

Arters he was encouraged. At Shamokin was unable to get a hall, but near it for five nights had increasing audiences and several were helped to a better understanding of the Word and entreated. At Harrisburg some have come in from real conviction and faith.

F. W. Grant for some months has been lecturing on *Genesis* in New York, Jersey City, Elizabeth and Newark, we learn, with real profit to the hearts of the saints. He has recently written a book on "The Interpretation of Nature." The object of it is to show that spiritual law reigns everywhere in the natural world. It is now being published by Loizeaux Bros., 63 Fourth Ave., New York, and is expected to be ready about Sept. 1st. Price, postpaid, \$1 00; but the publishers offer two copies of it to any one sending them \$1.50 before Sept. 1st. We trust the work will receive a large circulation.

B. C. Greenman returning from Roanoke, Va., May 30th, spent Lord's Day, May 31st, at Cherry Hill, having three meetings with encouragement. Then visited Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., Smyrna, Little Creek, Milford, Lincoln and Wilmington, Del., Boyertown, Reading and Philadelphia, Pa., Plainfield, N. J., Brooklyn, N. Y., and Boston, Mass., en route for Nova Scotia; reached home June 20, after an absence of nearly 5 1-2 months, hoping now to attend meetings at Eastern Passage, N. S., July 1st, and Black Cape, Que., July 9th, then pitch tent for meetings in Halifax. Tickets for St. Croix meeting, Aug. 21, via Yarmouth Line from Boston, are reduced to \$13.50 round trip if a party of 10 come together on the 20th.

LETTERS FROM VIRGINIA.

I am still resting in Christ and looking for Him soon to come. I enjoyed the Word so much; Bro. B. spoke of heavenly things. I love God's messengers who deliver His message to us.

We have met Bro. B. and enjoyed the Word of the Lord; the Lord has blest his work. He redeemed me from the world; may we look for His coming. Don't forget me in your prayers to God, who is able to keep us from all temptation.

I enjoy the Word more than I used to since I read the precious books the beloved brethren sent me; they are doing much good, I believe.

One begged me to let him read "Notes on Genesis" again; he never read such a work before. Another said he never understood the Bible before he read them. I have feasted on them so that I don't know now I used to do without them. Another is resting sweetly on her Saviour. I do wish the brethren could come and have an assembly, if only a few to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. I long for some to instruct and help me on my journey. We are scattered abroad, but let us trust in the Lord. Tell Bro. B. and other brethren that my little home is theirs too as long as they want it.

Five of us broke bread together a few Sundays. The field is open for you here, you can do good work. I sent the Almanacks far and wide.

The books are helpful to me and all who read them, who are very anxious. We purpose (D. V.) taking a trip to distribute what we have in hand. We are thankful they are blessed to many. We have just come from our prayer meeting; it is a most blessed privilege to cast our care on Him who careth for us. Bro. B. accomplished a great deal of good here through the help of the divine Spirit; there are many wishing he would preach again.

Some dear unknown ones are still sending me tracts, which I am so thankful for. I also receive "Messenger of Peace;" am glad to read and distribute them to anxious friends. One poor lady offered her son to work for me to pay for some of them, but I said they were not sent to me to sell, and I gave her some. I feel that a spiritual day is beginning to dawn upon my soul.

[J. G. Boate, 1546 Pacific St., Brooklyn, N. Y., will furnish the names and addresses to any wishing to serve them further. Ed.]

I have been reading your books all day. I thank the good Lord I am trusting Him, not my good works, for He finished the work for me. I feel He sent you all to my family, and the good books also. I do love to have them to read, the children also. What a blessing to know you have the truth! How ignorant I have been all my life; now I know we are saved, for my Bible tells me so.

This leaves us well in body and mind, enjoying the rich blessing of the dear Lord. I have another brother to present you with when you come again. What a joyful thing it is to see them coming to the Saviour! How I thank and

praise Him I can say I am His, and look to Him to keep me from being a sleeping Christian; for we may sleep as well as watch, as Peter did, and then we fail and dishonor Him, but He never fails and always brings us back. I praise Him I can say I am a child of God. Amazing grace! All the dear brothers are well.

To A. S.

You will find us mountain people a very simple, uneducated people, but the Lord has many precious souls here, and your ministry will be edifying to the Church. I sympathize for you very much climbing the mountain, as I know the distance to be a very wearisome one, but Christ will accompany and cheer you on your journey.

