

Beloved Brothers,

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***** I have gone through nearly all quarters here, though there are large fields yet before those who have the Gospel to precious souls. Still the Lord has been very gracious. The conversions & gatherings out from the world have been numerous, at least for our little faith, by the Lord's great goodness, & that in many places, a wide door is opened. Turning the course of France from Ball to the Pyrenees with some large intervals here and there toward the West, very little towards the East; God has raised up a testimony feeble but acceptable to His grace and which is a known testimony. In the Gard and in the Ardèche are considerably the greatest number, and at Montbelliard there is a happy and pretty extended work. All the West of Switzerland is pretty well filled with gatherings and in Neuchâtel conversions continue and spread. In general though there is nothing to excite, it is a time for thanksgiving. In France, all the brethren in the work bear witness to the spirit of God acting in their locality. I thought thus much would interest you, dear brother, but you will understand that it is not for publishing, as I find this in general injures the work. The brethren's joy in it is legitimate, and I do not mean that it is a secret as to them in the least, but I doubt that God is glorified by publishing. It is so true, that we have all grace in our living Head, and I do pray that we may be enabled in holding fast the Head to draw continually thence, and to be preserved from what would hinder the life of that blessed One, in our mortal bodies. When we think what it is to have such a life & such a fulness to draw from, and that really we are to enjoy all that that supplies in God's own presence, in the light in Heaven it gives a thanksgiving and a steadiness of joy that the Holy Ghost alone can give, or make us understand. But we have to seek that there be an exercised conscience & spirit, that our living, and habitual state may be according to this. Christ was not always in the glory of the transfiguration. He met & felt an unbelieving world, but He was always consistent with the glory which that revealed, and indeed with what was only dimly shadowed there; & that in every spring of action & manifestation in life. & in us this must be sought to be realized in them. It is not an effort to copy (though we do copy) but to be, or rather so to draw from the Head, that what we are in Him be not hindered in its manifestation by evil to overcome we need power as well as the desires of a new nature; hence constant dependence, not uncertainty as to the nature & life which desires, but dependence for force or power on another for the accomplishment (I mean here below) of those desires. It is the difference of Rom. 8. ch. - There is another point I will mention as I have been led to this - that all proper and happy affections suppose the relationships to which they belong, not merely the nature capable of them. An orphan has the capacity of loving a father and mother, and it makes it unhappy. A child who has its parents has the affections which belong to this relationship. To the existence of the divine nature involves the desires natural to it; spiritual affections have their place in known relationship with the Father & with Christ. And this is founded on the Redemption & grace, which must be known as an assured thing accomplished and indeed the relationships into which we have been brought by it, in order that these blessed affections which flow from a known God, exist in our souls. But then what a sure and immutable source of happiness we have, divine and immediate nearness to God. He has adopted us to Himself as children, see Ephes. 1. and given a nature capable of enjoying it, and the Holy Ghost as power (unlimited in itself) and that based on a Redemption which places us fully in unclouded favor and fully known love exercised and accomplished towards us in it, in a position as assured as the value of the Redemption itself - eternal Redemption. The Lord keep us in His peace

and walking before Him in all holy conversation and godliness, that we may meet in
feigned joy. Adieu, dear brother. The Lord our gracious Master be with you and me
you, and all His beloved people, and deign to keep me also. I have been these latter times
in general very happy with Him, but it has been with a look into the blessedness before me
in His presence, which has made me feel how little one sees into it as we ought, though at
the same time, how great it is; but it is a wonderful light into which one is permitted to
look. I speak of the happiness of His presence in light. (signed) J. N. D.

To F. Smith, - York.

ADDRESS

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BY J. N. DAREY

I wish to say a few words on my way to the
city, it has been that of which our brother has just
spoken, the gospel without the church. But one thing
that we must remember is, that people preached Christ
even of olden times, and the apostle was full of it. Now
Christ is really preached, there is blessing for all. But
if I say any more thing, - though I suppose I am a weak
person, and it is a stumbling thing and being more of a
stranger, - it is this, that when we first began, we
the full clear gospel did come out through the world
the word of God, a clear gospel and many people
were converted with it too, it started with a rush
and carried up the world. But then the church
had broken with the world and had done with it
therefore those who had got the church's faith were
the world's naturally carried away from the
source from which it came. The world was
the world was much more true than the church
was at that time, and by little and little
it has been set on what it is now. But
I have a higher view of the world
and then I have a higher view of the world