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“HIMSELF HATH DONE IT.”

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What shall I say? He hath spoken unto me, and himself hath done it.—Isa. 38 : 15.

“Himself hath done it” all; Oh! how those words Should hush to silence every murmuring thought!

“Himself hath done it”—he who loves me best, He who my soul with His own blood hath bought.

“Himself hath done it!” Can it then be aught Than full of wisdom, full of tenderest love? Not one unneeded sorrow will He send To teach this wandering heart no more to rove.

“Himself hath done it.” Yes, although severe May seem the stroke, and bitter be the cup, 'Tis His own hand that holds it, and I know He'll give me grace to drink it meekly up.

“Himself hath done it.” Oh! no arm but His Could e'er sustain beneath earth's dreary lot; But while I know He's doing all things well, My heart His loving kindness questions not.

“Himself hath done it.” He who's searched me through, Sees how I cleave to earth's ensnaring ties; And so He breaks each reed on which my soul Too much for happiness and joy relies.

“Himself hath done it.” He would have me see What broken cisterns human friends must prove, That I may turn, and quench my burning thirst At His own fount of ever-living love.

“Himself hath done it.” Then I fain would say, Thy will in all things evermore be done, E'en though that will remove whom best I love, While Jesus lives I cannot be alone.

“Himself hath done it;” precious, precious words, “Himself,” my “Father,” “Savior,” “Brother,” “Friend.”

Whose faithfulness no variation knows; Who having loved me, *loves me to the end.*

And when in His eternal presence blest, I at His feet my crown immortal cast, I'll gladly own, with all His ransom saints, “Himself hath done it” all, from first to last.

feel that it is very important that the larger portion of our schools in the State be visited and receive personal labor; this would be very gratifying to me, because by so doing we could become better acquainted with the needs of each, and thus be better able to labor for each one as their needs should require. But for more reasons than one, this would not be practicable; indeed it would be almost impossible. We will, therefore, do the next best thing—talk with you through that commendable little paper, “The INDICATOR.” And as we desire to say some things upon various subjects, we desire that the young, as well as the middle aged and older ones, should read carefully, and consider prayerfully what may be said in these articles.

The first thought that claims attention as we enter upon this talk with the schools is,—

THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDYING THE BIBLE.

In the beginning, before man sinned, the Lord himself walked and talked with man. Gen. 3 : 8–12. This was as God designed it ever should be, that he might always permit man to come into His immediate presence, and thus partake more largely of His divine nature; until man should become so moulded after His holy and righteous character, that his heart should be as pure and his life as exemplary as that of his divine Lord.

But in man's failure to retain his loyalty to God, and in his willingness to listen to the whispered temptations of the enemy, he sinned against God, making it impossible for God longer to personally walk and talk with him; for the brightness of His presence would consume the sinful man.

Yet God must have some means of communicating to man His will, lest His purpose in the formation of this earth and the creation of man, be thwarted by Satan's influences. Angels were therefore commissioned to communicate to man the will of God, and to minister to him

TO OUR SABBATH-SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK. 1.

In considering the needs of the school, we

when in trial and need. But man became still more sinful, and departed farther from the Lord, until angels were not permitted to personally talk with man, as they had formerly done.

Still God would not leave man to the destruction which his own course had brought upon him, without using every means but force, for his salvation. A means of salvation for man had been provided in Jesus Christ, and all the world from the beginning to the close, must be apprised of the remedy thus provided, that all who would come to Him might be saved. Thus it became necessary that the will of the great God be communicated to man through the influence of his holy spirit, which inspired men to write as His will was revealed; and this is called the Word of God, and that is what it is.

How carefully then we should study the will and word of so kind and loving a Father, who has done so much to keep before us, and within our reach, the means of our salvation. The Bible then is the Word of God, and it is the Word of God *to us*; and it is the Word of God to us *for our good*. Now will we study it, and will we study it aright? Eternal life is in the proper perusal of its pages, and the serious contemplation of the character of its divine author. Oh, how important that we know His will as revealed in His holy word, and thus become acquainted with His divine character, that we may become like Him in heart and life, and thus God's purpose in our creation be fully met as He first designed, despite all the workings and whispered temptations of a deadly foe. It is to this work that our Sabbath-schools are called, and a greater or more noble work was never committed to man. A work that will so elevate and ennoble the whole life, and bring peace, joy, and love in the place of sorrow and discontent here; and that will eventually give us eternal life, is too important a work to be lightly esteemed, and to do this is the proper work of the Sabbath-school.

It is therefore safe to say that we cannot over estimate the importance of a careful study of the Bible as it should be studied in all of our schools. We are rapidly approaching the time when these privileges will be a thing of the past; hence these are golden opportunities,

graciously granted by a loving Father. We most earnestly desire that the young as well as the older ones should sense this, and take hold of this work with renewed zeal and earnestness. But we should know how to study to the best advantage, that the truth may be most deeply impressed upon the mind. We will notice some points on this line in our next.

S. M. COBB.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

THIS meeting is now in the past, and the delegates are all on their way to their respective fields of labor.

The time for the council seemed very short indeed, but the Lord blessed at every point, and what time was allotted was well improved. Each day we had reason to say, "It is good for us to be here." Union and harmony prevailed to a marked degree, both in committee work and also in the discussion of the several matters presented in open meeting. It seemed a source of great comfort and blessing for the men upon whom sacred responsibilities in this district rest, to thus be permitted to associate together in prayer and council. Conference lines seemed to fade away, and we caught some glimpses at least of the true character of the exalted position the watchman for God holds, which tended to increase humility and devotion. The meetings for social worship were very beneficial, and will not soon be forgotten. The tenor note which sounded through them all was, faith, hope, courage and victory. Now is the time to arise and let the glory of the Lord be seen upon the minister and also the lay-member.

