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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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ROCHESTER, TONAWANDA, AND BUFFALO.

At the close of our committee meeting at Rome, I went to fill my appointment with the company at Rochester. I was pleasantly surprised to find eleven candidates awaiting baptism. Arrangements had been made with the officers of the Church of Christ to use the church for service and the font for baptism. The attendance was good, and after the sermon I was permitted to administer baptism to four sisters and seven brethren. One of these is a Jew by birth, now he rejoices in being a Jew inwardly. (Rom. 2.) Some came from the ranks of infidelity and atheism and stand as monuments of the grace and power of God and his truth.

This addition makes the Rochester company nineteen, and they are desirous of having a church organized as soon as consistent. We trust this may be done in the near future. Those who have accepted the truth seem tender and earnest, and are doing missionary work among their friends. Some have lost worldly positions, but have gained admission to the "household of God." We trust they may remain firm, even though the sacrifice seem great.

Sister Dower and Sister Millington are still at work here. Sister Millington has held some Bible readings by request, with apparently good results.

TONAWANDA.

The meetings at this place began Friday night with a good spirit and interest. The brethren have secured a very pleasant hall on Niagara St., for their meetings, which is much better than depending upon private houses. One of the brethren rents the upper story and so they control the entire building. I was much pleased with the situation, and believe it to be a wise move.

Our meetings were characterized by much of the spirit of the Lord, and my stay with this company was a pleasant and profitable one.

Sabbath afternoon we administered baptism to two brethren, and Sunday forenoon we organized the First S. D. A. Church of Tonawanda, N. Y. Twelve adults entered the organization, with officers as follows,— Elder, Fred Miller; deacon, John Briggs; Treasurer, G. G. Miller; clerk, Brother Leawan: all of Tonawanda. A few of the Buffalo church were present at all these meetings; but not as many as we had expected to see.

BUFFALO.

Sunday night the Tonawanda church united with the Buffalo church in worship. Brother Gleason's parlors were well filled. I spoke at the opening, and then the ordinances were administered. It was a precious sight to see the spirit of unity and love manifested at the ordinance of humility. Several took part for the first time. As we look for Christ in our brethren, we find the blessedness of the words of Christ, "Ye have done it unto me."

I had expected to spend most of the day visiting in Buffalo, and get to Darien Center at night, but was called away by telegram to East Wilson to visit Sister Halifax, who was not expected to live. Brethren C. W. Lindsay and M. Bowen of the Newane church were with me as we joined in prayer according to God's Word. The Lord came near with his blessing, and while the work was not all the husband and family had hoped, yet we were glad to note evident signs of recovery. We visited her Tuesday night and found her still improving.

Monday and Tuesday nights I spent at Brother C. W. Lindsay's home, and found the visit and rest very pleasant and helpful to me. Wednesday he took me to Lockport. There I took the train for Brockport, and had the privilege of a short but pleasant visit with Sister Prentiss. Was sorry not to see Brother Prentiss. They are, so far as the truth is concerned, alone, but still of good courage. I was pleased also to hear a good word from Brother Craig of North Parma.

As I visit from time to time, those isolated ones, my heart goes out in prayer for God's rich blessings upon them that they might cast a clear and steady light upon those around them, and lead some souls to Truth.

Wednesday night I arrived at Rochester, and spoke in Sister E. R. Edmond's parlors, at 21 James St. The rooms were well filled, and the Lord blessed in presenting his word. At the close it was decided to meet early Thursday evening for the purpose of organizing a company. During my stay in Rochester I was made welcome to the hospitality of Squire Pottle's home at Lake View Park. There I had a good opportunity to visit with Sisters Sarah Andrews and her niece Anna Pulsifer. Many of our INDICATOR readers doubtless know that Sister Andrews is the mother of the late J. N. Andrews, whose memory is so dear to this people. She is in her ninety-fourth year, but is still bright and active. The "blessed hope" she still cherishes. Several times while there she spoke to me of her love for the Bible, and our church paper, the *Review and Herald*. Sister Pulsifer is devoted to her uncle and aunt, and though the home duties often keep her from meeting with our people there, she has love for the truth and a desire to see it progress.

