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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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"IT'S NOTHING TO ME."

"It's nothing to me," the mother said ;
"I have no fear that my boy will tread
The downward path of sin and shame,
And crush my heart and darken my name."
It was something to her when her oldest son
From the path of life was early won,
And madly quaffed of the flowing bowl.
Then—a ruined body and shipwrecked soul.

"It's nothing to me," the young man cried ;
In his eye was a flash of scorn and pride.
"I heed not the dreadful things you tell ;
I can rule myself, I know full well !"
'Twas something to him when in prison he lay,
The victim of drink, life ebbing away,
As he thought of his wretched child and wife
And the mournful wreck of his wasted life.

Sol.

PERSEVERANCE NEEDED.

SINCE my last report I have visited Weedsport, Auburn, Locke, Cortland, Lincklaen Center, West Monroe, Pennelville, and Pulaski. In all these places I found a deep interest in the work of our educational institutions. The sentiment prevails that it is high time for us as a people to bend every energy toward the training of our youth for places of usefulness in the cause of God.

Thus far I have found thirty who are planning to attend the Academy the coming year, and thus secure a fitness for the work of the Lord. These will doubtless meet obstacles as they begin to lay their plans in this direction ; and very likely circumstances will arise which will seem to forbid such a course. The natural tendency will be in such cases to regard these hindrances as evidences that the Lord does not require them to make the sacrifice necessary to take the contemplated course of study in school, or perchance, that such an action is manifestly wrong. But let all remember that Satan is putting forth special efforts to ensnare the young, and especially so when he sees them

planning to prepare for the work of God. But when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will raise up a standard against him. Let all exercise the faith that works, and the Lord will give victory ; only let all manifest determination and perseverance in laying plans, and thus early develop those traits of push and energy that will insure success in their work after they have gained their preparation, and without which to succeed will be impossible.

Especially should parents and those interested in the young be guarded lest thoughtlessly they give counsel that will tend to discourage those who otherwise at some time, if not in the immediate present, might be able to take a course of training in one of our schools, and thereby become successful laborers in the cause of truth. It is no time now to lend a scattering influence in any way to the work or workers. Words of discouragement had better be left unspoken.

One aged brother who has been in the message ever since its rise, expressed the thought that there ought to be fifty young persons in the State who will avail themselves of the advantages of South Lancaster Academy the coming year. Such, I believe, is the language of faith. We are not seeking out the young people in different parts of the State to secure a large attendance at the Academy simply to make a good showing, but rather that as many as possible of the youth may embrace the opportunity thus afforded to prepare for a life of usefulness. Shall we not all be co-workers to this end?

H. C. GILES.

DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE.

AS THE time for our annual camp-meeting and Conference is rapidly approaching, it will be well for each church that has not already done so, to attend to the election of their dele-

gates to the Conference. Each church is entitled to one delegate, no matter how small the membership, and an additional delegate for each fifteen members: thus; a church with from fifteen to thirty members is entitled to two delegates, from thirty to forty-five, three delegates, and so on. Blanks will be furnished by the Conference Secretary. When elected let the church clerk send a list of their delegates to Elder W. A. Westworth, Portland, Chautauqua Co., N. Y. The camp-meeting will be held on the Fair Grounds at Fulton, Oswego Co., Sept. 3-13. More about it later. CONF. COM.

Field Reports.

SYRACUSE.

QUARTERLY meeting was held in Syracuse July 4, 5, according to appointment. The attendance was not large; but those present appeared to enjoy the services, especially the celebration of the ordinances, as the presence of the Spirit of the Master was apparent, softening our hearts.

The business meeting on Sunday passed off harmoniously. There are a few that seem to realize the necessity of attending such meetings; but it is feared that far too many of our people are willing to allow the responsibility of attending to the business part of the cause, to rest upon others. Brethren and sisters, these things ought not so to be: if the Lord allows us to enjoy the blessings derived from church fellowship, he expects us to share the responsibilities connected with it. "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Gal. 6: 2.

P. Z. KINNE.

DARIEN CENTER.

