

can do so through Mr. John S. Poison, 165 Tuam St., Christchurch.

M. Stutzman writes that he is very much encouraged as to the Lord's work in Harrisburg.

E. S. Lyman, who has been at Lachute, Que., some time, went to Montreal May 11th, and has been a great comfort and encouragement to the saints.

C. E. Haskell was in Towanda, Pa., May 7th, and previously about four weeks, finding the beloved saints going on well considering their many hindrances, sickness and otherwise.

G. H. McCandless was at De Kalb Ave., Brooklyn, Lord's Days and Tuesday evenings in April and May.

There will be no meeting in Plainfield, N. J., this summer, at least not the early part. One at Lowry, Minn., begins June 10th. Sorry the tidings reached us but indirectly too late to announce in May.

Meetings in the Mission Hall, Halifax, N. S., are not so well attended now, mostly Christians, and helping them seems more the need. We learn thankfully of a Dr. C. preaching with power there. Two or three have lately broken bread with them. Bro. Enefer and Tully were at Eastern Passage two Lord's Days. Mr. Clarke going May 3d. A meeting is to be held there end of June. A young brother lately restored to the Lord through a Mr. McKay, evangelist, Elmsdale, N. S., has gone as medical missionary to Labrador. May he "grow in grace and in the knowledge of God" so as to be indeed "a vessel meet for the Master's use."

One writes, "I often think the one thing especially the Lord has given me to do is to pray for others. There is *no excuse* for me, for I have the opportunity. We need to *continue* in prayer. God can do *great things*." A *good work* (that of Epaphras, Col. iv. 12), but little occupied, we fear, by those who have most time.

F. J. Enefer started round the Western Shore of Nova Scotia end of May; hopes to be used as a pioneer. The Lord has blessed him in the mission work in Halifax (where his family remain, Black's Cottage, Brunswick St.), and we trust He will continue to do so. He writes, "God has at last freed me; my debts are paid, and I am *free*. After earnest looking to Him, I

am about to enter upon a new yet precious career, as one of His toilers in the harvest. I have counted the cost, and He has bidden me go. As to where I am before Him."

CULPEPER, VA.—Leaving Winstone April 22d, made eight miles first day, with sundry openings to read, converse and give tracts, welcomed at one of the "Tract Centres;" several invitations to preach were obliged to decline. 23d, started 8 a. m., calling often, but as "our peace returned to us" pressed on, and at 8 p. m. had climbed the "Old Rag" part way, and made 20 miles, dining upon biscuits, and, reaching schoolhouse just as prayer meeting was taking in, waited till after for our tea. Here heartily welcomed, had five meetings with much interest. 15 or 20 expressing anxiety and a few confessing peace. At Nethers preached twice to good companies, and at Nicholson's Hollow broke bread with a widowed sister and son, and preached to a full schoolhouse gathered on short notice. 25th, broke bread ere starting, with four others, and calling with encouragement on some, made Milan Gap—bush fires raging, day hot, but night very cold—finally getting a lodging where Bro. Boynton saw a fall of snow 32 inches, the winter's record being 16 1-2 feet. 29th, crossed Pisgah and the Meadows, reaching Joliettes (a tract centre) held a meeting, but many were "fighting fire." 30th, hot and dusty, met cases of need and encouragement, and reached Swift Run Gap, a tract centre also; visited several days. Lord's Day speaking four times in "Brethren" church and schoolhouse on the Mountain with much interest. May 4th, made Simmon's Gap, staying with a sister, who said, "It would most a ruined me if I hadn't been *ther*;" had converse with her and her son and some others. 5th, made "Amicus," where we found a retreat, meeting anxious souls, we trust, en route. 6th, made a farm near "Wolfstown," and failing to find relatives of Bro. N., found "our kin in the Lord" and a welcome. 7th, met some interesting cases, and reached Locust Dale. 8th, parted with Bro. Nalle, he returning home, and I visited a private school, having the few there let "a talk." 9th, returned to Hawley's, where I was joined by Brother and Sister H. from Culpeper. 10th, preached in the schoolhouse from H. Kings vii. and in the woods from H. Sam. ix. and in the Academy at night from Ruth i. and ii.; about 60 young men and many others present, and a serious attention; everywhere pressed

to return. 11th, returned here, having two meetings, the last with serious interest.

ROANOKE, VA.—Have had nightly meetings here in several places; yesterday in four places, twice among the colored and both outside and in. Now leaving for Prince William Co., Va., Washington, Baltimore and the North (D. V.).