Thursday afternoon I enjoyed a visit at the home of William Booth, the brother of our much loved Sister Lenora M. Booth, of Brooklyn. Thursday night we had another good meeting at Sister Edmond's house. At the close of the public service fifteen names were affixed to the company covenant, and a leader, secretary, and treasurer were elected to act three months. Three or more are expected to sign the covenant at the next meeting. This will as we have before said, make the number of Sabbath-keepers in Rochester nineteen.

When we consider that our publishing work was at one time located here, and connected with it were Elder James White, Sister White, J. N. Loughborough, and others, this place becomes of interest to lovers of present truth. For many years the beacon light here has burned low; but it is with feelings of joy which we cannot well express on paper, that we see the present advance steps being taken in Rochester, and I trust our brethren and sisters all through the State will in their prayers remember the work here, and especially the young

men who have sacrificed their positions to accept and obey God's Word.

A. E. PLACE.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

(Continued.)

In our last issue mention was made of the plan to send the *American Sentinel* to members of our State legislature, and in this article I wish to present a few extracts from letters from Elder Ballenger, secretary of the Religious Liberty Association, as promised last week.

In his letter written Oct. 9, he states concerning the work in general with the *Sentinel*, as follows:—

"We are now sending between five and six thousand copies of the *American Sentinel* into Rutherford County Tenn., where Brother Philpott is under arrest for working on Sunday. . . The issue of Oct. 8, prepared especially for the South, is being sent to ten thousand prominent people of that section.

"We are preparing a pamphlet of sixty-four pages, which shall contain the decisions of the courts against Sunday laws, including the one just delivered by the appellate court of Illinois, which will be sent to three thousand judges in the United States.

"We are also preparing a thirty-two page tract, which shall be an appeal to Baptists along the line of religious liberty. This we expect to send to every Baptist minister, North and South in the United States.

"We will send the *Sentinel* to members of congress as usual. The Lord has favored us in the matter of getting the *Sentinel* before congressmen. While the *Christian Statesman* is barred from the congressional post-office by request of the members, the *American Sentinel* is admitted, and is laid upon the table of the members regularly. Brother Moon says that he saw a prominent congressman receive his mail while congress was engaged in some important business, and though the congressman had a number of letters in his mail, besides numerous papers, he opened the *American Sentinel* and read it practically through before opening any of his other mail. This, he says, is not an isolated case; but that the paper is received and read with respect.

The Canvassing Work.**Report for the Week Ending Nov. 20.**

Township.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Sherman,	Chautauqua,	J. S. Fritts,	28	4	2	\$3.00			
Walkil,	Orange,	Wm. Seewald,	11	2	2	4.00	\$1.80		
Silver Springs,	Wyoming,	M. A. Vroman,		3		16.61			
Syracuse,	Onondaga,	O. E. Tuttle,		5			10.35		
Newburgh,	Orange,	H. VanDuzer,				10.85			
Miscellaneous sales,						39.11			
Totals,			39	14	4	\$46.11	\$39.11		
5 Canvassers,									

" Besides sending the paper to congressmen, the Association will undertake to send it to members of the state and territorial legislatures, wherein we have no organized conferences. It is the desire of the Association to have the *Sentinel* go to the members of every legislature, both state and national, which will be in session during the winter. By this means the *Sentinel* would have an audience of ten thousand legislators to talk to every week. With this in view the editors are planning to have special matter which shall interest this class of readers, appear in the *Sentinel* during this time.

" Much of the work will be done in your conference free; but we write earnestly requesting that your conference co-operate with us in this matter by sending the *Sentinel* to the members of your legislature. The Association by working up this plan for all the states, will be able to get the *Sentinel* for you at cost. If each state will make an effort in this direction, we believe that the plan can be realized."

In a letter dated Nov. 3, he further states:—

" We are prepared to write you more definitely to-day regarding the matter of sending the *Sentinels* to your legislators. The New York legislature will be in session Jan. 1, and it contains about two hundred members. The *Sentinel* brethren have given us the following low figures on *Sentinels* sent to legislators. If sent in single wraps for three months, the paper will cost fifteen cents. It will cost you thirty dollars to send the *Sentinel* to each individual. For thirty dollars you can therefore, have a weekly preacher at the state capital preaching the gospel of liberty to your two hundred statesmen. This is good preaching at little expense.

" Of the thirty-nine states and territories

which will have legislatures in session this winter. Provision has already been made for sending the *Sentinel* to twenty-seven of them."