The Lord enabled me to go to Virginia May 17th, and blessed His Word to two souls. Try and stop a few days with them. It would be nice to give them some teaching on the Church. The denominations have heard it, and are now sending a minister there. Satan is very active. Four are ready to receive the truth, and others very much broken. The Lord open the way.

I write, not to flatter, but to encourage you in your good work, as you said you wanted to know that one poor soul was blessed by it. Not one, but *all*, have been benefited, encouraged and strengthened. One when he heard that a stranger would preach thought little of it, said it was some tramp, but now says to write you, "It was a blessing to my soul, just such as I need. I never saw so plain before." E. says the same, and that if any of you are coming again to let him know in time for *all* to come out. As for my own part, I cannot tell how thankful I feel that the Lord ever sent you here; it has been great blessing to my needy soul. Over 37 years ago I gave my all to the Lord, begging Him to make me what He would, and I have passed through much trial which makes Christian fellowship so dear. I have had many happy seasons, but amid all had fears that I was not safe, and that I might in an evil hour be a castaway; but my cry was, "Keep me to the end." I feel thankful to find some to encourage me, and for the sweet peace I have found in your instruction. I never saw Romans vii. so plainly, though I read it often with tears, till you explained it. May the choicest blessings of our Father attend you and Bro. N. The Lord guide, comfort and keep you, and bless your labors. I humbly ask an interest in your prayers. If you

can ever come back we will welcome you. The great enquiry of the people is, "When are they coming back? If they could only stay with us." (Visited by Bro. Nalle and Greenman four days in May.)

A DOUBLE DELIVERANCE. It is growing stronger in our minds that at any moment we can expect our Lord; and is it any wonder that the Bride longs when He is the altogether lovely? I have indeed much to praise the Lord for. When you were here you impressed me with the filthiness of using tobacco, and quite offended me. But it was from the Holy Spirit, and He would not let me be in peace, so I just fell down at the feet of Jesus and told Him that I never could give it up, but if it was His will that I should not use tobacco that He would take away the craving. And, blessed be His holy name, He has done it, and will continue to. Furthermore, He has blessed me with fruit in the Gospel—two conversions, who now rejoice at the Lord's table, and some interest in others. How sweet to labor in the vineyard, even if called at the eleventh hour. **

A PRACTICAL ENQUIRY—KNEELING IN PRAYER.

Why is it very few kneel in prayer to God in the meetings, but sit at ease the whole time? If the Lord were there to be seen by human eyes, would we sit when we prayed? No, we would be on our knees before Him; and surely such should be our attitude when we see Him present to the eye of faith. If it were an earthly king we would not do so. It grieves me very much.

[This is verily "an evil" to be remedied, for "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of His saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about Him" (Psa. lxxxix. 7). The examples of Scripture, both of our Lord and His people taken generally, are *kneeling* in prayer. If circumstances (want of room, state of the floor, physical inability or otherwise) forbid it, to bow our heads doubtless suffices; for "if there first be the *willing* mind, it is accepted according to that one hath." But not to kneel before God because of pride, indolence or irreverence of spirit is not to worship Him in spirit and in truth, nor to do "all things decently and in order"—i. e., as becometh Him in whose presence we are. So sadly is this a growing evil that we have often knelt in *households* where few

if any bent the knee, and remember one once asking such as he arose, "Do you ever *kneel* when you pray?" It is of course more important to bow our hearts, judging and closing out foreign thoughts, and following the one leading in prayer, and then expressing our fellowship by an audible "Amen" (See Psa. cvi 48. Neh viii. 6. I. Cor. xiv. 16. Rev. v. 14. vii. 12. xix. 4). The Lord give us to regard His holy will.

ED.]

CHINA. The carrying of Sir J. Pease's motion against the opium revenue in the House of Commons, London, is cause for praise to God.

A party of 35 Scandinavian missionaries from the United States have joined the China Inland Mission, another party sailing 12 days after. Mr. Franson's farewell charge was, "Do not trouble about where you will be received. Believe the best; walk step by step with God, and give yourselves to the work."

During 26 years 539 persons have been connected with this mission. Two parties (11) of Australian workers are joining it also.

"China's Millions."

BAHAMAS.

