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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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MOTHER.

MISS MARY DELZER.

WHERE mother is, Oh! the world of love
No matter how far our feet may rove,
When weary and worn in constant strife,
Mother and home are the best of life.

Blessed is he who may smilingly say,
I'm going home to mother to-day.
God's mercy hallows that home so dear,
Where mother our footsteps waits to hear.

Bless the busy hands and the cheery smile,
That brightens and comforts all the while.
Nothing on earth can with home compare,
When a loving mother waits us there.

Field Reports.

WEST MONROE AND ROOSEVELT.

THE way opened for me to fill my appointment at West Monroe, Oswego County. The meetings began Friday night, Jan. 10, with a good attendance. I was pleased to see Brother and Sister Wright present from Parish, and Brother William Treadwell and Lillian Pettis from Roosevelt. Sister Pettis gave us good help in the music. Sunday two more, Sisters Rupracht and May Ross, came from Roosevelt. The Lord's spirit was present to help in the presentation and reception of the word, and we all felt that it was a profitable occasion. My heart went out in praise and gladness to God as I saw these brethren dwelling together in such unity. O, that it may continue is my prayer.

Sunday we held the election of officers in the church which also went off with a sweet spirit of harmony. The only thing that retarded the work was the spirit manifested by those who were chosen to positions of responsibility that they were unfitted for the work. Elder F. Wheeler was reelected elder. The Lord is still sustaining His aged servant, and we trust he may be permitted to live and serve the church another year.

Some time was spent in talking up the Tract and Missionary work, and giving instructions about organizing, etc. The work closed there Sunday night having held six meetings, the Sabbath-school, and one testimony meeting. That meeting was a source of courage and strength to me, and I trust it was to the church.

My next appointment was at Roosevelt church, beginning Monday at 1 P. M. I had appointed to remain till Friday, and then go to Lincklaen Center; but some seemed to feel that I ought to remain over Sabbath and Sunday, and beat the annual meeting of the church, and I consented to do so and postpone my meeting at Lincklaen Center one week. We have averaged nearly five hours per day in meeting with the church. Each evening we have spoken to those who came in from the surrounding country. The evening meetings have been seasons of encouragement. The attendance rapidly increased from the first to over one hundred persons. Brother Washer who has lately taken a stand for the truth took a deep interest in getting the people out to these evening meetings, bringing with his team and sleigh from fifteen to twenty each night. Several came from what is called "The Island," where they became interested in the truth as presented by Brethren Treadwell, Ellis, and Raymond one year ago. Sunday the church held its meeting for the election of officers, and Brother Gilbert Preston was chosen elder and was ordained. Brother J. W. Chesbro and mother and daughter were present all through the meetings. Elder Wheeler came from West Monroe Friday morning, and spent Sabbath and Sunday with us. Sabbath a large majority of the West Monroe church was present, and several remained over Sunday.

We feel thankful that the truth has made a deep impression upon many minds. All that seems to be lacking to open the way for a rich harvest of souls here is for those who profess

the truth to shed upon their neighbors a "clear and steady light." Will they do it? Time will tell. It is evident that the Lord has some noble souls here who love Him and His truth; but "little foxes" have been and still are trying to "spoil the vine." May God help us all to "sow in righteousness and reap in mercy, and let the fallow ground be broken up, that He may come and rain righteousness upon us."

I expected to close here Sunday night, but during the day news come to us that Sister Trowbridge, who had been quite low for several days, was dead, and it was desired that I remain to the funeral Tuesday, hence we appointed another meeting for to-night (Monday) which will close our evening meetings. Particulars concerning the funeral will appear next week.

A. E. PLACE.

CENTERVILLE STATION.

We were with the believers at Monticello, Maplewood, and Sackett Lake, during part of the week of prayer. Satan always sends strong temptations and trials wherever he finds one doing God's will. May the believers at these places always remember that a person standing on Christ's side has the victory already.

Returning to Fallsburgh our hearts were made glad by finding that another there had begun the observance of the Sabbath of the Lord. We moved to this place Monday afternoon, and held our first service in the hall here that evening. About eighty were present, and this evening some over one hundred were in attendance, and they gave excellent attention to the word spoken. This place is only two miles from Fallsburgh, and people understand the fact that we teach, that they ought to keep "Saturday for Sunday," as some speak it.

