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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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HELP IN TIME OF NEED.

BY J. P. LORENZ.

“LET us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find help in time of need.” Heb. 4 : 16.

While trials and temptations
I meet wher'er I go,
And sorrow's clouds hang o'er me
In this dark world of woe ;
A cheering thought of comfort
On which my soul can feed,
Is that the Lord hath promised
“To help in time of need.”

I know not in the morning
Just what the day may bring,
Nor can I tell beforehand
The outcome of a thing :
So early in the morning
I pray the Lord to lead,
And grant me grace and mercy
“To help in time of need.”

I know that He who travelled
The way that I should go,
Hath patience and compassion
With me while here below :
So “looking unto Jesus,”
I'll all His counsel heed,
And ask for grace and mercy
“To help in time of need.”

TO OUR SABBATH-SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK. 2.

How to study the Bible is a matter of great importance to Sabbath-schools ; but we would by no means give to our schools the impression that the Bible should be studied only in the schools, but also by ourselves as individuals. It should be entered upon with that zeal and earnestness indicative of a live interest in so important a work.

It is only possible for us to become benefitted by the study of the Bible by personally entering into its study with an earnest desire to know the will of God, and by seeking His blessing upon our efforts to this end.

We also desire to impress the schools with another important thought, and that is, that we cannot be greatly benefitted by studying the Bible in a mechanical way. While there should be system in the study, yet that should not be the only principle upon which to depend for success. The first and most important thing to be sought is, that the spirit which inspired the Word may enlighten the understanding, and that it may be so infused into the very life of the individual, that every faculty of the mind may be under its full control. This cannot be done unless we are acquainted with its divine author, and hold close and daily communion with Him. This brings us to the consideration of the importance of prayer in the study of the Word.

The Lord tells us, “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not. and,” now observe the promise, “it shall be given him.”

Now let the children as well as the older ones notice this promise. It is made to anyone that lacketh wisdom, and the receiving of the promise is based upon the condition of asking for it. Could wisdom be given upon easier terms? And yet how few have it. Oh! my dear brethren and sisters, and children of the Sabbath-school ; let us become acquainted with the Lord, let us *know* the Lord, whom to know aright is life eternal. You will find Him in the closet or secret place. Talk with Him there until you become acquainted with His nature, with His life, with His Holy Spirit, and with His divine character. This must be done at the family altar and in the secret place, not at the Sabbath-school. Having thus become imbued with the Spirit of the Divine Master, and having sought wisdom and counsel from Him in the study of His Word, we are now prepared to enter upon the study of our Sabbath lesson ; not in a listless manner or in a mechanical way, but with that earnestness

that will bring angels of God to your assistance. We should not seek to get the thoughts of him who has written the lesson for us ; but study carefully to know just what the Lord says about it, and if you can get time to do so, write out your thoughts as you study and then compare them with the thoughts of the author. In doing this you make the lesson your own, and thoughts will be brought to your mind in addition to those given in the lesson sheet. Thus you will be taught of the Lord, as He says in Isa. 54 : 13 : " And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord."

But by no means ignore the thoughts of the author, for he has devoted much prayerful study to this work. How we study the Bible will determine how we understand it. If we study it in an easy listless way our knowledge will be vague and superficial. What costs most is worth most. We cannot get something for nothing, and if we should we would not appreciate it. Neither can we obtain a knowledge of God's will without an effort. I would recommend, therefore, that each member of our schools become better acquainted with the author of divine truth as they attempt to learn more perfectly his will, and to master each lesson before the Sabbath if possible, and if not, before going to the school. We are living in important times, and a correct knowledge of God's Word is all that will save us from the deceptive influences of the power of darkness which is destined to deceive the world. Will our Sabbath-schools avail themselves of the golden opportunities that are now offered for this purpose.

S. M. COBB.

Field Reports.

CLEVELAND AND FULTON.

