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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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THE HOME OF THE SAVED.

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There is a home prepared for the meek,
With walls of pure jasper and gold,
For those who through Jesus salvation do seek,
Most precious and fair to behold.

There is a home for the weary to rest,
In yonder bright mansions of love;
God's people will there be for evermore blest
In that beautiful city above.

There's a beautiful home on yonder bright shore,
Where Jesus in glory does reign;
God's people will there be free evermore,
From sorrow, affliction, and pain.

There is evermore day with no need of light:
There darkness is turned into day:
For Jesus the Lamb is their glorious light,
He scatters all darkness away.

Oh blessed home where God's people shall be,
To rest from earth's sorrow and care;
There they their Saviour in glory will see,
I long, O I long to be there!

“AND THAT KNOWING THE TIME.”

By the time this number of the INDICATOR reaches its readers the camp-meeting will be in progress. It would be pleasant indeed if we could meet every S. D. Adventist in our Conference at the camp-meeting, and altogether enjoy the blessings of the meetings. But we know it is inconsistent to expect this. Many will be kept away by home duties which could not consistently be left. In ancient times we read that some were required to “stay by the stuff,” (1 Sam. 25 : 12.) and all who did, received the same reward as those who went out to the battle. 1 Sam. 30 : 24. So we trust and believe it will be now to those whom duty holds at the home.

We feel a deep interest in the spiritual welfare of all our brethren and sisters and especially those who are isolated and are seeking to live out the truth without the privileges and

blessings of association with others of like faith. Dear brethren, in all your days of separation, you have the assurance of heavenly association, “Lo, I am with you even unto the end of the world.” We trust that many who through the year have been thus separated from the church and brethren may be present at the camp-meeting, and we will not forget in our prayers, those who are kept away. We trust also that some of your moments of labor and care may be filled with thoughts of the camp of God's people and that fervent prayers may ascend that God will make this a very precious season. That those in responsibility may have heavenly wisdom, and sanctified judgment in laying plans for the future work, and in dealing with all connected with the cause so dear to us. That those who may be in a discouraged or backslidden condition may get a new view of God and taste of his love that shall drive away the darkness and flood the soul with light and peace; and that all may return with a deeper experience in divine things than ever before.

We want the results of this camp-meeting to be far reaching. This is not a time for doubts and darkness among the professed people of God. Now the just shall live by faith. Each year will increase in difficulties and perplexities but God's promises are not only “exceeding great and precious” but also “sure and steadfast.” Prisons, confiscation of goods, and death have in the past been the lot of many of God's true people. To-day the chain gang, and the prison are already taking commandment keepers. How long before this work will reach New York state? How long before it will be confiscation of goods to pay fines? How long before the death penalty will be fixed for all who will not worship the beast or receive his mark? Are we ready for the issue?

Brethren the time has come to live by faith only in the everlasting God. Plow your fields and sow them in faith. Bring all the tithes in

to the storehouse, and give the dear Lord an opportunity to demonstrate the truthfulness of his word. Now is the time for heart and soul to be bound up in the success of the third angel's message. What part will the Auburn camp-meeting act in fitting us as a people for future work and the final struggle?

May we all from the heart repeat the poet's prayer:

“ Gracious Father guard thy children
From the foes destructive power;
Keep, O keep them Lord from falling
In this dark and trying hour.”

A. E. PLACE.

Field Reports.

OTSDAWA.

DEAR INDICATOR :— Such a glorious victory has been gained here over three souls, that we want your readers to share in the rejoicing. Two weeks ago to-day a young man with his wife, came to have a talk with us about the Sabbath. They were strangers to us except that the lady had recently signed with one of us for “ Bible Readings.” They were both seekers after truth, members of the Freewill Baptist church, and very conscientious, but had received no satisfactory answer to their questions concerning “ the changing of the Sabbath.” We held a reading with them, delivered their book that day, and let them have considerable other literature, suggesting a meeting at their home the next Sabbath. When we arrived there we found them waiting for us, with the lady's mother, who lives with them. He handed to one of us his large Bible and inside the cover we found a pledge very neatly written and sealed with two golden seals, a copy of which we each afterward obtained, and here quote.

