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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 INDICATOR'S GREETING.

BY EMMA L. PARDON.

EACH week I'm sent—all neatly dressed
In type so clear and bright—
Unto the homes of the Lord's own,
Who hail me with delight.

Though I'm so small, they cry with joy,
"The INDICATOR'S here,
That bring's us tidings of God's work,
Our weary hearts to cheer."

E'en little children love me much,
They pick me up with care,
And count how many canvassers
To spread the truth are there.

I mark the progress of God's cause
In this great Empire State;
I bring reports from all the fields
Which I to you relate.

And words of counsel, words of love,
I bring the little flock,
While mercy's door stands open, that
They need not vainly knock.

I seem a little golden chain
Of love and purity,
To bind your hearts by love's great power,
In peace and unity.

The year is drawing to its close,
And so, my readers dear,
The INDICATOR wishes you
A happy, glad New Year.

Another year of life is spent,
Closed is its record now.
Known only unto God above,
In loving act or vow.

Your new year yet is fair and clean,
As white as glistening snow;
God grant it may continue pure,
As onward you shall go.

A season this to render thanks
Unto our God in praise;
And for each blessing kindly sent,
Anthems of joy to raise.

A season to press on and up,
Still nearer unto Heaven,
And for the Giver kind to use
Each talent he has given.

Most calmly may the new year dawn,
And cloudless be its skies;
May each receive at that great day,
That life which never dies.

THE HIGHER MOTIVE POWER.

WHEN we get on to the higher plane of love it will not be hard for us to work for the Lord. We will be glad to do anything, however small. God hates the great things in which love is not the motive power; but he delights in the little things that are prompted by a feeling of love.

I am getting sick and tired of hearing the word *duty, duty*. You hear so many talk about it being their duty to do this and do that. My experience is that such Christians have very little success. Is there not a much higher platform than mere duty? Can we not engage in the service of Christ because we love him? When that is the constraining power it is so easy to work. It is not hard for a mother to watch over a sick child. She does not look upon it as any hardship. You never hear Paul talking about what a hard time he had in his Master's service. He was constrained by love to Christ, and by the love of Christ to him. He counted it a joy to labor, and even to suffer, for his blessed Master.

Perhaps you say I ought not to talk against duty, because a good deal of work would not be done at all if it were not done from a sense of duty. But I want you to see what a poor, low motive that is, and how you may reach a higher plane of service.

I am thinking of going back to my home soon. I have in my mind an old, white-haired mother living on the banks of the Connecticut river, in the same little town where she has been for the last eighty years. Suppose when I return I take her some present, and when I give it to her I say, "You have been so very kind to me in the past that I thought it was my duty to bring you a present." What would she think? But how different it would be when I give it to her because of my strong love to her. How much more she would value it. So God wants his children to serve him for something else than mere duty. He does not want us to feel that it is a hard thing to do his will.—D. L. Moody, in "To the Work."

—Carry the radiance of your soul in your face; let the world have the benefit of it.

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Field Reports.

MONTICELLO, SLATE HILL, MIDDLETOWN,
AND CATLIN.

On Monday night, Dec. 17, I held my last meeting at Monticello, where I was laboring at the close of my last report. The meeting was largely attended, more so than any of the six meetings I held. Surely some at Monticello love the truth. I was much pleased to meet this new company.

On Tuesday night, in connection with Elder H. G. Thurston I held a meeting at Slate Hill. It is a small town in Orange County. Last spring and summer Elder Thurston, just mentioned, held a series of meetings there, and some good souls embraced the truth. Our meeting was held at the residence of Sister Budd. Those who have embraced the truth seem very firm in it, and seem to understand what the message signifies. The friends and neighbors came in until the room was well filled.

On Wednesday, Dec. 19, Elder T. and I went to Middletown, which is a city of some 15,000 inhabitants. It is one of the finest cities in southeastern N. Y. One year ago he commenced labor there, and the Lord has blessed his efforts until there is a small company of Sabbath-keepers there that have regular Sabbath meetings and Sabbath-school, the

same as at Slate Hill, which is six miles south of that place. We held meeting at Middletown in the evening. It was held in the parlor of the W. C. T. U. The brethren and sisters and quite a number of their friends came in until we had a nice little company to address. All paid the best of attention, and the meeting was a profitable one. We are much pleased that the Lord has blessed the efforts of Elder Thurston to that extent that these little companies have been established in that new part of the State.

