

# The Indicator.

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

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## UNKNOWN FUTURE.

BY MRS. H. E. COWLES.

I know not what's before me,  
Of sorrow or of pain;  
I only know my Savior  
Can turn it all to gain.

I know not what's before me,  
Whether of good or ill;  
I only know I'll serve Him,  
And try to do His will.

I know not what's before me;  
My Father knows the way;  
And He will send an angel  
To guard me every day.

## Field Reports.

### AMONG THE CHURCHES.

At the close of the meetings at Dickinson Center, Elder Cobb took me to West Bangor with his horse and carriage, where I spoke Monday night, April 27. This was my first visit to this church. A few faithful souls have been trying to hold up the light there for some years, and it seemed to be a source of encouragement to them to have us make them a call. The meeting was held in the union church in the village, and Brother Lawrence thought the attendance was good.

Tuesday morning we drove to Moira, and visited Mr. Foster and wife. Mr. Foster seemed deeply interested in the work done in that village last summer by Elders Cobb and Hyatt. His wife is keeping the Sabbath, and attended two of our meetings at Dickinson Center with her husband. Others in the place are interested, but we had so little time to spend there that we could only make this one visit. There is some desire that the tent come back there again.

There Brother Cobb and I were obliged to separate. Our work was of much pleasure and profit to us, and we feel that it was wisdom for

us to take this trip together. He went back to Dickinson Center to hold one more meeting, and I went by rail to Norfolk, where I was met by Elder C. O. Taylor, and taken to his home. This was also my first visit to this church, and I appreciated it very much. The membership is small, but there seems to be a good degree of courage and brotherly love. A meeting had been appointed for the evening in the village school-house. The attendance was not large; but those present seemed to be of the class who come to hear. The brethren and sisters at this place are anxious to have the tent pitched here this season, and we have decided to sanction the request, and we trust the results may be favorable.

I had planned to spend one night at Canton, with Brother James Hardie, Jr., and from there go to West Pierrepont for Thursday night, and to South Russell for Sabbath, then to Gouverneur and Watertown; but before leaving Elder Taylor's I received the sad intelligence of the death of Hattie Gilbert, of Syracuse, and a request to attend the funeral Thursday. I spent what time I could Wednesday at Canton, and then went to Syracuse. Sabbath, May 2, I spent with the church at Syacuse.

I now go to Rome for a few days. During the past two weeks my correspondence has unavoidably been delayed, and other work is behind, and I find myself somewhat worn; but I expect to have help from the Lord to catch up the loose ends within a few days.

We feel very thankful to the Lord for the success that has attended the work done on this last trip, and our prayers are that it may be lasting.

A. E. PLACE.

### SIDNEY, ELMIRA, AND CATLIN.

SIDNEY is a village in Delaware County of about three thousand inhabitants. It had been canvassed by Brother C. W. Inskeep; and a call

being made by some interested parties for meetings, I went there for that purpose Feb. 27. Brother Inskip was still there and remained with me, rendering valuable aid. He was an assistant to me personally, as while there I had an attack of sciatic rheumatism, and was unable to dress my feet for three weeks, and yet by the help of the Lord I was able to carry on the meetings without the loss of an appointment. Our attendance was very light all through, there being not more than thirty at the most, and an average of not more than twelve. This I attribute to the fact that some considerable knowledge of our views had been obtained there in an unfavorable form through certain agencies, and that the ministers had got hold of the fact of our coming some little in advance of our arrival, and had worked against us. At least I had practical demonstration that they were strongly incensed against our faith. And yet, notwithstanding all this, I am glad I went to Sidney, for six took a firm stand for the truth, and several others I regard real hopefully. And those who have taken a stand for the truth I am sure will radiate an influence that will yet be fruitful in behalf of others there. A nucleus is formed in Sidney to which others will be added, I am sure. Sabbath services are established, and three or four are anxious for baptism, which I was arranging for when suddenly called to Rome on Conference Committee business.

April 18, 19 I was with the company in Elmira. While there a church of fifteen was organized. Sickness and a desire for baptism kept some from uniting. I hope to visit them again before the tent work begins, and look after these cases. The church was fully officered, and all moved off in perfect harmony. May Heaven bless and prosper the church in Elmira.

