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HOUSES OF WORSHIP.

I SAW that many to whom God has entrusted means, feel at liberty to use it freely for their own convenience in fitting up pleasant homes here; but when they build a house in which to worship the great God who inhabiteth eternity, they cannot afford to let him have the use of the means which he has lent them. Each is not striving to excel the other in showing his gratitude to God for the truth by doing all he can to prepare a suitable place of worship; but some are trying to do just as little as possible; and they feel that the means is as good as lost which they spend in preparing a place for the Most High to visit them. Such an offering is lame, and not acceptable to God. I saw that it would be much more pleasing to God if his people would show as much wisdom in preparing a house for him, as they do in their own dwellings.

The sacrifices and offerings of the Children of Israel were commanded to be without blemish or spot, the best of the flock; and every one of the people was required to share in this work. The work of God for this time will be extensive. If you build a house for the Lord,

do not offend and limit him by casting in your lame offerings. Put the very best offering into a house built for God. Let it be the very best you have; show an interest to make it convenient and comfortable. Some think that this is of no consequence because time is so short. Then carry out the same in your dwellings, and all your worldly arrangements.

I saw that God could carry on his work without any of man's help; but this is not his plan. The present world is designed as a scene of probation for man. He is here to form a character which will pass with him into the eternal world. Good and evil are placed before him, and his future state depends upon the choice he makes. Christ came to change the current of his thoughts and affections. His heart must be removed from his earthly treasure and placed upon the heavenly. By his self-denial, God can be glorified. The great sacrifice has been made for man, and now he will be tested and proved to see if he will follow the example of Jesus, and make a sacrifice for his fellow-man. Satan and his angels are combined against the people of God; but Jesus is seeking to purify them unto himself. He requires them to advance his work. God has deposited with his people in this world, enough to carry forward his work without embarrassment, and it is his plan that the means which he has entrusted to them be used judiciously. "Sell that ye have and give alms," is a part of God's sacred word. The servants of God must arise, cry aloud, and spare not, "show my people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their sins." The work of God is to become more extensive, and if his people follow his counsel, there will not be much means in their possession to be consumed in the final conflagration. All will have laid up their treasure where moth and rust cannot corrupt; and the heart will not have a cord to bind it to earth.—Mrs. E. G. White, in *Testimony for the Church* Vol. 1.

Field Reports.

BRANT, ERIE CO., N. Y.

On Wednesday night, April 25, I spoke at a school-house in McKean Co., Pa., near Bradford, in the neighborhood of Brother W. B. Knapp. He and Brother W. W. Williams of Corydon, Pa., donate to the Jamestown meeting-house, the greater part of a carload of lumber. Brother Knapp's neighbors turned out well, and seemed to appreciate the word spoken.

On Friday night, April 27, I joined Brother J. B. Stow in labor at Brant. He has been holding meetings in a hall in the village nearly seven weeks. There has been a good attendance from the first. They have had a good interest, yet the people are slow to move. They are very kind to Brother Stow's people, furnishing them many things, which has aided them in their work. The contributions in money have been nearly \$21., which has more than paid the hall rent and all the money expense of the meetings. Books and tracts have sold quite freely. Last night (Sunday) the hall was full after extra seats filled all the space. The people began to gather before sundown. The collection was \$3.30. It was my privilege to speak five times. The work is onward, and we should all rejoice.

S. H. LANE.

ROME, SYRACUSE, AND CONEWANGO.

SINCE my last report I have spoken to the Rome church once and Syracuse three times. The enemy is doing what he can to discourage the church in Syracuse, but the Lord is better than all fear. New openings are being found often for Bible readings, and quite a number are interestedly inquiring after the good way marked out by the Lord. Several lately have begun keeping the Sabbath, and seem to enjoy walking in the light.

