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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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## A CANVASSER'S EXPERIENCE.

The following poem has been sent to us unsigned. We do not know the author, but as it is good we insert it.

FIVE pleasant days, but muddy roads,  
Have found me plying different modes  
To win the people from their loads  
Of sin, by truths which serve as goads.

Some day will tell what I have done,  
Some thought 't was true and others fun  
To hear me o'er the "Readings" run—  
But, thanks to God, some names I won.

The book is sure to win a friend  
If I can coax them to attend  
With eye and ear, from end to end;  
Their money they'll consent to spend.

Sometimes the names of friends they'll see,  
And they will say, "Bring one to me."  
If one plan fails I'm sure to be  
All ready with another plea.

The canvasser must try to please,  
Show up the book with perfect ease,  
And then not rest upon his lees,  
Nor taunt, nor fret, nor scold, nor tease.

Ask God to help you do it right,  
In morning, afternoon, or night;  
Remember you are in his sight,  
So keep your armor shining bright.

—Seest thou a man diligent in his business?  
He shall stand before kings.

—If only we knew how much we are surrounded with the tokens of mercy! The earth is full of them; grains of wheat, leaves, flowers, the commonest things, all have their tale to tell. Our ignorance hinders our thanksgiving—not that we are as thankful as we might be for the mercies that we do know of; perhaps if we were, more would be revealed to us. Say to yourself, "I am surrounded with mercies which I know not of. Lord, that I may praise thee, let all things have their voice for me!"—*Selected.*

## APPOINTMENTS.

No preventing providence, I will meet with the company at Collins Center the first Sabbath and Sunday in January. Meeting to begin Friday evening.

D. A. BALL.

## IN SOUTHEASTERN N. Y.

ON Friday afternoon, Dec. 14, I arrived at Monticello, Sullivan Co. Brother H. G. Thurston held a tent meeting here last summer, and since its close he has been holding meetings in a school-house about three miles from the village. There are now ten here keeping the Sabbath. I held my first meeting with them on Friday night. Since then I have held five meetings. They love the truth, and are rejoicing in it. They have Sabbath service each Sabbath. Their social meetings are good. All take part. They are learning the various reforms adopted among us as a people. They are taking our papers, and are growing in grace and in the knowledge of our blessed Saviour through the truth.

Elder Thurston has labored in this part of the State during the past eighteen months, and three companies have been established; one at Middletown, one at Slate Hill, while the third is located here in this place. They have established meetings at each place. They are beginning to pay tithes. They have good meetings, and are taking our papers. There are now some forty within a few miles of this place who are rejoicing in the truth, which a few months ago had never been introduced into this immediate part of the State. Surely a good work has been done, and one that will remain, and those who are engaged in it will be capable of holding up the light, which will lead others into the truth. Elder Thurston and I will visit Middletown and Slate Hill this week and hold a few meetings. At the meetings here the attendance has been good, and the attention all that could be desired. There is still an undeveloped interest here. We are glad that the truth is being more firmly planted in southeastern New York. Indeed, it is being carried to all parts of the old Empire State.

S. H. LANE.

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"CAROL, brothers, carol,  
Carol joyfully,  
Carol the good tidings,  
Carol merrily,  
And pray a gladsome Christmas  
For all your fellow-men;  
Carol, brothers, carol,  
Christmas day again!"

### Field Reports.

#### BROOKS' GROVE.

WE are now in the deciding time. Seven new ones kept last Sabbath, but we cannot report but two who are really firm. Elder F. Peabody was with me one month. He went home one week ago. By order of the president I go to Wellsville next Friday, and to Black Creek next week.

J. B. STOW.

#### ROSEVELT AND VICINITY.

THE weather greatly hinders our attendance, yet the interest is increasing. The Spirit of God is drawing hearts, and the church is being greatly benefited. The meeting Sabbath was one of profit to those who attended. Many cheering testimonies were borne to the glory and praise of God. Some do not manifest the interest in the work that we desire to see, but hope they will soon. God is working with power. Brethren, pray for us.

GEO. M. ELLIS.

#### JAMESTOWN, COLLINS CENTER, AND BUFFALO.

I SPENT a pleasant and profitable time at Jamestown. Spoke in the new church Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. The attendance was small, but those who did come

seemed interested. As Elder S. Thurston was to be there over the Sabbath, I decided to spend the time with the friends at Collins Center. I reached there Friday noon, and spoke in the evening and twice Sabbath and twice Sunday. My stay was a very pleasant one. Brother Leslie Manchester and his mother were present from North Collins. To-day (Monday) I have spent some time calling on the brethren and sisters here in Buffalo. All seem to be of good courage. I expect to start for Rome to-night. On this trip I have visited eleven companies and held twenty-five meetings.

