

# The Indicator.

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

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## THE CHARACTER OF GOD.

“God is love,” is the declaration of the inspired penman. God can not manifest himself different from his character ; therefore every manifestation of God is an expression of his love. He is unchangeable in his character ; for with him “is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” On every leaf of the forest, on every stone of the mountain, on every blossom, from the tiniest flower to the queen of lilies, is written, “God is love.” If man had never sinned and lost the image of his Creator, he would have seen in nature the same infinite love that was revealed in the life and death of the Son of God.

It was sin that caused this last special manifestation of the love of God. That love existed and was shown in nature before. There was no more love because man sinned ; but the great heart of God was touched by human woe. God’s love manifested in the death of Christ, existed before Christ came, and it would have been in nature if the mind had not been blinded by sin. If man had remained loyal to divine law, his capacity to know, to enjoy, and to love, would have continually increased. He would have constantly gained new treasures of knowledge, discovered fresh springs of happiness, and obtained clearer and yet clearer views of the unmeasurable, unfailing love of God.

When sin first entered this world, and it became necessary for Christ to die to save a lost race, then, in sympathy with its divine Author, the operation of all nature was changed. The decaying leaf, the withering grass, and the garb of death that yearly clothed all nature, was an unmistakable testimony of the awful nature of sin, which required the death of the Son of God. But the sprouting tree, the germinating of the seed sown, the reproduction of the grain, the reviving of nature in the spring, taught also the resurrection of the dead. This was a different manifestation of the love of God than would

have been made if man had never sinned. Christ died for the redemption of this planet and its inhabitants, which had been separated from the great continent of heaven by sin. It also settled the question before the universe that infinite love was the basis of all the requirements of God, and that he sought the happiness of all of his created intelligences. It was a demonstration of the one great fact that “God is love.”

For about twenty-five hundred years there were no books to reveal the Gospel. The creation of God and the operations of nature were God’s text-book of the Gospel. The written word directs our mind to nature, as illustrating the truth of the Gospel. Said Christ : “So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground ; and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself ; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.” Mark 4 : 26-29. Here is the planting of the seed, its growing up of itself, its ripening off for the harvest, and finally the harvest itself illustrates the truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, or the kingdom of God. The word is a different manifestation of the Gospel, but it aids the mind to a correct understanding of the truth as taught in the operations of nature. There is in the word a warning against every sin, and instruction unto every act of righteousness. As object lessons of sin and its tendency we have the record of various characters left in the Scriptures. We also have every act of righteousness and God’s approval of it in the lives of the righteous. Perfection is not found in any one person, but every character recorded is necessary to make a complete revelation of sin and righteousness.

The one great truth announced to Satan, “I

will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Gen. 3:15), has been developed more and more by the written word. It has come in different ways, adapted to the people under varied circumstances and adapting itself to man as he has sunk lower and lower in sin and vice. Finally Christ came. "In him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; "for he hath made him to be sin for us; that we might be made the righteousness of him." 2 Cor. 5:21. He brought into humanity, not a new love, or an increased love from what existed in the beginning, but a revelation of that love and purpose of God, which existed both in nature and revelation. It was "now made manifest by the appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel." 2 Tim. 1:10. "We have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Heb. 4:15. He lived our life in sinful nature, without sin, that we might live his life of righteousness and partake of the divine power that was in Christ Jesus.

Even more than this, God has so mysteriously connected our life with his that we are clothed with his righteousness, and by a living faith in him, "we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Nothing in any way that concerns our peace is too small for him to notice. There is no chapter in our experience too dark for him to read; there is no perplexity too difficult for him to unravel. He makes even our mistakes to work not only for our good but for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

O, what matchless love is this! In all of God's creation, in the operations of nature, in the written word, in the characters and events recorded in the Bible, in the life and death of the Son of God, even in every circumstance of our own life if we love God, is a revelation of the life of Christ, which is an illustration of the love of God. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgements, and his ways past finding out!" Rom. 11:33. Such is the love of God manifested toward the human family.—S. N. Haskell, in *Signs of the Times*.

