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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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GOD IS HELPING.

EARTH is sweet, but Heaven is sweeter ;
Love complete, but faith completer ;
Close beside our wandering ways,
Through dark nights and weary days
Stand the angels with bright eyes ;
And the shadow of the Cross
Falls upon and sanctifies
All our pains and all our loss ;
Though we stumble, though we fall,
God is helping—after all.

—Selected.

OUR WORDS.

BY EMMA L. PARDON.

How careful we should be of our words, not only on account of our influence upon others, but also because God's Holy Word teaches us that our words will be brought into the judgment. This summer the word *dreadful* was applied to a detail of common work. The lady's reply was one I have thought of many times. She said, "Grandfather — used to say there's nothing dreadful but the judgment." Since then I have noticed the words *awful* and *terrible* applied to things of the most trivial

nature. "Do n't that hat look awful?" one lady observes to another. "Oh, terrible!" is the fashionable reply. "But let us, who are of the day, be *sober*, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation." 1 Thess. 5:8. "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life." Prov. 15:1.

Field Reports.

DEDICATION OF SCHROON LAKE CHURCH HOUSE.

LAST week Elder Place and the writer held eight meetings with the friends at Schroon Lake. As the church was being completed, part of these meetings were held in the school-house near by. They were well attended, and all seemed to be deeply interested. The truth has certainly accomplished much good since it was introduced through our first camp-meeting held there four years ago. One embraced the truth at that time. At our second camp-meeting a few more embraced it, since which time Sabbath-school and meetings have been sustained by the few there. Some have given up the use of tobacco, and all have reformed on many points. They are learning the Scriptures very fast, and it does one good to hear them recite their Sabbath-school lessons, from the child to the adult.

On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 28, the new church house was dedicated, the sermon being delivered by the writer. The day was one of October's loveliest, and the congregation was large. Every seat was full, as well as the organ stand and aisles. Some stood up, while on the outside sixty or more listened at the windows and from carriages standing in front of the door and at the side of the house. They all listened with intense interest to catch every word spoken. A good impression was made

as we introduced the mission of truth for these last days. At the close of the discourse Eld. Place offered the dedicatory prayer. A cash donation of \$35.78 was taken up, to aid in paying off the last bills against the church. Nearly \$8.00 of this was given by a young man who has recently embraced the truth, and is now superintendent of the Sabbath-school. The amount is that which he would have paid for tobacco had he not discontinued it at the time when he embraced the truth.

The house is 22x32 inside, nicely but plainly finished, heated by a furnace from beneath, which works well. Friends think of adding to it a tower, or belfry, in the spring. Everything is paid for, and we can say of this building one thing which we cannot say of the many church houses which we have aided in building; viz., that every stroke of work on the building was donated; or, in other words, we have not paid out one cent for work. The citizens aided much in erecting the building, and they, as well as our brethren and sisters, are much pleased with it. Thus the truth is more firmly established in Essex County.

S. H. LANE.

BROOKS' GROVE, LIVINGSTON CO.

From the camp-meeting at Delevan I went home, and remained one week. I preached in Jamestown twice. The brethren there are of good courage. Their numbers are somewhat smaller than usual on account of several ministers and their families laboring in the field, and others having moved away. The brethren are very anxious that either Elder Lane or Place hold a series of meetings in the new church.

Sabbath and Sunday, Oct. 6, 7, I enjoyed an excellent quarterly meeting with the church at Wellsville. The church was well represented. Several families drove a long distance to attend the meeting. It was like springs of water in a thirsty land to hear the letters of encouragement from the absent members. Had a good visit with Bro. D. B. Welch and wife.

Monday, Oct. 8, I went to Dalton. The friends gave us a hearty welcome. All of those who accepted the truth when Eld Kinne and I were there with the tent are firm. One more is keeping the Sabbath.

I went to Swain, seven miles from Dalton, and engaged the use of a church, and rooms to live in. We moved there and were getting ready to keep house, when two of the trustees called upon us and informed us that they had changed their minds, and we could not have the church.