Many not with us through grace are learning that their "jewels of gold and silver" can be devoted to the Lord's service; otherwise, the spoil of the Egyptians may turn to a "golden calf" to which their hearts bow down. The waste in these ways is pitiable in view of the need of souls and the lack of means to carry forward the work. Brethren, let us consider these things and strip ourselves for God!

We hope to give a sketch of Virginia, its need, opportunities and interest as known to us. Can any of our brethren help in it? *B. C. G.*

LONDON, W. ENGLAND.—I cannot but have deep exercise when reading FIELD AND WORK, especially with reference to Andros Island. How blessed there is some conception as to what is due Him to whom they have been gathered. May He raise up the needed ministry, and how necessary the consolation along with insistence on godly habits (Acts xv. 28-31). I am again much run down, still there is much to do and face for His name's sake. I trust you are sustained. How very much to humble, but our blessed God will overrule and keep us in shape where He can unfold to our infinite joy thoughts of Christ. Feeling that this is His purpose. I am not overcharged with sorrow, rather prepared to see Him turn all to good account.

W. Blatchley

AMBERLEY, ONT. May 15.—I came here on the 10th, have been holding meetings nightly, with fair attendance. Bro. Martin (formerly of Brussels) drove over to see if I would go with him for a month to different parts; so (D. V.) about 22d will start, and trust with the Lord's blessing both to tell out and scatter His glorious Gospel. How cheering to know it will accomplish His holy will. From here many young people have gone to the States. The assembly is going on quietly, and delighted when a laborer comes along; it cheers and refreshes.

T. Somerville.

UNITED STATES.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., April 16.—I am delighted to communicate with you once again ere we meet above.

The time is nearly up for the termination of this life of sorrow, and where things will be all right in His blessed presence who loved us and gave Himself for us. This is a gracious encouragement, and cheers us on the way to that rest that knows no trial. I find myself longing to be there as the day draws near, to be in His presence where nothing darkens or saddens the road.

I know that my life has been a poor, failing one, but it is a joy to know that it ends soon. I find my condition a very trying one, and need a great deal of the comfort and consolation of God to sustain me; which, thanks be to His blessed name, does not fail me now as I near the end of my journey.

I wish I could write to you directly all as freely as I should like, but I remember you all in my thoughts and prayers before God, and the gathering in Phillips Square. So dwell together in communion with God, and in no manner of way compromise the truth of Christ. "Buy the truth and sell it not," and hold on to the truth no matter what is against you.

I would like to write you much more, but am hardly able to the task. But I hope that you will lack no blessing and comfort in the Lord Jesus, and that peace may abound with you all. My strength is not equal to a personal letter nor yet to the dictation of much more than that nought of His mercy may fail you till you are safely in His presence.

I had nice letters from Mr. Grant, Mr. Loizeaux, and Mr. Keeler. If I should not be able to reply to them my heart responds to all that is cordial and loving from them.

I am not able to rise and write or yet serve myself in any way. I must now close, as my strength is not equal to any more, and wait to renew an eternal, unbroken communion in His presence who loved us and gave Himself for us—to whom be all glory forever.

May peace, joy and love in the Spirit rest upon and abide with each one till all clouds are past. *E. H. Trenholme.*

To J. J.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—Many thanks for fellowship that cheers the heart in a day of darkness and scene of trial (neither of which, ere long, can be to His own). Have had one opening offered from the country, and may be able to respond before long, though from present state of health of Mrs. A. could not be long absent at a time.

A tract fitly chosen is a most timely adjunct upon visiting a family or upon personal conversation, where true intelligence as to state of heart or form of belief has been reached. "A diamond is a diamond still, though set in horn;" so the Word of God is the Word of God still, though in a cheap tract; and one may give it out with joyful confidence because "it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." It would be quite a privilege to have some choice reading to give out, it matters not in what form.

Some to whom I have given "Goodly Portions" are cheerful in saying they have been greatly benefitted.

C. E. B. Armstrong.

328 North Ionia St.

ROANOKE, VA.—Reached here May 13th, receiving a hearty welcome from Dr. and Mrs. Peddicord, here a little over a year from Harrisburg, Pa., feeling their isolation from fellowship and the general indifference to the things of God. The Y. M. C. A. Hall was engaged for meet-

ings nightly on "The Men of the Bible and of today," or "Coming to God and witnessing for God." The attendance was chiefly young men, but some expressed thankfulness for "help in the Word," among them the secretary and the U. B. minister, here to build up a cause. Others responded to "Assurance" and the "Lord's Coming," which was presented, we trust, for profit. Lord's Day morning we "remembered our Lord" with a sweet foretaste of seeing Him whom "unseen we love." For the openings we "thank God and take courage," trusting in Him to deepen and widen the work to the blessing of souls and the glory of His name.

