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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 STILL SMALL VOICE

BY A. E. PLACE.

To my soul their came a whisper
In the twilight of the day,
As I sat in silence thinking
Of the rough and thorny way.

It was such a gentle whisper,
Such a still enchanting voice,
It said, "Listen, way-worn traveler,
You have still the power of choice.

Earth is not a lasting treasure,
E'en at best, there's many a tear;
Leave the way of sinful pleasure,
Then your heart shall lose its fear."

Something in that gentle whisper
Thrilled my soul—I feel it yet;
Changed this dark world into brightness,
Made me all my woes forget.

O, that voice seemed heavenly music
As it whispered sins forgiven;
Sang of fount of living waters
Flowing from the rock still riven.

Now I'm glad I heard the whisper
Pouring out that tale of love;
Glad I yielded to my Saviour,
To be drawn by him above.

Still He draws me, gently draws me,
Still He whispers of His grace,
And I know He soon will bring me
Where I'll see Him face to face.

TENT WORK.

WE are rapidly approaching the time for tent work again in the Empire State. In some respects this is the most important part of the year for our work. It is an especially favorable time for pioneer work. Independent of all church buildings, school-houses, and other buildings, we can go forth with our neat and comfortable cotton churches, and enter a place, and before the people are hardly aware of our presence, our sanctuary is erected and dedicated to the service of the living God. During the warm months many will come to the tent who

would not go to a church, or other building. God's providence has plainly marked the starting and carrying forward of this plan. Many are to-day rejoicing in the light of present truth who received that light from the preaching of God's word in the tent. Many dollars are to-day flowing into the treasury for the carrying on of the work that are the result of the tent work.

Our work is rapidly opening up before us in every direction. We need the influence and financial support of a still greater number than now are connected with the cause in this State, that the work may be pushed into every part of the State. We need the power of God with us as ministers and people, that every moment may be rightly improved.

For some time I have felt something of the importance of the tent work; but since the responsibility of Conference work has been more fully laid upon me I have given more thought than before to this part of the work. The Conference Committee have also given careful and prayerful study of plans for this summer.

Just as far as has been at all consistent we have tried to plan to meet the requests that have been made by our brethren in various places; but it has been impossible to meet all these, and we believe that where this is so our brethren will accept the situation, and give the committee credit for doing the best it could under the circumstances.

We have decided to put seven tents into the field, which will be one more than we had last year, notwithstanding the fact that Elders Lane and H. G. Thurston will be counted out of our last year's corps. The companies are arranged as follows,—

Brethren J. W. Raymond and D. A. Ball will make their first pitch at Elmira; J. P. Lorenz and George Lesch (German work) will make their first pitch at Ebenezer, Erie County, about eight miles from Buffalo; George M.

Ellis and J. G. Excell will pitch first at Wil-son, Niagara County ; J. B. Stow and F. Pea-body will be located at Nunda, Livingston County ; P. Z. Kinne and H. L. Bristol, (this tent company is not definitely located as yet ; but we expect they will pitch near Natural Bridge, Lewis County) ; S. M. Cobb and A. R. Hyatt will pitch at Nicholville, Franklin County ; W. W. Wheeler and W. A. West-worth near Monticello, Sullivan County.

We have decided upon these locations largely because it seemed best for the establishing of the work that was done last summer. Brethren Raymond and Ball will probably go to Binghamton for their second pitch, as the work there is in need of being followed up.

It is possible that circumstances may make it necessary to change the location of one or two of these companies ; but at present the plan seems feasible. Now brethren though the tents may not or do not come near to your home, we trust that you may all come near to the tents ; that these fields and these companies from this time may be the burden of many earnest prayers to the God of the harvest. I know you would be glad to have the ministers come to visit you often ; but cannot we make the sacrifice of our own pleasure, and during these important weeks for field work give our ministers wholly to this pioneer work ? I believe you all say, amen. If we do this and spend this season in special seeking of God for the success of the work, the Lord will greatly bless us ; he will bless the churches ; he will bless the reapers ; he will bless the field ; and we shall see a harvest to gladden our hearts. The Lord has blessed in the past, but my faith says that he is anxious to bless us much more. I pray that this season may prove that we are ready to receive more from the hand of the Lord.

A. E. PLACE.

Field Reports.

SACKET LAKE AND MAPLEWOOD.

