

The Indicator.

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

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JESUS IS COMING.

O. A. PRATT.

HARK ! what means this great commotion,
Like the surging of the ocean,
To the earth's remotest sound ?
Shout it all the world around,—
Jesus is coming !

Sound abroad the proclamation
To each kindred, tribe, and nation ;
Spread the news from pole to pole,
Let the joyful tidings roll,—
Jesus is coming !

Higher wave the gospel banner:
Louder shout the glad hosanna ;
Sound the message clear and plain,
Christ the Lord shall come to reign,—
Jesus is coming !

Sing, ye vales and hills and mountains,
Rocks and rills and flowing fountains,
Fertile fields and desert plains ;
Sing o'er all earth's wide domains,—
Jesus is coming !

Sing, O sing the wondrous story
Of the Lord of life and glory,
Lamb of God for sinners slain ;
Shall he bleed and die in vain ?
Jesus is coming !

Now He comes in clouds descending,
Countless angel hosts attending ;
Every eye his form shall see,
Blazing through immensity,—
Jesus is coming !

Hark ! I hear the music ringing,
Sweet voiced, white-robed angels singing !
Let the gospel trumpet blow,
That the nations all may know
Jesus is coming !

On his grace and power relying,
Earnest seek the lost and dying ;
Still his pardoning love can save,
Snatch them from destruction's grave,—
Jesus is coming !

Light ahead ! the dawn is breaking,
Into joy and beauty waking !
Lo ! the bright and morning Star,
Lights of time surpassing far,—
Jesus is coming !

Are your lamps all trimmed and burning,
Ready now for his returning ?
Haste, be wise, make no delay,
Lo ! the Bridegroom comes to-day,—
Behold, he cometh !

Field Reports.

ROME, WEST VALLEY, AND ASHFORD.

SABBATH and Sunday, October 5, 6, I attended quarterly meeting with the Rome church. We had a good attendance and an excellent meeting. Monday morning, Oct. 7, I left for West Valley to counsel with and assist the brethren in finishing their new church building. The work has moved along nicely, and all seem to be encouraged. They will soon have it completed, and during the winter it will be dedicated. So far no debt has been incurred, and they expect to have everything settled at the time of dedication. Since the church was turned out of the hall they had used for years, they were in need of a church building, and during the summer, although the church was not finished inside, they have held meetings in it. Last Sabbath we had a good Sabbath-school and meeting following. In the afternoon Brother Cheesman took me to Ashford, where I spoke in the Free-will Baptist church that evening and twice Sunday. Sister Fox has for some time been anxious to have some meetings held there. Night after the Sabbath it was quite rainy ; but forty were in attendance and manifested a good interest. Sunday was a pleasant day, and some from West Valley and East Otto were present at the morning meeting. I had a very pleasant and profitable

visit there.

To-day I go to Buffalo, and expect to have a meeting with the church in the evening; and at Tonawanda, Wednesday night; and if Brother Ellis can make arrangements will speak to the new company at Wilson Thursday night, then go to Newfane to spend Sabbath, and Sunday. From there I expect to go to Rochester to administer baptism.

Oct. 15.

A. E. PLACE.

BINGHAMTON.

WE arrived at Binghamton, Oct. 2, and have spent much time calling on the people in the city and vicinity, and have held meetings as opportunities were offered. The brethren are of good courage, and zealous to see the work advance. We have held one meeting with the friends at Hawleyton. The interest there is increasing. Sunday night I spoke by the request of some of the members of the A. P. A. The meeting was held at Mystic Hall; about fifty-five were present. The best of attention was paid, and several expressed a desire to hear more upon the subject presented—"Healing of the Deadly Wound," and "The Image to the Beast." Requests were made for reading matter, showing an interest was created, which we pray will result in glory to the cause of God.

A. R. HYATT.

TO OUR SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: For the last two years I have been watching the prospect of the Sabbath-school work in this State with much interest; and have felt and prayed earnestly for its success, and that the object for which it was organized might be fully met. I did not, however, expect to be brought into such close relations with this work as I find I sustain to it in some respects.

