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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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POEMS.

BY MRS. H. LANGHOFF.

EACH heart and each life is a poem itself,
Though never discovered below,
The angels above read the words as we write,
And some day their beauty will know.

Some are gay and others are often quite sad,
While some are unspeakably sweet ;
But all have some beauty which will be made known
When they're laid at the dear Savior's feet.

We are writing a line each breath that we draw,
And words that no one can erase,
For they're written in blood, and often a blot
The page once so pure doth deface.

We know there is often a fault in the rhyme,
And the meter is found to be wrong ;
But wrongs will be righted and all will be fair,
When an angel voice sets them to song.

When the great, kind critic each sentence shall read,
And weighs every syllable well,
I wonder what judgment He'll pass upon mine,
Ah me ! who among us can tell ?

But I need fear no harsh criticism from Him,
If I serve Him the best that I know,
And use all my talents to help on His cause
While He lends them to me here below.

Oh friends, let us write every stanza with care,
And make them as sweet as we may,
That when the Lord reads He will give us a pass
To the realms of an eternal day.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

BY A. E. PLACE.

THURSDAY, July 8, at the urgent request of my brother O. G. Place, I left Mt. Vernon, Ohio, where I had spent a little more than two weeks very pleasantly with my father and mother, and started for Boulder, Colorado. At Chicago I was much pleased to meet and visit once more with Elder Lane and wife. We spent some time in viewing a part of the great city, and in talking about the work. They are both well and look and act as natural as ever.

He seems to feel encouraged concerning the work in Illinois. On my return I expect to call upon our well remembered brother and sister, J. V. Willson and wife, who at present have charge of the "Branch Sanitarium" on College Place.

My trip from Chicago to Boulder was one of intense interest. There are many items of interest I would be glad to mention but for lack of space. I feared the journey would be very trying to me, but in this I was happily disappointed, for seated in one of the "reclining chairs" of the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific coaches, I found it possible to sleep and rest well.

Nearly all of the surface of the State of Iowa through which we passed appeared much like our own State of New York. The principal crops are corn, wheat, and oats. I saw but few fruit trees, however, which to me seemed one thing needful to make almost a perfect picture. The scene at Council Bluffs impressed me. A broad plain stretching out to the north and south several miles in extent is bounded by rocky bluffs and foot-hills. Before us to the west we see the Missouri River, slowly winding along toward the south, laden with its burden of clay soil, which gives it an unwholesome appearance. Just as we cross the river we enter the city of Omaha. These two cities are pleasantly located and present scenes of interest to the traveler.

Some minutes before entering the city of Lincoln, Nebraska, I caught sight of Union College, surrounded by a respectable number of apparently neat and tasty dwellings. It occupies a desirable location, being on an elevation of land sufficient to give it prominence before the traveler, and an extended view to the students. I would have stopped over there gladly had my ticket allowed me to do so; but I was much pleased to have even a passing view of this important institution of learning among

Seventh-day Adventists. With a petition to God for his blessing upon Union College and all its interests, we were hurried on and soon it with the city of Lincoln, passed out of sight across the vast plain.

(To be continued.)

THE WORK OF GOD: WHAT IS IT?

“JESUS answered and said unto them, this is the work of God that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.” John 6:29. It would seem from the above words of Christ, that the work that God has to be done in the earth is that dying man might be convinced that the Son whom he (the Father) hath sent, is set for the hope, and only hope, of mankind who is doomed to death through the voluntary transgression of the law of God. And now, dear brethren and sisters, we profess to believe that Jesus is the Son of God, who is able to save to the uttermost; and we also believe and know that men and women are daily going down to eternal night. Cannot each one of us do some form of the work of God? Yes, we can, God has called us to duty, therefore he has some form of service for us, and we may easily ascertain what that service is if he is dwelling in us, for His spirit will show to us the things of God; and we may be sure that if we are in the enjoyment of sonship here and now, we shall have service here, and heirship by and by will be ours.