Otsdawa, Otsego Co., N. Y.

“ In the presence of God, we, this sixteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five, do set our hand and seal; that we will henceforth hold, and keep the seventh day of each week as the Sabbath unto the Lord our God. According to his command this is the true Sabbath. We also believe according to ancient history that this holy day was changed by Constantine

the great, in the year three hundred and twenty-one A. D.

We also find in the New Testament that Christ observed the seventh day as the Sabbath and He is our example. So God help us in our sincere belief, and have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep Thy laws.

Signed:

CHARLES. K. BEAMAN. [SEAL.]

MRS. C. K. BEAMAN. [SEAL.]

Of course we rejoiced, and much more, when we learned that the mother had also decided to keep the Sabbath. At the close of the Sabbath we departed, and next day we entertained them again, and as we sought the Lord at each time He unfolded the truth to them very forcibly. We held a meeting again yesterday (Sabbath) taking up the lesson, and the Lord gave His blessing. Every point has been presented; they have read for two weeks from Bibles, “ Bible Readings,” “ Great Controversy,” “ Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation,” and some papers we gave to them. They now own all the above books, besides an extra copy of Bible Readings for Sister Hulbert, the lady's mother. They much regret that we must move away, but are making every plan to dispose of their property so he may enter the work. They will soon unite with the Rome church. No subject has been left out. The health reform, dress reform etc., are making a glorious impression to the effect of discarding pork, jewelry, etc., etc. They stand “ In the Lord ” to His name be all the praise.

Ere this reaches your readers we will be many miles from here; Brother Wait to his home in Chautauqua County, and I to St. Lawrence County, and we leave these dear souls to the keeping of God, asking that you all remember them in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

J. F. WAIT,

F. G. McALISTER.

WILSON, TONAWANDA, BUFFALO, AND ROME.

OUR work in Wilson is receiving quite a good deal of opposition. The ministers are doing all that they can to oppose us and keep their members from accepting the truth. They are even going about among their members circu-

lating false reports, trying to injure our reputations. Truly the Devil has great wrath, knowing that he has but a short time. But these things only make us rejoice; because we know that the Spirit of God is at work or Satan would not be so zealous. "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake." Again it is written, "You can do nothing against the truth." The truth is mighty and will prevail. We trust the Spirit of God will keep those who have accepted the truth, and give them such a burden for souls that they will do all in their power to bring others to a knowledge of the truth.

Tuesday forenoon I received a telegram to return to Buffalo, as Mrs. Mitchell was dead. It was with feelings of sadness that I left Wilson, not only on account of the sad news of the death of this sister; but because I should not again have an opportunity of visiting the dear ones in Wilson. I left Wilson Tuesday afternoon, August 20, and went to Tonawanda. I spent a few hours visiting there, and then went to Buffalo Wednesday forenoon. I was busy with matters connected with the funeral. Brother Ellis returned to Buffalo from Wilson, and so he preached the funeral sermon. Mrs. Mitchell had requested that the sermon be preached by a Seventh-day Adventist minister. This lady was formerly a member of the Presbyterian church; she became convinced that the popular churches were in a fallen condition, and thought she would start a reform. Being in poor health she could not do much, but she did what she could. She wrote to her pastor to visit her, and he did so and of course he tried to persuade her to remain in the church; but he was not able to meet her arguments. She therefore decided to withdraw from that church. She then endeavored to interest others in the work. She wrote out a creed for those who would leave the other churches, and a part of it was that the seventh instead of the first day should be observed as the Sabbath. Many points of this creed were just as we hold. The name of this lady was given me by her cousin, who is one of our people. I called on her, and found her to be a sincere Christian. She was living up to the light she had, and was desirous of obtaining more of God's truth.

