

# The Indicator.

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

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## TRUST HIM STILL.

BY MRS. R. O. DAMON.

BE still, my heart ! these anxious cares  
To thee are burdens, thorns, and snares ;  
They cast dishonor on the Lord,  
And contradict His gracious word.  
Brought safely by His hand thus far,  
Why wilt thou now give place to fear ?

When first before His mercy seat,  
Thou didst to Him thine all commit,  
He gave thee warrant from that hour  
To trust His wisdom, love, and power.  
Did ever trouble yet befall,  
And He refuse to heed thy call ?

He who has helped the hitherto,  
Will help thee all the journey through ;  
Though rough and thorny be the road,  
It leads thee home apace to God.  
Then count thy present trials small,  
For Heaven will make amends for all.

## BITTING DEFIED.

We take the following from the New York *Daily Advertiser* Sunday edition, March 29, 1896.

SINCE E. E. Franke and O. O. Farnsworth, two Seventh Day Adventist missionaries, arrived in Harlem, two weeks ago, there has been considerable trouble in the Mount Morris Baptist church, and the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Bitting, has been much disturbed because of the disaffection of some members of his flock. Two prominent members of the church are about to leave the faith and join the Seventh Day people, and one pew holder has gone over to the enemy.

The missionaries are holding nightly meetings in Hawthorne Hall, No. 135 West 125th street, where they are explaining to their congregations their views on the Sabbath question. The pastors of contiguous churches whose members have gone to listen to the teachings of the missionaries made no comment ; but Mr. Bitting, it is said, has declared war against them

and their doctrines in public and in private.

Recently he referred to them in *Our Church*, a paper which he edits for distribution among his own congregation. He said : “ We hope that any of our members who feel tempted to yield themselves to untenable ideas about a day of worship and wild interpretations of very figurative books of the Bible will think very carefully before they do so.”

The congregation was already much stirred about these “ untenable ideas,” and this reference only added fuel to the fire. The attention of the evangelists was attracted to the paragraph, with the result that the preachers sent Mr. Bitting an open letter a few days ago, telling him that many, of his people and others who desire to know the truth upon the points of doctrinal differences would like to hear both sides of the question.

“ We will give you the use of our hall,” the letter says, “ any number of nights, to preach against us, and to expose what you call our ‘ untenable ideas ’ and ‘ wild interpretations,’ or we will discuss these questions with you in a Christian spirit in your church or in any other place you may select.”

To this Mr. Bitting made no reply, so the missionaries sent to him another letter yesterday, repeating their challenge to a joint debate, assuring the pastor that they wanted only a fair judgement of the people.

Mr. Bitting was seen by a reporter for the *Sunday Advertiser* yesterday, and asked if there was any truth in the statement that there was some disaffection among his church members.

“ Not a particle,” he said.

“ What then is the foundation for the rumor ? ”

“ Only that you reporters write anything you think of, without the slightest regard for the truth, and simply for the purpose of filling your papers,” answered this charitable minded pastor.

"Will you answer the missionaries' letter inviting you to joint debate?"

"No."

The porter escaped from the parsonage and went around to the hall, where the missionaries were holding an afternoon meeting. Mr. Franke was preaching, but Mr. Farnsworth talked to the reporter.

"I do not know what Mr. Bitting means," he said, when he was told what the reverend gentleman had said, "for two of the members of his church are in the meeting now. They have professed faith with us, and will withdraw from the Baptist church. They are F. P. Calum, who lives at No. 102 East 121st street, and F. R. Bell, of No. 1902 Park avenue. Mr. Calum is a licensed preacher of the Mount Morris church, and Mr. Bell is an ordained minister of the Baptist denomination. J. W. Newman, of No. 1288 Lexington avenue, a pew holder in Mr. Bitting's church, and an active member of his congregation, is a warm supporter of ours and a convert to our teachings.

"The fact of the matter is that Mr. Bitting does not dare to meet us in open debate, and has not the courage of what he says are his convictions. He is twenty years behind the times on the Sabbath question. Almost every denomination now admits that Sunday is not the day appointed by God for the observance of the Sabbath, but is an institution of the church.

"As to the prophecies, if our interpretation of them is not corroborated by history we do not ask anybody to believe them. It is not true, as has been said, that we say the Armenian massacres, the Raines bill and other such things were foretold. But in the eleventh chapter of Daniel the course of the Turkish Government is foreshadowed. This latter is one of the things that Mr. Bitting has referred to as 'stuff and nonsense.' But we observe that he merely says this, and does not go about to prove it. Members of his church have come with us, and I do not doubt that more will follow."

