

# The Indicator.

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

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## THE TENT WORK AGAIN.

By the time this issue of the INDICATOR reaches the readers, we expect there will be at least five tents engaged in active labor in different parts of this State ; and two more companies will start within a few days, which will make seven in all. This is what I have looked forward to with much interest. For a time it seemed that we would not be able to man more than six tents this season. This partly from the financial standpoint and partly from the difficulties that arose in arranging the companies suitably ; but after much prayer, and several changes we have been able to set up an “Ebenezer,” and so we say, “Thus far the Lord hath helped us.”

As I said in my last article on tent work, so I would say again, (as I find that some have not read the first one,) it is difficult to overestimate the importance of this branch of the work. No part of the year is more important, and it seems to me that it is by far the *most* important. It is our most favorable time for pioneer work. More people can be brought out to hear the truth in a tent than in a school-house, hall, or church. Especially in the smaller towns the tent attracts the people for a time. At the tent they hear and see the Word of God in a new and beautiful light, and from that time it is the truth that attracts and *holds* those who are honest in heart.

The expense. As is usually the case, a really good article is somewhat expensive. We find this to be so in the tent work, but we feel that the returns warrant all the expense. In the first place we have the tents to buy. Each tent company have one tent for the meeting-house, and one, and sometimes two, small tents for the home of the company. Then comes the seating, lighting, advertising, freight, rent on tent ground, etc. Our cotton churches cost us from one hundred to three hundred dollars, according to size and quality, and they will last

from four to seven years, according to the length of time in service each year, the climate, etc. Sometimes we get a good site for the tent free of charge, and at other times we are obliged to pay as high as \$10.00, and in a few instances as high as \$15.00 for the ground. The bills for freight are usually from \$5.00 to \$15.00, and at times more than this for each tent company to get started at the beginning of the season. Usually for the second pitch the freight bills are considerable less, as they move but a few miles.

To all this we must add the wages of the ministers and the licentiates who preach the Word, and labor in many ways for the people. When we take all things into consideration, we see at once that it costs to carry on the work. But brethren and sisters, the Lord counted the costs in the beginning, and He found it would cost Him all that He had and all that He was to save the race from ruin ; but He did not stop at the cost, but freely gave up all present enjoyment, and threw himself, with all that He had, into this world and labored untiringly for unthankful and unholy men. Did it pay for the Son of God to do all this? Did it pay for Him to allow His life to go out in darkness on Calvary's rocky hill? So will it pay for us to give money, and time, and ourselves ; and when it is done in the spirit of Christ, though, it and we seem to go out in darkness, God will cause some soul to cry out (as they see, not us, but Christ in us) “Truly this was the Son of God.”

(To be continued.)

A. E. PLACE.

## TO THE CANVASSERS.

FROM now till the first of September is the best time of the year to canvass. If the canvassers will put their general delivery over till the first of September the result will be much more satisfactory, especially in the country, as then the farmers will be receiving money for

their produce, and they will feel more free to give an order for that time. Where the canvasser changes his work every one to four weeks to deliver, he loses time, and time is money. So it is important that from now until the first of September the canvassers improve the time by working five days each week, and every week. Last January when the canvassers made out their annual reports, some of them were astonished at the small number of days and hours they had worked. One said that he was surprised that he had only worked sixty-four days in the year. Others also expressed regret.

Now is the time to redeem the time. Plan to be in the field at seven o'clock Monday morning, and the same every morning, and work all day, then next fall there will be rejoicing at the good result. The canvassers so far this year have done well, all things considered, and now if the prospects for good times continue, we shall be able to put out a good many books. It is probable that now we shall have a short season of good times; but when the break comes again be prepared to "stand from under."

Several new canvassers will soon be in the field. H. M. Johnson will be with us again and possibly A. K. Baker. I have been looking for some reports from the old canvassers who have been resting.

J. R. CALKINS.

CONSTABLEVILLE.

