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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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THE VALUE OF BIBLE STUDY.

You who are waiting in idle expectation that God will perform some wonderful miracle to enlighten the world in regard to truth, I want to ask you if you have employed the means that God has provided for the advancement of his cause? You who pray for light and truth from heaven, have you studied the Scriptures? Have you desired "the sincere milk of the Word," that ye may grow thereby? Have you submitted yourselves to the revealed command? "Thou shalt," and "thou shalt not," are definite requirements, and there is no place for idleness in the Christian life. You who mourn your spiritual dearth, do you seek to know and to do the will of God? Are you striving to enter in at the straight gate? There is work, earnest work, to be done for the Master. The evils condemned in God's Word, must be overcome. You must individually battle against the world, the flesh, and the devil. The Word of God is called "the sword of the Spirit," and you should become skill-

ful in its use, if you would cut your way through the hosts of opposition and darkness.

Wrench yourself away from hurtful associations. Count the cost of following Jesus, and make it, with a determined purpose to cleanse yourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit. Eternal life is worth all, and Jesus has said, "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." He who does nothing, but waits to be compelled by some supernatural agency, will wait on in lethargy and darkness. God has given his word. God speaks in unmistakable language to your soul. Is not the word of his mouth sufficient to show you your duty, and to urge its fulfillment?

Those who humbly and prayerfully search the Scriptures, to know and to do God's will, will not be in doubt of their obligations to God. For, "if any man shall do his will, he shall know of the doctrine." If you would know the mystery of godliness, you must follow the plain word of truth,—feeling or no feeling, emotion or no emotion. Obedience must be rendered from a sense of principle, and the right must be pursued under all circumstances. This is the character that is elected of God unto salvation. The test of a genuine Christian is given in the Word of God. Says Jesus, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. . . . If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings, and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me."

You are elected to wear the yoke of Christ,

—to bear his burden, to lift his cross. You are to be diligent “to make your calling and election sure.” Search the Scriptures, and you will see that not a son or a daughter of Adam is elected to be saved in disobedience to God’s law. The world makes void the law of God; but Christians are chosen to sanctification through obedience to the truth. They are elected to bear the cross, if they would wear the crown.—*Mrs. E. G. White, in Christian Education.*

Field Reports.

LINCKLAEN CENTER.

DURING the past week Elder Place and I have held meetings at the above named place. The services have been well attended, and those that have come are deeply interested. The interest is such that we have decided that it is best to continue at least a week longer. Of late we have preached a sermon each night, and then have given the congregation a chance to ask any question they desired on the subject under consideration. The questions and answers that have been asked and answered have added much interest to the subjects. At the close of some of the sermons we have held social meetings, which have been good.

Last Sabbath there were some fifty Sabbath-keepers present from the town and surrounding country. It seemed good to meet with so many that love the truth. The social meeting was a scene in which the Lord blessed. Sunday night the attendance was wonderful.

S. H. LANE.

ELLCOTTVILLE AND OTHER CHURCHES.

It has been sometime since I have written anything for the readers of the INDICATOR, which pays us its weekly visits and whose contents is devoured with a keen relish. The Week of Prayer was spent at Wellsville, Black Creek, and Olean. I obtained a goodly number of subscribers for our periodicals, and the INDICATOR took the lead.

The following week I attended quarterly meeting at Ellicottville. The tithes were over

\$100.00, and the annual offerings were quite liberal. The next week I visited some of the scattered Sabbath-keepers at Mansfield, and sold quite a number of books; and the next Sunday morning I spoke by request in the Methodist Church at Ellicottville and in our own church in the evening. The next Tuesday I went to Cattaraugus, and in company with Brother Prince we attended a revival meeting that was being conducted in the Methodist church. I spoke to a large and attentive audience.

Early the next morning I took the train for Collins to visit a sister and the Sabbath-keepers, and remained over Sabbath, speaking three times. They are passing through some sore trials and afflictions there which I hope will be borne with Christian fortitude. I returned home yesterday and spoke last night in our church. I expect to visit some interested parties in Humphrey this week

D. A. BALL.

LEWIS COUNTY.

