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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 BROOK.

BY EMMA L. PARDON.

Down through the meadow flows a brook,  
With waters clear and bright;  
Sweet flowerets bloom upon its banks;  
It is a charming sight.

And standing in the silvery brook,  
Contented there to stay,  
The patient cows may oft be seen,  
On summer's sultry day.

The graceful willows, bending low,  
Its sparkling waters kiss;  
Beneath their pleasant shade, what joy  
To sit and dream in bliss.

The velvet meadows where it flows,  
A plenteous harvest yield;  
Well watered by its cooling depths,  
Is each adjoining field.

A rustic bridge there stands above  
These gleaming waters clear,  
Where one may stand and gaze about,  
And pleasant music hear.

The murmur of the rippling waves,  
As gaily on they flow;  
Or frequent splashes, as the frogs  
Plunge to the depths below.

A seat upon those mossy banks,  
Beneath the shady trees,  
With cloudless azure overhead,  
Revives sweet memories.

Thy life is like the moving tide,  
Oh, that its waves may flow  
Into the living water, Christ,  
Whose peace thy soul may know!

## THE LOVE OF LIFE.

Down deep in the heart of every man there is a love for life. When God created man he made it possible for him to live forever, and as he desired man to be happy, should he fulfil the requirements and have eternal life, he placed in his nature the element of "love of life." Every man loves to live: no one is without this characteristic. When sin has weak-

ened the desires for good in our natures, the element of love of life still lives and thrives. As an evidence of this, stop and think for a moment of the number of physicians practicing throughout the world to-day, of the great sanitariums, and all manner of means employed to try to prolong this life.

What men and women want to-day is life, not so much a sinless life, but *life*. It is easy to get the sinner interested in the subject of eternal life, because it is one of the strongest desires in his nature. But if you talk to him about his sins, you may not find him willing to converse with you: you are approaching him upon a weak instead of a strong element of his nature. Satan understood this, so he told Eve they would not die, but be as gods, knowing good and evil. Let us be "As wise as serpents, and harmless as doves," and win souls by pointing them to the fact that eternal life is provided for all who will accept it. Like Nicodemus of old they will inquire what they must do. Then the way is open to patiently lead them to Christ who is the way, the truth, and the life.

A. R. HYATT.

## THE SPIRIT OF THE MESSAGE.

The development of no work in the past has more fully demonstrated to the world its true character, than has the spirit and work of the third angel's message. The mission of the third angel is to warn the world of God's judgments that will be visited upon those who refuse to obey him and keep his commandment, and herald to the world the soon coming of our Lord and Savior. In every land this work is being done, the voice of warning giving this solemn message is heard everywhere. The sheaves are being gathered for the heavenly garner from the fields "All white and ready to harvest." A solemn sense of this last closing work is being more fully realized by those to

whom the message is borne than ever in the past. The Spirit of the Lord is thus doing its work, and a people are being prepared to receive the seal of God which will mark them as his own in contradistinction to those who receive the mark of the beast. And as the blood upon the door-posts [Ex. 12 : 7-13] was the sign by which God spared the families of Israel, so God's mark or seal that he will set upon his people now, [Eze. 9 : 4-6] will be that by which his people will be known to him, and will serve them as a shield [Psa. 91 : 4]. Thus the message, true to its character, is doing its work.

S. M. COBB.

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THE TABERNACLE.

THERE are many things in Battle Creek that will interest those who have never been there. The church or Tabernacle is a well planned building, and will seat over three thousand people. It has sliding partitions so that the whole or only a part of it may be used. Six meetings may be held in it at one time, and each be in a separate room. The Sabbath-school is separated into divisions. There being probably ten or more divisions. These divisions have from three to nine classes each. Each class has not more than six and generally only four persons. The review is held at the commencement of the school, then follows the class recitations. Some of our New York schools are following the same plan, and it works well.