LAST week I spent two nights with Brother Wheeler, in the work at Sacket Lake, and was much pleased with the omens of good I saw while there. The people listen eagerly to the words of truth, and to all present appearances Brother Wheeler's work will result in great good

among them. The Methodist minister who preaches there says he believes in the seventh-day Sabbath ; but told me he thought our success lay in securing legislation. But he seemed to mean well. He also said he taught as we do respecting the "Nature of Man." May God open his eyes to the whole truth.

We had a large attendance at our Sabbath meeting in Monticello, April 20. Last night I spoke to an interested congregation at Maplewood, which may be my last sermon in this part of the State for some time, owing to health. Last season, while alone in tent work at Monticello, I weakened my vocal organs by over work, sometimes speaking ten times in a week besides singing and making many visits in private. But the kind Father has in His goodness blessed in the work financially, as well as in the salvation of souls. The work never looked so promising in this part of the State as now, and the work will probably move much faster and more easily in the future than in the past, but we can truly say "thus far the Lord has helped." It seemed advisable to have our first baptismal occasion yesterday ; but finally we all decided that it would be best to have as many baptized together as possible, so it will be deferred a few weeks as some are not fully prepared.

We expect to leave for Jamestown this week, and be with them next Sabbath. As soon as possible we shall proceed to California, as the climate there is more favorable to the recovery of throat difficulty than N. Y. My connection with this Conference has been very pleasant in every way so far as I know, and it is with sadness I go, yet I feel it duty to take a rest before it is too late to receive any benefit from a rest and change of climate.

So far this year we have been successful in planting the truth in another new county in New York, and have sold many books, tracts, etc., and obtained numerous subscriptions for our periodicals. In about nine months we have received over \$141.00 in cash donations, or about \$15.00 per month on an average, almost every dollar coming from those who one year ago knew nothing of the truth. May it be so the worker sent into this part may come soon as there is much to do. We hope still for your prayers.

H. G. THURSTON.

April 22.

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending May 10.

| County. | Agent. | Hours. | Days. | Ords. | Value. | Miscel. | Deliv. | Value |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------|-------|-------|----------|---------|--------|---------|
| Bible Readings. | | | | | | | | |
| Cayuga, | J. S. Fritts, | 41 | 5 | 15 | \$31.50 | \$.25 | | |
| Erie, | J. S. Delano, | | | | | | 4 | \$11.70 |
| Montgomery, | Wm. Seewald, | 39 | 5 | 8 | 17.25 | 1.50 | | |
| Otsego, | James F. Wait, | 27 | 5 | 8 | 14.50 | .50 | | |
| Lewis, | A. R. Hyatt, | 36 | 5 | 26 | 47.00 | 1.00 | | |
| Lewis, | M. A. Vroman, | 29 | 5 | 17 | 38.50 | 10.00 | | |
| Oneida, | Norman Kling, | 24 | 5 | 8 | 16.00 | 2.00 | 2 | 4.50 |
| Broome, | C. W. Inskeep, | 14 | 4 | 8 | 14.00 | .25 | | |
| Steuben, | T. B. Harlan. | 22 | 6 | 2 | 3.50 | 2.25 | 2 | 3.75 |
| Steuben, | Mrs. T. B. Harlan, | 12 | 4 | 3 | 8.00 | .75 | | |
| Monroe, | O. E. Tuttle, | 32 | | 5 | 12.50 | | | |
| Wyoming, | O. G. Parmele, | 11 | 2 | 4 | 7.00 | .50 | | |
| Great Controversy. | | | | | | | | |
| Ulster, | J. E. Frazee, | 34 | 5 | 22 | 57.50 | | | |
| Otsego, | Fred G. Mc Alister, | 40 | 5 | 18 | 41.00 | .85 | | |
| Montgomery, | E. S. Popoff, | 37 | 5 | 9 | 22.75 | 1.50 | | |
| Broome, | I. Deeley, | 34 | 4 | 7 | 15.25 | 1.25 | 1 | 2.25 |
| Patriarchs and Prophets. | | | | | | | | |
| Broome, | J. Deeley, | 39 | 5 | 15 | 30.75 | 1.25 | 2 | 3.00 |
| Miscellaneous sales, | | | | | 23.85 | | | |
| Totals, | 17 Canvassers, | 471 | 70 | 175 | \$400.85 | \$23.85 | 11 | \$25.20 |

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

SUNDAY night, April 28, I spoke to the little company at Tonawanda (about eleven miles from Buffalo) for the first time. About forty were present at the meeting which was held in a private house. I understand that the work started in this place as the result of Brother Thompson's selling "Bible Readings for the Home Circle." He soon found that there was an interest in the book, and he prevailed upon Professor Excell, who was teaching music in Buffalo at the time, to go down there and hold some readings with the interested parties. He did so and soon had from thirty to thirty-five at his meetings, and the present results are that six adults have accepted the truth, and are trying to hold up the light, and quite a number of others are deeply interested. I was much pleased to see the interest shown in listening to the truth. Some of the brethren and sisters from Buffalo and Kensington were present at the Tonawanda meeting.

