

# 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.

(Continued)

BEFORE closing the matter of expense I wish to say a few words of encouragement. Of late years the tent work has not been so expensive to the Conference in the long run as in years past. This is partly due to the fact that more donations have come to us from the people. In the past some of our ministers and people have regarded it as wrong to receive donations from any but Seventh-day Adventists ; or to take collections in our tent work. But I think now that all our ministers let the people know something of what it costs to carry on the work, and in a kind way give all an opportunity, and an invitation to help meet these expenses ; especially if they feel that the meetings are of value to them. One or two collections are taken each week ; but not more than two. In this way the people see that we are not there to take their money without giving them more than an equivalent for it. Often those who become interested in the work will give special donations to aid us, and thus we receive freely from the people that which is of material help to us in the work. This plan seems to be a legitimate and honorable one, and where it has been followed, it has been not only a blessing to us, in reducing our tent expenses ; but also to the people. More than this the people expect to help, and as they see the Word of God unfolding before them so wonderfully, night after night, they feel willing and glad to give their means to help forward such a work.

While these donations and collections aid us much in this line, yet we cannot expect they will pay the wages of the laborers, keep the tents in repair, purchase new ones with which to replace those that have become unfit for service, and to enlarge the work.

Brethren, our faith should take hold of God for great results from the tent work this season,

and for a good increase in this line of work next year. We have one more tent in the field this summer than last, and next summer others should be added to this number. To do this it will be necessary to begin soon to lay broader plans.

Next season it will be absolutely necessary for us to have a new pavillion for our camp-meeting. The one we have at present (in size, 60 x 90) has stood over ten years of service. Elder J. E. Swift and I used the circle of that tent in our first work in the city of Auburn. It has passed through many a storm, and cannot possibly stand the strain of many more. Many of our brethren know by experience that for the past two or three years it has been but little shelter in time of rain.

Now, brethren and sisters, it is not my desire or design to step in and buy up this stock without your co-operation. I want you all to know just how matters stand in the Conference on this line as well as all others, and begin in time to plan to meet the demands that must in the very nature of the case soon receive active attention.

Therefore the point I wish to especially emphasize, at this time is, how shall we meet the present tent expenses, and how shall we plan to meet future demands? Shall we depend upon the tithe to do this? If we do, our work will be greatly circumscribed, and it will be impossible to touch the regions beyond, as the providence of God is dictating us at the present time. Ought the tithe to be used to meet all these bills? Ought it not rather to be regarded more sacredly for the work of the ministry, so that more laborers might be put into the field, and thus enlarge our borders, and more rapidly increase our membership, increase our tithes, and hasten the coming of the Lord?

During the pleasant summer months we need a fund besides the tithes, from which drafts may be drawn as the committee shall consider

necessary, that as many souls as possible may be led to the truth while the tents are in operation. I believe I hear you say that this ought certainly to be done.

What would be a better plan than to make an earnest and devoted effort to once more inflate the lungs of our old *tent fund*? I know in the past that many of our dear brethren and sisters have nobly helped to sustain this fund, and I believe it would be more fully continued to-day, if all were acquainted with the facts in the case.

A few weeks ago our hearts as a committee were truly cheered by a donation of \$150.00 for this fund from Brother R. R. Spencer, of the Black Creek church. I understand that Brother Spencer was brought into the truth through tent work, and thus he naturally feels a deep interest in this branch of the cause, and for some time he has been saving money that he might sustain a tent effort in his own place or vicinity. It is our purpose to meet, next season, the desire of this brother's heart, and we can but believe that the results will be to the honor of God and the salvation of precious souls.

We do not expect every one can give \$150.00 to this fund; but dear brethren and sisters, can you give *something* each week, each month, or at least each quarter? Will you not ask God to bless you to this end? I believe you will.

I am assured that while Satan is marshalling his forces to impede our progress, and make abortive every plan possible, the Lord is leading out a people and fitting them to stand against all his wiles.

Soon we can no longer hold tent meetings as to-day, and we feel anxious to see the work greatly hastened; but I know this can only be done by following wise plans based upon true principles. Some have, and perhaps do still, feel anxious to know what our financial policy is. To all such I am free to state that I consider a Conference debt a poor lever with which to advance the cause of God. In this I stand with my worthy predecessor in office. Hence the condition of our tent fund will have much to do in deciding how many tents we shall have in the field next season; and the tithes in the treasury, the number of ministers in active service.

