

My dear Brother & Sister in the Lord: <sup>4 June 1867 34</sup>  
I hope to send you a few lines by the next mail:— so I commence these early, in hopes of doing so with more ease & prompt.

"The Spirit & the Bride say Come!" what a life stirring word that is, at the close of all mans wicked course! From man, nothing but wickedness, downward, from Edens gate;— alas! too, from man set in blessing at Pentecost! and, yet the book close not without this other picture being seen. even the Spirit & the Bride being seen & heard saying "Come thou to the Lord. It is very gracious of the Lord to have ordered it so, & to have recorded the blessing which is in store. Sodom enough & gomorrah enough, there will be; & Abis too, — but, nevertheless, The Spirit & the Bride say, & shall say, "Come." What could needs as a quickened soul, without the life giving Spirit being also a refresher to them that are weak & weary, & a lifter up of the drooping head of the flowers that hang down. But He is <sup>all</sup> that;— and, having loved His own that are in the world, He loves them unto the end. Poor Peter found out that, & so do we, each one of us, in His, in her-  
season & private life. But what I want to see is more purpose of heart to cleave to Himself — to cleave, or to be cleaved to, and <sup>able</sup> ~~all~~ be allowed to drop off. and is it not natural, when the heart is filled, satisfied, with Christ — that it should let all

others, pass on around it, - satisfied to have found  
its own rest in him the beloved. Surely, until the  
soul has done to it cannot rightly occupy itself  
with others. If any man thirst, let him come unto  
me & drink - & out of his belly shall there flow  
rivers of living waters: life giving to others they are,  
& soul reviving to those of the dead who come in con-  
tact with that which the soul, having tasted as re-  
ceived at Christ's hand, passes on to others. Surely  
Peter, James & John on the day of Pentecost were  
specimens of this: the spirit enjoyed by them in  
the word of Christ, they, out of the abundance of the  
heart, spoke it out - and others heard & the Spirit  
using the word, these, too, felt the preciousness of the  
word and of its divine power.

I have been very busy trying to arrange with  
Dr Mackern for Tract & Book depots in Ameri-  
ca, Canada, West-Indies - He says Barbadoes  
is the point in the latter for the America & for the  
West-Indies. Mr Brother Stein is trying what  
he can do in it. Simple as the working of such things  
are, when God has set them a going, it has sur-  
prised me how unmanageable & how when set  
up, they are unquidable by man. But the Lord  
He can do all things, and accept very, the feeble  
effort to help, or prayer for help -  
I have just closed another part of Present testimony  
The opening of Vol. XVI. as it looks - tho' I have

in truth begun a new series "vol. I. Some of the papers interest me much - especial "Peace how to get it" & "Sheelan & Lynch" - I trust the Lord will accept the part in grace as a gift to Him. <sup>of</sup> what was & is, if worth any thing, <sup>his gift to me</sup> His own. The apertness of Paul & Merry, were two lectures subjects of mind in Derbyshire & Staffordshire after Christmas.

Dear Mr Darby is in energetic work again - in Boston now but D. leaving it soon for the Guelph meeting on the 27 Instant - for American & Canadian I'm hope to wait for 7 or 9 days at Guelph this year again - the Fenianists without tarrying - the Lord grant them mercy. - W.W.T. is in New York <sup>city</sup> residing 21 Maiden Lane his address - his <sup>estate</sup> shop resigned & his book store moved into a private house - His soul very happy apparently, compared with what it was. Dr Mackern thinks he has no business to go to Jamaica; and that, both as to the work and health, he ought to stay in America. To see with another's eyes is not easy. From what Mr Darby says there is now a little door open in N. York. - may the Lord keep those there from handling His work & from any effort at display or show - Dire necessity is the character of man & the Lord meets it, when He is directly looked to. If we fuss and about to be <sup>some</sup> <sup>body</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>to</sup> be somebody - all is too easily spoiled. But what a God He is in grace like

I would rather be a poor failed broken down, old thing -  
with God & Christ to prop up my feeble, crumbling  
than a young flourishing labourer with pleasant  
prospects of his own making & do for the future  
what God can do for his own & long in Christ, in the  
latter days, - in bringing out together his own people  
& in converting the world to the hope of the coming  
of the Lord from heaven.

Here, I think, all is pretty clear & quiet - poor Mr  
Hall, Mr Downer & the few who identify themselves with  
the neutral, <sup>neutrality means God's judgment on all arguments,</sup> (as they are called) that is (as they call it)  
the discipline - Oh, how fast, how much trouble: the  
Lord too, is winning out breads from among them. Oh  
himself, Mr. Hall and now, Mr. Turpin are men  
who have had to leave all of John in Christ, & from  
the neutral territory: - they have done it, apparently, as  
whole heartedly as it has been in whole lots of way  
thing. But Christ is worth, I am sure of more than  
the all; the all is, what? after all is had & done.  
You had of Mr. De. there is good: to heaven the cross  
there proper, I have - the opportunity of that day - but not  
making a fair a show as when I remember as there  
I have ever thought that there was a gathering to him - but  
that he missed it, yet there was a more consequence  
with his presence caused me much of rejoicing. The Black  
boy Charley was, I heard, dying - the saints had  
much as usual. Bennington still at Brighton  
as a residence but moving about a little.

Send an order of what, can be the right  
the Lord settle the account - I am glad it is done  
me. My own kind love to your wife - & from me,  
a kiss to little one. In Christ. E. W. W.  
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