In one of the rooms or vestries the General Conference Committee has placed tables and chairs, also writing paper, ink, pens, envelopes, etc., for the free use of the delegates; also a post-office. The Tabernacle is heated by steam, and lighted by electricity which is manufactured just across the street by the Review and Herald Publishing Company. The people in Battle Creek are so busy that if a stranger should go there they would not know it.

J. R. CALKINS.

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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

THE Thirty-first Session of the General Conference opened at Battle Creek, Mich., Feb. 15, 1895. There are some one hundred and seventy-five delegates present, representing all the

states of the Union, and quite a number of the countries of Europe, Africa, South America, Australia, Mexico, and the islands of the Pacific.

The growth of the denomination during the past two years has been, in membership, some over seven thousand. There have been ninety-one meeting-houses erected in this country and six in foreign lands. Sixty-one ministers have been ordained.

Our work in the islands of the Pacific is in a very prosperous condition. The missionary ship, Pitcairn, is proving too small for the work in its present stage of development. It is probable that immediate steps will be taken to secure a larger vessel. A committee has been appointed to take the matter in charge.

The educational work of the denomination, since the last General Conference, has been very marked. Six colleges are now in successful operation, also four academies, and several conference and local schools. There are now some three thousand students being educated to work as missionaries in the cause of the blessed Master.

The meetings are well attended. There are from three to six hundred at each business meeting. Last Sabbath the tabernacle, which will seat over three thousand, was so crowded that scores could not obtain seating room. In the afternoon the ministers, and those who have come to the place especially to attend the Conference, met in the tabernacle to celebrate the Lord's supper. It was a precious season. The social meeting which was held in connection with the service was one long to be remembered. From three to six were on their feet at a time to testify. The meeting continued nearly three hours. The Lord blessed abundantly, and hearts were united more fully in the good work of the message.

S. H. LANE.

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*Field Reports.*

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JEFFERSON AND LEWIS COUNTYS.

SINCE my last report I have spent one Sabbath in Jefferson County, where I met with the church at Adams for the first time in several years. It was a pleasure to me to greet so many of the old friends again.

## The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending February 15.

County.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Deliv.	Value
Bible Readings.								
Steuben,	T. B. Harlan,	27	4	10	\$24.00	\$1.00	1	\$2.00
Monroe,	J. S. Fritts,	28	5	10	24.00		1	2.00
Yates,	Perry Tufts,	66	10	30	65.50	5.40		
Monroe,	O. E. Tuttle,	44	6	25	56.00	\$14.00		
Fulton,	Wm. Seewald,	33	4	8	19.50	4.00		
Niagara,	Chas. H. Harris,	7	1			.50	1	2.00
Erie,	J. S. Delano,	1	1	1	3.00			
Essex,	J. A. Fairchild,			5	10.50	.75		
Great Controversy.								
Otsego,	Fred G. Mc Alister,	27	5	6	15.50	1.75		
Chenango.	E. S. Popoff,	37	7	11	28.25	1.80		
Ulster,	J. E. Frazee,	2	1	1	2.25			
Miscellaneous sales,					29.20			
Totals,	11 Canvassers,	272	44	107	\$277.70	\$29.20	3	\$6.00

The following Monday I went to Natural Bridge to visit a few brethren living in the northern part of Lewis County, about five or six miles from Natural Bridge, who have recently embraced the Sabbath as the result of a visit and the labors of brother G. F. Weller. I remained with them a little over a week; but the weather was so unfavorable that we could hold but two public meetings, which were well attended, and good attention was given to the word spoken. I was hospitably entertained in the neighborhood, and formed many pleasant acquaintances. We shall hope that future labor there will be productive of good. We organized a Sabbath-school, and regular meetings are being held in connection with it.

On my way home, I called to see brother George Butcher and family, who formerly lived in Oswego. Sister Butcher has been confined to her bed since last April, with bleeding at the nose and gums. Notwithstanding their affliction they appear to be of good courage in the Lord. Owing to the heavy storm of the last few days I was unable to fill my appointment with the church at Syracuse last Sabbath. No Providence preventing; I will meet with them next Sabbath and Sunday, Feb. 16 and 17. Meetings to commence Sabbath evening. Hope to see a general attendance.

