

Rev. L. C. Chambers
London Ct. W.
May 16, 1861

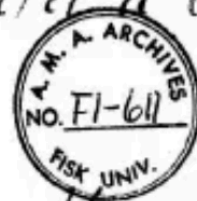


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was in a state we have had one
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Church in London that I remember
after five week labors with the help
of other brethren it resulted with
the blessing of God upon it I have
preached 33 times this Quarter 25
times on the Lord's day and 8 times
during the week on weekdays and at
several Sabbath School B, and pray

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who is seeking the blessing of peace and
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last night the members met to make
a reassignment to it being the church
was it is too small for the present
congregation offer has been made
to do it for \$75 dollar. The good news
is telling in we have lost
one of our Sabbath School scholars
he died well composed the next
for me to come and sing and
sing has he said sing while
I go to sleep she bid all good by and
quilt sing for she would soon
be home she had given the great
bundle of the bible she was in 16
or 17 years of her age she died in the
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My dear Mr. Whipple will you please
use my regards to a letter to
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to poor brother I am sorry to hear
continuing in mine of the staff of
the Green in Wilmington I
write your letter to her in the
care of Charles Wirted he has
been in 17 years and has an fine
letter from his wife but she
cannot let it in my letter
can you give a word to her
letter he has with me at the
time so indeed many a time
that he will let her wife she is
a brave woman please to send
her a letter to her word
Yours truly



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The magnetic witness to
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All of civil country

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Dresden, C.W. March 19 1859

Rev. Mr. George Whipple

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 22nd of Feb came safe to hand enclosed with a draft for \$25, which was received with much thankfulness and I found no trouble with it. I have been very busy ever since I got your letter on last Tuesday the 15th. I walked 10 miles and preached to a crowded house at 7 o'clock in the evening of both black and white people. The Lord was with us, for they gave great heed to what I preached to them, and four families said that they would open their doors to hear the word of the Lord every week. They pleaded hard that I must preach for them twice a week, for they want a preacher. I have agreed to serve them.

Page 2.1 Some of them say that they have not heard a sermon or a chapter read in the bible for Three years. No Sabbath school, no prayer meeting, so you see that they are starving for the word of the Lord. I have no doubt that this will make a good field for labour. I have 2 regular preaching places: 2 Sabbath Schools. I meet them, both schools, every other Sunday and every other Sunday. I meet Sabbath school at 9 in the morning, then walk 11 miles and preach at 4 in the afternoon. I preach at one place twice a week, the other once a week, but I have Sabbath school meetings once a week. To get to my preaching place, I have to walk. It is very hard work to walk. Sometimes there is so much water and mud, but I feel it will be well with me

Page 2.2 if I do right. The religion among the people (varies). Some Methodist and Baptist and Wesleyans. There is more for the name than is for Christ. The temporal wants of our people are great at this time. There are many that do not know where they will get bread to eat for such times have not been starving heretofore. I have calls so often for bread and have it not to give first one, then another. Our white friends in the next township have got help. It may be that the Lord will give us friends. The place here at Dresden where I preached 2 years and part of the last year, while I was a way, the (-----) sent a preacher. He has the oversight of the congregation, but I have my school in the home every Sabbath morning at o'clock. *Page 3* (Note upper left corner: Rev L.C. Chambers: Dresden, C.W. Mar 19/?) And it is a fine school. I have never seen better in the country. Nowhere that I have been but the worst thing is to get a teacher. The school in Chatham township is fine and doing well. Many scholars say that they love the Lord. I preach often in Dresden, but it is not one of my regular preaching places. The one in the township closest to them is about 2 miles from home. The other is near Thamesville on London road. At this I have great hopes of the people from there, who have a heart for the work. I will do all the good that I can for the missionary cause.

Yours in Christ,

L.L. Chambers

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Rooms of the American Missionary Association,

48 BEEKMAN STREET, NEW-YORK, ~~October 1890~~ *Sept 1891*REV. *L. C. Chambers.*

DEAR SIR: Your Report will be for the year ending August 1, 1890, or, if you have not been in commission a full year, for the year ending the 1st of your commission and August 1. Please fill up the blanks in the following form, and return it to us within three days after its reception by you, if practicable. Every blank should be filled explicitly, leaving nothing for us to determine. (For further suggestions on this and other points, see page 4.)

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Yours, truly,

Wm. Whipple, ~~Secretary~~, Cor. Sec.

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Yours G. W. Chambers*

*G. W. Chambers,
Canaan,
Sept 10*

Annual Report.

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I will be at Dresden on the 18 and [I will be]

gone on the 22 please write before [this]

time yours, LC Chambers

(transcription: Haley Miller)



Presentation and Address of the
B. M. E. Church Sabbath School London.

To the Rev. Lewis, C. Chambers.

Pastor of the B. M. E. Church - in
the City of London Upper Canada

Rev and Dear Sir

The Officers, Teachers, and Members
of the Sabbath School in connection with the
B. M. E. Church. Would most respectfully
upon the occasion of your departure from
this City — Approach you for the purpose
of expressing the deep sense of their grati-
tude & Gratitude to you for the unceasing
diligence and labours which you have so
manifestly exhibited and exerted in their
behalf.

When you arrived amongst us, the
Sabbath School, had been discontinued,
the Sch. laws were totally neglected, and
suffered to lie without being permitted
to enjoy the inestimable pleasures and
blessings ^{of that institution} so justly styled the nursery of the
Church of God, "The Sabbath School." Under
the pious teachings of which so many persons
have been taught to read the Sacred word of
God thereby being the means of saving their
immortal Souls.

As you will be informed through the proper
medium of the number of Scholars & attending
this School. It is unnecessary to advert to
— But permit us to inform you, that we
feel your labours were not in vain for
now we have a School of which we are
justly proud, and which we are sorely
indebted to you; we earnestly hope, that
the Conference may deem it wise & expedient
to return you to the scene of your present labours.

— where you have endeared yourself to us by the ties of Christianity.

You will please accept for yourself and Conference the sum of \$10, as a small acknowledgment of the appreciation and respect with which you are held by us.

Praying that the almighty God may endue you plentifully with His heavenly grace — guide protect and direct you — and grant you a long and useful life — We bid you we trust a short farewell.

Signed in behalf of the Sabbath School.

G. W. Barclay Superintendent

James Thompson Hamilton Secretary

H. Williams Treasurer.

B. Osborne Paul C —

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