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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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NEW YORK CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

THE Conference Committee held a profitable session last week, at which time the wants of the cause in this State received careful attention to the extent of the time used.

In considering the tent work for this coming summer it was voted to put seven tents into the field, located as follows: One in the south-eastern part in connection with the work already done by Brethren Westworth and Wheeler; one in Albany County, one in St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, one in the vicinity of Binghamton, one near Brother Spencer's in Alleghany County, one in the German work, and one near South Onondaga, with the idea of building up the work already opened there by Brother H. W. Lawson.

As far as possible the tent companies were made up; but as it is probable that changes may be made we will not state these definitely till we have corresponded with the parties in question. However, we expect Brother W. W. Wheeler will be connected with the tent in the South-east; Elder D. A. Ball will probably have charge of the tent in Albany County; Elder Bristol, 3; Elder Cobb, 4; Elder Raymond, 5; Brother Lorenz, 6. I have been requested to spend what time I can consistently with the work in Onondaga County, and expect Brother Lawson will be able to connect with the tent work there.

We feel very desirous of increasing this number at least one more this season; but to do it we would be obliged to purchase another new tent. We have men sufficient to man eight tents this season, or at least it looks that way at present. The new tent would cost us about \$125.00. Brethren and sisters, what do you think about it? If there are those in the Conference who will increase the tent fund, so we can consistently do so we will be glad to get the tent and put it into the field. Ought not this

season's plans and work be that much broader than last year's?

The subject of camp-meeting received considerable attention. The proposition from the Fulton church, noticed in a late INDICATOR, was favorably considered, viz., to have the meeting held on the Oswego Falls fair grounds. Syracuse and Canastota were both under consideration. At the close the matter was left between Oswego Falls and Canastota.

Many other matters were considered, which will be reported in the INDICATOR as time and space will permit. The work of the Committee was marked with a good degree of unanimity, and we feel that it received much of the blessing of the Lord, and if we see the same degree in the execution of the same we shall be very thankful to the Lord and to all connected therewith. We believe our brethren and sisters will take a deep interest in the success of the work for this summer, and that the result shall be, many souls brought into the present truth.

A. E. PLACE.

A FEW WORDS TO OUR SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

WE have now entered upon the second quarter of the present year, and as this quarter comes to us, with it comes the most important season of the year. I find by correspondence and personal visits to our schools that some of them have been unable to have their regular weekly Sabbath-school during the winter, on account of bad roads and severe storms; but now the balmy springtime has come, and all can go to Sabbath-school again. Will not all of our schools begin anew with the opening spring, and make the Sabbath-school a happy and attractive place for both the old and the young. This can be done if schools will that it be so; and for their encouragement I would suggest a plan which, if adopted by them, will I believe, add much to the interest, and tend

to encourage and energize them in their work. It is this: Let all of our superintendents or secretaries, as may be directed by the superintendent, open a correspondence with some other school or schools, asking or inquiring after the interest of said schools, with reference to plan of work, manner of conducting schools, of conducting review, of interesting the children, of the weekly collection, membership, and such other questions the knowledge of which would stimulate the school to labor and good works.

It is in God's order to provoke one another to, and prompt each other in good works. It seems that our Sabbath-schools could do this by adopting the above mentioned plan; and if each are prompt in reply to such correspondence, a lively interest may be created, and each school may be benefitted by having the variety of talent that may thus be brought into our various schools. Will not all try this as soon as consistent, and do all they can for the onward progress of the work. How thankful we should be for having some part in the grandest work ever committed to man, and to know that it will surely triumph at last. I should be glad to hear from any and all of our schools at any time. Always address me at 317 W. Bloomfield St., Rome, N. Y. Yours for success.

S. M. COBB.

CHRISTIAN HELP WORK.

OF all the means given for showing our faith in the manifestations of God's love to us, Christian Help Work stands supreme. Loving God is impossible if we have not a love for the dying around us. See 1 John 4: 20. Yes, we have heard this oftentimes, and now, dear brethren, let us work. How? Many are busy on their farms and have not much opportunity to get around; but, brethren, you can help others, who will work.

