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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 CANVASSER'S SOLILOQUIES.

BY FRED G. MCALISTER.

" 'Tis Monday morn,—been raining some.
It's rather muddy walking,
I guess I better wait till noon,
Then folks will be through washing."

The dinner o'er—"How dark it looks,
And I believe it's storming
Off in the west; I've half a mind
To wait till Tuesday morning."

"Three"—by the clock—"Well, I feel blue;
The day has most departed;
I might have had some orders too,
If I had only started."

Tuesday morn—"It is so far
To get to where I'm working,
I'll take the stage, it comes at ten,
'Tis easier than walking."

(Ten brings the stage; but with a load.)
"There is no use of talking,
If I get there at all to-day
I'll have to do some walking."

And so it goes with various things,
To keep us from life's duties;
But such is life, and living thus
We see not half its beauties.

If Christ were first, and always first,
And love of souls was second,
We'd labor more for others' good;
Big "I" would then be weakened.

Not only so, but through it all
We would have gained a blessing,
And found by faithful, noble toil
That life is worth the living.

Field Reports.

AUBURN, WEST MONROE, ROME, AND
KIRKVILLE.

My last report closed with arrival at Auburn from Rochester, Tuesday May 18. I found the brethren of good courage at Auburn. They feel glad to hear that we still talk Auburn for our State camp-meeting this year. I visited

what I could, and spoke in the hall in the evening. Two did not have notice of the meeting and so were not present; but we had a profitable season together.

Wednesday morning I spent a little time in Syracuse, then came on to Rome to get ready for the West Monroe meeting. Friday I went to West Monroe. We had two meetings Sabbath day, and two Sunday. Sabbath afternoon I administered baptism to eleven adults. Sunday forenoon I spoke on the subject of church organization and the duties of officers and members. At the close we reorganized the West Monroe church with an addition of eleven members, making the entire membership nineteen. Elder F. Wheeler was chosen elder. I was very much pleased to find Brother Wheeler physically well enough to attend all the meetings, and take the position as elder of the church. I was also pleased to see the interest manifested by the brethren and sisters in that vicinity in attending the meetings there. Roosevelt was well represented. Four from there were baptized and will unite with the Roosevelt church. Several came from Williamstown, three from Vernillion, two from Onondaga Hill (near Syracuse), and several from Grayville, where Elder Ellis held his last series of meetings. A good spirit prevailed all through the meetings, and it was a pleasure for me to be to be present. The Lord has blessed the work done by Brother Ellis. He has also seemed to open the way very providentially for them to get a church building there in which to hold their meetings at a very nominal sum.

Monday I met with Elder H. L. Bristol at Syracuse to talk over tent work for the summer, and also transact some business there for the Conference.

Wednesday I was called to Kirkville to preach the funeral sermon of Elder Kinne's wife's father. The services were held in the Methodist Episcopal church at Kirkville. Quite a

large congregation was present, and a deep impression was made as we considered the text, "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

Friday the Conference Committee had a meeting in which several matters of importance were considered. Sabbath day I spoke to the Rome church. We had a good attendance, and an interesting social meeting followed. Yesterday, Sunday, I attended the meeting of the Seventh-day Baptist Central Association, held at Churchville, Oneida County. I was kindly received by the moderator and all the delegates. I was requested to take part in their deliberations.

A. E. PLACE.

DICKINSON CENTER.

It has been some time since we have reported from this field as to the prosperity of the work; but it has not been because the interest did not demand it, but from the fact that Elders Lane and Place have, from time to time, quite fully reported the work and interest here which I need not repeat.

The desire to hear and investigate still holds good, and the work and people connected with it are gaining strength and influence every week, even with those who a short time ago were open opposers. The church so recently built here is admired by all, which has much to do in giving the work a good standing among the business men of the town.

