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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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UNAWARES.

THEY said, "The Master is coming
To honor the town to-day,
And none can tell at what house or home
The Master will choose to stay."
Then I thought while my heart beat wildly,
What if he should come to mine?
How would I strive to entertain,
And honor the guest divine!

And straight I turned to toiling
To make my home more neat ;
I swept, and polished, and garnished,
And decked it with blossoms sweet.
I was troubled for fear the Master
Might come ere my task was done,
And I hastened and worked the faster,
And watched the hurrying sun.

But right in the midst of my duties,
A woman came to my door ;
She had come to tell me her sorrows,
And my comfort and aid implore.
And I said, "I cannot listen
Nor help you any to-day ;
I have greater things to attend to,"
And the pleader turned away.

But soon there come another,—
A cripple, thin, pale, and gray,—
And said, "O, let me stop and rest
Awhile in your home, I pray ;
I have traveled far since morning ;
I am hungry and faint and weak,
My heart is full of misery,
And comfort and help I seek."

And I said, "I am grieved and sorry,
But I cannot help you to-day ;
I look for a great and noble Guest."
And the cripple went away.
And the day wore onward swiftly,
And my task was nearly done,
And a prayer was ever in my heart
That the Master to me might come.

And I thought I would spring to meet Him,
And treat Him with utmost care,
When a little child stood by me,
With a face so sweet and fair.—
Sweet, but with the marks of tear-drops—
And his clothes were tattered and old ;
A finger was bruised and bleeding,
And his little bare feet were cold.

And I said, "I am sorry for you ;
You are sorely in need of care ;
But I cannot stop to give it,
You must hasten other where."
And at the words a shadow
Swept over his blue-veined brow.
"Some one will feed and clothe you, dear,
But I am too busy now."

At last the day was ended,
And my toil was over and done ;
My house was swept and garnished,
And I watched in the dusk alone :
Watched, but no footfall sounded,
No one paused at my gate ;
No one entered my cottage door,
I could only pray and wait.

I waited till night had deepened,
And the Master had not come.
"He has entered some other door," I cried,
"And gladdened some other home !"
My labor has been for nothing,
And I bowed my head and wept :
My heart was sore with longing,
Yet spite of it all I slept.

Then the Master stood before me,
And His face was grave and fair.
"Three times to-day I came to your door,
And craved your pity and care ;
Three times you sent me onward,
Unhelped and un comforted ;
And the blessing you might have had was lost,
And your chance to serve has fled."

"O, Lord, dear Lord, forgive me,
How could I know it was thee :"
My very soul was shamed and bowed
In the depths of humility.
And He said, "The *sin* is pardoned,
But the *blessing* is lost to thee,
For failing to comfort the least of mine,
Ye have failed to comfort me.

—Author Unknown.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

THE second meeting of the thirty-fifth annual session of the New York Conference held at Oswego Falls, N. Y., convened Sept. 11, 1896, at 5 P. M. President A. E. Place occupied the chair. Hymn 1257 was sung, and

the roll call showed representatives from twenty-eight churches. Prayer was then offered by Elder S. B. Whitney. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. On call of Chair Elder J. W. Raymond presented the church at Elmira, with a membership of sixteen. After some remarks by Elder Raymond the church was received by the Conference. On motion the reading of the minutes of the last session was waived.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was then called for, and given, as follows :—

Your Committee on Resolutions would respectfully submit the following :—

1. *Whereas*, It is necessary to have a family with each tent company to provide a home for the laborers and thus to contribute to the influence and efficiency of the work ; therefore,—

Resolved, That the travelling expenses of minister's wives and such other help as the Conference shall deem it advisable and necessary to ask to connect with tent work, be met by the Conference.

2. *Resolved*, That we recognize the Christian Help Work now being introduced among us as a people, as an important part of true missionary work, and we request our church elders to interest themselves in this kind of work, and that they enlist all the members of their churches to engage with them in this work.

J. W. RAYMOND,
R. C. PORTER,
D. A. BALL. } *Committee.*

Remarks of an explanatory character were made by Elder Place in speaking to Resolution 1. On the second Resolution Elder Porter gave several instances of Christian Help Work, and by potent remarks showed the efficiency of this branch of Christianity—loving as He loved. Elder Whitney also spoke briefly to support the Resolution. The report of the Committee was then adopted.

