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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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A PROVIDENTIAL OPENING.

We take this article from the New England *Gleaner*, of Feb. 6, and trust the readers of the INDICATOR will be as deeply interested in it as we have been.

ONE of the most remarkable and unexpected opportunities for presenting the truths of the third angel's message that has ever come to my observation has just presented itself to us. The circumstances and the occurrence are so singular, and yet they so fully demonstrate the working of the Holy Spirit upon the minds and hearts of the body of people to whom I desire to refer, that I am sure our readers will see in the transaction an additional evidence that there are those all around us whose hearts are lamenting their lack, and are longing for more light upon the blessed word of God.

Just previous to the week of prayer, I received an invitation, through one of our brethren, from the pastor of next to the largest Baptist church in Boston, to have one of our ministers come and preach to his people for one week on the subject of the second coming of Christ. The call was supplied by Elder G. E. Fifield. They seemed much pleased, and later made a request to secure his labor for one month. I took occasion to visit the pastor, and told him that we would plan to grant his request, if they would give our minister untrammelled liberty to preach upon all lines of thought as held by Seventh-day Adventists. He replied, "That is just what I would want. I am convinced

that you have more truth than I have. I would like to hear upon the Sabbath question, and upon all the lines of doctrine you hold." He laid the matter before the church prudential committee, and they voted to extend the invitation under the above conditions. By this decision the invitation is the official action of the church, and it has already been presented in writing, duly signed by the clerk.

What the outgrowth of this will be, of course we cannot tell. We leave it with the Lord. He doeth all things well. But I am sure that no such thing has ever happened before in the history of our work, in such a city and in such a church. Truly, the Lord is going out before us in a most wonderful manner to prepare the way for the work in the East. This seems to be an exact fulfillment of a statement of the spirit of prophecy given in 1856: "I saw that when the message shall increase greatly in power, then the providence of God will open and prepare the way in the East for much more to be accomplished than can be at the present time. God will then send some of his servants in power to visit places where little or nothing can now be done; and some who are now indifferent, will be aroused, and will take hold of the truth."—*Testimonies*, vol. 1, p. 149.

"The message will be carried as was the midnight cry of 1844, not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God."—*Great Controversy*, vol. 4, p. 430.

H. W. COTTRELL.

THE RELATION THE SABBATH-SCHOOL SUSTAINS TO THE PRESENT ISSUE.

(Concluded from last week.)

THE Sabbath-school serves the church as instructor or teacher. Its duty is to teach the important truths for this time, and to so vividly impress them upon the mind that they will become the theme and life of every individual.

This will be so with all, unless they are imperious to the truth, or the Spirit of God. This being a duty of the Sabbath-school, what a field opens before us. Society, and the very air seems to be permeated with the spirit of persecution, and of religious legislation, to the end that God's law shall be ignored and tradition adorned.

Are our schools faithfully preparing to meet the issue? Are parents and children instructed to take an active part in this live question, which will in the near future stir the world as never before; and will soon plunge us into those scenes of affliction, as noticed above? We cannot wait in idleness for the scene to close, only as we do it to our own peril. The curse rested upon Meroz, not for taking part with the enemy against God's people; but for idleness or inactivity when his help was needed. Let us read: "Curse ye Meroz said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants of Meroz, because they come not up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Judges 5:23. This is our very condition at the present hour, as it is brought to view in the portion of the Testimony already quoted. This is also evident from the surrounding circumstances. Therefore we cannot be inactive in this important time, and meet the approval of the Master. Our Sabbath-schools are to produce missionary workers, and laborers in the various departments of the cause. In fact all are to become workers who will swell the work to the loud cry. The Sabbath-schools must act their part in this preparatory work. This means devotion to the cause we love, an unreserved surrender of all for Christ. Our hearts, our lives, our means, should all be upon the altar now.

