

# The Indicator.

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

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## PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE.

THURSDAY, March 7, we arrived at Rome, on our return from General Conference. In looking back over the Conference work of this year, and comparing it with that of like meetings in the past, I think I can truthfully say that it has been by far the best that I have ever attended.

In the matter of the fields represented, the character of the reports, both home and foreign, gave evidence of a most gratifying progress. The tender regard manifested for others, the unity in committees and on the floor, and the general good spirit manifested by the ministers and other laborers in receiving their appointments for change of home fields, and also to foreign fields, even to the gold coast and interior of Africa, etc. Each and all seemed to testify more powerfully than words, that the Lord had indeed, by his good Spirit, been present in the councils of his people; and it made our hearts to greatly rejoice. The prospects before us for the work, while beset with great difficulties, are bright with far greater success than has been seen thus far.

The closing social meeting was one of much interest. Such an anxiety to speak of the goodness of God was manifested that the great congregation of nearly four thousand held local meetings simultaneously. Probably at least forty such meetings were in progress in the tabernacle at once. The meeting closed with many a “good-byes” and “God bless you.”

At the close of that meeting, Elder Lane and wife, Brethren M. H. Brown of Oakland, Cal., J. V. Willson of Iowa, J. G. Excell of Buffalo, Sister Maria Slocum of Brooklyn, Mrs. Place, and myself, met at the pleasant home of Brother and Sister W. E. Tyrel and enjoyed a most pleasant and profitable Empire State reunion. We are glad to state that Brother and Sister Tyrel still feel a deep interest in the work in their native state. This is also true of Brother

Willson. If it is God's will we trust they may return to us again.

I expected until near the close of the Conference that I would be transferred to some other field of labor; but as you have doubtless seen by the appointments in the *Review* and *Bulletin*, my work is, for a time at least, to be in New York State, but with greatly increased responsibilities. The only condition upon which I enter this sacred work is, “Lo, I am with you alway.” And in the language of the Lord I do say, “I will put my trust in Him.” I am also cheered with the confidence I have in my brethren, and I trust and believe that I have your confidence, prayers, and support. If this is true, the work of God may still go forward in the Empire State, till such time as more suitable arrangements shall be made.

I am pleased to state that Elder Lane will be permitted to be with me a few weeks yet, and I hope to receive much good counsel from him before he leaves this State.

I feel sure that I voice the heart-felt sentiment of our brethren and sisters when I say that we appreciate the earnest labors of Elder Lane among us during the past six years, and also that we truly regret the necessity of his removal; but we do tender to him still our prayers for his success in his work in Illinois.

A. E. PLACE.

## ATTENTION.

It has been decided not to hold a canvassers' institute this spring, as was stated by Elder Lane in last week's *INDICATOR*; but there are some in the State who have been talking of starting in the canvassing work this spring, and experience has shown that only a very few succeed unless they are instructed in this work. Therefore it has been decided that a two weeks' course will be held in Rome, for the benefit of such, commencing about April 4.

The New York Conference has about twelve

hundred members, and there ought to be a good many more who will take up this work now. I would like to hear immediately from all who will join this army of workers, so that we can make suitable arrangements for you. This will not shut off the old canvassers, or any others from coming, and they will all be welcome; but the Tract Society does not feel able to assist financially only those first mentioned.

Let all who will heed this call, write to me as soon as they read this. "Go work in my vineyard."  
J. R. CALKINS.

THE CANVASSING WORK.

A CANVASSER writes that by request he has been showing some persons who bought "Bible Readings," how to use the book by giving them a reading. As the result they are very enthusiastic over the book. One of the men is going among his friends, telling them that it is "the greatest book on earth." He helps in this way to get some orders. Our books are doing a great amount of good. They mould public opinion, and many are, and will be led to accept the truth. This is what we expect.

