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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 GUIDING STAR.

BY S. E. HYATT.

O STAR which once guided the wise men  
From far eastern mansions so bright,  
To find in Bethlehem's manger  
A Savior to lead men to light.

Thou star which appeared to the shepherds,  
And told them the Savior was born,  
And led them through night's darkened shadows  
To find the Messiah of morn ;

Thou who in the past led the holy,  
Who lived in this dark world of sin ;  
To look up to Heaven's bright portals,  
By faith see the glory within,

Guide me while I tread the dark pathway  
Long traveled by holy of old ;  
Guide me through the gates bright and pearly,  
O, lead me safe into the fold.

There fed are the sheep of His pasture,  
And kept are the lambs of His care ;  
Then open to Him now thy heart's door,  
And welcome the guest who waits there.

## OUR OPPORTUNITIES.

AS I HAVE been trying of late to measure the meaning of that wonderful word, opportunity, I have been lost in wonder as I have been able to catch glimpses of its far-reaching results.

There is probably no word in the English language which of itself is more expressive, and which brings so vividly before us the importance of present duties, and the certainty of future destinies ; and yet no word the duties of which expressed, are less likely to be performed. The importance of a wise improvement of every opportunity should, we believe, rest with heaviest weight upon those who are engaged in the closing work of the last warning message to the world.

The hand of a bountiful Father has bestowed upon us many rich gifts and precious blessings for which he expects suitable and proper returns. Matt. 25 : 20, 21. Added to these

blessings are an enlightened mind, and the daily comforts and privileges that come to us in such copious measures from a beneficent Father. When thus admonished of his love and kindness, He gives us opportunities for manifesting our sense of gratitude to Him for so many favors, and holds us responsible for the manner in which we improve them. Our improved opportunities are our lives of usefulness. While our unimproved opportunities are positive refusals to perform the duties incumbent upon us. And in this respect it comes alike to both professor and nonprofessor.

When we realize that eternal interests are at stake, and that our faithfulness or unfaithfulness may tip the balance in the right or wrong direction, how important that we act wisely, and at the right time.

A few words kindly spoken at the right time, with a look of expressive tenderness to a troubled aching heart, are like the waters of a cooling fountain to a thirsting soul. This is an opportunity, which if improved, may decide the destiny of that individual ; for we may thus win his confidence, and so win him to the truth. Right words and right acts, at the right time, are improved opportunities which can only be measured by eternity. Think of the eternal consequences for good or bad, as we improve the opportunity. Shall we be unfaithful in that which is least, or in that which seems to be least ; if so, how shall He commit to us the "true riches."

Every moment comes to us freighted with eternal consequences, the result of which is only determined by the improvement of our opportunities. Think of it ; a soul lost to all eternity through our failure to perform a present duty. We had the opportunity, but it passed, and with it a life whose future might have measured with the life of God ; but it has gone out in darkness, and how stands the record ? Will the blood of souls be found upon our gar-

ments because we have failed to improve the opportunities to win them to Christ.

Truly we should be "Wise as serpents and harmless as doves." May God give us a true sense of our responsibilities as a people, the solemnity of His work, and the value of souls. And with this in view may we be prompted to improve faithfully our God given opportunities, and thus be garnering sheaves for the Master.

S. M. COBB.

### *Field Reports.*

#### BINGHAMTON, MONTICELLO, AND VICINITY.

My last report closed at Elmira. From there I went to Binghamton, Monday forenoon, July 8. Brother Deeley went with me some during a part of the day to look over the city, visit some of the interested parties, and prospect for future work there. Several came to Brother Deeley's house in the evening, and I spoke a few minutes in reference to the work in the State. We have hoped to put a tent into Binghamton again this season to finish the work begun there last summer. We have depended upon the Elmira tent to do this; but the interest at Elmira is liable to hold the tent there through the season. I hope so at least. If so we can get a good hall in a central part of the city for a reasonable sum for carrying on the work at Binghamton when the tent season is over.

Tuesday morning I left Binghamton for Monticello and Mongaup Valley. On the way I met Brother Inskeep at the station at Deposit. He was looking for me, and we had about five minutes talk together before my train went on. He said he was of good courage, and that several there had become very much interested in the truth through "Bible Readings," and other ways. The Lord is blessing the seed sown by the faithful laborers in all parts of the State. Brother Westworth met me at Fallsburgh with a team, and took me to Mongaup Valley, a distance of eleven miles, where we arrived just in time for the evening service in the tent. I found that Brother Wheeler and wife had gone to Sackett Lake to make arrangements with the brethren and sisters there for baptism, Sabbath, July 13. As it seemed necessary that I should look after some matters at Middletown and

Slate Hill, Brother Westworth and I started a little after four in the morning, and before noon were at Slate Hill. Sister Eliza Budd with her horse and carriage took us around to visit some of the friends there. In the evening her parlor was well filled with interested parties who seemed glad to hear the truth of God. Several there are prepared for baptism and desire to unite with the church. One sister is desirous to attend one of our schools, and fit herself for the work of God in some capacity. I trust the Lord will open the way for her.