Mr. Farnsworth is sent out by the General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, whose headquarters are at Battle Creek, Mich. Mr. Franke is from the Atlantic Conference.

#### ALBANY AND SOUTH ONONDAGA.

On my return from Natural Bridge I went

to Albany expecting to be held there some time. Elder C. P. Bollman met me Wednesday, and we spent a part of the day in the legislature, and in council together. Before he left we both decided that owing to the demands of the Conference, and the uncertainty of matters there, that it would not be duty for me to remain. I spoke to the brethren and sisters Wednesday night at Bath on Hudson, in connection with their prayer meeting. Thursday I took two hundred *American Sentinels* to the capitol, and arranged to have them placed on the desks of "law makers." The man in charge of this kind of mail matter seemed kind to me, and expressed a willingness to place the papers on the desks. These will be furnished each week till the legislature closes.

Friday, March 27, I came to South Onondaga to assist Brother H. W. Lawson in organizing the work here. The roads have been almost impassable, but the attendance each evening has been over one hundred. Sunday forenoon we had a meeting especially for the interested ones. A Sabbath-school was organized. We drew up a covenant as a means of determining more fully who had decided to take hold of the work and go forward, and also to let them feel that they were being organized. Twenty-two signed this, and arrangements have been made for regular Sabbath meetings in connection with the Sabbath-school. Upwards of thirty have begun the observance of the Sabbath, and others seem interested.

The church house in which Brother Lawson has held his meetings has been promised to us as soon as the company here should be organized. It is evident that the Lord has been blessing Brother Lawson and the work he has done, and I have enjoyed being with him at this time.

A. E. PLACE.

#### THE THEORY OF CANVASSING.

It is important for the canvasser to learn what economy means. Webster's dictionary says that economy avoids all waste and extravagance, and applies money to the best advantage. Economical, saving of waste and unnecessary expense. Some people are afraid they will be called stingy if they do not throw the money out freely. It seems it would be better

*The Canvassing Work.*

Report for the Week Ending Mar. 27.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Nunda,	Livingston,	F. A. Evans,	43	5	9	\$20.00	\$ .75		
Ballston,	Saratoga,	Wm. Seewald,	31	4	8	17.00	2.00		
Buffalo,	Erie,	Chas. H. Harris,					1.75		
Perry,	Wyoming,	O. G. Parmele,		1	1	2.00		1	\$2.00
Great Controversy.									
Olean,	Cattaraugus,	Mrs. A. Vincent,	28	4	13	33.25	3.85		
Miscellaneous sales,						8.35			
Totals,		5 Canvassers,	102	14	31	\$80.60	\$8.35	1	\$2.00

to be called stingy than to be a spendthrift, and in debt to everyone.

Good management then is an important matter. Our Savior told the disciples to gather up the fragments of the bread and fishes after feed the multitude, so that nothing would be lost. They would want to eat again later. Therefore it is well to look ahead and plan for the future, to some extent at least.

"Gospel Workers" says, "Economy is needed in every department of the Lord's work. The natural turn of youth in this age is to neglect and despise economy, and to confound it with stinginess and narrowness. But economy is consistent with the most broad and liberal views and feelings. There can be no true generosity where it is not practiced. If while traveling, our youth will keep an exact account of the money they expend, item by item, their eyes will be opened to see the leaks."

While practicing economy it is also well to avoid the other extreme, bantering and haggling on prices. I would suggest to inquire the prices of articles we intend to buy, and if they are to high, then pass on. The golden rule is a good thing to remember at such times. Suppose that our positions were reversed, how would we like to be dealt with?

Keep the expenses down to the income at least, and don't spend money before you get it. Do without many things so as to meet and pay all debts.

Don't hire expensive livery horses. A man will be thought more of if he hires a plain respectable rig. They can generally be engaged of a farmer in exchange for a book, where other-

wise he would not buy a book. We generally allow the farmers from fifty cents to \$1.00 per day.

The railroads are rich, therefore it will not be charity for us to pay them any more money than is actually necessary. It will be better to stay in the same section of territory for a year, so as to avoid the expense of traveling, in which time and money is spent.

J. R. CALKINS.

EAST WILSON.

I COMMENCED labor in this place March 10, in a school-house in which J. N. Loughborough preached the truth nearly forty years ago. This is about three miles from where Brethren Ellis and Lorenz held meetings last fall. I have now held twelve meetings, and the house has been well filled with attentive listeners, and if I can rightly understand the people they are coming to learn, and their interest is increasing. We have just reached the Sabbath question, and a deep interest is manifested to learn about it.