FRIDAY and Sabbath, Nov. 15, 16, I spent with the company at Cleveland, Oswego County. Three services were held besides the Sabbath-school, and one testimony meeting. Most of the time was spent in studying what constitutes true conversion and how it manifests itself in our family and church relations. Nearly all seemed of good courage and manifested a desire to know the will of the Lord more perfectly, and His blessing was with us in each service.

Evening after the Sabbath I went to Fulton to remain over Sunday. I had sent word to Brother Pickard that I would be there, so that meetings might be arranged ; but he failed to receive the instruction, so we spent what time we could in calling Sunday forenoon, and at half past two in the afternoon the church was full. We also had a good congregation in the evening. Several are much interested in the truth there, and the church are of good courage ; but plead for a series of meetings to be held there as soon as possible. The only thing that seems to stand in the way of very rapidly enlarging our work in the State is the lack of funds to put more laborers into the field. The people plead meetings in almost every direction, and young men and women are ready to enter the work, and desire to do so ; but with the tithes and offerings now coming into the treasury, and the laborers now employed [twenty-four who are working nearly full time] we are unable to promise others financial support, as it is inconsistent, to say the least, for us to do so.

A. E. PLACE.

BEBEE CORNERS, NIAGARA COUNTY.

WE commenced meeting in the German church Oct. 16, and have held meetings nearly every night since. We are now in the deciding time. What decisions will be made we cannot tell. We hope their will be some who will go with us to the kingdom. Our congregations are not very large, they range from twenty-five to one hundred, and those who attend are very much interested. The Spirit of God is working very hard to bring the people to the place of worship where they can hear the message which will open their minds and help them in their decisions. We feel that the message is great and solemn, and we plead that God will help the people who sit in darkness to walk in the light that is shining upon their pathway.

God is greatly blessing us in the work, adding His power to the word and softening our hearts by His divine grace. We are of good courage and of strong hope in the Lord ; let the brethren everywhere pray for the work here

The Canvassing Work.

Report for the Week Ending Nov. 15.

Post-office.	County.	Agent.	Hrs.	Days.	Ords.	Value.	Miscel.	Del.	Val.
Bible Readings.									
Auburn,	Cayuga,	J. S. Fritts,	33	4	15	27.75			
North Parma,	Monroe,	Horace Church,	37	5	18	26.75	.75		
North Parma,	Monroe,	Mrs. Horace Church,	13	4	3	5.25	.25		
Amsterdam,	Montgomery,	Wm. Seewald,	30	4	7	13.25	11.50		
Syracuse,	Onondaga,	J. S. Delano,	7	2	6	12.50			
Sidney,	Delaware,	C. W. Inskeep,	50	8	19	38.25	.50	2	8.00
Spring Mills,	Allegany,	G. F. Evans,	29	4	6	18.00	6.00		
Corning,	Steuben,	May N. Lee,	27	7	1	1.75	6.50		
Great Controversy.									
Amsterdam,	Montgomery,	E. S. Popoff,	29	5	10	23.75	1.25		
Binghamton,	Broome,	I. Deeley,	39	5	3	6.00	.75		
Patriarchs and Prophets.									
Binghamton,	Broome,	J. Deeley,	28	3	4	10.25	8.25		
Miscellaneous sales,						35.75			
Totals,		11 Canvassers,	322	51	92	\$219.25	\$35.75	4	\$11.50

A good work is going on in Wilson, Sister Nellie Buckland is trying the envelope plan. She has made her first round, calling on fifty, and the people received her well. She hopes to do a good work; may the Lord add His blessing, and the work be built up in Wilson.

GEO. M. ELLIS,
J. P. LORENZ.

FROM A CANVASSER.