The Treasurer's report was then read and accepted.

The Committee on Nominations then presented the following names, which were accepted as reported :—

Your Committee on Nominations respectfully present the following :—

For President—A. E. Place.

Vice President—J. W. Raymond.

Secretary—W. A. Westworth.

Treasurer—W. A. Wilcox.

Executive Committee—S. M. Cobb, P. Z. Kinne, N. S. Washbond.

Auditor—P. Z. Kinne.

N. S. WASHBOND,
S. N. WALSWORTH,
C. H. COE. } *Committee.*

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses presented the following report :—

Your Committee on Credentials and Licenses would submit the following report :—

For Credentials—A. E. Place, F. Wheeler, C. O. Taylor, H. H. Wilcox, J. W. Raymond, D. A. Ball, S. M. Cobb, S. B. Whitney, F. Peabody, J. B. Stow, W. A. Westworth, Geo. M. Ellis, H. L. Bristol, P. Z. Kinne.

For Licenses—J. P. Lorenz, Geo. R. Lesch, A. R. Hyatt, W. W. Wheeler, W. A. Wilcox.

P. Z. KINNE,
N. S. WASHBOND,
J. W. RAYMOND, } *Committee.*

After a few remarks of an encouraging nature and thanks to the brethren and sisters for their support, made by Elder Place, the session adjourned *sine die*.

A. E. PLACE, *Pres.*

W. A. WESTWORTH, *Sec'y.*

Field Reports.

DE RUYTER AND FABIUS.

According to appointment Brother O. L. Stillman met Mrs. Place and me at Woodstock, Friday, Sept. 18, and took us to his pleasant and hospitable home. We had arranged for a meeting for Sabbath, and he had circulated the notice quite fully. The day was so pleasant that we looked for a pleasant morrow ; but on awakening Sabbath morning we found the rain coming copiously down and the roads quite muddy, and the outlook for a general attendance was unpromising ; but notwithstanding the fact that the rain continued all the forenoon, within a few minutes after the time set for the meeting there were over fifty present, and Brother Stillman's house was well filled indeed. Nearly all were more or less wet in coming through the storm, yet they were apparently happy.

Some came a distance of over twenty miles. Several came from Lincklaen Center, and Union Valley, and some from DeRuyter, and one family from near Woodstock. Doctor Hutchins and wife came from Fayetteville, Brother Thomas Maxwell and family from Collamer, and Sister Lucina Rowley from Fabius.

When we saw the house filling up so rapidly we were pleasantly surprised, and thankful, and felt that surely these brethren and sisters must have some love for the Lord, and appreciate the privilege of assembling together for

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending Sept. 25.

Township.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Chautauqua,	Chautauqua,	J. S. Fritts,	29	5	7	\$14.50			
Hancock,	Delaware,	C. W. Inskeep,			3	6.00		4	\$8.00
Ladies' Guide.									
South Collins,	Erie,	Mrs. Emily Smith,	22	5	3	10.75	\$2.00		
Miscellaneous sales,						2.00			
Totals,		3 Canvassers,	51	10	13	\$33.25	\$2.00	4	\$8.00

worship. The testimonies in the social meeting showed that they were glad they had come. The Lord seemed very near both in the Sabbath-school and in the meeting that followed, and at the close we went to the shore of the beautiful reservoir a few rods from the house, and administered baptism to Sisters Alice and Jennie Rowley. The rain seemed to cease at just the right time that this sacred ceremony should not be interrupted. It was a precious service, and as we stepped into the water, the thrilling words of the poet seemed to be made literal to us, "There are angels hovering 'round, to carry the tidings home." Such experiences are refreshing spiritual oases in this desert land.

The general attendance, and the good which characterized the meetings were telling testimonies to those present not of our faith, and also to the near neighbors, that the Lord is with this people, and that the spirit of sacrifice still lives. As we reviewed the matter the question arose in our minds, ought not these scenes to be more general.

