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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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A PLEA FOR LIBERTY.

BY EMMA L. PARDON.

OH my country, great and free!
I would sing a song of the;
Of thy laws so just and right,
And thy past career so bright.
Thus our country, in her youth,
Held for freedom, held for truth,
Every citizen to be
In religious matters free.
Long our "stars and stripes" have waved
O'er a land by valor saved,
O'er a people, happy, blest,
By no tyranny oppressed.
May our country's laws remain
Liberal, and still retain
Just equality for all,
Rich or humble, great or small.
God forbid my native land
E'er should give a helping hand,
To assail sweet liberty,
Grant that this may never be.

—Albany, N. Y.

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

SEVERAL notices have appeared of late concerning our pioneer paper, the *Signs of the Times*, and yet it may not be out of place to let the INDICATOR have a word to say. The late action of the publishers of this valuable paper to reduce the price and introduce illustrations, must be greatly appreciated by all our tract societies, and those who have been making a business of selling the paper from house to house, and also those who are contemplating the work.

With the present rates our missionary societies as well as individuals doing missionary work can do much more work than heretofore for the same capital invested, and we believe that the paper will be more attractive if possible than it has been in the past. Nothing can be better with which to start or continue missionary work than this paper. It will always be

up to the times with something new or fresh each week. This is what the people want, and it is what they need. We do not wish to be behind in the Empire State in giving encouraging orders for this paper. Tract societies, have you been thinking of this matter carefully, and what have you decided? How many copies can we order for use in the State this quarter, and what is the prospect for next quarter? Who is thinking about this house to house canvass to sell them? So far as I have heard, all who have put forth a fairly systematic effort in this line have succeeded. Young ladies can be successful here, and boys, and make, not simply a little "pin money," but good wages, and at the same time be working for the Lord by putting his message in the hands of the people. There are many cities and even large villages in our State that ought to be entered at once with this pioneer. This would open the way for advance work further on. The finances of our Conference are inadequate to meet the expense of putting ministers, or Bible workers in all these places, if we had the laborers. But we all feel anxious to see the work go.

Now it seems that God's wheel of providence has turned around just right so that all who have been longing to work in the cause can do so, and at the same time meet their own expenses. Our State has done well with the special *Sentinels*, and we want to do well with the *Signs*.

If any desire more information in reference to this matter please send a card to New York Tract Society, Rome, N. Y., and we will be glad to assist you in getting started, and in any way possible. Who will be first? In closing let us all join in saying, "God bless the *Signs of the Times*."

A. E. PLACE.

—"Lift up the standard; and let the self-denying and the self-sacrificing, the lovers of God and humanity, join the army of workers."

Field Reports.

DICKINSON CENTER AND WEST BANGOR.

SINCE the dedication of the church at Dickinson Center we have occupied the time in finishing up the work on the building, and visiting the friends preparatory to our taking leave. Some are still much interested, and we believe there are still those who will yet take their stand for God and his truth.

On Wednesday afternoon we were invited with a number of the friends to meet at the home of Sister Geer for a social visit before we left. At the time appointed about twenty-five of the Sabbath-keepers and friends came, and after spending an hour or so in visiting, singing, and prayer, the friends presented my wife with a loaf of cake, nicely frosted and decorated with silver coins. This with several other tokens of friendship which we received make us feel that the people appreciate the efforts that have been put forth for their good. And while we are made sad to part with them for a time, we look forward to the time in the near future when we each, if faithful, may have a part in the grand reunion of all God's people, where partings shall be no more.

Thursday morning we said good-bye to the friends at the station, and started for other fields. My wife has returned to Syracuse to visit her mother and relatives; and I came to this place, West Bangor, where I shall hold meetings over Sabbath and Sunday in the Union church, after which I shall decide on the field for future work. We expect to hold an effort in this section before the opening of the tent season. Hoping for an interest in the prayers of God's people for success in the work before us, we go forth with courage, and trust in Him who is the author of the message and the captain of our salvation.