Sabbath and Sunday, Oct. 13, 14, I was with the Black Creek church. My heart rejoiced to see the cause so well represented at this place. One sister united with the church.

I returned to Dalton Monday, Oct. 15, and commenced to look for an opening to present the truth. I went to Nunda, Short Track, Castile, and Brooks' Grove. I found openings at all of these places, but the hall rent was high. At Brooks' Grove I found a good hall for one dollar per week, and rooms to live in for fifty cents. I accepted the offer, and commenced meetings Friday evening, Oct. 26. The congregation numbered about thirty-five; Saturday evening, over fifty. Sunday evening the hall was full. Some stood up.

There never was a Seventh-day Adventist sermon preached in Livingston County, to my knowledge, prior to the tent work in Dalton last summer. Brethren, pray for the prosperity of the cause in this new field.

J. B. STOW.

IT SELLS READILY.

As I canvass for "Great Controversy" I find many people who say they would like it, but the times are too hard to buy books. Of late I have taken for a help "His Glorious Appearing." This is brimful of present truth, taking up prophecies from the Old and New Testaments on the coming of the Lord. People subscribe readily, and say, "I do not see how it can be sold so cheap." As I was describing my books to a lady one day, her husband came in and asked, "Has this lady come to bring us some money?" I answered that I had something better than money,—that my books contained food for the soul. He said they were too poor to buy books. I read to them the prophecy from James 5:1-6, and made a few comments. He handed me twenty-five cents, saying, "I will have that book." I told him I wanted no pay until I brought the book. He said, "You better take it while you can

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending October 26.

Post Office.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Deliv.	Value.
Bible Readings.								
Newfield,	J. S. Fritts,	40	5	11	25.00			
W. Sparta,	Perry Tufts,	38	5	5	11.00	3.40	7	14.50
Niagara Falls,	Charles H. Harris,	21	4	9	20.25		1	2.00
Perrington,	Horace Church,	37	5	24	42.50	1.25	1	1.00
Pendleton,	O. F. Thompson,	16	3	11	23.00			
Hamden,	M. A. Vroman,	33	5	30	64.50	4.50		
"	J. Deeley,	27	4	23	52.00	3.00		
Otsego,	J. R. Mc Alister.	22	3	12	26.00	2.25		
Hermon,	Mr. and Mrs. Seth Fells,	23	5	18	41.00	2.00		
Watkins,	T. B. Harlan,	12	3	6	14.50	1.25		
"	Mrs. T. B. Harlan,	4	2			1.00	1	2.50
Cortlandville,	C. W. Hardesty,	6	1	2	5.00	7.50		
Yates Co.,	H. M Johnson,						306	729.75
Great Controversy.								
Hartwick,	Fred G. Mc Alister,	34	5	8	19.50	1.00		
Poughkeepsie,	J. E. Frazee,					1.75	18	45.50
"	J. W. Macumber,						11	30.50
Keene Valley,	R. L. Mc Kenzie,					3.25	8	18.50
Miscellaneous sales,					32.15			
Totals,	17 Canvassers,	313	50	159	\$376.40	\$32.15	353	\$844.25

get it." I took his order and marked it paid.

A lady who had been sick, and could not take the large book, signed for the small one, saying, "I wish I had it to read this afternoon." A Catholic lady said, "It is hard times to buy books, but I won't go back on a book like that for twenty-five cents." If I can't sell as many of the large works as I would like, I praise the Lord that I can get some of the truth before the people in the smaller ones.

CLARA B. RIDER.

THE North Pacific Railroad Company, after many disappointments, extended over a number of years, has succeeded in striking water in the Colorado desert. The well yields 9,000 gallons an hour, and if several more of equal capacity can be drilled, not only will the railway be greatly profited, but the desert itself may be redeemed.

