

# The Indicator.

“ARISE, SHINE ; FOR THY LIGHT IS COME, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS RISEN UPON THEE.”

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## A DREAM.

ANNA F. VAN DUZER.

I HAD a dream last night  
That made a deep impression,  
Which I will endeavor to write  
With your kindly permission.

I saw a wonderful river,  
As broad in extent as time,  
And save when wintry winds pass o'er,  
Is as smooth as any rhyme.

Upon the river is a boat,  
A ferry of wonderful construction;  
Perfect in all its parts, a palace afloat,  
But doomed at last to destruction.

It is known by the name of "The World,  
And when it came from the hand of its maker,  
'T was beautiful to behold,  
And man was told to take her.

Man made a fatal mistake,  
A mistake which nothing could cover,  
And the vessel afloat, O the beautiful boat,  
Is on fire in the midst of the river.

The passengers all, both great and small,  
Seem unaware of the danger impending;  
But up rises one, who, in no uncertain tone,  
Gives warning of that which is coming.

A few now are stirred by the warning they've  
And anxiously look toward the shore, [heard  
While the mass sit at ease, enjoying the breeze  
Which drives the flames quickly before.

The boat ploughs along, so firm and so strong,  
Then with a slight shock, she enters her dock,  
And *all* who *will* may pass safely along,  
And land on the firm solid rock.

The majority though, are too heedless to know  
The great strides which the flames are taking,  
And sit very still and enjoy as they will,  
The impressions they are making.

Some think it will do, when their journey is  
To land on the opposite bank. [through,  
Little they know the flames are so low  
That soon she will be but a blank.

"Now is the time," comes the warning sublime,  
"O make haste to escape destruction."  
Leave all below and hasten to go  
Far away from the scene of perdition.

A few obey the last call of the day,  
And come a shore at twilight.  
The majority stay, all engrossed in their way,  
Nor heed the passing of midnight.

She moves out once more from the beautiful shore,  
And into the deep plunges wildly,  
But alas! too late! O what a sad fate,  
The vessel no longer can hold them.

When out in mid stream, O hear the sad scream,  
As they see no way of escaping ;  
A flash—an explosion—the river rolls in my dream,  
Not an atom is left of the worldling.

## HELPS FOR WORRIED WEEK-DAYS.

"If only we strive to be pure and true,  
To each of us all there will come an hour  
When the tree of life shall burst into flower,  
And rain at our feet the glorious dower  
Of something grander than ever we knew."

We have only successfully acquired the art of living a Christian life when we have learned to apply the principles of religion and enjoy its help and comfort in our daily life. It is easy to join in devotional exercises, to quote promises, to extol the beauty of the Scriptures ; but there are many who do these things whose religion utterly fails them in the very places and at the very times when it ought to prove their staff and stay.

All of us must go out from the sweet services of the Sabbath into a week of very real and very prosaic life. We must mingle with people that are not angels. We must pass through experiences that will naturally worry and vex us. Those about us, either wittingly or unwittingly, annoy and try us. Many a young Christian must mingle with those who do not love Christ. Everyone meets many anxieties and worries in ordinary work-day life. There are continual irritations and annoyances.

The problem is to live a beautiful Christian life in the face of all these hindrances. How can we get through the tangled briars which grow along our path without having our hands

and feet torn by them? How can we live sweetly amid the vexing and irritating things and the multitude of little frets and worries which infest our way, and which we cannot evade?

It is not enough merely to get along, in any sort of way; to drag to the close of each long, wearisome day, happy when night comes to end the strife. Life should be a joy, and not a burden. We should live victoriously, ever master of our experiences, and not tossed by them like a leaf on the dashy wave. Every earnest Christian wants to live a truly beautiful life, whatever the circumstances may be.