About three weeks ago the Grand Army asked me if our church could be used for the memorial service upon the 26th of May, if they should want it. I told them it could; so at their next meeting a vote was taken to determine where the services should be held. Our house was chosen for the occasion, without a dissenting vote. I gave the memorial discourse by request and vote of the Post. The house was packed as full as it could be, and extra seats were brought in, and then some had to go away because they could not find a place.

I expect to organize the church here, and baptize next Sabbath and Sunday, after which I expect to leave this place for my tent field of labor which I expect will be at Nicholville, about seven miles from this place, and about

two miles over the line into St. Lawrence Co., where I expect to meet Brother Hyatt who will join me in labor there.

We are glad to be able to report that Sister Ella Swift is now here who will be of great service to the church at this time. As we go again into new fields, we go earnestly seeking God for a blessing upon our feeble efforts, and asking the prayers of his people for his sustaining grace.

S. M. COBB.

ROOSEVELT AND PULASKI.

AS STATED in my last report, I again visited Roosevelt the 11th and 12th inst. The leading consideration in this visit was to administer baptism. Four were baptized. Several others would have gone forward in this ordinance but for sickness. As it was they decided to attend the West Monroe meeting and be baptized then. More was realized at our second visit to Roosevelt than simply the ordinance of baptism, as one young lady, a leading member in the choir, gave her heart to the Lord. She too expects to attend the West Monroe meeting, and go forward in baptism. The Lord bless the Roosevelt church.

From Roosevelt I returned to the Pulaski church and concluded my labors there Monday evening the 20th inst. Ten were baptized during my stay with this church, all of whom joined here. I had occasion to regret that my visit and labor in this church could not have been at a more favorable season of the year, as our labor was in a rural district, and the busy season of the year militated the attendance. Still I feel that some good has been effected there, and I shall now work for some there by correspondence whom I shall expect to take their stand for the truth. My next field of labor will be tent work in Elmira.

J. W. RAYMOND.

SACKETT LAKE.

THE truth is still triumphant, and gaining fresh victories daily. "Error, dark and hideous thing," stalked out upon the field with outward appearance fine; but those who loved truth turned upon it the ever trusty searchlight—God's Word—and beheld its true character, and received not its erroneous teachings.

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending May 31.

County.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Deliv.	Value
Bible Readings.								
Montgomery,	Wm. Seewald,	35	5	22	\$40.00	\$11.50		
Broome,	C. W. Inskeep,	13	3	9	16.75	.75		
Lewis,	M. A. Vroman,	21	4	9	19.87			
Monroe,	O. E. Tuttle,	32	4	10	21.00	13.00		
Allegany,	Fritz A. Evans,	40	5	6	12.00	.90		
Sullivan,	Frank Weller,	31	4	10	20.00			
Orange,	Henrietta VanDuzer,					8.15	2	\$4.50
Great Controversy.								
Ulster,	J. E. Frazee,	29	4	25	57.75			
Broome,	I. Deeley,	62	7	17	35.25	1.75	1	2.00
Montgomery,	E. S. Popoff,	16	3	7	16.25			
Patriarchs and Prophets.								
Broome,	J. Deeley,	52	7	16	34.25	10.00		
Miscellaneous sales,					46.05			
Totals,	11 Canvassers,	331	46	131	\$319.17	\$46.05	3	\$6.50

The Methodist Episcopal minister who preaches here, though very friendly at first, and admitted both in public and private that the seventh day is the Sabbath, has now turned against the truth and opposes it bitterly. He says that Judas, in spite of what he did, was as much honored by Christ as any of the apostles, that he was truly doing God's work; and so did the Catholic church by the direction of Christ do God's work in changing the Sabbath. He preached that Ex. 20: 3-17 was not binding, and the same evening while receiving members into the church made them promise to keep all the commandments of God. I eagerly await Brother Westworth's arrival to-morrow.

W. W. WHEELER.

May 19.

DICKINSON CENTER.