SABBATH and Sunday, Jan. 13, 14, I spent with the brethren and sisters at Crofoot Hill, near Brother N. I. Hathaway’s. Here I had the privilege of meeting Sister Louie Wilcox, wife of Elder F. M. Wilcox, with whom I labored in a tent one season. Her health, in appearance at least, was much better than I expected to find it. There being no favorable opportunity for continuing meetings, I spent two days visiting among the brethren and their neighbors. Judging from what I could learn, I concluded that prejudice is not so strong in the neighborhood as it has been, and the time may come when others there will obey the truth. Wednesday Sister Hathaway took me over to Turin, where I had a pleasant interview with Sister Litchfield and her husband.

Thursday afternoon Sister Prosper met me at the depot in Glendale, with no very glowing prospect for meetings in the neighborhood where she lives (Otter Creek); but the Lord overruled so that we had the privilege of speaking three times, and visiting some while there.

The trustee objected to our occupying the school-house evenings, but said we could use it in the day when there was no school; the Methodists, however, had arranged to hold

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending Jan. 19.

Place.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Orders.	Value.	Miscel.	Delivered.	Value.
Bible Readings.								
Alden,	O. E. Tuttle	21	3	4	\$10.00	\$5.00		
West Winfield,	Fred McAlister	26	5	16	41.50			
Keene,	George Pratt					\$6.00	3	\$6.00
"	Chas. N. Pratt					6.00		
Litchfield,	Wm. Seewald	39	5	3	7.00			
Allegany,	N. W. Irish,	19	3	5	14.00		4	8.00
Portage,	David Evans	15	3	6	15.50			
Hemlock Lake,	Perry Tufts		4	12	26.50	2.60		
Bible Readings German.								
Elma,	George Lesch	9		5	13.50			
Patriarchs and Prophets.								
Binghampton,	J. Deeley		3	4	8.50	2.50		
Great Controversy.								
Martinsburgh,	M. S. Jones	13	2	3	8.75	1.25		
Montgomery,	George Sands						56	143.75
Miscellaneous sales,					23.35			
Totals, 12 Canvassers		142	28	58	\$168.60	\$23.35	63	\$157.75

their quarterly meeting there Sabbath at 2 p. m. and Sunday forenoon; then there was a regular appointment for Sunday-school at 1 p. m. and preaching at 2 : 00. We made an appointment for one o'clock Sabbath.

Quite a goodly number came in; and before the discourse was concluded, the minister in charge and another from Utica, who was assisting in a revival effort near by, came in; they appeared interested in my remarks, and at the conclusion requested me to continue the service taking charge of the class meeting, which I consented to do.

P. Z. KINNE.

THE CANVASSING WORK.

THE prospects for our canvassing work the coming year are growing brighter all the time. The mills are starting up, and business generally is getting better. Now is the time to sell books in New York State.

Further than that, we should not look to see how the times are going to be, nor how good the field is; but realizing the importance of the work and the little time in which to do it, press forward. When we see so many people spending their short probation in chasing after some *Ignis fatuus*, it should inspire us to seek the heavenly treasure.

I find that we have in our Conference 53 counties. These are divided into about 920 townships. 485 of these towns, or more than one half, have not had any of our books sold in them except in some of the towns where there is a city or a large village. It is safe to say that one half of the towns in our Conference have not yet been canvassed for any of our books, and the country part of 485 townships has not been canvassed. Nearly all the cities and large villages have been canvassed some. Some of these have been canvassed several times, and for several books, as Syracuse, Buffalo, Gloversville, Oneida, Amsterdam, Utica; and several others have been partially, not thoroughly, canvassed several times.

Only about two counties are entirely finished; so we have territory not canvassed, all through from Albany to Buffalo. Lenker, Riggs, and Baker canvassed territory that had previously been worked by W. H. Wild and others, and did about as well as in other parts not before canvassed, and this in the country. The canvassing work has been going forward in New York now for five or six years, and not half of the territory has been canvassed once yet.