Brethren, have not you and I believed through influence? Yes, we have. Some one has worked the work of God, and that influence has reached us, the scales of darkness and superstition in which we were held have fallen from our mental vision, and we now rejoice in the true light. And now as we have freely received, let us freely give. Have not many of us a relative we love who is walking life's slippery pathway without true light? If so, do we not love them? Jesus does: is there not some effort we can make to reach them? I think there is; permit me to suggest one. Send 95 cents to the New York Tract Society, Rome, N. Y., and ask them to send the INDICATOR and *American Sentinel* to the address of that friend for one year, and if you and I cannot preach, those papers can, and thereby we shall work the work of God, and in the final

closing up of probation and all earthly scenes, we are promised the reward due the laborer. There are different ways of service for God's people; but there is work for all. Am I working the work of God, should be the earnest inquiry of us all.

L. KINGSLEY.

MY FRIEND.

I HAVE a friend, one whom I have been acquainted with for many years; indeed, being of nearly the same age we may be said to have grown up together. This friend was a constant visitor at my father's, and was very highly esteemed. Since leaving my father's home for one of my own, this friend has continued to visit me each week, bringing me cheering news on many different subjects, also counseling and advising me in regard to many things.

This friend being well informed in matters both domestic and foreign, is capable of telling me what has transpired both at home and abroad. Does a friend leave home to go to some foreign land, this friend is sure to remember to tell me of it, also to keep me informed of their welfare while their. Does a friend who has been absent a long time return, this friendly visitor of mine is usually the first one to bring me the good news.

One thing which, perhaps, seems at first a little peculiar about my friend, is, that being a great traveler and not having a large bank deposit from which to draw funds for traveling expenses, each one who receives a weekly visit is expected to at least once a year send to the persons having charge of my friend's business the sum of two dollars by which they will know that you wish these friendly visits continued.

If this friend has never called on you, and you wish to become acquainted, you can by remitting one dollar and fifty cents receive visits for one year; after which I think you will cheerfully pay the two dollars, even though you may have to practice a little self-denial in order to do so; and I assure you, you will be more than doubly repaid in the pleasure derived from the weekly visits of my dear old friend the *Review and Herald*.

M. A. WHEELER.

—Prepare for the camp-meeting!

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending Aug. 7.

Township.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Portland,	Chautauqua,	J. S. Fritts,	40	5	9	\$15.00			
Hancock,	Delaware,	C. W. Inskeep,	16	3	14	28.00	\$2.00		
Watertown,	Jefferson,	H. M. Johnson,		5	36	86.25	2.25		
Porter,	Niagara,	Ralph B. Clapp,	13	2	5	11.50			
Utica,	Oneida,	Norman Kling,						5	\$15.00
Great Controversy.									
Milton,	Saratoga,	Wm. Seewald,	53	7	6	14.25	4.20		
Providence,	Saratoga,	E. S. Popoff,	34	4	7	18.00	.95		
Bennes Point,	Chautauqua,	Sarah Haskins,	12	5	1	2.75	1.25		
Cherry Creek,	Chautauqua,	Mrs. Geo. Penhollow,	19	5	5	9.25			
Fulton,	Oswego,	C. Noble,					14.00		
Prophecies of Jesus.									
Lockport,	Niagara,	Roy F. Cottrell,	43	5	11	21.50	17.35		
Ladie's Guide.									
Jamestown,	Chautauqua,	W. S. Cleveland,	31	5	14	45.50	1.50		
Kennedy,	Chautauqua,	W. A. Ruble,	41	5	5	15.75	4.50		
H. I. Pettis	Chautauqua,	H. I. Pettis,	35	5	6	19.50	4.00		
Miscellaneous sales,						49.75			
Totals,		14 Canvassers,	337	56	119	\$337.00	\$49.75	5	\$15.00

HORNELLSVILLE:

WE arrived here June 4, and began to labor for the truth in a field that at first seemed far from promising. There was not a single Seventh-day Adventist in the city. The people appeared to be listless and satisfied with the paths in which they are dwelling; nevertheless we continued in faith and labored earnestly. Mrs. Wightman spoke to the people on twenty different occasions, and at last the interest became so great that the halls we secured were thronged. Three honest souls have begun to keep the Sabbath and others are in a very promising condition. Elders Stow and Raymond, with a tent company, are going to come here from Cuba and continue the labor in this field.

JOHN S. AND LULU WIGHTMAN.

PIKE.

