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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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WHERE ARE THE ROSES?

BY A. E. PLACE.

THOUGH my Lord was crowned with brambles,
Though He found them in His way.
He, the rose of Sharon, blossomed,
Rich with fragrance every day.

When he took the little children,
Gave his blessing and his grace,
He was cultivating roses
On some anxious mother's face.

So in all His acts of mercy
Which were but His acts of life,
He was gathering fragrant roses
From the thorns of sin and strife.

Help me, Lord, to grow some rose-buds,
Deck with them lives fading hair;
Make my life to be a rose-bud,
Soon to blossom over there.

Say, my Lord, here let me blossom,
Here like roses let me grow,
That when mortal bloom is falling,
I may seeds of roses sow.

Thou wilt see that all such rose-seeds
Shall receive thy tender care,
And Omega may discover
I found roses everywhere.*

* Dan. 12: 3.

THE BEST GIFT.

ADDRESSING the lads of Hawarden Grammar School, Mr. Gladstone is reported to have said: "Depend upon it, the purpose of this world is not limited to certain pursuits considered as a means of obtaining for us either livelihood, distinction, or fame. There are many things made in this world from day to day, there is a great deal of making that goes on, but the most important kind of making that goes on is that which goes on most silently, and that is *man-making*: Man is the great commodity, so to speak, which the whole structure of this world and of society has been organized in order to produce. I mean a state of his nature in which

all that is best shall be developed in the best manner. The nature of man is capable of sinking to the most deplorable depths of corruption, debasement, cruelty, and all things else that are bad; but it is also capable, if rightly handled, if we employ in a manner the means which Providence has placed in our hands, of becoming work so noble that we can hardly conceive almost how Creative Power itself can go farther. One has come down upon earth to show us to what point the nature of man can be raised. The nature our Savior bore is the nature we bear, and it is given to us to endeavor to bring it, so far as we are able, along the road by which He trod, and according to the circumstances in which our lot is cast, to bring it up to excellence. Inspired with that belief, life is a great and noble, not a mean and grovelling thing, which we are to shuffle through as we can but an elevated and lofty destiny for us who are called the sons of God, and who are endowed with facilities to make our calling a reality."

These are words pitched in a high key, and they offer to all young men some valuable indirect as well as direct teachings. They suggest that man may invoke a Heavenly Father to supplement with Divine strength his human insufficiency, and will not call in vain. The unmeasured Love which dwelt in Jesus Christ in His life of perfect self-sacrifice, and was manifested in utmost sublimity upon the cross, forbids the thought of refusal. Possessing the potentialities of a character capable of copying Jesus Christ's, man may also have the direct guidance of the Holy Spirit in the events of life. Instructed by their Divine Teacher and controlled by an animating faith in an all-powerful Savior, all things will work together—joy and sorrow, failure and success—for his good.

Many gifts and graces are desirable for the beginner in life, but the best of them all is the abiding presence of the Spirit of the living God in the heart. Amidst the quicksands of temp-

tation this will preserve, in disappointment it will support and console, in loneliness and contempt it will be a sure stay for the soul.

The highest glory is that of goodness. Somewhere there is a tarnish spot about all other glory. It is gained at other's cost, and he who has it cannot help but think, even as the pleasant acclaims are in his ears, that his triumph involves the defeat of numerous rivals. For every one who rises a thousand must linger on the old levels. Or, if it is not of the kind that shuts the door of opportunity against fellow-aspirants, it may have been dearly bought. Men have seized the laurels of scholarship with white, skeleton hands that have told a tale of doom. Their labor has consumed their life, and they spread pain and bereavement, as the glory of the battle-field; or through trickery and over-reaching, as much so-called glory that, in the past time at least, diplomatists have coveted and striven for. Only the glory of goodness is unsullied, dimmed by no regrets.

There is no lot so lowly that a man cannot attain to holiness in it. Nor any so exalted as to remove the need of that holiness—without which “no man shall see the Lord.” There is no home so obscure that its inmates cannot be Christ-like. None so beamed upon by the lights of Vanity Fair as to make the inward illumination of God's grace superfluous.