H. I. BRISTOL.

April 28.

WEST VALLEY, DELEVAN, AND COLLINS CENTER.

ACCORDING to appointment I met with the church at West Valley April 6. The meetings on the Sabbath were held at the home of Brother J. B. Holland, near Riceville. The brethren

turned out well, considering the fact that the roads were almost impassable. For this reason it was thought best to have no meetings on Sunday. Brother Holmes of Colden, was present and assisted in the meetings. The brethren here have commenced the building of a church. They are at work with enthusiasm. This is as it should be. May others follow their example.

After the meetings at Riceville, I went with Brother Arthur Cheeseman to their home near Delevan. The brethren will remember that here our last camp-meeting was held. There is an undeveloped interest here, and the brethren are putting forth all efforts to carry on the work already begun. Monday and Tuesday evenings, April 8 and 9, I spoke in the Universalist church on some of the stirring questions of the day. Judging from the good collection taken up the last evening, the people appreciated the sermons very much.

From Delevan I went back to Buffalo to make arrangements with the German brethren for baptism, and on Friday, April 12, I went to Collins Center. Here I spoke in a hall on Friday evening, twice on the Lord's day, and twice on Sunday, on some of the important questions that concern us as a people and a nation at the present time. Great interest was taken, and no means were spared by the brethren and sisters to make the meetings a success.

On Monday morning I went to North Collins where I was met at the depot by Brother Manchester, who took me to his home where I enjoyed a pleasant visit. In the evening we held a Bible reading at the home of Sister Smith. Some outsiders were present and a good interest was manifested. The Lord is working for his people, and the victory will soon be ours.

J. P. LORENZ.

ALBANY.

ALTHOUGH it has been sometime since I have given any report of my work through the INDICATOR, I have not been idle, nor lost any interest in reading the many items of interest in that interesting little paper. My chief reasons for not writing are that I have been so very busy, and "la grippe" taking hold of me, seemingly at every turn, that I have not written only when necessity seemed to require it. But I am of

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending May 17-

County.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Deliv.	Value
Bible Readings.								
Cayuga,	J. S. Fritts,	40	5	12	\$24.50			
Otsego,	James F. Wait,	14	2	2	3.50	\$.25		
Lewis,	A. R. Hyatt,	12	3	11	21.50	7.00		
Lewis,	M. A. Vroman,	9	2	4	7.50	.50		
Oneida,	Norman Kling,	21	4	4	7.00	3.75	3	\$8.00
Broome,	C. W. Inskeep,	20	6	16	32.75	1.25		
Steuben,	T. B. Harlan.	21	4	2	3.50	.25	16	37.25
Steuben,	Mrs. T. B. Harlan,	3	1	3	4.50	.75		
Monroe,	O. E. Tuttle,		5	8	18.50	12.50		
Allegany,	Fritz A. Evans,	31	5	1	2.75	.65		
Orange,	G. W. Wright,	8	2	5	10.00			
Great Controversy.								
Ulster,	J. E. Frazee,	28	5	26	63.00			
Otsego,	Fred G. Mc Alister,	14	2			16.50		
Montgomery,	E. S. Popoff,	34	5	14	31.00	1.50		
Broome,	I. Deeley,	44	5	5	10.00			
Chenango,	Mrs. F. W. Bartle,	13	4	4	8.00	3.75	1	2.00
Patriarchs and Prophets.								
Broome,	J. Deeley,	15	2	8	16.35	5.25	4	11.00
Miscellaneous sales,					53.90			
Totals,	17 Canvassers,	327	62	125	\$318.15	\$53.90	24	\$58.25

good courage, as new and interesting phases of the work are continually developing.

I have been invited recently to give a Bible lesson at two different missions. I took up practical subjects, at the close of which good satisfaction was expressed by the leaders. I have been requested to go again. Some who are in the valley of decision may yet I hope, by the grace of God, have faith to obey.

