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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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## OUR LORD'S COMMAND.

BY EMMA L. PARDON,

"Go YE into all the world,"  
Hear the Savior's last command,  
"Preach the gospel message free,  
Unto those of every land."

Truly great and vast the work,  
Given thus by Christ our King :  
In it let us have a part,  
And some souls to Jesus bring.

## OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

WE are aware that our brethren are equally interested in the advancement of the cause, therefore a brief statement of the progress and prospects of the work from time to time is a source of encouragement to all.

When the arrangements for the efforts this summer were first talked over, the plan was to put seven tents into the field, the same as last season ; but owing to the illness of Elder Place, and some unexpected changes among the laborers, there will in all probability be but six tents in the field this year. Notwithstanding the interest we all feel to see the work extended and prosecuted as rapidly as possible, the present situation may be providential. It is well known that quite an amount of the Conference funds were tied up by the failure of the Fort Stanwix Bank ; and besides that potatoes, with other products are extremely low ; hence the income from tithes must of necessity be lighter than it otherwise would be, thus our means to carry forward the work will be limited. But we are not discouraged ; the Lord in mercy has spared the lives of Brother and Sister Place ; the bank has paid a dividend of thirty per cent. on the deposits, and this has enabled us to put the tents into the field without financial embarrassment thus far ; but now the funds in the treasury are lower than we wish they were, still it will be but a short time now till the

next quarter's tithe will be coming in, and then we hope that by the blessing of the Lord, and the liberality of the brethren, together with economy on the part of the laborers, we shall be able to carry the work forward successfully. In order to do this with the hard times upon us, it will be necessary to maintain the spirit of sacrifice ; yet it is not to be supposed that this refers to the brethren exclusively. While it is expected that the members of our churches will practice economy and liberality to support the cause, it is only reasonable that our ministers should practice strict economy in the expenditure of the hard earned means, so sacredly devoted to advance the cause we love so well, and thus all share in the spirit of sacrifice. When this feeling prevails, then the Lord can bless, not only in providing means, but in causing the expenditure to produce the greatest results.

We trust that there will be promptness in paying in the tithes the first of next month, so that there will be no lack of means to prosecute the work. If there are those who have means that they could devote to the advancement of the truth in the Conference, donations, large or small, will be thankfully received at any time.

Possibly there may be those who admit their obligations to pay tithes, but for some cause are not prompt in doing it. Probably there are those who have more recently embraced the truth that have never realized the importance of this branch of the work. Brethren and sisters, look the matter up. Remember the man with the one talent. None of us would like to be found preserving the Lord's money in a napkin, when he comes : it would then be too late to be of any service.

CONF. COM.

—"CHRIST was the friend of publicans and sinners because they needed his friendship, and were willing to receive it."

A LETTER.

TO MY DEAR FRIENDS IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK: AS the INDICATOR has reported, the Lord has permitted me and my dear wife to be touched with the power of disease and go rapidly down to death's door; but in his wise and kind providence he kept us from passing through into the silent prison-house. He turned our captivity, and thanks be to his name, his power has led us back to consciousness and life once more.

All that affectionate hearts and willing hands could do was done for us in all our suffering. The Lord blessed the faithful nurses in their ministrations, and the many prayers offered in so many places in the State were answered. We feel very thankful to the many friends for the notes of sympathy which were sent to us. We are still weak and unable to write but little, and it may be some time before we can answer them. We know many who would have written had they not feared to add to our burdens.

We are glad to state that all our symptoms are now favorable, and we are gaining every day. We are of good courage and expect if careful about taking cold, (which we propose to be) we shall soon be able to get out again.

I would request that all letters pertaining to the work of the Conference, and all correspondence except *personal* letters, be addressed to Elder P. Z. Kinne, 317 W. Bloomfield Street, Rome, N. Y., till further notice, as it will doubtless be several weeks before I shall be able to take up all my work again. As soon as I am able I shall visit among the churches and tent companies as the Lord opens the way. It will be a great pleasure for me to enter the work once more, and again meet the friends of the cause. The battle must soon be fought. Now is the time for courage and faithfulness.

With Christian love, I remain,

Your brother in the "blessed hope."

A. E. PLACE.

FROM AN APPEAL.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: I deeply feel the necessity of our making more thorough and earnest efforts to bring the truth before the world. In the last vision given me, I was shown that we were not doing one-twentieth part of the

work we should for the salvation of souls. We labor for them indifferently, as though it was not a question of very great importance whether they received or rejected the truth. General efforts are made, but we fail to work to the point by personal effort. We do not approach men and women in a manner that impresses them that we have a personal interest for them, and that we feel deeply in earnest for their salvation, and do not mean to give them up. We hold too much at a distance those who do not believe the truth. We call them and wait for them to come to us to inquire for the truth. Many will not be inclined to do this, for they are in darkness and error, and cannot discern the truth and its vital importance. Satan holds them with his firm power, and if we would help them, we must show a personal interest and love for their souls, and take hold of them in earnest. We must work in prayer and love, with faith and unwearied patience, hoping all things and believing all things, having the wisdom of the serpent and the meekness of the dove, in order to win souls to Christ.

I was shown that in missionary efforts we have done comparatively nothing, and yet we profess to be bearing a message of infinite importance which is to test the world. We are far behind other denominations in missionary work, who do not claim that Christ is soon to come, and that the destiny of all must soon be decided.

