

Band Correspondence.

LETTER FROM ENGLAND.

Clifton, March 13, 1886.

Dear Mr. Savage—It seems a long time since I wrote you, but when we are very busy time slips by so quickly, and although yourself and dear comrades are never long out of my mind, yet I get little time to write. After waiting for the Lord a long time the way seems to be opening for my return to Canada, and (D.V.) I hope to sail about the end of the month. I may first visit St. John, N.B. Then I think of passing on to Belleville; then Hamilton. I know Band-work is slack in the summer season. I am, however, prepared to find employment otherwise, and be ready for what is more directly the Master's service when the way opens. The Lord in His mercy has given me rich blessing at home. We are now in the midst of a revival in Bethesda, George Muller's chapel. I had no idea of being kept in England so long. Love to all comrades. Write me, Box 364, Belleville, Ont.

Yours, in the Master's service,

HANDLEY BIRD.

MOUNT ELGIN.—We closed at Corinth after great blessing. Although the roads were bad we always had good congregations. There was a waking up of the church, and about fifty precious souls came to Christ. This included a company of fine young men. Praise God. May He keep them and use them. On Tuesday morning myself and comrades took train for Springford, where Bro. Davis had arranged a meeting for us. We were glad to meet our dear friends there once more, and felt encouraged at finding the young converts who gave themselves to Christ last June almost all holding on their way to heaven. Of more than a hundred who then started, only some three or four have gone back, and these had failed to connect themselves with any Church. On Wednesday evening we went to Miller's Church, where we had a campaign last autumn. Roads very bad, but a goodly number out. Had a good meeting and two precious souls saved. All but two of the number who gave themselves to God last July are going on their way rejoicing, with some added to their numbers. On Thursday we drove through the mud to dear old Zion, where the Lord wonderfully blessed us last August, saving over eighty souls. Sorry to find some twelve of that number had fallen back. Among other causes for this, the minister was taken ill after the services and

had to go away for a time. A young man, too, of some influence thought he could indulge in a dance and still serve God. He not only fell himself but did harm to others as well. On the whole, however, the work here stands well. They have a good Leader, and there is quite a company of live Christians. One dear old man of nearly eighty, who gave himself to God during the revival, passed away about a week ago fully trusting in Christ. On Friday we passed over to Dereham Centre to dear Bro. Archer, who had arranged a service for us. Roads bad, affecting the congregation, but we claimed the promise and had a good meeting. On Sunday a dear brother drove us over to Ebenezer Church, where we had a full congregation and a glorious meeting. From there we went to Mount Elgin for the evening. A full church and a good meeting. But little falling off on this Circuit. We intend to stay here a few days. After that we go to Avon Circuit, of which Rev. E. Fessant is pastor. We have already had much blessing on that field, and now go to another part of the Circuit, where we also look for great blessing. Pray for us. And with love to all comrades,

Yours in Jesus,

J. G. TATE.

WYOMING.—Dear Bro. Savage,—I have often felt like engaging in revival work continuously, and yet have not been able to decide to leave business for that purpose. You know it would be difficult to attend properly to both at once. Yet we have spent a few weeks at different times in helping, in our humble way, to spread the glorious news of salvation. Have recently returned from Marine City, Mich., where we held Band meetings for four weeks, commencing on the last day of January. The Lord blessed our efforts in the salvation of over a hundred souls. We found the place greatly in need of a revival, as indeed many places are. The element to be reached was much different to anything in our experience. A large proportion of the people are sailors, and almost the first and altogether the most common excuse that we had to contend with was, "I cannot sail and live a Christian life." It was really surprising that many seemed actually to believe it. Fine intelligent men, captains of some of the best vessels on the lakes, would say they could not sail and keep religion. It seemed almost too ridiculous to listen to. But many of them, thanks be to God, were brought in penitence to Him who holdeth the world in His hand, "whom winds and waves obey." O how it cheers the heart when