

# The Indicator.

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

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## THE LILY OF THE VALLEY.

BY EMMA L. PARDON.

BEFORE me as I sit and rest there stands  
A Vase of lilies beautiful and sweet;  
They seem to charm my weariness away,  
Their power to soothe and calm is so complete.  
Though calm their outward form, on looking close,  
The spark of fire within each bell I've found,  
That proves their mission one of love to man,  
And makes our hearts to God's own praise redound.  
Amidst their cool, broad, sheltering leaves they stand  
Modestly hiding in their safe retreat;  
Exerting over all an influence kind,  
Gladdening the eye, and rendering life more sweet.  
Behold the sick-room: enters in a child,  
Bearing sweet lilies in her little palm;  
With feeble eagerness the sick one turns,  
Thy soothing presence bringeth rest and balm.  
Behold sad parents by a little grave;  
With lilies of the valley low they bend,  
And gently cover her, their only child,  
Whose brief career a perfume sweet did lend.  
Oh Lily of the Vale, our Lord chose thee  
An emblem of Himself; and oft my mind  
Doth turn from symbol to reality,  
To Jesus, holy, glorious, loving, kind.

## FROM THE STATE SECRETARY OF OUR SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

DEAR FRIEND OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK:  
How is your interest in this branch of the cause at the present time? We have been pleased to receive reports from most our schools and also to note the interest taken.

On account of the cold and stormy weather which winter usually brings, the attendance has been smaller the past quarter. This has made the donations to the Southern field less, we believe, than they otherwise would have been. Another quarter is well on its way, and but little time remains for us to aid the work in this field by our Sabbath-school donations. Can and will we not all take hold of this mat-

ter the few Sabbaths that remain to increase the offering, yes, double it. We believe this could be easily done, and a rich blessing from the Lord would be received in return.

At the close of the quarter a report of money received from the Sabbath-schools to this mission field will be printed in the INDICATOR, that all may know what is done in our own State. Perhaps there are some and especially the children who do not know much about the condition of the Southern people. There are thousands of them who cannot read or write their own name, and for this reason they are taught to believe many things that are injurious to them and are kept in ignorance of many things that would enlighten them and bring salvation to their souls. We are glad that our people have taken hold of this work, and that already their efforts are being appreciated. Schools have been started in some places, and more will be soon, where the Word of God will be taught, which is the beginning of wisdom.

We all want a part in the closing work of this message, and right here is one great privilege and duty, as Sister White has said through the columns of the *Review*. Here are a few extracts.

Of the field she says, "For years we have passed by the Southern field, and have looked upon the colored race, feebly deploring their condition. . . Here is a field in America that is right at hand. . . The Southern field is right in the shadow of our own doors."

Of the physical, mental, and moral condition of the people it is said: "The colored people are suffering the results of the bondage in which they are held. . . Mind, as well as body, has long been abused. . . Many are held in the bondage of depraved appetite. Many are slaves to debasing passions, and their character is of such an order as will not enable them to be a blessing. Their minds have become dwarfed and enfeebled, because they have been

called out and exercised upon commonplace matters, and have been occupied with low, cheap ideas. The colored people have been left in ignorance, and the minds of many have lost the ability to expand. . . . But as the elevating truths are repeated, their minds will expand, and their ability increase to take in and comprehend the subjects with which they become more familiar."

Who is responsible for their present condition? "They have been wounded by a so-called Christian nation. . . . Since the slaves gained their freedom at terrible loss both to the North and the South, they have been greatly neglected by those who profess to know God, and as a result, thousands of them have failed to gain spiritual freedom. . . . Was it God's purpose that the colored race should have so much guilt and woe in their lives?—No. Men who have had greater advantages than they have had, have taught them immorality, both by precept and example. Debasing practices have been forced upon them, and they have received low conceptions of life, and even their conceptions of the Christian life are of a depraved order. . . . But the people who have been more favorably situated, who have had light and liberty, who have had an opportunity to know God, and Jesus Christ whom he sent, are responsible for the moral darkness that enshrouds their colored brethren."

What ought to be done? "Let farmers, financiers, builders, and those who are skilled in various arts and crafts, go to this field to improve lands, and to build cottages for themselves and their neighbors. . . . Nothing will so awaken the dormant energies, and give vigor to the faculties, as coming in contact with the Word of God. Their minds must be aroused, their intellect quickened into activity, that they may grasp the precious truths of salvation. . . . Through the study of the Word of God a great work may be done for the Southern people. . . . It will be necessary that a fund shall be created, so that the workers may have means with which to help those who are in poverty and distress."

