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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 NEW YORK CAMP-MEETING.

PLACE OF MEETING.

LEST some may be deceived by the term “Fulton camp-meeting,” we will say that the meeting will be held at Oswego Falls (just across the Oswego River from Fulton) and on the Delaware, Lackawana, and Western R. R. All persons coming either via Oswego or Syracuse, if you can get your tickets, and baggage checked to Oswego Falls on the D. L. and W. R. R., from Oswego or Syracuse, would do well to come that way as it would land them almost at the entrance of the ground. If, however, your ticket agents will not do this, then buy tickets to Broadway station, Fulton, and by walking one block toward the river you can get a street car to the camp.

CAMP BAGGAGE.

It will pay all to bring their baggage checks to the ground, as we have special arrangements for baggage transfer. Bring checks to the book stand and they will be attended to promptly.

TENTS AND ROOMS.

We will have tents pitched on the ground ready for those who desire them at same prices as last year. If any desire their tents floored it will be necessary for them to arrange for this on their arrival, or by ordering in time we will put it in at a reasonable price. No one need send an order unless they desire us to put in a floor for them, and in that case please state whether you wish 10 x 12, 10 x 14, or 14 x 16 size.

We will also have the place carefully canvassed for rooms to meet the demands of those who do not desire tents.

DINING TENT AND PROVISIONS.

A regular dining hall will be opened for two regular meals (breakfast and dinner), each day, and a lunch at 6 P. M. Meal tickets will

be fifteen cents each or seven for one dollar. A general provision counter will be found in connection with the dining hall for the accommodation of those who wish to board themselves.

BOOK STAND.

We would call the attention of our librarians and all to the fact that a good supply of books, pamphlets, tracts, maps, etc., will be found at the book stand. We would call the special attention of our churches and Sabbath-schools to the maps of which we have a large supply, and can give liberal discounts. These are maps of Palestine, the journeys of the Apostle Paul, the map of the world, etc.

We will also have a supply of the new First-day Offering boxes on hand for all. If any are in need of envelopes or writing paper, we can give you a pleasant surprise on quality and price.

MINISTERIAL HELP.

We have the promise of the presence and help of our district superintendent, Elder R. C. Porter, and Elder H. W. Cottrell, president of the New England Conference. I also have the partial promise of Elder A. T. Jones for the last half of the meeting. Our own laborers in the State will be present so far as their local interests in the field will allow. This we feel will give us a good force, and if all come with a connection with the great Shepherd, the sheep will be fed and greatly blessed by the meeting.

We feel anxious to have the importance and value of this annual feast of spiritual things kept constantly before our brethren and sisters in the State. No words can express all the good which the Lord is desirous of giving to his people at this time. To all who will have it so, our convocation this year will be the most precious and the most beneficial of any in our

experience. To all who believe the last days with their weight of trials and difficulties are upon us, and who have any just conception of the spiritual status of the world, of the great professing church, and even our own selves before God, must acknowledge that we need a great work done for us yet to fit us fully for translation.

The cares of this life, and the hard toil to sustain life and family in the midst of hard times financially, etc., have had their influence upon us; and doubtless many, on account of these things, have allowed themselves to neglect many of the means of grace within our reach. The Bible has not been carefully studied; the intervals for earnest prayer, meditation, and seeking God have been too much neglected, or cut short, and to-day we are not satisfied with our experience or our attainments. The Lord loves and pities all who are thus situated, and is anxious to help us all. He realizes, as we do not and cannot, the awful importance of this time, and the fact that the times before us are to be more perilous, and more stringent till we reach the point when "No man can buy or sell save he that has the mark." He wants to teach us dependence and trust in Him as our only source of strength, success, or salvation.

In ancient times He required his people to leave the busy scenes of life, and hold sacred convocations together for the worship of Him "in whom they lived, moved and had a being." These convocations lasted from seven days to two weeks. Sometimes they dwelt in booths, and again they made long journeys to Jerusalem. When they were true to God he sustained them in the carrying out of all his requirements. He "rebuked the devourer for their sakes; their vine did not cast its fruit before the time."