A. E. PLACE.

#### NORWICH, CHENANGO CO.

OCT. 24 I went to Norwich and hired the Free Will Baptist church. Began meetings the 26th, and have continued them each evening and Sabbath and Sundays in the day time, holding nine services each week. Have given sixty-five sermons, held some Bible readings, and sold some books. I have received \$18.26 in donations. Six new ones have signed the covenant, and some of them are persons of wealth and influence. One is a dentist of high standing. I feel to praise God for his blessing that I have enjoyed. There are quite a number who are convinced of the truth, and some started to obey, but could not stand the opposition and have given up.

Elder Lane favored us with a visit last Thursday night, and spoke with acceptance to an interested company. Brother Bartle has made a home for us while here. Sister Clara Rider has sold a good many books, and has been a good help in the meetings. Sister Bartle has presided at the organ, and all have helped. Pray for the work here.

D. A. BALL.

#### GALWAY AND MONTICELLO.

I LEFT Galway December 5, having closed my labor in that field for the present. As a result of the blessing of God upon the work, quite a number have taken a stand for the truth. We organized a Sabbath-school of seventeen members, with a prospect of a growth. Our cash donations have more than met our expenses, and we have also succeeded in leaving quite a number of silent preachers in the form of books, tracts, and periodicals in the hands of interested readers.

Our work in Galway has been pleasant, and it looks quite plain that the Lord guided us there. Brother Osborn has moved into the vicinity, and will be a help to the new company there.

I reached Monticello Thursday, the 6th, and, contrary to my intention, decided to stop in the place for a few days to assist my son, Elder H. G. Thurston, who is suffering from a

## The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending December 14.

County.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Deliv.	Value.
Bible Readings.								
Otsego,	J. S. Fritts,		4				60	\$132.00
"	J. R. Mc Alister,	20	4	13	\$27.00	\$ .75		
Niagara,	Charles H. Harris,	16	3	1	1.00	.50		
Monroe,	Horace Church,	29	5	8	10.50	1.50	1	3.00
Stuben,	Perry Tufts,	17	4	2	5.00	1.25	9	20.50
Chemung,	C. W. Inskeep,	12	4	6	11.00	.50		
Wayne,	Norman Kling,		3	6	17.50	1.75		
"	N. S. Washbond,	19	3	5	10.00	10.40	38	81.00
Wyoming,	O. G. Parmele,	4				2.25		
Herkimer,	William Sewald,					5.00		
Erie,	O. E. Tuttle,	28	4	3	6.50	2.10	1	2.50
St. Lawrence,	Seth Eells,	8	2	3	6.00	.75		
Orange,	Henrietta Van Duzer,		2		5.00	7.25	2	5.00
Franklin,	Geo. A. Pratt,	9	2			1.00		
Great Controversy.								
Ulster,	J. E. Frazee,	10	2	5	13.25		2	5.50
Chenango,	Clara B. Rider,					19.25	17	42.40
Franklin,	Mrs. Lulu Bentley,	25		1	2.25	8.25		
Patriarchs and Prophets.								
Broome,	J. Deeley,	16	4	7	16.50	6.50	3	10.25
Oneida,	H. D. Irwin,	35	5			9.45		
Miscellaneous sales,					78.45			
Totals,	19 Canvassers,	248	49	62	\$209.95	\$78.45	133	\$302.15

severe attack of bronchitis. In company with my wife I leave this afternoon (Dec. 9) for Jamestown, where we expect to stay for a few days, and then leave for California. This is quite a disappointment, as well as very unexpected, for my plans were laid to labor in this State for the winter; but Mrs. Thurston is suffering almost constantly from rheumatism, malaria, etc., and by the advice of two prominent physicians and, we believe, the sanction of Heaven, we expect to leave the State of New York in about ten days. Our interest is still here, and may we have your prayers as we go.

S. AND L. A. THURSTON.

### ON THE ROAD.

I LATELY called at Norwich, where Sister Rider has been selling a good many of "His Glorious Appearing," and with Elder Ball I called on several who are interested in the truth. Whether they will obey it or give heed to seducing spirits and fables, remains to be seen. From our experience there, I could see that personal effort is what tells. One minister there is doing what he can to hinder the truth.

