

# The Indicator.

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

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## HOW HE RECEIVED THE SABBATH.

In the Seventh-day Baptist paper is a letter from a minister who has lately accepted the seventh day Sabbath. He says that although he had preached for the Baptists forty years, he never dreamed for a moment, neither did the thought pass through his mind that he was in any error in keeping Sunday instead of keeping the Sabbath. The way the truth came to him he tells as follows:

“About five or six years since a young man called upon me, a book agent of the Seventh-day Adventist order. During our conversation he asked me the question, ‘What authority have you for keeping Sunday, or the first day of the week, for a holy day?’ I was surprised at such a question from a young Christian, as I knew him to be. It struck me very keenly. I replied, ‘We keep it in memory of the Lord’s resurrection from the dead.’ And he in a very quiet, earnest way, told me that it was a Roman Catholic institution, and had no Bible support. I wondered very much at the bold statement; but it was made in such an excellent spirit I admired the courage and faithfulness of the man, and ever shall think well of him for bringing me such tidings. Up to this time I had never met with any person who held different views from my own on this important subject. Books and tracts on the Sabbath question I had never seen nor read.”

Then he says the young man sent him books and “I found the necessary instruction, and a ‘Thus saith the Lord’ for them. So I thank the Lord for the books.”

He next tells of the painful struggle of breaking off from the church, and during this time, five or six years, he kept this matter a secret from all, and finally says, “I am fully satisfied and established in the precious truth that the Sabbath of Eden is the Sabbath of today, and never was changed by the Divine Lawgiver, and so remains till Jesus comes at the last day. I

have found the old path and am walking therein, thanking the Lord for all the way in which he has lead me during forty years in the wilderness. But I am sorry I did not see this great light before. I want to be engaged now in spreading it. Is there anything that I can do? If so, I must be doing it while the short thread of time lingers.”

J. R. CALKINS.

## MISSIONARY WORK.

At the recent session of the District Conference held here at Rome, the subject of “How to revive among our people, an interest in true missionary labor,” was quite freely discussed, and the conviction was expressed that in our zeal to push the canvassing work for our denominational books, the less prominent, though not less important work of circulating periodicals and tracts, had been neglected; and that in a measure the latter line of work had been crowded out by the former. Not that too much attention had been given to the regular canvassing work; but that in about the ratio that our efforts as a people, have been put forth in one direction, they have been relinquished in the other, until we have nearly lost sight of the importance of the periodical and tract work.

We should not allow ourselves to look upon these as rival lines of work. The work is one, and when properly conducted, the periodical and tract work will be found to increase the demand for the bound books, by arousing an interest in the truth. Again, those who earnestly engage in this work will be gaining a valuable experience. No doubt many first class canvassers will be developed by this very means.

We send out this week to each of the librarians throughout the State, sample copies of the *Home Missionary*. Let each one who receives these, take hold of the work in earnest to extend the circulation of this invaluable

paper. This will prove one of the best means of reawakening the missionary spirit among us as a denomination, by keeping us informed with regard to the progress of the work over the entire field which is the world. While working for the *Home Missionary*, do not forget our other denominational papers, but work for them all.

W. A. WILCOX.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO INDICATOR READERS.

LET all INDICATOR readers please note the instruction given at the head of the first column of the last page of your paper concerning subscription price, and the time when all subscriptions expire. You will please note that no subscriptions expire in the middle of a year or at any date except Dec. 31. Our reason for this we believe can be made clear in a moment. With our present plan, which is the plan we have followed for some time, our printer does not need to go over the subscription list at all, but once each year, except to make changes in the address of regular subscribers. And in these cases his attention is called directly to the matter by a letter or card, and he has simply to find that one name and make the change. But when subscriptions are expiring here and there all through the year it necessitates a weekly or at least a monthly examination of the whole list, which is quite an additional amount of labor and expense in the office. When you stop to think that your papers are sent to you postpaid each week for a trifle less than one half a cent each, and that our subscription list is only about five hundred, you will see at once that we need to cut all the corners at the office that we can consistently.