God saw that by separation from the cares of every-day life, and united communion with Him, they would be led to a better trust in Him as their creator and provider. These principles are just as true to-day when the Lord is preparing a people for the great move from the land of Egyptian darkness to the eternal land of Canaan. Hence His instruction, "not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, etc." Shall we not heed the call of the Lord to-day, and trust Him to sustain us in meeting Him in a solemn assembly. As a

people we are in great need of help from on high. I believe we will acknowledge that we are not occupying that elevated position in spirituality and nearness which we ought, and which it is our privilege to occupy. When disunion and a lack of brotherly love exists in the churches, it is an evidence of a lack of union with God and brotherly love for our Savior, who is our "Elder Brother."

My dear brethren and sisters, it seems to me that I have never sensed these things more keenly than at the present time, and the importance of having our coming camp-meeting give evidence, as we have not seen it in the past, that God is with us to sanctify the congregation of His people. As these things come before my mind I feel an unexpressible desire to meet as many as possible at this important meeting. Let the discouraged and backslidden ones come; let the fathers and mothers who are weighed down with anxiety for their children, come; yea, let the gathering call be, "whosoever will." "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the the ministers of the Lord weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thy heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? Then will the Lord be jealous for His land, and pity His people. Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto His people, Behold I will send you corn and wine and oil and ye shall be satisfied therewith: etc." Joel 2: 15-19. Dear brethren, may God help us to believe His word of eternal truth.

A. E. PLACE.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

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AMONG the most impressive scenes of this trip were the praries of the noted Jule County, Kansas. The vastness of its plains, the apparent fertility of soil, the green oceans of corn, and golden seas of wheat waving in the breezes, stretch far out on either side, till the eye, dis-

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending Aug. 14.

Township.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Portland,	Chautauqua,	J. S. Fritts,	40	5	17	\$39.00			
Hancock,	Delaware,	C. W. Inskeep,	5	2	2	4.00	\$.50		
Watertown,	Jefferson,	H. M. Johnson,			5	72.75			
Porter,	Niagara,	Ralph B. Clapp,	16	2	1	2.00			
Rensselaerville,	Albany,	A. K. Baker,	42	5	17	37.00			
Westelo,	Albany	E. J. Hobbs,	26	3	15	38.50			
Bethlehem,	Albany,	W. D. Kinney,	45	5	27	68.75	10.45		
Great Controversy.									
Saratoga,	Saratoga,	E. S. Popoff,	14	2	3	7.25	.70		
Prophecies of Jesus.									
Lockport,	Niagara,	Roy F. Cottrell,	41	5	16	31.50	11.30		
Patriarchs and Prophets.									
Owego,	Tioga,	J. Deeley,		5	6	13.00			
Ladie's Guide.									
Jamestown,	Chautauqua,	W. S. Cleveland,	28	4	20	63.25	1.00		
Jamestown,	Chautauqua,	H. I. Pettis,	27	5	9	30.50			
Brant,	Erie,	Mrs. Emily Smith,	27	4	6	18.00			
Miscellaneous sales,						23.95			
Totals,			311	52	171	\$449.45	\$23.95		

couraged in its attempts to grasp all, fails and weeps.

Here and there the scene is animated by the presence of the farm-house, barn, clumps of trees by the side of small streams, etc.; these scenes reached their climax as the sun in its full splendor sank into the horizon of this great circle of green and gold, blending together the terrestrial with the mundane in a way which caused thrill after thrill to sweep over nature's harpsichord making rich music in the soul, and with a new and extended view of His greatness and goodness I could but bow my head and heart, and worship the Creator of all. It was with feelings of sadness that I noted the coming of the darkness which must soon shut out my physical vision; but where the physical failed I closed my eyes, and with lingering views through the mental, I settled down to a most pleasant and refreshing sleep.