In Elmira Brethren Inskeep and Dryer have been canvassing days, and holding Bible readings evenings. They have a good interest, and several are obeying the truth. I attended six Bible readings and counted over twenty interested persons. In one neighborhood they have a good many plain people interested. In some families where before the readings were held the members would emphasize their remarks to each other with a sharp slap on the side of the

face, etc., now a change has come. It reminded me of the command, "Go ye into the highways and hedges," because those who were invited (the churches) would not come. The highways and hedges mean those outside of the churches.

There are also some there who stand well up in society who are studying and smiling and rejoicing as the truth comes out plain and clear. Some of this class that we called on said, "Why, we have always been called infidels because we could not believe the popular theories; but we are not infidels." A hardware man said, "The God that a good many believe in is about one inch wide and forty feet tall."

They think "Bible Readings" is a wonderful book. The hardware man takes Brother Inskeep around to his friends and says, "This man has straightened out a good many crooks and kinks in me, and I want you to let him straighten you. I have bought his book, and I want you to buy one." A doctor said, "We are studying this book every night, and now I want to ask you, When do you commence the Sabbath?" As soon as proof is given from the Bible they are ready to say "Amen" or "That is so." They are getting broader views of God, and say they are not infidels.

It seems to me that there ought to be some good Bible workers to follow up this canvassing work. But of course this would take some money, as very few persons could carry on such work and live without food and clothes, and a person should be well dressed and in "good heart."

J. R. CALKINS.

THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

WE suggested last week that the quarterly meetings usually held the first Sabbath and Sunday in January be held in the churches visited by ministers during the week of prayer. Hold it the Sabbath and first-day the minister is with you. During the meeting take up not only the annual offerings, but pay up all the tithes for the quarter. Be sure and attend to this. Do not forget to pay the tithes, for the tithes go to our own State, which is just as needy as the foreign fields. We are running a larger force of laborers in the State than ever before, and therefore we need more means. The tithes have come in well during the past year, for which we feel very thankful, and hope that such will be the case in the future.

I hope those who are owing the Tract Society will arrange to pay all that is due. If you can not so do, pay all you can on the debt. We are in need of means to carry on the work, and if we had what is owing, we could stock up with books at a figure that would benefit the Society in the future. Let us make a rally and pay what we owe as soon as possible. Who will respond?

S. H. LANE.

THE SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY.

THE South Lancaster Academy has been made a school for the General Conference district of which the State of New York is a part. Its buildings for the past three years have been insufficient to accommodate the students that have attended, and in fact some have had to be refused who desired to attend the school.

Last spring it was decided to build an addition to the Academy and a new dormitory. This has been done. The Academy addition has been completed and is now in use. The new dormitory is nearly completed. These buildings cost some \$15,000. Of this amount the General Conference Association donates \$5,000, the New England Conference \$5,000, and the rest of the district \$5,000. New York's share is \$1,600. At the camp-meetings we introduced the matter, and several hundred dollars were subscribed, and quite a portion of that which has been subscribed has been paid. The pledges will be due January 1. We trust that those who have not paid their pledges will do so by that time, as the Academy desires

the money to pay current bills. Our amount, \$1,600, has not all been pledged. Are there not many in the State who are interested in this noble institution of learning who will send an offering to aid in the work of erecting, or paying for, these buildings? If so, please send the same to the New York Tract Society, Rome, N. Y. Make draft or post-office order payable to the New York Tract Society. Who will respond to this call, and aid in this good enterprise?

S. H. LANE.

SPECIAL.

WE have just received an invoice of one hundred more Teacher's Bibles, which were purchased at a figure that enables us to reduce the price by mail from \$2.10 to \$1.75 each. Send in your orders. Special terms to agents ordering in quantities by freight.

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Obituary Notices.

WEST.—I was called Friday, Nov. 30, to preach the funeral sermon of James H. West, who lived with his daughter at Constantia, Oswego Co., N. Y. Brother West was born July 17, 1806, in Essex County, N. Y., and died Nov. 28, 1894, aged 88 years, 5 months, and 11 days. The funeral was attended by a large circle of friends and relatives. The Methodist choir furnished excellent music. Words of comfort were spoken from John 14:1. The remains were interred Sabbath, Dec. 1, at 4 p. m. in the Rosevelt cemetery.

GEO. M. ELLIS.