Thursday morning Sister Budd took us to Middletown, where we spent the day. In the evening several of the friends in the city came together at Sister Riker's house for a meeting. The Universalist minister was in in the afternoon, and we became somewhat acquainted, and so he came to the services in the evening. We had a good meeting, and it was cheering to see these who have so recently taken a stand for the truth. Seven are keeping the Sabbath at Slate Hill and nine at Middletown. All seem to be rejoicing in the truth, though some labor under trying circumstances.

Friday we returned to the tent at Mongaup Valley, stopping at Monticello to visit friends there. Sabbath we went to Sackett Lake where we had an examination of candidates and baptized fourteen. From the water we went to the school-house where Brother Wheeler held his meetings last March. I spoke on the subject of church organization, the duties of officers, etc., after which nineteen signed the church covenant and elected officers, thus forming the Monticello S. D. Adventist church. Brother Wheeler was elected elder, Brother Westworth was elected second elder, and with the deacon were ordained. The good spirit of the Lord was present in all our meetings, and a deep impression was made upon all. Within a few days Brother Wheeler will baptize those at Slate Hill and Middletown, and they will be received into the Monticello church, which will make a church membership of upwards of thirty, and good prospects of several more within a few weeks.

I should have administered baptism at Slate Hill and Middletown if all had been in readiness, but they had made calculations to have the ordinance one week later, and hence could

## The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending July 15.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.		
Bible Readings.											
Auburn,	Cayuga,	J. S. Fritts,	43	5	17	\$30.75					
Charlotte,	Monroe,	Horace Church,		5	31	44.00	\$.25	1	1.00		
Charlotte,	Monroe,	Mrs. Horace Church,	18	5	5	10.25	.50				
Palmyra,	Wayne,	N. S. Washbond,	38	5	15	24.25	.50				
Palmyra,	Wayne,	Mrs. N. S. Washbond,					3.50				
Middleburgh,	Schoharie,	M. A. Vroman,	31	5	28	54.50	2.25				
Cuba,	Allegany,	G. F. Evans,	40	5	9	20.00	.65				
Deposit,	Delaware,	C. W. Inskeep,	22	5	18	34.50	1.00				
Canajoharie,	Montgomery,	Wm. Seewald,	55		2	4.00		43	122.00		
Syracuse,	Onondaga,	J. S. Delano,	10	2	8	15.00					
Bolivar,	Allegany,	Fritz A. Evans,	78	10	10	15.50	12.00				
Otsdawa,	Otsego,	F. G. Mc Alister,	14	3	2	3.50	.75				
Sidney,	Delaware,	J. R. Calkins,	18	3	16	31.75					
Canastota,	Madison,	H. M. Johnson,	42	5	42	85.00					
Canastota,	Madison,	J. A. L. Derby,	38	5	27	56.25	6.50				
Johnstown,	Fulton,	A. K. Baker,	50	5	23	49.90	1.30				
Nicholville,	St. Lawrence,	S. E. Hyatt,	31	5	20	36.00	1.00				
Niagara Falls,	Niagara,	Chas. H. Harris,	16	5	2	3.50	.50				
Rochester,	Monroe,	O. E. Tuttle,	31	4	10	19.50	4.50				
Otsdawa,	Otsego,	J. F. Wait,	15	3			1.00				
Otsdawa,	Otsego,	Devillo Lewis	30				2.00				
Great Controversy.											
Kingston,	Ulster,	J. E. Frazee,	34	6	11	25.00	.20	10	17.50		
Binghamton,	Broome,	I. Deeley,	24	3	15	30.75					
Canajoharie,	Montgomery,	E. S. Popoff,	28	5	8	18.75	1.50				
Patriarchs and Prophets.											
Binghamton,	Broome,	J. Deeley,	26	3	14	28.75					
Prophecies of Jesus.											
Ridgeway,	Orleans,	R. F. Cottrell,	27	4	6	12.50	3.50				
Miscellaneous sales,						43.40					
Totals,			26	Canvassers,	759	106	339	\$697.30	\$43.40	54	\$140.50

not all come together. Under ordinary circumstances I would not have advised organization here just yet; but when I came to look the ground all over and see the demands here for an ordained man in this section, the class of people who have taken hold of the truth, the carefulness with which they have been instructed upon all points of the faith, and the expense of sending an ordained minister here from time to time led me to advise organization now. I felt quite clear in the matter, and believe that the future will show that it was for the best.

