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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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## SYNOPSIS OF ELDER OLSEN'S TALK ON MISSIONS.

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(Concluded.)

ONE of the most touching incidents in connection with that work is the visit of the Matabela chief, who went to Cape Town to get a missionary for his people. He walked up to our place to make arrangements for a missionary to be sent to teach him and his people about the true God. But they told him that they had none to send. Then he told Brother Sparrows that he must promise that he would send one soon. With tears in his eyes he plead, "I cannot meet my people till I have something to show my people that they shall have help." Just think of a poor heathen coming and pleading for us to go and teach him and his people the truth of God. Brethren, does this not show that the fields are ripe ready for the harvest? Brother Sparrows spoke of other missionaries ; but he said, "No, we want one of your missionaries, one of the Seventh-day Adventists." We feel to thank the Lord that we have been able to answer this call.

[In speaking of the German work in Russia he referred to a letter from Elder Conradi in which he states that from seventy-five to one hundred are added each quarter.]

We have fifteen canvassers in Finland who are doing good work. Our Bible school is just finished at Constantinople. Several workers will go forth from there to carry the message. Thus we see that the very roads travelled by the patriarchs, prophets, Christ, and the apostles, are now being travelled by our workers. Brethren, this is wonderful.

Brother Baharian, of Constantinople, has just as marked experiences as you read of in connection with the apostle Paul. On one occasion the mob gathered around the house, bent on his destruction. He had some idea what

was waiting him. Just as he stepped out of the stand, a man took him by the arm, and told him he would take him out. He led him out through the crowd till the last of the mob was past, and then said, "Now you are safe." Brother Baharian says that he believes it was an angel of the Lord. This is in Turkey. Elder Holser says that quite a number of people are receiving the message there.

The General Conference, just two years ago, appointed two laborers to go to India. Sister Burris went to England, and spent some time in trying to find some one to go with her ; but finding no one, she wrote to us saying, "I have decided to go alone, for my heart burns for the people of India." And so she went. In the Mediterranean they had a terrible storm, and many were very sick ; but she said she was as happy as could be. When she reached Calcutta, she found the Lord had opened the way for her, and she has been doing good work. Since then Elder D. A. Robinson and Sister May Taylor have reached Calcutta, and so Sister Burris will have help. Elder Robinson states that the way is opened for them to go there to do medical missionary work, and pleads for more help for that line. We have now four missionaries among the millions of India. We have had some canvassers there who have sold some of our literature. God is blessing all this work that has been done ; but when we come to compare it with what must be done, brethren, it seems very meager. Brethren, pray for India.

Over in China we have Brother LaRue, who has been doing good work ; but he pleads earnestly for missionaries. What shall we do in view of these many calls in every direction for men and women to carry the light into the fields already opened by a special providence? You see, brethren, we have only made a beginning in this part of the world.

In Australia we have a conference organized,

and a good school started. Sister White and W. C. White are there, and for some time have been helping in the work, which presents many encouraging features.

We have also a conference in New Zealand, and the work is onward; but they are pleading for more help. We need laborers who can lead out and train others in the work.

Here is South America [pointing to the map], which is a marvelous territory, and our experience thus far demonstrates that it is a very favorable field for this message. Elder Graff is in Brazil, Elders Westphal and Vuilleumier in Argentine, and Baber in Chili. Very encouraging reports from them have appeared in the *Review* from time to time. Brother Westphal reports thirty-three keeping the Sabbath at Trinidad, and feels of quite good courage in the work. The work in Mexico is very encouraging. Elder Jones has secured three "gardens," and says now is the time to put up the sanitarium building. Our work is well received by the people there.

[He next spoke of the work among the islands.] Our missionary ship Pitcairn, is now making her fourth cruise among the islands of the Pacific, and this is proving to be as successful as any she has made. We now have workers at Pitcairn, Tahiti, Norfolk, Raiatea, Raratonga, Tongatubu, Rurutu, Samoa, Hawaii. The Pitcairn will go to the Fiji group, and leave workers this time, and will probably be back to San Francisco the latter part of this month. Brother Buck and wife were left at Tahiti to take charge of the school work.

