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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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LOOK TO THE PATTERN.

BY FANNIE BOLTON.

DESponding soul, come learn a tender lesson.

Whate'er men lack of courtesy and grace,
Howe'er the practice jars with the profession,
There's yet perfection in the Savior's face.
Distorted forms of men and women round us,
Blind, crippled, naked, wretched though they be,
Yet Jesus has no stain of sin upon Him,
And He's our brother in humanity.

Grieve not that those in high position fail you,
That self and evil mar their ministering :
Turn unto God when human sins assail you,
Lose sight of man in high aspiring ;
Turn from the human, where there's no perfection,
Unto the Pattern, Jesus, meek and mild,
And think no more of any man's defection
Than thinks of evil some confiding child.

The ideal beauty is not lost and blasted
Because a brother or a sister's sinned.
No more than is the summer's harvest wasted
Because the last year's rows with blight were thinned.
Go out from man, who's treated thee but illy,
And love the infinite soul that round thee flows,
And you'll inhale the fragrance of the lily,
And drink the balm of Sharon's perfect rose.

Oh, this beholding of the human weakness
Hath in it waste of life and love and soul !
Go out 'neath Heaven, and learn the noble meekness
That breathes and permeates the matchless whole.
God writes the stars with lessons for the nations.
His light they shine with ; so may thy soul shine.
Let love link thy soul with his fair creations ;
Whate'er be others, show thou the divine.

TO OUR SABBATH-SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK. 3.

THE same degree of success may be obtained in studying the Bible as in other studies; if the same degree of earnestness is exercised in the perusal of its pages. Therefore a requisite for success in classical studies must be equally necessary in the study of the Bible. If there is one thing more important than another for successful study, it is concentration of thought upon the lesson to be learned ; every anxious

thought, foreign to the lesson before us, must be dismissed from the mind, and every mental faculty exercised in learning the lesson.

Lessons studied in this way are generally well learned, and the principles contained therein remembered. Lessons that are not studied in this manner are not highly beneficial, because only a superficial knowledge has been obtained ; and consequently the thoughts brought are soon forgotten. Another important consideration for successful study is to catch the thought and spirit of the author.

Thus taking our position with the author, and directing our thoughts in the same channel; we are enabled to catch the same spirit and enter heartily into the same subject, with a vast field of thought spread out before us. Now the mind is in a condition for successful study, and if the thoughts are not diverted, such study will certainly be as beneficial, as the subject we are studying is of an elevating character. If therefore success can be insured in ordinary studies by observing these rules, will not observing the same rules insure success in the study of the Word of God. We may answer these questions either in the negative or the affirmative. By calling man the author of our lesson or study, as we often do, we must answer in the negative, for catching his thoughts is not enough: in this way we can study with our mind upon man as the author, and observe the above rules, and yet our study will be a failure.

Many have studied the Bible in this way, and because of their disappointment in the benefit they expected to derive, and have become discouraged and lost all taste for the study of the Word, and their former zeal for the truth. It is therefore very important that in studying the Bible we carefully observe every rule for successful study, and especially that we, as before mentioned, take our position with the true author, who is the Lord ; directing our thoughts in the same channel, catching

the same spirit, entering heartily into the same subject, etc., which means nothing less than what we are admonished to do in Phil. 2:5. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Taking this view of the matter we can answer to the above question as to successful study in the affirmative. Now if we have not the mind of Christ we cannot have the spirit of Christ, and if we have not the spirit of Christ we are none of His. If as members of the Sabbath-school we have not the spirit of Christ, how vain will be all our study.

I would recommend therefore that our Sabbath-schools observe these simple rules, and as mentioned in the last letter to the Sabbath-schools, let us become acquainted with the Lord, let us talk and commune with Him, let us behold Him until we become changed into His own glorious image. Then the Word of God will be sweet to our taste, and to study it will be our greatest desire and delight. But if we are strangers to its divine author, the study of the Word will be distasteful to us, and we will have no desire to obtain a knowledge of His will.