LAST Sabbath and Sunday were days full of interest for the church at this place. A steady growing interest has been noticeable in the work here for several weeks, and as the day to organize the church drew near we found that the interest deepened. Sabbath the house was well filled, and after the discourse from Elder Taylor a church of eighteen members was organized. Brother L. J. Kingsley was elected elder, and

Brother E. E. Bates for deacon; Sister Lorene Gier, clerk, and Sister Welthy Dawson for treasurer.

The ordination followed the organization. The Sunday services were well attended, and a deep impression for good was made upon the minds of the people. The afternoon service, which was followed by the baptism, brought all the people we could seat in our house of worship. Three more decided Sunday to unite with the church, making twenty-one members in all. After the services we went to the water and buried eight precious souls by baptism in the watery grave. About two hundred were upon the shore to view the scene, and some were affected to tears. The service left a deep impression upon the people. The brethren and sisters from Norfolk and Bangor were present, Elder Taylor assisting in the services.

S. M. COBB.

DEAR INDICATOR Truly, it seems as though the things which are happening would turn the attention of the people to something besides things of this earth; but instead, they hold on still tighter. Oh, that I may show the people the importance of getting these excellent books. Let us be faithful to the Lord that we may have Him ever to go with us. Your brother in the work,

Fritz A. Evans.

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MONGAUP VALLEY.

WE came to this place May 29, and commenced meetings Sunday, June 2. In both afternoon and evening the tent was filled and good attention was given to the word spoken. At the evening service a good collection showed an interest, and altogether we thank our heavenly Father for the propitious start of the tent effort of this season. Brethren and sisters, "pray without ceasing" for the success of the work here.

W. W. WHEELER.
W. A. WESTWORTH.

BLACK CREEK.

I MET with the church at Black Creek, Allegany County, May 25 and 26, and we had a precious season together. The outside attendance was better than it has ever been, and they paid the best of attention to the word spoken. One was baptized and united with the church, and another lady at Abbotts observed the Sabbath for the first time.

This is a live church and their influence tells for truth. May the Lord guide them, and add to them such as will be saved. I took one subscription for the *Signs*, and one for the *INDICATOR* for four years.

D. A. BALL.

APPOINTMENT.

NO PROVIDENCE preventing I will meet with the church at Constableville, Sabbath and Sunday, June 8 and 9. Baptism will be administered.
A. E. PLACE.

WANTED.—Brother C. M. Crumb, of Conewango Valley, N. Y., who is nearly blind, wants a man to go on the road with him this summer, and help in his musical entertainments. The work will be to see, hear, and talk for Brother Crumb, and take charge of the concerts. Wages, \$16.00 to \$20.00 and found (according to the value of the services rendered). Brother Crumb desires that his man may have a bicycle, and be able to sing temperance and sentimental songs. Answer immediately or not at all. Work until October or longer in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

CONFERENCE cash received May 14 to June 1: Ellicottville, \$12.00; Fulton, \$25.00; Genoa, \$36.35; Mannsville, \$5.00; Brookfield, \$9.56; Cortland, \$25.00; Slate Hill Company, \$9.14; Individuals, \$13.71; Donations, \$195.

CHOICE FRAGMENTS.

"ALL men are mirrors, and all live in glass houses." This being true we are constantly reflecting. Is it Christ or self? It all depends upon the position of the mirror. "We all reflecting as in a mirror the character of Christ are changed into the same image, from character to character."

"Man is not simply a polished surface to hold the influences or pictures for a moment and then throw them off into space. It is absorbing substance with negative power to store up in the soul forever."

"We are the living reflection of that which we have seen, heard, and felt or believed."

"They cannot be erased. They are not in the memory simply; but they are like the indelible dye, all through the fibre of the soul."

"That fibre of the soul is as we have filled it, and left it. They have been absorbed in, and now forever they reflect back that other word for life, i. e. character."

"How important then that we turn the mirror at such an angle that the life of Jesus, the life of love, patience, and devotion He manifested in the earth, the anxious look now of his face and of the angels' in their work for humanity, may be clearly photographed, that we may reflect that picture in the home, in the street, in the church and everywhere."

"I shall not pass this way again."