B. C. G.

B. C. Greenman is with us, coming last week from Culpeper. Held meetings each evening in Y. M. C. A. Hall, which has been given freely for the Gospel. The attendance has been very good. Lord's Day afternoon every seat in the hall was occupied by attentive listeners to Ex. xii., after which he spoke in the open air, and in the evening in the "Christian Church," where also the seats were nearly all occupied. Bro. Greenman spoke from Luke x. 25 to the end, for quite an hour, those present giving the closest attention. Meetings this week in Y. M. C. A. Hall. May the Lord carry conviction to the hearts of many in this city. There is great need. There will no doubt be a *wide open* door here for tent work later in the season, say from September on. This city would be a good central point for work throughout this section of Virginia, and also West Virginia, as yet unvisited by us with the Gospel. Will brethren travelling note that Roanoke is in a direct line to break the trip from north to south via Philadelphia or New York, taking in Boyertown, Reading and Harrisburg, thence here via Shenandoah R. R. (which route runs close to the Blue Ridge Mountains,) and

on to North Carolina, Georgia, etc. Any one coming will be heartily welcomed by my wife and myself.

John M. Peddicord.

DENVER, COL.—I came out here from Council Bluffs about a week ago. The assembly is apparently in a good spiritual condition. It numbers 15 or 20 saints. A preacher or evangelist truly gifted and sent forth by "Him whose right it is" is something almost unknown here. I have been holding forth the word of life in a weak way to a good many persons as God has given me opportunity. It seems that almost everything is taught out here, souls hungering for "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." The "entire sanctification" doctrine is gaining quite a foothold. The believer's eternal security is almost unknown. I am confident there is a great opening for Gospel work in Denver. My prayer to God is that He will *speedily* send some of His servants this way. Souls are waiting for that water which if a man drinks he shall never thirst. I find many out of system, but they need teaching.

J. A. Dawson.

KENT, WASH.—Bro. Gottshall has spoken of you back East. Bro. and Sister Rumquist, their two oldest sons, Bro. and Sister Todd, formerly of Duluth, Minn., and myself constitute the gathering here, but the Lord may open the way for more. We desire a Gospel laborer very much, and are praying for such should the Lord will it. We heard lately that Bro. S. A. Lea, Muscatine, Iowa, intended coming here. It is blessed to know the Lord, and to wait for His coming. May He keep us near to Him in patient waiting and use us to His honor and glory. Wish you could come here, so much need.

W. H. Ewing.

[Very glad to hear of your little gathering and the desire to have the help of others to

spread the truth, which in due time may the Lord grant. Meantime, seek to preserve a "clean testimony," edify one another, walk with the Lord and each other, "following holiness and peace," "holding forth the word of life," whether by papers or speaking to others, "providing things honest in the sight of all men," and "laying by you in store as the Lord prospers you" for the extension of His work there or elsewhere. This done, through grace, God will either use yourselves or send another to open up the work. If He says to me, "Go there," I am, I trust, ready for it. Ed.]

WILLIAMSPORT, PA.—Your letter and appeal in *FIELD AND WORK* thrill my whole being. "Here am I, send me," my heart cries out. I wonder why the Lord keeps me so tied down with earthly service; and yet He knows best, and I cannot move till the cloud lifts. I can scarce contain myself. The parts you have been in have been much upon my heart. I wanted much to follow up correspondence, but work pressed so I could not, but have prayed much. "My word shall not return unto me void" is rest for us in all ministry; it is that which is "quick and powerful," *not our words*.

A. F. Cowles.

[How blessed the assurance, "God looketh upon the heart," and could say to David of service He did not allow him to perform, "it is *well* that it was in thy heart." He "knoweth the thoughts and intents of the heart." "If there first be the willing mind, it is accepted according to that *a man hath*." But let us be honest with "as much as in us lies," awaiting our Lord's commands. Ed.]