NASSAU, N. P.—We are at present alone with the Lord and His Word. I send you a letter from a Methodist minister sent to a brother who came out last year at Savannah Sound, who heard Bro. Holder 11 years ago. [Comments will appear (D. V.) in August GOODLY PORTIONS. ED.] We are getting on nicely; most of the saints are young, but enjoy being taught the Word. Twenty-four break bread with us; have a nice room I built last year, and a brother put in the headlight over the door, "Gospcl Hall." It will seat about 200 persons. There is some little interest, a few come in.

T. G. Johnson.

UNITED STATES.

MILFORD, DEL.—First night hall was full and some standing outside. Began

with chart, shall continue every night except Saturday if the Lord permit. Last evening not so many out, but rapt attention; some seem very deeply interested. We took up Israel's history to the end. Some solemn testimony drawn from it applied to Christendom. Hope to take up the "seventy weeks," to show the break in them and our place as a heavenly people, and the Bridegroom (Matt. xxv.) and the coming of the Lord. Spent yesterday with Bro. Smith, with profit, I trust, all around. Here the saints seem to be cheered and refreshed. Shall remain (D. V.) until Monday unless interest demands further stay. Hope to see Brn. Spencer, Stevens and others; Smyrna and Little Creek next week. S. A. White.

June 11.

DULUTH, MINN.—I hardly know how to write of the shower of blessing that has come to us here. Bro. A. E. Booth has been here about five weeks, including a trip to Ashland; left May 4th. No doubt of his being sent and who by, as the message to each brought light, cheer and gladness to all who proved willing to receive it. He preached at three places in the city, but the work was mostly in cottage readings as interest directed, many getting clear on points of the Word supposed to be dark; questions freely asked and promptly answered from it, not requiring to be backed by an opinion. I have seen souls made glad on getting a clear knowledge of salvation, but never before witnessed such gladness as when earnest believers of long standing saw from the Word what they were delivered from by accepting God's salvation, brought to them, and with it the wonderful place of blessing we are brought into as members of the one body—sectarian fences cleared away—also the connection and oneness of God's Word from Genesis to Revelation. Seven have taken their place

at the Lord's table, and we trust that more will be added after His own fashion. Thus God is answering prayer; "in His own way," yet not after our thoughts, for all are new names, but we can hold on to the Lord yet for those who have been on our hearts so long. *Samuel Stevens.*

[We rejoice with our brethren and with Him whose grace has thus worked in blessing. May they be kept in humility and increasing faith, so that it may both deepen and widen yet more.

ED.]

DENVER, N. C.—In our trip across the mountains we found much need. Preachers or people did not know they were saved; little heart for the things of the Lord.

After returning home our daughter Sadie confessed Christ, was baptized by Bro. Peuson, and is now in fellowship. Two weeks ago we came here. Meetings commenced with good congregations; two Methodist ministers present from the first listened quietly until the fourth night, when the younger rose to object to the eternal security of the believer, and to insist on a general resurrection and judgment, but got no little confused as Bro. P. plied him with scriptural questions, until the older minister expressed a desire to discuss these matters with us, as he felt that we were teaching his "flock" error. We gave them the privilege in our meetings of showing the error. So the older minister announced that he would show that the law is the rule of life for the believer. I was to follow in reply. Then the other was to take up the other points, and Bro. P. to reply. A large congregation came to hear, many who had not been out before. He took up the law, but soon ran through with that; then took up the other minister's part. By the aid of his notebook he referred to a number of scriptures, most of which he sadly distorted from their connection, showed much

bitterness, and denounced the truth of eternal security as the doctrine of the devil. Next night I showed from Scripture—1. To whom the law was given and for what. 2. Its present purpose. 3. The believer's attitude to it. 4. The effect if we were under it. 5. The believer's rule of life, Christ. The other minister then occupied about an hour, but evidently felt pressed down by the force of the truth he was seeking to deny. In his desperation it was clear to all unbiased ones that he would impress them that we opposed the truth of the resurrection. Next night Bro. P. so clearly set forth the truth of two resurrections that the older minister flew into a rage and railed on us most shamefully, bringing all manner of lying accusations against us personally—even saying that we were paid by the Chicago whiskey ring, stirring up some drunken fellows to most shameful demonstrations even in our own hall—until the people were so disgusted that they would not remain longer to hear him. Thus ended the public discussions. Since then we have been going on with the Gospel, and though the ministers stay away and do all they can to get others to do so, we have nice companies and souls are being saved. The Lord, in spite of the opposition, has from the first been working in a most wonderful way, Satan's opposition overruled of Him for blessing to many. "Surely the wrath of man shall praise Him" (Psa. lxxvi. 10). A few have remembered the Lord with us two Lord's Days we have been here. Now, however, comes the testing with them. May the Lord show them what real testimony for Him is in these last days, and lead them to act upon it.

