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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 PUBLICATIONS.

It is not enough that we read our publications and see their value to us. This, as we have tried to show, is of great importance and pleasing to the Lord ; but is our duty then done on this line? Paul tells us in Rom. 14, that none liveth to himself, and the wise man says, "Cast thy bread upon the waters." If there is any bread that is bread indeed and "meat in due season" to all the inhabitants of this world it is the solemn messages which we profess to believe and to be heralding to the world. The "waters" are "peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues."

Many are doing this work faithfully, and the Lord is blessing them abundantly as a result, but what ought to be seen is every man and woman who professes to be a Seventh-day Adventist, alive to the present situation and an active missionary in some capacity. As a rule we think it safe to say that those who receive this truth through reading, have the best understanding of the truth, and are best prepared, therefore, to meet opposition and stand firm. Why? Because they have personally studied. They have read and re-read the proof for their position and are prepared to defend it, while those who have simply heard the minister, without taking time to study and prove for themselves, while at the time the matter looks plain and forcible and they firmly believe it, yet if asked for the proof the best they can do is to refer to the minister who preached in the tent or hall. Another point worthy of our consideration is this: those who receive the truth through preaching are anxious to have a minister go to this or that place where they have friends, that they may see and understand the message, while those who receive it through reading, begin to send reading matter to their friends.

Now it frequently happens that the living

minister cannot be spared to answer the calls and carry the message ; but God's providence has placed within our reach most excellent silent preachers. We may send them to our friends, bearing the truth as it is before the world to-day. These silent ministers will not argue with any, neither will they become impatient if they are slighted, abused, thrown upon the floor, or otherwise. Neither will they become discouraged though their readers are slow in accepting their teachings ; but with patience they daily and weekly say the same things, asking the readers to "search the Scriptures" as proof of the truthfulness of their statements ; thus many noble, precious souls are led into the way everlasting, and thus the corps of missionaries for God is rapidly increased. In this we do not wish to belittle the work of the living minister ; far from it, for it has "pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe," and we ministers have a work to do, and where our work can be united with the work of the printed pages, all sanctified by God's Spirit, the climax of power is reached for the progress and establishment of the individual and the cause. Therefore we firmly believe it to be a part of the duty of every minister engaged in pioneer work to have with him "up to date" printed matter, covering the truths he presents to the people, and with commendable zeal beseech the people to read, study, and meditate.

This printed matter should so far as consistent include copies of the *Signs of the Times* for distribution among the people, especially among the interested ones, and as the interest increases the *Review and Herald* ; and before the meetings close a careful canvass would result in placing one, or perhaps both, of these important periodicals permanently into several homes.

We are aware that the free distribution of periodicals referred to above is one which the

ministers connected with the tent work are not financially able to support; but all must acknowledge when they view the facts that this ought to be done in some way. Let us look for a moment at the condition of things before us. The tent season is an important part of the year for our work. It requires considerable expense to keep our tents manned in the field, hence the importance of making the most of the time possible. During tent work we believe more interested readers can be found who will read our periodicals, than our missionary societies can find through correspondence in a much longer time, and with prospects of better and greater results. Then why would it not be a wise move for our missionary societies to devote a part of their publications to use in the tents, as the calls from those in charge shall require, and thus make the tent work more efficient in bringing souls substantially into the truth? This help might also include small leaflets for free distribution to a limited extent.

For some time my mind has been exercised concerning the tent work in our State. I believe we all feel a deep interest in it. We want to see greater results than we are seeing, or have seen. Shall we not put forth every laudable effort to make it so? The above plan is suggestive, and is designed to draw responses from our ministers in charge of tents, and also from librarians of our tract societies.

We do not wish to prolong this subject to the wearying of any, though very much more might be said; and my heart is full as I contemplate the magnitude and importance of the subject; but in conclusion for the present, let me say to my dear brethren in the ministry, to missionary societies, yea, and to every Seventh-day Adventist, let us with earnestness, prayer, and love do what we can to bring the blessed light before the people that in the end, through our instrumentality, strengthened and blessed by the great lover of humanity, many precious souls may be gathered to shine with us as stars forever in the glorious kingdom of the blessed Master.

A. E. PLACE.

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LOVE.