167 PASSAIC ST., TRENTON, N. J.—I have been comparatively quiet at home since February, my health not warranting much use of my voice, but have been contemplating some outdoor personal work, but not settled as to the place. Have been waiting, with some impatience, I fear, for "the cloud to move." A little interest in a few here; blessing in one family, husband getting assurance, wife exercised—conviction. *S. A. White.*

Boston, Mass., May 12.—The meetings in Lynn have been broken off for a time through illness there. I went six or seven weeks regularly. The first meeting small but full of interest, the next large but very trying. Two men and several ladies, Annihilationists, were present, and pursued their usual tactics, but we all kept quiet, did not talk loud. I felt much cast on the Lord, and He helped me. One questioned the punctuation of our Lord's words to the penitent thief; the folly of it was shown from the use of "Verily" in John iii. and v., after which he kept quiet. The other plied questions until late. What the results will be God knows. They did not come any more; since the meetings have been small. We wait on God until He again opens the way to resume them. Meantime a cry for help at Stoneham came, and I have had meetings where I preached last summer with some blessing, and there are hungry souls. Pray for me. I am going on with the Sunday School work, Bro. Jackson and several sisters assisting. A few got in from outside. Saints are much scattered, and not many bring or send their children, but thank God for so much encouragement. The Gospel meetings not so well attended as in the winter. It is a day of small things, but one could wish for more unity and mutual help in service. I want to be true and faithful myself. I find the "Numerical Bible" a *very great help*. I heartily thank God for it. What a restful word is "I have laid help upon one that is mighty." Cheer up, brother. The coming of the Lord draweth nigh. J. B. J. not very well. We cannot understand the interruption to the meetings, but God knows. We will wait on Him.

Chas. E. Baker.

[How blessed to realize that in every way our Lord is Lord of the *harvest*: be it ours to be *ready* at His bidding to go here or there, do this

or that, trusting all else to Him whose care it is, not ours. Let us, then, use our opportunities personally, support the meetings by our presence and prayers, and "with one mind and mouth glorify God." As to "Numerical Bible," it is a good investment, and we will loan it to any unable to purchase it. Cannot others supply their copies when read for some "tract stations," and thus extend the knowledge of it?

Ed. J.

The T wharf has been closed because of some anti-Romanists abusing the privilege. There are 20 or 30 meetings at Islington or Dedham outside denominations, and recently began breaking bread, but have been swayed to and fro by one leading them. It seems like "bricks for stone and slime for mortar." One of the "pillars" has been in to get instructions how to proceed. I am told he is an Annihilationist. I was at Fitchburg from Saturday to Tuesday; had some precious seasons over the Word together. Meetings not so well attended now fine weather has come; it draws away some.

F. B. Jackson.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—The following extracts from letters will be read with interest by those who love our Lord Jesus Christ and are interested in the spread of the Gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes. How much may depend on the progress of the work in "the regions beyond" ere the house is full and the Lord come who can tell? Others of interest have been received, but it would take too much space to insert them.

In S. A. a priest circulated a number of New Testaments, and found it made the people Protestants, so he burned the rest.

In Peru the agent of the Bible Society was selling Bibles on the street when the bishop passed by. The latter sent the police at once to arrest him, and he was cast into prison, contrary to the constitu-

tion of the country. He was afterwards liberated and then imprisoned again, where he now is. The Protestants of the Argentine Republic are going to undertake the expense of his defence in the courts, and this by the blessing of God may be used to open the door there.

Men love darkness more than light when their deeds are evil. And what else can Jesuitism do but shut out the Word of God, the principle of their system being "Let us do evil that good may come." Of whom Paul says, "Whose damnation is just."

R. T. Grant.

1852/1853.

G SPAIN, Feb. 6.—We should be extremely grateful for the truth and for the mercy the Lord has shown us, saving and redeeming us from the wrath to come, and also from the power of sin and Satan; giving ourselves up to the Lord, constantly yielding service to Him, spreading His grace and kingdom among those far from Him, doing only their own will and Satan's. Oh yes, dear brother, the world lies in wickedness, and never as now that we are surrounded with darkness, scandals, fanaticism and unbelief the children of light should do battle in the name of our good Saviour, Christ Jesus, scattering the arrows of His divine grace and pardon, plucking forth souls with the truth from the arms of Satan in which they are held, and thus extending and advancing the kingdom of Christ; for in His name we may do wonders.

So I will tell you a little of the blessings which I received of the Lord in my labors for His name, seeking to do what I can, scattering with a full hand in that virgin soil the holy seed of the Gospel, trusting always in Him who has said, "My word shall not return unto me void."

The journey to the mountains, notwithstanding the bad weather, snowing and raining, was for me very happy, receiving many blessings from above in all the towns I visited. In all the power and Spirit of God were with me, strengthening me by the grace which is in Christ Jesus, that I might make known to the people His mercy and love—He who in His mercy

chose me for it from the basest of the earth, cleansing me with His precious blood, and making me of service to the Lord, and through the Spirit of God employing me in these towns, and as Paul in Acts xxviii. 31, "preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning our Lord Jesus Christ with all liberty, without hindrance."