While at New Zealand, Brother Kellogg spoke of islanders who wept because they could not have missionaries to teach them the gospel. What a change from the time when the first missionaries visited these islands. Truly the isles wait for God's law. One islander told Brother Kellogg that he had a boy which he wanted him to take and educate for a missionary.

Brother Kellogg said, "There are schools (speaking of different ones) why not send him there?" "Ah," he said, "*they* don't teach the Bible as you do." Brethren, what do these things mean? These are not isolated instances. Wherever we look we see that God has gone out before us, and we are far behind his opening providences. In view of the shortness of

time, I tell you we must be about the Master's business. We have sent out nearly 150 missionaries, and they are looking to us for support in the work. May the Lord give us a realizing sense of our duty at this time.

## Field Reports.

### ALBANY.

I ARRIVED at Albany, Friday, Dec. 13, and found the appointment for the meetings had been well circulated; and Sabbath morning the attendance was quite good, and we had a good meeting. At the close it was decided to hold a meeting at Bath, across the river from Albany, in the afternoon. Brother John Smith has been doing some good work there among his neighbors, and some have taken a stand for the truth. I was pleased to find the room well filled at the time of the meeting. May the good work begun there go on. The opening seems to be good there for a series of meetings; and we trust arrangements may be made for this before long.

Sunday afternoon we held another meeting at Albany, at the house of J. W. Tedd, my brother-in-law. I am glad to be able to report a good spirit manifested in this company, and a desire to take hold in the work of the Lord. As we dwelt upon the progress of the cause, and the providence of God in opening up the way before His "remnant" people, our hearts were made tender with gratitude. I trust that we may see at the close of the week of prayer that the gratitude of our people all through the Empire State has taken such a large place in our hearts that it has opened our pocket-books in response to the touching appeals from our General Conference, and the great decrease in last year's annual offering may in some measure be made up.

A. E. PLACE.

Dec. 17.

### ELMA, BUFFALO, AND TONAWANDA.

AFTER my return from Niagara County I was quite busy for a while looking after the interest of the work in Buffalo and vicinity. On Friday evening, Dec. 13, I spoke in Blossom, where Brother Lesch is conducting a series of meetings. There are some real interested souls

# *The Canvassing Work.*

Report for the Week Ending Dec. 27.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Utica,	Oneida,	Norman Kling,	18	2	2	5.50	8.75		
Wellsville,	Allegany,	G. F. Evans,	30	4				26	59.50
Perry,	Wyoming,	O. G. Parmele,	6	1			1.25	3	8.00
North Parma,	Monroe,	Horace Church,	4	1				10	14.75
Patriarchs and Prophets.									
Binghamton,	Broome,	J. Deeley,						37	76.50
Miscellaneous sales,						10.00			
Totals,			58	8	2	\$15.50	\$10.00	76	158.75
5 Canvassers,									

here, and I hope some will take a stand for the truth.

Sabbath forenoon, Dec. 14, I spoke to our German brethren at Elma. I was glad to find them all of such good courage. I took the noon train from here and went to Buffalo to meet with our people there. Some time had elapsed since I met with the church at this place. After the sermon nearly all took part in social worship. It did me good to hear the cheering testimonies. The reviving spirit was in our midst, and all expressed a determination to do more in bringing the truth before the people of this large city.

By request I went to Tonawanda and spoke to the faithful few Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday nights. The attendance was real good, and some new ones became real interested in the truth. There is an undeveloped interest here which ought to be followed up. I hope to be able to start the work among the German's who are so largely represented here.