Another writes, concerning a prominent A. P. A. man, as follows: "This morning he said the A. P. A.s thought they were all right, and held the key that would shut the Roman Catholics up in their proper quarters. But I have just learned from the *American Sentinel* and "Great Controversy" that they do not comprehend the first principles. They are like people watching a very narrow way, supposing it to be the only opening for the enemy to approach, and the danger lay directly opposite, stealing upon them unawares." I loaned him "Great Controversy," and he is completely carried away with it, and wants one. He says that without any exception, it is the best book he ever saw. How it makes my heart rejoice to see intelligent men like this become thoroughly absorbed in the study of God's word.

Another canvasser writes that the people are starving to death for the truth. The Lord will send us more workers, for he will answer our prayers.

A canvasser says that during the month of January he took seventy-two orders, amounting to \$166.00, and sold helps to the value of \$17.50. He says, "the cry of hard times is

a fraud. People chew tobacco and drink whiskey all the same."

J. R. CALKINS.

*Field Reports.*

BINGHAMTON AND VICINITY.

TUESDAY evening, Feb. 26, I began meetings in a hall at Hawleyton, a small village six miles from Binghamton. Quite an interest has developed, and two dear souls who have been reading, and for some time have been convinced of the truthfulness of our positions, have been led to take a stand with us. Quite a number of others are interested, and are now studying and reading our books. We decided to postpone the meetings until the roads get better, as there is neither sleighing nor wheeling, and some that want to attend cannot get out.

A young man from New York City, at one time a manufacturer and prominent business man there, has been attending our Sabbath-school in Binghamton for the past few weeks. He says he has been trying to serve the Lord for four years; but has never been so interested in the Bible as he has become since attending our meetings. He is convinced that the seventh day is the Sabbath, and says he intends to keep it as soon as he can arrange his business. Dear brethren, please remember the work in this place.

A. R. HYATT.

WEST MONROE.

THE meetings continue to increase in interest, and the Lord is greatly blessing the people. We were obliged to move from the town hall to the old church because of lack of room to accommodate the crowds of people who attend the meetings. To express a true idea of the attendance would be to say that everybody is coming. The attendance and interest is remarkable. We hope that many souls will decide to obey God and keep his commandments, and have the faith of Jesus. The brethren are of good courage; the Sabbath meetings are well attended. Brethren pray for the work here that God will cause many souls to decide.

GEO. M. ELLIS.

## The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending March 8.

County.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Deliv.	Value
Bible Readings.								
Steuben,	T. B. Harlan,	25	5	9	\$20.00		3	\$6.00
Monroe,	J. S. Fritts,	29	5	10	24.25		3	4.50
Monroe,	O. E. Tuttle,			2	6.00		31	73.75
Montgomery,	Wm. Seewald,	42	5	12	26.00	\$7.25		
Niagara,	Chas. H. Harris,	28	5	5	9.00	.25	1	1.00
Erie,	J. S. Delano,	4	1	3	9.25			
Oneida,	Norman Kling,	11				1.00	1	2.50
Chemung,	C. W. Inskeep,			2	4.00			
Otsego,	J. R. Mc Alister,	23	3	9	19.50	1.10		
Great Controversy.								
Ulster,	J. E. Frazee,	23	5	14	33.00		1	2.25
Chenango.	E. S. Popoff,	17	3	3	8.50	1.50		
Otsego,	Fred G. Mc Alister,	20	3	6	15.25	1.75		
Erie,	O. F. Thompson,	10	2	3	7.50	5.25	1	3.00
Patriarchs and Prophets.								
Broome,	J. Deeley,						2	6.00
Miscellaneous sales,					18.10			
Totals,	14 Canvassers,	232	37	78	\$200.35	\$18.10	43	\$99.00

## Obituary Notice.

It is with profound sadness that we chronicle the death of Sister Nellie A. Cutter, of East Elma, Erie Co., N. Y. Sister Cutter has attended quite a number of our camp-meetings during the past two years, especially those that have been held in Central and Western New York. Her death occurred on the night of Feb. 8. She left her father's house in the night. In the morning, when she was missed, diligent search was made, and in the afternoon at two o'clock her body was found in a creek, but a little distance from the house. Sister Nellie had not been well for some time, and it is supposed that her mind was a little affected, and that in a spell of mental unbalance she wandered from home, and in doing so walked on the ice of the creek, and stepped into a hole where the ice-cutters had been at work.

