

# The Indicator.

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

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IF GOD BE FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US.

*Romans 8 : 31.*

BY J. P. LORENZ.

"If God be for us," then the host  
Of darkness may surround us ;  
We're safe if we have only put  
Our hope and trust in Jesus.  
He'll guide and keep us every day,  
And seek us when we go astray ;—  
A mighty fortress, helper, too,  
Is Christ the Lord for me and you.

"God is for us," then brethren dear,  
Go forward, never fearing,  
To fight against the mighty foe.  
That blessed day is nearing  
When all the saints of God shall rise  
To meet their Savior in the skies ;  
And then forever we shall rest  
In yonder mansions of the blest.

—Tonawanda, N. Y.

## OUR PERIODICALS.

(Continued.)

THERE are several reasons why these important pages are read so little. Some are not financially able to buy or subscribe, and have not been provided. Would it not be well for our missionaries, who are sending reading matter to different parts of the State or perhaps out of the State, to look into the needs of members of their own church to see that honest worthy members be not overlooked on this line. The Lord is just as anxious to save those who have already started in the way of truth as any one else. But salvation *depends upon keeping pace with the truth* just as truly as in accepting it. The light of truth as we have said is constantly advancing and enlarging before us. It shines "more and more."

This onward march of the closing messages in fulfillment of the Word of God is brought to us with its inspiring power largely through our

periodicals, and the issues of the *Bible Student's Library*, etc. It will do little good to run our printing presses if the products fall lifeless. I feel a deep and special interest in this matter for my own brethren and sisters. As Paul said, "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved."

There is another class who have the *Review*, the *Signs*, and perhaps quite a good library of books, pamphlets, etc., but "the cares of this life" keep their eyes and hearts from the soul-stirring, life-giving pages. Sometimes we hear the following dialogue :— *Brother A* : What did you think of Brother L. R. Conradi's article in last week's *Review*? *Brother B* : Well, Brother A, to tell you the truth, I have not had time to look at the *Review* yet, etc. In the paper-holder we find, not simply one *Review*, but *Signs* also, and perhaps other papers which seem to have been unused. The family has passed the weeks through, and have not had time to read these important pages. My dear brother or sister, is this so in your home? If so, let me say in the name of my Master and with love to your soul, you cannot afford to continue in this way. You cannot afford this loss to your spiritual nature. Does it seem that you have no time? I have thought the same ; but by a careful study of my life I found I had time for idle words, and for many things that were not for my best good or for the eddifying of others. Our time is given us of God, and his great object in giving us time is to prepare us for eternity. "It is God that gives us power to get wealth," and the man or woman who will spend the amount of time in reading, study, and prayer, necessary to keep in tune with the onward march of God's truth and work, will find their hearts aglow with love for God and their fellow men, and upon them can and will God pour of his richest blessings. As ministers, we can preach better, and do better missionary work among the people. As farm-

ers, we can plow and plant with a brighter hope; yea, the hope and joy of all will be brightened and increased with a consciousness that the time given of God is being faithfully used as He wills in preparing us for our own eternal reward of glory and life.

A. E. PLACE-

(*To be continued.*)

“BE NOT DECEIVED: GOD IS NOT MOCKED.”

IN Col. 2 : 8, I read : “Beware, lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world and not after Christ.” As we mingle with the professedly Christian world, and talk to them of Jesus and his love, we find in nearly every case a hearty response; and to outward appearances, hearts that seem to be overflowing with gratitude for divine favor in the gift of God’s dear Son. They express a willingness to follow Jesus through evil as well as good report, and a desire to walk in his humble footsteps; and as we listen to them we say in our hearts, there is an honest soul. But when in a kind and gentle manner we ask if love is not the fulfilling or working out of the law; they begin at once to excuse themselves from obedience to the law because they are Christians. Then when we ask them for evidence of their love to God, and their willingness to follow Jesus through evil as well as good report, which they profess to be willing to do, they tell me it is because they are happy; and they point us to good men in whom they trust and say, they are so spiritual they cannot be wrong, and at the same time they turn away from the word of truth. To such do the words that head this article apply.

Happiness is not an evidence of Godliness; neither are loud demonstrations in the name of the Lord a sure sign of discipleship. We remember at one time a very devoted man made a molten god in the form of a calf, and a very devoted people said with wonderful demonstrations of joy and happiness, “These be thy gods, O, Israel, that brought thee up out of the land of Egypt;” and their devotion was marked with intense earnestness, but neither their happiness nor their demonstrations made their service acceptable. And so it is to-day. But as we find the people in this condition, the

scripture I have quoted in Col. 2 : 8, comes to my mind with greater force.