I have believed for some time that the Sabbath-school was the means that God has ordained to feed, nourish, and build up the church, both spiritually and numerically. Spiritually, by the study of the Word, and by partaking of the spirit of that Word in its study, and so becoming strong to resist the opposing forces who array themselves against the truth; or in the language of the apostle, thus

being able to "give the reason of the hope that is within us and fear." This is one object of the Sabbath-school; but we cannot realize how important it is for God's people to be well grounded in the truth, unless we can fully sense the widespread infidelity, and the prevailing darkness of the age in which we live, and also of their boasted knowledge of this enlightened age. That they are in darkness and know it not is very evident.

But speaking to his own people, God says, "ye are the light of the world." This can only be true of God's people when his word is hid in their hearts. His people being enlightened by receiving His word, and those who reject it being left in darkness by that rejection, brings the two classes before us to which our attention is called in the first two verses of Isa. 60. How important then according to the command we arise and shine, that those souls who are in gross darkness may see the light. This light and blessing comes through the study of God's word which is the blessedness of the Sabbath-school work.

Thus by our own efforts, and by the aid of the Spirit of God, the Sabbath-school may be a great blessing to the church, and a light to the world. The language of the prophet, Isaiah 54:13, "and all of thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children," may well be applied to the study of the word at this time, especially as it is studied, or as it should be studied by our Sabbath-schools. The importance of this time, and of the necessity of carefully studying the word of God for ourselves is not, I fear, fully appreciated by many of our own people. God asks us to arise and shine; will our Sabbath-schools do it?

But there is another object for which the Sabbath-school was organized, of which we would not fail to speak. The testimony of God's spirit has faithfully reprov'd us for the failure upon our part, in the matter of dealing with youth and children. No other duty is more important than this, indeed this duty is paramount; and yet we have failed so much upon this very point. It is more especially in this direction that my attention has been called to the Sabbath-school work for some time in the past. I do not expect, however, that the Sabbath-school can be made a means by which our

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending Oct. 18.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Auburn,	Cayuga,	J. S. Fritts,	33	4	16	\$29.00			
Charlotte,	Monroe,	Horace Church,	38	5	21	31.00	\$1.00	6	\$9.75
Rome,	Oneida,	F. G. Mc Alister,	40				4.50	26	51.25
Belfast,	Allegany,	G. F. Evans,	40	5	16	30.00	.75		
Galway,	Saratoga,	A. H. Osborn,	6	1	2	4.50			
Canajoharie,	Montgomery,	Wm. Seewald,	18	3	3	7.25	1.00	123	233.25
Sidney,	Delaware,	C. W. Inskeep,	50	10	24	44.25			
Spring Mills,	Alleghany,	F. A. Evans,	22					28	54.00
Gerry,	Chautauqua,	J. F. Wait,						9	17.75
Great Controversy.									
Kingston,	Ulster,	J. E. Frazee,	25	4	12	25.25			
Binghamton,	Broome,	I. Deeley,	48	5	4	8.75			
Canajoharie,	Montgomery,	E. S. Popoff,	63				1.00	129	310.45
Patriarchs and Prophets.									
Rochester,	Monroe,	M. A. Millington,	30	5	12	26.00	3.25		
Binghamton,	Broome,	J. Deeley,	29	8	19	41.50	4.75	30	63.50
Miscellaneous sales,						16.25			
Totals,			442	50	129	\$263.75	\$16.25	351	\$739.95

children will be saved from worldly influences and destruction, independent of home training, or against their own wills; but I do believe that it may, with careful management and the blessing of God, be somewhat improved in this direction. It is not our purpose to discuss through the INDICATOR the best methods to accomplish this, but simply to ask our brethren and sisters throughout the state to study carefully the needs of the schools with which they are connected that we may better understand what course to pursue in order to meet their demands.

We are living in solemn and important times, and each duty that God has given us to perform, is a sacred trust which heaven has committed to our charge, and we are held responsible for the same. I hope our dear brethren and sisters will remember this as they engage in the Sabbath-school work. Let superintendent, secretary, and teacher, all strive to infuse the spirit of the blessed Master into all our schools, and may each member of the school heartily co-operate with them in the good work. This will bring an increased interest and increased blessings. I hope to be able either by personal visits, or by correspon-

dence to keep in touch with the various schools and to become better acquainted with their needs. Wishing you the blessing of God in the good work, I am,

Yours for the school,

S. M. COBB.

PERSEVERANCE.