J. R. CALKINS.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE.

WHILE calling upon the trustee of a popular church to secure his consent to use the church, I found that our lives and business relations tell mightily for the truth. Said he, "Yes, come and stir us up; for as far as I know, I wish that every one in the place was a Seventh-day Adventist." Therefore, brethren, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

W. A. WESTWORTH.

"LET YOUR MODERATION BE KNOWN
UNTO ALL MEN."

ONE evening in a Young Men's Christian Association's rooms, several young men were talking about the best methods of temperance work. "I believe," said one, "we ought to go right into the saloons and tell the saloon keepers what we think of them, and give them 'Hail Columbia.'"

"What would you gain by that?" said a cool-headed young man, "What is the use of antagonizing a man when there is nothing to be gained by it?"—"Oh," said the first, "I would show him what I thought of him."—"Well, do you know what they would probably do with you? Do you think a man would submit to have you come into his place of business and abuse him before his customers?"

I thought of the above text, and of this one, "Add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge self control (temperance)." It will do us no good to get excited and tear around; God lives.

J. R. CALKINS.

DEAR INDICATOR: We are always so glad to see you and to receive your weekly visits that we have thought perhaps some of your readers might be just as pleased to hear from some of the older ones, who are as anxious still to do something for the Master as ever, and more so as we see and feel the importance of the time in which we are living.

We are thankful that we are permitted to see this time and hope to find our place and fill it. We the little company at Olean now number thirty-five, and have enjoyed our quarterly meeting in connection with the Week of Prayer, having the help of Brother Ball.

The most were faithful in paying their tithes and the money for annual offerings amounted to \$16.81. We feel of good courage to still press forward, knowing that the triumph is but just a little way in the future.

HARRIET L. SATTERLEE.

Olean, N. Y.

—Conference cash received Jan. 14-20: Buffalo, \$40.00; Newburgh, \$12.45; Catlin, \$16.00; Wheeler, \$44.72; Gouverneur, \$1.91; Mannsville, \$35.15; Batavia, \$2.00; Rome, \$32.79; Auburn, \$16.25; West Valley, \$13.00; Buck's Bridge, \$20.88; Ellicottville, \$8.75; camp-meeting, \$33.00; interest, \$1.00; Keene, \$5.50; Norfolk, \$3.00; Genoa, \$35.35; scattered brethren, \$14.05; donations, \$5.00.

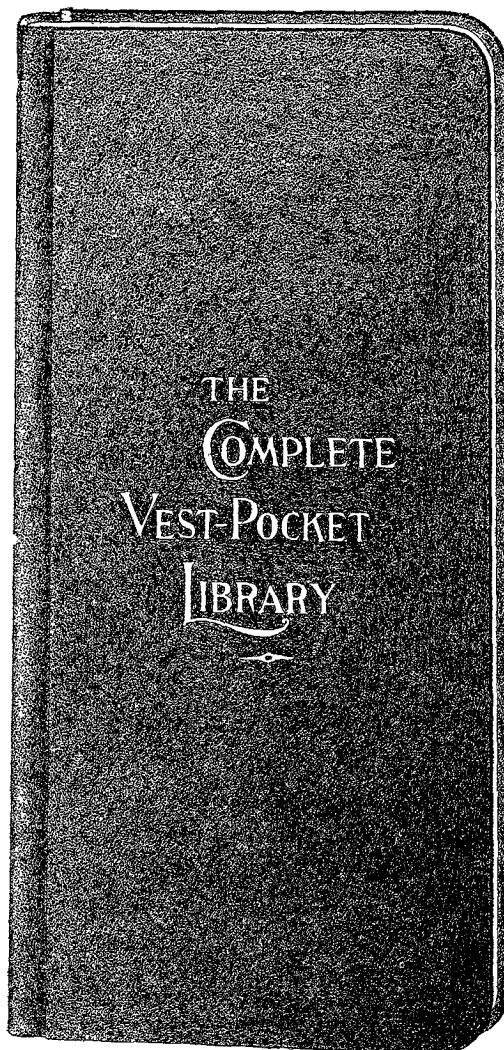
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