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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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WHERE ARE THE ROSES?

G. CRAIN.

Let us gather up the roses;
Breathing in their fragrance sweet;
Passing by the thorns and brambles
That would sorely rend our feet.

Ah! But who that e'er has gathered
Roses, in his June of life,
Has not felt a thorn among them,
Sharper than a surgeon's knife?

For no rose is ever thornless;
Roses all soon fade and die;
And there sweetness, too, is wafted
From our hearts in one long sigh

For the memory of our June-time,
When our life was just as gay,
As yon brightly nodding rose-bush
Is, upon this summer's day.

For our bright gay month of roses,
In this fleeting year of life,
Comes but once, then fades and leaves us
Nought but pain and toil and strife.

How then may we gather roses,
When our rose-time's fled and gone?
E'en our Savior found no roses;
But a crown made from the thorn.

So we poor, blind, erring mortals,
Passing through "This vale of woe,"
Find few roses here to gather,
But the thorns thick round us grow.

Can you wonder then we worry—
Fret and worry—from the tide
Of earth's trouble seething round us?
Thorns that prick on every side?

So we pray "Our Heavenly Father,"
Just to give us grace to say,
Be thy will not mine accomplished
In our rough and rugged way.

NEW YORK SABBATH-SCHOOLS, ATTENTION!

FROM time to time, questions come to me concerning school government, and I take a little space in the *Indicator* to present a few points for your consideration.

1. Who have a right to vote in the election of officers for the school? *Ans.*—Every school is a representative body, and each person in the school who has been assigned a place in a class or in the school is a representative of the school as soon as he or she is old enough to exercise representative judgment.

2. Has one who is not a member of a Seventh-day Adventist church this right? *Ans.*—Certainly. Several of our schools to-day have a large percentage of its membership outside of the church membership, and in some cases there are not members of the church enough in the school to fill the the necessary offices of the school, and to deny any the right to vote who are outside of the church would be destructive to the school; hence we would say again that any one who is a member of the school has a right to vote for officers, if he or she is old enough to do so intelligently.

3. Is a person who is not a church member eligible to hold office? *Ans.*—This I consider a very important question, and I trust it may receive careful thought by all our schools. The question naturally comes under "Qualifications for officers." (a.) Is church membership always a qualification for office in the Sabbath-school? All must at once answer, no; because all church members are not fitted for the work. (b.) But what fits an individual? I answer, adaptability, and christian character. Character should be first, and character means life. For myself I would much rather see a person of poor adaptability and no church member, but with good christian character, as Sabbath-school officer, than one with good adaptability and a church member but not a christian. The object of our Sabbath-schools is to bring souls to God through conversion by the "Word." Hence I consider christian character the first and greatest qualification for office. If we can connect this and adaptability together in the same person they constitute an officer to be

prized, whether their name is on the earthly church book or not, and whether it is or not, it is on the book above.

4. Ought we to vote for a person for office when we feel quite sure he will remain away if he is not elected? *Ans.*—The idea of voting for any one for fear he will feel hurt and remain away from the school is entirely wrong, and to do so is voting a curse upon the individual, and also upon the school.

5. How shall we elect our officers? *Ans.*—*(a.)* This is a question for each school to decide. When there is any question in the matter, let a ballot be taken at a time when the school is well represented, and let the majority vote of the school decide it. Some schools appoint a committee one week before the time for election of officers. That committee brings in a report, and the names of the candidates are written on the blackboard and usually at the close of the lesson the ballots are written. If the member feels satisfied with all the candidates he simply writes yes, or the name of the candidate. If not, he substitutes some other name. Other schools ballot without a committee being appointed. In either case each scholar is left perfectly free to follow the dictates of his own mind. But as to the course, let each school decide upon that for themselves, and then there ought to be no trouble. *(b.)* Let each one do his own voting, and use his own mind. If any one does not know how to vote let him put in a blank. If I do not know who to vote for, and go to "B." and he says, vote for "C." and I do it, then "B." voted twice; and I did not vote at all. *(c.)* Do not elect by electioneering. If I saw any one who really wanted office, and who was working for it he could never have my vote. There is one we can safely consult in the matter of voting as well as in all matters, and that is the Lord. Prejudice, favoritism, or any thing like it should be laid aside, and our question should be, what will be for the best good of the school?

A. E. PLACE.

Field Reports.

CHURCH HOUSE DEDICATION.

THE new meeting-house at Dickinson Center, Franklin Co., N. Y., will be dedicated Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Jan. 27, 1895. We hope to see a general turnout of the friends who live at a reasonable distance around Dickinson Center.

CHURCH BUILDING.

THE last four years has been a period of church building in this State. During this

time seven new ones have been erected, five of which have been built during the past two years. These buildings are located at Keene, and Schroon Lake, Essex Co.; North Creek, Warren Co.; South Russell, St. Lawrence Co.; Ellicottville, Cattaraugus Co.; Jamestown, Chautauqua Co.; and at Dickinson Center, Franklin Co., N. Y. Some have inquired whether there are large debts incurred in building these churches. We would say that the majority of them are paid for. There is not a large debt on any one of them. There are three of them in debt. The debt of the three will aggregate about \$1000. We have encouraged the building of these meeting-houses, and have rejoiced to see them go up. We have been, still are, and in the near future hope to be, in favor of seeing new ones built. We feel thus from the fact that they give character to, and advertise our work. In some places in this State churches have been organized, and for years have been holding meetings in private houses. If an individual visits that locality and asks if there are Adventists in the neighborhood, the postmaster or merchant, or perchance the wagon-maker will answer, "Yes, Mr. M—is one." "Do they hold meetings?" "Well, really, I hardly know. They did at one time hold one occasionally at Mr. C—'s, but whether they do now or not, I do not know."

