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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 UN-SOWN SEEDS.

BY MARY DELZER.

I saw a garden, in springtime,  
Prepared with the greatest care,  
And I thought when comes the summer,  
Rare flowers will blossom there.  
But summer found in the garden  
Full many a noxious weed,  
With never a flower among them,  
For none had sown the seed.

I saw a life that gave promise  
Of a harvest rich and rare,  
Had the fertile soil been tended,  
And the seed been planted there.  
Neglected and unplanted—  
O'ergrown with sin's foul weeds—  
O, the flowers we might gather  
Did we only sow the seeds!

Oh, the precious moments wasted,  
The deeds of love undone;  
The bitter thoughts we cherished  
Come back to us one by one:  
And we sigh for a vanished springtime,  
Of which we took no heed;  
Oh, the harvest we might gather,  
Did we only sow the seed!

Had we sown the seeds of virtue,  
Of holy love and truth,  
Of charity and kindness,  
In the springtime of our youth,  
In the autumn we'd have gathered  
A harvest rich and rare—  
A harvest of fragrant flowers  
Been blooming for us there.

We'd have never cause to murmur  
At the hardness of our lot;  
Our lives full of contentment,  
In palace or in cot.  
Did we improve the golden springtime,  
Root out each noxious weed,  
What a bountiful harvest waits us,  
Do we only sow the seed.

## SOUTH-EASTERN NEW YORK.

DURING the week of prayer I was with the Rome church in all their meetings but one, and

a good spirit seemed to prevail. The readings were listened to with attention. Prayers and testimonies were given in connection with nearly all the meetings. The collection was taken Sunday afternoon, which amounted to \$31.78.

My brother O. G. Place and wife were with us during this time. He spoke Sabbath morning concerning the work in Ind'a, and our relation to it. The Lord impressed hearts and we believe good will result.

As I had arranged to visit the companies in the south-eastern part of the State before general conference, I decided to go to the ship with my loved ones. We left Rome Monday night a little past midnight, and reached New York City about eight Tuesday morning. A portion of the day was spent with Brother Kilgore in exchanging American money for English, arranging baggage, etc. Tuesday night we went to Brooklyn, where we found our dear Sister Booth and family waiting to give us a warm welcome. Wednesday morning before nine o'clock we were at Pier 14, New York City, by the side of the great steamship St. Paul. Everything was hustle bustle. Draymen with baggage, hackmen with passengers, heavily loaded teams with freight, express wagons with loads of express, first, second, and third class passengers running back and forth, looking for friends and baggage, seamen rushing freight and baggage over the rail and down into the hold of the steamer, men yelling and everything making a noise, and policemen with clubs endeavoring to keep people from being run over; this is just a peep at the situation.

We were much pleased to find Elders R. C. Porter, our district superintendent; A. T. Jones, of the *American Sentinel*; J. D. Jayne, president of the Atlantic Conference; and Allen Moon, president of the Religious Liberty Association, at the boat to say farewell, and God bless you to the doctor and his wife.

A short time sufficed us to claim baggage and

then we walked up the long gangway to the second deck of the steamer. One of the porters showed us to the stateroom, No. 355, which is to be the home of my brother and sister "on the ocean wave." from New York to South Hampton. The room is in a good location. It seemed small but pleasant, lighted by electricity. We were permitted to remain on board till 9:45 A. M., when the gong sounded and the shrill call, "All ashore," awakened me to the fullest realization of the fact that the long-dreaded moment had at last come, when I must again relinquish my hold upon the loved of earth. There are times when the eyes do not weep, even when the heart strings are being severed, and the heart itself seems breaking. Calmly we said farewell and parted. I left my loved ones in the hands of Him whose voice can still the mighty waves, and bring his faithful servants to the desired haven. I yield them up to the salvation of those who "sit in darkness and the valley of the shadow of death." My prayer is that they may open many blind eyes and turn souls to God.

At ten o'clock the lines were cast off and the great floating city began to leave the pier and "straighten on her course" down the harbor. We watched the well known faces and forms till the distance blended them with the sea of faces and floating handkerchiefs, as the steamer plowed her way toward the surging waters of the ocean. The sadness of that hour was brightened with the thought that I had such a noble brother and sister to give to such a noble cause, and then came the thought that these scenes may be portions of God's great providence in enlarging our hearts that he may endear them to a broader field, and help us to stretch our arms even as was the Savior's on the cross, to draw all men of whatever race or color unto the great sacrifice and to everlasting life. I feel assured that many prayers, and the sympathy of warm hearts in the Empire State will follow these and others who have sacrificed home and friends that the message may be carried "to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people." O, that when the work is over and the Lord calls his laborers to supper that we may meet and greet and join in the festivities of that glad hour.

Elder Porter had arranged for a counsel meeting to follow the departure of the ship.

Some conference and district matters received attention. We may speak of some of these later. A part of Thursday was spent in looking after matters for the Conference and Tract Society. In the evening I arrived at Matteawan and found Brother W. W. Wheeler well, and with arrangements made to begin meetings Friday night in a hall owned by Sister E. D. VanRensselaer, which she has kindly offered free of charge.

A. E. PLACE.

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NEWBURGH.

I BEGAN meetings Sabbath morning Dec. 5, and closed Sunday afternoon, having spoken four times and held two social meetings. The time spent here has been pleasant and profitable to me, and I trust it has to the church. Six years have passed away since my last visit to this church. It seemed hardly possible, but so it is. Six years nearer our final destiny and the great culmination of God's work in the earth for fallen man. Have these years been years of progress in the divine life? Some whom I knew back there are still in the church work, while some walk no more with us. Several new faces were seen at nearly every meeting. We heard no discouraging testimonies, and there seems to be quite a good degree of courage manifested and a desire to more fully arise, that the Lord's light may be seen upon them.