While we see evidences throughout the land that the dragon is wroth with those who keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ, may we be enabled to redouble our diligence in giving the warning against receiving his mark. We have at present in this city a striking illustration of 2 Tim. 4:3, 4. One of the most prominent Methodist ministers here returned from the "Parliament of Religions" held at the World's Fair, very enthusiastic over it, and said, "I am told that there is good in all religions." These sentiments have grown until he has left the Methodist church, and has taken the pastorate of a newly reorganized Unitarian church here. At the request of one with whom I was discussing

his teachings—higher criticism, so called—I attended his services yesterday, Sunday, held in the opera house at three o'clock in the afternoon, until such time as they can build a church. He is a bright, fine looking man, about thirty-three years of age, but one, I should judge, that a theory of self-development, which he taught, would better please, than the teachings of the humble Nazarene. I saw no Bible on the speaker's desk, and he was quite closely confined to his written subject which was a theory that the earth is a part of another planet cast off by it in its revolution; that man and everything in nature is a development from a lower organism. Instead of speaking of the forces of nature as evidences of the power of God, he said, in a flowery way, "the wind is the breath of God, the rays of the sun his glory, etc." I thought he would need to go but one step farther to deify nature as the heathens have done.

I felt to thank God that he has given me the present truth of his Word, which shows us so plainly its force and harmony. Yours for the truth of God.
M. W. KEIM.

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SACKETT LAKE.

AS THE work progresses at this place the interest deepens. While the roads have been almost impassable some of the time, yet the attendance has not decreased. Some ladies who live two miles away have walked over snow banks and through mud to attend. We are now in the midst of the Sabbath-school question.

Two families have already been won to the Sabbath truth. I expect to report other victories soon. The demand for tracts has been quite good. We intend to organize a Sabbath-school next Sabbath.

W. W. WHEELER.

SALAMANCA.

I BEGAN at Salamanca, in a hall, March 19, and closed May 8. Our meetings were good and well attended from first to last. Brother Place favored us with a visit, and spoke with freedom on the subject of Religious Liberty. We received \$28.55 in donations, and as the result believers were encouraged and a number more have received the truth. May the Lord keep them faithful until the end.

D. A. BALL.

ROCHESTER.

I LEFT Syracuse Feb. 28 to engage in Bible work in this city. After a diligent search of one week, I found pleasant rooms in a nice locality. After I was settled I followed up the canvassers' work, and have now all the appointments I can attend to. While appointing readings I had some very interesting visits, and found that here, as elsewhere, God's spirit is working mightily upon the hearts of the people.

One encouraging feature in the work here is that at all the readings appointed, the request was that they should be held in the evening, so that every member of the family would be present.

There are nine Sabbath-keepers here. We have organized a Sabbath-school, and are holding regular meetings at the house of Sister Edwards. We enjoy the meetings, and pray that the Lord will prosper the work here. We hope the readers of the INDICATOR will remember the work here in their prayers.

AMELIA F. DOWER.

BYERSVILLE.

WE came to this place from Tuscarora, Wednesday, April 10. The doors of the Free Methodist church were thrown wide open. We commenced meetings Thursday evening, April 11, and since then we have held twenty-three meetings. Although the church in which we are meeting is Free Methodist, yet it is claimed to be the only Christian church in this part of the State, and we think the claim is well made. It follows the golden rule. See Matt. 7:12. The trustees have given us the key, and tell us to preach anything we desire to.

I went home Friday, April 19, to attend the quarterly meeting, and the dedication at Jamestown, and also to prepare for the tent work. We expect to get into the tent work at Nunda the last of this month. We ask the brethren in all parts of the Conference to pray for the work in Livingston County.

J. B. STOW.

—"My brother you endanger your own salvation if you hold back now."

"Have you a knowledge of the truth? Give it to others."