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NOTHING TO PAY.

Nothing to pay! Ah, nothing pay!
Never a word of excuse to say!
Year after year thou hast filled the score,
Owing thy Lord still more and more.

Hear the voice of Jesus say,
"Verily, thou hast nothing to pay!
Ruined, lost, art thou, and yet
I forgave thee all that debt."

Nothing to pay! The debt is so great;
What will you do with the awful weight?
How shall the way of escape be made?
Nothing to pay! Yet it must be paid!

Hear the voice of Jesus say,
"Verily, thou hast nothing to pay!
All has been put to my account,
I have paid the full amount."

Nothing to pay! Yes, nothing to pay!
Jesus has cleared all the debt away,
Blotted it out with His bleeding hand!
Free and forgiven and loved you stand.

Hear the voice of Jesus say,
"Verily, thou hast nothing to pay.
Paid is the debt, and the debtor free!
Now I ask thee, lovest thou Me?"

—*Frances Ridley Havergal.*

"OBJECT LESSON DAY."

It has been planned to make a general effort throughout the conference to dispose of the remainder of our quota of "Object Lessons;" and after consultation with all the members of the Conference Committee we have decided to announce Tuesday, Nov. 15, as "Object Lesson Day" for North Carolina. On this day let every member of every church and all our isolated Sabbath keepers devote the time to selling "Object Lessons." The announcement is made long enough beforehand so that definite arrange-

ments can be made to do this work.

Let no one say, I have no time. We may always have time by planning for it. The object of naming a definite day is that definite plans may be laid to do a definite work at a definite time. Neither let any one say, I have no talent for book selling. Surely, every one can try, and the trying will bring a blessing if it does not bring a book sale. It is hoped that no one will ask to be excused. Every minister is expected to spend that day in selling "Object Lessons." Personally, I am planning to do this. No ordinary thing shall be permitted to be a hinderance. I am sincerely hoping that ALL our brethren throughout the State may become enthused with the thought of clearing up this work, so that we may sing the long-deferred song of freedom.

Are there those who have no books? Then at once make arrangements to get them. Take orders for future delivery, or make sales outright, as may best suit the convenience of the customer. Both old and young should have a part in this. Are there twenty-five members in your church? Then, there should be twenty-five canvassers from your church for "Object Lesson Day." Let the elders and leaders look after this matter, and help

every one in the church to plan wisely and with enthusiasm. Plot out your territory. Assign the more distant parts of the field to the younger brethren and stronger workers; let the sisters and those who are not able to go far work near home. In any case, let every plan to do SOMETHING. Pray the Lord of the harvest for His blessing upon the effort to be made, and that good may come to the laborer and to the one labored for.

Come, my brethren, we have compassed this mountain long enough. Let us move out to victory. Sound the battle cry all along the line. Let us move "shoulder to shoulder, like a company of well trained soldiers." I call our brethren who love the truth to the battle. Let there be no failure, no waiting, no excuses; but a hearty, whole-souled co-operation of our forces, that will cause our enemies to tremble. Let November 15 be a day long to be remembered because of the blessing experienced in loving, willing service. T. H. J.

OUR STATE INSTITUTIONS.

The Lord says, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Egypt means darkness, spiritual darkness. So the Lord is calling out of darkness His sons and daughters in this Southland of ours. The light of the message has by

no means yet shone into all the dark corners of our field, though much has been done to kindle fires by the wayside. Many more beacons must be lighted in order that the light of present truth may shine all over this land. Much progress has already been made in this field. Eight years ago this was a mission field, with headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia, and a number of mission stations. Now there are eight conferences and one mission field, a large, flourishing publishing house at Nashville, two sanitariums in Nashville, a sanitarium and school at Graysville, a sanitarium in Atlanta, and an industrial school for colored students at Huntsville, besides many church and intermediate schools scattered over the field.

The "Old North State" has tried not to be behind in the good work. Many small schools have been started, and are doing good service for the Master. The school at Hildebran has always held a leading place in the conference; and now that it is about to pass to the position of an academy, we may well take courage. It has been by much hard, sacrificing work that it has been brought to its present standing, and it will require much more of the same earnest effort to start it out on its broader mission. Shall we, under God, make the trial? Yes, and the Lord will help us. He helped His people in ancient days. The sanitarium at Hildebran, though in its infancy, promises much for the advancement of the work of

spreading the light of the truth through this portion of the South. It is the youngest of our institutions, and therefore needs not only our prayers but some of our means as well.

