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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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## WHO'LL BE LOYAL?

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WHEN truth and right are striving  
To win the hearts of men ;  
When clearest light is shining  
Into the deepest glen ;

When hill and vale and landscape,  
And sea from shore to shore,  
All sound the warning message,  
And repeat it o'er and o'er ;

When darkness is receding  
Before the dawning day,  
We, with little courage needing,  
Can hasten to the fray.

When all around is glowing,  
And teeming with delight ;  
When the very seed we're sowing  
Is springing into might,

The faintest cannot falter,  
Nor fail to onward go,  
Nor do they wish to alter  
The work of God below.

But when the work moves slowly,  
And darker clouds appear ;  
When but the meek and lowly  
The word of God revere ;

When cherished friends and loved ones  
Withdraw their kind embrace ;  
When hearts once filled with kindness  
Give us no more a place ;

When things of earth look gloomy,  
With dark and threatening sky ;  
When hopes once fondly cherished,  
All blasted round us lie ;

When light is fast receding  
Before the coming night ;  
When for the right contestants bleeding,  
Are vanquished in the fight ;

When hill and vale and landscape  
And sea from shore to shore,  
All speak of sure disaster,  
And repeat it o'er and o'er,

Oh, who will then be loyal,  
And who for right will stand,  
With firm decided purpose,  
A true and faithful band ?

The work now calls for Calebs,  
Who in the darkest hour,  
Can hope with brightest courage,  
In God's all saving power.

Go forward is the order,  
And who will now obey,  
The thought of loss not heeding,  
And hasten to the fray.

## GOSSIPING IN THE PRESENCE OF CHILDREN.

A HABIT of indulging in gossip is pernicious in its influences and results over us all. "Pity 'tis, 'tis true," that we oftentimes give a willing ear to the stories circulating about our friends and acquaintances, and more is the pity that we are tempted too readily, and yield to the temptation, to tell these detrimental reports over again to other willing ears.

It is astonishing how thoughtless mothers often are of their speech before children. Children are very attentive listeners. They seem to be interested in their play or their books, but, nevertheless, nothing said by their elders escapes their ears. Children like to hear what their elders are talking about, especially if the talk is carried on with a show of mystery.

Friends may speak depreciatingly of some other friend, without a thought of the consequences, and perhaps without even a remembrance of the words spoken, a few days afterwards, but the child who hears it makes a memorandum of the sins of commission or omission which mother and her friend talked over, and thus an unjust prejudice is acquired, which the mother is astonished to hear expressed perhaps weeks afterwards. "What mother says must be so," is the argument the child uses to reason out the wrong and right of things. Mother is the ideal of all that is true and just and good.

Think of this, mothers. What wonderful trust your little child places in you and your judgement and actions ! Is it not a very seri-

ous matter to be a child's ideal of what is best and truest in motherhood? "Mrs. So and So must be a dreadful woman," reasons the child, who has heard that neighbor spoken of in a depreciatory manner. And if that neighbor has a child, what a show of superior goodness the child of the gossiping mother carries about with her hereafter when she mingles with Mrs. So-and-So's child! How pitifully she regards her in the light of her mother's depreciating estimate—it is such a dreadful thing to have a mother who does things which mother thinks are so bad! Two-thirds of the gossip circulated about persons is libelous, because it is untrue, and, if legally followed up would prove a crime. The sad results of scandalous stories are often pitiful in the extreme.

We try to have our children acquire habits of truth and justice that will help them on in right living, but are we particular to teach them not to speak untruthfully or unjustly of their little playmates? When they come to us with a story which depreciates the good qualities of some little friend, do we counsel them not to tell over anything which will hurt the reputation of that child? Do we help them to acquire the habit of that charity which thinketh no evil of one's neighbor?—*Evangelist.*

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TO THE BRETHREN AND SISTERS IN  
NEW YORK.

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I wish to say a few words to you all at this time through the mediumship of your State paper. You perhaps already have been apprised of the fact that the coming summer special efforts are to be put forth that our young people throughout the District may be enabled to avail themselves of the facilities offered them in the educational line at the South Lancaster Academy. This effort is not simply to increase the attendance at the Academy for its own sake, but rather to place before our young people the opportunity of securing a fitness for work in the Master's cause, and of developing a character that will enable them to stand firm for the truth amid all the corrupting influences that are everywhere so prevalent at the present time.