LOVE is the principle which underlies all good. Love is the root from which springs

every benevolent thought, word, and action. Man's entire duty is embraced in love, and may be considered under two distinct divisions;—love to God, and love to man.

Let us study briefly the word love in relation to our duty to God, taking the letters of which the word is composed, and we have L—loyalty; O—obedience; V—valor; E—earnestness.

First, loyalty. The soldier is supposed to be loyal to his commander, the patriot to his country; Washington, Lincoln, and Grant are illustrations of loyalty to this country. Thus the Christian should be loyal to God, in thought, word, and deed. We should be ready to acknowledge His goodness. For an illustration of loyalty in the olden times read Heb. 11:32-40. The same principle is shown at the present, in that the prison and chain-gang cannot turn God's people from being loyal to the fourth commandment.

Second, obedience. How much value would a mother attach to the professions of love of her child, if he is unwilling to obey her just commands? The child shows his love by obedience, and so with the Christian. Hear these Scriptures: "To obey is better than sacrifice." "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." We should obey God because we are His creatures, because He provides our food, because it is for our good to obey Him, and because He loves us.

Third, valor. We may by God's grace, possess true Christian courage, even in weak vessels. People need this courage to keep the Sabbath. To the soul that trusts God, and is of good courage in Him, the Christian life will be worth living. There will be a joy and satisfaction, surpassing the fleeting pleasures of this life. Valor becomes the Christian.

Fourth, earnestness. If we truly love God, we will display earnestness in His service. Our divine Lord had a zeal for God, that we would do well to imitate. Scientists may become so earnest in their labors as to forget to eat; theirs is a plane of work far below the Christian's, therefore the Christian's zeal should

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending July 24.

| Township. | County. | Agent. | Hrs. | Days. | Ords. | Value. | Miscel. | Del. | Val. |
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| Bible Readings. | | | | | | | | | |
| Cherry Creek, | Chautauqua, | J. S. Fritts, | 39 | 5 | 8 | \$17.00 | | | |
| Hancock, | Delaware, | C. W. Inskeep, | 15 | 3 | 10 | 19.00 | \$3.75 | | |
| Grand Island, | Erie, | Fred Miller, | 15 | 3 | 15 | 39.00 | | | |
| Utica, | Oneida, | E. G. Detlefs, | | | | | | 12 | \$27.75 |
| Middleburgh, | Schoharie, | M. A. Vroman, | 9 | | 4 | 8.50 | 4.55 | | |
| Bethlehem, | Albany, | W. D. Kinney, | 35 | 4 | 40 | 103.25 | 2.85 | | |
| Berne, | Albany, | A. K. Baker, | 40 | 4 | 37 | 83.75 | | | |
| Patriarchs and Prophets. | | | | | | | | | |
| Rochester, | Monroe, | M. A. Millington, | 24 | 4 | 9 | 23.00 | 3.85 | | |
| Owego, | Tioga, | J. Deeley, | | 4 | 10 | 22.75 | .25 | 13 | 33.50 |
| Great Controversy. | | | | | | | | | |
| Olean, | Cattaraugus, | Mrs. A. Vincent, | 22 | 5 | 1 | 2.75 | 2.60 | 2 | 4.50 |
| Olean, | Cattaraugus, | Mrs. W. Haie, | 6 | 1 | | | .80 | | |
| Florida, | Montgomery, | E. S. Popoff, | 32 | 5 | 16 | 43.25 | 2.15 | | |
| Charlton, | Saratoga, | Wm. Seewald, | 50 | 7 | 7 | 17.25 | 5.55 | | |
| Fulton, | Oswego, | C. Noble, | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2.25 | 9.00 | | |
| Lakewood, | Chautauqua, | Sarah Haskins, | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3.00 | 2.25 | | |
| Prophecies of Jesus. | | | | | | | | | |
| Lockport, | Niagara, | Roy F. Cottrell, | 40 | 5 | 15 | 29.75 | 15.25 | 1 | 2.25 |
| The Stomach. | | | | | | | | | |
| Utica, | Oneida, | E. G. Detlefs, | | | | | | 2 | 3.00 |
| Miscellaneous sales, | | | | | | 52.35 | | | |
| Totals, | | | 329 | 52 | 174 | \$466.85 | \$52.35 | 30 | \$71.00 |

exceed that of the scientist. Moses was earnest before Pharaoh, and in all his leadings of the children of Israel. And now to recapitulate: if we truly love God, we will show loyalty, obedience, valor, and earnestness.

