

The Indicator.

"ARISE, SHINE: FOR THY LIGHT IS COME, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS RISEN UPON THEE."

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FAREWELL TO THE OLD YEAR.

BY ELDER A. E. PLACE.

FAREWELL, Old Year. Thy hoary head
Had scarce a day been white
Ere "scythe" and "glass" with thee had sped
To shades of "Old Time" night.

Farewell, Old Year—Old Ninety-four.
Thy work is fully done—
Thy struggles and thy conflicts sore,
Thy glorious victories won.

Farewell, Old Year! The truth of God
Was carried in thy days
To many a home, like Aaron's rod,
To bud and bloom his praise.

Then fare thee well, Old Ninety-four,
God's praises *still we'll* swell,
Still sow his seed, his name adore,
But say to thee, Farewell.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

BY ELDER A. E. PLACE.

HAPPY New Year! is our greeting,
Brothers, sisters, young and old.
Happy New Year! to our "Workers,"
Bravely breasting storm and cold.

Happy New Year! to the firesides
Where the INDICATORS come.
May their visits cause rejoicing,
As they tell of work well done.

Happy New Year! What a blessing
We may have another year—
Sow more seeds and reap more harvest,
Plead with pen, with prayer, with tear.

Happy New Year! Still our Saviour
Sits upon the mercy-seat.*
Happy New Year! may we tell it,
May we oft his words repeat.

Happy New Year! Grace still lingers; †
Hear the Saviour's pleading prayer;
"See my wounded hands, my Father,
One more year the sinner spare!" ‡

Thus we send to all this greeting;
Praying *all* to faithful prove.
Sow good seeds with hopes of meeting †
Fruits for aye of Jesus' love.

* Heb. 8:1, 2. † Heb. 4:16. ‡ Luke 13:8, 9. † Eccl. 11:1, 6.

ENTHUSIASM has been defined, "In God."

CHARITY, OR LOVE.

FROM the little book, "To the Work," we quote from the same chapter as last week:—

If we love a person we will not be pointing out his failings all the time. It is said: "Many rules of eloquence have been set forth, but, strange to say, the first and most essential of all has been overlooked, namely, love. To address men well they must be loved much. Whatever they may be, be they ever so guilty, or indifferent, or ungrateful, or however deeply sunk in crime, before all, and above all, they must be loved. Love is the sap of the gospel, the secret of lively and effectual preaching, the magic power of eloquence. The end of preaching is to reclaim the hearts of men to God, and nothing but love can find out the mysterious avenues which lead to the heart. If, then, you do not feel a fervent love and profound pity for humanity, be assured that the gift of Christian eloquence has been denied you. You will not win souls, neither will you acquire that most excellent of earthly sovereignties—sovereignty over human hearts. An Arab proverb runs thus—'The neck is bent by the sword, but heart is only bent by heart.' Love is irresistible."

Look at these words: "Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not." How often it happens that if one outshines another there is apt to be envy in our hearts toward that one; we want a great deal of grace to keep it down. "Love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up." One of the worst enemies that Christians have to contend with is this spirit of rivalry—this feeling. "Who shall be greatest?"

Christ spent most of his time during the three years he was engaged publicly about his Father's business in training twelve men. The training he gave them was very different from the training of the schools at the present day. The world teaches men that they must seek to be great; Christ taught that his disciples must be little; that in honor they must prefer one another; that they are not to be puffed up, not to harbor feelings of envy, but to be full of meekness and gentleness and lowliness of heart.

When an eminent painter was requested to paint Alexander the Great so as to give a perfect likeness of the Macedonian conqueror, he felt a difficulty. Alexander, in his wars, had been struck by a sword; and across his fore-

head was an immense scar. The painter said: "If I retain the scar, it will be an offense to the admirers of the monarch, and if I omit it it will fail to be a perfect likeness. What shall I do?" He hit upon a happy expedient; he represented the emperor leaning on his elbow, with his forefinger upon his brow, accidentally, as it seemed, covering the scar upon his forehead. Might we not represent each other with the finger of charity upon the scar, instead of representing the scar deeper and blacker than it really is? Christians may learn even from heathendom a lesson of charity, of human kindness and of love.

Field Reports.

BUFFALO, ALDEN, AND LANCASTER.

On Monday night, Dec. 24, I met with the Buffalo church. After the "Reading" I gave a short sermon. On Wednesday night I met with them again. Elder Raymond was present and read the "Reading." After it I gave a sermon on the progress of the work in the past. There were quite a company out.

On Thursday night I spoke at the Methodist church at Alden, in Erie County, some twenty miles from Buffalo. The Methodists, Presbyterians, and Baptists are holding union meetings, and they kindly asked me to speak for them. They were very cordial. I was glad of the privilege, and the people seemed much interested.

On Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday I gave six discourses at the place of meeting of the Lancaster church. The church has enjoyed the "Readings" and the discourses very much.