Considering the number to pay, I think this church did well in their annual offerings. We shall doubtless soon be able to ascertain the total amount of all our churches and companies in the State to this fund, and if so we will let the readers of the INDICATOR know. We trust it may be encouraging to the general conference and the missionaries in foreign lands.

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OLEAN.

MONDAY, Nov. 23. I started for Olean, calling on friends at Franklinsville and Ischua, and reached Olean Wednesday and remained until Sunday morning, holding seven meetings. The Lord came very near, and while our bodies fasted our souls feasted, and hope took the place of fear, and discouragement gave place for courage, and that season will not soon be forgotten by those who were there. One sister walked nine miles through rain and mud to at-

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Report for the Week Ending Dec. 4.

Township.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Westfield,	Chautauqua,	J. S. Fritts,	1	1				1	\$4.25
Hornellsville,	Steuben,	G. F. Evans,	31	5	7	22.25	\$2.35		
Perry,	Wyoming,	O. G. Parmele,	12				5.90		
Patriarchs and Prophets.									
Owego,	Tioga,	J. Deeley,			2	4.50		8	24.50
Christ Our Saviour.									
Owego,	Tioga,	J. Deeley,		3	7	1.85	1.10		
Galway,	Saratoga,	Clarence A. Parker,	26	5	9	3.80	.25		
Stanwix,	Oneida,	F. G. McAlister,		3			2.40		
Ladies' Guide.									
Jamestown,	Chautauqua,	W. S. Cleveland,	26	4	3	23.00	15.00	8	25.50
Collins,	Erie,	Mrs. Louese Reynolds,	8	3	5	17.00	.25		
Miscellaneous sales,						27.25			
Totals.		8 Canvassers,	106	21	33	\$99.65	\$27.25	17	\$54.25

tend. Sunday night I held a meeting at Salamanca at the home of Brother Hicks. There were thirty in attendance and an excellent meeting was enjoyed. I now go to East Otto for a few days.

D. A. BALL.

APPOINTMENTS.

In counsel with Brother Wheeler, we have decided upon the following appointments for the churches and companies in this part of the State:—

Middletown, Dec. 11, 12, 13; Wurtsboro, 14, 15; Centerville Station, 16; Loch Sheldrake, 17; Monticello, 18–20; Maplewood, 20, 21.

A part of Sunday, Dec. 20, will be in meeting at Monticello, and in the afternoon or evening at Maplewood. If Brother Wheeler had not made his arrangements for meetings at Matteawan, I should have him with me, and in that case spend a little more time at these places. We trust, however, that the meetings may be a success. It will be a pleasure for me to meet these souls who have taken hold of the unpopular truth for this time. May the Lord grant that we may come together with earnest desires and prayers for much of his spirit and grace.

A. E. PLACE.

ALDEN, BUFFALO, DARLEN AND TONAWANDA.

THE week of prayer was observed at all of these places, and the readings were read. I had the pleasure of being present at all the meetings at Buffalo, and two or three at Tonawanda. The Lord was present in power to assure each worshipper of his presence and his ability to bless and own as his.

The Buffalo meetings opened at six o'clock Thursday morning, with a fair attendance. Sabbath and Sunday there was a full attendance. The result of these meetings was to unite hearts in the unity of the Spirit, and the bond of peace. Satan was severely rebuked for working worldliness and division in the church.

The Tonawanda brethren felt much of the Savior's love. I was especially led to describe and point out the way to the glories beyond.

The Darien brethren meet often to give glory and praise to God for his abundant mercy toward them. They meet on Sunday afternoon with the Alden brethren at Brother Summers'. The week of prayer was one of profit to all these churches.

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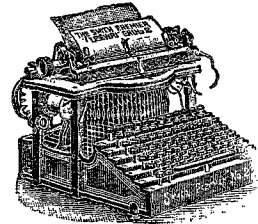
ESTES.—Death has broken the ranks of Sabbath-keepers in South Onondaga. Brother Estes who has been a friend of the cause since its first introduction to that place, died of dropsy of the heart, Monday morning, Nov. 16, aged 66 years. He was an old resident of the town, and a large concourse of people gathered at the funeral, to whom the hope of the resurrection was presented from Job 14:14. He leaves an aged companion who feels especially lonely and afflicted.  
S. B. WHITNEY.

SEAMAN.—Died at Cortland, N. Y., Nov. 22, 1896, our beloved Sister Hattie Seaman, aged 42. Sister Seaman had for thirteen years been living in obedience

to the truth which she loved, and in which she rejoiced until she departed this life. Her whole Christian experience has been one of toil and sacrifice for the happiness and welfare of others, and fraught with trials peculiar to her own experience; but never has she complained or murmured at her lot, but cheerfully discharged her duties, and bravely fought life's battles until like a tired warrior she lay down to rest. For nearly eight weeks she suffered in her last sickness before she passed away, but bore it all patiently, and in meek submission to him who doeth all things well. The funeral services were held at her home in Cortland at eight o'clock Wednesday morning, Nov. 24. The house was nearly filled, and the tears and expressions of grief gave evidence of the love they bore her. The remains were then taken aboard the train, and carried to DeRuyter for interment, where other friends are buried. On arriving there we found a large company of mourners and friends awaiting us, and the remains were carried to the home of a brother of the deceased, and another service was held with nearly as large an audience as at Cortland. She leaves a husband, one daughter upon whom fall weighty responsibilities, and two sons, beside a large circle of relatives and friends. Remarks by the writer from Rev. 21:4. Also Job 14:14 at DeDuyter. It is my prayer that this bereavement may be sanctified to the good of this dear family.  
S. M. COBB.

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