We call especial note to this matter because we have found some individuals who subscribed for the paper near the middle of the year, and paid twenty-five cents and have found their paper discontinued Dec. 31, without giving them a full year. The mistake and misunderstanding has been in these cases with, either the person who took the subscription or the one who paid the money, or both; but not with the office. On the last page of every INDICATOR we send out are the conditions referred to above, and no one is authorized to take subscriptions on any other conditions. Some who

subscribe in July or August and sometimes later say to us, "Well, you can't make much money on the paper at the price you charge, and I'll give you the twenty-five cents for the remainder of the year." Thus the office occasionally receives a little more than the regular price of the paper for the time, *which is always very thankfully received*; but the office is charged to close all subscriptions Dec. 31. These facts will show some who have been disappointed as those spoken of above, how the matter stands, and we trust it will take from the office all charge of unfaithfulness on this line.

If, however, those who have paid expecting papers for a part of 1896, will send us the date of their subscription and state how much they paid at that time; and send in stamps the additional amount required to finish 1896, we will try to arrange the matter justly and satisfactorily if possible. We desire to give satisfaction in all our dealings, not only on the INDICATOR line but all lines, for we have a realizing sense that we are connected with a sacred work, and we cannot afford to do the work of God negligently. Dear reader, if you feel that mistakes have been made in any of our deals with you, please let us hear from you at once, the facts in the case as you view them; and it may be a few words from us can make the matter clear. At least we promise to do our best to make all things right. We want to see and feel the good spirit of the Lord all through our Conference. It is our purpose to make the INDICATOR a source of great blessing to its patrons during 1896. Will you not make sure of the first and all the numbers of the new year by sending twenty-five cents to the New York Tract Society, 317 West Bloomfield Street, Rome, N. Y? May we not see the list increased? Some have subscribed already; some at the beginning of 1895 subscribed for two years. The Lord is blessing His work in this State. We receive occasionally most interesting and encouraging letters from the churches. Let this good work go on. It does us good and does you good. Whenever you have points or interest concerning the work in your church or Sabbath-school let the elder, superintendent, or other person write to the paper, giving the facts which you feel would be of general interest, and we will receive them gladly and insert them as fully as possible. We trust that the

## The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending Dec. 6.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Auburn,	Cayuga,	J. S. Fritts,	19	4	7	\$13.25			
North Parma,	Monroe,	Horace Church,	24	4	6	8.25	.25		
Sidney,	Delaware,	C. W. Inskeep,	29	5	10	21.50			
Amsterdam,	Montgomery,	Wm. Seewald,	31	5	6	10.00	3.50		
Utica,	Oneida,	Norman Kling,	25	4			17.00		
Rome,	Oneida,	F. G. Mc Alister,	22	4			9.05		
Rome,	Oneida,	N. S. Washbond,	16	3			6.65		
Rome,	Oneida,	Mrs. N. S. Washbond,	12	3			10.00		
Vermillion,	Oswego,	Grace Osterhout,	27	7			9.35		
Moravia,	Cayuga,	Mrs. N. A. Hamilton,	70				39.00		
Great Controversy.									
Binghamton,	Broome,	I. Deeley,	27	4	2	4.00			
Patriarchs and Prophets.									
Binghamton,	Broome,	J. Deeley,	31	4	2	4.25	2.25		
Rochester,	Monroe,	M. A. Millington,	44	9	18	42.50	5.75		
						102.80			
Totals,		13 Canvassers,	377	56	51	\$206.55	\$102.80		

Lord by his tender forgiving spirit may prepare us all for 1896 that it may be the best *New Year* of our lives.

A. E. PLACE.

### Field Reports.

#### SCHROON LAKE AND NORTH CREEK.

FRIDAY, Dec. 6, Brother Carr sent his team to take me to Schroon Lake to meet me there. Over a year has elapsed since I visited that company last. I found some changes; but the Lord has not left this mountainous region yet, and I was glad to see the hearty welcome, and hear the voice of courage and faith.

