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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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SAD CHANGES IN TWELVE MONTHS.

These lines were written by a convict in the Illinois State Prison:—

It's curious, isn't it Billy,
The changes that twelve months may bring?
Last year I was at Saratoga,
As happy and rich as a king.
I was taking in pools on the races,
And facing the waiters with "Ten,"
And sipping mint juleps by twilight,
And to-day I am here in the "Pen."
What led me to do it? What always
Leads men to destruction and crime?
The Prodigal Son whom you've read of,
Has altered somewhat in his time.
He spendeth his substance as freely
As the biblical fellow of old,
But when it is gone he fancies
The husks will turn into gold.
The old, old story, Billy,
Of pleasures that end in tears,
The froth that foams for an hour,
The dregs that are tasted for years.
Last night as I sat here and pondered
On the end of my evil ways,
There arose, like a phantom before me,
The visions of boyhood days.

I thought of my old home, Billy,
Of the school-house that stood on the hill,
Of the brook that flowed through the meadow,
I can e'en hear its music still.

Again I thought of my mother,
Of the mother who taught me to pray;
Whose love was a precious treasure
That I needlessly cast away.

I saw again in my visions
The fresh-lipped careless boy,
To whom the future was boundless
And the world but a mighty toy.

I thought of this as I sat here,
Of my ruined and wasted life,
And the pangs of remorse were bitter;
They pierced my heart like a knife.
It takes some courage, Billy,
To laugh in the face of Fate,
When the young ambitions of manhood
Are blasted at twenty-eight.

—Selected.

Field Reports.

WATERTOWN, ALBANY, AND MIDDLE GROVE.

On Monday night, June 18, I spoke at Watertown, also on Tuesday night. The attendance of our brethren and friends was good considering the short evenings and warm weather. It always does me good to visit the Watertown church, from the fact that they always seem to appreciate the meetings, and do what they can to get people to come into the meetings. Some came in six or seven miles.

On Wednesday and Thursday nights I spoke at Albany. It was the first visit I had ever made the company there. They secured a hall and we had a good attendance, some from outside. The best of attention was paid, and I am sure that the meetings made a good impression on those that attended. Albany is a large city, and as all know the State Capital, and I am thankful that the truth has gained a few faith-

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ful representatives. Sister Keim is doing faithful Bible work there, and some are embracing the truth. They hold their regular meetings on the Sabbath and have a Sabbath school, and regular social meetings and Bible readings. They are working up the tract work constantly. They show a disposition to aid the work financially. Their tithes during the past year have been \$149.89. We long to see the time come when there shall be a strong church there, and a good house of worship erected in which the truth of God for these last days can be proclaimed. It should be thus as that city has thousands of inhabitants that have never had an opportunity to hear the good news of the gospel of the kingdom. It being the Capital of the State should have a meeting house, and thus make the establishment of the truth in the city permanent. Shall we not work to that end?

On Friday night I spoke at the school-house near the residence of Brother W. N. Parker, near Middle Grove. On Sabbath the meetings were held at the house of old Brother Eldridge. He is 84 years of age and has been in the truth some 30 years. He and his good wife are infirm because of years; but are strong in the truth as are Brother Parker and wife. I spoke in the forenoon and also in the afternoon. The Sabbath school was excellent. The teacher of the principal class used no lesson book asking the questions direct from the Bible, yet the questions were asked in a manner which indicated that he had bestowed much study on the lesson and the notes and helps received from the question book and *Sabbath School Worker*. The social meeting was a good one as nearly all, children as well as adults, took part. We also celebrated the ordinances which was a precious season.

The brethren and sisters and neighbors are holding a Sunday school at the school-house in their neighborhood which is well attended. They use our question books and helps, and quite a good interest is being awakened. We are glad it is so and wish that our brethren and sisters in the State where they can, would do the same thing. All these efforts give the truth and our people an influence.

Night after the Sabbath I spoke at Barkerville, a little village about four miles from where our brethren live. I spoke in the

Christian church by request of the deacon. Sunday forenoon I again spoke in the school-house. The meetings were well attended by friends and neighbors. We are pleased to state that some new ones have embraced the truth here since my last visit three years ago. Brother and Sister Beaven and grand-daughter of Ballston Spa. were in attendance, and we were very glad to be associated with them, as it had never been my fortune to meet them before.

On Sunday night I spoke in a hall at East Galloway. It was well filled with attentive listeners. Some new ones have commenced to keep the Sabbath of late near Middle Grove, and some near Ballston have united with the church.

S. H. LANE.

NORTH CREEK.

I CAME to this place according to appointment and commenced meetings Friday night. Sabbath I spoke twice and Sunday three times. All the meetings have been well attended, and a good degree of interest manifested. It is some time since a minister has been with them, and all seem to prize the privilege of listening to the preached word.

Brother and Sister Glazier came from the Elbow, Brother and Sister Matteson from Ticonderoga, and Brother and Sister Brace from Horricon. Several neighbors were present at the Sunday meetings. The Lord has made the season thus far a profitable one for which we thank him.