Monday night I spoke in Brother Gleason's rooms at Buffalo, which were well filled, and

the Lord blessed in the meeting. Some came from Tonawanda that they might hear more of the precious truth for this time.

Tuesday and Wednesday nights I spoke at Olean. It was my first visit to that place. I had long desired to make them a visit, but circumstances have not seemed to indicate that way. I found them quite pleasantly situated, at least so far as a place of meeting is concerned. They have lately secured a good hall for a very reasonable rent in a good location. So far as I could see all seem to love the truth, and the meetings were a blessing. Brother and Sister Satterlee are still trying to do what they can for the good of the cause. Brother Satterlee is the elder of the church. Sister Satterlee does what missionary work she can by holding Bible readings, distributing reading matter, etc. Olean is or has been the arena for some sad scenes in the past which have had the tendency for a time to cast a cloud upon our work; but I believe that the Lord is blessing those who are there now, and that the past is being lived down by the light of the present. May the Lord forbid that the scenes of the past should

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be repeated ; but that our brethren may go forward with a clear and steady light, and others be added to the church such as shall be saved.

I went to Salamanca Friday, expecting to help Elder Ball in the meetings over Sabbath and Sunday; but about eleven o'clock I received a telegram to come to Newfane to attend the funeral of our much esteemed Brother J. M. Lindsay, so I took the train and came on at once. I expect to go to West Valley to-morrow (Monday) to assist in starting the new church building.

The Lord has given me much of his blessing in all these meetings, and I trust that much good has been the result. The brethren and sisters have given me a warm welcome thus far as president of the Conference. This has been a source of encouragement to me, and I trust that time will demonstrate that the Lord still leads in this State. I feel that I have the prayers of my brethren and sisters in the sacred responsibilities resting upon me.

A. E. PLACE.

May 7.

—CONFERENCE cash received May 7-14: West Valley, \$3.00; Jamestown, 22.00; Colden, \$2.00; Lancaster, \$4.00; Williamstown, \$29.00; individuals, \$9.43.

ELLICOTTVILLE.

ACCORDING to appointment I visited the church at Ellicottville, Sabbath and Sunday, May 11, 12. Sabbath day there were several present from a distance, and all seemed to take an interest in the meeting. In the evening there was a fair attendance from the village.

Sunday afternoon I spoke on the subject of Religious Liberty, and the interest seemed to be so good it was thought best to remain and continue the same subject in the evening.

A. E. PLACE.

DEAR INDICATOR: Lewis County lies mostly in the valley of the Black River, which flows centrally through it from south to north. The soil is light yet comparatively productive. The principal products are hops and cheese; the hard times are felt some here as the prices on their productions are very low. We find the people kind and hospitable, and think we have seen evidences which are conclusive that the Lord has a people here. We hope to do something for them by interesting them in our literature.

A. R. HYATT.

DEAR INDICATOR: We are rejoicing and praising God for the way he has led us, and for the success we have had. We started out together Thursday morning with full intent for the Master, and after working together for awhile, separated, to meet later in the day. Our hearts were full of praise when, after meeting again, each related how he had been particularly favored in answer to prayer. Our courage and faith are good. "Diligent in business—fervent in spirit," is our motto for the future.

J. F. WATT.

April 20.

F. G. McALISTER.

—In our report of Conference cash, in the INDICATOR of May 1, the amount received from West Valley should have read \$25.50 instead \$22.50 as reported.

THE cheapest "Two Republics" is now \$1.85 instead of \$1.75 as I stated two weeks ago. This is official. It had been stated in several papers as \$1.75, so I took it for granted that it was so.

J. R. CALKINS.

Obituary Notice.

WOOD.—Died at the home of her sister, at Constan-tia, April 30, 1895, of consumption, Mrs. Robert Wood, aged 51 years. Sister Wood has for a long time been a sufferer of consumption. She accepted the truth in 1879, and since then has been a faithful servant of the Lord.

Mrs. C. R. KING.