My prayer is that we may all seek for a truly honest heart, then we shall have in the treasury each quarter an honest tithe supporting honest laborers; the tent fund will furnish new tents as they are needed, and the work will be rapidly enlarged; for God will greatly bless his people [Mal. 3:8-12], and establish the work of their hands [Psa. 90:13-17], and cut short the work in righteousness [Rom. 9:28]. Next week we will present some of the results of tent work.

A. E. PLACE.

## Field Reports.

### NICHOLVILLE.

We held our last meeting, for a while at least, with the Dickinson Center church the evening of the 9th inst., and as we parted with them we found that our hearts were knit together in love, and that the separation made us sad; but soon separation and sadness will be a thing of the past. Happy day!

We packed our things the 10th, and the 11th came to this place. Three of the brethren and friends came to help us, Brother Bates sending his team with the heavy load. The brethren helped get all ready for pitching; but the new top was at the depot, so we could not pitch until the next day.

The next day the top came and we pitched, and arranged for meetings. The new top is very nice. The evening of the 12th the Brethren Hyatt and Sister Hyatt came, all of whom we were very glad to see, and we give them a hearty welcome in the Master's service.

We have now held five meetings, beginning the evening of the 13th. So far our congregations will average about seventy-five, although this afternoon and evening there were more.

We are having many invitations out, both to visit and to preach. We were pleased to see ten here to-day from Dickinson Center, and some stayed to the evening service. Our donations this evening were \$1.19. Our prayer is that the dear Lord may bless our labors here to the salvation of many precious souls, and also we desire His blessing upon all parts of the great harvest field.

S. M. COBB.

—Now is the time to order lesson pamphlets.

## The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending June 21.

County.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Deliv.	Value
Bible Readings.								
Cayuga,	J. S. Fritts,	37	5	9	\$16.25			
Montgomery,	Wm. Seewald,	38	5	17	32.75	\$2.75		
Monroe,	Horace Church,	36	4	23	37.00	1.50		
Monroe,	Mrs. Horace Church,	7	1	3	5.75	1.00		
Otsego,	J. F. Wait,	33	4	13	24.75	1.25		
St. Lawrence,	S. E. Hyatt,	30	4	8	14.00	1.25		
Steuben,	Perry Tufts,	21	4	3	5.25	.75		
Niagara,	Chas. H. Harris,	24	4	5	8.00	.25		
Wayne,	N. S. Washbond,	36	4	8	14.75	2.85		
Wayne,	Mrs. N. S. Washbond,	14	4	3	5.25	.75		
Schoharie,	M. A. Vroman,	29	5	22	48.25	17.10		
Allegany,	Fritz A. Evans,	48	6	11	23.75	2.25		
Allegany,	G. F. Evans,	38	5	10	18.50	.50		
Cortland,	C. W. Hardesty,	22	3	4	9.00	2.00		
Great Controversy.								
Ulster,	J. E. Frazee,	38	5	3	6.25	1.05	56	128.75
Broome,	I. Deeley,	37	4	13	28.75	1.25		
Montgomery,	E. S. Popoff,	26	4	12	28.50	2.00		
Patriarchs and Prophets.								
Broome,	J. Deeley,	30	3	13	27.50	2.80	2	4.00
Miscellaneous sales,					41.30			
Totals,	18 Canvassers,	544	74	180	\$395.55	\$41.30	58	\$132.75

### LANCASTER AND HOLLAND.

It was my privilege to meet with the Lancaster church on Sabbath, June 8. The meeting was held at the home of Sister Eggleston, and was well attended, considering the fact that the brethren of this church are considerably scattered. After an interesting Sabbath-school, I spoke to them on the life, character, and work of Paul. Sunday I spent at the home of Mr. Hudson Bordwell at West Alden.