Our whole heart should be in the work, and as never before our means should be freely used for the advancement of this closing work. The Sabbath-schools should, and will, I believe, be more liberal in their offerings from this time forward that the work be not hindered for want of means. If parents and children, churches and Sabbath-schools, are now willing to lay all upon the altar, the work will soon be done. This degree of consecration must be reached before the work will close, and may it not begin with our Sabbath-schools? "We are workers together with God." If we work with God, we

must work like God or else we shall not be at agreement with him. As Christ did when He gave up all for us, so we must give up all for Him.

The earnest sacrificing spirit is needed now. May it begin with the fathers and mothers, and may the children catch the spirit, and may it go from home to home, from school to school, and from state to state, until like a tidal wave of glory it shall sweep over our land, and our farms and possessions are reduced as the spirit of God may indicate, and the means used for the advancement of the cause, that the work of God may receive no damage through our lack. This spirit should be cultivated in all our schools, and it should reach and affect the heads of families.

Our schools and churches will be tested upon this very point at this important time. I appeal to our schools to "come behind in no gift." Let us prove to all our faith in the closing message, and share at last in the glorious reward of the overcomer.

S. M. COBB.

Field Reports.

NEWFANE.

My last report was from Binghamton, where I had been laboring in connection with Brother Hyatt for about two and a half months with some success, and was expecting to remain longer; but was called to this place to assist in the work here.

About the middle of January, Brother Lorenz came here by an urgent request, and began a series of meetings in the hall at Charlottesville, some of our good brethren there assuming the financial responsibility of rent, which is one dollar an evening. The meetings were successfully conducted by Brother Lorenz for three weeks, when he was disabled by an attack of the measles, at which time I was called to assist.

The subject of the change of the Sabbath was the next subject to be presented upon my arrival, Feb. 9. The interest was still good, or at least the attendance. The Baptist minister was in the evening we presented the change of the Sabbath, and had been in several evenings before, and he announced that evening that he would speak upon the Sabbath question the next Sunday. We continued to present those

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending Mar. 6.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Canaseraga,	Allegany,	F. A. Evans,	32	5	6	13.00			
Glen,	Montgomery,	Wm. Seewald,	20	3	12	28.25	2.25		
Binghamton,	Broome,	M. A. Vroman,	1	1	2	4.75	3.00	2	4.75
Watertown,	Jefferson,	M. V. Brigham,	30	5	12	29.50			
Patriarchs and Prophets.									
Binghamton,	Broome,	J. Deeley,	50	8	7	15.25	1.00	2	5.50
Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation.									
Utica,	Oneida,	Norman Kling,	4	2	2	5.75		2	5.75
Miscellaneous sales,						6.25			
Totals,			137	24	41	\$102.75	\$6.25	6	16.00

vital points which naturally follow the change of the Sabbath, as, the United States in prophecy, the seal of God, the mark of the beast, etc., which aroused the ire of the ministers and the laymen of the other churches, and the Methodists at once began a series of revival meetings which began the same week that I came, they having secured the services of an evangelist to help them at this critical time. The Baptists began preaching against us, and each minister doing all he could to turn the people away. Brother Lorenz was soon able to resume work again, and we did all we could to present the truth in a clear and forcible manner.

Many see and acknowledge it to be the truth. They see its beauty and harmony, and see the inconsistency of other churches in the course they pursue; but they have not the courage of their convictions. We have closed the meetings here, and only one has fully decided to obey; but I have some hope of some others later on. The one who has decided to obey is a young man about twenty-six years of age.

It fills us with sadness to see the people turn away their ears from the truth, and be turned unto fables. The church at Newfane have done all they could to make the meetings a success. My labors with Brother Lorenz have been very pleasant, but we now separate, he for the German work, and I where the interest most demands.

S. M. COBB.

—I always feel like lifting my hat to the book agent, because he is doing more good than I can ever hope to do.—*Talmage.*

THE THEORY OF CANVASSING.