It is vain philosophy, vain deceit, and the traditions of men, that is alluring and captivating the minds of the people. By fair speeches and smooth sayings they turn away the hearts of the simple, and they are thus steeled against the truth of God; and the deception is so terrible that many are honestly deceived, not, however, without a cause that might have been avoided had they been willing to have listened to the voice of the Lord. But they doubted the word of the infinite God, and listened to the whisperings of Satan, and to the word of finite man. With what vividness then do the words, philosophy and vain deceit, apply to both the deceivers and the deceived. And the Lord tells us that these very things shall come in the last days; 2 Tim. 3 : 13, deceiving and being deceived.

We have certainly fallen upon perilous times, and we are rapidly approaching the time spoken of in Eze. 14 : 14. Then the truth will be at a premium, and the people of God will then appear in their true light. As the spirit of darkness and unbelief prevails to such an alarming extent, there is danger of the people of God becoming contaminated with this prevailing sin of these last days. Hence it is befitting for us now, to weep between the porch and the altar, and cry, “Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reprobation.” If we as a people shall unitedly humble ourselves before God, and seek him with all our hearts, and like Jacob, never cease pleading till he sends answers of peace; I feel sure that such prayers of living faith would open a door to inexhaustible resources for the accomplishment of the Lord’s work, and would lead the way to heights that are commanding and impregnable. Are we not dwelling upon the lowlands, and are there not loftier heights, whose summit is brightened by God’s ineffable glory, which must be enshrined in the hearts of his people?

Brethren, let us pray with greater earnestness, and let us make this our first business. Fearful are our responsibilities; I tremble as I view the situation. Think of it, souls eternally lost if we are unfaithful to our trust. The Lord is coming in so short a time, and the work to

*The Canvassing Work.*

Report for the Week Ending July 3.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Pomfret,	Chautauqua,	J. S. Fritts,	35	5	7	\$12.50		40	\$75.25
Hancock,	Delaware,	C. W. Inskeep,	30	5	23	47.50	5.00		
Utica,	Oneida,	Norman Kling,	29	5	2	3.50	2.75	8	20.00
Belmont,	Allegany,	G. F. Evans,	29	4	5	16.00	4.35		
Ballston,	Saratoga,	Wm. Seewald,	13	2				19	42.00
Brockport,	Monroe,	N. S. Washbond,	31	4	3	6.00	3.89	3	6.00
Brockport,	Monroe,	Mrs. N. S. Washbond,	1	1			1.45	1	1.00
Brockport,	Monroe,	Mrs. C. K. Beaman,	11	3	1	2.50	.50		
Utica,	Oneida,	E. G. Detlefs,	11	4	2	4.50		4	5.00
Lakewood,	Chautauqua,	Sarah Haskins,	3	1			2.25		
Great Controversy.									
Florida,	Montgomery,	E. S. Popoff,	24	4	8	20.75	1.20		
Patriarchs and Prophets.									
Rochester,	Monroe,	M. A. Millington,	30	5	12	28.75	1.45		
Owego,	Tioga,	J. Deeley,	56	8	16	34.75	1.75		
Ladie's Guide.									
Maine,	Broome,	H. I. Pettis,	38	5	3	9.50			
Binghamton,	Broome,	W. A. Ruble,	24	4	8	25.00			
The Stomach.									
Utica,	Oneida,	E. J. Detlefs,						6	9.00
Home Hand Book.									
Brunswick,		W. D. Kinney,	53	5	11	51.00	15.95		
Brunswick,		E. J. Hobbs,			4	20.00			
Brunswick,		A. K. Baker,	40	4	7	25.00			
Miscellaneous sales,						40.54			
Totals,			458	69	112	\$347.79	\$40.54	81	\$158.25

be done is so great. Let us not sleep as do others.