When that same company build a meeting-house the case is very different. People will begin to say, "Well, I declare, the Adventists are really going to build a meeting-house, I did not suppose there was enough of them to build. They seem like a good people, and I believe we should aid them." After offering to aid, when called on, our brethren are often astonished at the amount donated. When the house is erected, let a person go into the neighborhood and ask, "Are there any Adventists living here?" And every one from the postmaster to the boy on the street corner will answer, "Why, yes, there is a large church, and they have a nice meeting-house, and hold meetings every Saturday."

When our ministers go there, our brethren and sisters and many of their friends, and others will attend; and instead of having a score to address, as he would if in a private house, he speaks to several scores who would not have attended had the meeting been held in a private house or even in a little poorly-ventilated school-house.

In speaking in the *Malone Palladium* of the new meeting-house at Dickinson Center, which is nearing completion, and which will be dedicated Sunday afternoon, Jan. 27, the correspondent says of our people:

"To all appearance the Adventists have come to stay. They have in a quiet manner erected a beautiful little church on Church St.,

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending January 18.

County.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Deliv.	Value.
Bible Readings.								
Monroe,	O. E. Tuttle,		5	11	\$27.50	\$2.50		
Otsego,	J. R. Mc Alister,	19	3	9	19.50	1.75		
Steuben,	T. B. Harlan,	30	5	4	8.00	6.75	1	2.00
Fulton,	Wm. Seewald,	75	10	32	72.75	6.75		
Niagara,	Chas. H. Harris,	20	4	1	1.00	1.00	1	3.00
Great Controversy.								
Chemung,	C. W. Inskeep,	16						
Erie,	O. F. Thompson,		3	5	16.75	2.65		
Patriarchs and Prophets.								
Broome,	J. Deeley,	12	5	5	16.25	2.00	2	4.00
Miscellaneous sales,					23.40			
Totals,	8 Canvassers,	172	35	67	\$185.15	\$23.40	4	\$9.00

and will dedicate it in about two weeks. It can be said to their credit that since they came to town they have interfered with no one, have attended strictly to their own business, and have made friends by it."

Thus as we have said, these meeting-houses give the cause influence. Let the good work in building them go on.

S. H. LANE.

SYRACUSE.

THE Lord has been our helper in the work here, and we believe some real victory has been gained. I have felt much of the blessing that comes through working with the Lord for the salvation of souls, Sabbath witnessed another general rally, and the rooms were full. Brother Hutchins's people came from Fayetteville, and all had a profitable time. At the close of the sermon two came forward for prayer.

Sunday afternoon the attendance was also good, and the interest seems to be on the increase. The church desires to have the meetings continued, so we have made appointments for each evening this week. We have raised between fifteen and sixteen dollars more interest money. Brethren and sisters still remember the work in this place.

A. E. PLACE.

—SUBSCRIBE for the Conference *Bulletin*. Price, 50 cents. Address New York Tract Society.

NOTICE!

WE send out again, our regular quarterly statements this week, and we trust that all who are indebted to the Society, will make a special effort to pay their bills without delay; as we need all that is due us in order that we may meet our bills promptly.

If this is the Lord's work, (and we believe it is) we should surely put forth as great an effort to discharge our obligations to Him, as we would to pay our fellow men, when we are owing them.

—WILL those sending copy for the INDICATOR, please mail it so it will get here not later than Tuesday morning. This is necessary in order for the paper to be out in season.

—WE again call attention to the *American Sentinel* of Jan. 17, containing an account of brother Gibson's defence in a Massachusetts court-room. This is an excellent number to use in the interests of the Religious Liberty work. We hope a large number of copies will be circulated in this State. Price, \$1.00 per hundred. Address New York Tract Society, Rome, N. Y.

—No man is born into this world whose work is not born with him; there is always work, and tools to work withal, for those who will.

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WE stated two weeks since that it had been decided to send the INDICATOR to all our subscribers of 1894 until Feb. 1, whether such had renewed for 1895 or not. You will receive this and one more number, and then your name will be dropped from the list unless you have renewed or do so immediately. We have already several hundred renewals and quite a list of new subscribers for 1895. We hope and trust that during the next two weeks many of our old subscribers will renew. By your so doing we will not have to drop your name from our list, and you will not miss a number of the paper.

It is the intention of the publishers of the INDICATOR to make it true to its name; to keep it so full of articles of news from those that labor in the Conference that all will be convinced that it indicates as truly what is taking place in the State, as the thermometer indicates the degrees of heat and cold of the weather. We hope all laborers will faithfully report that it may be so.

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DEAR INDICATOR: I am of good courage in the work, and would like to see more taking hold of it. The Lord has blessed me very much the last two weeks, and it is demonstrated to me that the Lord can sell books, and open purses if the times are hard. I have faith in the Lord's work and I rejoice in it. The Lord can set a table in the wilderness if the times are hard. Watch and pray are the watch-words all along the line. May the Lord inspire all of his people to go to work as never before. The enemy is at work, but the Lord is mighty to save, and his lovingkindness is over all his works. May we learn to trust him more is my prayer. To the Lord be all the praise.

WM. SEEWALD.

DEAR INDICATOR: I heartily welcome your weekly visits with its choice collection of prose and verse, and reports from the workers. We are patiently waiting to again see the names of those who have been so faithful in the past. God is not confined to seasons or any outward conditions to bless and help.

Let us press to the front, now is the time, we have no promise for the future. The Savior said I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. Shall we each claim the promises by taking him at his word?

Yours in Christ,
O. E. TUTTLE.