The harvest here truly is great, but the laborers few. We are thankful, though, to be used in a measure by the Lord of the harvest. Satan was never so open in

opposition as now, but it only shows that the truth by books and tracts and the few of us who have been permitted to give it out is taking effect. Bro. P. says that he cannot tell when he will go on to Canada.

My future address will be Catawba, N. C., as also G. Pearson's for the present.

J. H. Booth.

BALTIMORE, MD.—My brother, 35 years old, is lame on both feet, nearly helpless, sitting years in the same place with but little change. But worse, he really knew nothing of the "consolations in Christ," but now we hope he does. As I was helping him to bed he said, "Well, George, I'm safe." I said, "What do you mean?—that you are trusting in the Lord?" He said, "Yes." Miss C., my wife and sisters-in-law had been talking to him, so now he seems to be won for the Lord, and I do hope the work has been done in his soul, it would be such a blessing to one in his condition, and to my dear mother, who with the care of a number of children was sorely tried by him, especially of late years. He would get out of temper by the most trivial thing, nothing suited him, and he would threaten to kill himself. He has been suffering very much from frost-bitten feet, every winter becoming worse; he used to sit on the front steps until the cold compelled him to come into the house. He seems quite overcome.

The past few meetings have been encouraging, well attended and a spirit of prayer. We propose during the summer having Bible reading and prayer meeting in one, as we may be guided. Bro. Ridout and family are now in the country.

G. Hoffman.

ROANOKE, VA.—Had a good meeting in the open air last evening at the Brick Row, C. going to the colored people. Have meeting tonight at Mrs. D.'s. Am

thinking of trying to get the little mission church, and no doubt would have a good attendance. Surely the Lord is at work here; may He grant grace and strength to fill the opportunity.

John M. Peddicord.

(CANADA.

WEST DOVER, N. S.—Am laboring along the Western Shore; was four days at Shad Bay, preaching nightly in the school house, leaving by open boat for East Dover. Lord's Day preached twice in the Baptist church (about 70 out). Monday crossed to here, and am holding meetings in an unfinished meeting house. I made seats, but had to put up with a large hole in the roof and four windows out, but the intense interest made up for all; about 60 out the first night, so cold and wet that only about 25 out last night, still interest continues. They came to me and said, "If you would only stay with us and be our minister!" They complain bitterly of the neglect of their ministers, sometimes do not see one for nine months, and then his object is chiefly for money. Have held one or two little Bible readings chiefly on Church truths. They listened eagerly; many say they have long thought over these things. May He deepen these truths in their hearts. I pray that the Lord may yet send a teacher along these parts, but I would not say to any one come. Some know you well, having attended tent meetings regularly in Halifax. I recrossed the bay, preaching in a large kitchen, returning here same evening; travelling is rough, by mail coach, boat and on foot. Expect to go on to Peggy's Cove, Indian Harbor, etc., working towards Halifax.

The Church of England is making great havoc in these parts, the ministers teaching errors as bad as those of Rome. The

people are terribly bigoted and ignorant, yet many secretly desire the Word. Pray that they may be delivered from this darkness.

I am in fear and trembling, realizing my own weakness, yet having before me II. Cor. xii. 9, 10. The Lord has been with me in much power, and keeps me from day to day. How one needs to be filled with the Word; they are all the time asking questions they expect you to answer. I missed the breaking of bread much, but His presence was with me in much power.

F. J. Enefer.

RIPLEY, ONT., May 25.—Had two weeks at Amberley. Bro. E. Martin and I expect (D. V.) to spend a month together in Gospel work in school and private houses and in the open air. He has a horse and sulky, and so we can have meetings in different places about every night. The meetings at A. were fairly attended, the good seed sown and the Lord's people refreshed. Their hearts are in real sympathy for others to be brought into blessing. We had an open-air meeting at Bervie and in a schoolhouse near Kincardine; a good attendance. The liberating truths of the Gospel are much needed by Christians who little realize the grace and claims of Christ, and man's ruin strongly stated to arouse the careless and bring them to a knowledge of their lost condition.

Thos. Somerville.