A. E. PLACE.

GERMAN TENT WORK.

WE pitched our tent in a beautiful orchard one-half mile southwest of Elma on Mr. Fréd. Ehrlich's farm. He kindly offered us the spot free of charge. Friday evening June 15 we held our first meeting. On account of so much rain, the people are two weeks behind with their work, making this perhaps the busiest time of the year; and still our meetings are well attended.

Instead of the false reports that were circulated about us and our work, not only from the common people but from the ministers, those

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The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending June 23.

Place.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Orders.	Value.	Miscel.	Delivered.	Value.
Bible Readings.								
Ulysses & Enfield	J. S. Fritts,	30	3				68	\$149 00
Sparta,	Perry Tufts,	5	1	6	\$12.50	\$1 85		
Little Valley.	Mrs. R. Scotland,	40	4	7	15.00			
Lima,	O. E. Tuttle,	4	4	10	23.50	3 00		
"	E. A. Bowe,	22	4	18	49.00			
Elmira,	C. W. Hardesty,	13	2	5	12.00	1 40		
Hastings,	Daniel Palmer,	20	2	3	5.00	1 00	3	6 00
Rose,	N. S. Washbond,	38	4	13	31.75	2 00	22	50 00
"	Norman Kling,	38	4	10	24.00	35	12	28 00
Havana,	T. B. Harlan,	15	3	4	3.00	2 50		
"	Mrs. T. B. Harlan,	12	3	3	5 00			
Syracuse,	J. S. Delano,	1	1	1	2.50			
Springfield,	J. R. McAlister,	7	2	4	8.50			
Newport,	Wm. Seewald,	38	5	15	28.00			
Diana,	Geo. F. Weller,	5	1			9 00		
Salem,	Laban Bump,	5	1	1	2.00			
Hebron,	A. P. Bump,	10	2	2	5.00			
Newburgh,	A. F. Van Duzer,			5	12.50		2	6 00
Great Controversy.								
Washington,	J. E. Frazee,	24	5	8	19.50			
Warren,	Fred McAlister,	19	3	4	10.50	4 25		
Norwich,	Mrs. F. W. Bartle,	25	5	11	31.50	5 85		
Cortland,	Clara B. Rider,	13	2			5 00	11	28 00
Miscellaneous sales,					36.20			
Totals,	22 Canvassers,	380	61	130	\$333.45	\$36.20	118	\$267.00

who attend our meetings are now telling others far and near, about our good meetings, and are inviting their ministers to come and see how nice we explain the Bible.

A prominent man of the community who coldly refused to let me have their church last winter, is now attending our meetings regularly with his whole family, and the truth is having its designed effect upon them. Thus the honest in heart are investigating whether these things are so.

Although we have not yet touched the Sabbath question, two here are already keeping it. This again shows that it is not for argument's sake that those who love God will keep his Sabbath, but for love's sake toward their Creator.

To-day we attended a German meeting only

a few rods from our tent. The minister gave us a terrible "raking-over," denouncing us as fanatics, deceivers, etc., and classing us with Mormons and Anarchists. After the meeting his church members told him that what he had said about us was absolutely false: so he came to us and apologized. Brethren and sisters, remember the German work in your prayers.

J. P. LORENZ.
GEORGE LESCH.

BINGHAMTON.

WE pitched our tent and began meetings June 19, and have now held seven services. The number of interested ones is increasing, and we hope it will develop into a genuine interest, and finally into the organization of a

church. Brother and Sister Deeley have been a great help to us in starting in this new place, as has Sister Finch whose husband has assisted us to get our goods at cost that are in his line. Collection last night, \$1.15. Pray for the work here. Our address is 140 Vestal Ave., Binghamton, N. Y.

D. A. BALL.
A. R. HYATT.

DEAR INDICATOR: No one looks more anxiously for your appearance than I. I rejoice to see each canvasser's name in your list, and success crowning their efforts. And the letters too, are a great help to me. I often wonder why some who never write, do not contribute a few lines telling us how they are enjoying this work. Of course their reports are encouraging. So would their continual presence in a series of meetings be, but did they not give a testimony, they would not be so beloved. I like to encourage the brethren and sisters. I look for encouragement in return. This is the Lord's work. Help it on in every way. The golden morning is fast approaching.

FRED G. McALISTER.

APPOINTMENTS.

No providence hindering, I will meet with the company at Schroon Lake, June 30, and July 1.

S. H. LANF.

I WILL be with the Pierrepont church July 8 and 9. There will be opportunity for baptism. It is hoped that all who have seen this duty will be prepared to attend to it at that time.

C. O. TAYLOR.

—If any fail to receive the special reading for Sabbath June 30 entitled "Appeal in Behalf of the James White and Haskell Memorial Homes," we will send copies to all who notify us. It is important that this should be read in all companies.

—Conference cash received June 17-23:

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