According to the arrangement of the Board of Trustees, I shall have the privilege of laboring in your Conference, visiting such churches

as the Executive Committee may recommend. I know that I do not need to ask for your co-operation, for I am fully confident that you are all deeply interested in the welfare of the young, and, for this reason, as deeply solicitous for the prosperity of South Lancaster Academy. I will only make the following suggestion: that I shall be glad to correspond with any one, young or old, and give all the information I may be able to impart. Especially shall I be glad to hear from those who are planning to attend school the coming year. Do not wait until I visit your church but write at once, and then when I see you personally I shall be able to labor more intelligently than otherwise.

Mail addressed to me at 317 West Bloomfield St., Rome, N. Y., will be forwarded.

Yours in the work,

H. C. GILES.

WE would call special attention to the foregoing article by Professor Giles. No providence preventing, he will meet with the brethren and sisters in Sullivan County, Sabbath, June 6, 7, where Brother W. W. Wheeler may appoint in next week's INDICATOR. Let there be a general attendance, and avail yourselves of the opportunity to learn of the importance of the work and the ample facilities at the Academy for a preparation to labor for the Master. Other appointments will follow as soon as arrangements can be made.

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*Field Reports.*

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ALDEN.

LAST Sabbath and Sunday was a season of great benefit to the church at Alden. The brethren and sisters entered heartily into the work that was before them. Our attendance has been the largest it has been for many years. As the brethren fasted and prayed before the Lord he shed forth his spirit upon us and caused our hearts to rejoice. We prayed earnestly that God would unite hearts and establish us all in his work, making us strong in Him.

The readings furnished us were appreciated very much, and we felt the importance and the greatness of the work to which God had called us. Sunday the spirit of God watered our souls and made us to feel its divine influence: indeed we felt as though we were par-

*The Canvassing Work.*

Report for the Week Ending May 22.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Fredonia,	Chautauqua,	J. S. Fritts,	38	5	12	\$21.00			
Tonawanda,	Erie,	Fred Miller,	16	3	25	61.25	.50		
Buffalo,	Erie,	J. P. Lorenz,	7	1	14	37.50			
Rome,	Oneida,	F. G. McAlister,					.95		
Utica,	Oneida,	Norman Kling,	20	4	5	14.75	.75		
Great Controversy.									
Ballston,	Saratoga,	Wm. Seewald,	38	5	7	17.50	4.10		
Patriarchs and Prophets.									
Rochester,	Monroe,	M. A. Millington,	30	5	11	25.25	3.85		
Miscellaneous sales,						10.15			
Totals,			149	23	74	\$187.40	\$10.15		
7 Canvassers,									

takers of his divine nature. Three precious souls united with the church; we were encouraged by their decision to help us with the work. Some of the Darien brethren were with us. All present seemed to make a deep consecration to God and the work, confessing their sins and past neglect of duty.

God is on the giving hand and shall we not come up to his help in this time of great need. I spoke last night to a good house of interested hearers at Darien.

GEO. M. ELLIS.

FALCONER.

ON Tuesday evening, May 12, I commenced a series of tent meetings at Levant, one mile east of this place. Considerable interest is evinced by the people, and the attendance has been large. Sister Lulu Wightman and her husband, and Claude Russell and wife have rendered valuable aid in singing and otherwise. We pray for good results.

J. B. STOW.

ELLCOTTVILLE.

ON my arrival home I decided to hold some meetings, believing the same efforts that would make a meeting in other places a success would leave good results here. I have now held twenty-two meetings, and there has been quite an interest on the part of some. The Methodist minister has spoken on the law and the

Sabbath a number of times, and we have reviewed him, showing from their discipline and from Wesley and Clark that his position was wrong and that we were really defending Methodism. As the result two good souls have decided to obey God and keep his commandments. Our collections for the Haskell Home and for mission work were \$32.50. To God be all the praise.