SHEPPARDVILLE, MANITOBA.—I left home several weeks ago, and visited the saints in Kitson Co., Minn., where a few were gathered to the Lord last year, when Bro. Booth and I were there. They are meeting with opposition, but I hope it may drive them closer to Christ. They have to learn by experience that they are outside the camp, as well as inside the veil, and are called upon to bear "*His reproach.*" We have prayer meetings all

this week, and the Lord is blessing us much with the spirit of prayer, humiliation and confession. Several coming in seem interested. Last night the Lord enabled me to give out a little Gospel. People live so far apart that one cannot expect large congregations. The work has to be done by visiting and tracts. The saints here have furnished a horse and carriage, and thus I can reach more. When I look out upon this immense field I am led to cry, "Lord, raise up, qualify and send forth more laborers," yet I know it is not occupation with the immensity of the field or the work the Lord desires most, but with Himself. "Let *Him* kiss me with the kisses of *His mouth*" has been much before me. Not the kiss of *reconciliation* that we received when as prodigals we sobbed out our confession on His bosom, to which we were pressed by our Father's arms of love; nor that of *restoration* that we have to receive so often when as children we have judged ourselves and confessed; but of *intimate affection*, springing from a knowledge of our union with Him in glory, and the spontaneous outflow of a heart wholly occupied with *Himself*. Oh, the blessed intimacy breathed forth in it!—the heart absorbed with one object, Christ in glory; and is He not the object of the Father's heart and of the heavenly intelligences, and will He not very soon be the centre around which all in heaven and earth will be gathered? I believe the end is very near. Oh, to be found in this happy, all-absorbing attitude of soul when He comes!

I have written more than I expected, but my heart is full.

W. H. Scott (Alexandria, Minn.) holds meetings in that vicinity; does not go far from home. Bro. Allen is to be with him this summer in the Lord's work. Bro. Booth is in Iowa, where we were last

summer and where Brn. Broadfoot and Allen were laboring last winter.

David Little.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA.—When I hear of the delusions and wrangling around, it leaves me sick at heart and seems as if all was like a raging sea around the rock of ages. The only sure footing is in Christ, and "who-soever believeth in Him shall not be ashamed." Wonderful to rest there and hear, but feel not, the tossing of human opinions.

Alex. Cameron.

Care of Mr. Prevost.

[Converted at R. Sparrow's, Sheppardsville, three years ago, while D. Little was there.

Ed.]

MISSIONS.

It is desirable that we should know to what extent the Lord's great commission is being carried out, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature;" that we should know the history of those missions that have now developed into greatness, after a long experience of ill success, reverses and disappointments; so that when there is a like earlier experience there may be a cherishing of a similar spirit of patience and believing expectation. At times there is special blessing bestowed on places; but how are others to get the benefit, in the way of impulse and encouragement, if ignorant of the facts? There have been with all times of peculiar difficulty and trial or times when the door is wonderfully opened, and in either case sympathy and prayer and help otherwise would have been invaluable; but facts were little known, and so the needed help was withheld, and the opportunity not turned to its full account. The want of this is a loss

to all. What we plead for is such a knowledge of what God is doing elsewhere that there may be a kind of partnership alike of help and of blessing. When "they enclosed a great multitude of fishes they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the *other* ship, that they should come and help them; and they came and filled both the ships" (Luke v. 4-7). Openings thus are a call to all to rally round and make common cause in turning the occasion to account.

We have entered on the *evangelistic era* of the Church's history. "The fields are white unto the harvest." The implements are ready. And now the Lord is calling for the hands to take them up, and the spirit of faith, prayer and self-sacrifice in those who cannot go forth personally to the toil of ingathering. We need to study the old missionary psalms and Old Testament prayers, promises and predictions, to drink in the missionary spirit of our Lord and of the early Church, to be familiar with the lives and labors of those who have given their best, even *themselves*, to a cause as much *ours* as *theirs*. We should all be eager to know the world's present need, what the Church is doing for the overtaking of it, and what the Lord is asking at our hands in order that, all the world over, He may "see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied."

J. H. W. Condensed.

WHAT a great and solemn responsibility it is to exert our influence unduly upon others. Passion blinds our eyes—we see and see not.

THE Lord enable us to instruct souls in the *way of the Lord*, that fruit may abound to *their account*.

MAY we "go softly," distrusting ourselves, caring for others, believing that God is able to make the weak to stand.