SOME time ago Sister Ellen Chase of Dickinson Centre commenced to sell the Gospel Primer, and she reports that she has had good success for the time she has spent, and writes very encouragingly of her experience. We give a part of her letter to show others what they might do. She says:—

“I have felt for a long time that I wanted to have some part in the great work of the Lord, and when the opportunity came for me I gladly accepted it. This was my first and only experience, and I must own that I felt a little misgiving as I was about to start out; but as I knelt to ask the Lord to let His blessing attend me, I felt a peace and trust come into my heart such as I had never felt before, Well, the first day I sold four books. I stopped in Malone till Friday and sold thirty-one books, and I will say I met some of the finest people

I ever met, and was treated most kindly by every one. The Lord was with me all the time, and they were three of the best days I ever enjoyed. I am sorry that the number of books was not larger; but I feel to praise the Lord that I sold so many. I sincerely trust that in the near future more, if not all of my time may be given.”

J. R. CALKINS.

A NEW BOOK.

A BOOK that is worth reading is the new one called, “The Rights of the People.” It is a book that makes a man think. One part is devoted to the Dred Scott Decision. Before the war the United States supreme court rendered a decision on the slavery question which is called the Dred Scott Decision. The logic of that decision was that this nation was a slave nation. This was ably defended and supported by many people including Stephen A. Douglas. That decision was attacked and opposed first in comparative obscurity and then by Abraham Lincoln, and the people finally reversed that decision. To every fair minded, thinking person this book will be a feast. It sells for 40 cents in paper covers, and in cloth binding it is \$1.00. It is a valuable book.

J. R. CALKINS.

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OSWEGO COUNTY.

ACCORDING to previous arrangement I met Brother J. W. Raymond at Daysville last Thursday evening. During our absence there has been considerable discussion in regard to the truth, and the advisability of allowing us to occupy the church longer. By consent Brother H. E. Robinson spoke there Sunday evening, Nov. 10, and it was finally decided that we could have the use of the church until Tuesday evening, the 26th inst.

The trustee who had objected so much, finally, publicly acknowledged that so far as he had become acquainted with us, we were a good Christian people, and he regretted that he had manifested so much opposition. Brother Raymond spoke Thursday evening on conversion, with good effect and a fair attendance. Sabbath evening I spoke to a good audience on the perpetuity of the law, and its relation to the gospel, with the underlying principle of love as the foundation of the plan and work of the gospel. Sabbath some thirty or forty brethren and sisters met at Sister Church's, near Union Square, where we had a profitable meeting.

Owing to an urgent invitation to give a course of lectures at Kirkville, it was thought best for Brother Raymond to remain and continue the work at Daysville, while I return home and begin the work there. A very friendly feeling exists between the resident ministers and us here in Kirkville. With their approval, and the consent of the trustees of the church, I am to begin meetings Tuesday evening, Nov. 19.

P. Z. KINNE.

NOTICE.

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

WANTED.—By two strong able-bodied and experienced men, work as wood-choppers, among Seventh-day Adventists during the coming winter. Please address, stating terms, E. S. Popoff, 19 Brookside Ave., Amsterdam, Montgomery County, N. Y.

—CIRCULARS are just received announcing the fact that the "Gospel Primer" has recently been revised and thirty-two pages added. The book now contains 160 pages. It introduces much more of the present truth than the former edition, and yet the whole is presented in such a way as to make it attractive to those who have no knowledge of the Third Angel's Message. The book as revised will have three bindings, as follows: tag board covers, 25 cents; stiff board covers, 35 cents; cloth covers, 50 cents. This is a book that all can sell, and a splendid opportunity is afforded for doing missionary work, and at the same time will furnish lucrative employment for all who engage in its sale. Now is the time to take orders for the holiday trade. Let all, old and young, take hold of this work and push it with energy, and thus advance the cause of present truth. Usual discounts allowed to agents. All orders for "Gospel Primers" should specify whether the *old* or *new* edition is desired. The old edition will be furnished if wanted, as long as we can readily obtain them. For territory apply to the State Agent, J. R. Calkins. All orders for books should be addressed to this office, 317 West Bloomfield St., Rome, N. Y.

—CONFERENCE cash received Nov. 12–19: Brookfield, \$7.20; Monticello, \$6.00; Individuals, \$10.00.