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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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COURAGE.

BY J. P. LORENZ.

“Be strong and of good courage,”

Fear not, nor be dismayed,
For I the Lord thy Savior
Will be thy present aid.
In hours of deepest sorrow,
In times of sore distress
I'll never fail nor leave thee,
I'll give thee good success.

“Be strong and of good courage,”

Stand armed against the foe,
I'll help thee fight thy battles
Wherever thou shalt go.
Stand firm and ever ready
To heed thy Lord's command.
And when the call is, “Onward?”
Then as a soldier stand.

“Be strong and of good courage,”

When wrestling with the foe ;
The mighty powers of darkness
You'll meet wher'er you go.
Put on the Christian armor,
And girt thy loins with truth,
Be vigilant and sober,
As in thy days of youth.

“Be strong and of good courage,”

Hold to “the shield of faith,”
And listen with obedience
To what thy Captain saith.
“The helmet of salvation,
The Spirit's mighty sword,”
Will help you on to victory
Till thou hast gained the fort.

THE NARROW WAY.

I HAVE taken such comfort in thinking of the “Narrow Way,” that I thought I would like to have a few minutes talk with the readers of the INDICATOR about it. Sometimes when suggestions from the evil one seek for admittance into my soul, and if I am off my guard, does gain admittance, then I repentant, think of that narrow way, wherein I desire to walk with my dear Lord Jesus ; and my soul is comforted.

It is such a mystical way :—it is so very narrow that not one sinful thought or feeling or act or look or word can enter with the Christian ; 'tis too narrow to admit of sin. And yet it is broad enough to admit the child of God, with all the good words, deeds, and thoughts, of which, by God's grace, he is capable.

You know the Captain of our salvation bids us : “Strive to enter in at the strait gate.” The meaning of *strive* in this instance, is not simply try, but agonize ; the marginal reading for strive is, *Strive as in agony*.

I believe a great many of the INDICATOR readers know what it means to agonize with God that he may hear and forgive us. Then it is wonderful to think if we enter that narrow way, it leads us on, step by step, to the eternal city of God. “Narrow is the way that leadeth unto life.” Oh, how I love that way, wherein I find peace, comfort, and holy joy ; the way which has been trod by the saints of God, of every age ; the way which Enoch trod, when he “walked with God.”

We will tread this path with Jesus, shall we not, dear reader? Clinging close to His loving hand, and serving Him with an undivided heart, then shall we meet in the kingdom, and sing the praises of the Lamb.

EMMA L. PARDON.

A FEW MORE THOUGHTS FOR OUR SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

ONCE more I would ask our Sabbath-schools to carefully consider the importance of their work. I have grave fears that this matter is treated to lightly. I would not convey the idea that our schools are not desirous of making the Sabbath-school work a success ; but that the Sabbath-school is too often considered a branch of the work of secondary importance.

I am sure this is a mistaken idea, and if entertained, will surely lower the standard of the

Sabbath-school, and greatly retard the work. It is the Lord's work, and was ordained in His providence to more fully enlighten His people with reference to the truth for this time, and thus prepare a people for the coming of the Lord. Could there be a more important work, or one which involves greater responsibilities? I am sure there could not be; and as the time is so short in which to do that work, how important that we are faithful in the work that God has committed to our charge. I would therefore urge our schools to more earnestness and consecration in the interest of that work.

We hope to be able to give our Sabbath-schools a series of continued articles in the interest of the school work. Wishing God's blessing upon the schools, I am yours for the work.

S. M. COBB.

AN ENCOURAGING ITEM.

APROPOS to the idea of our brethren and sisters having a part in the work, mentioned in my article about Daysville, I insert with pleasure a part of a letter received a few days ago from a sister who is now living in the state of Michigan.

"In — Co., N. Y., are two lone Sabbath-keepers. Six years ago I went out there to visit a sister of mine, and staying seven months I had ample time to do a little missionary work, as the Lord opened the way. I held Bible-readings, loaned books and tracts, and after I returned home I continued sending our periodicals. And the sequel was that one of these sisters commenced keeping the Sabbath in a very short time, and seems to be growing firmer all the time. Her aunt did not take her stand till about two years ago as near as I can remember.