JULY 23 I left Rochester for this place for the purpose of taking a vacation, also to better establish in the truth a family living here who, while spending last winter in Rochester, attended my readings and were convinced of the truth, and are keeping the Sabbath. As I

found some interest here I felt impressed that it would be a good opportunity to bring the truth before the people, so have been working hard, visiting from house to house leaving the message. Although I find much prejudice, and the ministers are much exercised about my coming here, and are doing all they can to prevent the people from attending the readings, there has been a good attendance, and I find people who are hungering after the truth.

There are four Sabbath-keepers in Pike: last Sabbath, August 1, Sister Crane and daughter and Sister Collin met with us. We ask an interest in your prayers.

A. F. DOWER.

THE NEW YORK CAMP-MEETING.

POLITICIANS are looking to next November as an important time for the State of New York, and we trust Seventh-day Adventists are looking full as anxiously to Sept. 3-13 as a period of special sacredness and importance to us as a people, and our work in the Empire State.

We trust all are thinking about it and praying in its interests, and that more than usual are laying plans to attend. We have secured

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a most desirable location under favorable circumstances, and easy of access. We will give a more lengthy consideration of the matter in next week's INDICATOR. Let all be on the lookout for it.

All churches who have not as yet elected their delegates, please attend to the matter as soon as consistent. So far as possible let the selection be representative members who expect to be present at the meeting. We have reason to expect a precious season this year in our Conference and camp-meeting. Let this be the earnest prayer of all.

A. E. PLACE.

FOR THE CHILDREN WHO READ THE INDICATOR.

ADAM was created on the sixth day : he was clothed with honor and glory. When he walked forth there was a dignity about him that caused what is now the fiercest animals, to respect him, and to step one side if need be for him. But how men have changed. Now we see the smallest whiffet of a dog attack him, and man is afraid. Before the flood man ruled by love, but after the flood it was said, "The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth." So we find some animals now who dread man, like the horse ;

and others that fear him, like the wild animals.

Going back to Adam's time we find that "Man was originally endowed with noble powers and a well balanced mind," but "through disobedience his powers were perverted. . . His nature became so weakened through transgression that it was impossible for him, in his own strength, to resist the powers of evil."

There have been now and then on this darkened planet of ours, righteous men, good men, like Enoch ; and who of all the children can tell something that Enoch said, and where it can be found? Now call to mind other good men. There was Abraham, a wonderful man; what was he interested in and looking forward to?

In the Bible it says, "We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days in the times of old." Ps. 44 : 1. It did the people in captivity back there good to hear about the old times. I suppose the fathers would take the children, and sit down and tell them about Adam, Enoch, Noah, Abraham and many others. A good knowledge of these things is worth a thousand times more than the knowledge of the dead languages.

J. R. CALKINS.

—Conference cash received from July 12 to August 11 : Rome, \$35.87 ; Syracuse, \$27.50 ; Jeddo, \$23.51 ; Mannsville, \$12.05 ; South Russell, \$13.00 ; Bucks Bridge, \$13.75 ; Newburgh, \$27.50 ; Ellicottville, \$106.58 ; Jamestown, \$18.50 ; Elma, \$20.00 ; Olean, \$46.20 ; Auburn, \$42.50 ; Randolph, \$75.00 ; Elmira, \$6.90 ; Buffalo, \$20.00 ; Adams Center, \$31.49 ; Black Creek, \$17.22 ; West Valley, \$3.69 ; Newfane, \$5.89 ; Dickinson Center, \$17.60 ; Albany, \$20.76 ; Wellsville, \$6.00 ; Pulaski, \$30.72 ; Lancaster, \$13.94 ; West Monroe, \$7.25 ; Collins Center, \$6.00 ; Middle Grove, \$9.23 ; Sinclairville, \$33.12 ; Roosevelt, \$4.25 ; Genoa, \$16.92 ; Keene, \$6.00 ; South Onondaga, \$5.00 ; Steamburg, \$4.34 ; Wheeler, \$28.62 ; Donations, \$5.00 ; Individuals, \$18.20.

APPOINTMENTS.

Elder Place, who has returned to the State, and will resume his official duties, will meet with the South Onondaga church Sabbath and Sunday, Aug. 15, 16.