of His glory. Meanwhile He is able to save us to the uttermost—right on

to the end. I commend you, laborers and these labored for, all to Him. R. B.

THE WAYS OF THE LORD.

One said to his fellow, "If this Word be true we are all wrong, for we are not holding forth the Word of life." "Then open your Louse and we will have meetings," said the other. They did so. The day before the meeting was arranged for, a brother came several hundred miles from another State and said he believed the Lord had sent him. It had kept ringing in his ears, "Go to T—," and he started, though knowing nothing of the place or any there. On his way, stopping off at a place, he met a brother who said, "I wish you could go to T—." On taking the train he met yet another who said, "I am going to T—. I wish you could go with me." They went and found meetings arranged. The Lord gave "the open door and effectual," blessing His word.

"Whoso is wise and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord" (Psa. cvii. 43).

CAN WE AFFORD IT?

Can we afford it? is often asked and variously answered. We raise it in, perhaps, a new connection. Can we afford to spend 10, 20, or, it may be, 50 dollars monthly on ourselves and give *less than one* to the service of the Lord? Can we afford to dress, live and furnish as we do when the Gospel is hindered from having

straitened by our lack of interest? Can free course and the Lord's servants are we afford to give so much to *time* and so little to eternity, bank or save so much on earth and lay up so little in heaven? Brethren, it is a crying shame, and worse, a defiling sin, if we spend *dollars* on ourselves and give but *cents* to the Lord and think we have done our duty. If we put but the smallest coins into the box it is both dishonesty and bad policy, for "God is not mocked," and "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

"Make them sit down upon the grass" —to be at ease in His presence, to be simply receptive of His grace whilst He distributed to them the bread with no sparing hand; as much as to say, Take it all, enjoy it.

If a man does not love what he worships, he is most likely to worship what he loves.

If you cannot overcome *where you are*, you cannot overcome *anywhere*.

The path of obedience is the path of power.

NOTICE.

Bro. J. G. Mange of Corunna, Mich., is about to remove to Lowell, Mich. His correspondents will please notice the change of address.

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