D. A. BALL.

ELMA, TONAWANDA, AND WEST VALLEY.

SINCE returning from Cleveland it has been our privilege to meet with the above named churches besides visiting several other places. May 16 and 17 we met with the Elma church. Three meetings were held during the two days, Brother Lorenz being present at the first one, Sabbath afternoon. At the meeting held Sunday morning, a collection of \$3.26 was taken up. It is rejoicing to see the interest taken by these brethren in missionary work, some of them engaging in missionary farming, while some of the children, members of the Sabbath-school which is also in a flourishing condition, engage in missionary gardening. May the Lord help them to cherish and cultivate that spirit that they may abound in all good works.

Tuesday, May 10. Brother Lorenz and I went to Tonawanda in the interests of the tent work among the Germans. In the evening the brethren of that place came together for their regular weekly meeting, and we had the privilege of

speaking to them. We returned to Buffalo on Wednesday, and Thursday, in company with Elder Westworth, went to West Valley to aid in the services to be held in the newly erected church, prior to the dedication.

Friday, May 22, we again went to Elma to fill an appointment. On Sabbath we spoke to the brethren at their regular meeting. On Sunday we spoke, by request, in a private house. Quite a number were present, and good attention was paid to the words spoken. May the brethren let their light shine that others may be brought to Jesus.

GEO. LESCH.

#### THE HEALTH BOOKS.

As we are now prepared to handle Doctor Kellogg's books, this will be a good chance for some persons to do well financially, and do a great amount of good. The Sanitarium at Battle Creek is now so well known, and Doctor Kellogg's writings stand so high, that if properly presented they sell well. The people want to know that there is good authority for medical works, and they will be glad to buy. Doctor Kellogg's books on physiology are now used in the public and district schools of this State. This, and the fact that the Battle Creek Sanitarium is the largest in the United States, and does the most successful work, will help in selling the books. We also have excellent testimonials from the best doctors.

To persons who have never canvassed, I would recommend the book called "The Stomach," any one with a little energy and tact can sell this book. The large majority of people have stomach troubles. They may not know that their poor health or miserable feelings come from their stomachs, but it is so, and with this book they can soon be convinced. In last week's *Review* is an article showing that rheumatism comes from a diseased stomach. This book points out these facts and tells how to cure a diseased stomach. The price is very moderate, only \$1.50 and \$2.00. The agent gets the same commission as on the other books.

J. R. CALKINS.

—"When I pray I talk to God; when I read the Bible he is talking to me."—*Moody*.

#### RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF SISTER HATTIE GILBERT.

*Whereas*, In his divine providence God has permitted the hand of death to take from us one of our beloved scholars, Hattie Gilbert; and,—

*Whereas*, By her death we have lost a dear young sister, and faithful follower of Jesus; therefore,—

*Resolved*, That while we deeply grieve her loss, we bow in submission and acknowledge the wisdom of Him who doeth all things well, and extend our heart-felt sympathy to our beloved Brother and Sister Gilbert and remaining daughter; and further,—

*Resolved*, That we are by her death admonished of the frailty of human life, and realize the importance of a complete consecration to the will of God, that we may meet her in the morning of the resurrection.

*Resolved*, That these Resolutions be placed in the records of this school, and a copy be sent to the INDICATOR for publication.

E. E. WALSWORTH,	} Committee.
M. W. KEIM,	
S. A. MARKHAM.	

#### 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 May 12-26: Wheeler, \$36.91; Rome, \$58.53; Gouverneur, \$3.00; Pierrepont, \$8.00; Dickinson Center, \$2.25; Ellicottville, \$6.20; Albany, \$71.00; Jamestown, \$2.25; Lincklaen Center, \$2.00; Middle Grove, \$4.00; Norwich, \$6.10; Individuals, \$17.60.

#### Items.

Elder Place's condition has ~~not~~ changed materially since the previous notice, only that his temperature is a little lower than at that time, which encourages us to hope for his recovery. Sister Place is gradually improving.

We have recently received from the General Conference Pub. Co., a copy of their new catalogue of publications. It is very tastefully gotten up, and will be furnished to all who desire it, on application to them.