The Methodists who have a church just across the way from the school-house in which we are laboring, have sent for another minister to come and help him hold the fort, and so they are to commence meetings with the intention, I suppose, of drawing away the crowd from our meetings; but the Lord will overrule to His glory.

Mr. Sherman has furnished us organ, and Sister Folger from Wilson, and Sisters Nellie and Hattie Buckland from Newfane, are in a very acceptable manner supplying us with

music each evening. May the Lord give victory to His truth is our prayer.

S. M. COBB.

APPOINTMENTS.

By mistake we omitted appointments last week for Elder Bristol. He will be with the Watertown church Sabbath, April 4, 5; and with the Adams Center and Mannsville churches following if the weather and circumstances will permit.

I will endeavor to spend Sabbath and Sunday, April 4, 5, with the church at Fulton. Hope to see a good attendance.

A. E. PLACE.

NOTHING preventing I will meet churches as follows: South Russell, April 4, 5; Pierpont, April 7, 8; Gouverneur, April 11, 12.

H. H. WILCOX.

No preventing providence, I will hold quarterly meeting with the Ellicottville church April 4, 5; and at Olean April 11, 12. Let the members of the churches begin to pray to God to meet with us and make these means of grace truly such to us.

D. A. BALL.

I will meet with the following churches in quarterly meeting at the dates named: Dickinson Center, April 4, 5; Bucks Brikge, 11, 12; Norfolk, 18, 19.

C. O. TAYLOR.

It is arranged that I will meet with the friends at Nunda, Sabbath, April 4; and at Black Creek, April 11, 12; and West Valley, April 18, 19.

F. PEABODY.

I will meet with the Ebenezer church Sabbath and Sunday, April 4, 5. Quarterly meeting will be held evening after the Sabbath, services in German and English.

J. P. LORENZ.

The quarterly meeting for the Syracuse church will be held April 11, 12, at which time Elder Place is expected to be present.

C. GILBERT.

The Rome church quarterly meeting will be held Sabbath and Sunday, April 4, 5. Let there be a good attendance.

W. E. LEWIS.

CHANGE OF APPOINTMENT.

We have decided to make one change in ap-

pointment for Elder S. M. Cobb who will hold quarterly meeting with the Williamstown church probably Sabbath and Sunday, April 11, 12, instead of Fulton as stated in last week's INDICATOR.

A. E. PLACE.

NOTICE.

\$1.50 worth of seeds and bulbs for 65 cents.

25 cents will buy one package each of beets, cabbage, celery, carrots, cucumber, lettuce, parsnip, onion, pepper, radish, and tomato. 25 cents will buy one ounce of choice mixed sweet peas (15 colors), one package best pansy seed, two named gladioli, May and Maria lemoine, very beautiful. 25 cents will buy twelve varieties of gladioli. A few samples were on exhibition at camp-meeting. Or the whole of this collection sent postpaid for 65 cents. Address W. C. Eaton, Jeddo, N. Y.

WANTED.

WANTED.—A good steady man that understands farm work and gardening, must be a Seventh-day Adventist with much patience and a ready mind. For such a single man is wanted at once for the season at good wages on a small farm about five miles from the Auburn church. Address Dennis L. Miller, Degroff, Cayuga Co., N. Y.

WANTED.—A sister who is a widow with two children aged about six and three, would like a situation where she can support herself, (and have meeting and Sabbath-school privileges) either in a family, or rent rooms and take in work. Any in want of such help, or knowing of a suitable opening, will confer a favor by corresponding with Elder P. Z. Kinne, Kirkville, N. Y.

ITEMS.

The S. S. lessons for the present quarter did not reach us until Friday afternoon, March 27, although they had been ordered for some weeks. No time was wasted after their arrival, however, for all orders were filled and mailed the same afternoon, nearly six hundred being sent out that day. We have since learned that the packages, which came as second-class matter, (out side the mail pouches) were allowed through the carelessness of some train or postal messenger, to stay at the depot here in Rome for several days, and not taken to the post-office at all.

We are sorry to learn that Elder W. A. Westworth, who has been laboring in the south-eastern part of the State has been obliged to close his work, for a time at least, on account of repeated attacks of renic colic. He goes to Buffalo to rest and take treatment. His case seems to be serious. We trust the churches will remember him in prayer to the great Physician.

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