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Dear saints in the  
Protestant Reformed Churches,

On Sunday, we finished our first series through the Heidelberg Catechism with “Prayer’s Concluding Doxology.” Moreover, since my last newsletter we have completed ten sermons on “The Signs of Christ’s Coming” (Matt. 24:1-31) and four sermons of an ongoing series on “Watching for Christ’s Return” (Matt. 24:32-25:46). I expect by the end we shall have preached eighteen sermons on that great eschatological “Olivet Discourse.” It has been an enjoyable study as we look forward to, and see many signs of, Christ’s second coming.

The CPRC’s loss will soon be the LRF’s gain. Anganeta Dyck, who became a confessing member of the CPRC on September 18, is engaged to be married to Samuel Watterson. They plan to marry on March 2, D.V., with Rev. Stewart officiating. Anganeta has found suitable employment in the Limerick area, and will be starting her new job in January, to which end she is relocating to Limerick. Interestingly, she will be renting a house on the same street as the Kuhs! Some have joked that we are starting our own LRF-ghetto in Limerick! We look forward to her arrival. Another member is a boost for our group. We hope that she will settle well into her new job, home, and church situation, and that the Lord will bless her and Sam in their preparations for marriage. I will be taking over the pre-marriage counselling.

The group here in Limerick, although small, is flourishing. The preaching and other instruction is well received, the saints are growing in grace and in unity, and

God’s blessing is evident. It becomes somewhat difficult, however, to give new and exciting updates in every newsletter. Our work, like yours, remains often very routine. The Lord builds His church slowly but steadily by means of the unglamorous (to the world, and, alas, also to much of the church world) application of His truth. We have, however, one new (semi-regular) visitor: Victoria, a lady from Latvia. She comes with her young son, Denzel. She also comes with many personal problems and we need much wisdom as we try to minister to her. The ladies of the congregation are especially helpful in that regard.

*New Testament Bible History for Juniors* Catechism class continues on Saturday afternoons with Chester, Dale, and Stephen. They are a lively and interested group and always come well prepared and enthused to learn. Often, one of the Mansona parents joins us. We finished the Passion Week, Lesson 12, last time; and recently had a test on the first ten lessons. The Essentials class and the Bible study (John 17) on Wednesdays are enjoyable times of instruction and fellowship. We now hold these at the Kuhs’ so that Emily-Kate can join us. Until baby Sebastian was settled into a routine, we held the Wednesday evening activities at my house, with the result that Emily-Kate had to miss it. This week we will finish Christology, and plan to have a review after the Christmas break, D.V.

Since the last newsletter we have had three lectures: Limerick, October 31, “Free-will and Predestination”; the same lecture on November 3 in Wales; and then “Peter, the Papacy, and the Keys of the Kingdom” in Limerick on December 5. The latter lecture topic was chosen because, after several speeches aimed more at Evangelicals, we

intend in our evangelism to target Roman Catholics. After all, Limerick is a predominantly Roman Catholic city, and many of those churches that are not Roman Catholic either tolerate Romanism, actively encourage, it or even openly cooperate with it in blatant false ecumenism. In fact, it recently came to my attention that a Presbyterian Church near Dublin had offered its people a course in the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits! “Ephraim is joined to idols; let him alone” (Hosea 4:17)! In future lectures I would like to address other subjects, such as Mary, purgatory, the Mass, etc. We would like to see more visitors at our speeches, and we wonder how best to advertise them. Currently, we include leaflets with the CR News; we promote the speech on our website and Facebook page, and we advertise in the *Limerick Post*, a free newspaper with a wide readership here in Limerick. However, advertising is not cheap: a tiny advertisement about the size of four postage stamps costs us about €100 (c. \$134). Nevertheless, the one visitor we did have at our last lecture, an elderly man named Vincent, came because he read the advertisement in the *Limerick Post*. So I think the advertisement is worth the money, and it is good that our advertisements be regular, so that the people come to “expect” them. It also advertises our website.

A few weeks ago we finished Family Visitation for the first time. We chose II Peter 3:18 (“Grow in Grace!”) for our text and I preached on that text on November 13, explaining the practice to the saints here. Family Visitation, although commonplace in the PRCA, is a completely new concept to most in the LRF. Terry Casey and Bill Davies (our oldest member, who recently celebrated his 77<sup>th</sup> birthday) accompanied me on the visits and the saints participated with enthusiasm. In fact, one person wanted to know if we could have it again next week! We hope to make this an annual practice and trust that the Lord will bless us through it.

In early January, D.V., I shall be moving to new accommodations. The house

here in 11 The Laurels is proving to be a little too large for my needs. I have located a very suitable three bedroom apartment near the city centre. Once everything is finalised with the current and future landlords I will let you know my new address.

Thank you all for the thoughts and prayers. It comforts us to know that we are remembered by our brethren “across the pond.” I have already received cards and letters in anticipation of the Christmas season. All such correspondence is greatly appreciated. May the Lord richly bless us together as we wait for the coming of the Lord. Let us be found busy in the Lord’s work, for the night cometh when no man can work.

In Christian love,  
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