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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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WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

ELDER S. M. COBB.

Tell, oh, tell us, faithful watchman,
Is this long, dark night of years
Nearly passed, and what 's the token
That the morning soon appears?
Since the evening shadows gathered,
We have watched with anxious eye
For some tokens of the morning
In the darkened eastern sky.
We have watched each sign and token
For a glorious coming morn,
That shall scatter clouds unbroken,
With an everlasting dawn.
Pilgrim, yes, the light is dawning;
Dreary night is almost past,
Soon the light of endless morning
O'er the darkness will be cast.
Close beside your pathway, Christian,
You have seen the waymarks all;
Sun and moon were strangely darkened,
And the stars from heaven did fall.
You have seen false christs and prophets
On your journey, by the way;
These are truly signs and tokens

Of a speedy coming day.

Dangers thicken in the darkness,
Men increase in sin and crime,
These are signs that we are living
In the waiting watching time,—

Waiting for the Master's coming
At the dawn of early light,
Watching now the wasting shadows,
Of a long and dreary night.

THE WHITE RAIMENT.

THE true witness of Rev. 3:14 makes no mistake in describing 'the true condition of God's people at this time. He makes no mistake because he is a *true witness* and a true witness never testifies falsely.

We have gold, a theory of the truth, but not the "tried gold," God's truth and the love of it in our hearts. This we are counseled to buy. We have raiment, self-righteousness, but not the "white raiment," the righteousness of Christ. This we are advised to obtain.

We can see, but not clearly; thus we are counseled to buy, and apply the heavenly eye-salve, the quickening influence of God's spirit, that our discernment may be spiritual. And yet we are so slow to accept those proffered mercies. All of those things that savor of self, filthy garments, must be cast aside, and we must be clothed with "white raiment" Rev. 3:5, which is given only to those who overcome.

This wonderful change can only be made through Jesus Christ. This change which affects the human heart, is very clearly explained in Zech. 3:2-4. Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, (sin). But the Lord commands that those sins, (filthy garments) be taken from him, which he says is the taking away of sins; and that he be clothed with a change of raiment, Christ's righteousness, or the white raiment given to overcomers. And so

the work will be done in us through Jesus Christ if we heed the true witness.

Let us not fail to notice that after this council of the true witness is given, he further says: "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him and he with me." Verse 20.

O that we may hear the gentle knocking, and open wide the door of our hearts and let Jesus in. And when he is in the world will be shut out, self will be dead, and Jesus then will be all to us. This will bring true friendship between Jesus and his followers, as mentioned in verse 20, as supping with those who let him in implies.

Then we shall be like Abraham the friend of God, as we hope all of the readers of the INDICATOR, as well as all of God's professed people are.

S. M. COBB.

INFLUENCE OF CHARACTER.

It is said that, "Life, like the landscape, needs to be studied to be realized to any completeness." The more we study it, the more beauty we are able to find, and the little pleasures of youth vanish into nothingness beside the grand possibilities which are before us.

We soon discover that we individually have a life work to perform, we are here for a purpose and that a grand and noble one—the purpose of forming characters for eternity.

As we begin to look at life from this standpoint it has a different meaning, and we feel that it is indeed a grand and solemn thing to live in this world of ours—grand, because of the possibilities of doing good, and solemn on account of the responsibilities which rest upon us, not only of forming characters for ourselves, but of helping others by our influence in the formation of theirs. We are each, and every one placed here on trial, and we are put in trust with all that we have. Life is before us with its grand possibilities, its joys and its sorrows.

To youth it offers many attractions, but let us not mistake it as a plaything, rather let us remember the words of Longfellow, who says:—

"Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not its goal."

The little moment we have to spend here is only

a preparation for a grander and nobler life than it is possible for us to conceive.

Only a moment of time, but it is long enough for us to live well in, and leave noble work behind us. Let us then press cheerfully forward, trusting in the source of all strength and wisdom for our help, and striving day by day to reflect his character.

"A sacred burden is the life ye bear,
Look on it, lift it, bear it solemnly,
Stand up and walk beneath it steadfastly
Fail not for sorrow, falter not for sin,
But onward, upward, till the goal ye win."

LOIS.

Field Reports.

BUFFALO.

I REACHED Buffalo on Friday morning, and commenced meetings Sabbath-day. The attendance was good, and quite a number not of our faith were present. The Sabbath-school was good. It was certainly a decided success. The night after the Sabbath the meeting was held at the home of Brother Alex. Gleason. The three large rooms were crowded, and had more come they could not have been accommodated. The attention was perfect. All became deeply interested.

On Sunday I spoke at the house of Brother Thompson, who lives in a suburb of Buffalo, some five miles from the center of the city. During the past eight weeks there have been some six or eight who have embraced the truth, some of them commenced before the church members in the city knew anything of it.

A sister, who embraced the truth in Ohio, moved into Kensington, a suburb of Buffalo. She and her husband moved from Ohio to Pennsylvania. From there they moved into Buffalo, and the sister, who is earnest in the truth, began to hold Bible readings with the family where she lived, the head of which employed her husband.

The sister's husband did not at that time keep the Sabbath, when riding one day with his employer, he was asked by said employer what he thought a Christian's life should be. When the sister found out that her husband's employer was interested in the subject of a Christian life, she gave him the tract "Christ

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending Feb. 16.