P. Z. KINNE.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

THIS dear little sheet finds its way to me here in this city, the great capitol of the nation, and is read with much interest, and my heart fills with love and praise to our Lord as I note the progress of the work in my native State. I have just read the greeting of dear brother Place to the Syracuse church and all those "scattered abroad," and I am one of those; for your interests are mine. Brother Place said, "Whoever reads this," I am one of the whoever's, "will it not be consistent for you to send us a donation either for the interest or accumulative fund." I will send one dollar for the interest with the belief that the "great banker" will add the ciphers to this "bit" or "mite." With prayer and love for you all, I am your sister in the blessed truth.

MRS. M. E. HITCHCOCK.

—ELDER M. C. WILCOX is attending the General Conference. The state of his health is such that he deems it expedient to discontinue his personal direct active work as editor of the *Signs of the Times*, and labor for one season on a farm in St. Lawrence County, N. Y. We welcome our esteemed brother and co-laborer to his native State again, and hope through the blessing of the Lord and the change he may be benefited healthwise.

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## APPOINTMENT.

WE have decided to hold a general meeting in this part of the State, March 1-4, at Middletown, Orange County. We have thought of this for several months, but could hardly find any time when it would be advisable to leave the new fields. The brethren in Middletown will gladly entertain all who may come. As this will be the first meeting of the kind ever held in this part of the Conference, may God help us all to sense the importance of this occasion in this most solemn and eventful period of this world's history. Come, my dear brethren, and let us meet and praise God together, and renew our covenant with Him. He will not fail, and in Him, we will not.

Brother Wheeler and others from this part expect to be with us. Earnestness and consecration will characterize every true believer from now to the end of time.

Those who come from abroad will do well to write me at this place at once.

H. G. THURSTON.

## HOMER.

PERHAPS the readers of the INDICATOR have noticed that my report has not been coming up this winter; yet I have not been idle altogether. You will remember that last fall I asked you through the INDICATOR for papers of which I

received about four hundred. I have given them all away, and we will not know the good they will do this side of eternity. I will take this opportunity of asking you for more papers and tracts. In sending papers through the mail always cut your wrapper long enough to cover the whole roll, as it protects the papers and keeps them from getting soiled.

Some are becoming interested here in Homer. One man, after reading "Glorious Appearing," and "Sunday not the Sabbath," told me he would like to study the Bible with me.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters,  
 Sow in faith the little seed;  
 Be of great results expectant,  
 For the harvest is decreed."

C. W. HARDESTY.

## NOTICE.

WANTED.—A place to work for myself and wife. I am used to farm and saw-mill work. Correspondence requested. Reference, Elder S. H. Lane, and J. R. Calkins, Rome, N. Y. Address Clarence Wright, Parish, Oswego Co., N. Y.

—ELDER PLACE arrived at Battle Creek, to attend the General Conference, from Mount Vernon, Ohio, on Tuesday of last week. He found his parents at Mount Vernon in quite good health. His mother, a few weeks since, was so poorly that there was some concern as to her recovery, but through the blessing of the blessed Master has nearly regained her health.

—We received a call from Elder P. Z. Kinne last week, on his way from Norwich to his home in Kirkville. We are very glad to learn that his daughter is again able to be about the house, after a long and severe attack of typhoid fever.

—ELDER D. A. BALL and wife reached Battle Creek, to attend the General Conference, Thursday, Feb. 14. Elder S. M. Cobb reached there the same day.

—BROTHER J. R. CALKINS and wife, brother Excell, and sister Lewis of Bucks Bridge are stopping with brother and sister Lane while attending the General Conference.

—ELDER M. H. BROWN is in attendance at the General Conference. His health is good. He is devoting his time to the General Sabbath-school work.