ACCORDING to appointment I met with the little company at Constableville, Lewis County, Sabbath and Sunday, June 8 and 9. Two preaching services were held on the Sabbath, and the Lord blessed in all the meetings. Sunday morning I spoke in the Baptist church in the village of Constableville. A good-sized congregation was in attendance, and seemed to take an interest in the subject presented.

At the close of this service four candidates for baptism were examined, and we went to the water and administered baptism. It was a precious season. The day was cloudless, the water clear, and though a large concourse of people surrounded us on nearly every hand, it was so still that we could hear the song of the bird in the tree across the water, and we felt that birds of Paradise were singing in the tree of life as they viewed the scene of earth, and

the Holy Spirit was present to hold in check the evil and bless those who walked gladly and firmly in the footsteps of Jesus. Three of the candidates were children of Brother and Sister Newton Hathaway, of Constableville, and the other Brother Frank Allison, of Rome.

The home of Brother and Sister Hathaway is made happy by the fact that its members, except the little three year old son, have been baptized into Christ and are rejoicing in the truth. My visit was a pleasant and profitable one, and as I said good-bye my heart went to the Lord that not only this family; but that we all "May be one."

A. E. PLACE.

WILSON.

WE commenced our meetings Sunday night, June 2, after having pitched our tent on the beautiful lot just opposite the Methodist church. Our attendance has been very small, yet it is steadily increasing from evening to evening. The attendance last night was about seventy-five. There are a few persons who manifest a great interest, coming each evening. Our brethren here manifest a good spirit in coming to the meeting, some coming a distance of fourteen miles; others attend regularly who live four or five miles away. It would interest some of the workers, I know, if they could be here about the time the people begin to congregate, to see the baskets, pails, plates, etc., filled with the necessities of life, already for use, brought in by our brethren to supply the wants of the workers. These kindnesses make tent work much lighter, and gladdens the hearts of the workers. We hope our brethren elsewhere will remember to do likewise.

Brethren, pray the Lord to add his blessing in saving souls in Wilson, and all over the field.

J. G. EXCELL.  
GEO. M. ELLIS.

BUFFALO AND TONAWANDA.

I LEFT Wilson, Friday morning, and arrived in Tonawanda at 10.30, after a ride of about twenty miles. I found the roads in good condition, except one place of about a mile where I was obliged to walk. I took dinner with Fred Miller, and spent the afternoon with other Sab-

*The Canvassing Work.*

Report for the Week Ending June 7.

County.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Deliv.	Value
Bible Readings.								
Cayuga,	J. S. Fritts,	73	10	19	\$36.25			
Montgomery,	Wm. Seewald,	39	5	14	\$27.00	\$1.50		
Broome,	C. W. Inskip,	31	5	17	\$2.75	.75		
Lewis,	M. A. Vroman,	40	4				76	\$150.50
Oneida,	Norman Kling,	13	3	1	1.75	.88		
Sullivan,	Frank Weller,	30	5	5	10.75	1.25		
Lewis,	A. R. Hyatt,	40	4				86	171.25
Otsego,	J. F. Wait,	58	7	14	26.50	6.25		
Otsego,	Fred G. Mc Alister,	56	7	35	75.00	2.50		
Steuben,	T. B. Harlan,	19	5	3	5.25	1.00	4	7.50
Niagara,	Chas. H. Harris,	21	4	6	12.25			
Great Controversy.								
Ulster,	J. E. Frazee,	31	4	20	44.50	1.15	12	28.75
Broome,	I. Deeley,	36	4	6	12.00	.50		
Patriarchs and Prophets.								
Broome,	J. Deeley,	25	3	6	12.00	.75	1	2.00
Miscellaneous sales,					16.53			
Totals,	14 Canvassers,	512	70	146	\$312.53	\$16.53	179	\$360.00

bath-keepers in Tonwanda. In the evening I met with the Young Peoples' Bible class. at the home of Sister Chatterton. in Buffalo. We had a very good meeting. Others, not of our faith, are becoming interested.