A gentleman who has in the past worked on the farm owned by our late lamented Brother Eggleston, and worked now by Brother Lucas, who has worked for both of these brethren, has become much interested in the truth, and has commenced the observance of the Sabbath. He sent to his brother, who has been studying for the ministry in a college in Kentucky, some points on the Sabbath question. The young man, in searching for arguments to meet his brother on the question, was convinced of the truthfulness of our position, and is now keeping the Sabbath. My discourses were the first he ever heard from ~~our~~ ministers. He appreciated the subjects presented very much. We trust that he may yet be proclaiming the truths of the message. His friends are much disappointed that he is not to preach for the denomination with which he has been associated in the past.

Officers of the church were elected for the present year. Brother H. F. Baldwin was elected elder, and Brother A. Boyer deacon. One united with the church. The amount of

annual offerings was \$14.65. The church has suffered during the past year by death and removals, but the Lord still blesses.

S. H. LANE.

MANNSVILLE, WATERTOWN, AND ADAMS CENTER.

ACCORDING to appointment I met with the churches above named. At Mannsville we held two meetings in the church in the village, one Sabbath and one Sunday. I also spoke in the school-house at Winona, Friday, Sabbath and Sunday nights. A good interest was manifested in all these meetings except the Sunday meeting in the village, which was not largely attended. Altogether, however, it was the most pleasant visit I have ever made that church.

Tuesday and Wednesday nights we held meetings at the house of Brother Hall in Watertown. Brother and Sister Cortland Green and son came from near Sackett's Harbor. Thursday night it was impossible to hold a meeting on account of the heavy storm. I visited nearly all the friends there, and had a profitable time. At Adams Center I spoke three times. In each place the "Readings" for each day were read with good interest.

At Mannsville and Adams Center, church officers were elected with an excellent spirit of unity. The annual offering taken at Adams Center Sunday amounted to about thirteen dollars. We feel encouraged with the condition of these churches and the prospects before them.

A. E. PLACE.

OLEAN, ELLICOTTVILLE, AND BUFFALO.

I SPENT my time the week of prayer with the churches of the places named. It was my first visit to the church at Olean. The resident attendance was good and uniform, and a few of the scattered members were in attendance at the services. The Lord came near by his Spirit, resulting in an increased sense of the time in which we live and renewed consecration. And though I was there only from Friday to Monday night, still we had the "Readings," with the accompanying services, the quarterly meeting services, and five discourses. One thing was cheering,—every member was prompt to take hold in prayer and testimony at each service. The Lord bless the Olean church.

I spent only two days and one night at Ellicottville; but I was glad for that time there. It was well improved, and the reviving Spirit of God was present. The resident membership of this church is small, but there seemed to be an increasing sense of these times, and a drawing to God. May they be faithful to the end.

Reached Buffalo Wednesday evening, and entered at once on the week of prayer service, and we have had some precious services. We

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending December 28.

County.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Deliv.	Value.
Bible Readings.								
Otsego,	J. R. Mc Alister,		1	2	\$4.00		6	\$14.00
Wyoming,	O. G. Parmele,					\$1.00	1	2.50
Essex,	Geo. A. Pratt,	62	5			6.75		
Orange,	W. W. Wheeler					36.35		
Herkimer,	Wm. Seewald,						35	71.00
Patriarchs and Prophets.								
Broome,	J. Deeley,	5	2	2	5.25	2.00	3	7.75
Oneida,	H. D. Irwin,						1	2.25
Miscellaneous sales,					46.10			
Totals,	7 Canvassers,	67	8	4	\$55.35	\$46.10	46	\$97.50

regret that the attendance was not more uniformly general than it was, but the membership is much scattered, and some are quite far separated from the place of worship, and then the weather was very unpropitious. But we can report a successful meeting. I remain here over another Sabbath. We have baptism next Thursday, when some ten or twelve are expected to go forward. J. W. RAYMOND.

ITEMS FROM THE STATE AGENT.

Good news is being received from the canvassers and others, of interested ones, and some honest ones are accepting the truth.

Brother Wm. Seewald sold some books ("Bible Readings") to persons in Herkimer County who are now interested. He has handed in to the Rome missionary society some of these names, and papers have been sent to them, and letters written. Here is an answer to one letter that has just been received from a lady:—

"My Dear Sister: I have been receiving the papers, not knowing who sent them. I am reading them and handing them out again to any I think will be willing to learn from them. I want to say that I am keeping the Sabbath, and believe this work is going fast in this town. I am more interested in this than I can tell you on paper. Write again, if you have it in your heart, and do n't forget to pray for us."

Brother Mc Alister has been delivering books in the next town, and he says that some there knew this sister and were afraid to take his books, because, as they said, "the Seventh-day Adventists had already got one of their best members." I suppose they were afraid they would accept the truth too.

Brother Bump has been working with some who were interested, and as the result five have commenced to keep the seventh-day Sabbath, and others are interested.