S. M. COBB.

#### TO TREASURERS, LIBRARIANS, AND ALL DOING BUSINESS WITH THE TRACT SOCIETY.

Our brethren and sisters generally realize the necessity of economy, and frequently in order to save a little expense or inconvenience, the treasurer or librarian will hand the funds in their care to some of the laborers to forward or hand directly to the State treasurer, not thinking how much valuable time and perplexity it may cost him. Of course, at your end of the line, you do not see how that could be when every one is honest, and calculates to do their business straight; and this we do not question in the least. But we may be pardoned if we refer to one of the several instances that have recently occurred, by way of illustration. A brother expecting to call at Rome on the way

to his field of labor, received a sum of money from the officer in the church, to be handed to the State secretary; but circumstances changed plans, money was needed to defray expenses, and a portion of the funds designed for other purposes was used; sometime later the transaction was reported with a request that the church be credited with the full amount, and the portion used charged to the individual on account. Now that looks all right, and so it is; but if you could understand how the account is kept, you would see that two separate accounts are involved in the transaction, making it necessary to enter a part of the amount on the Tract Society books as cash received, when in fact it was only a transfer to the Conference account, and charged to the individual's account on those books. It looks all plain and easy; but the extra labor, and danger of error is no small item, we can assure you.

## THE INDICATOR.

How much better it would be for each one to do the business assigned them through the proper channel, even if it should cost a few cents more. We are not criticizing our brethren with a fault-finding spirit; but if simple business rules were observed in the transaction of our business, it would avoid much delay and the possibility of mistakes. In writing to the office be sure to state particulars about the business; to whom and where goods are to be sent, and if to be charged, to whom. In ordering periodicals, write plainly the address, and to whom they are to be charged, if cash is not sent with the order; the length of time for which they are wanted, etc. If you want an address changed, give the name and place where it is now being sent, and say, from— (naming the place as above) to—, the new address. When you close, be sure and sign your own name. You would hardly think that these cautions are necessary; but it is an actual fact that it is no uncommon occurrence to receive communications with these essentials omitted. Now if you are inclined to be forgetful, cut this out and paste it in your hat.

CONF. COM.

### FROM A CANVASSER.

DEAR INDICATOR: I had a hard week last week, and Satan has worked mightily to hinder the work here; but the Lord is stronger than he, and on the same territory he is displaying His power. Two fine young ladies here have kept the last three Sabbaths, and came out to teacher's meeting and prayer meeting each time. I had a reading and told them of the advancing light on the health reform prophecies a week ago Sabbath, in the hall. Several have told me that they cannot endure the thought of eating any kind of animal food since. I feel to praise God for the light he gave me at the Pennsylvania camp-meeting on this subject. The Spirit is pressing it home to my soul, and I must let my light shine. There are other interesting matters to report, but I have only space to say, "The wrath of man is being made to praise God in this place, and the remainder he will restrain." When the work goes hard, pray the more for the workers.

A. VINCENT.

E. Olean, June 26.

### CLUB RATES.

For the purpose of increasing the subscription lists of our denominational papers, we offer the following liberal club rates, to new subscribers only:—

We will send the *American Sentinel* for one year, and the *INDICATOR* to Jan. 1, 1897, for 95 cents.

We will send the *Review* for one year, and the *INDICATOR* to Jan. 1, next, for \$1.50.

We will send the *Signs of the Times* for one year, and the *INDICATOR* to Jan. 1, next, for \$1.00.

We will send the *American Sentinel*, *Review*, and *Signs*, each one year, and *INDICATOR* to Jan. 1, next, for \$3.00. Send in your orders.

N. Y. TRACT SOCIETY.

### CUT THIS OUT.

THE sun will set from this time, on Fridays, in New York as follows:—

July	10	at 7:37.	Sept.	25	at 5:52.
"	17	" 7:33.	Oct.	2	" 5:39.
"	24	" 7:28.	"	9	" 5:27.
"	31	" 7:20.	"	16	" 5:16.
Aug.	7	" 7:12.	"	23	" 5:05.
"	14	" 7:02.	"	30	" 4:56.
"	21	" 6:51.	Nov.	6	" 4:47.
"	28	" 6:40.	"	13	" 4:40.
Sept.	4	" 6:28.	"	20	" 4:34.
"	11	" 6:16.	"	27	" 4:30.
"	18	" 6:04.	Dec.	4	" 4:28.

### APPOINTMENTS.

Nothing preventing, I will meet with the church at Dickinson Center, Sabbath, July 18. It is especially desired that all from neighboring churches who can do so, attend this meeting.

H. C. GILES.

### NOTICE.

OUR missionary societies would like the names of individuals who would read the *Signs*, and of others who would read the *American Sentinel*, sent to the N. Y. Tract Society.

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