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A LETTER FROM BULGARIA.

[We give here a letter that was recently received from Brother E. S. Popoff, formerly one of our canvassers, who has gone to labor in his distant home across the Atlantic.]

I HAVE finally the pleasure of writing to you from my home—the destination of my long journey. I left Hamburg for Kotel on the 12th of Sept. after having enjoyed a most beneficial and pleasant meeting at Hamburg, in company with Brethren Oblander, Kline, Waggner, and others. Nearing the Roumanian border, I separated from them.

At Bukharest, the capital of Roumania, I spent one day, where I found Brother Aslan, who kept the Sabbath sometime ago. He is a good man; and having fallen at present into such circumstances that he is deprived of keeping the Sabbath, makes him feel very bad. Presenting the Sabbath truth in Roumania, a person has to suffer a great deal. It is by far the hardest field to work in. Although the laws grant greater latitude of liberty to their inhabitants than those in Bulgaria, yet in the latter country

Protestantism is more accessible than in this country. It is evident that the inhabitants are in greater ignorance.

From Bukharest I started for Roosthook, but knew not that there they have kept eight days quarantine until the day I went to the Bulgarian Consul to show my passport and there they informed me. This was of course at Bukharest, but Bukharest is not very far from Roosthook. At the quarantine barracks I arrived on the 20th of Sept. and remained until the 28th. Such an experience I had never had. The weather while we were there was very pleasant and clear. Many things there were, however, that I did not like. All my things were put through a disinfecting machine, except those things that were apt to spoil. After I was left free, I remained at Roosthook one day, whence I departed for Kotel. On the 30th of this same month I reached Kotel.

Everything here appeared to me very odd and ugly; but the saddest thing that met my eyes was the condition in which I found my aged father. He is sick and completely helpless. While I have been here but a few days, my sister seems to get interested already in our truth. I have had several talks with her upon the Sabbath, for living in the same house I could not keep it secret, and it is not to be kept so either. She is convinced of the truth, but it is hard for her to decide: for I assure you it is not an easy matter for any one to do so, considering the situation. They are so ignorant in regard to religious things that it is hard—yes, very hard—to make them understand the plainest facts.

Many things in Bulgaria are in a lamentable condition. The school-houses are, most of them, old and tumble-down, and the salaries of the teachers are, part of them at least, not paid. In small villages there are more functionaries

than the villagers themselves. I do not know where the government gets money enough to pay expenses. I really think that if this great host of demagogues were in America, they would bankrupt the country. It is terrible. But what can I say about the drunkenness? Well, it is carried on in an alarming scale. The priest's are just as drunken as the laymen, and just as ignorant.

Since I have been here we have had excellent weather, clear sky, and warm days. But to-day it changed, and it changed for the bad. It rains and snows both, and is quite cold too. You must wonder about snowing this time of year, because here where we are is nearly two miles high above the water level. We are confined in the middle of a branch of the Balkan Mountains. It is a very healthful climate, but the inhabitants are most all sickly from ague or some other disease, on account of intemperance.

This winter I will work at photography, and hope to have a good business. There is no photographer here, and it is quite a large place. Of course this is simply a side work to my mission. My countrymen endeavored to enlist me as a soldier, but after I showed them Uncle Sam's documents for my naturalization, they left me alone. This coming Sunday at 10:00 A. M. I have appointed to give a lecture. The subject is "The United States of America as they are." I send my best regards to all those who are engaged in circulating the knowledge of the Lord's truth.

Field Reports.

GOOD NEWS FOR ROME.

At last the debt on the Rome church is paid, and the mortgage released. This debt has been a sort of a barnacle on the Rome society for seventeen years. It has taken quite an effort, and now it is paid. It seems to me that the sooner church debts, as well as private debts, are paid the better for all concerned; but the best way is to keep out of debt, and pay as you go or as one brother says "Don't go." Another good point is, always do business in a business way. Take receipts for moneys paid.

J. R. CALKINS.

— Eld. D. A. Ball closed meetings at East Leon Jan. 17. One good soul took his stand for the truth, and others are interested.

SYRACUSE.

AFTER leaving Roosevelt I visited the friends at Oswego, and South West Oswego. It had been some time since I was there last, and in some respects the visit was timely and of mutual benefit. I also spent one day with the friends at Fulton; and then came to Syracuse, where we began meetings Friday night. We have held five meetings up to present writing (Sunday night). Have spoke three times and read the regular readings for Sabbath and Sunday. We have had a fair attendance. I feel encouraged by the spirit that seems to be manifested, which shows that the Lord is opening the eyes of his people to see more of the importance of the hour.

I sold here four "Steps to Christ" and some two or three pamphlets. I hope to be able to put a copy of this precious book in the hands of many before the year 1894 shall close.

I expect to meet with the church at Fulton Monday afternoon.

A. E. PLACE.

MIDDLETOWN.