Through all that, another night, the iron horse rushed us on through the darkness; but above was an eye which does not "slumber nor sleep" going "to and fro in the earth," and by our side "the angel of the Lord encamping." But ah, this world is subject to change, and in the darkness of one night the

beautiful visions of a day may give place to those of barrenness and desolation. So it proved; for as the gray light of the new day began to lift the dark veil, I awoke to see the scene almost entirely changed. The broad extended plain was still in sight on every side, but the fertile fields were passed. As far as the eye could reach scarcely a sign of life was visible, except it be the little prairie dogs which here and there could be seen sitting erect upon their neatly rounded conical mounds of earth looking at us with apparent unconcern, or scampering into their holes for safety. Occasionally we saw small herds of horses and cattle wandering here and there seeking anxiously for the little tufts of "Buffalo grass," and other occasional signs of vegetation which live on in spite of the cloudless sky and dry atmosphere. This condition continued for several hours, even till we came near to the beautiful city of Denver.

As I looked over this great expanse of country so silent and almost without inhabitant, a feeling of sadness crept over me. God "created the earth to be inhabited," but here is stretched out before us territory sufficient for teeming millions, lying almost in desolation.

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But soon, as my mind takes in the promises of God, the scene seems to change. I look forward with the eye of faith, and see once more the Creator's hand stretched forth to renew the heavens and the earth. I see "streams breaking forth in the desert." The wilderness blossoms as the rose. I see the mighty nations of the saved spread over this broad land. I hear their songs of joy, praise, and thanksgiving rising from hearts sanctified and saved from sin. The far distant mountains take up the refrain, and from peak to peak is echoed and re-echoed the glad song, "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein; yea, the whole earth is full of His glory." As this scene passes before my mind in its greatness and glory, and also its eternal nature of duration, I am enabled as never before to understand what it was that led the dear Savior to give himself as a sacrifice for this world. "For the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, etc." Heb. 12 : 2. In prophetic view He saw the entrancing sight, He felt the ecstatic joy of His children, He heard the songs of praise bursting forth from overflowing hearts, He saw that he as their father with them his faithful children, and they with Him, might share together this blessedness to the ages of the ages, and turning to his Father, He cried,

"Father, it is enough. Gladly will I give myself; willingly will I lay down my life for my children." The Father accepted the sacrifice, and promised the gift, even the world, to Christ; and now from the plains of Judea come the plaintive words of that wonderful prayer, "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am."

O that from every heart the Lord might hear an echo to His prayer, that the day may be hastened when faith shall be lost in sight, hope in grand fruition, and prayer in one eternal song of praise.

(To be continued.)

NOTICE.

As TIME draws on toward camp-meeting, we begin to realize that another year is almost gone, and eternity is nearer than ever before. In a little while these annual feasts will be a thing of the past, and then "till the King comes in," we shall not have the privilege of gatherings. Let us make the best of the opportunities as they come: opportunities to get nearer to God; opportunities to learn more of His truth; opportunities to aid others.

Let every church send a full delegation. If you cannot go yourself, help some one else to go. Let all the church clerks send, as soon as possible, the delegate blanks to the undersigned at South Onondaga, N. Y.

W. A. WESTWORTH, Sec'y.

APPOINTMENTS.

SABBATH, Aug. 22, I expect to be with the Rome church, and shall be glad to see as many of the brethren and sisters as can consistently be present. Sunday I expect to hold a meeting at Brother William Groff's, near Vienna. Baptism will be administered.

Brother J. P. Lorenz will be connected with the work at Syracuse till camp-meeting. His special work will be among the Germans; but he will also assist in the meetings of the Syracuse church. His address is 109 Harrison Place, Syracuse, N. Y. A. E. PLACE.

—This number of the INDICATOR should be preserved for reference. The next number will be the last till after camp-meeting.