Now, they have never heard a sermon on "present truth." nor have they ever seen a Sabbath-keeper except myself. They are both members of the — church. . . . Sister — wrote me in her last letter that she was going to try to introduce Bible-readings into their prayer-meetings. She says that after reading her papers she loans them to others.

My brother-in-law of the same place is also interested. . . . Six years ago he was an infidel; but through reading our literature, and

observing the trend of passing events, he has become a believer of the Bible. . . . They have frequently expressed a wish that a minister be sent to their place."

Another letter reads as follows:—"I write to thank you for your unwearied kindness in sending me the *Sentinel*. I received a package of three a few days ago, and no paper is as welcome to me as that. Next to my Bible it is my delight as are all the writings of the Adventists. It is food to my mind."

Read this also:—"I am working all I can in this place, and there are some who are considerably interested, and I would like to have some of those (leaflets she has referred to in her letter) to hand to the people. I am seventy-three years of age, and wonder that my eyes were closed so long, and now I want to spend my days in promulgating the truth. I am canvassing now for the Gospel Primer."

These items are precious to me, and I believe they will be appreciated by all. They show us that the Lord is at work. His eyes run to and fro through the earth seeking for those whose hearts are perfect towards him. He will open the eyes of the honest even though they have passed the "three score years and ten." If there are not regular ministers enough to do the work, he will use lay brethren and sisters, when their hearts are perfect towards Him, when their souls yearn for the people who are rushing on to destruction, when they sigh and cry for the abominations that are done in the land. The Lord is desiring to place the live coal upon more lips to-day that they may be prepared to go to their neighbors bearing a true missionary spirit, and the result will be to brighten our lives and bring souls to the saving truth.

One point of interest in the above is, "after reading my papers, I send them to others." Know for yourself what you are giving to others. The papers are designed to do us good, and we need all the good we can get. Brethren, we believe the Lord is soon coming, we profess to at least. Many encouraging omens are daily presenting themselves, and this is the time to say with our lives, "Come for all things are now ready."

A. E. PLACE.

"SEEK ye the Lord, while he may be found."

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending Nov. 1.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
North Parma,	Monroe,	Horace Church,	37	5	22	35.25	\$.25		
North Parma,	Monroe,	Mrs. Horace Church,	4	1	2	2.75	.25		
Belfast,	Allegany,	G. F. Evans,	38	5	9	22.75			
Amsterdam,	Montgomery,	Wm. Seewald,	36	5	10	19.75	2.00		
Sidney,	Delaware,	C. W. Inskeep,	33	5	10	22.00	.75		
Great Controversy.									
Kingston,	Ulster,	J. E. Frazee,	15	4	9	20.75		1	\$2.50
Amsterdam,	Montgomery,	E. S. Popoff,	22	4	4	8.50	1.25		
Patriarchs and Prophets.									
Binghamton,	Broome,	J. Deeley,	31	4	9	19.50	6.00		
Rochester,	Monroe,	M. A. Millington,	54	10	20	43.00	6.25		
Miscellaneous sales,						16.75			
Totals,			270	43	95	\$211.00	\$16.75	1	\$2.50
			9 Canvassers,						

Field Reports.

SWIFT'S MILLS AND EAST WILSON.

On Sabbath and Sunday, Oct. 26, 27, it was my privilege to meet again with the faithful few at Swift's Mills. Just a year had elapsed since I last met with them and although no one had visited them since, yet I found them all of good courage, and firm in the truth of God. On the Lord's day I spoke to them on courage, showing God's design in having his people scattered, a few here and a few there, throughout the land.

Evening after the Sabbath I spoke in the school-house, and also on Sunday night, presenting some thoughts on Religious Intolerance in the Land of the Free. Quite a number here cherish the truths presented by us, and seem to be aroused to the situation of things in this land. Sooner or later some, I believe, will take a stand on the Lord's side. \$2.53 were donated to the good cause. I left this company in good courage and determined to press onward.

On my return to Buffalo I found that Elder Ellis awaited me at East Wilson where he had secured the use of the German Methodist church. I hastened up there, and found Brother Ellis doing a good work. The majority of the people here are Germans; but they understand English quite well. The Lord is working for

us and we believe souls will be converted to the truth of God.