In Buffalo we have a Christian Help Band started, and in such a large field the cases for assistance are far beyond the limit of our treasury. Winter brings increased demands, and in the summer we should lay plans for the winter. As a band we are preparing to do some gardening to raise funds. Now, are there not some who would like a hand in raising the fallen and helping the wretched humanity about us by setting aside a small portion of land to

this cause, working it conscientiously for the Lord; an acre, one half acre, one quarter acre, according as God has prospered us? Thus we can claim the blessedness of Christ's words, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." If there are any, young or old, who will take up this blessed work as a special offering to the Lord, please correspond with the undersigned at 862 West Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. Remember, brethren, this is an offering to the Lord, and not to be taken from our previous charities; but whatever is thus given will find good usage in helping to give to the world the practical side of the third angel's message.

W. A. WESTWORTH.

THE THEORY OF CANVASSING.

THESE are the steps in canvassing: Believe the book; be able to describe it; know how to meet the people, to gain an entrance to their homes, to arrest their attention; create a desire; secure the order; leave the person; do it all with a smile, cheerfulness, boldness, frankness, and without hesitation. Some fail because they attempt to take the order first. Some imagine that talking is the principal thing; that is, that they must get off a string of words: or that walking is the main thing, as one person wrote to me. He wanted to be a canvasser, and I wrote him a few pointers how to do, and he wrote back that he did not need any of that. He understood the whole thing, and, further, he wanted me to understand that he could walk more miles in a day than I could. I told him to go ahead. I have not seen any reports yet.

There are two ways to start the list of names. First, to commence anywhere, and take each house as you get to it, and take the streets or roads in regular order. Most of our canvassers follow this plan. Another plan is to get certain persons, such as ministers, merchants, and influential men and women to sign first. In cities and large villages this plan certainly gets the most subscribers. The majority of men and women are not independent thinkers. They are like sheep; they follow. "When we are in Rome we must do as the Romans do," they say. Well, we must take the people as we find them, as they are, not as they ought to be.

Get notes from friends to other friends, in-

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending April 17.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Portage,	Livingston,	F. A. Evans,	28	4	2	\$5.00	1.00	14	\$26.50
Ballston,	Saratoga,	Wm. Seewald,	43	5	7	15.00	2.75		
Newfane,	Niagara,	Ralph B. Clapp,	26	3	4	12.25			
Worth,	Jefferson,	Lenardo Miles,	6	1	4	8.00			
Clifton,	Monroe,	John B. Gonyou,		4	5	12.00			
Patriarchs and Prophets.									
Binghamton,	Broome,	J. Deeley,					.75		
Miscellaneous sales,						4.50			
Totals,			103	17	22	\$56.75	\$4.50	14	\$26.50
6 Canvassers,									

roduction cards, recommendations, and testimonials. Show the list of names. Give attention to the children. Be interested in what the people are interested in. Show sympathy. Have this all come from a heart "warm, glowing, with His love o'erflowing." I don't recommend hypocritical pretense. We are trying to do the people good. Speak of the necessity of being fully informed on these subjects, and the value of the book in bringing up children, desirable to show and interest friends, desirable as a gift; but especially desirable for what it contains. Make our stay pleasant to the people. If we have any sharp angles keep them out of sight. At the same time of course we must not be puppets. If the people hold views different from ours, we can't set them right on everything. Sometimes it is better not to answer, or to turn the subject. Our business is to sell the people the truth.

With business men or nervous persons a short, rapid canvass is better; but with old, slow-going people, slower talking and exhibiting is preferable. Make arrangements to call again if the husband or some member of the family is not at home. We often take orders evenings. After the man has had his supper he feels at ease, and is kindly disposed.

J. R. CALKINS.

A COLLECTION FOR THE HASKELL HOME FOR ORPHANS.

