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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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TRYING TIMES REQUIRE EARNEST LABOR.

BY J. P. LORENZ.

We are in a land of sorrow,
Drifting, as it were, on sea,
And we know not what the morrow
Has in store for you and me.

Drifting onward in the ocean,
Full of trials, toil, and care,
In a world full of commotion,
Crimes and dangers everywhere.

Sad indeed— just stop and ponder—
Millions tossing to and fro,
All about you, see them wander,
Not a light by which to go!

Ye who now are in the harbor,
And the Savior's blessing share,
Can you not help some poor sinner
To come in the Pilot's care?

Let us help the poor, the dying,
And the weary, sad, distressed,
Who are all about us crying
For sweet comfort, peace, and rest.

Come to Christ, the living fountain,
Who will life and peace bestow ;
And will guide the weary pilgrim
Safely through this world below.

If you cannot go to labor
'Mong the heathen 'cross the sea,
You can surely point your neighbor
To the Man of Calvary.

You may by your Christian conduct
Be a " witness " for the Lord,
And thus, in a silent manner,
You can daily " preach the Word."

THE MESSAGE GAINING POWER AND INFLUENCE.

THE attendance at the General Conference has increased until the congregation is now so large that at each evening service the tabernacle is well filled, the congregation ranging from two thousand, five hundred to three thousand. Last Sabbath the crowd was so large that an overflow meeting was held in the college chapel.

The reports from all parts of the world indicate marked advancement all along the line. As a people we have taught that the work in which we are engaged is to be carried to every nation. We are in the last days of our world's history. The people of God are scattered throughout the world, and in order to gather them, a stirring message must be preached, fraught with a testing truth to bring them out of babylon, placing their feet firmly upon the platform of eternal truth. We have just such a message in the second coming of Christ, and the question of the seventh-day Sabbath. The preaching of the coming of Christ, when believed, destroys the love of the world, and causes one to feel that he is a pilgrim and a stranger in it. The Sabbath question, when believed and observed, effectually separates from the world.

The agitation in relation to the Sabbath is becoming wide-spread everywhere. Not only are individuals becoming interested, but whole denominations are becoming, not only aroused, but alarmed for the safety of the churches. To illustrate. A few weeks ago a clergyman of the Episcopal church preached a sermon before the Synod of the State of Illinois. The sermon has been endorsed by the Bishop of Springfield, Ill., and published to the world. The author of the sermon, in referring to those who are preaching the Sabbath question, says :

" It is true that of late years a sect has arisen which seeks to overthrow the Christian Sunday, and substitute, or rather re-establish the Jewish Sabbath. And it is also true that this sect is rapidly increasing in numbers. The cause is not hard to find. A large number of those who profess and call themselves Christians have unwisely rallied to the cry of ' The Bible, and the Bible only, as the religion of Protestants, and as the change from Saturday to Sunday is neither authorized nor even mentioned in the Bible, they are of course defenceless against the attack of the Sab-
batarians. When these advance their arguments, the so-called Bible Christians have nothing to reply, and if they are really consistent, they must leave the de-

nomination to which they belong, and unite with the Sabbatarians. Many of them are doing so; more will certainly follow, and it need not be a matter of surprise if the boundary lines of Protestantism are entirely changed by the attacking forces of this comparatively new sect."

A few more admissions like the above, and those like the church of Rome have made, and those that hundreds of ministers are constantly making, will convince people everywhere that Sunday as the Sabbath has no Bible claims. Let the agitation go on as the truth will prevail.

S. H. LANE.

A WORD TO POEM-WRITERS.

THE publishers of the INDICATOR are pleased to see the interest and home talent, both in prose and verse, manifested for the success of our paper, and the word we offer is not designed to discourage or criticise any; but to assist both composer and editor, and also to help those who are not lovers of verse to see some, at least, of its beauty.

It has been often expressed that rhyme is not always poetry. Poetry is *thought* so clothed in words as to bring to the ear and mind, not simply rhyme, but *rhythm*; for true poetry has music in it, *meter* and *euphony*.

The first stanza should be the text or model from which to form all other stanzas in the poem. The first line in the model should govern all first lines; and the second line, all second lines, etc. In short, make each stanza conform in rhyme and meter to your model.

To make it easy to preserve the meter, each line should be divided into syllables, and the accented syllables marked. For example:

"Thy ho-ly Sab-bath Lord," or

"Ask for the guide-book, the Bi-ble from heav'n."

In the first example we have a line with six syllables, and the accent upon syllables two, four, and six. In the second example we have ten syllables, and the accent upon one, four, seven, and ten. This may be at the option of the composer in forming his text; but when that is formed, it is well to "stick to your text."

Also the rhyme may be placed between the endings of lines one, and two and three, four; or it may be between one, three and two, four;

or simply between two and four, or all lines may end in the same sound, etc., etc. This diversity of arrangement of lines and syllables, when connected with music, makes the stanzas long meter, common meter, short meter, etc.

The study of this variety of arrangement, together with the similies, metaphors, etc., used as clothing, constitute some of the fascinating charms of poetry.

Last, but not least, we believe in the old saying, "That as a rule, poets are born, not made." A good poem is the result of the *inspiration* of the hour.

For so small a paper as the INDICATOR short poems are preferable.

A. E. PLACE.

CHURCHES ATTENTION!

THE hard times are effecting all financial channels. The tithes which flow into the State treasury have not been effected as much as we feared, but since the first of January we have not received as much as we usually do each year during that period. We are running quite a large force of workers, and we look to the tithes from which to pay these laborers.