April 25, 26 I was with the church at Catlin. I had not been there in two years, and I enjoyed my visit very much. I was glad to meet Brother Lee, of Hornby and Sister Austin, of Corning at this meeting. The outside attendance was excellent. We had a good meeting, and left the brethren and sisters there of good courage in the Lord. I shall want to go there again—well, in less than two years. The Catlin church is one of the first S. D. Adventist churches of my acquaintance in the message. The Lord bless this church is my prayer.

J. W. RAYMOND.

In 1888, under the labors of Elders Robinson and Wilcox, a company of Sabbath-keepers was raised up and a church organized at Newburgh. Nothing more was done in this part till the winter 1892, '93. To-day, through the blessing of God upon the labors of Elder H. G. Thurston, Elder W. A. Westworth, and myself, there are Sabbath-keepers at the following places: Mattewan, Cold Spring, Middletown, Circleville, Slate Hill, Montgomery, Salisbury Mills, Monticello, Maplewood, Port Jervis, Wurtsboro, Hasbrouck, Fallsburgh, Loch Sheldrake, and Centerville Station.

The light of present truth now shines in fifteen different places, where, three years ago, no one had accepted it. We would not forget to speak of those canvassers who have done good work in this part in the past, especially Brother Frazee. If they prove faithful to the last they will receive a reward which is waiting in heaven for them. Nor does God forget those who have given of their means to sustain the work here. He has revealed that they will share in the glorious reward, being in that way workers themselves.

Beginning April 2, I visited most of these places. Monticello and Maplewood have been specially tried during the past six months; but it is plainly discerned that the trial has wrought a deeper work of grace in the hearts of those who have fled to the standard of the Lord.

Wurtsboro has had a continual and bitter struggle from the beginning. It would almost seem that the words of Rev. might be appropriate there: "I will put upon you none other burden. But that which ye have already, hold fast till I come." At Newburgh one new Sabbath-keeper was received into church membership, and another will be as soon as there is an opportunity for baptism. To those there, as to all Sabbath-keepers, I say: Labor on: sow the seed; God will care for the increase.

Tithes paid in to the church treasurers at the different places indicate that conversion (the conversion of the word and spirit of God) that reaches to the pocket-book. Just a word individually, to all members who read this. Always, if possible, pay your tithes to the church treasurer—it may save trouble. Not to do the work of the Lord as it should be done, is to do

## The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending May 1.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Fredonia,	Chautauqua,	J. S. Fritts,	36	5	11	\$25.50			
Rome,	Oneida,	F. G. Mc Alister,					2.00		
Great Controversy.									
Olean,	Cattaraugus,	Mrs. A. Vincent,	21	4	3	7.25	10.30		
Miscellaneous sales,						12.30			
Totals,		3 Canvassers,	57	9	14	\$45.05	\$12.30		

it negligently. "Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently." Jer. 48:10. See margin.

Sister Carrie Shultz, of Slate Hill, is now at South Lancaster preparing for Bible work. Sister Ella Osborn, also of Slate Hill, is at Battle Creek preparing for missionary work. The indications are that before long others from this part will be added to the list of workers.

On the whole I had great reason to be cheered by the things I saw and heard in the different places. Other places are calling for the word to be spoken to them. Readers, in your prayers, remember south-eastern New York.

W. W. WHEELER.

### SOUTH RUSSELL, PIERREPONT, AND GOUVERNEUR.

At South Russell last Sabbath the storm and bad roads prevented our coming together but once. After the preaching we had an excellent social meeting. I think it would be a good thing for some one to labor a week or more with this church, holding meetings and spending some time in visiting. They are striving for victory, but a little help would be appreciated.

At Pierrepont we spoke twice, and had a good social meeting in which all took part; the spirit of God was present to help.

At Gouverneur I preached three sermons, and held one social meeting. Some not fully with us on all points, bore testimony to the grace of God to save; all enjoyed the meeting and were of good courage. These churches are doing what they can to keep up an interest in the Sabbath-school work.

