

was given up and now we are at a stand still. I do not know if the hall will be opened in the spring, or whether we shall take one near home for ourselves, for the second advent people appear to want no other doctrine but Wm. Miller's teaching. We have been expecting Bro. Lyon to pay us a visit this Xmas, but he has not come yet, he may come the end of this week, then we can talk things over. Bro. Oakley has not written an article for you yet, as we have been very unsettled about the hall. The prospectus of the NAZARENE MESSENGER has been received, I like the size and type. If we could get a volume printed I think it would be good. With love from John and Eliza Davis to all those seeking after truth."

Syracuse, N. Y.

Bro. H. Finn, of this place, has the honor of being the first cash subscriber to the NAZARENE MESSENGER, he having on receipt of the Prospectus, immediately remitted the sum of \$2. If there were in America a few dozen more such earnest, devoted and faithful believers as Bros. Finn and Lyon, our little MESSENGER would be enabled to go on its way rejoicing. Our first communication from Bro. Finn was on Dec. 17th, and in response to our reply, we received under date of Dec. 21st, the following interesting letter: "Dear Bro. yours of 19th is received. Glad to hear from you. In your letter you say that if you do not succeed you will return the money. I do not want you to return it, but put it to a good use, and I hope you will succeed in your undertaking. I started in the doctrine of the return of Jesus in 1842. I have had a great many trials to pass through since then, and I am sorry to say that I do not know one more in the same faith in this city. There are some Adventists who believe all that the *Resti-*

tution says, (which I cannot) but they do not progress or learn. I take four or five papers. I used to take the *Marturion* but I like Bro. Myers' paper the best now. I have taken Geo. Storr's works, and Judge Halstead's book. I have always tried to learn and get all the information I can on matters pertaining to the truth. Now I shall take your paper to read and give away, I am acquainted with some Jews that like to hear me talk at times. I shall give them some to read. I give all my papers away that are worth reading. I have lived in Syracuse within a few months of fifty years. I am fully in the faith of your "Nazaries," and I often think and wonder why others cannot see the same. Bro Lyon and I are well acquainted. Yours in love, and willing to learn.

Stroudsburg.

Under the date of Jan. 3rd, 1888, Bro. E. C. Lavish writes from this place a long and very interesting letter from which we have now only space to make a few extracts. He says: "Your letter containing prospectus of the NAZARENE MESSENGER came to hand yesterday and I hasten to make reply. I will say that I like the doctrines that your Magazine is to advocate, and you can count me in as a subscriber for the year 1888. I will do all I can to aid you in this direction, and shall be glad if I can be of any service in helping you to spread abroad a knowledge of those vital truths and doctrines that have for so many hundred years been obscured by the doctrines of the great Roman apostacy, and against which Protestantism has never yet protested as it should have done, but fully, and without uttering the slightest protest whatever, swallows down from the golden doctrinal cup pressed to their lips by the hand of that great mistress and mother of abominations."