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To The Dear Friends Of The Truth.

The work of Christ in the earth is always progressive. There is no standing still. Advance must be the watchword all along the line, until the whole world shall be warned of the coming King. It is with the hope that the work in our own conference may be strengthened that we have decided to publish the MESSENGER. From the manner in which the responses are coming in, we feel encouraged to believe that our people hail with joy this new step in the advancement of our conference work. And we trust that through your prayers for us, and by your hearty co-operation, in every way, we may be enabled to make the MESSENGER a means by which all may be fully informed, and in touch with the interests of God's work in our home field.

When the matter of publishing the paper first came up, every member of the Conference Committee voted for it, the oldest member voting with both hands. The manner in which the paper is being received by our people in general will be seen by the extracts from letters as given on another page.

We do earnestly hope and pray that the MESSENGER may be a means in the hand of God in stirring our people to more earnestness and faithfulness in the daily duties of life, in rendering to the Lord his own in tithes and offerings, and in a more complete consecration of all that we have and are to His service.

J. O. Johnston,

President North Carolina Conference.

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The Statesville Camp-meeting and Canvassers' Institute.

Perhaps all our people know that it was decided at our spring council to hold a local camp-meeting at Statesville, and also a canvassers institute in connection therewith. In order to give time enough between this meeting and the fall camp-meeting, it was decided to begin June 1.

We hope our people have been studying the instruction given in Volume 6 of the Testimonies with reference to camp-meeting work, and that you have fully determined to help carry out this instruction. We are told that persons should "come from each church prepared to remain a month or longer, helping in the meetings and learning how to labor acceptably."--p.73. Now, who will be willing to make a sacrifice in carrying out this plan at our Statesville meeting? If all cannot stay a month, let some stay two weeks, and then others take their places.

The Institute.

The plan is to hold a school for canvassers during the meeting. We expect the General Canvassing Agent to be present, and instruction will be given during the forenoon, while practical work in canvassing will occupy the afternoon. In the evening all will join in making the preaching service interesting and effective. All the old canvassers are invited, and especially others who wish to join the force and enter the field this summer.

The conference will furnish tents to the canvassers free, and board will also be furnished to those who expect to enter the work at once. In order to do this, it was decided by the Conference Committee to

call upon our brethren to send in to the conference office at once donations of peas, beans, dried, canned or fresh fruit; and later, vegetables or anything else that could be used in supplying the table. Donations of money will also be needed in order to buy such things as cannot be supplied by our brethren.

J. O. J.

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Our Sanitarium.

Doubtless the friends of the Piedmont Sanitarium would like to know how the work has been progressing since our camp-meeting last fall; and now that we are to have a State paper, it is with some little pleasure that we can make a report in this the first issue of the little sheet.

The Lord has truly blessed the efforts that have been put forth in coming "up to the help of the Lord" by your liberal pledges to this work. The Lord has multiplied the offerings, so that it is not likely that the Sanitarium management will have to go in debt above what your pledges will pay. Probably you know that at the Nashville meeting nearly three hundred dollars was raised in cash for this work, and that it was voted that \$2,000 be raised in the North for us. This is indeed a great blessing.

Through the providence of the Lord, we have also been provided with a good physician; and had we space we could tell how the Lord opened the way for Dr. Carey to come here from far-away Oregon, the Oregon conference bearing all his expenses. A friend of the cause in Oregon has given us three hundred dollars in good notes, which we can doubtless soon convert into cash.

When we came here last fall, there were but four rooms in which we could keep patients, but now the building will accommodate fifteen or twenty patients. This winter we received a car load of furniture, bedding, linen, dishes and silverware, and at only a fraction of their original cost. Our friends in Nashville paid the freight, and we have as long as we need to pay the balance. We feel that the Lord will also open the way for us to pay the two hundred dollars asked for the above furniture. (This liberal offer was made by the manager himself.--Ed.)

All these things cause us to praise the Lord for His goodness. And now that the warm days of spring are upon us, we feel that something can be done in the way of caring for the sick. Of course there is much yet to be done in and around the buildings before we can begin to care for patients. Now we are asking the Lord to send us some young men and women who feel that they wish to devote their time to this branch of the Lord's work. We would like to start a class of such young people in training for missionary nurses. We hope soon to be able to make a call and an announcement for this class.

Your brother in the work,  
M. H. Johnston, Manager.

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Importance of the Canvassing Work.

Doubtless many have read the statement from the Spirit of Prophecy that the "canvassing work is to be revived." This important branch of our work received much attention during the recent session of the Southern Union Conference held at Nashville, in considering how we can best reach the standard the Lord has set.

The time of trouble such as never was before is fast approaching; and the Lord asks the question, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Why do so many reply, "That means some one else. I have other duties?"

Yet such expect the Master to say bye and bye, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Rejoice in that thy Lord."

While God has not called all to the canvassing work, but has given to every man his work, we can all aid those who go by praying for them, and also by assisting in temporal ways as well.

