

present. My heart is poor, and I feel continually that the blood of Christ will be a great gift when I can obtain it to overstream my heart. I live in hopes of that which alone can satisfy my soul—but I am not impatient, for I am already encouraged to go to Christ when I find the least beginning of anything wrong, though in thought only; and he shews me my helplessness and delivers me. I do not deserve this great blessing—I can deserve nothing but punishment, but I do not expect it, because he has died. I find some love for the churches in Germany, but I dare not depend that it will last, having had experience of hatred against you when I thought that I had loved you so much. I will arise and go to my Saviour, who has not refused to be called my friend and the friend of such sinners as I am :

‘ His blood and righteousness  
Shall be my robe and glorious dress.’

I beseech you most heartily to think upon England, and not to leave us without labourers. I will give you such an account of matters as I can :

“1. At London, Molther preaches four times a week in English to great numbers, and from morning ’till night he is engaged in conversing with the souls and labouring to bring them into better order; they get a great confidence towards him and began to be in great sorrow, many of them, when they expected him to be going away. I humbly beg you would leave him with us, sometime longer at the least. He continues very simple and improves exceedingly in the English language, so that he speaks, I think, very nearly as well as Spangenberg. The souls are exceedingly thirsty, and hang on his words—he has had many blessings. The false foundation many had made has been discovered, and now speedily will be laid in many souls the one only foundation, Christ Jesus. We had, last Monday, a love-feast with the German brethren, and some select [English] brethren and sisters, and it was accompanied with great blessing—every soul received something.

“2. J. Wesley being resolved to *do* all things himself, and having told many souls that they were justified, who have since discovered themselves to be otherwise; and having mixed the works of the law with the Gospel as *means* of grace, is at enmity against the Brethren. Envy is not extinct in

him; his heroes falling every day almost, into poor sinners frightens him, but at London the spirit of the Brethren prevails against him. In a conference lately, where he was speaking that souls ought to go to church as often as they could, I besought him only to be easy and not disturb himself, and I would go to church as often as he would meet me there; but he would not insist on it. He seeks occasion against the Brethren, but I hope he will find none in us. I desired him simply to keep to his office in the body of Christ, *i.e.* namely, to awaken souls in preaching, but not to pretend to lead them to Christ. But he will have the glory of doing all things. I fear by and by he will be an open enemy of Christ and his Church. Charles Wesley is coming to London, and determined to oppose all such as shall not use the means of grace (after his sense of them); I am determined to be still—I will let our Saviour govern this whirlwind.

“Charles [Wesley] had determined to go to Germany, but now he will not, since he has seen Nowers.\* John Wesley has carried Nowers wherever he could, speaking against the Brethren. I told Nowers he should smart for speaking against us—I mean the Herrndyk brethren, who are part of my herd. J. W. and C. W., both of them are dangerous snares to many young women; several are in love with them. I wish they were once married to some good sisters, but I would not give them one of my sisters if I had many.

“3. In Yorkshire matters go on otherwise; Ingham and W. Delamotte are united to the Brethren, some 1000 souls are awakened (in a manner, rather stirred up.) In Yorkshire they are a very simple people, and the people and the labourers too desire to have Tötschig with them. I have letters often from Yorkshire, and they all mention, when will Toeltschig come again? Some months will be necessary to bring them into order, and Toeltschig will not hurry as we Englishmen do.

“4. At Oxford I have seen some good souls: at first they could not be reconciled with lay-teaching, stillness, &c. but now some will come to Christ—about six are in a fine way—fifty, or thereabouts, come to hear Viney three times a week, and he gets their hearts more and more; he is poor in

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\* A brother who had withdrawn from the congregation at Herrnhag.