In regard to our duty to man let us L—lead; O—observe; V—value; E—entreat.

First. lead. All have an influence, let us use ours for good, seeking to lead others to the truth. In this way we may have a conscience void of offense toward God and man.

Second, observe. We may take notice how to serve or help others. "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." Let us not observe the faults, but rather the excellencies of others.

Third, value. "In lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves." Let us fear to undervalue or judge others, because, in God's sight, they may be more acceptable than ourselves.

Fourth, entreat. The loving Christian will be willing to entreat his fellowmen to seek the

Lord as their eternal good. With patient zeal he will beseech them to be reconciled to God.

Thus in our love for humanity, let us lead, observe, value, and entreat. Happy indeed that life whose deepest principle is love.

EMMA L. PARDON.

WHICH SHALL WE STUDY?

We young people at school and in our associations with other young people are of necessity brought into contact with a great many works of fiction. As in our course at school we make a study of special works, we sometimes say: "These present a highly moral standard, and are the productions of learned men, and why should we not be benefited by making a study of a large number of books of this kind?"

We build our characters upon our ideals of goodness and greatness. If we are constantly feeding our mind upon these man-made ideals of our current literature, the productions of a class of persons whose idea of goodness is a

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sort of philosophical affair, a self-respect for themselves and for their fellowmen, we find ourselves growing more and more like those ideals.

To be sure, we will have better conceptions of what constitutes worldly greatness; but will all this without the abiding presence of Jesus Christ as a personal Savior and helper, without whom we are told we can do nothing, stand the test? Are we without the acknowledged help of the Master Workman building on the Rock? And is it not just as true that as we become like the man-made ideals, that if we read, search, and study, and contemplate the words of Christ and of the prophets and apostles, who wrote as they were inspired of Him, we shall grow more and more like Him and at last reflect His image?

Let us study the Bible and we will find there the one true Ideal of goodness and greatness. Take this Ideal for the "chief corner stone" of our building, character, and let Him be our pattern in our work upon it.

KATE M. WHEELER.

CEDARVALE.

OUR meetings at this place continued until Sunday night, July 19. The attendance and interest were apparently as good through the

last week as at any time during our stay there, and we heard only expressions of regret, and there were many, at our leaving. As a result of our labors six or eight have commenced the observance of the Sabbath, and we hope others may yet follow them. We felt loth to leave them, but as we were to move only about three miles, we thought we could accomplish what was still to be done by visiting, and it seemed best to get in another meeting during the season.

The 22nd we came to South Onondaga, where we are now located. The circumstances which led us here, are as follows: On Friday, July 10, Brother Westworth and myself started for Cardiff to look up a location for the tent. The only conveyance we could secure was a young horse attached to a road cart. On the way the whiffletree broke, frightening the horse, which dashed across a deep ditch, throwing us violently to the ground. Though we were both seriously hurt, yet we were thankful to escape with our lives, and be able to get back to the tent that night. Brother Westworth was so badly hurt that he was unable to labor, and returned home the following Monday

The next Wednesday Brother Kinne visited us, and it was decided that we come to this place and labor as we are able. Our moving was delayed a couple of days by a heavy rain; but the brethren were very helpful, and now take the care of the tent almost entirely from our shoulders.

I am nearly recovered from my injuries but am not able to hold meeting every night. Have held four meetings with a fair attendance, considering the weather which was cool and damp the first two evenings. Last night the tent was well filled, and the attention excellent.

I should have said that our collections at Cedarvale amounted to \$13.67.

July 27.

S. B. WHITNEY.

APPOINTMENTS.

NOTHING in providence preventing, I will meet with the following churches at the dates specified: Randolph, Aug. 3; Olean, Aug. 4; Wellsville, Aug. 5.

As my time is so limited in these places, and as these will be my last appointments in the State, let all note their respective appointments and make a special effort to be present at the meeting. Cannot the friends from Jamestown and Steamburg attend the Randolph appointment?

H. C. GILES.