THE General Conference arranged that two annual Sabbath collections should be taken up in behalf of the Haskell Orphan's Home. The

dates set for these collections are the first Sabbath in April and the first Sabbath in October. By an inadvertance the announcement for the collection for the first Sabbath in April was not made as fully as it should have been to call the attention to this matter, so that collections were overlooked. For this reason it has been agreed that a collection in behalf of the Home shall be taken up the first Sabbath in May, with the understanding that a second collection will not be taken in cases in which collections were taken in April with the proper presentation of the matter. It is understood that both a Sabbath-school and general church collection will be taken, and in order that all may be prepared an announcement of the collection should be made by the church elders and Sabbath-school superintendents the week before.

We hope our friends will remember the Haskell Orphans' Home liberally, as it is greatly in need of funds for the support of the little ones now under its care. The family at the present time numbers nearly one hundred. There are besides this twenty-nine old people who are beneficiaries of the same work. The Maintenance Fund is entirely empty, and a liberal donation will be greatly appreciated.

J. H. KELLOGG.

Field Reports.

BUFFALO AND ALDEN.

ACCORDING to appointment we held quarterly meeting Sabbath and Sunday, April 4, 5. Sabbath afternoon I presented, at the hall to quite a congregation of our brethren, the importance

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of examining ourselves to see whether we be in the faith or not, and the importance of proving our work and knowing how that Christ is in us. This led us to search our hearts and to prepare ourselves to partake of the ordinances the following day. Sunday a goodly number of the brethren and sisters met to celebrate the divine ordinances of the Lord's house. I spoke from John 6: 63, where the words of Christ are shown to be spirit and life, bringing in many other words of the Savior, and showing the importance of eating of that true bread of which if a man eat he shall never hunger again. Elder Westworth and Brother Lorenz was present with us to assist in the service.

It made our hearts rejoice to see our brethren and sisters, in the spirit of meekness, go forward in the ordinance of humility. We afterwards partook of the emblems of the body and blood of our Savior—truly we could discern our Lord's body: our souls were strengthened. The brethren responded when the tithe was called for.

Tuesday I went to Alden, where the brethren had made arrangements for me to hold meetings in McKuen's Hall. Pray, brethren, for the success of the work.

GEO. M. ELLIS.

"Lord Jesus, anything, but I must be filled with thy Spirit."—*Andrew Murray.*

SYRACUSE.

SABBATH and Sunday, April 11, 12, I spent with the Syracuse church in quarterly meeting. The weather was favorable and the attendance good, and we felt much of the spirit of the Lord with us. Some from the South Onondaga company were present both days. After the sermon and social meeting Sabbath, the ordinances were celebrated, and we felt it to be a season of interest and profit. We were pleased to see how cheery the meeting-room appeared with the new carpet which it has for a long time been sadly needing. The rooms were well filled at the public service Sunday afternoon, and a good interest was manifested. A good degree of unity prevailed in the business meeting of the church, which followed. By request Elder Kinne was with us Sunday.

A. E. PLACE.

NOTICE.

WILL the canvassers, ministers, and others, who know of persons whom they feel sure will be interested in reading the *Signs of the Times*, or *American Sentinel*, please send us names and addresses of such persons. We will gladly correspond with and send said papers to them. Please write the names and addresses very plainly, as they have to be rewritten by different persons. Also be sure you have good reason to expect them to appreciate our papers.

ELLCOTTVILLE.

ON my arrival home I was kept for a few days confined to the house by la grippe. On recovery from this I visited a lady that became interested in the truth in Salamanca, with whom Sister Buckland has been doing missionary work, and she is now firm in the truth. April 4 I held quarterly meeting at Ellicottville, and 10, 11 at Olean. There I found four that have recently began the observance of the Sabbath, also a family at Fitch near Ischua, which I visited. Sabbath eighteen attended quarterly meeting at West Valley, and yesterday (Sunday) I spoke at home on baptism. Quite a number came in and we had a good meeting.

D. A. BAILL.