A little child, when asked what it was to be a Christian, replied, "For me to be a Christian is to live as Jesus would live, and behave as Jesus would behave, if he were a little girl and lived at our house." No better definition of practical religion could be given. Each one of us is to bear himself just as Jesus would if he were living out our little life in the midst of its actual environment, standing all day just where we stand, mingling with the same people with whom we must mingle, and exposed to the very annoyances, trials and provocations to which we are exposed. We want to live a life that will please God, and that will bear witness on its face to the genuineness of our piety.—*Rev. J. R. Miller, in "Week-Day Religion."*

#### WHERE TO FIND HEAVEN.

THERE was a Methodist preacher who preached one day on heaven. The next morning he was going down town and he met one of his old, wealthy members. This man met the preacher and said:—

"Pastor, you preached a good sermon about heaven. You told me all about heaven, but you never told me where heaven is."

"Ah," said the pastor, "I am glad of the opportunity this morning! I have just come from the hilltop yonder. In that cottage is a member of your church. She is sick in bed with the fever; her two little children are sick in the other bed, and she has not got a bit of coal or a stick of wood, or flour or sugar or any bread. If you will go down town and buy \$50 worth of things; nice provisions, and send them up to her, and then go up to her and say, 'My

sister, I have brought these nice provisions in the name of our Lord and Savior;' if you ask for a Bible, and you read the twenty-third psalm, and you then get down on your knees and pray, if you don't see heaven before you get through, I'll pay the bill."

The next morning he said, "Pastor, I saw heaven, and spent fifteen minutes in heaven as certainly as you are listening."—*Exchange.*

—LET us see if we cannot find heaven. We may not need to go as far as "yonder hilltop" to find it.

### *Field Reports.*

#### DICKINSON CENTER.

SABBATH and Sunday Jan. 26, 27, I spent at Dickinson Center. The dedication of the new meeting-house was appointed for Sunday, Jan. 27, but on account of a severe cold wave, accompanied by wind and snow, the people could not attend, so the dedication was postponed until spring.

The new meeting-house is a fine one. It is all finished except the making of the seats. They will be made soon. Notwithstanding the storm Elder C. O. Taylor and wife, and Elder H. H. Wilcox, and sister S. M. Cobb, came some twenty-five and fifty miles to attend the meetings. Elder Taylor gave an excellent discourse on Sabbath, Jan. 26. After the discourse we had a good social meeting, about thirty taking part. The testimonies showed that the new converts are drinking in the spirit of the message. Although on Sunday, Jan. 27, there was a blinding wind and snow storm, we held two meetings. There were some twenty-five or thirty out at each meeting.

Elder Cobb and brother Bristol will remain and follow up the work in and around Dickinson Center, as there is some undeveloped interest there.

S. H. LANE.

#### THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COUNCIL AT BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN.

THIS Council opened on Feb. 1. There are fully one hundred delegates present. The delegates are from England, Switzerland, Norway, Africa, Australia, and from the islands of the

*The Canvassing Work.*

Report for the Week Ending February 1.

County.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Deliv.	Value
Bible Readings.								
Monroe,	O. E. Tuttle,	31	4	11	\$27.25	\$21.50		
Monroe,	J. S. Fritts,	6	1	2	\$5.00			
Steuben,	Perry Tufts,	30	5	12	25.00	3.00	3	\$7.00
Fulton,	Wm. Seewald,	34	5	20	48.00	2.50	1	2.00
Niagara,	Chas. H. Harris,	11	2	6	10.00	1.50		
Chemung,	C. W. Inskeep,	26	5	7	18.25			
Orange,	Mary Johnson,	7				5.00		
Great Controversy.								
Chenango.	E. S. Popoff,	31	5	9	22.50	2.01		
Chemung,	C. W. Inskeep,	4		1	2.25	5.00		
Patriarchs and Prophets.								
Broome,	J. Deeley,	14	3	2	4.50	8.40	3	11.25
Miscellaneous sales,					48.91			
Totals,	9 Canvassers,	190	34	70	\$211.66	\$48.91	7	\$20.25

sea ; as well as from all parts of our own country. The forenoons and evenings are devoted to Bible study. The afternoons are devoted to a general discussion of subjects which will be introduced at the General Conference.