The weather was cold but clear, and the attendance quite good at each service. The first meeting was held Friday evening. Sabbath I spoke twice, and again Sunday forenoon. The interest in the Sabbath-school still continues good. Sister Potter expects to begin holding Bible readings at the church each week soon. I trust that there will be successful co-operation in this work as well as all other branches.

I had expected to go on to Keene Center, Essex County, from this place; but from letters received from there it seemed advisable to postpone the trip till some time next spring.

I was not sorry that the matter turned thus, as I find it very tedious for me to travel in this section in the cold winter months. I left Schroon Lake Sunday forenoon, and returned to North Creek in time to speak in our church here in the evening. We had a good attendance and interest. I feel that the Lord has made this a profitable trip to me thus far, and also to others.

A. E. PLACE.

DEAR INDICATOR: As it has been a long time since my last writing, I thought a few lines might be encouraging to some of the dear canvassers. I am thankful that after an absence from the good work since the last camp-meeting, I am again permitted to enter the field. I feel thankful to do what my age (seventy-one) and health will permit. Last Sabbath I had some good meetings with strangers, and with one family that I had not seen for forty-six years, and was pleased to learn that they had heard the present truth, and had accepted it one year before we had heard it in Rome, in 1876, at our first camp-meeting held in Wright's Woods. This family is trying to live the truth by keeping all the commandments. As we learn of what is taking place in the world I am led to say, "O, come Lord Jesus, and come quickly."

N. KLING.

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### A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

PERHAPS some one may be encouraged to take up the good work with our smaller publications if I give a little of my experience in that line. It had always seemed to me that I never could do anything in the canvassing work, that almost anything else would be more desirable. But God brought me to that point where I was willing to do even that for the advancement of His truth, and O, the joy and blessing in it takes away all the dread.

It was with some misgivings that I went into the first house; but the Savior gave grace sufficient, and after that it was much easier. Considering the fact that the town has been thoroughly canvassed by other agents before me, I have had quite good success, for which I give God all the praise.

I find the people willing and even anxious to study the subject of our Lord's second coming if they have something to help them. To enter a house and give the canvass for "His Glorious Appearing," whether an order is taken or not, is scattering some seeds of truth that may sometime bring forth fruit.

It is so sweet to know that God is willing to

use the weakest of us in this grand work, and if more of our young people would take hold of it, it would bring them nearer Christ.

GRACE L. OSTERHOUT

### BEBEE CORNERS.

THE meetings at Bebee Corners closed last night with a good attendance. Many seemed to be pleased with the truth; but few were in a condition to appreciate the work that God is doing for the people of this world. There is, however, a few who I think will obey the message. Two have promised to obey God so far, and others are searching their Bibles to see if these things are true. The greater portion of the immediate neighbors are German so that the congregation came quite a distance. Brother Lorenz will stay a short time to develop the German interests. I hope they will feel the importance of the work. I hope to be able to follow up the interest by starting another series of meetings near by, and by visiting those who attended the meetings regularly. We preached thirty-four sermons in all, our collection was \$5.81, and expenses about \$2.50. The church was granted free, the expenses being for wood, lights, etc. The people are very friendly in this portion of the country, treating us well and inviting us to visit them. Of course the preachers are not in harmony with our work; but the people seem to understand that Babylon is fallen.

Pray for the success of our work here, and we will do what is in our power to establish the cause of God in the town of Wilson.

GEO. M. ELLIS.

### APPOINTMENT.

NO PROVIDENCE preventing I will meet with the company at Albany, Sabbath and Sunday, Dec, 14, 15. Let the number of meetings and the time be arranged as circumstances there will admit.

A. E. PLACE.

### NOTICE.

WANTED.—A Seventh-day Adventist school teacher. School to begin about April 1, 1896, and continue sixteen weeks. For particulars write A. L. Rickert, Newcomb, Essex County, N. Y.