One who has professed to love the truth in the past, has of late turned to Sunday again, and is quite earnest in distributing "Canright literature" among the new converts. But if God be for us and our hands and hearts are held by his eternal truth, we may say with all confidence and assurance "Nevertheless the

foundation of God standeth sure, etc." Our only prayer should be that the Lord may "keep us from falling," and always give us that charity and forgiveness for others which he has so long shown us.

The weather was quite rainy all the time I was at Syracuse except Sabbath-day, so the attendance was not large. We did what visiting we could consistently. Sunday night we closed the first meeting about twenty minutes before ten o'clock; but as quite a good congregation remained, we had an interesting Bible reading till about 11:45, and then closed again; still several remained and we talked a long while, even till 1:15 A. M., when we said good-bye to the remnant, and took the train for Jamestown.

The brethren are doing what they can to meet their church payment May 1. When we look over the entire work in Syracuse, we see many things that should greatly encourage our brethren and sisters. Our prayers do often ascend to the throne of grace in behalf of the work there.

The Jamestown church seems to be rejoicing in the material signs of a church building. The outlook seems to be quite favorable.

Friday afternoon I came to Conewango Valley to spend Sabbath and Sunday with the church here. We had a good attendance. Several here are earnestly inquiring after the truth. All seem to be of good courage. This is my first visit to this place, and I have appreciated the privilege. I spoke four times and held one social meeting. Several desire baptism, which will doubtless be administered soon.

A. E. PLACE.

LOOK HERE! ALL.

OCCASIONALLY we get letters from brethren and sisters in the State saying they would like to sell some of the subscription books. They are about to go visiting to some other parts of the State, and would like to sell now and then a few. They don't want to be bothered with a contract as they cannot finish up a town or village, but want to sell in the different places where they may call or at home. Of course we cannot grant this privilege to anyone, for several reasons.

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending April 27.

Place.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Orders.	Value.	Miscel.	Delivered.	Value.
Bible Readings.								
Ulysses,	J. S. Fritts,	36	5	27	\$57.00			
Thompkins,	M. A. Vroman,	45	5	19	45.00	\$.65		
"	A. R. Hyatt,	45	5	30	66.00			
Springwater,	Perry Tufts,	19	3	3	7.00	3.10		
York,	E. A. Bowe,	38	5	35	76.25			
Auburn,	Sylvia Evans,	16	4	4	9.50			
"	Millie Thompson,	16	4	5	12.50			
Syracuse,	David J. Lloyd,		1	4	10.75			
Southport,	C. W. Inskeep,	32	5	19	49.50	1.85		
Rome,	Mrs. C. W. Inskeep,		3			7.25		
So. Tonawanda,	Charles H. Harris,	30	5	12	23.00			
Constantia,	Daniel Palmer,	12	2	3	6.50	5.70		
Schuyler,	Wm. Seewald,	40	5	14	29.25	3.10		
Caledonia,	O. E. Tuttle,	40	5	33	74.25			
Wheatfield,	O. F. Thompson,	32	4	16	32.50			
"	J. Westworth,	34	5	18	45.25			
Depew,	Mrs. C. McDonald,	4	1	3	9.25			
Watkins,	Mrs. T. B. Harlan,	8	2	2	3.00			
Dix,	T. B. Harlan,	9	2	6	15.75	.20		
Elmira,	C. W. Hardesty,	22	3	9	21.00	1.00		
West Winfield,	Fred McAlister,		1			3.00	2	\$5.00
Great Controversy.								
Poughkeepsie,	J. E. Frazee,	26	5	26	70.50			
Brant,	Mrs. Lulu Bentley,	7	2	3	6.75		7	15.50
"	Mrs. May R. Stow,	7		2	5.25	1.50		
Oxford,	Mrs. F. W. Bartle,	22	5	10	27.00	.60		
Keene Valley,	R. L. McKenzie,		2	15	34.25	6.00		
Homer,	Clara B. Rider,	25	5	3	6.75	1.50		
Patriarchs and Prophets.								
Binghamton,	J. Deeley,	16	3	6	15.75		4*	9.25
Miscellaneous sales,					35.45			
Totals,	28 Canvassers,	581	97	327	\$794.95	\$35.45	13	\$29.75