Place.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Orders.	Value.	Miscel.	Delivered.	Value.
Bible Readings.								
Herkimer,	Wm. Seewald	25	4	15	\$38.75			
North Winfield,	Fred McAlister	13	2	9	24.00	\$2.60		
Canadice,	Perry Tufts	29	6	15	38.00	3.00		
Ithaca,	J. S. Fritts	31	5	9	22.00		1	\$2.50
Olean,	N. W. Irish	30	4	5	11.00		5	11.75
Dix,	T. B. Harlan	25	3	3	7.50	1.00		
Watkins,	Mrs. T. B. Harlan	7	2	2	5 50			
Marilla,	O. E. Tuttle	23	3	6	17.50	7.50		
Great Controversy.								
Batavia,	E. A. Bowe	1	1	1	2.75			
Patriarchs and Prophets.								
Oxford,	J. Deeley	25	4	5	11.50	1.75		
Miscellaneous sales,					15.85			
Totals, 10 Canvassers		209	34	70	\$194.35	\$15.85	6	\$14.25

and the Sabbath," which opened the way for the Bible readings of which I have spoken.

Brother J. R. Calkins met with them for four days, and aided them in the good work, and Brother Lorenz is now laboring with them, and has given Bible readings and spoken eleven times. Two have commenced to obey since Brother Lorenz commenced his meetings. On Sunday forenoon when I spoke quite a number came in.

On Sunday afternoon I spoke in the hall again in the city. It was well filled. Indeed if more had come they could not have been seated. In the evening I spoke at the house of Brother Thompson. The rooms were well filled. More are deeply interested, and we trust that through the efforts of Brother Lorenz, blessed of the Lord, several more will embrace the truth.

One of the pressing demands at Buffalo at the present time is a meeting-house. We must have one, and believe the time is not very far distant when there will be one built in the city

S. H. LANE.

OLEAN.

Our place of meeting has become too small to accommodate those who attend, and we are holding them in a Union chapel at South Olean, which has been kindly granted us. That will give the people a chance to hear the message there. The interest is still rising, and we look

for a good work to be done there. We shall continue as long as the interest demands.

D. A. BALL.

DUNKIRK.

We have held no meetings yet at this place. We are holding a discussion on the Sabbath, with three ministers, through the leading daily paper. The whole city seems to be stirred over the subject, though yet but one has taken a stand for the truth. Many are interested. Our courage is good for we see the hand of God is leading. Our address now is 615 Elk St.

S. THURSTON,

L. A. THURSTON.

— Brother H. G. Thurston writes from Middletown under date of Feb. 13. "There are about a dozen in this city who have taken a stand upon the Sabbath, and some await baptism. Others are interested. Two in the country have also begun keeping the Sabbath, making fourteen in all."

— Conference cash received Feb. 9-16: Lincolnaen Center, \$10.00.

— "The mind is the best possession we have; but it must be trained by study, by reflection, by learning in the school of Christ, the best and truest educator the world has ever known."

"THE LORD IS AT HAND." PHIL. 4:5.

BY J. P. LORENZ,
Buffalo, N. Y.

"THE Lord is at hand,"
Ye nations arise,
For soon will appear
The King in the skies.
For signs all around
Tell surely and clear,
That he who once died
Is soon to appear.

The Saviour has said
That signs in the sky,
Should tell of the time
When his coming is nigh.
Then friend look about,
And note by the way
The signs that predict
That glorious day.

The sun was turned dark,
The moon did not shine,
Just as 't was foretold
By prophets divine;
The stars like green figs
From heaven did fall,
A sign that a few
As yet can recall.

"The Lord is at hand,"
Yea e'en at the door,
He 's coming again
To reign evermore.
Then lift up your heads,
Hail him the Most High,
Be cheerful and sing:
"Redemption is nigh."

APPOINTMENT.

No PROVIDENCE hindering I will meet with the James-town church, Sabbath and Sunday, Feb. 24, 25. Hope to see a good attendance.

S. H. LANE.

DEAR INDICATOR: Owing to the recent bank failure we cannot secure as many orders as we otherwise could. We rejoice as we see people almost ready to accept the truth. Our faith is strong in the Lord, and we are of good courage.

MR. AND MRS. T. B. HARLAN.

DEAR INDICATOR: I took the tenth order, but found before I left the parties that they had the book. They had purchased it about a year ago from Brother Kling. The man said he would take a book of some kind from me, so I have a book on hand I will let him have.

I met one lady who knew the book, and she said, "I never knew much good of the Seventh-day Adventist people any way." In the course of conversation which followed she spoke of dancing. I said, "there is one

good point with Adventists, they do not dance." Then I referred to temperance. She admitted there were two good points. I told her that I knew she did not mean to accuse the Adventists of being so bad. She changed the subject. "O consistency thou art a jewel."

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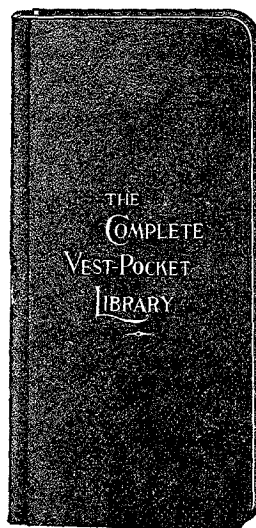
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