He also encloses a slip containing a portion of a letter from one of our ministers in the New England Conference, showing the influence of the *Sentinel* on the Massachusetts legislature, which we append:

" There were several measures introduced in the Massachusetts legislature last winter, which tended to reverse the wheels of progress. At these several hearings before the committee having these bills in charge, it was a very agreeable surprise to see the *American Sentinel* prominent among other documents on the desks in front of nearly every member of some of the committees, and they had the appearance of being read. More than this: frequently one or more members would be seen reaching for the *Sentinel* and perusing it while individuals were speaking against religious liberty. And when these latter were being questioned on the subject under consideration it was clear to discern that much contained in the *Sentinel* had been imbibed by the interrogator and tended to influence the committeemen in behalf of right and justice."

A. E. PLACE.

APPOINTMENTS.

No providence preventing I will meet with the church at Cortland, Friday and Sabbath, Nov. 27, 28, and with the company at Lincklaen, Sunday, Nov. 29. We trust there will be a general gathering of all the brethren in these localities for these important meetings. We would be glad to see all the DeRuyter com-

pany that can come to the Lincklaen Center appointment.

S. M. COBB.

God willing I will be with the company at Norwich. Friday and Sabbath, Nov. 27, 28, and we trust there will be a general effort on the part of all to attend. Brethren, let this season mean something for great good in our Christian life. If possible we will make further appointment for Sunday by letter.

W. A. WESTWORTH.

WEST PIERPONT AND NORFOLK.

AFTER Elder Place left Pierpont we continued the effort begun, holding meetings Friday evening, two on Sabbath, and two on Sunday; they were well attended, especially the evening services. We endeavored to present before them the goodness of God in all his dealings with us, and a hearty response seemed to come from all. Our meeting on the Sabbath was a season of refreshing, the testimonies being of trust and confidence in God. The meeting Sunday forenoon was spent in presenting before the church the present needs of the cause, and those present seemed to be encouraged to faithfulness in the work that lies before us.

Monday we went to Potsdam where we remained until Thursday, visiting the friends there and looking after our things which were left there at the time of my sickness.

Last Sabbath and Sunday we spent with the Norfolk church. On our arrival we found an appointment for a prayer meeting Thursday evening. Friday evening we spoke in the school-house at East Norfolk to a good congregation. Our meeting Sabbath day was held at the home of our beloved Elder Taylor, and the presence of the Lord was manifest. Again in the evening we spoke at the school-house to a small audience, as the evening was very unfavorable; but the few who did venture out paid good attention.

Sunday the day was given up to seeking the Lord, who came near to bless His people, and while we united our voices in petition to the throne of grace, the manifest power of God seemed to be felt and we believe to heal one of His afflicted ones. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather a good congregation came together to listen again to the straight testimony

of the Word for this time. O! that the people of this place might see the importance of turning to God before it is too late; but the things of this world seem to hold them. We were glad to meet Brother Holcomb of Pierpont and Brother and Sister Lawrence, of West Bangor at these meetings. We believe that our meetings here have been a great success so far as our brethren are concerned, and we believe that the good work begun will be carried on until the sprinkle of the latter rain that we have felt will increase into showers of blessing which will prepare us all for the final harvest. Owing to poor health we shall remain here a few days before entering a new field. Pray for us.

H. L. BRISTOL.

Items.

Brother Alvin Castor's sons from Greenboro were in Rome this week Monday, to counsel with Doctor Place.

Donations have begun to come in toward the expense of *Sentinels* to members of our State Legislatures. Let the good work go on. See extracts from Elder Ballenger's letters about this in another column.

Dr. and Mrs. O. G. Place arrived at Elder Place's, in Rome, Sunday night, and will spend about a week here before taking ship for India. On account of this Elder Place will be with the Rome church for their meetings during the week of prayer.

Twenty-five cents will bring the *INDICATOR* to your fireside each week from Dec. 1, 1896 to Dec. 31, 1897. Let our brethren get new subscribers. Our offer of the *INDICATOR* with the *Review and Herald* to new subscribers, one year for \$1.50 still holds good. This is a good chance.

Brother and Sister W. A. Wilcox give a good report concerning the Atlantic Conference meeting lately held at Jersey City, which they attended. If any of our brethren or sisters were discommoded about orders not being filled promptly we trust they will pardon the delay, as this is the first vacation they have taken of more than a day or two in nearly a year. We tried to meet all demands as best we could and we believe the change and meetings there have done them good.