WE held our quarterly meeting at Fargo, in the house of Brother Sumner, who has lately embraced the truth. The attendance was very large, about fifty persons were present, and about twenty-five took part in the ordinances. Some of our people were detained at home. We hoped all would be present. If we wish to be strong spiritually, we must attend every means of grace the Lord has given us. How precious are the seasons of communion with the brethren before the Lord, where we can al-

together be partakers of His divine presence, and have His helpful spirit shed abroad the love of the Master in our hearts. We were led back to the night when our blessed Lord, with his disciples, meet in the upper room to institute these beautiful ordinances and firmly establish them that His people might be benefited by them in every age.

As we participate in the ordinance of humility, do we not see the Savior in that upper room, in the spirit of meekness, washing His disciples' feet? As we partake of the sacrament, may not our faith grasp the manifestation of His love expressed in that last act which was to be a symbol to future generations of the broken body and spilt blood that was shed to save a lost world. Brethren, may the Lord help us to appreciate the acts of love done for us, and may He put them in our lives.

The people at Darien Center seem to be determined to build a church where the Adventists may be at liberty to preach. They have already donated \$275.00 in money, \$85.00 in work, and a good lot in a prominent place in the village. The subscription list calls for \$1000.00, including the price of the lot. Let the good work go on. Our interests are good, and the Lord is blessing the work. We desire wisdom from God that we may be prepared for the work.

G. M. ELLIS.

ROME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE Rome Missionary Society takes a club of thirty *Signs* and fifteen *Sentinels*. It seems that a church of this size ought to take and send out 100 copies of each; but as only a few, perhaps a dozen, out of eighty members, are interested in this line of work it don't look quite so bad. They have been sending out these papers, and writing letters; they receive about one answer to every four letters written. Some of these letters are very interesting. Here are answers from two persons, just received:

DEAR MADAM: I truly thank you for your very valuable paper. How clearly it explains. I have taken much comfort in reading it, and have truly found it a blessing. I am an invalid: I returned from the hospital last winter. I wondered who I was indebted to for the blessing your paper has been to me, and to my

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending July 10.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Arkwright,	Chautauqua,	J. S. Fritts,	41	5	16	\$31.00			
Hancock,	Delaware,	C. W. Inskip,	25	5	17	36.00	\$.50		
Tonawanda,	Erie,	Fred Miller,	10	2	15	58.75			
Belmont,	Allegany,	G. F. Evans,	42	5	9	30.00	1.60		
Brockport,	Monroe,	N. S. Washbond,					.75	6	\$12.50
Brockport,	Monroe,	Mrs. N. S. Washbond,						3	6.00
Great Controversy.									
Florida,	Montgomery,	E. S. Popoff,	19	3	11	32.50	.50		
Charlton,	Saratoga,	Wm. Seewald,	33	4	6	14.50	4.20	2	2.00
E. Olean,	Cattaraugus,	Mrs. A. Vincent,	48	7	4	16.50	6.20	1	2.00
Ladie's Guide.									
Binghamton,	Broome,	W. A. Ruble,	28	3	6	23.25			
Home Hand Book.									
Brunswick,		W. D. Kinney,	49	5	3	14.50	19.25		
Sand Lake,		E. J. Hobbs,	46	8	8	36.00			
		A. K. Baker,	48	5	10	43.50			
Miscellaneous sales,						33.00			
Totals,			389	49	105	\$369.50	\$33.00	12	\$22.50

neighbor across the street ; she seems as anxious to read it as I am. I am not able, if I was, I would pay you the price of the paper gladly ; but circumstances are such that I can not. I am now living with my dear sister. I have a sister that is not a Christian, living in —, Mrs. — ; were I able to do so I would send the paper to her also. I truly appreciate your good paper, and would only be too glad to have the privilege of reading it, if you see fit to be so kind as to send it to me.

DEAR MRS. — : Yours of June 24th is at hand. In reply would say, I am much pleased with the paper you have been sending me for the past few weeks. I am glad to know whom to thank for it. I have wondered who sent it, and still wonder how it happened to be sent to me ; but am glad it so happened, and any you may be pleased to send will be thankfully received and read with interest and pleasure.

Yours very truly,

J. R. CALKINS.

JAMESTOWN.