We have arranged for the young people to organize a lecture society. Two of the members are appointed each week to prepare and deliver a short address on some Bible subject. May the young people take hold of this matter, and with the blessing of God it will be a success. Sabbath morning I met with the Tonawanda Sabbath-school. The school is increasing in attendance and interest. In the afternoon I spoke to the Buffalo church from Matt. 25 : 1-12. Two persons united with the church by letter, and we expect two more from other denominations to unite next Sabbath. May God bless the Buffalo church.

Saturday evening I visited the Gyles family. They are greatly interested in the truth and some at least will soon join our number. Bible Readings are held at their house by Brother Gleason, every Sunday evening. I had a very pleasant visit with this family, and left Sunday morning and returned by wheel to the work at Wilson. I arrived here at noon, somewhat

tired ; but was sufficiently rested by evening to speak to the people. The subject was Rev. 12, and the people seemed greatly interested. May God bless the work here.

J. G. EXCELL.

NOTICE.

ELDER CHARLES TAYLOR, who has charge of the Bible work in the Mount Vernon Academy, and who is quite well known by many in this State, expects to spend several weeks, visiting and laboring in the western part of this State in the interests of our denominational schools, and also in the interests of the work in general. We welcome him to our State, and know that there will be many who will be glad to see him who have not met him in the past. He will probably be at Buffalo, June 22, 23 ; Newfane, June 25, 26 ; Jeddo, 29, 30. If changes are thought best they will be inserted in next week's INDICATOR. Other appointments will appear as soon as arrangements can be made.

A. E. PLACE.

WE have received the Sabbath-school lessons for the next quarter. Please forward your orders at once in order to have them on hand at the beginning of the quarter.

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LOOK ON THE FIELDS.

THE plan adopted by some churches is to take a club of the *Signs* or *Sentinels*, or both, and after securing some good names from the canvassers, who are willing to furnish them, send the papers, that is, send a copy to each person for from three weeks to three months or more. After sending three copies write a friendly letter, asking if they have received them, and stating that they are sent free; that you are interested in it and thought they might be, etc.

The trouble with some is, if they do not see immediate results they become discouraged. Notice the following: "Churches in every place should feel the deepest interest in the tract and missionary work." It says, churches should. "All can do something . . . in spreading the light of truth by scattering our publications." Here is another important statement, "To every man is given his work: not one is excused. It should be urged upon the churches again and again, that no one will be able to resist temptation, to answer the purpose of God, and to live the life of a Christian, unless he shall take up his work. . . . There is something for all to do besides going to church." How many would like to know how to resist temptation? Read the above.

J. R. CALKINS.

NUNDA.

WE commenced meetings in the tent here June 1. The interest has increased from the first. Many appear to have a desire to learn and know what the truth is. We are of good courage and trust that souls will be brought in to the light of the truth.

J. B. STOW.  
F. PEABODY.

WASHBOND—JOHNSON.

A QUIET marriage occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, of Rome, Monday, June 3, at five P. M., by which Nathaniel S. Washbond and Mary A. Johnson were united as husband and wife. Only the members of the family were present.

Brother Washbond is one of our tried canvassers, and also a member of the Conference Committee. He returned, June 4, to his field of labor, with his wife, to still carry the truth to the homes of the people. We wish them success. Elder Place was the officiating clergyman.

HYATT—TEDD.

WE announce this week the marriage of our Brother and Sister, A. R. Hyatt and Elizabeth Tedd. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. William Tedd, of Rome, Tuesday evening, June 11.

It will be remembered by the INDICATOR readers that Brother Hyatt assisted Elder D. A. Ball in tent work at Binghamton last season.

This forenoon (Wednesday) he, with his wife and brother, S. E. Hyatt, left for Nicholville, St. Lawrence County, where they will be associated with Elder S. M. Cobb in tent work. May many prayers follow them.

A. E. PLACE.

APPOINTMENTS.

PROVIDENCE permitting, I now intend to meet with the church at Lincklaen Center, Sabbath, June 22. A general attendance is desired.

NO PROVIDENCE preventing, I will meet with the company at Albany, Sabbath and Sunday, June 15, 16. Services as Sister Keim may appoint. Baptism will be administered in connection with the meetings.

A. E. PLACE.