If any of our churches have not sent in their tithes for the past quarter, we would like to have them do so immediately, as we stand in need of the means. If any one in the State who has not paid tithes in the past will do so now, and if scattered ones who have not paid will do so, we can assure all such that we shall appreciate every dollar sent. We need means *now*. Who will come to the rescue? Let all connected with our churches pay to the tithe treasurer of the church, while those not connected with any church will please send tithes and donations to W. A. Wilcox, who is our State tithe treasurer. Address your letters and make all checks, drafts, and money-orders payable to New York Tract Society, Rome, N. Y.

The New York Tract Society also stands in need of means, and we earnestly request all who are owing the Society to pay all or a part of what they owe as soon as possible, as we greatly need the means. Who will respond? Shall we not all take hold of these matters immediately? Will we ever see a time when the cause needs means more than now? I think not. If so, those who aid it now will rejoice

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending February 22.

County.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Deliv.	Value
Bible Readings.								
Steuben,	T. B. Harlan,	22	4	3	\$7.00	\$1.75	2	\$6.00
Monroe,	J. S. Fritts,	32	5	8	17.50		2	5.00
Monroe,	O. E. Tuttle,	42	5	17	44.25	\$15.00		
Montgomery,	Wm. Seewald,	14	2	4	8.50	6.75		
Niagara,	Chas. H. Harris,	9	2	4	7.00			
Erie,	J. S. Delano,	9	1	2	4.50		9	22.50
Oneida,	Norman Kling,	19	5			\$3.00		
Great Controversy.								
Ulster,	J. E. Frazee,	29	5	15	36.75		1	2.75
Chenango.	E. S. Popoff,	27	5	10	29.50	3.75		
Erie,	O. F. Thompson,	12	2	4	12.00	2.00		
Patriarchs and Prophets.								
Broome,	J. Deeley,	45	9	9	22.75	5.50		
Miscellaneous sales,								
					27.75			
Totals,	11 Canvassers,	260	45	76	\$217.50	\$27.75	14	\$36.25

in the future and receive much of the blessing of the Lord.

S. H. LANE.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

I HAVE no doubt that many hearts in New York are turned toward this place in prayer to God for his blessing upon the work that is being done here. Be assured, brethren, that your prayers are being answered. Each day seems to be more and more important and precious. We hope all are following the reports in the *Review* and *Bulletin* carefully. It is a source of encouragement and strength to be permitted to come face to face with representatives of the message from all parts of the field which is "the world."

Last night we were permitted a social interview with brother Pomare, chief of the Maoris (a native tribe of New Zealand). He has lately accepted present truth, and was baptized just prior to his coming here to finish his education. He is about twenty years of age, with a noble physique, and general manners. He states that the harvest is already ripe among his people, for the closing message.

I also met sister Florence Booth of Union Square, N. Y., who is at the Sanitarium. She seems of good courage.

A. E. PLACE.

THE SANITARIUM.

BROTHER WM. E. TYREL kindly guided us through the Sanitarium or San as they call it here. This is a large institution. They manufacture their own electricity, and run about nine hundred lights. This would light quite a village. They also carry on a large machine shop for their own benefit, as they have miles of iron pipe. There are nearly four hundred rooms each of which bring from from ten to twenty-five dollars per week. Of course this includes board, etc. Some might think this a high price, but it will cost that if we stay at home when sick. A doctor at one dollar per visit, would cost from seven to ten dollars per week; then there are all the other things: a nurse, warm room, pure food, pure water, etc.

The bakery is a large brick building connected with the Sanitarium. It is now running from twenty-two to twenty-four hours per day. A new oven, costing \$1800 has just been put in. They buy their flour by the car-load; and sell large loaves of good bread for five cents. The crackers are rolled, cut, and stamped by machinery. Near by is another brick building used for a laundry. The Sanitarium has also a green-house with a great variety of tropical plants.

J. R. CALKINS.

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Field Reports.

MAPLEWOOD.

OWING to the severe storm and unusually cold weather, our meetings have not been held regularly for almost two weeks; but we expect to begin again to-night, and will probably continue every night during this week. Some are already rejoicing in the precious light, and many are still in the valley of decision. May God help these kind of people to take a noble stand for Him.

During severe storms, the roads in this part are often impassible, the drifts often reaching a depth of fifteen or twenty feet in some places.

We expect to leave Monticello in a few weeks, but have not fully decided our next location. We hope to be guided in closing up our work in this part and in selecting a future field.

Some from Maplewood attended our Sabbath meeting in Monticello yesterday, which was quite small owing to the fact that many are sick in the place. Pray for the work and workers in south-eastern New York.

H. G. THURSTON.

Feb. 17.

WEST MONROE.

WE commenced meetings at West Monroe Feb. 1, with quite a small attendance; the

severe weather has made it impossible for people to get out. Some of the time since the weather has moderated the house is filled, and the interest has increased. The Lord is working mightily upon the hearts of the people; many are attending who do not attend the regular services.

The Methodist church was refused us. Our people had helped them build it with the understanding that they were to have the use of the house when they desired. We occupy the hall, and it is quite well fitted for the meetings. The people are very favorable toward the work, and God is blessing them.

We have Miss Lilly Pettis and Miss May Ross from Roosevelt to assist in the singing. The beautiful songs of Zion attract the heart, and we trust will help to convert the heart to Christ. We are now presenting the reformations in contrast to the apostasies that have been in the world. We hope there will be those who will give their hearts fully to God. Pray for the success of the work.

GEO. M. ELLIS.

—Inexhaustible good nature is the most precious gift of Heaven.

HEALTH FOODS.

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