

The Indicator.

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

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CALLS FOR HELP.

BY J. P. LORENZ.

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia and help us. Acts 16:9.

From distant lands and nations,
From isles among the sea,
E'en from the darkest regions
Where reigns idolatry,
We hear the calls so urgent,
"Come to our help we pray,
O, come, and do not tarry,
Come quick, do not delay!"

Ye soldiers of Jehovah!
O listen, one and all,
Can you not hear impelling
The pleading voice and call?
How can you yet stand idle
In this great harvest time,
When dying souls are calling
For help in every clime?

Our blessed Lord and Master
Who died on Calvary
To rescue these poor sinners,
Is calling now for thee.
While mercy still is offered
Though't be at close of day,
Go show some wandering sinners
The straight and narrow way.

We all can do our portion
As missionary bands,
Though all may not be able
To go to other lands.
If to the Lord we offer
Ourselves and all we own,
And humbly ask for duty,
He'll surely make it known.

Now while the Lord is calling
His soldiers to the field,
Let us be ever willing
A ready hand to yield.
Then when the harvest ended,
Our blessed Lord will come,
And take us to the mansions
Of that eternal home.

"Politeness is to act and say
The kindest thing in the kindest way."

SHALL ORDER BE DEMANDED?

BY ELDER C. L. TAYLOR.

A RECENT experience in a meeting with children has led the writer to query whether others may not have had like difficulties, and, if so, whether the question of how far we shall allow unruly boys or girls to have their own way in religious meetings, may not have arisen. Undoubtedly there are few meetings held in which there are not some who come "to have a good time," and who thus give more or less trouble.

The experience above referred was this: In the meeting were four or five boys ranging in age from eleven to fourteen years, each one of whom was a "terror" to the community, although they were members of Christian families. The room being much larger than necessary, there were plenty of quiet, remote back seats, and to these they all went, of course, intending to have some fun.

Now I was well aware of their plans, hence I kindly asked them to come forward. They all stoutly rejected the invitation. The question immediately arose in my mind, What shall I do? Will it do to tell them they *must*? What will be the effect of such peremptory language? Will it not demoralize not only these certain few but others as well? The issue was on and must be dealt with at once. I said to them: "We are going to have a good meeting to-night, and of course it will not do to have it ruined by wrong-doing. All who are here to enjoy the meeting will occupy these front seats; those who will not do this will please leave the room." The words were spoken kindly, but decidedly. To my surprise they all came forward, and seemed not in the least displeased by the second forcible invitation.

The meeting was begun. The lesson of the evening was an interesting one to all, excepting one of the boys already mentioned. He persisted in "having some fun," and did so, evi-

dently, with the idea of disturbing the leader of the meeting. He was allowed to make mischief for a time, with no other reproof than an occasional look of disapproval. This, however, ceasing to be a virtue, I stopped, told him to come immediately and sit in a chair by myself. He hesitated, but I added, "*Come! I mean it.*" So he sat by me the rest of the time, and when he attempted to cast knowing looks upon different ones, he was promptly checked. Again I took pains to say that the Lord wanted us to have a good meeting, and for that reason only was the discipline given.

Ere long another juvenile thought to leave the room, because, for mischievous playing, he was also asked to take a front seat. He took his cap and started. But, knowing that his mother wanted him to receive the benefit of that meeting, the writer went out also and promptly bade him return. So back he came and took his seat, and it was a *front* seat, too. The third time the remark was made in a pleasant tone of voice that Jesus wanted us to have a good meeting and that we were going to have it.

No more trouble occurred. Everybody was good-natured, and it was not long before all those bad boys, who had learned that they *had to behave* even in church, were among the most interested.

The remark is often made that "muscular Christianity is of but little account;" but I am persuaded that in children's meetings an occasional show of force in the form of a decided "must" is good. There are some children whom the best leader can not interest until he has taught them to respect his authority. He must be a parent to them, and command order. It is unnecessary to get out of patience; when that is the case, all is ruined. But let the children understand by all Christian firmness that obedience can be demanded in such places, and they will generally submit. Is it necessary because you are teaching religion to act the part of a goody-goody, and simply smile at the conniving of mischief-makers, for fear you will ruin the influence of the meeting? It seems to me not. It is a question if meetings so conducted do not do more harm than good.