The truest manliness is Christian manliness. “Can anything be more noble” asks Dr. Henry Allon, “than fidelity to the noblest things we know? Has the world any heroes like the heroes of religious life, any nobleness like the nobleness of Christian character? Think of men like Paul, and Luther, and Bunyan, and Havelock, and Gordon—simple, strong, holy, without fastidiousness or fear; in God's strength doing simply what has to be done.”

(To be continued.)

Field Reports.

SYRACUSE.

I REACHED Syracuse Friday forenoon, and spoke in the evening. Sabbath forenoon we enjoyed a good Sabbath-school, and at the hour appointed for preaching the room was well filled with those who were anxious to listen to the instruction given, and all seemed to be deep-

ly interested. We were glad to meet Elder Kinne, who aided in the services, and we were also glad to meet Brother Lawson, who embraced the truth here a few months since, and has spent the winter at Battle Creek, attending the Bible school. He is in earnest in the work, and will do what he can to spread the message.

Sunday forenoon I spoke again. On account of the stormy morning not a large number were present. Elder Place arrived at the close of the services. We were all pleased to meet him in council in relation to the work in the State.

In the services at four o'clock the rooms were well filled; quite a number not of our faith were present. I gave the last discourse that I expect to give in Syracuse for a long time, and possibly may never have the privilege again. I have given many a score of discourses in that sacred meeting-room to many dear souls, some of whom are sleeping in the cemetery, awaiting the glorious resurrection, some are living in our larger cities, and some in the country; but those who are alive are holding up the banner of truth. A precious letter was read from Sister Booth of Brooklyn which affected many to tears as she spoke of past associations. We are all glad that she is faithful to the truth.

During our meetings we celebrated the ordinances, and attended to the business of the church. The donations for church expenses were nearly six dollars. Some tithes were paid, and one united with the church. The work is onward.

S. H. LANE.

THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

THE appointments of the quarterly meetings appear in this issue. We trust they will be well attended. The blessing of Heaven was never nearer within our reach than it is now. The stirring scenes of the last of the last days are upon us. Now is the time when we should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, and trust you will not on your quarterly meeting occasion.

The times are hard and money matters are very close, and the Conference and Tract Society have felt it the same as all other societies. During the quarter now closing our money matters have been very close, and it has been only by the strictest economy that we have pulled through. We mention this so that our

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending March 22.

County.	Agent.	Hours.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Deliv.	Value
Bible Readings.								
Monroe,	J. S. Fritts,	32	5	6	\$14.00		2	\$5.00
Monroe,	O. E. Tuttle,	31	4	9	24.50	.50		
Montgomery,	Wm. Seewald,	40	5	16	37.00	8.50		
Chemung,	C. W. Inskeep,			1	2.50	1.25		
Erie,	J. S. Delano,	8	2	5	11.50			
Oneida,	Norman Kling,	25	5	3	7.50	1.00		
Otsego,	J. R. Mc Alister,	31	4	12	25.00	1.50		
Great Controversy.								
Ulster,	J. E. Frazee,	30	5	35	87.25			
Chenango,	E. S. Popoff,	27	5	4	12.00	1.70		
Otsego,	Fred G. Mc Alister,	25	4	12	29.50	3.25		
Patriarchs and Prophets.								
Broome,	J. Deeley,			1	2.25		2	5.00
Miscellaneous sales,					17.70			
Totals,	11 Canvassers,	249	39	104	\$270.70	\$17.70	4	\$10.00

brethren and sisters and all in the State may know that we are in the need of means. We trust that, in view of our duty to tithe, and in view of the fact that the Conference needs means, all will tithe faithfully. If any have back tithes to pay we trust that you will pay them now. Be sure and attend to this matter. The Tract Society is also in need of means, and I trust that all will pay bills which are due. Let us aid the work when it needs it, and before it is too late.

S. H. LANE.

SALAMANCA.

ON my return from the General Conference I held eight meetings with the Ellicottville church; a number from outside attended, and we hope the effort will not be fruitless. I then went to Salamanca and rented the town hall, and seated it with chairs. I began meetings last Tuesday night and have held eight thus far. Our interest has been good from the first, and is increasing at each service. We are trying to do all we can, both publicly and by personal effort, for this people. They listened with rapt attention to the word spoken. The influence of Brother F. H. Hicks contributes much toward the success of these meetings.

