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THE EDITOR'S TRIP EAST.

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Dear readers:—Many will be glad to learn that my trip, now about ended, has been a very pleasant one. The unpleasant features about it being the briefness of the visit at each place and the farewells as we parted. Many of the dear friends whom we had never met before, seemed, after the two or three days' visit, to be life-long acquaintances. We recognized in each other the spirit of adoption into the *one* family, and our membership of the *one body* of Christ; and we felt ourselves drawn to each other and cemented by "that which every joint supplieth"—*love.*

The arrangements were carried out as noticed in our last, except at Montrose, Pa., where we were unable to make railway connections.

The meetings averaged from four to six hours per day at each place, and we trust, have been profitable to the hearers; tending to strengthen, encourage, and establish them in the present truth. With the exception of the bodily fatigue attendant upon so much traveling and speaking, the month has been a round of pleasure to your Editor, who returns home feeling much encouraged and refreshed, by the contact with so many loving, sympathizing hearts, *alive* with the Spirit of Christ.

We have seemed to realize more than ever, Jesus' words: "Ye shall have in this life a hundred fold—houses, lands, mothers, brothers and sisters." We have a hundred homes open to us if ever we go the same direction again. That the invitations to come again were sincere, was attested by the firm grasp of the hand, the moist eye, and "God bless you," at parting.

On the whole, the effects of the visit were so satisfactory that I rather feel impressed that it may be Our Father's will that I go among the dear flock more. We shall wait for His leading, and go as the way seems to open, probably however in other directions.

How dear brother Paul would have enjoyed such a trip as the one just ending. It would have required more than a year to accomplish the same results in his day. But evil also has new channels and **[R121 : page 8]** rapidly increases, and if *we* would be faithful we must take advantage of every circumstance.

Another thought has been suggested to my mind by my becoming personally acquainted with the saints, viz: If it did me good to know them and of their affairs, would it not do *all of the readers* good, to know of the welfare of each other? I think it would, and propose to furnish a corner of the "WATCH TOWER'S" space each month for *your correspondence.* Let us all know every little while, say every three months, how the Lord prospers you; whether you keep up your meetings with those of like precious faith, etc. Make it brief and pithy; a few lines on a *postal card* will do. Thus our interest in each other will be enlarged and all will be blessed. Who will start it?

Your brother in Christ,
C. T. RUSSELL.

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