It is true that wisdom is needed. We may not always do the same. But, above all things,

let us have good order in our children's meetings, whether in camp or church. The best way to get this is to make the lesson so interesting that all will be constrained to forget aught else. When you have done this and still find the bad boy making confusion, talk to him privately. If this fails, try the "must" in the meeting. But do not hold disorderly children's meetings.—*S. S. Worker.*

THE THEORY OF CANVASSING.

THE object in writing about economy is to help some already in the field, and to help others who are contemplating canvassing. It is imperative that the canvasser gets enough out of the business to pay his own way, and to support his family, if he has one. "A penny saved is a penny earned." How to make the money go the furthest then, is an important matter.

We cannot afford to board in hotels. The best way is to secure a room, and then either board ourselves or make arrangements to get a meal when we like at the same house, or near by. We do not want to be compelled to eat twenty-one meals each week, sick or well.

Fifty cents to one dollar a week for a furnished room, and fifteen cents a meal are fair prices.

Where books are ordered in lots of 100 or more pounds (subscription books) the Tract Society allows a rebate of the freight. Therefore it is important to order them in large quantities. One agent should not order books for others. Let each one order for himself. Agents have got in trouble in this way. Don't order more books than is needed: it is better to cut off a few from the order. Keep a book account, not only of money paid out, but with the Tract Society. Do not trust books with subscribers without pay. Don't give many away: people will prize them most who buy them and pay the cash. In hiring horses for delivering, or hiring a room, or board, make a definite price beforehand. This will save trouble afterward.

It is not necessary to pay out money for laundry work, or stopping over night, or for horse hire. Trade a book with the parties. We are Christians and doing this work for the Lord, and we ought to pay our way. Where

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending April 3.

| Post-office. | County. | Agent. | Hrs. | Days. | Ords. | Value. | Miscel. | Del. | Val. |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|------|-------|-------|---------|---------|------|---------|
| Bible Readings. | | | | | | | | | |
| Portage, | Livingston, | F. A. Evans, | 39 | 5 | 2 | \$5.00 | | | |
| Watertown, | Jefferson, | M. V. Brigham, | 34 | 5 | 14 | 32.00 | | | |
| Syracuse, | Onondaga, | O. E. Tuttle, | | | | | \$10.85 | | |
| Great Controversy. | | | | | | | | | |
| Olean, | Cattaraugus, | Mrs. A. Vincent, | 22 | 5 | 5 | 15.35 | 2.85 | | |
| Patriarchs and Prophets. | | | | | | | | | |
| Binghamton, | Broome, | J. Deeley, | | | | | 1.00 | 6 | 13.00 |
| Miscellaneous sales, | | | | | | 14.70 | | | |
| Totals, | | | 95 | 15 | 21 | \$67.05 | \$14.70 | 6 | \$13.00 |

the people refuse to take pay for stopping over night or for meals, our agents give them one of the helps—small books. We feel that we are independent then, and they have kindly thoughts of us. Abraham refused to take a burying place for his wife except he could pay for it. He also refused to keep the spoils taken in war. David would not offer a sacrifice that cost him nothing.

The first thing to do after making a delivery is to pay back the part that belongs to the Tract Society. This does not belong to us, so we cannot use it. We have agreed to pay it back when we have delivered the books. This is where the canvasser has not paid in advance for the books, and the Tract Society has made special arrangements with him

J. R. CALKINS.

OSWEGO, S. W. OSWEGO, AND FULTON.

AFTER leaving Brother Lawson at South Onondaga, I went to visit the friends at S. W. Oswego, and at Oswego City. Eighteen months had passed since my last visit there, and I was glad to find so much good courage and determination to still press forward. There seems to be a strong desire to have a tent meeting held in Oswego this coming season.

At Fulton the meetings began Friday night, April 3; but owing to the severe weather the attendance that evening, and also Sabbath day was quite small. Brethren Treadwell and Washer were present from Roosevelt. Brother Kolb came from Roosevelt, and attended the meetings Sunday afternoon and evening. The

ordinances were celebrated. Sunday afternoon the church was full. At the close of the Sunday evening service we held a meeting of the church for the transacting of some business in the interests of the church. There has been a good spirit manifested in the meetings here, and we leave the company of good courage.