It has been demonstrated that to make the canvassing work a success, there must be order and system. A part of this system is to preserve the territory; so a contract is made with each canvasser. The canvasser gives up his former business to take hold of the canvassing work, and depends on the profits of the canvassing work for a living for himself and his family. Now would it be right to bind the canvasser with a contract, and then let others step in and canvass as they please without a contract? Would it be right to bind a man with a contract who gives up home and business that he may help to spread the truth, and has to rely entirely on what he may get out of

this work for his and his family's daily bread, and then let others who have a regular occupation and a home, canvass where and when they please? I say, No.

If the friends would like to sell books, we can set them at work; and if they cannot spend all their time at this work, we have a line of books called helps, such as *Women of Mormonism*, and *Steps to Christ*, also *American Sentinel*, *Signs of the Times*, and a large line of tracts and pamphlets.

There is plenty for all to do, but the subscription books are for the regular canvasser who takes a contract.

J. R. CALKINS.

DEAR INDICATOR: Sabbath afternoon March 31, 1894, while sisters Harris, Leadbetter, and Kenyon were sitting in Sister Harris' home, two Episcopal ministers came and knocked and were admitted. They introduced themselves, and said they were informed that Episcopalians occupied the house, and they were seeking to establish a mission in Kensington.

Then Sister Harris told him that they had been misinformed, that, "We were once but now we are Seventh-day Adventists, and believe we are right." Then Rev. — said, "Had we known this we would have prepared, however we will call again." Rome's Challenge and Our Answer were given them and accepted with thanks. They were given a cordial invitation to call again, especially when Mr. Harris returns.

Well, the point of all this is that two ordained Episcopal ministers would have had to prepare themselves and arguments to meet three Adventist women, or babes truthfully, for not one of the sisters had been three months in the truth.

Truly the Lord is with us, and let all the faint-hearted and weary ones look up. As can be seen from the above, even the babes speak wisdom enough to close the mouths of opposers.

CHAS. H. HARRIS.

SLATE HILL.

We have begun meetings at this place with a good attendance. Last night as the hall here was occupied, I went to Johnson's where we have already held twelve services, and spoke one hour and twenty minutes upon "Our Country" to an attentive congregation. Shall speak to them again on Friday night, also next Sunday evening (D. V.). Some of the friends at Johnson's are beginning to see the light of truth, but it is so different from what they have believed or heard that they look one upon another and upon the speaker and appear about in the condition indicated by the words, "Where am I at?" It is a stony country physically and morally, but some we think will prove loyal to God in this crisis.

Our little company at Middletown are becoming established in the truth. We usually meet with them upon Sabbath, and we appreciate the privilege as well as they. They are at present renting a hall at the reasonable rent of \$30. per year. They begin to feel like one of us, and will assist in carrying the truth for our time to others who now sit in darkness that they too may rejoice. There are at present sixteen of our leading periodicals coming to Middletown, also several

H. G. THURSTON.

Obituary Notices.

MILLER.—Thursday, April 19, I went to Newburgh to attend the funeral of Sister Miller's son, aged seventeen, who was killed by the cars in Plainfield, New Jersey.

Although the news of his sudden and unnatural death was a great shock to his mother, and the circumstances attending the funeral were most trying, the Lord did not fail her; and the words of our text, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," were indeed fulfilled. Funeral at 5 P. M.

H. G. THURSTON.

APPOINTMENTS.

Elder S. M. Cobb will meet with the Blockville church Sabbath and First-day, May 5, 6. Elder Place with the friends at Brant; and Elder Lane with the company at Collins Center.

—Conference cash received April 22–28: Buffalo, \$110.00; Williamstown, \$21.32; Pierrepont, \$15.53.

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