Sunday, Brother Stillman and wife took us to Fabius to visit Sister Rowley and family. Brother Maxwell and family, and Sister Hutchins accompanied us. We had a pleasant day, and in the evening a very profitable Bible study. This was my first visit with this family, and it was much appreciated. Sister Rowley has been passing through severe affliction and trial; but we rejoice that she has not "cast away her confidence," which has great recompense of reward, and the Lord has been working for her and her children, and that spirit which cannot be purchased with money is seen and felt in the home.

Soon the sad scenes of this world of sin will be in the past, and to those who have manifested

the patient forgiving spirit, the Lord will give a portion in His kingdom which is infinitely beyond the choicest legacy of earth. To that glad day our hearts turn with happy hope and longing expectation.

A. E. PLACE.

Items.

We trust our S. S. secretaries will take notice that a new State Secretary was elected at the last meeting of the Association, and all reports should from this time forward be sent to Miss Ella M. Kinne, Kirkville, N. Y., instead of to Mrs. Place as heretofore.

In a letter from the secretary of the International Religious Liberty Association he states: "A letter received to-day from Ford's Store, Maryland, announces the arrest of one of our brethren whose trial will take place to-morrow evening, Sept. 24. I expect to be present at the trial, unless I can get Brother Jayne to attend."

The Sabbath-school reports for the secretaries are late this quarter, as for some unknown reason they are delayed on the road between here and California. The secretary ordered them in good time and expected to have had them ere this, but they have not arrived; but as soon as they come they will be sent to the secretaries at once. In case they do not come in time will the secretaries please make a report on any paper they may have, and send on the report and contributions and the State Secretary will fill out the regular blanks from the report you send and they will be filed as usual.

Brethren Cobb and Westworth report that their tent is up at Union, near Binghamton,

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and meetings began last Thursday night. Another tent is pitched at Cortland, near Brother E. S. Lane's house, with Brethren Whitney and Hyatt at its head. Brother Lane kindly agreed to furnish stove and wood for the large tent, and help the laborers who should be sent, all he could, and we already have received a good report. Meetings are doubtless now in progress there. We also expect the tent will be re-pitched at Hornellsville in another part of the city in a few days, perhaps before this paper reaches its readers. A good work was done at Hornellsville during the summer, which we hope will result in the organization of a church there in the near future; but it was thought best to continue the work for a time in another part of the city, and at the same time strengthen those who have already taken a stand for the truth.

A. E. PLACE.

SPECIAL MEETING FOR WARREN COUNTY.

A special request has been made for some meetings to be held at North Creek, Warren County, and we have decided to make the appointment for Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday, October 9-11. Probably, at least two meetings will be held each day, and we expect the opportunity will be one of profit to all. We have not been permitted to meet with the brethren

and sisters in that part of the State for some time, and I look forward to this meeting with interest. The Lord has given me health once more, and I trust it is that I may yet, in His hands, be a blessing to His people.

Those in that part of the State did not have the benefits and blessings of the camp-meeting, and we trust that none who are able to come will fail to attend the meetings at North Creek from first to last. The brethren and sisters there will do what they can to make the stay pleasant for those who come from a distance; but it might be well for those who can to bring some bedding and provisions. This, however, is simply my own suggestion, as the brethren at the Creek have said nothing about it.

Who will begin at once to make plans to attend these meetings?

A. E. PLACE.

APPOINTMENTS.

No providence preventing I will meet with the brethren and sisters at Tonawanda, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, for the purpose of administering baptism and organizing a church at that place.

Elder J. W. Raymond will meet with the church at Olean, Sabbath and Sunday, Oct. 3, 4; and at Wellsville, Sabbath and Sunday, Oct. 10, 11. Opportunity will be given for baptism at each place.

No providence preventing Elder D. A. Ball will attend quarterly meeting with the church at Fulton, Oct. 3, 4; and at Roosevelt, Oct. 10, 11.

A. E. PLACE.

The Lord willing I will meet with the church at Elma, for quarterly meeting, Sabbath, Oct. 3. We hope to see the sisters from Lancaster, and a good attendance in general.

GEO. R. LESCH.

No providence preventing I will meet with the Middletown church Sabbath and Sunday, Oct. 3, 4; also with the Monticello church Sabbath and Sunday, Oct. 10, 11.

W. W. WHEELER.

Elder F. Peabody will attend the quarterly meeting at Ellicottville, N. Y., Oct. 10, 11. A general attendance is desired.

H. V. R. MCKAY.