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“ARISE, SHINE; FOR THY LIGHT IS COME, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS RISEN UPON THEE.”

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THE CANVASSER.

BY S. THURSTON.

[The following lines were written in sympathy for the canvasser, after trying to sell some five cent packages of tracts.]

The snow was falling thick and fast,
As down the street a stranger passed.
I watched his noble, manly tread,
And then, with sympathy I said,
A Canvasser!

From door to door, he sped his way,
Met gray-haired men, and maidens gay,
They spoke of times, so hard this year;
He kindly spoke and said, “See here,
Bible Readings!”

As o'er he turned the leaves with care,
And spoke of truth, both rich and rare;
Again they spoke of clothes and bread,
With gentle voice, he smiling said,
“Only two fifty”.

In spite of times so dull and dead,
Or even wants, of clothes and bread,
His list did grow to quite a few,
As he for courage, it did view,
While canvassing.

He boards himself with scanty fare,
His room affords a bed and chair,

No carpet floor, or pictured wall,
A table, lamp, and stove,—that's all,
While canvassing.

And thus he labored day by day,
To be delivered, first of May.
May-day has come; no books. He waits.
Cause thought to be the rush of freights.
He's waiting.

The iron horse, with whistling tune,
Has brought his books,—the first of June.
The shipper, he forgot to say
What route to ship; this caused delay
And waiting.

And now by this so long delay,
His money's short he cannot pay
For drayman's cart so round he looks
For barrow-wheel, to get his books,
For delivering.

With numbers good for every one,
His grip is filled, and now it's fun;
The cash he'll get for just a song,
And send to wife, who's waited long
For money.

With sweated brow and hurried feet,
He hastens to that same old street
With hopes as high as sun and moon
Although he's late, 'tis first of June,
To deliver.

But now he's met with angry look,
Our preacher says, “that's a bad book”;
And then with word so short, no, NO,
You'll have to let our order go,
For Bible Readings.

On, on he goes with courage brave,
To the next man who order gave,
The cash—in May he had it all,
But now he'll have to wait till fall
For Bible Readings.

Still pressed beneath his booky load,
Starts two miles down the country road,
And walks through rain and muddy loam,
Then finds the family not at home.
He's now delivering.

With eyes cast down, he thinks and looks,
Then says, “Next week I pay for books”.
And now he musters all his pluck,
And starts in hopes of better luck,
Delivering.

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These lines might be extended long,
With part I'll leave this canvass song.
And those who doubt the truth I say,
Would better work for just one day,

Canvassing.

Of all the laborers in the field,
Who do the gospel sickle wield,
There's none whose crown will shine more bright
Than he who works from morn till night,

Canvassing.

And so of all this working clan,
My sympathy's with the canvass man:
Let Christians all, him kindness show,
He's sowing seeds of truth you know,

While Canvassing.

FINANCIAL.

WE HAVE said so little about finances during the past year, that I don't know but the friends of the cause in the State will begin to think the work is running without very much means. Such is not the case. It is true that we are out of debt, both in the Conference and Tract Society; yet it takes means to keep the work moving. The faster it moves, the more means is demanded. All are anxious to see progress in the State and thank the Lord when it is seen.

To make advanced moves is the watchword of the Conference Committee. We have decided to run seven tents in the State during the coming summer. We desire to purchase a new tent for camp-meeting purposes. We have decided to purchase one 60x90. It will cost us some \$400. We would like to pay for the same by contributions as far as possible. We therefore ask all our brethren and sisters to aid us by contributing to the tent fund. Do not decide that you will aid, and not act immediately. If you have means that you desire to donate, please send the same to Rome, as soon as convenient, so we can pay for the tent soon as completed. Let all give something toward the expense of said tent. The children can aid by their pennies, nickels, and dimes and those older by their dimes and dollars. Have you, reader, a thank offering to send? Address New York Tract Society, Rome, New York. We have decided to run some of the seven tents in the cities, and some in the smaller country towns.