We have a question box, and questions are answered publicly. We are very happy in the performance of our duty. Give us the benefit of your prayers.

D. A. BALL.

APPOINTMENTS.

NO PROVIDENCE preventing I will meet with the churches as follows: Lincklaen Center, Sabbath and Sunday, March 30, 31; Fulton, Monday evening, April 1; Pulaski, Tuesday evening, April 2, at the house of Brother Horace Church, hope to see a good attendance; Rome, Sabbath, April 6; Adams Center, Sunday, April 7, at 11.00 o'clock also at 7.30; Watertown, Tuesday evening, April 9; Dickinson Center, April 13, 14; Jamestown, Sabbath and Sunday, April 20, 21. At Dickinson Center the new meeting-house will be dedicated. We hope to see a general rally of the friends at this place. It is expected that Elder Place, and Elder M. C. Wilcox will be present as well as Elder Cobb, and Brother Bristol. These will be all the meetings I can hold before I leave for the State of Illinois, unless I hold one at Buffalo and aid Brethren Lorenz and Lesch in a few.

S. H. LANE.

—It has been decided to take a collection the first Sabbath in April for the Haskell Home. This is for the support of the orphans' home at Battle Creek. All can give something.

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QUARTERLY MEETING APPOINTMENTS.

WE will make the following appointments for ministerial help at the quarterly meetings, which we hope may be satisfactory and result in good to all,—

April 6, 7 : S. H. Lane, Rome ; D. A. Ball, Ellicottville ; J. W. Raymond, Pulaski ; C. O. Taylor, Buck's Bridge ; F. Peabody, Steamburg ; H. G. Thurston or W. W. Wheeler, Newburgh ; J. B. Stow, Wellsville ; J. P. Lorenz, West Valley ; W. A. Westworth, Sinclairville.

April 13, 14 : F. Peabody, Randolph ; C. O. Taylor, Pierrepont ; W. A. Westworth, Blockville ; J. B. Stow, Olean ; J. P. Lorenz, Collins Center.

A. E. PLACE.

THE ROME QUARTERLY MEETING.

I HAVE given notice to several that the Rome quarterly meeting would be held April 13, 14, as I supposed Elder Lane would be able to be here at that time ; but since our meeting at Syracuse it has seemed necessary to make a change to April 6, 7, as you will see in the list of appointments. He has now promised to be

with us here Sabbath, April 6, and we therefore extend the invitation to our friends at Cleveland and Williamstown to be with us if consistent, and we will welcome as many as can come from other places in this vicinity. We hope to have an excellent meeting. It will be the farewell visit of our beloved brother, Elder Lane, and as it is impossible for him, in the short time allotted to him now in this State, to visit each church, we hope to see a general convocation at the remaining meetings he can hold with us. I know you will all be glad to do this as far as consistent.

You have also doubtless noticed that we have an appointment for a canvassers' institute to begin here at Rome, April 4, and continue about two weeks. I expect to help in the work of this institute about one week, and shall, therefore, be here with Elder Lane, April 6.

We are making arrangements to entertain quite a number of visitors the 6th and 7th, and hope we may not be disappointed, and that the meetings may result in much good to those who come. We earnestly request each member of the Rome church to report either in person or by letter at this meeting.

A. E. PLACE.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE INDICATOR.

AS WE are receiving subscriptions for the INDICATOR from time to time it is proper to once more call the attention of all to the fact that *all subscriptions terminate Dec. 31 of each year*, and we carry no subscriptions into a portion of the next year. We have found that it is better to confine ourselves to this rule, and we have our rates arranged to meet this plan. See rates, etc., in another column. The rates are so low that we think none will feel like asking us to deviate from the plan adopted by the committee.

A. E. PLACE.

DECEASED.

WE have just received a telegram from Sister Ellen Jones, of Frankfort, containing the sad intelligence of the death of her mother. We feel to sympathize with the bereaved and sorrowing sons and daughters. I am called to attend the funeral Friday.

A. E. PLACE.