I have also enjoyed some real good visits with a few interested ones at Ebenezer and Lancaster. At the latter place a lady has lately commenced the observance of the Sabbath, and another one is just on the point of deciding. At the former place there are also a few who are earnestly seeking for truth. Thus we again see that God's Word does not return void. The harvest in Erie County as well as in other counties is ripe, and may we as reapers be faithful and gather the fruit in His garner.

J. P. LORENZ.

—HAPPY NEW YEAR to all, and especially to the readers of the INDICATOR!

## RETROSPECT.

WE have reached the close of another season's work, and as I look back over the field it is with thankfulness to the Lord for His guidance, and the success He has given us. My wife and I reached the town of Irondequoit, Monroe County, early in June, and began work. This is a small town, not even a store in the whole place; but there are plenty of hotels. We succeeded in delivering eighty-eight "Bible Readings" there; but it took hard work with the blessing of God to accomplish it. Our next move was to the town of Greece which is larger; but here we found nearly half of the population Catholics, there being situated here four large Catholic churches, and two parochial schools, besides a very large seminary for the education of priests; but notwithstanding this the Lord worked for us, and we succeeded in delivering two hundred nineteen books. Our next town was Parma; but it was so late in the season we only worked the north end (about one half the town); but delivered seventy books. In this town as well as in some parts of Greece strong opposition arose. One minister advised his people, if they could not get out of taking their books, to burn them; but we moved right on just the same, trusting it all in the hands of the One who is able to take care of His own work, and to care for His workmen.

MR. AND MRS. HORACE CHURCH.

—ELDER D. A. BALL will speak in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Rome, N. Y., Thursday evening, Jan. 2, at 7 o'clock.

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### THE WEEK OF PRAYER AT ROME.

We can report the presence and blessing of the Lord with the Rome church during this special occasion. Meetings were held each day and the readings presented. Nearly every meeting was preceded by a general prayer meeting, and closed with testimonies. There seemed to be a broader view of the field and the work seen and felt by all than ever before, and we felt that we must do more for God than we had done in the past.

The last day we held two meetings. In the morning the reading was given, and in the evening a program was given, consisting of appropriate songs, readings, etc., and concluded with a song by the little children of the Sabbath-school, while the offerings were being taken, a part of which was,—

Drop the pennies in,  
Dimes and dollars too.

It was a beautiful sight to see the happy expressions on their faces as they dropped their offerings in for Jesus and his work. We can but believe the Savior regarded these offerings from the children, and from all, and He will not let them return void: but they will accom-

plish that whereto he sends them. The collection amounted to \$53.23 that night. Considerable more has been sent in since by members living at a distance. As our beloved Brother Lane used to say, "Let the good work go on."  
A. E. PLACE.

### APPOINTMENT.

No PROVIDENCE preventing, the quarterly meeting for the Syracuse church will be held Jan. 11, 12, 1896. A full attendance is desired as there are matters of importance to be considered. Besides the annual election of officers, we expect to have suggestions from Doctor Kellogg in regard to establishing the Christian Help Work, to be presented to the church for action. This work is evidently to be a powerful factor in the loud cry of the message, and should have due attention.

The ordinances are to be celebrated on the Sabbath, and these other matters considered on the first day: so plan to be present both Sabbath and Sunday if possible.

P. Z. KINNE.

Jan. 1, 1896, the Sanitarium Health Food Co., advanced their prices to their agents; but while the small stock which we have in Rome lasts, we will fill orders at the old prices. This offer will not be available long as our stock is small. N. Y. Health Food Co., Rome, N. Y.

### DO WE EVER PRAY SO?

SOME people, when in perplexity, sit down and decide what course to pursue and then pray to the Lord to direct them. The story is told of a minister who had received a call to another church, whose little son was asked whether his father was going. The child answered: "Pa is still praying for light; but most of the furniture is packed." Do we ever pray so?

EMMA L. PARDON.

—The Minnesota Worker comes to us this week with the question, "How do you like our Holiday number?" We are much pleased with its neat and attractive appearance, and return the compliments of the season, wishing it all success in the future.