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de Planting + Landbouw

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Dear Brother Brewster

I have your of the 15th and
note the request. In answer I must
tell you my experience. With great
trouble and pain I carefully revised the
paper - the "Planting of the Kingdom" - how
very much an arrangement (vertical) with
Mr. Randolph to print it upon my
furnishing him with the electrotyped
plates. I employed a printer, sub-
mitted the paper to Mr. Randolph
- complied with all his suggestions -
made the plates, paid for them and
delivered them at his store in Trenton.

I waited week by week. Returning from
vacation in September I called on
the store and ^{made} ~~had~~ inquiries. Mr. Ken-
dolph was absent and would return
the last of the month and nobody
knew anything about my affair.

I wrote to Mr. Randolph so as to
meet him upon his return. I
had no answer. In October I
visited the store to see Mr. R. per-
sonally. He at once informed of the
unanswered note -- the fact was
he had overlooked the business &
those plates -- he was sorry and
he would put stress on the press at

once. Again I waited and nothing was
heard. I consulted my printer, J. B.
Lambert & Co. for printing 1000 copies;
Lambert gave him a letter to Mr. R. in
quiring him to return the plates
back. He called (it was now

in this month) and mentioned my
name -- "O it is about that book
-- while it is in the hands of the binders"
"Then the book is all printed?" said
my messenger. "All printed" said
the publisher, and my friend went
down. Presently I saw my name
in print as "the author of the Planting
of the Kingdom". Day before yester-
day I called at the store and thought

I would keep a copy of my book.

Mr. Randolph was on the floor and
came forward. I said he "I found on
making inquiry after the gentleman
called a while ago - that the order to
print had not been given; but the
book is now on the press".

and then I am. I was in the store
again this afternoon and chatted with
Mr. Randolph but I had no heart to
engage to this business.

I have been out the cost of three plates
half a gross - the automan is lost -
and I have not seen a page yet.
If I could have got the plates back they
would have been used long ago.

I have felt very wretched about the
matter, and dare not now promise anything.

I am
your very truly
P. F. Weaver.

PASTOR'S STUDY,
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
PASSAIC, N. J.

P.S. The foregoing I wrote on Saturday and had ready to mail. Sunday put it out of my mind and I have been very busy till to-day (Christmas).

Mr. Randolph assured me on Monday that my matter is printed.

It is to be in forty eight pages, and I think he was to charge 20 cts for it, possibly 30 - no paper cost.

I understand that he has announced it on the steps where he sends out, but I have not seen the announcement.

If I had the time I would send copies to you at my own

expense - as it is you would do
me a favor if you would send
an order for a copy or two direct
to the publisher, to show him
~~that~~ at least one person
wants besides myself want
it.

I hope you work you as
pleasantly.

Love

Yours very truly

P. F. Leavenworth