H. H. WILCOX.

### CHURCH DEDICATION.

THE new church building at West Valley is now completed and ready for dedication, and we will appoint May 24 as the time for the dedicatory services. Let the brethren and sisters in the vicinity of this church please take notice of this. We will begin meetings in the church Thursday night, May 21, and hold over till the Sunday night following at least, and we would be glad to have as many present as can consistently come. Arrangements will be made to accommodate those who are present. Those who cannot be present Thursday night, be sure to come so as to be with us over the Sabbath, as we expect to have a profitable meeting.

A. E. PLACE.

### THE THEORY OF CANVASSING.

WHY do we go to the people with the books? Ans. Matt. 28:19. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations. . . Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

How will we know what route to take? Prov. 3:6. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and he will direct thy paths."

Who will be our guide? Ps. 32:8. I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye."

Who will be our companion? Matt. 23:20. "And, lo, I am with you alway."

What field shall we take? Matt. 13:38. "The field is the world."

What is the need of our doing this? Rom. 10:14. "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how

shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?"

Is there any responsibility? Eze. 3: 18. "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning."

What must be done before Christ will come? Mark 13: 10. "And the gospel must first be published among all nations."

What relation must the children of God sustain to the world? Phil. 2: 16. "Holding forth the word or life."

J. R. CALKINS.

#### ANOTHER OFFER.

ONE bushel of first class seed potatoes: Rural New Yorker No. 2, Freeman, Irish Daisy, Early Sunrise, Vaughies Early, Chas. Downing, North Pole, and Delaware. (most of them raised from seed treated with a solution, so the tubers are free from all disease). all of one kind or an assortment, with one bbl. Eureka Health Flour for \$5.00 cash. Write us.

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"Special bargains" just now. Send your name and get full particulars. Write. N. Y. Health Food Co., Oxford, N. Y.

#### SEEDS, BULBS, AND PLANTS.

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TOR still holds good. If you want some beautiful flowers and good seed, send for price list. All goods except at 1000 rates, free by mail. Address W. C. Eaton, Jeddo, N. Y.

#### Items.

E. S. Popoff has joined Brother Seewald in Saratoga County for the summer's work.

Mary Millington has been having a short vacation at her home in Watertown. She is now back in Rochester, and is working again.

Hermion D. Russell is on his way from Battle Creek, Mich., where he has been engaged in making bromose, to Essex County, N. Y., where he will canvass this summer.

Arrangements have been made with the Oswego Falls Fair Association for the grounds for our camp-meeting this season, and according to the action of the Conference Committee, the meeting will probably be located there, unless some further developments make it necessary to change.

#### Obituary Notices.

STEPHENS.—Died at Albany, N. Y., April 2, 1896, Brother John Stephens. Brother Stephens embraced the Sabbath truth about nine years ago through reading the *Signs of the Times* and Bible readings held with him. Though very old and feeble, he loved his Savior dearly, and trusted in Him for salvation. Brother Stephens had that love for God's people which characterizes all the "little flock," and was always interested in their welfare. He was taken to Bennington, Vermont, for burial. E. L. P.

GILBERT.—Died at 126 Renwick Ave., Syracuse, N. Y., of gastric fever, Hattie Gilbert, daughter of Brother and Sister C. V. Gilbert, aged 13 years, 6 months, and 15 days. Hattie was taken sick about four months ago, but after about four weeks run of the fever she rallied, and intended returning to her school the next Monday; but a relapse held her to the time of her death, which occurred April 28, 1896. Hattie was a very dear child, and much loved by all who knew her. She loved her Bible and Sabbath-school. At one time it seemed that her faith would claim a full restoration. She arose and dressed and took her place at the table with the rest of the family. Thus the Lord gave her a token of his blessing; but for some reason best known to him, he permitted her to go down to the tomb; but all through her sickness he graciously helped her to bear her suffering, and exhibit a good degree of "The patience of the saints." The sadness of the tomb is lightened by a bright ray of the "Blessed hope." The father, mother, and one sister remain to mourn the loss. The funeral was held from the house, in Syracuse, and the burial was in Cleveland, Oswego County, N. Y. Remarks by the writer.

A. E. PLACE.