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Beloved Brother,

It is always a delight to hear from you. How often I wish I were nearer, so that we might confer instead of writing! While I think of it, have you received your 18 clean copies of letters Li. to L. vii, all right? We are getting short, & I should not like you to be missing any number. I always try & keep a few till I hear you are served —

Do you know a brother named McMiller at Stanley, Wisconsin? Is he with us? And the brother named R. Page (I think) who has corresponded with George Plagge & has I understand withdrawn from the gathering he was connected with, partly in consequence of what G. P. wrote to him. Our much beloved & valued G. P. is under the weight of matters & has much difficulty in rising up to God. We always damage others when

we get under the power of evil. Our hope is in God. "What hath God wrought?" was the running up of Israel's history at the end of the wilderness, & "What is God doing?" is the word for us to day, & would keep us very quiet.

One more sorrow. Three brothers have written us a joint letter purporting that they have separated from the gathering at Kingston, Jamaica, taking themselves the highest ground of being as representing "the assembly of God" in the place. I have written shortly, and endeavoring to point out their mistake, & ^{that} they, in so doing, commit the very sin for which they complain of John Lawrence. Their names are

J. A. W. Foster, G. S. Hyatt, F. R. Baker. Foster would seem to be in a solicitor's office at 3 Duke St.

Certainly it is a lawless day, but God will bring good out of evil, I am persuaded, to all concerned.

Now for your letter, which reached me in Belgium among the coal mines, where I acted

an interesting reading on Ephesians, greatly
blessed to us all, I trust. They have been &
are having pretty sharp conflict with the
loose or Bethesda brethren in those parts,
in which I get my share of abuse, as you
will see if you cast your eye over enclosed
two tracts. But God is working to exercise
the younger generation. We shall have to rouse
the "Reputation", to expose its subtlety. These
loose brethren are I suspect supplied with
funds, which are not lacking with the O.B.'s
as anyone may see from their fortnightly
missionary report, "Echoes of Service" I think.

Now as to your questions. The reports are
so far from the truth, that I am continually
reminded of my dear mother's advice, "Believe
nothing that you hear & only half of what
you see!" Our Streatham meeting, last
October, was a very happy one, - no element
of looseness about it. Dr. Evans of Dublin,
for long inclined that way, was specially
invited by myself in the fervent hope that
a little kindness & godly intercourse would
keep him from finally severing his connection

from the gathering in Dublin. In that hope we are for the present disappointed, but I cannot say I am sorry for our having done our best to talk to him, & act quietly before him his want of faith in God, in giving up Truth, which never changes in spite of all our failures. Besides that, my own brother John was there, in as far as his shattered health would allow. He is a sort of free lance, & has lost ground spiritually, but is full of Christ & the Lord's coming. Was that wrong? Everyone who cares, knows the intense grief of heart his position causes me, & none, I suppose, more than himself.

What these "private & educational" meetings held in different parts" are, - I know not. I have not heard of any thing of the kind amongst us. They probably refer to sections of the Raversites & others who have gone out for us.

Another little ^(3 day reading) meeting we had early in February last, has also been harshly criticized. Why I cannot tell, except that the devil is jealous because four from outside have

lately come into fellowship at Brighton,
 two from the Kelly following, the other
 two, Dr. Molson & his wife, floating about
 both of them much interesting, & desirous
 to learn. We also had Dr. Bergmann who
 was only too thankful to set aside his own
 meetings in order to be present at the
 readings, & was much useful to us. He
 has laboured for years amongst the Jews,
 with marked blessing, & has translated
 the Bible into two different dialects of
 so called Yiddish or the Jew's jargon.
 I felt it quite an honour from the Lord
 to have such a man with us. The
 meetings were wholly in our hands,
 without any effort or jar of any kind,
 & acknowledged to be most profitable.
 You yourself would have most heartily
 joined in; but if we are never to seek
 to serve & help those who are not with
 us, what are we coming to? The truth

of Ephes. iv. is given up. And that is what I feel so grieving to the Holy Spirit of God, in this ultra-ecclesiasticism which is being pressed by some, it is practically little else than beating the new servants & maid servants (end of Matt xxiv).

Alfred Brunton has protested against this; I quite admit that his statements in C. Library need qualifying often, & sounding off as J. N. D. used to do. But in heart, he is right, and not loose. Few men have been more blessed of God. I heard him say, (not to me), "If the brethren were to receive the Kelly people in a block today, he should leave fellowship to-morrow."

We need patience with one another, & to hold fast the truth in communion with God, more firmly than ever. This I seek to do, while profiting by all complaints made, so as not to

open needlessly, but never, God helping me, give up the care of souls wherever & wherever they may be, if it be possible to help them in His fear.

God is working every where, but very little amongst us in England, where a pharisaical spirit has, alas, engendered much blight. Still He works, & for that I am thankful.

Very much love in the Lord. I have the hymn book by my side, but am so overwhelmed with work, I get on but very slowly

Yours. very affectly in the Lord
W. J. Lowe

Notice one thing beloved brother, which I believe is a test - Has the unfolding of the Father's name (the truth of John's Gospel & Epistle) its proper place with those who are on rigid ecclesiastical lines?

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