S. H. LANE.

SYRACUSE.

ANOTHER week has passed rapidly away for us in the work here. The meetings have been held each night with a good attendance and interest. Some new faces have been seen nearly every night. Sabbath we had a good day, and at the close of the social meeting two more were received into church membership upon profession of faith.

This afternoon (Sunday) the rooms were well filled. At the close we took our last appointed collection toward our February interest. The brethren here have done well in this matter. I truly feel very thankful to our scattered brethren and sisters for their prompt and substantial responses to my INDICATOR letter of last week. Sabbath morning I was surprised on entering the rooms to find so many letters at such an early date. I read a portion at least of each letter to the church, and they were received with hearty responses. The first one was from brother Delano of Buffalo, with one dollar enclosed. One from sister Coleman and her husband of Brooklyn, with one dollar each. One from sister Keim with two dollars; brother Crowther's wife also sent one dollar and a half. Just before the meeting Sunday brother

Gilbert handed me a letter from W. R. Booth of Brooklyn, containing a draft of five dollars with his best wishes. This has greatly lightened the load upon the brethren and sisters here in the city, and has seemed to give a new light to the church, and impetus to the work. What to-morrow's mail may bring we do not know; but whatever it is we shall ever feel thankful for what has been done so willingly for the work here already, both from a financial and spiritual standpoint, and I shall long remember with pleasure this month spent with the Syracuse church. Our meetings will close for the present, Tuesday night, Feb. 5, and Wednesday morning I start for Battle Creek.

A. E. PLACE.

*Syracuse, Feb. 3.*

—WE see from letters recently received that there is some misunderstanding in regard to subscriptions for the INDICATOR. Some write us that they paid twenty-five cents last summer and their year is not out. We would say to these that as the price of the paper is so small we cannot afford to change our lists more than once a year, therefore it has been decided that all subscriptions shall end with Dec. 31. This is why you have received notice of the expiration of your subscription.

—ELDER LANE made a short business call at the depository in Rome on his way to attend the General Conference Council. He and his wife and sister Lewis of Buck's Bridge left Syracuse on Thursday morning for Battle Creek, reaching there Friday.

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## MAPLEWOOD.

LAST night we reviewed a sermon preached yesterday by a Presbyterian minister near Maplewood, on "The Change of the Sabbath." The hearers seemed fully satisfied with the review. We championed the truth taught in the "Presbyterian Confession of Faith" regarding the perpetuity of God's Law. One of the members of that church offers \$75.00 toward building a church. Our attendance is still good. People are buying some books and tracts. From four other places near Maplewood calls come in for work.

The most influential people in this whole part are interested, and some fruit begins to appear. We expect a good harvest for God as the result. The people are very hospitable and kind. Do not forget our work in this part.

H. G. THURSTON.

## NEW MONTICELLO.

SINCE my last report the attendance and interest has increased. The Lord has given victory. Several have given their hearts to Him and decided to obey His commandments. I think none of them have ever made any profession of religion before. Nearly two thirds of the residents of the district are Catholics, and they have not been entirely quiet. We look for more fruit, may God grant it.

W. W. WHEELER.

## ATTENTION!

WE have just received notice from the General Conference Committee, which is now in session at Battle Creek, that in considering the matter of the *Bulletin*, they have decided to publish two thousand extra copies during the first week. They do this because quite a number have written that they could have the money for the *Bulletin* by the first of February, but could not have it sooner.

We feel desirous of placing the *Bulletin* in the homes of as many people as possible; because we know it will accomplish a great deal of good. Subscribe now and get all the back numbers. Price, 50 cents. Address New York Tract Society, Rome, N. Y.

—ELDER S. Thurston, one of our faithful laborers, who started recently for the Pacific coast, has arrived at Los Angeles, and will soon begin work in that section.

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