A. E. PLACE.

Olean, N. Y., March 23.

DEAR INDICATOR: By a special ruling of Providence it appears that I must transfer my reports, for a time at least, to your pages. I can truly say it is as much of a surprise to me as it can possibly be to you. Although my heart's desire is to work wherever it is the will of the Lord to send me, I never expected to be called to work in this place. But here I am, and I think I never saw the way so well prepared for "Great Controversy" before in any place.

I came here three weeks ago to-day, and have not put in full time any week; but have taken over a hundred dollar's worth of orders. I never felt so much confidence in the testimonies as now. I know (for the Lord has said so) that it is "time to enter the cities." And He has said also that it was time for "Great Controversy" to go to the world; and he has said that He "has set his hand the second time to gather his people," and, "the work shall bear fruit." So, by faith I take Him at his word, and go forward, knowing that every influence in heaven and in earth is carrying the message to a dying world. It seems to me I can see

omens of a great work to be done in this place. The field is ripe ready for the harvest. Pray that I may have wisdom and grace given me to so represent the truth, that it shall be made desirable to those who are searching for it.

ALMEDA VINCENT.

We are glad to welcome Sister Vincent, who till recently has been canvassing in Pennsylvania, to the INDICATOR family.

LOOK UP.

Is THE way hard, rough, thorny, and full of discouragements? Then look up, not down. And if we look up what visions are before our eyes? First of all, we see Jesus who has been this way before us. He was persecuted, reviled, scourged, and crucified for our sakes; yet He obtained the prize for which we are striving—eternal life and everlasting glory.

Secondly, we by looking up may behold the Father, "Our Father," who gave his most precious possession, "His only begotten son," a free gift to mankind that we, beholding Him, and observing his life, might claim the relationship of sons of God; nay, more, that we should receive this relationship, and become heirs of salvation. "For it became Him for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth, and they who are sanctified are all one: for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren." Heb. 2: 10, 11.

But who are His brethren? How may we know that we are sons of God? And he (Christ) answered and said unto them, "My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it." Luke 8: 21; Jas. 1: 19-27. Then no matter if we are rebuffed, abused, or meet all kinds of discouragements, even though we are not blessed financially, we are to do what the word of God tells us. Not what it may tell some one else; but press forward earnestly and prayerfully, full of faith, hope, and love, not for ourselves; but for all those who sit in darkness. Striving to point some one to "look and live." Where? In India? South America? In the islands of the sea? No, my brethren and sisters, begin at home. Start with yourself, get right before

the Lord to the best of your light and knowledge, whether it be on doctrine, health reform, or practical points. Do this for self, and soon you will find an opening for all the talents you have, right at home. Read Jer. 33: 2, 3; Jas. 1: 5-8.

C. H. HARRIS.

APPOINTMENTS.

Elder J. W. Raymond will hold meetings as follows: Elmira, April 11, 12; Catlin, 18, 19; Wheeler, 25.

ATTENTION.

Will the clerks of the different churches throughout the State, kindly send us without delay the names and post-office address of church elders, tithe treasurers, church clerks, and librarians. We need this information at once, as we desire to correct our lists.

W. A. WILCOX.

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.

ITEMS.

We expect to have a good company of canvassers in the field this year.

Wm. Seewald is now canvassing in Saratoga County. He is located in Ballston Spa.

Brother Hyatt reports that two more have lately taken a stand for the truth in the city of Binghamton.

We are glad to hear from Elder Westworth, who has reached Buffalo, that his physical condition is more hopeful.

H. M. Johnson writes from Paris, France, that he can speak the French language. He intends to take a trip through Switzerland and Italy.

The friends at Fulton and vicinity promise to meet the expense of the Oswego Falls fair ground, and do something for the cause besides, if we will permit the camp-meeting to be held there this year.

The New York Tract Society now has complete control of the Good Health and Modern Medicine Publishing Company's books and literature. Several persons are intending to sell some of these books this year.