WHILE canvassing in Schoharie Co. I called at a house and a small girl met me at the door and said her mother was sick, and did not want to buy anything. It was about eight o'clock in the morning. I went on and canvassed till nine o'clock, and then called again. The lady this time came to the door and said she didn't want to bother with any peddlars. I asked her if she would not look at a good work. I then stepped in and took the book out of my satchel, and she remarked that if I had a novel she might look at it, at the same time she was a member of the church. I went on showing her the book while she was laughing and making sport of it. She finally apologized for her rudeness toward me and gave me her order. A week later I met her several miles from her home; she said she would take a better binding

than she had ordered, and helped me to take an order for another book, so I was not sorry that I persevered.

I was told of another lady who was peculiar and that she never bought any books. The first time I called she met me at the door and refused to let me in. I asked her if she would be willing to look at a good book, that I was working among the members of the Methodist church (she was a Methodist) and wanted to sell every member a copy of this excellent work. She was cross and said she would not be bothered. I asked her when she would have time to look at it, told her that I did not want to skip any, etc. She said she would never have time, so I bade her good day and went on. Three hours later I rapped on her door again and she said with a laugh as she opened it, "Are you here again." I said "Yes, will you let me show you this work?" She said yes, and after a little talk I secured an order for a good binding. When the book was delivered she was highly delighted with it, and spoke of it to her neighbors saying she was well pleased with it, and helped me to secure some orders. A few days later she told me that she felt like reading the book all the time it was so good. I think it was better for both of us that I called again, don't you? I hope these books will lead many into the Truth.

M. A. VROMAN.

THE FORCE OF PUNCTUATION.

THE following article forcibly illustrates the necessity of proper punctuation. It can be read in two ways, describing a very bad man or a very good man; all depending on the way it is punctuated. It can be used in explaining Luke 23 : 43.

"He is an old and experienced man in vice and wickedness he is never found in opposing the works of iniquity he takes delight in the downfall of his neighbors he never rejoices in the prosperity of his fellow creatures he is always ready to assist in destroying the peace of society he takes no pleasure in serving the Lord he is uncommonly diligent in sowing discord among his friends and acquaintances he takes no pride in laboring to promote the cause of

Christianity he has not been negligent in endeavoring to stigmatize all public teachers he makes no effort to subdue his evil passions he strives hard to build up Satan's kingdom he lends no aid to the support of the Gospel among the heathen he contributes largely to the evil adversary he pays great heed to the devil he will never go to heaven he must go where he will receive the just recompense of reward."

—Conference cash received October 1-21: Lancaster, \$15.75; Ebenezer, \$25.25; Brookfield, \$5.00; Individuals, \$36.71; Ellicottville, \$121.83; Syracuse, \$16.83; Cleveland, \$9.00; Jamestown, \$38.41; Buffalo, \$2.00; Dickinson Center, \$12.00; Rome, \$44.15; North Parma, \$7.50; Adams Center, \$45.23; North Creek, \$45.78; Colden, \$5.00; Lincklaen Center, \$2.50; Monticello, \$13.01; Wellsville, \$75.93; West Valley, \$41.25; Pulaski, \$63.67; Randolph, \$47.70; Mannsville, \$19.44; Pierrepont, \$17.24; Bucks Bridge, \$22.50; West Bangor, \$11.30; Wheeler, \$26.35; Blockville, \$17.00; Middle Grove, \$6.65; Roosevelt, \$10.63; South Russell, \$8.00; Olean, \$57.66; West Monroe, \$9.15.

—M. A. Vroman is stopping in Rome for a short time. His health is quite good now.

—Brother Beaman who lately accepted the truth in Otsego Co. has moved to Rome. He intends to commence canvassing soon. Some one asked him how he felt the first Sabbath he kept. He said he felt a good deal better than he did the last Sabbath he broke. He is about 25 years old.

—J. A. L. Derby has finished his delivery and gone back to Battle Creek to school, and A. K. Baker has gone to Ann Arbor, where he intends to study law. Both have enjoyed the summer's work.

Obituary Notices.

HOLTZ.—Died at Ashford Hollow, of consumption, Aug. 17, 1895, Minnie May, aged 13 years, adopted daughter of Brother and Sister George Fox. None knew her but to love her. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rom. 6: 23, to a large concourse of sympathizing friends and neighbors.

BENJ. HOLMES.

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