The membership of the Buffalo and Syracuse churches is increasing to that extent, that a meeting-house in each place is a positive necessity. If the members of these churches had

simply the cost of a building to meet, a meeting-house in each city could soon be erected; but lots in each city cost more than a building will cost. So all can readily see that it is a difficult thing for these churches to purchase lots and then go on and erect buildings without costing them more than they can raise. Therefore they should be assisted by those churches where there are meeting-houses and by those brethren and sisters that are able to aid.

These cities as well as all large cities are missionary ground. Whenever our ministers preach in such cities, there are always some who come in by invitation of friends, or by noticing an announcement in the daily papers, that never heard the truth before, and thus many are all the time becoming interested in the precious truth. Such cannot be the case if there are not places of worship in such large cities. The time has come to build up in such places. Reader, shall we have the meeting-houses in Buffalo and Syracuse? Have you not some means that you can spare for this purpose? If so, send it on, stating what it is for. Many are impressed that the time has come to put all into the cause, except what is necessary to live on and maintain necessary expenses. If so, are there not many in the New York Conference who will aid in building meeting-houses in the cities we have named?

The friends at Jamestown expect to build immediately, if they are able to purchase a lot. If any want to aid them, we will be glad to have them do so, as we want to begin work there at once. Jamestown is a city situated on Chautauqua Lake, and is a great summer resort for pleasure seekers who come there to camp on the lake. The city is near the assembly grounds of the great Chautauqua Association. Thousands visit the grounds each year. On this account, the truth should be well represented in this city, which is one of some 20,000 inhabitants, and a very prosperous town. The truth has already gained a foothold, and they need a meeting-house. They have some 12,000 feet of lumber donated by Brother Dobbin, and about \$500 pledged in money; and a great amount of work, so that if some aid could be rendered them toward the purchase of a lot, it would be a great help to them. Has not some one in the State, a few dimes or dollars to send to Rome for them?

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending April 6.

Place.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Orders.	Value.	Miscel.	Delivered.	Value.
Bible Readings.								
Springwater,	Perry Tufts	41	6	11	\$22.50	\$4.60	2	\$5.00
Ithaca,	J. S. Fritts	29	5	18	44.00			
Great Controversy.								
Poughkeepsie,	J. E. Frazee	25	5	14	35.50			
Keene,	R. L. McKenzie		3	13	32.25	1.60		
Miscellaneous sales,					6.20			
Totals, 4 Canvassers		95	19	56	\$140.45	\$6.20	2	\$5.00

We are glad that the tithes have come in so well of late. Some \$300 has been paid in on back tithe during March. We hope all in the State will truly tithe. If all will, we can secure more laborers, and with more means and more laborers and the blessing of God, the work will succeed. Who will aid now? S. H. LANE.

THE CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE.

Our Canvassers institute here at Cleveland, closed Sunday night, April 8. It has been a success all through, and all the canvassers go forth with courage and cheer, feeling that the lessons of the last few weeks will not soon be forgotten. Several more go out this year with Great Controversy, than last year. Our tarrying together has been most pleasant and profitable. Our hearts, as workers, have been more fully united, and we feel that our prayers for each other's success will be more fervent.

Our morning meetings were spiritual feasts to the soul. The study of church history covering the first five centuries, seemed to be greatly enjoyed; and we believe will prove of great profit to all. During the latter part of the Institute, we had a short drill each day in spelling, pronunciation, and language. The lessons in voice culture and vocal music, conducted by Sister Inskeep, were a decided success. In connection with this drill, Elder Jones' articles on the right breathing were read from the "Home Missionary".

The evenings and Sunday afternoons have been devoted to preaching which has embraced prophecy, the Second Advent, Sanctuary, the Messages, the Sabbath, and the nature of man. It has been the aim to show the plan of salvation, and the everlasting love of God in Christ, manifested in every line of truth. The church was well filled to the last.

Near the close of our meetings, we had twenty-one questions concerning the Sabbath, handed us to answer. They were called "clinchers", and so they proved to be, as they clinched in a most unexpected way; viz., several new ones decided to keep "the Sab-

bath of the Lord our God". These "clinchers" were strengthened by Elder Brown (Methodist) giving a scientific view of the Sabbath by the study of the long periods in creation, the rocks of Scotland, etc. We reviewed the points, endeavoring to show from such scriptures as Ps. 33: 9, the power of "our Rock".