## Field Reports.

### SUMMITVILLE.

WE reached here and began to erect our cotton house between six and seven in the evening, Monday, May 18, and soon had our tent up and began to make ourselves comfortable for the night. We had expected Brother and Sister Hyatt here; but a telegram brought to us the sad news of the sickness of Brother and Sister Place, and that therefore Brother and Sister Hyatt were necessarily detained. May God grant that his servants shall quickly recover.

After constant hard labor to put things in readiness, we commenced services Friday evening, and have continued each evening since—Monday evening excepted. We have two services on Sunday. The interest and attendance are not all we might wish, but far better than at first. We are trusting in God and our confidence in him is not disappointed. At Centerville Station we left five whose determination is to prove true to the message of Rev. 14:12. Brethren and sisters, see 1 Thes. 5:23, 24, also verse 25.

MR. AND MRS. W. W. WHEELER.

### ALDEN AND DARIEN.

THE meeting and Sabbath-school at Alden last Sabbath was a grand success. Our usually large attendance met in the Methodist church. There was much interest manifested by every one present. The Spirit of the Lord seemed to work upon every heart. The sermon was dispensed with, and each one was given a chance to express themselves. Almost every member responded with a cheering testimony. We called for the unconverted to give their hearts to the Lord, and about twenty responded by standing up. Three more have decided to obey the truth and wish for baptism.

Last night, Sunday, I spoke to a large audience at Darien. The subject was the "Origin, History, and Destiny of Satan." The sermon was repeated by request, and a large hall was granted us free of charge; much interest was manifested, and the people desired that I should address them again on "God's Eternal Purpose." I am doing what I can to finish the work so I can conscientiously leave it.

*The Canvassing Work.*

Report for the Week Ending May 29.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Fredonia,	Chautauqua,	J. S. Fritts,	38	5	14	\$23.00			
Spring Mills,	Allegany,	G. F. Evans,		3	5	11.50	\$2.70		
W. Pierrepont,	St. Lawrence,	Geo. F. Weller,	17	3	3	6.00			
Rome,	Oneida,	F. G. McAlister,					.50		
Utica,	Oneida,	Norman Kling,	23	4	4	10.00	1.00	2	\$6.75
Great Controversy.									
Galway,	Saratoga,	Wm. Seewald,	27	5	7	17.50	3.05		
Florida,	Montgomery,	E. S. Popoff,	21	6	8	24.50	1.85		
Olean,	Cattaraugus,	Mrs. A. Vincent,				5.50	3.40	3	8.00
Patriarchs and Prophets.									
Hooper,	Broome,	J. Deeley,		3	3	9.75	1.25		
Miscellaneous sales,						13.75			
Totals,			126	29	44	\$121.50	\$13.75	5	\$14.75

God is blessing us very much for which we are glad. Brethren, pray for us.

GEO. M. ELLIS.

NOTICE TO SOUTHEASTERN NEW YORK.

No PROVIDENCE preventing, Prof. Giles of South Lancaster Academy will be at Slate Hill, Sabbath, June 6, and at Middletown, Sunday, June 7. It may be possible for Prof. Giles to be in Newburgh a few hours Friday; if so notice will be given by personal letter. Being personally acquainted with all the individuals, and knowing the object of the visit and that it must be short, I am persuaded that the Conference Committee made a mistake (of the head, not of the heart) when they said "Sullivan County" in last week's INDICATOR, so I have thought best to appoint the meetings in Orange County.

Brethren and sisters, this is a rare opportunity, the first of the kind to be enjoyed by us in this part of the State. Let all make special efforts to be present.

W. W. WHEELER.

WEST VALLEY.