—Conference cash received Oct. 22-29: Sinclairville, \$101.77; Lincklaen Center, \$55.71; Black Creek, \$31.00; West Valley, \$56.94; Ellicottville, \$7.10; Roosevelt, \$10.60; Newfane, \$12.00; Auburn, \$26.00; Pierrepont, \$16.45; West Bangor, \$22.99; Genoa, \$25.25; Randolph, \$41.02; Brookfield, \$56.22; Middletown Company, \$7.90.

ON last Tuesday Eld. Place was called to Syracuse to officiate at the funeral of Sister Clement. It was largely attended. Full particulars soon.

THE quarterly meeting of the Steamburg church will be held at Steamburg, Nov. 17, 18. It will be attended by either Eld. Lane or Place.

ELD. PLACE will meet with the Rome church on Sabbath, Nov. 3.

THE address of Elder D. A. Ball is No. 19, Birdsall St., Norwich, N. Y.

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WHO WILL HELP?

SEVERAL months ago Bro. N. S. Washbond sold a "Bible Readings" to a Baptist minister. The minister has evidently read the book and likes it, for he has written to the *Review* Office for other books advertised in it. Of course his order was forwarded to the New York Tract Society to be filled. We believe he is interested. Let the good work go on of placing our books in the homes of the people.

A good many could now begin to work by selling the small works like "His Glorious Appearing," etc. One brother has just commenced. He says, "I do not take orders, but sell the book on the spot. Have averaged a little better than one book every half hour." The right way to sell these books is to take a supply along and sell them for cash. It will not pay to take orders for them unless you are selling the larger books, and even then the best way is to sell outright.

The Tract Society is receiving orders by the hundreds for these books. Others are invited to step in now. Write me if you would like to work.

J. R. CALKINS.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PLEASE address all letters for the New York Conference and Tract Society to New York Tract Society, Rome, N. Y. Do not address them either to W. A. Wilcox or E. N. Washbond. Bro. W. A. Wilcox is now secretary of the Tract Society. Bro. E. N. Washbond is not connected with the work in the Tract Society building. I write this from the fact that letters, and even registered letters, are still received addressed to E. N. Washbond, which causes confusion. Although J. V. Willson has been absent from the State eighteen months, occasionally letters come addressed to him which belong to the Conference and Tract Society. So remember, please, to address your letters to the Society, and not to individuals. Secretaries are liable to change, but the Society is not, only as it will grow stronger by increased business. Make all checks, drafts, money and express orders payable to the New York Tract Society.

S. H. LANE,

President N. Y. Conference and Tract Society.

A REQUEST.

WILL each canvasser please send in his report all footed up as it should appear in the *INDICATOR*? Mistakes will thus be avoided, the work will fall where it belongs, and it will aid us much in our work here. Please make out a complete report for each day, footing up the same at the close of the week. All reports, whether canvasser's or minister's, should reach us Tuesday morning, or earlier in the week if possible.

THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

ELD. RAYMOND will be at Roosevelt Nov. 3, 4; Fulton, 10, 11.

No providence hindering, I will meet with the Syracuse church in quarterly meeting the first Sabbath and first-day in November. Hope to see a general turnout. Come prepared to pay all tithes and first-day offerings. If any cannot attend, send them. Come expecting a rich blessing.

S. H. LANE.

A GOOD REPORT.

THE readers of the *INDICATOR* will notice the report of the large delivery of H. M. Johnson this week. I have spent considerable time with this brother, and have been pleased with some things in his work. He is a Norwegian twenty-three years old, with indomitable courage and a vigorous constitution. He has been in this country seven years. When he came he could not speak a word of English. Now he talks our language fluently, and is an expert penman. Of course he has had to work for this education, and he has had to work for his large reports in canvassing.

The best he did this summer in a week was 52 orders in 51 hours; amount, \$146. He only paid fifty cents in cash for lodgings and board this summer. He allowed a certain amount for these on the book, generally fifty cents for the night, including supper and breakfast. Out of 320 orders he lost only 14. He would not take any conditional orders, and his territory had been canvassed twice before within three years for the same book.

J. R. CALKINS.