Friday, June 14, I came to Holland to spend the Sabbath with the faithful few here. On the Sabbath we met at the home of Sister Stein, and enjoyed a pleasant Bible study together. These sisters are but a few, yet they keep the truth before the people. The people here are surprised to think that these few Adventists can keep up their meetings from time to time; it takes a revival meeting or two a year to keep their churches together. This is what the truth can do, and where the love of the truth fills the hearts of the people they will not "forget the assembling of themselves together." At the close of the meeting they contributed liberally toward the support of the cause.

May the Lord bless and keep these brethren and sisters in the truth unto the "perfect day." I made both trips on my bicycle. On my return, Sunday, I was pleased to meet Elder E. E. Miles, who favored the Buffalo church with three sermons, one on the Sabbath, and two on Sunday.

J. P. LORENZ.

### MONGAUP VALLEY.

WE have now been here two weeks, and our interest and attendance has steadily increased. We have been obliged to enlarge our seating capacity. Yesterday (Sunday, June 16) we brought out the Sabbath question and Sunday claims. The interest was intense. We now await the workings of God's spirit to cause the seed sown to spring forth. One week ago our case was taken up by one of the residing ministers. "We can do nothing against the truth," and such was the case here. So far our tract and book sales amount to about \$5.00, and donations to \$10.57. Brethren and sisters, remember us at the throne of grace.

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

June 17.

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## CORRY, PENNSYLVANIA.

I ARRIVED at this place Friday a little before the Sabbath, and found a very pleasant camp-meeting scene. The meeting is held on the fair ground again this summer, and it is indeed a nice place for it. Thirty-four tents are up, and seem to be well filled. The meetings are of spiritual interest for both old and young, and the Lord is doing a good work for many.

We expect to see Elder R. C. Porter here next Tuesday. I expect to remain here till Friday morning. To-day, Sunday, the attendance from the outside has been good.

## NOTICE.

At the regular meeting of the Syracuse church, Sabbath, June 22 it was voted that the quarterly meeting be postponed until such time as Elder Place can appoint to meet with us. Such notice will appear in due time in the INDICATOR.

C. GILBERT.

## APPOINTMENT.

PROVIDENCE permitting, I will meet with the Randolph church, Sabbath and Sunday, June 29, 30. Baptism will be administered.

A. E. PLACE.

## THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

WE have just received one thousand copies of the special, illustrated *Signs* of May 30. This issue is especially designed for missionary purposes, and for circulation among people not of our faith; as the illustrations show the publishing offices as they were at an early date, also how they now appear, giving a good idea of the growth of the work. Other illustrations are given showing some of the benevolent institutions of the denomination. It contains also a well written historical sketch of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Price, \$1.00 per hundred. Please forward your orders.

W. A. WILCOX.

## ISAIAH 52 : 7.

ONE of the canvassers in the southern field was feeling rather "blue" one day as he was walking along, tired and lame, over the mountain. He finally stopped and took off his shoes to rest his feet, and on looking down saw that they were bleeding, at which he said to himself, "Those are pretty looking feet ain't they?" Just then the text came to his mind, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation." After this he went on with a lighter heart.

J. R. CALKINS.

## Obituary Notice.

HAMBLIN.—Died at Sand Banks, Oswego Co., N. Y., June 18, 1895, of cancer, Sister Mary Hamblin, aged 53 years. Sister Hamblin was born near Binghamton, N. Y., in 1842. When about thirty years old she was converted, and united with the Methodist Episcopal church. About nineteen years ago she went with her husband to Minnesota, and while there, through reading, she saw and accepted the present truth. Five years ago she came to Sand Bank, where she had her home to the time of her death. For some time she had had trouble that seemed to be located in the stomach, and she often affirmed that there was something alive in her stomach. Sabbath afternoon, April 27, she was taken suddenly and violently sick; but after a time she recovered sufficiently to walk out one day when she was again taken with the same symptoms. Her sufferings were intense. Four physicians were called; but no help could be given. It was finally decided that a stone cancer was located just below the stomach. Her sufferings increased until it was found necessary to use opiates. Four weeks or more before her death it became impossible for her to take food, hence in her sad condition of suffering she slowly starved to death. Her life has shown patience, devotion, and faith, and in her closing days she did not forget God. The funeral was held in the M. E. church at Sand Banks, where, by her request, I spoke from Psa. 23 : 4. The burial was at Williamstown.

A. E. PLACE.