She read me her creed and then I showed her points in it which were not in accordance with the Bible. As soon as she saw that she was contrary to the word of God she was perfectly willing to make a change. One of these points was in reference to baptism. She had of course been sprinkled when a child as she was brought up in the Presbyterian faith, but when she saw that one must be buried with Christ in baptism she desired to be immersed. Her only regret before she died was that she was not baptized. I made a trip from Wilson to Buffalo about a week before she died, to prepare her as best I could for whatever might happen. I then told her she should not allow Satan to tempt her on the point of baptism, that as she was anxious to be baptised and was not able to be taken from her room, she was just the same in the sight of God, as though she had been baptized. I then cited her to the thief on the cross, who although he was not baptized yet will have a place in the Paradise of God. This sister was anxious to connect herself with our people but was not able to do so. It seems strange that her life should have been taken just as she had accepted the truth. Yet God knows best. I trust she sleeps in Jesus and in the resurrection morn she will awake and then indeed she will have a part with God's people.

Friday eve I met with the Young People's Lecture Association and spoke to them on the subject of the New Earth. Sabbath I met with the Sabbath-school in Tonawanda. In the afternoon I returned to Buffalo, and spoke to the church there from Luke 12:32. Sunday eve I met with the friends in Tonawanda and spoke on the Promises to the Overcomer. We had a very pleasant time. There are some good, honest souls in Tonawanda and I felt sad to again say good-bye to them.

I returned to Buffalo that same night at ten o'clock in order to make preparations for my next journey. Monday morning I took the 8:05 train to Rome to aid in getting matters ready for the camp-meeting. I have been very busy here. Last Sabbath (yesterday) I addressed the church at Rome on the subject of "Jerusalem Restored." Gal. 4:26. I enjoyed the meeting with the brethren here. I expect to go from here direct to the camp-meeting.

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ITEMS.

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If you would become acquainted with the Savior, study the Holy Scriptures. Fill the whole heart with the words of God. They are the living water; quenching burning thirst. They are the living bread from heaven.

It is what we meditate upon that will give tone and strength to our spiritual nature.

As we contemplate heavenly themes, our faith and love will grow stronger, and our prayers will be more and more acceptable to God.

There is nothing more calculated to strengthen the intellect than the study of the Scriptures.

In the word of God the mind finds subject for the deepest thought, the loftiest aspiration. Here we may hold communion with patriarchs and prophets, and listen to the voice of the Eternal as he speaks with men. Here we behold the Majesty of heaven, as he humbled himself to become our substitute and surety, to cope single-handed with the powers of dark-

ness, and to gain the victory in our behalf. A fervent contemplation of such themes as these, cannot fail to soften, purify, and enable the heart, and, at the same time, to inspire the mind with new strength and vigor.

We need individually to open our hearts to the love of God, to overcome selfishness and harshness, and to let Jesus in to take possession of the soul.

It was a very intellectual being, one who occupied a high position among the angelic throng, that finally became a rebel; and many a mind of superior intellectual attainments is now being led captive by his power.

NOTES.

Camp-meeting begins this week and will continue all through next week.

On account of camp-meeting there will be no INDICATOR next week.

Next INDICATOR will contain some account of the Conference, Tract Society and S. S. Association proceedings. We hope to make it one of special interest.

Encouraging reports are coming in from both the tent and canvassing field.

Obituary Notice.

LEA.—Died at Verona Mills, Oneida Co., N. Y., Aug. 17, 1895, of congestion of the brain, Brother Charles Lea, in his eightieth year. Brother Lea was born in Chesire, England. When about twenty years of age he came to America, and settled in the town of Westmoreland, Oneida Co., N. Y., where he lived about forty years, then moved to Verona Mills. There he resided until the time of his death. When about eighteen years old he had inflammation in his eyes, which resulted in the entire loss of sight; but this great misfortune did not seem to make his life dark. He was nearly forty years of age when he gave his heart to the Lord, and united with the Seventh-day Baptist church, where he continued for twenty years. He then saw through reading, the third angel's message, and when the Seventh-day Adventist church was organized at Rome, N. Y., he changed his membership to this place, where he remained a faithful and much loved member to the close of his life. The loss of sight, together with other infirmities, kept him from association with the church much of the time; but his faith and hope remained bright to the end. At his bedside, a few days ago, I spoke to him of the time when he should be able see. His sightless eyes filled with tears, and his face brightened as he said, "Yes, I shall see Jesus." He leaves a wife, one son, and one daughter. The funeral sermon was delivered by the writer in the S. D. Baptist church at Verona Mills, Monday, August 19, to a large congregation.

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