The preaching services were also a source of courage and strength. The burden of Elders Olsen and Porter was, "the field with its innumerable openings, indicative of God's providence, and the power of God to fit a people to walk understandingly into the labor and finally into the glory." Elder Underwood gave some instructive talks on the relation that should exist in the family between parents, in their relations to each other, and to their children.

As space will admit, we expect to give a synopsis of some of these talks to the readers of the INDICATOR, especially Elder Olsen's talk on "The work of Seventh-day Adventists to-day."

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending Nov. 8.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Auburn,	Cayuga,	J. S. Fritts,	39	5				97	\$179.25
North Parma,	Monroe,	Horace Church,	37	5	3	8.50	\$3.50	59	99.00
North Parma,	Monroe,	Mrs. Horace Church,	9	2	2	4.00	.25	8	15.25
Amsterdam,	Montgomery,	Wm. Seewald,	33	5	8	15.00	15.75		
Syracuse,	Onondaga,	J. S. Delano,	10	3	11	21.25		8	16.00
Niagara Falls,	Niagara,	Chas. H. Harris,	1	1	2				
Great Controversy.									
Kingston,	Ulster,	J. E. Frazee,	5	2				14	\$29.50
Amsterdam,	Montgomery,	E. S. Popoff,	24	4	8	19.00	2.00		
Binghamton,	Broome,	I. Deeley,	34	4	4	8.00	2.00	3	7.00
Patriarchs and Prophets.									
Binghamton,	Broome,	J. Deeley,	21	3	6	13.00	1.50		
Rochester,	Monroe,	M. A. Millington,	30	5	5	11.25	4.00		
Miscellaneous sales,						29.00			
Totals,			243	39	49	\$129.00	\$29.00	189	\$346.00

which was illustrated by a large map of the world.

One impressive and sad incident in connection with our meetings was our parting with Elder W. A. McCutchen, who, in the midst of conference, was called to Georgia to pass his trial for Sunday labor. With hands united we bowed before the Lord, and committed our dear brother to his constant care, and then said, farewell. As he goes from us our hearts and prayers follow him. If bonds, imprisonment await him we feel "as bound with him."

The closing discourse was given by Elder J. E. Jayne, president of the Atlantic Conference, and was listened to with deep interest and profit. We all join in thanking the Lord for the blessings and success of this District Conference. Other items of interest will be reported later.

A. E. PLACE.

about filled; but no Bibles were brought. As she was obliged to do something, she talked to them. When I arrived I found that an excellent interest had been created: Three of the leading people of the place were obeying the truth and several others very much interested.

I have spoken five times. Sunday evening, Nov. 3, the large school-house was filled with interested listeners. They came from Byersville, Barker Town, Ossian Center, Dansville, and Canasseraga. The collection was three dollars and sixty-one cents. This makes nine dollars and sixty-one cents that Sister Bentley has received. The people board her free.

Next week I expect to commence a series of meetings in the village hall in Falconer, Chautauqua County.

J. B. STOW.

NOTICE.

Field Reports.

WEST VIEW.

I CAME to this place Oct. 29. My wife's sister, Mrs. Lulu Bentley, came here nearly five weeks ago. She announced an appointment to give Bible readings in the school-house, and invited the people to come and bring their Bibles. The people came until the school-house was

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OLEAN, BLACK CREEK, AND WELLSVILLE.

It was my privilege to meet with the churches of these places in quarterly meeting services the second, third, and fourth Sabbaths in October. At Olean there was a large attendance, some coming from the Shinglehouse church of Pennsylvania. These we were happy to meet again. Several of the resident members, and some who desired baptism were detained from the meetings and from going forward in that ordinance, by sickness. One sister, however, who had quite recently embraced the truth was baptized, and she with a Sister Wells, from Florida, united with the church. Besides these there are several who have lately taken hold of the truth, and who will doubtless soon connect with the church. The interest was such that we remained there as long as possible, preaching eight times and holding one Bible reading. Altogether the state of the church and the work at Olean we regard as real encouraging. May Heaven's blessing be on the work there.

We were happy to again meet the dear ones at Black Creek. The Lord met with us. This is a small church; but real unity exists in its

membership, and they are moving with the message. Here we were happy to meet Sister Stockwell, who decided for the truth at the time of the Rushford tent meeting, and who is now a member of this church. The Lord bless and keep in faithfulness all the dear souls of the Black Creek church.

After a lapse of nearly three years I was thankful to again meet the church at Wellsville. Owing to a misunderstanding the impression had been obtained that I was to be with them the first Sabbath in October, and there was then a very large attendance. This prevented a general attendance at the time of our meeting, owing to the scattered condition of the membership; but we had an excellent meeting with those present. There is a desire on the part of this church for a tent effort there, and they had some very favorable considerations to present to that end. I would certainly be glad to see the work built up there. May the Lord direct in that matter. I now soon expect to go to Auburn for a series of meetings, following up the interest awakened by the camp-meeting. Pray for me.

J. W. RAYMOND.

APPOINTMENTS.

ELDER J. W. RAYMOND will hold a few meetings at Daysville, Oswego Co., beginning Thursday evening, and will doubtless be with the Pulaski church, Sabbath, Nov. 16.

NOTICE.

WANTED.—Some active young folks to sell a holiday booklet. Terms liberal. Address E. L. Pardon, 166 Livingston Ave., Albany, N. Y.

—WE would be glad to have more reports from our field laborers for the INDICATOR. Let us do what we can to keep our paper full of fresh matter from the field.

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