Reader, pray that the interest here shall continue to increase and that sheaves for the Master's kingdom may appear.

W. W. WHEELER.

BATH-ON-HUDSON.

I LEFT Rome Friday, Jan. 3, and came to Albany and found my way to the home of John Tedd, a brother of Sister Place, where I was made welcome. Sabbath I spoke to about a dozen that assembled in their parlor, and in

the afternoon I went over to Bath, which is situated across the Hudson from Albany, and spoke to about the same number, including some that attended the morning meeting. This meeting was held in the house of Brother and Sister Millis, and we have continued them every day since, having held twenty-five services in all. Our congregations have ranged from eight to thirty-two, and the Lord has come very near and our meetings have been grand. The interest seems to be increasing, and quite a number have already decided to obey, and we expect others will. To God be all the praise.

D. A. BALL.

NEWFANE.

WE opened our meetings here last Wednesday evening with an attendance of about one hundred fifty. The brethren rented the largest hall in the place, and announced the meetings thoroughly by printed bills. The brethren and sisters of our church here are taking a great interest in the meetings, and are doing all they can to make them a success. We have a choir and our singing is excellent. We have thus far held four meetings with increased interest. There were over two hundred present to-night (Sunday), and I never saw such a large congregation preserve so good order and listen so attentively. Our collection to-night was \$2.52. Brethren and sisters, pray for me and the success of the work here.

J. P. LORENZ.

ROCHESTER.

DEAR INDICATOR: I read you every week; but it has been a long time since I have said anything through your pages. This time I am going to say something in behalf of the work in Rochester. We know the "Work is great and the laborers are few," but we would like to have the New York Conference Committee look in pity on us here in this beautiful city. Some of our number want baptism. We are only a few; but this a faithful few, meeting Sabbath after Sabbath, and every Wednesday evening for prayer meeting. We pray for you; will you not please give us at least a passing notice?

Then there is the great field outside of our little company, and many of them are just

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending Jan. 17.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Utica,	Oneida,	Norman Kling,	21	6	1	2.50	3.00		
Sidney,	Delaware,	C. W. Inskeep,	15	4	7	12.25			
Wellsville,	Alleghany,	G. F. Evans,	30	5	4	14.00			
Fillmore,	Alleghany,	F. A. Evans,	14	3	1	3.00	1.25		
Rome,	Oneida,	F. G. Mc Alister,					2.50		
Patriarchs and Prophets.									
Binghamton,	Broome,	J. Deeley,	16	4	1	2.25	.60		
Miscellaneous sales,						7.35			
Totals,		6 Canvassers,	96	22	14	\$41.35	\$7.35		

hungering for the bread of life. We feel glad that Sister Dower is here, and quite a number are being reached through her labors. Think of us when you send ministers to other places. But we will be faithful even if you can't come to help us, for we belong to the company who "Keep the commandments of God, and have the faith of Jesus."

MARY A. MILLINGTON.

WE feel deeply interested in the above earnest appeal from Rochester, and were it the only one of like nature in this State it would be easy to know what to do. But could the dear souls in Rochester know the facts that daily confront the Conference Committee wherever they turn, they would see a change in the picture which now perhaps presents an indifferent aspect.

The openings for labor, and the calls for help are many, while our corps of laborers are, like the Rochester company, "only a few." But we are trying to be a "faithful few" in answering the calls in all parts of our great State, to the best of our ability. We are glad to know that prayers are arising from Rochester for us. May the Lord bless you and abundantly answer your prayers. We will try to arrange for baptism there within a few weeks, and also more than a "passing notice" as the Lord opens the way to do so.

A. E. PLACE.

DEAR INDICATOR: Once more has your welcome face come to my view, I am glad and thankful to my Heavenly Father for the good reports you bring. There are some honest hearts here in Fillmore. One lady a Mrs. Kortz has been keeping the Sabbath with her

two children for some time. She is alone in this, except an aunt who lives a short distance from here. She seems to be living up to the light as far as she knows it. She has one of the "Bible Readings," the *Signs*, and occasionally some of our other papers. She is very much in earnest, and has been holding Bible readings in the place. I found another lady who is convinced that the seventh day is the Sabbath; but does not seem ready to obey as yet. Mrs. Kortz has labored with her. Last evening I took an order of a lady who seems to be honest-hearted, and glad to get hold of the truth. I wish there might be a tent effort put forth here. Your brother in the work.