THE quarterly meeting of this church was held Sabbath and Sunday, July 4, 5. Elder

J. W. Raymond was present and preached a very stirring discourse from the text in Gen. 3 : 9 ; "Where art thou." About fifty were in attendance, most of whom were members of the Jamestown church. The membership was increased by the addition of seven members ; two by letter from Olean, one by vote, and Sunday afternoon I baptized four in the beautiful waters of Chautauqua Lake. During the present Conference year fifteen have been added to this church, ten of whom received baptism at the time of uniting. This has been accomplished by the united effort of the whole church.

Jamestown and vicinity is a great field, and if each one will keep near the Lord, and take hold with earnestness, as they have in the past, our church membership may be greatly increased in a very short time.

J. B. Stow.

—Conference cash received June 30 to July 12 : Blockville, \$3.00 ; Buffalo, \$.75 ; Cleveland, \$5.00 ; Gouverneur, \$4.00 ; Jamestown, \$2.50 ; Lincklaen Center, \$23.82 ; North Creek, \$66.18 ; North Parma, \$6.50 ; Rome, \$56.03 ; Schroon Lake, \$6.52 ; Syracuse, \$32.00 ; Wells-ville, \$116.23 ; West Pierpont, \$10.00 ; Wil-son, \$4.05 ; Individuals, \$49.95.

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SALISBURY MILLS.

THE attendance and interest at Summitville did not warrant continuing the tent work there longer. Rains and cold evenings hindered greatly. There are some there who have a little interest in the present truth, and we hope they will sometime admit it to their hearts, but they are slow to think and act. We are still working for them by other methods.

In response to a long continued call, we pitched our tent here, and began meetings June 29. The congregations are improving in the regularity of attendance, and an increasing interest seems to be manifested. The little box near the door was remembered yesterday to the amount of \$2.33. Brother Wright, who lives here, has rendered us valuable assistance in several ways. Why do not more of our brethren move into new fields, and by their daily life and words create an interest in the third angel's message?

A. R. HYATT,
W. W. WHEELER.

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Items.

Elder Place was expected to return to the State the 15th inst., but a postal received last Friday brought the intelligence that he had been invited to Boulder, Colorado, by telegram. The reason (although not stated) is supposed to be a visit with his brother, Doctor Place, prior to his departure for India.

Obituary Notices.

VANDERGRIFT.—Mrs. Martha R. Vandergrift died of cancer, at her home at Lewis Run, Pa., June 29, 1896, in her 53rd year. Sister Vandergrift was at the time of her death, a member of the S. D. Adventist church of Jamestown, N. Y., at which place she had been living until two years ago last fall. She was formerly a member of the Presbyterian church; but her attention was called to the truth of the third angel's message eleven years ago, when she began the observance of the Sabbath and united with the Jamestown church from which time to her death she remained a faithful member. Her suffering was great, but it was patiently borne, and she quietly fell asleep in Jesus at last without a struggle. Her sufferings and trials are all passed, the conflict is closed, and the next sound that will greet her ears will be the Life-giver's voice waking her to the sweets and joys of immortality. Blissful thought! Her husband died eight years ago. She leaves four children, one son and three daughters, one of whom is a member of the S. D. A. church of Oil City, Pa., and one of the Jamestown church. May Heaven answer that mother's prayers for her dear children, bring them all to Jesus' saving embrace, and to greet dear mother in Heaven. Sister Vandergrift had it planned to enter some branch of the work had she recovered. And her love for the cause is evinced in that at her death she left \$300.00 in a Jamestown bank, to be passed over to the New York Conference the first of August. The funeral services were held in the S. D. Adventist church at Jamestown, conducted by the writer assisted by Elder J. B. Stow.

J. W. RAYMOND.

WRIGHT.—Died at the Old Ladies' Home in Utica, N. Y., June 30, 1896, our dear Sister Maria S. Wright, in her 66th year. She was converted when quite young, and joined the Methodist church. About ten years ago she accepted the truth as held by S. D. Adventists, and lived it out the best she could under the circumstances in which she was placed, being an invalid, and suffering for forty-six long years. She was faithful in the missionary work in mailing papers and seeking opportunities to get the truth before others. She was a strong believer in the soon coming of the blessed Lord Jesus Christ, and longed to live until that day; but she was reconciled to His will to sleep a little while until the morning of the first resurrection. The funeral was held at the Home. Elder A. P. Palmer, Methodist, conducted the services.

W. E. LEWIS.