Who, we ask, will follow the example of his Lord in self-sacrifice and disinterested benevolence, to save his fellow-men? There are young men and women and those of middle age who have had experience in the truth, but do not advance in the divine life and increase in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and they do not know the cause. One cause of their lack of spiritual strength, and of their not being full grown men and women in Christ is, they are not workers with Christ. If they would work for Jesus, their sympathies would be brought in close union with Christ, and they would grow in him their living head, and have a better understanding of the nature of his work and of his sacrifice for man; and would place that estimate upon souls proportionate to the value of the price Christ has paid for man. There are a large number who, if they would come near enough to God by entire consecration

## The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending June 12.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Sheridan,	Chautauqua,	J. S. Fritts,	44	5	17	\$29.00			
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Williamsville,	Erie,	Fred Miller,	5	1	8	20.00			
Palermo,	Oswego,	W. M. Doty,	16	2	3	8.75			
Castile,	Wyoming,	M. A. Vroman,	13		6	12.00	3.00		
Spencerport,	Monroe,	N. S. Washbond,	18	3	2	4.00	2.20		
Spencerport,	Monroe,	Mrs. N. S. Washbond,	14	3	1	2.00			
Spencerport,	Monroe,	Mrs. C. K. Beaman,	18	3	2	4.00	1.35		
Patriarchs and Prophets.									
Binghamton,	Broome,	J. Deeley,	24	3	3	6.75	.50		
Rochester,	Monroe,	M. A. Millington,	24	4	9	20.75	2.60		
The Stomach.									
Kirkland,	Oncida,	F. G. Mc Alister,	13	2	1	1.50	1.25		
Miscellaneous sales,						14.85			
Totals,			245	34	61	\$140.10	\$14.85		

would hear his voice saying, Go labor in my vineyard, ye shall receive your wages by and by.

Many are not sufficiently aroused to their duty to do the work they might do if they would, and that they do not do because they have not the spirit of sacrifice. God will hold such accountable for the souls of their fellow-men. They might have done a good work in union with Christ, and they will be called to render an account for the good to souls they could have done and did not.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

### Field Reports.

#### CLEVELAND.

At the suggestion of our president, Brother Place, I went to Cleveland, N. Y., Friday, May 22, and remained about ten days. I had never met any of the little company there, except two of the sisters at camp-meeting, and all of them on the occasion of the burial there of our dear young Sister Hattie Gilbert.

I enjoyed the time spent with them much. We had a Bible reading at the little church every evening while I was there, except one, when there was a "benefit social" for a deeply afflicted little boy. We also had Bible readings in the daytime; but not as many attended from the outside as we had hoped, as the public mind was largely occupied with G. A. R. meet-

ings and decoration-day services on the Sabbath, and memorial services morning and evening, Sunday.

But although the enemy is endeavoring to absorb the minds of the people in worldly things, there are some precious souls there who love the truth and are anxious to learn it still more perfectly.

M. W. KEIM.

"JESUS WEPT."

BY S. E. HYATT.

OFTEN when a person is asked to quote a text of Scripture, no particular one being designated, a smile will come over his face as he repeats John 11:35, "Jesus wept." The reason for the smile is, no doubt, the brevity of the verse, being the shortest in the Bible, and the one quoting it thinks he is repeating almost no Scripture at all when he repeats this. But I wonder if we realize what is embodied in those two words,—the simple statement that Jesus wept.

Weeping is caused by strong feelings of emotion, either of sorrow or joy, principally those of sorrow; and here we find Jesus, the Son of God, so touched with the sorrows and woes brought upon his followers that his heart aches,

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his breast heaves, his whole being is convulsed, and feeling breaks forth in weeping. O the kindness, the love, the tenderness, the sympathy, expressed in those two words, "Jesus wept"! The Saviour's feelings are so completely wrapped up in mine; my joys are his joys, my sorrows his sorrows, to that extent that he rejoices with my feelings of happiness, and smiles as I bask in the sunshine of prosperity; and that same One weeps with me in my sorrows.

"Then," one may ask, "if Jesus is so intimately connected with our every joy and sorrow, perplexity and care, why does he, when he loves us so, permit sorrows to come?" The poet has answered it:—

"If we knew no lacks nor losses,  
Disappointments, toil, or care,  
Would we pity him whose crosses  
Are too wearisome to bear?

"If we slept on silken couches  
Decked with costly gems of gold,  
Would we pity him who crouches  
By the wayside in the cold?

"If we left no graves behind us  
Where our loved and lost ones sleep,  
No sweet memories to bind us,  
Would we weep with those who weep?

"If our paths were strewn with roses  
That concealed no stinging thorn,  
And the hour when one joy closes  
Saw another newly born;

"If our clouds were all of sunshine  
And our sorrows all of bliss,  
Would we ever think of heaven  
As a better place than this?"

We are purified through affliction. The Refiner watches until he can see his own image in his child. The sculptor takes the rough piece of marble, and by means of chisel and mallet brings forth the beautiful figure of an angel. Then let us not grow weary with the chiseling of the heavenly Sculptor, for by and by he will bring forth the perfect image of Jesus Christ.

Are you sad and downcast?—Jesus is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. Are you a mourner? have you lost all that earth held dear?—Jesus wept with mourners of old. He will weep with you and me. O the sweetness of those two words, "Jesus wept"!—*Review and Herald*.

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### APPOINTMENTS.

No providence preventing Prof. H. C. Giles will meet with the Lincklaen Center church, Sabbath and Sunday, June 27, 28. A good attendance is desired.

### ADDRESS WANTED.

I WOULD like the address of Emma Crissey. A letter sent to her to Brockton was returned.  
J. R. CALKINS.