FRITZ A. EVANS.

—FROM a recent communication from Elder S. Thurston, of Verdi, Cal., a former laborer in in this Conference, who went west on account of his wife's health, we take the liberty to quote the following, which we think will be of interest to all.

"We are quite well. I do not think there has been a year in the last fifteen that Mrs. Thurston has been in bed so few days as in the past year. Our coming here has been a great blessing to her. The climate is very fine in this part of the State, almost a constant cloudless sky; roses and other flowers are in bloom as though it was June. Our house sets in the midst of a lemon grove with its ripe fruit and blossoms on the trees. The week of prayer, we trust has been a source of blessing in this part, as also we trust it has throughout the world among our people. The omens of the end seem to thicken in all directions. The nations are getting angry, and I can but say, may the work be hastened and then let the end come."

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OUR CANVASSING WORK.

I HAVE been sending out to the canvassers yearly report blanks which I would like each one to fill out and return to me. I want to keep track of the territory and be able to tell the canvassers just how much has been done in each township. I want the number of books sold in each town. Please give me a good report.

We have plenty of territory for another year that never has been canvassed for any book. This will be a good time for new canvassers to commence to work. Prospectuses are only seventy-five cents now, with the postage added. The rest of the outfit will be sent free. Help in starting will also be furnished free. I have word from several able men saying that they will soon be with us.

Times are very hard, but we are planning to sell as many books this year as we did last, and I believe it can be done. What we need is more solid men. Men who understand why we are selling these books. Men who do not scare easy. Here is a place, too, for the sisters. They can do better in this work financially than in most other work. We have some very fine

small books now that sell readily when they are presented with the right spirit. The new book, "Christ our Savior," is a grand book, handsome and well written. Then we have the "Primers" that sell at sight. "Matthew Twenty-four" also sells well. Write in and tell us what you are deciding to work with.

The canvassers have been taking a vacation for a while as this is the poorest time in the year for our work. February will be a good month in which to work. Commencing the first of April is a splendid time to work in our State. We are planning to emigrate soon to a country a good way off: in fact to the Heavenly country. How will we spend our time till we go?

J. R. CALKINS.

—Conference cash received Dec. 18 to Jan. 16: Watertown, \$22.30; Rome, \$87.94; Syracuse, \$3.00; Jamestown, \$26.26; Middletown, \$7.65; Newburgh, \$50.50; Monticello, \$9.71; Broekfield, \$3.00; North Creek, \$22.95; Adams Center, \$39.42; Newfane, \$14.80; Cleveland, \$7.00; Albany company, \$6.60; Bucks Bridge, \$15.25; West Bangor, \$19.00; Dickinson Center, \$17.50; Wellsville, \$53.95; Mannsville, \$20.75; South Russell, \$26.00; Pulaski, \$40.00; Auburn, \$28.85; Lincklaen Center, \$2.40; Cortland, \$10.00; North Parma, \$2.00; Individuals, \$64.80.

Obituary Notices.

WELLS.—Died at her home near Kennedy, Chautauqua County, N. Y., Elizabeth Washburn wife of Moses B. Wells, Sunday, Dec. 22, aged 68 years. Sister Wells was born in Monroe County; but had lived most of her life in this vicinity. She has been married twice, having lived with her present husband thirty-three years. Of seven children but three survive, Harvey and Henry Wyman and Lois Wells. Sister Wells was a woman of unusual strength of mind, and her kindness of heart and readiness of hand to help made her beloved by many warm friends. She was a devoted member of the Jamestown church of Seventh-day Adventists. Her life was one of faithfulness in the cause of Christ. She was a great sufferer for about six weeks before she died. Her death was caused by a general giving out. Everything that loving hearts and kind hands could do for her recovery was done; but as she steadily failed from the first, it was plain to be seen that the time had come for her to die. The loss to her family, the neighborhood in which she lived, and the church to which she belonged, is inestimable. The funeral was held from her late residence on Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1895. Sermon by the writer. Text John 11:25.

J. B. Stow.