Owing to the illness of Elder Place, I was called to attend the dedication of the church at West Valley, which had been appointed for May 23, 24. The dedication came off as was appointed. It was well attended, both by our people and the citizens of the place. A col-

lection of over fifty dollars was realized. This with unpaid pledges which we regard good, so relieved the house from encumbrance that the way was clear for its dedication to God. It is a neat and tastefully arranged superstructure, one that is an honor to the cause of truth there. The attention paid to the word spoken was excellent, and we are sanguine that impressions were made which will in the end bring forth fruit. It is our opinion that a series of meetings there would eventuate in the salvation of souls to God and the truth. This the brethren desire. Brethren Westworth and Lorenz were in attendance and rendered valuable assistance. Altogether it was an enjoyable occasion to the writer. May the Lord bless the West Valley church.

J. W. RAYMOND.

EAST GALWAY AND BATH-ON-HUDSON.

I LEFT home May 19, and called on Brother and Sister Place who were very sick, and the next day I went to East Galway, where I found the brethren and sisters assembled in Mr. Savage's hall, which they have rented for a year. I found the same interest which I left in March. I spoke twelve times during my stay of ten days. Little difficulties were settled up, and we left them in a far better condition than we found them. Sister Harris and daughter of Schuylerville came over, and Sister Beaven of

Ballston, and helped to make the meeting a success.

Friday I came to Bath and spoke in the evening. Yesterday (Sabbath) I spoke in the hall in Albany which they have rented for their Sabbath meetings. One more has taken a stand for the truth since I left here, and they seem to be doing well. May the Lord keep them unto his coming is my prayer.

D. A. BALL.

RESCUE THE PERISHING.

SOME time ago I had the pleasure of spending a few weeks on a high, rocky point, overlooking the entrance to a harbor, and sometimes during a severe storm we could see a disabled ship some distance out to sea. Storm and wind and wave had done their work, and she was unable to reach the harbor. As soon as intelligence was received, a little tug-boat would be seen starting out, seemingly exerting itself to the utmost to reach the vessel before it should sink or be carried farther away from help and safety. On reaching the poor vessel drifting at the mercy of the tempest, it linked itself to it with cords of such strength and tenacity that nothing could sever them. What a prodigious power was wrapped up in that insignificant little boat that moved on with its burden, against wind and tide, until the ship was safely anchored in the harbor.

All around us we see human wrecks, over whom the waves of sin, sorrow, and temptation have rolled until hope and courage are well nigh gone; and unless some one, with a heart warm with the love of Jesus, comes close to them and links his own life with theirs, by the cords of love, sympathy, and kindness, and guides them into the "port of safety," they will give up the struggle, and drift farther and farther from hope and heaven.

Let us earnestly seek to be so closely connected with Christ, so imbued with his Spirit, that he can use us to "rescue the perishing." May we each ever be willing to say, "Here am I, send me;" and if we know that we are weak and insufficient of ourselves, let us not be discouraged, for if so be that the Spirit of God dwells in us, if we have Christ formed within, "the hope of glory," what a wonderful power we have with us as workers together with God.

And we have that promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."—*Mrs. G. B. Wheeler, in Gleaner.*

NOTICE.

LOOK for Prof. Giles' appointment in next week's INDICATOR, for June 13, 14. It may be East Galway or Rome. Churches desiring the Professor to meet with them will confer a favor by corresponding with P. Z. Kinne, 317 West Bloomfield St., Rome, N. Y., stating the probable interest in his work.

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Items.

We are pleased to announce that Elder and Mrs. Place are steadily improving, and we trust they will fully recover and again resume their places in the work.

Our canvassers will be glad to welcome another laborer to their ranks. Brother Fred Miller, formerly a business man of Tonawanda has decided to devote some of his time to this work. His profession as vocal and instrumental music teacher will occupy a few days in the week. Brother Miller speaks both the German and English languages. By request Brother J. P. Lorenz started him in the canvassing work. May others also soon devote their talents to this important branch of God's work.

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