We call for volunteers to enter the canvassing work, and want to hear from all who will join the ranks, and come to the front of the battle. We ask those who cannot attend the meeting to pray for its success, and also to aid by sending in supplies as the Lord may impress your hearts. The Conference Committee will doubtless make such a request, and we trust that all our brethren will respond as liberally as possible. The canvasser sacrifices by leaving home and friends; and those at home can also share in this sacrifice by helping others to go, and thus have a part in the work we all love so dearly, that the truth may be carried to the people throughout our great conference.

I shall be glad to hear from any who can enter the canvassing work, and will promise all the assistance possible. Who will respond?

E. C. Rogers, State Agent.

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Special Issue of the "Southern Watchman."

Our conference did a noble work with the Capital and Labor number of the "Signs of the Times", and the results of the three thousand copies of that paper, which have been read by perhaps four or five times that number of people, will never be fully known till the judgment. But now a far grander opportunity is before us. Our own dear paper, the "Southern Watchman", true to its name, is going to appear the first week of May as a special issue on "The Second Coming of Christ and the Events Connected therewith"; thus showing itself a true watchman, giving the trumpet a certain sound.

Now a plea has come to this office saying, "Do you not think your conference could easily sell as many copies of this paper as they did of the recent Capital and Labor number of the 'Signs'?" Brethren and sisters, do you not think we can, and more too? We think so, and let us do it. Begin at once to send your orders to this office. Five to twenty-four copies, 4 cents each; twenty-five and over, 3 cents each. Let us again prove ourselves valiant for the truth.

J. O. J.

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Encouraging Words for the "Messenger."

"I shall be very glad to receive communications from the North Carolina Conference through the MESSENGER."

"I am glad to know that we are to have some way of knowing how the work is going on in our conference."

"I hasten to respond to this blessed call, because I believe it is from the Lord. I shall try to get others to subscribe, and I pray the Lord to give you success."

One church elder writes "good" on the "Acceptance Blank", and says: "I got every family where any of the members are Sabbath-keepers, to subscribe. I think if all do as well as this, the one hundred subscribers will be forthcoming."

"We are very glad to know that North Carolina is to have a paper, and will do all we can to support it. We have felt the need of something of the kind ever since coming to the State, and trust that it will develop into a semi-monthly or weekly sheet."

"I am pleased to know that we are to have a North Carolina paper. I believe it will be a pleasure to all the isolated Sabbath-keepers to know how the work is going in our home State. I always look to see if there is anything from the Carolinas when the "Watchman" comes."

News and Notes.

We are now prepared to fill orders for the Lesson Quarterly for the second quarter of 1904. Send in your orders early.

We hope to be able to issue the next number of the MESSENGER early in April. Send in your subscriptions promptly, in order not to miss that number. Terms: One year, 20 cents; six months, 10 cents.

Eld. J. O. Johnston went to Salisbury Thursday evening, March 11, remaining there until the following Tuesday. Sister A. E. Robert writes that his visit was a source of much encouragement to her in her work, as well as to all the members of the little company there.

Probably the most of our readers know that South Carolina has been set off as a mission field, and that Eld. R. T. Nash was asked to labor in that State. Space will not permit a detailed statement in this issue concerning the action taken by the Southern Union Conference at its last session.

We are glad to welcome Bro. Burton Church, a graduate nurse from the Iowa Sanitarium, to our conference. Bro. Church has also had considerable experience in the canvassing work. At present he is teaching church school at Hickory, Sister Alice Kendall having been obliged to give up the school on account of sickness.

Bro. H. G. Miller, who came to the South from Dakota one year ago, locating first at Lexington, Kentucky, joined the North Carolina workers the last of January. Since his arrival at Wufola, he has been canvassing in the country, and has taken sixty-three orders for "Story of Daniel", besides selling and taking orders for other books to the value of \$71.20.

Bro. E. P. Allen, who with his wife came to our conference from Missouri last fall, has been conducting a church school at Norwood, also looking after the church work there. He writes encouragingly concerning the outlook there, and states that through the providence of God they have been permitted to make arrangements to remain there for some time.

Eld. W. H. Armstrong has recently gone from Greensboro, accompanied by Bro. Robert Underwood, to labor at Newbern. He writes from there as follows: "We are located in a nice part of the city. There is a great work before us in giving the message to these people. I feel that I must move with caution so as to represent the truth as it is in Jesus. Pray for the work here. I expect Mrs. Armstrong to join me soon." He visited Bro. and Sister Pully, of LaGrange, on his way to Newbern.

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To the "Messenger."

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After an absence of three months with loved ones in the North, I am happy to tell you that the Lord hath done great things for me, whereof I am glad. I am now at this place, ready by the help of the Lord, to do whatsoever my hands find to do for souls for whom Christ died. Pray for me.  
Mollie R. Long,  
Statesville, N. C. Box 57.

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How to Help.

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Do not fail to read the article on the Statesville Camp-meeting and canvassers' Institute. For the present ship all your freight donations to the North Carolina Conference, Plotts, N. C.