Oh, that each member of our schools, both old and young, would become more closely connected with the man of Calvary, and partake more of His holy spirit. Then and never till then will our Sabbath-schools be what they should. The officers of the school may be spiritual, and do all they can; and yet the school will be a failure unless all are united, and co-operate with each other in the good work. Let system be maintained in all of our schools, and above all things let the spirit of Christ prevail; for in Him is "wisdom, righteousness, and redemption." Then will our schools be prospered, and the study of the Word be a success.

S. M. COBB.

Field Reports.

GALWAY, MIDDLE GROVE, NORTH CREEK.

TUESDAY, Nov. 26, according to appointment I went to Galway, Saratoga County. Brother A. H. Osborn met me at the stage and took me to Brother Trumbul's house, about one mile from the village, where the appointment had been made for a meeting that evening. It had

been a very rainy afternoon, and the roads were deep with mud and the night dark, so our congregation was small; but we felt that it was not in vain that we came together. Elder S. Thurston worked here some time and some good souls witness today his earnest labor. We were glad to find all of good courage.

The next day Brother Osborn took me to Brother Parker's at Middle Grove, visiting the interested ones on the way. Brother Parker had not received my letter, and so no meeting was appointed; but Thursday night the house was well filled and the Lord gave freedom in presenting our relation to each other and to the cause of God now. Friday Brother Parker took me to Greenfield where I took the train for this place, North Creek.

It was my first visit to Galway and also to Middle Grove, and I was sorry to be obliged to leave so soon; but I expect to call there again on my way back. On reaching this place I was pleased to find Elder S. B. Whitney and his wife. He has been holding meetings here for a few days, and the Lord has blessed his labors. The meetings are quite well attended. Yesterday, Sabbath, we had a precious season; the Sabbath-school lesson seemed specially good, and we seemed to get a new view of the beauty of God's way of saving men, when contrasted with the "force" being brought into use by the professed church of today, and we felt thankful for the sweet liberty of our Master. Brother Whitney had been dwelling for a few nights on the manifestations of God's love for man. After the Sabbath-school I spoke concerning the great importance of the little things of life, in the formation of character, and especially now as character is almost complete, that we may not be disappointed in the day of God. This was followed by a good social meeting, toward the close of which Elder Whitney seemed to feel impressed to make a call for the young who desired prayers, and purposed giving themselves to God to manifest it by coming forward. The spirit of the Lord went with the call and five young people responded. The day was far spent ere we left the little church; but the time did not seem long.

Elder Whitney gave a good talk in the evening. This forenoon he went to fill an appointment at Thurman, and I spoke here twice.

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending Nov. 29.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Auburn,	Cayuga,	J. S. Fritts,	28	4	6	\$10.50		1	\$1.75
North Parma,	Monroe,	Horace Church,	31	5	4	8.25	.50	32	51.00
Syracuse,	Onondaga,	J. S. Delano,	3	1	3	6.75		1	1.75
Sidney,	Delaware,	C. W. Inskeep,	20	4	10	18.75			
Rome,	Oneida,	Mrs. C. K. Beamān,	10	2	1	2.50	.50		
Buffalo,	Erie,	Chas. H. Harris,	1	1			.90		
Utica,	Oneida,	Norman Kling,	23	5		9.75	10.75		
Rome,	Oneida,	F. G. McAlister,	26	5	4	6.75	9.75		
Rome,	Oneida,	Ona P. Hadley,	6	3		4.95			
Great Controversy.									
Kingston,	Ulster,	J. E. Frazee,	27	4				37	82.00
Miscellaneous sales.						27.35			
Totals,		10 Canvassers,	175	34	28	\$90.60	\$27.35	71	\$136.50

Some of the neighbors seem to be listening with interest. I expect to be with the friends at Schroon Lake next Sabbath.

A. E. PLACE.

WEST VIEW.

I CAME here by request of Elder Place to assist Sister Bentley in some meetings she was conducting in a large school-house, and found an excellent interest to hear the truth. I have spoken twenty-two times since I came, and last night our congregation was large, and the interest is still good. There are now eight keeping the Sabbath, and we want to see them Christians indeed; they seem to make some progress and we hope they will continue to do so. We meet with the little company at Nunda each Sabbath, and shall while we stay here. We expect to close here next Tuesday night; I have sold \$60.00 worth of books in this place.