Nellie had been brought up a Sabbath-keeper, as her mother was very firm in the faith. Nellie was very devout, her Bible being her constant companion above every other book. Her mother died about one year ago, since that time she has been very sad, and life has not looked so bright.

The funeral discourse was preached at the Methodist church, by Rev. D. W. Gates. The house was filled to overflowing. The minister used Sister Nellie's Bible, and read several texts that she had marked, which showed that she trusted in the promises of God. She was firm in the faith, and leaves behind her every evidence that her hope was anchored in the great heavenly temple within the veil, where Christ our forerunner has entered.

A few weeks ago there was published in the INDICATOR a piece of poetry from Sister Cutter, entitled, "A Princess in Disguise," the first verse of which runs as follows:

"I have something I must tell you,  
'Tis too grand to keep alone,  
In disguise I am a princess.  
And my father's on a throne."

The entire piece was read to the large congregation. We shall all miss Nellie, as by her Christian deportment and winning ways she had endeared herself to us all; but if we are faithful we shall meet her in the kingdom of God, which hope lights even death's cold realm.

S. H. LANE.

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## TRACT SOCIETIES PLEASE NOTICE.

The *Sentinel* of March 21 will be a number of special value. It will contain an account of the trial and imprisonment of nine of our brethren at Dayton, Tenn., and the consequent closing of the Graysville Academy. A very important feature of this article is the decision of the judge in the cases, which is the best document which has yet issued from the pen of a judge in all the history of these persecutions.

We believe that, as far as is consistent, steps ought to be taken to get this number before judges in the United States. Following this article will be printed a portion of the appeal of our persecuted London brethren to the people of New England, in which the individual responsibility of every man is clearly set forth. There never has been a clearer statement of our position than is made by our London brethren.

Another article of interest is a protest by a Mr. Frost of Mass., formerly a First-day Adventist minister, but now suspended from church fellowship because he accepted the Sabbath. He replies to a publication issued by the First-day Adventists, which purports to be a reply to "Rome's Challenge." The matter is an appeal to the First-day Adventists of New England, and is a very able document.

The paper will be illustrated with a cut of the Graysville Academy.

We speak of this paper thus early that in case

your society should feel able to handle one hundred, or more, that we might receive your order as early as consistent. If copies are ordered, and some member or members selected who will take the papers and place them in the hands of judges, lawyers, editors, etc., we believe good will be the result. Price, \$1.00 per hundred. Address New York Tract Society, Rome, N. Y.

## APPOINTMENTS.

No PROVIDENCE hindering, I will hold meetings at Syracuse, March 22, 23, and 24. The meetings will commence Friday evening. I hope to see a general attendance as these meetings may be the last I can ever hold with the church. Come praying that the blessing of the Lord may especially rest on our services.

S. H. LANE.

I EXPECT to meet with the church at Williamstown, Sabbath and Sunday, March 16, 17. I would be glad to see all the brethren and sisters who live in that vicinity who can consistently attend. The matter of a church building will be considered Sunday.

A. E. PLACE.

## NOTICE.

BRETHREN needing good farm help for the season, would do well to correspond with W. L. Skinner, 95 West Erie St., Oswego, N. Y.

—ELDER PLACE spoke in the church at Rome, Sabbath, March 9, and again Sunday evening. He will also speak to us next Thursday evening.

—NO DOUBT many of our readers have heard something of the distress and suffering that is being endured on the island of Newfoundland. The banks, shops, and firms have failed, and all efforts thus far to make a change for the better have proved of no avail. There are a great many poor upon the island, who had nothing to depend upon but their daily earnings, and those who had saved something lost it all through the failure of the banks.

If all who can and feel it their privilege to help these sufferers will send their contributions to the New York Tract Society, they will be forwarded to the proper parties.