AFTER studying the book and canvass so that you can show it in an easy manner, the next thing is to secure territory. No one is considered a canvasser, or entitled to any of our subscription books at agents' prices unless he has a contract. We have found by practical experience that this is the only common sense way of working. If all were allowed to sell the books where they pleased, the territory would soon be no good. A canvasser going into such a field would not know what was worked or what was not. This would be very discouraging indeed. Time would be wasted, and the result would be that the canvasser would soon go home. There are many more arguments and reasons, but space will not allow giving them. While we are anxious to have all engage in this work, yet we want to work to the best possible advantage, and not defeat the object we have in view.

The Tract Society furnishes free to all canvassers all the necessary blanks, and an account book in which to keep a record of the work. The prospectus, since Jan. 1 of this year, costs only seventy-five cents, with postage added. Postage is sixteen cents. Besides the outfit furnished by the Society, a canvasser should have a small account book in which to write the names of persons he intends to see again, and any agreements he may make, with other information; also a small pocket railroad map.

After getting to the field one of the first things is to secure a home. Some of our can-

vassers, and I think the majority, board themselves. They hire a furnished room for from fifty cents to one dollar per week, and with a small oil stove get along nicely. I have stopped with the canvassers who live this way, and have had better meals than I could get at some hotels.

The next thing to do is to get a road map. Buy a sheet of tracing paper at the book store, and with it go to the county clerk's office and ask if you can take the county atlas for a short time to make some maps. You will be allowed to sit down there and draw off on your tracing paper as many towns as you like, showing all the roads. Sometimes we have used tissue paper; but it would be necessary to use a lead pencil, as ink would blot through tissue paper, and injure the atlas. Of course care should be taken to return the atlas in as good condition as it was when taken.

J. R. CALKINS.

ATTENTION.

THERE are still some churches who have not sent in last year's report. It is necessary that we have a report from every church, and blanks were sent to all for this purpose. Brethren, do not let the Lord's work go forgotten. Will the following churches please send in a report *at once*: Brookfield, Batavia, Gouverneur, Jamestown, Lancaster, Middle Grove, Norfolk, North Parma, Painted Post, Roosevelt, Syracuse, Watertown, West Bangor.

W. A. WESTWORTH.

Loch Sheldrake, N. Y.

REMOVAL.

THE N. Y. Health Food Co., has removed to Oxford, N. Y. New goods coming in all the time. Granose, now only 15 cts. per lb. Caramel Cereal 15 cts. Caramel Coffee not made now. The addresses of all our people desired. We hope to hear from church clubs soon. Our purpose is to do you all good.

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E. W. BARTLE.

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A NEW idea in an old form—The Gospel-graph. In nine cases out of ten a telegram is a life or death message. The messages of Rev. 14: 6-13, are life or death messages to the whole world, in every case. Send two-cent stamp for samples to Chas. H. Harris, 24 Mari-gold St., Buffalo, N. Y.

WANTED.—A sister wishes to secure a situation among Sabbath-keepers for her fourteen year old son, to work the coming season. He is strong, intelligent, willing, and capable. Any one wishing to engage such help please correspond with Mrs. E. C. Miles, Locke, N. Y.

LAST week's *Gleaner* contains the following note concerning the meetings to be held in the Baptist church in Boston:

"The members of the Harvard Street Baptist church in Boston are preparing with remarkable interest to listen to the truths of the third angel's message. The special services for this purpose have been appointed to begin next Sunday (March 8). The announcement, given in their church paper, contains the request that earnest prayers may ascend for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit during these meetings. Let us join in this prayer for the abundant blessing of God, that every service may redound to his honor and glory."

—Conference cash received Feb. 12 to March 6: Jamestown, \$17.36; Ellicottville, \$4.00; Brookfield, \$8.00; Rome, \$12.22; Genoa, \$12.00; Williamstown, \$26.36; Fulton, \$25.00; Individuals, \$40.32.

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