Who should do this work? Why should not Seventh-day Adventists become true laborers together with God in seeking to save the souls of the colored race? We need to repent before God because we have neglected mission-

ary work in the most abandoned part of God's moral vineyard. There needs to be a stirring up among the churches. . . . Should we not work for the Southern field? We have had every advantage in temporal and spiritual things, and shall we do nothing for our colored brethren? We cannot abandon this great flock to their ignorance, want, suffering, and corruption and be guiltless. This would not be doing the will of God. This neglect is charged against those who have had great light, and have had marvelous opportunities, and who yet leave so large a part of God's moral vineyard unworked. . . . Reproach is brought upon Jesus Christ when those who profess to be carrying the last message of mercy to the world, pass this field by. . . . Let every church whose members claim to believe the truths for this time, look at this neglected, downtrodden race, that, as the result of slavery, have been deprived of the privilege of thinking and acting for themselves. Unitedly and interestedly we must take hold of the work."

Let us see to it that between this and July 1, we as individuals do what we can while we have the opportunity of helping to restore this downtrodden people, that they may be presented to God a living sacrifice holy and acceptable.

MRS. A. E. PLACE.

#### THE THEORY OF CANVASSING.

##### THE CARE OF BOOKS.

It is highly important that when we go to deliver books we present them in as good condition as possible; so we must see to it that they are not injured after putting them into the wagon, by sliding about, or rubbing against the sides of the wagon. One canvasser has some pieces of carriage-top cloth cut in the proper shape to wrap eight or ten books, and then fastens them with a strap or cord. He writes on a piece of paper the number and style of books in each package, and then slips this under the cord so he can see it.

Prospectuses, hymn books, and some fine Bibles are ruined by placing papers, lesson books, or even lead pencils in them to be carried. Then there is surprise that the book gets loose in the back and the leaves come out.

Another ruinous practice is to turn down the

## The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending May 8.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Fredonia,	Chautauqua,	J. S. Fritts,	35	5	5	\$11.00			
Ballston,	Saratoga,	Wm. Seewald,	30	3				50	\$115.00
Wellsville,	Allegany,	G. F. Evans,	25	3				34	\$85.00
Otsdawa,	Otsego,	Mrs. C. K. Beaman,	1	1			.50		
Rome,	Oneida,	F. G. Mc Alister,					1.75		
Great Controversy.									
Olean,	Cattaraugus,	Mrs. A. Vincent,	28	4	6	18.00	1.55	1	3.00
Florida,	Saratoga,	E. S. Popoff,	29	5	5	15.00	1.90		
Patriarchs and Prophets.									
Rochester,	Monroe,	M. A. Millington,	18	3	6	13.50	.70		
Miscellaneous sales,						6.40			
Totals,		8 Canvassers,	166	24	22	\$63.90	\$6.40	85	\$203.00

corners of the leaves. I have seen in some valuable books from one to ten leaves turned down. I would advise to use a thin book mark instead of turning the leaves down.

In opening a new book do not open fully at first; but open it gradually, a few leaves at a time, until the book is trained.

In reading to a person while canvassing, the book should be held so the subscriber can see the reading, and the agent should point as he reads. It is not necessary to touch the paper with the finger while pointing, but run the finger along close to the paper. By rubbing the finger on the book, it becomes soiled and dirty.

J. R. CALKINS.

We have upwards of thirty in the Sabbath-school each week.

I am at Darien to-day, Sunday. The brethren here are full of interest, and appreciate the few sermons I have been able to give them between times very much. The interest from the outside has been good. One soul, a brother, has decided to obey God; his effort and advancement are perceptible to all. We pray for his success. There are quite a few small interests scattered around us. We desire their development. Brethren, unite with us in our efforts, by praying for us, that God will bless us abundantly in the work, and make us successful workers in His cause.

GEO. M. ELLIS.

## Field Reports.

### DARIEN.

SINCE the last report our interest has been somewhat scattered. We were obliged to close our nightly meetings at Alden on account of the attendance, which was very small from first to last, however, a few interested ones came and some inquiries were made. We think a good work has been done. The Sabbath meetings and school are well attended, and a lively interest on the part of every one is manifested. Two more desire church membership with us, and there are others who will join us soon.

When each member has fully consecrated their all to God, and will to do of his good pleasure, we will see a great work done here.