In the city of T. I preached Christ two days following, some 120 persons being present. In P. de O. had a meeting at night in a coffee room where about 190 were gathered. In this small town there is much desire for the Gospel. The priest has been in charge for 12 months, and the poor man was complaining that in all that time there had not been a burial service. People are beginning to understand that salvation cannot be bought for money, and that it is already paid for by Jesus. My visit here troubled the priest, and the day after the meeting he met the town miller in the street and called to him, asking, "Were you not last night with the Protestants?" "Yes, sir," answered the miller. "And what did they say?" "Much that was bad about you for taking away from people the fear of God, and much good of God and of Jesus Christ." "Were there many there?" "The place was full." "Were they more quiet than at mass?" "I did not hear any but the preacher, who said things that were very good and full of Gospel truth; *that* is religion, not what you teach, which is all money and fanaticism." Then the priest abashed left him without another word.

Afterwards I went to the town of C., where also I had a meeting at night, with 120 persons present, orderly and respectful. The day following, having to go to the town of S. S., where they were expecting me, I was called expressly by the people of a mountain town called A., where they desired to hear the Word of God; to which I gladly yielded, seeing the good will of these simple and honorable people, considering them before S. S., for the latter had already heard the Gospel on different occasions, and are visited more frequently on account of having better means of communication, whilst those of A. were new to this. Here I passed a Lord's Day—a happy day; for in it, after having spoken of the Lord in private con-

versations among the people, I had a meeting in a barn, to which all the people came, including the town council and secretary, who stood at my side all the time. In so small a town and for the first time I sold four Bibles and many portions of the Word, accompanied by a large number of tracts given freely. They desired I should visit them again. The only enemies here are the priest and his two housekeepers. The next day I spent at the town of V. de M., preaching Christ at night to some 150 persons, and all obliged me to remain another day, wishing for another meeting; to which I yielded, believing it to be just and agreeable to the Word of God. At this second meeting about 200 were present, and all seemed pleased with the doctrines of the holy Gospel, asking me to return and visit them again, at least every month if it were not possible every week. These wished to honor me with a band of music from the place of meeting to the lodging, which I protested against, saying that my mission was a lowly one, far *off* from the glories of the world, following in the footsteps of the humble Master, Jesus Christ. Another day I spent at the little town of M., having here a true Christian meeting, about 35 persons attending. In this town there is one true Christian family. At other places I visited it was impossible to have meetings, but by the grace of God the ground might be prepared for another visit.

I may say that in this part of Spain the Lord has opened to us a *new world*, in which no doubt He has much people and already is working in many hearts. What with public meetings, approved by the local authorities, and familiar conversations in "cafes" and with groups in houses, I preached the Gospel to 1000 and more souls, men and women, many being glad and favorable to the Gospel, desiring I should visit them again; but for the present they must be dealt with as babes until the Lord shall do the rest and give them new hearts. May the Lord aid and bless us, that what we do may be for the honor and glory of Christ, our Great Shepherd, and may He raise up laborers fitted for this service among these isolated people.

F. M. R. S.

CUBA.—I give you most hearty thanks

for the tracts, etc., received, by the aid of which I have been able to present the beneficent light of the Gospel to thousands of persons in this my unhappy country, where the darkness of Romanism has covered all, and where they fight without ceasing to quench the shining of the Word of God; but the seed has gone on growing, and with the help of the Spirit today there are 100 members and many sympathizers in this congregation, and we are in hopes the Lord will call many more into the knowledge of the truth.

I have just completed a visit to the interior of the island, in company with D. T. G., who has come to visit the work, and we have preached the Gospel to a multitude of persons who never have heard the kingdom of God preached to them, and we have journeyed by rail about 80 Spanish leagues. The tracts we took have been received by the people with the greatest eagerness, and may our beloved Redeemer grant that the voice of God may penetrate their hearts. Now we are expecting to visit other towns, and if it were possible that you could send us more tracts we should value them much.

May the Lord Jesus Christ shed His rich blessing upon you and this blessed work, and grant us health and self-denial, that light may be given to those which are in darkness.

E. P. C.

PATZCUARO, MEXICO.—I have formed in this city a congregation composed of brethren who are very earnest in the work and desire to be instructed in all that concerns the salvation of their imperishable and immortal souls.

If you could send us 50 copies of "Las Buenas Nuevas" each time it is published we should be very thankful for the help.

I have obtained permission to preach the Gospel in the prison of Uruapan, an important place, distant from here 18 leagues. There are many there that are crying, like the Philippian jailer, "What must I do to be saved?" God is blessing us in a wonderful manner. In a month and a half there have been sold 42 Bibles among those poor prisoners. "Las Buenas Nuevas" will be very useful among those who desire to know the truth.

V. P. R.