J. P. LORENZ.

LIDLAW HILL.

I BEGAN meetings in a school-house on Laidlaw Hill, Oct. 26, and have continued each evening. Our congregations have steadily increased, and have varied from twelve to thirty-six. There are only a few professors in the neighborhood. All pay the best of attention to the word spoken, and I am enjoying the meetings very much. Pray that the Lord may help us to find the honest souls.

D. A. BALL.

ADAMS CENTER.

ACCORDING to appointment I met with the Adams Center church Nov. 2, 3, and found them all of good courage, and earnestly striving to do the Master's will. The spirit of love and union seems to prevail in this church. The four meetings we held with them were well attended, and the best of attention given to the word spoken.

A lady from near Redwood was there for baptism, she came forty miles. She with her husband and daughter accepted the truth about two years ago. They had never heard a sermon from a Seventh-day Adventist minister,

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and never met with but a few of our people ; yet they are strong in the truth, and well informed with reference to our faith, as I learned by conversing with her before she was baptized. I baptized her Sunday and she united with the Adams Center church. Her husband and daughter are now very anxious to be baptized ; but could not come at this time. May the Lord bless this dear family, and through them bring the truth to others.

S. M. COBB.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

THIS meeting has for some weeks been a subject of interesting expectation, and according to appointment it opened Monday evening with the following delegates in attendance :—

From Quebec, J. B. Goodrich ; Maine, H. C. Basney, M. G. Huffman ; Vermont, Wm. Covert, T. H. Purdon ; Pennsylvania, W. H. Smith, Morris Lukens ; Virginia, W. A. McCutchen ; New York, P. Z. Kinne, S. M. Cobb, A. R. Hyatt, W. W. Wheeler.

We were disappointed in not seeing Elders Olsen and Porter ; but they were held at Battle Creek on special committee work. The opening address was given at 7.30 p. m., by Elder S. M. Cobb, from the text, "Watchman, what of the night?"

Tuesday forenoon from 9.30 to 10.45 was

occupied in prayer and social worship, which was a profitable season indeed.

The arrivals Tuesday were R. C. Porter, our district superintendent ; R. A. Underwood, of Pennsylvania ; and R. S. Webber, of St. Johns, N. B.

At 4 p. m., Elder Porter called a meeting of delegates for organization. Three committees were appointed for the consideration of the work in the district, and now the remaining time for the meeting will be crowded full of hard work.

In the evening Elder Porter gave a very impressive sermon on the subject, "The evidences of God's constant watch-care over His people and all the works of His hands, and the effect which ought to be produced upon us in view of these things."

A. E. PLACE.

ELLENVILLE, BROOKFIELD, AND ROME.

I CLOSED meetings at Ellenville Oct. 24. No amount of advertising was sufficient to create an attendance that would warrant a longer effort there at present. The attendance ranged from two to twenty-eight ; the same face seldom appearing twice. This was the first experience of the kind I ever met. Elder Underwood asked me : "Is there not a silver lining somewhere?" Yes, brother, there is, God is still the same kind heavenly father.

While were loth to leave the people of that place without first giving them the warning of God, and showing them from His Word the things that to us seemed to belong unto their peace now ; yet we know that God is at the helm, and if there are any in the place who are honest in heart, any who can be brought into the fold, He will sometime bring the truth to their notice and they will accept. No excuse can ever be found for any person when that person's name comes up in the investigative judgement, and that is true of you and me. Are our cases entirely in the hands of the heavenly Advocate?

Elder Westworth moved to Hasbrouck, Sullivan County, about twelve miles from Monticello, and begun services last evening. I spent last Sabbath with the Brookfield church. Though having worn the armor long, yet the old soldiers of the cross there have no intention of laying it aside till the church, triumphant, stands upon the earth made new. Eph. 6:10-18. Monday found me here at the District Conference. God's Spirit is guiding in the plans laid. After the close of the Conference here I expect to hold a series of meetings at Fallsburgh, about seven miles from Monticello. At the throne of grace, remember the work, the workers, and those who sit in darkness.

Nov. 5.

W. W. WHEELER.