At the close, we called for all those who were convinced that God's Sabbath is the seventh day of the week, to please rise. A good percentage of the congregation arose without hesitation. We then asked those who had decided that they by God's grace, would keep it, to rise. Several new ones responded. Thirteen adults and four children have taken a stand this year.

The Sabbath-school re-elected officers, and regular meetings were appointed for each week. The praises of the Lord shall be continually in our hearts for the great loving-kindness bestowed upon the children of men. A voluntary collection of \$4.49 was taken Sunday night. Tears would unbidden start as we said goodbye to the many friends at Cleveland, and those who go out to carry the pages of truth to the homes of the people. We shall not soon forget the blessed experiences just in the past; and as we look the ground all over, we can truly thank the Lord that our Canvasser's Institute for 1894 has been a gratifying success. Brethren and Sisters, pray for those who have just started at Cleveland and for those who go with the banner of truth.

A. E. PLACE.

ANY one wanting to rent, at a very reasonable figure, 50 acres of land, lying in Erie Co., New York, some 25 miles from Buffalo, can do so by addressing me at Rome, New York. There is on the place a good orchard. The land is adapted to grazing or raising hay. Grain crops do well on it. It is only three miles from Akron, a good station on the West Shore R. R.

S. H. LANE.

ANY family of Seventh-day Adventists in the State of New York, wanting a good girl to do house-work, can be supplied with one, by addressing the writer at Rome, New York. Please write immediately.

S. H. LANE.

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TO CANVASSERS.

OUR probation is about ended. Eternal riches are soon to be ours; cannot we wait a little for our conveniences and luxuries, that we may give more time to the work? "All heaven is impatient." Love shows itself in service. Love Christ and you will love the work. Time is lost by too frequent and irregular deliveries; by roaming about taking orders; by changing fields of labor; by having too many workers in the same territory, or working from the same center; by unnecessary correspondence; waiting for the mail; by being fair weather workers only; by staying in to entertain friends; by going to see the sights, going to meet people at the trains, or to see friends who are passing through town; by carrying the prospectus in a trunk when moving; by missing the car, or the train.

The canvasser must feel that he has been called of God to the work—that he has a work to do and that he must do it, else he never can say, "I have finished the work thou gavest me to do"; "I have fought a good fight."—GEN. CONF. BULLETIN.

FULTON, CLEVELAND, AND ADAMS CENTER.

I MET with the church at Fulton March 24, 25, for quarterly meeting. The attendance was good, some coming from Oswego and Granby. A few not of our faith attended. A most excellent spirit prevailed throughout the meetings. A liberal tithe was paid by some, and we trust that each member will soon realize the rich blessing to be enjoyed by giving to the Lord his own. Others gave gold jewelry as a free-will offering to advance the cause they love.

We reached Cleveland the 26th, and found a large and intelligent corps of workers preparing for the work, and drinking in the good spirit of the Institute. We were happy to see the good spirit that prevailed, and the benefits derived from that occasion.

We received much help in vocal exercises from Sister Inskip of Buffalo, which instruction was a blessing to the Institute, and much appreciated by all.

We were with the church at Adams Center April 6, 7. Much of the good spirit of the Lord came into the Sabbath meeting. Nearly all took part in the meeting; and many tears, and determined resolutions for a closer walk with God, gave evidence of their earnestness. The ordinances were celebrated Sunday, and we left them full of hope and courage.

S. M. COBB.

WHERE SHOULD OUR CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL?

HERE is an item that may help some to solve this problem. A sister in reporting in regard to the condition of some of the members in the church where she is librarian, writes the following concerning one young man: "One of the three members in — has not pretended to keep the Sabbath for years, and will not come into the meeting when it is held at his father's house, but goes away or remains in his own room. At one time he was anxious to go to South Lancaster Academy, but his father sent him to — instead, as it would cost less".

NOTICE TO ROME CHURCH.

THE Rome quarterly meeting will be held April 13, 14. We hope to see as many present as possible.

N. KLING.

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