There are some honest people yet who desire

to know the truth of the Scriptures. As a canvasser was showing "Bible Readings" and speaking about the new earth to a family, a bright girl ten or twelve years old said, "Who may live in that new earth?" He told her she might. Then she looked to her mother, and he said, "Your mamma may too." Then he told them some of the conditions, etc. They urged him to stay longer, and insisted that he should come back in the evening. They said they had learned more in this talk about the Scriptures than they had heard in the churches in years.

A lady I was showing "Bible Readings" to lately, said, "We are not church members, and we can't get much good from the churches, but I think this book will be a great help to us. We believe the Bible," etc.

In other sections of the State there are interested ones. Our papers are doing a great amount of good, as well as the books. They are giving people right views of the Scriptures, and are moulding the public mind. The people like them, too. J. R. CALKINS.

—Mob law should be discountenanced. It breeds contempt for law, and that contempt may operate when any one of us may be the victim.

—Bad temper is its own bitter scourge. Few things are bitterer than to feel bitter. A man's venom poisons himself more than his victim.

—Forgiving cures, and forgetting takes away the scar.

No providence preventing, Eld. S. H. Lane will be at Dickinson Center Sabbath and Sunday, Jan. 5, 6, and Eld. A. E. Place will be at Syracuse at the same date. Meetings at Syracuse will begin Friday evening, Jan. 4.

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"HIS GLORIOUS APPEARING" AND "THE GOSPEL PRIMER."

THESE books have sold well in the State during the past two months. We are very glad that so many of our brethren and sisters have commenced the sale of them. They have done well, and the Tract Society has made something. But the Society makes very little on these books, and we do not urge the sale of them because of what the Society makes on them. We are very anxious to get them out that the truth that is contained in them may be understood by the people. The "Gospel Primer" is simply Bible stories illustrated. It is undenominational. It is excellent for children. The "Glorious Appearing" is full of the truth for the times. It should be placed in a million families in this State. Bro. W. W. Wheeler has been selling it from house to house in the southeastern part of the State. He has sold from ten to twenty copies a day. He takes them right along and sells them for cash, especially in the country. In the cities he at times takes orders for them. Children from ten to fifteen years of age have done well in selling them. The "Primers" sold well just before the holidays. But the "Glorious Appearing" would outsell them in many instances two to one.

The "Glorious Appearing" will sell now just as well as before the holidays. Will not our brethren and sisters, many of them, engage in the sale of this wonderful little book? It retails for twenty-five cents. Who will send for a supply and commence the sale of them? Address New York Tract Society, Rome, N. Y.
S. H. LANE.

THOSE INTERESTED IN S. S. WORK, PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY.

1. ANY minister, Bible worker, canvasser, or other person who organizes a Sabbath-school in the State, should, as soon as such organization is effected, send a report to the Secretary of the State Association, Mrs. A. E. Place, 326 Mo-

hawk St., Rome, N. Y., apprising her of the fact. *Careful instructions* ought also to be given the local secretary elected as to his or her duties.

2. In case any secretary fails to receive a report blank, let him send a card at once to the State Secretary, and one will be furnished.

3. In case money is sent by any school, and a receipt does not come acknowledging it within a reasonable length of time, please notify Mrs. Place of the fact. Often a few minutes and one cent for a card will save hours of worry and suspense, and may be the means of saving dollars to the cause.

4. Any seeming irregularity or negligence on the part of the State Secretary ought to be reported *to her or to me* at an early moment. *If all local secretaries will please note this and follow it, difficulties can be much more quickly adjusted, and with more satisfaction to those concerned, than to have the matter come to us through the second or third person.*

5. I have a deep interest in the S. S. work, and so does Mrs. Place, and so far as I am able to find, she is faithful in sending report blanks, and also receipts when she knows the school; and, as I have said, if any have seen failures in this, please let me know, and I assure you, dear secretaries, that the matter shall receive my prompt attention.

6. Several instances have occurred in which S. S. money has been sent to the Tract Society Secretary with other matters, but no report either of the school or the money coming to the State Secretary; and as a result some may not have received a receipt as they have desired; but when money is sent in this way, please send at least a card to Mrs. Place at the same time, and then she can send your receipt with the others.

7. My reason for writing these points is that just lately reports have come to me and also to Mrs. Place by a roundabout process, of failures to notice certain schools at all; schools which, it is stated, have been organized for some time, but *no notice has ever been received* by Mrs. Place *of their organization.*

8. No blame can be attached to the State Secretary in her relation to schools till she knows of the existence of the schools, and even then till correspondence is had with her or me to know the real facts.

9. We both acknowledge that we are still human, and hence doubtless often err, but we do still feel willing and anxious in all our handling of the work of the Lord, to do it, not "negligently," but with "clean hands," and that this may be so we earnestly pray for your faithful co-operation.

Yours in Christian love, and with a prayer for greater success in the S. S. work in the Empire State.

A. E. PLACE, Pres. N. Y. S. S. A.