### FOREVER GONE!

WHAT? Why, the opportunity that you have let pass of speaking a word for the Savior: the chance to do a kind act in His name, of bestowing a pleasant smile upon some perishing sin-worn soul. Moments are fleeting into eternity, and the precious seed is left unsown, while good ground is allowed to go on into darkness and be lost forever. Now is the time to sow the seed, whether of doctrine, health reform, missionary work, or whatever branch of God's work you may prefer to occupy yourself with, and the reward is as great and sure to laborers who enter to-day as it was eighteen hundred years ago; yes, even greater, for,

“But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.” Matt. 19 : 30.

The promise is made and is sure; just as the Eternal Mind from which it emanated, only accept its provisions and adapt yourself to your surroundings, and when the day of reckoning comes your chance of redemption will not be “forever gone.”

CHAS. H. HARRIS.

DEAR INDICATOR: At the beginning of another summer's work, I suppose it would not be amiss if through you, I should greet your readers in general, and my fellow-canvassers in particular. I am glad to be able to report, that after a few months recuperation I can be able to enter upon my labor with renewed courage and fresh energy. I am quite aware, however, that as soon as I start to sow the good seeds (whose fruit should be for the Master's kingdom) so soon does the Devil start close to my heels, endeavoring to prevent me from doing so. But I mean, by the grace of God, to keep him out of my way. I mean, the good Lord helping me, to well plow my field, sow the seeds, keep the weeds out, and by and by bring my sheaves with rejoicing “on the evergreen shore.”

E. S. POPOFF.

#### CHURCH DEDICATION.

WE notice again this week the dedication services and the special meetings connected therewith, of the West Valley church. See notice in last week's INDICATOR. We hope to see a large turnout at these meetings beginning May 21.

A. E. PLACE.

#### SEEDS, BULBS, AND PLANTS.

Garden seeds, 2½ cents a packet; Beet seeds, 35 cents a pound; Carrot seeds, 60 cents a pound; Celery and Cabbage plants, 30 cents per 100, \$1.25 per 1000; Asparagus and Tomato plants, one cent each; Strawberry plants, 50 cents per 100. The old offer in the INDICATOR 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.

—Conference cash received April 29 to May 12 : Ellicottville, \$65.01 ; Newburgh, \$22.50 ;

Sinclairville, \$29.40; Pulaski, \$45.41; Jamestown, \$20.70; West Monroe, \$9.00; Norfolk, \$11.00; Middletown, \$12.00 ; Cortland, \$2.71 ; West Valley, \$14.00; Dickinson Center, \$11.00; Syracuse, \$71.00; Catlin, \$15.00; Rome, \$3.25; Cleveland, \$4.00; Wilson, \$1.10; Roosevelt, \$5.26; Individuals, \$5.84.

—“If ministers would bore deeper into God's Word before going into the pulpit, they would bore their congregations less after going into the pulpit.”

### Obituary Notices.

BEDFORD.—Died at Catlin, Chemung County, N. Y., May 5, 1896, of heart failure, John H. Bedford, in his eightieth year. Brother Bedford was converted in 1859, and joined the Baptist church. About two years later he heard the third angel's message, and began the observance of the Sabbath. A little later he joined the Seventh-day Adventist church at Catlin, of which he was a faithful member to his death. His death was very sudden. About five o'clock in the afternoon he went to his wood-yard to split some wood, and about two hours later he was found lying on his back dead, having fallen backwards. And though his death was thus sudden, his constant devotion to his Lord warrants the conclusion that he was ready, and he sweetly sleeps in Jesus. It will be a great bereavement to his dear invalid wife; but she leans heavily on the arm of Him in whom she has learned to trust during the years of the past. May Heaven sustain her. The separation will be short, and then comes the glorious reunion in the sweets of immortality. He will be missed in the church in which he was so faithful. Let those who survive him, live so as to meet him in a little from this. The services were conducted by the writer.

J. W. RAYMOND.

GALLOWAY.—Died at Adams Center, N. Y., May 4, 1896, of apoplexy, Brother George W. Galloway, in the sixty-fourth year of his age. While plowing in his garden, to all appearances in ordinary health, he suddenly fell in the furrow, and before he could be brought into the house his life was extinct. Brother Galloway became a member of the Adams Center church Oct. 22, 1882. For some time he had held the office of tithe treasurer in the church. He will be greatly missed in the village, in the church, and in his own home. About two weeks before his death I spoke at Adams Center, and had some private conversation with him, and about the last statement he made was, “My courage in God is good.” The funeral was held from the house Thursday, May 7, 1896. He was carried to Sacketts Harbor for burial. He leaves a wife and one son in Buffalo to mourn their loss. Remarks at the funeral by the writer.

A. E. PLACE.