AFTER presenting the binding claims of the Law of God, the pastor and some of the leading members began to oppose our work; but we were not shut out of our place of meeting at once, as many favored us, but last week we were officially excluded from using their pulpit. Some have already taken a decided stand for truth, and many are interested. There are at least six homes open for meetings, where we have begun holding services; but the interest demands another public effort which we expect to begin soon after Jan. 1. We have met bitter prejudice, but God has blessed. Our book and tract work has been fair. We expect to organize a Sabbath-school soon, and we look for more of the working of Providence. We are now at Newburgh and have held four services. Brethren Frazee and Sands, canvassers, were here, also some from other parts, Matteawan and Cold Springs being represented. We expect to go to Cold Springs to-morrow, Dec. 25, and return to Middletown in a day or two.

H. G. THURSTON.

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The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending Dec. 22.

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RESOLUTIONS RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF SISTER GREEN.

[Below are resolutions which were adopted by the Syracuse Sabbath-school; we publish them by request.]

The committee on resolutions respectfully submit the following.

Whereas, In his divine providence God has seen fit to permit the merciless hand of death to take from us our beloved sister Carrie Green; and,

Whereas, By her death we have lost a faithful secretary, a loving sister, an earnest worker, and a devoted Christian; therefore,—

Resolved, That while we deeply mourn her loss, we acknowledge the wisdom of him who "doeth all things well," and bow in humble obedience to his righteous will, and seek for a deeper consecration to God that we may carry on the work she has been called to leave; and further,

Resolved, That we are by her death admonished of the importance of making thorough preparation here that we may meet her with the righteous dead at the first resurrection.

Resolved, That these resolutions be placed in the records of this school, and a copy be sent to the INDICATOR for publication.

—Conference cash received Dec. 17-25: Rome, \$22.50; Syracuse, \$7.30; scattered brethren, \$9.50.

ADAMS CENTER.

I COMMENCED meetings at this place Sabbath evening, Dec. 22. At the first meeting there was a large attendance of our people. There were ten from Watertown, three from Adams, and two from Greenborough; these and those from Adams Center made up a good sized congregation of our people. On the Sabbath more were present. We had a good Sabbath-school. It was well conducted and very interesting. The sermon was appreciated, and the social meeting was good. Although it rained hard on Sunday as well as on the Sabbath, yet the people came. Some drove miles to be present; some who came with sleighs had to return as the snow was melting very fast. Several dollars have already been paid in on Christmas offerings. On Monday the meeting in the forenoon was well attended. In the afternoon we celebrated the ordinances. It was a precious season. One united with the church.

S. H. LANE.

— "Scriptural Relation of Religion and the State," No. 17 of the Religious Liberty Library, has just come to our table. This is a valuable and interesting pamphlet of 78 pages. Price, 10 cents.

APPOINTMENT.

I WILL hold quarterly meeting at Ellicottville Jan. 6 and 7. Let all the members of the church attend. D. A. BALL.

HOLLAND AND PROTECTION.

AFTER the close of Elder Place's meetings at Colden, I spent a few days in visiting in that vicinity and in in preparations to leave home. A week ago last Tuesday I went to East Holland and obtained the consent of two trustees of the Christian church there for its use in holding meetings, but the following day we were informed that we could not have it. After this I came to Protection, which is about two miles from East Holland and four from Holland. Here I found a hall that I could use, but it was not furnished; I had the use of a stove and lamps offered me free of charge, and was informed that the hall rent would be reasonable; so I concluded to make some seats that would answer, feeling that there would be an interest here that would warrant doing so. We began meetings here Friday night with an attendance of eighteen although the rain came in torrents, and the snow was a complete slush. This we considered favorable and although Saturday night was very stormy, the number was increased to twenty-five; Sunday evening there were thirty-five present, and our collection was \$1.75. We have received \$1.00 in donations from the sisters at Holland, where we have held three meetings, and our book sales here have already been \$1.00. Some at East Holland seemed interested and said they would attend. We are of good courage and are determined to go on in His strength and trusting Him for the increase. Brother J. P. Lorenz has been with me over Sabbath and Sunday, and has assisted in the meetings, which we have appreciated much.

H. L. BRISTOL.

THE AMERICAN SENTINEL.

EARLY in January the *American Sentinel* will commence to publish, from the pen of Elder A. T. Jones, some very important articles on the Catholic question. The *Sentinel* is always a very valuable paper, but in view of these articles it is highly important that we should bend our forces as energetically as possible, to push the circulation of this paper among the outside people.

We would suggest that the brethren and sisters in their several localities interest themselves in the matter of canvassing their neighbors and friends for the *American Sentinel*. A commission of 25 cents on each yearly subscription will be allowed to those who take up this work.

Obituary Notice.

DIED Dec. 11, 1893, of typhoid pneumonia, Frank Clark, aged 42 years, 4 months, and 20 days. Mr. Clark was the husband of Sister Clark whose funeral was reported in the INDICATOR last week; he had been intending to live out the truth with his wife. Just before he died, he gave himself to the Lord. He leaves three little children and a large circle of friends to mourn. His funeral was held in the M. E. church, conducted by the writer. A large congregation was present. Text John 14:6.

J. B. SROW.

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