The following letter was written by one of the new Sabbath-keepers here who is teaching school.

“Dear friend and co-worker: Your letter respecting teachers’ meeting to be held in the school-house at —, Nov. 23, is received, and in reply will say that were I disposed to attend said meeting, I would certainly have to be excused from speaking before the teachers on any subject, as I am not authority on educational

matters, much less a public speaker. But it is not from that standpoint that I must be excused from being present, nor from the fact that it is held on Nov. 23; but from the fact that it is the seventh day of the week. Freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience is, I believe, the fundamental law of the land, and it applies to the minority as well as to the majority. I know the great majority of teachers in the State would refuse to hold a teachers’ meeting on the first day of the week, because they hold it as the Sabbath. The minority although small indeed, refuse to meet with the majority on Saturday because it is the seventh day, the Sabbath of the Lord our God. Among this small minority I stand, so please excuse me from being present.”

D. A. BALL.

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A. E. PLACE.

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THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

We trust our brethren and sisters are making calculation on having an important season, and a great blessing during these days set apart for prayer. If these opportunities bring to us their intended blessings it will be because we make the most of the days as they pass. May the Lord prepare our hearts to seek Him earnestly for ourselves, for the church, and for the great cause of God all over the world. Let us not allow this time to be simply a formal affair. We cannot afford to do it. Our eternal destiny is in the balance of the sanctuary above. With many the record is still "wanting." Brethren and sisters, let us take another good step toward God's side that before this season of special seasons shall close, the record may be, "trusting" as never before.

We had hoped to furnish some ministerial help during this week to a goodly number of our churches; but the present outlook is that we shall not be able to do as much as we had hoped. So many of our ministers are connected with work of importance in different places which ought not to be left. But we shall be able to furnish some churches with help,

but in all cases, brethren, depend upon the Lord for your real help, and you will have the very best. May His rich blessing rest upon you all is my prayer.

A. E. PLACE.

NOTICE.

WANTED.—Some active young folks to sell a holiday booklet. Terms liberal. Address E. L. Pardon, 166 Livingston Ave., Albany, N. Y.

WANTED.—By two strong able-bodied and experienced men, work as wood-choppers, among Seventh-day Adventists during the coming winter. Please address, stating terms, E. S. Popoff, 19 Brookside Ave., Amsterdam, Montgomery County, N. Y.

—In the last issue of the INDICATOR in the canvasser's report, the value of orders taken by Mrs. R. Scotland and Grace Osterhout, should have been placed under "Miscel" instead of under "value" of orders for "Bible Readings." This change will make the footings of the columns correct.

—Do not fail to read the article in the *American Sentinel* of Nov. 28, entitled, "Sunday Observance." A letter from Rev. O'Keefe, on this subject, published in the *Catholic Mirror*, Baltimore, Md., Nov. 9.

—THE greatest public benefactor is the man who sells good books.—*Gladstone*.

Obituary Notices.

THEW.—Died of Bright's disease and consumption, at Jeddo, Orleans County, N. Y., Nov. 17, 1895, Minnie Thew, aged 37 years, 3 months, 25 days. Sister Thew had passed through much trouble and sadness. She, however, seemed to have a kind and hopeful heart. For several years she has had more or less trouble with her throat and lungs and also her heart. The closing days of her life were days of intense suffering. Until her last sickness she had manifested but little if any interest in divine things; but a few days before her death she began to realize the importance of building for eternity, and began seeking God for the forgiveness of her sins, and asked her sister to pray for her. We trust that she died in the assurances of faith. We had long been friends, and I had felt a deep interest in her welfare, and the news of her turning to the Lord was cheering intelligence indeed to me. I could, however, but feel sad to think that she had put it off till character was so nearly complete. There was a large attendance at the funeral, which was held from the house Wednesday, Nov. 20. Remarks by the writer.

A. E. PLACE.