On Thursday I went to Binghamton, Broom Co. Brethren Hyatt and Deeley met me at the train. They had made arrangements for me to preach at a school-house four miles southwest of that place. Brother Deeley took me out with a horse and buggy. Brother Hyatt has been holding meetings at the school-house, and in Lestershire, a little suburban town of Binghamton. The Lord has blessed his labors, and two have embraced the truth. The congregation in the school-house was a fair-sized one. All paid the best of attention. We are glad that the truth is all the time being carried into new fields in this State.

On Friday night I reached Catlin. On Sabbath the meeting was held at the residence of Brother J. D. Kimble. The Catlin church is one of the oldest in the State. It was the first time I had ever met with them, as the church belonged to the Pennsylvania Conference until about two years ago. We were much blessed in our meetings. The "Reading" for the first day of the week of prayer was read. I then gave a sermon, and then we enjoyed a good social meeting. The Sabbath-school was good. Night after the Sabbath, Sunday afternoon, and Sunday night, the meetings were held at the school-house. The first meeting at the school-house was not very well attended, but the second was better, and at the last one the house was so full that had more come they could not have been seated. The truth made a good impression.

On Sunday forenoon the meeting was held at Brother Kimble's. The "Reading" was read, a sermon given, and then we celebrated the ordinances and elected church officers for the coming year. As the meetings closed we all felt that we had enjoyed the presence of the Lord. I enjoyed my visit with the church

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending December 21.

County.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Deliv.	Value.
Bible Readings.								
Tioga,	J. S. Fritts,	2	1	2	\$4.00		13	\$27.50
Otsego,	J. R. Mc Alister,		5	7	13.50		29	61.00
Niagara,	Charles H. Harris,	28					10	17.00
Steuben,	Perry Tufts,	3	4	9	21.25	\$3.50		
"	T. B. Harlan,	19	4	1	2.00	2.50	8	15.00
"	Mrs. T. B. Harlan,	13	3	1	2.00	1.75	4	8.50
Chemung,	C. W. Inskeep,	37	5	3	6.50		8	18.00
"	C. H. Dryer,	20	5			2.75	10	25.00
Wayne,	Norman Kling,	12	2			.25	6	17.00
"	N. S. Washbond,	1	1	2	4.00	.75	3	6.00
Wyoming,	O. G. Parmele,	4				2.25	5	11.00
Erie,	O. E. Tuttle,					18.50		
"	J. S. Delano,	20	5	16	44.00			
Franklin,	Geo. A. Pratt,	26				3.00		
Cortland,	C. W. Hardesty,					8.20	7	18.75
Washington,	A. P. Bump,	2	2	2	4.50	44.45	26	60.75
Orange,	W. W. Wheeler,	41				20.06		
Yates,	H. M. Johnson,	54	10	52	98.50	7.80		158.46
Great Controversy.								
Otsego,	Fred G. Mc Alister,		8	2	5.50		47	119.00
"	E. S. Popoff,	17	3	1	2.00	1.50	11	33.00
Erie,	O. F. Thompson,		1	3	8.75	9.60	8	20.25
Patriarchs and Prophets.								
Broome,	J. Deeley,	7	2	3	6.75	2.00	9	25.75
Miscellaneous sales,					121.06			
Totals,	22 Canvassers,	306	61	104	\$344.31	\$129.86	204	\$641.96

much, and shall pray that the Lord will bless them even more in the future than in the past.

I expect to meet with the Lancaster church next Sabbath and Sunday, Dec. 29, 30. Will hold a few meetings at Alden, as Brother H. F. Baldwin may appoint. S. H. LANE.

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SINCE my last report the Lord has been working with power in the Roosevelt church. The brethren are beginning to believe that the Lord is working for them. Seven have taken a stand with them, and two others have already joined the church. The blessing of God has united hearts, and harmony prevails. Avenues are open for the church to do a great work.

The congregations are larger than they have been for years. Many are attending who have never attended before. Last Tuesday evening about twenty stood up for prayers and to show their gratitude to God for his great goodness. Bitter prejudice has given way to a desire to hear the message. Truly the solemn truth for this time will have its effect on the heart. May the Lord continue the great work till the remnant is gathered. GEO. M. ELLIS.