The brethren are nearly through with their work in tent at Mongaup Valley. Seven have promised to live the truth here. Some bitter opposition has been manifested; but the Lord

has raised up friends who have stood true to the tent company and helped them much. Several have given up the use of tobacco.

If the brethren and sisters are willing to do so we will let some of these lines be a start toward my article on "The Results of Tent Work." Sixteen have taken a stand in this part of the State as the direct result of tent work. May the good work go on, and the Lord bless the tent work, and all the work more and more.

I expect to visit Deposit and Norwich on my way to Rome, and hold at least one meeting in each place; then I shall spend some time looking up camp-meeting matters.

A. E. PLACE.

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FROM THE STATE AGENT.

THE prospects for the canvassing work this summer are very good at present. I have on my list now twenty-six good canvassers, steady canvassers, all of whom, no providence preventing, will soon be working; besides several who might be steady canvassers if they would. Among these are several old friends whom we gladly welcome. Sister Mary Millington sold five hundred "Bible Readings" in the city of Rochester, and then went to England and worked several years. Now she is ready to help us again. Roy F. Cottrell a grandson of the late Elder R. F. Cottrell is making a good beginning. In fact the canvassers are all working hard and doing fairly well.

After the people get the books it takes time to read and digest them, as is evidenced by the following. One lady in Schenectady County bought "Bible Readings" four years ago, and has just accepted the truth. A man in Delaware County bought a book three years ago in Chenango County, and has just commenced to keep the Sabbath. I saw him lately, and he said that he has read "Bible Readings" through once and partly through again. He believes it all. A man in Washington County says that our publications have set him right, and he writes that he will keep the Sabbath. There are several other cases. A lady in Delaware County told Brother Inskeep that she understands our positions fully, and as he talked with her she said, "O, your arguments are unanswerable." She has written to Dr. Talmage about the Sabbath, and he wrote her to "let it alone."

While in Deposit lately the Baptist minister preached against "Bible Readings." In his prayer he told the Lord that, "We don't skip around through the Bible, and take a verse here and there." I believe he told the truth, as I think he only used one verse in the whole sermon. Since then another lady has commenced to keep the Sabbath.

J. R. CALKINS.

A SHOCKING ACCIDENT.

OUR readers will be surprised and pained to learn that Brother Perry Tufts, his wife, and three children met their death by accidental

drowning, in Lake Keuka, Steuben County, Tuesday, July 9. Last April Brother Tufts moved to Catawba, Steuben County, N. Y. He had rented a small vineyard with which to occupy his time when not engaged in canvassing; and on the morning of the fatal accident, started out with his wife and three children, in a small sail boat, to pick currants near Bluff Point.

No notice was taken of them from the time they left the landing until near two o'clock in the afternoon, when Lewis Hopkins, a neighbor, went to the lake to water some stock. He noticed some hats, and an upturned boat; but no one in sight. On closer investigation he was horrified to find Brother Tufts and his entire family lying at the bottom of the lake, not more than thirty feet from the shore, in about ten feet of water. He immediately notified the neighbors, and the coroner was summoned. When the bodies were taken from the lake, it was found that Brother Tufts' watch had stopped at about 11:05 A. M., which would indicate that the accident occurred at about that time. The remains were removed to the residence of his brother, Mr. Anthony Tufts, of Canandaigua, where the funeral services were held on or about the 14th inst. The remains were taken to Michigan for interment.

Brother Tufts is survived by his aged mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Tufts, also a sister Mary, and a brother Anthony above mentioned, all of Canandaigua, N. Y., for whom the deepest sympathy is felt. Brother Tufts was one of our veteran canvassers, having been engaged in the work for several years. His name will be missed from our weekly canvasser's list where it has so long held its place.

NOTICE.

ELDER C. L. TAYLOR, who is laboring in the western part of the State in the interest of the educational work will speak to the following churches at the time appointed: Ellicottville, July 18-20; Steamburg, 21, 22; Randolph, 23, 24; Sinclairville, 25-27. We trust there will be a good attendance.

—CONFERENCE cash received July 1-17: Rome, \$71.68; Ellicottville, \$1.00; Syracuse, \$50.00; Gouverneur, \$4.00; Adams Center, \$36.17; North Creek, \$41.12; Schroom Lake, \$2.62; Olean, \$88.43; Roosevelt, \$28.51; Randolph, \$45.30; Painted Post, \$10.00; Mannsville, \$20.11; Pulaski, \$39.50; Catlin, \$11.00; Wellsville, \$68.95; Newfane, \$17.20; North Parma, \$8.00; Brookfield, \$3.00; Individuals, \$16.96; Donations, \$14.34.