HYMENEAL.

CHURCH—HATCH.

ON Christmas afternoon, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Niles Hatch at East Elma, Erie Co., N. Y., occurred a very pleasant parlor wedding. The writer officiated, the contracting parties being Mr. Horace D. Church and Miss Nirah V. Hatch. The wedding was largely attended by relatives and friends. The bride has been a teacher in the village Sunday-school, teaching one class eight years. They became her scholars when young. Now they have grown to nearly manhood and womanhood. They, thirteen in number, attended the wedding. The presents were numerous, valuable, and useful. The supper was delicious, and was partaken of with zest by a cheerful company. As many in all parts of the State are acquainted with the bride and groom, the writer knows that all will unite in wishing them a happy life in this world and in the one to come. S. H. LANE.

—A large shipment of "Gospel Primers" just received. Send in the orders.

THE INDICATOR.

ROME.

THERE are many people who read the INDICATOR who have never seen the city of Rome, N. Y., so I thought that a few words would be acceptable.

The INDICATOR is probably read by at least two thousand persons, and is published at our Depository. Next to the Depository is the Adventist church, which is 32 x 54 feet in size. The Depository is 24 x 36 feet, two stories and a basement. The basement is the printing office. In the immediate neighborhood are several families of Adventists, and so it has been called "Holy Hill" by some outside of our people. We hope it may be truly a holy place.

Rome is a historic place. It was here that four of the early forts were built. Fort Stanwix, the principal one, was where the first stars and stripes are said to have been unfurled. This flag was made from a soldier's coat and other cloth by women at the fort, as soon as it was learned that the Continental Congress had decided that this should be the national flag.

It was to Rome that in 1796 a cargo of corn was brought from Ontario County to be ground, and was then taken back. At Fort Bull, in the French war with England, every person was killed.

In the year 1788, at Fort Stanwix a treaty was made with the Indians by which 8,000,000 acres of land were ceded to the State of New York. This fort was at the entrance of the Mohawk Valley, up which river boats came from New York or Albany till the Erie Canal was built (about 1826), then passed down Wood Creek to Oneida Lake, then to Lake Ontario by the Oswego River.

Rome has several important industries; viz., a Copper Mill, a Brass Mill, Merchant Iron Mill, Bath-Tub Factory, Knitting Mills, Canning Factory, etc.

The city of Rome is building a new City Hall. Oneida County is also building a fine new County Alms House here. And the State of New York has just started here an Insane Asylum and an Idiot Asylum. And now Mr. J. B. Jervis, the chief engineer who laid out the Croton Reservoir in New York, and the N. Y. Central R. R. east, has left \$50,000 to this city for a Public Library. This Library will be in the second block from the Depository.

J. R. CALKINS.

THE sisters B. M. and E. P. Osgood spent Sabbath and Sunday, December 8, 9, with the Rome church, which will probably be their last visit here in this life. The following week they took their departure for Battle Creek, Mich., where they will enjoy the comforts there provided for the aged. These two faithful sisters have long been consistent members of our church, and we regret to part with them, yet we praise the Lord that they are so providentially cared for.

—Envy strikes at others and stabs herself.

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DEAR INDICATOR: I have not sent in a report for some time, but I can say that my courage in the Lord was never stronger. The Lord has truly blessed the work in this place. The most of my work has been visiting and doing Bible work among the people. Satan is angry, and is doing all he can; but the truth will come out victorious every time. Pray for me.

MRS. LULU BENTLEY.

Dickinson Center, N. Y.

DEAR INDICATOR: I am of good courage in the work of the Lord. He is good, and his mercy endureth forever. The message is onward; may the Lord help us to go with it, is my prayer. The enemy is awake, but the Lord has overcome him. The Lord is our help and strength, and we can overcome in his name. To the Lord be all the praise.

Rome, N. Y.

WM. SEEWALD.

—Humble as it may be, my path is my own. Lowly as may be my lot, it is what God has given me. Faint as may be its accents, my voice has its own accent. Be of good cheer, my soul! Live, adore, labor! The glory of God is over all, in a blade of grass as well as in the stars. Be of good cheer; heaven opens its portals to all who ever feel that they have wings. Be of good cheer; spread out your wings, and lift yourself upward!—*Selected*.