We read of a time in the history of Israel when, because the work of God had fallen into decay, Hezekiah "commanded the people that dwelt at Jerusalem to give the portion to the priests and Levites, that they might be strong in the law of the Lord." 2 Chron. 31:4. and onward (Margin R. V.) We read that when this was done, and the commandment came abroad, the Children of Israel "gave in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly." The Lord greatly prospered the work in that time, and whole cities were filled with the treasure. This brought the king of Assyria against them; but Hezekiah had learned a lesson of trust, and told the people to "be strong and not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria." And the Lord gave to His people at that time one of the most wonderful evidences of His keeping power.

Let us bring "all the tithes into the storehouse," and we shall also see the salvation of God. When we shall see our people everywhere cheerfully bringing their offerings to the work of the Lord, the whole world will soon be lighted with the glory of this last message, and our Lord will come. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

M. H. JOHNSTON.

HILDEBRAN.

The special tent services appointed to be held at this place began September 16, under the direction of Eld. Johnston, who unfortunately was unable to remain but a few days. Later Eld. Jeys joined in the effort, and was able to continue with it up to the 26th, when he had to leave to fill an appointment near Grandfather Mountain. The attendance at the meetings has been good from the beginning. To all it seemed that a special revival service should be conducted; and from the start the Spirit of God was deeply felt in the services, and a goodly number began or renewed their allegiance to the cause of God. The interest has been such that the meetings will be continued for some time, being held three or four nights of each week and day services Sabbath and Sunday. We rejoice much for what the Lord has done for us thus far, and trust that the good work will continue, even unto the end.

M. H. Johnston has purchased the house of Bro. C. D. Wolf, who with his family left us Wednesday morning for Nashville, expecting to connect with the work in that important center. This action on the part of Bro. Johnston may seem to some like a drawing away from the sanitarium work, but we do not so regard it here. The situation is simply this: The siege is on and we find it necessary to intrench ourselves and lay in winter supplies, so that we shall be able to endure the struggle to

a finish. We have looked for reinforcements, but they have come so slowly that we find it necessary to find means of self support while the needed assistance delays. We do not plan on giving up till the Lord plainly shows us that our work here is finished.

Eternal victory is before the Third Angel's Message and those who bear it to the world, so let us all be faithful unto the end, that we may receive a crown of life.

ALBERT CAREY.

NORWOOD.

It was just one year ago this morning (September 24) that we passed Lookout Mountain as we left Chattanooga on our way to North Carolina. It has been an eventful year, filled both with trials and rich blessings. It seems at times that we have accomplished but little for the cause of God, yet we have made that our chief business, while employed most of the time at manual labor to make expenses.

It seemed in the providence of God that we should locate at Norwood, though this was not the place we had in mind on coming to the State. We have been here ten months. Five months of this time we have conducted a small school here in the building erected last year by the heroic efforts of Eld. R. T. Nash, assisted by friends and the few believers here. The school is gaining ground in numbers and in favor with the people. The enrollment reached fourteen recently, only three or four pupils

being from Adventist families. Parents have noticed and remarked upon the progress made at school, and prefer to send their children to us rather than to the free school. We have made a charge of \$1.00 per month, though not all have been able to pay it.

I have distributed a large number of papers, and held some Bible readings, and have also sold a few books. I am devoting my time now to the sale of "Home Handbook" and am meeting with quite good success. We take a club of ten copies of the Signs, and our friends seem glad to read the paper. We would be very much encouraged if some good sister might move here to live with or near us, with whom we could leave our little girl, three years old, during the school hours each day. I find it necessary to labor at something profitable while Mrs. Allen teaches. We are of good courage in the Lord, and watching His providences.

E. R. ALLEN.

NEWBERN.

The work is slowly but steadily growing here. There are many interested ones halting between two opinions, who express a desire to learn more of the way of the Lord, while one now and then takes a stand on the side of present truth in spite of opposition and persecution. By the help of the Lord Brother H. R. Shelton organized a Sabbath school of sixteen members last Sabbath, and a mission school last Sunday

of ten members. A Baptist minister was with us, and spoke freely in high praise of the work. The services are attended by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is very encouraging to witness the steadfastness of the believers. Those who have been slaves for years of snuff and tobacco willingly give it up, and present their bodies a willing sacrifice. Rom. 12:1. Bro. Shelton has been very sick, but is fast recovering. He is a faithful worker, and lovingly gives the message any and everywhere. He would grasp every opportunity even in sickness. We have not procured a place in which to meet yet, save my house. We have a place in view, but are awaiting the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We beg an interest in your prayers for the work at this place.

EDITH A. GODLEY.

WILMINGTON.

We are located here, and are getting somewhat acquainted with the people. I have preached twice in the First-day Adventist church. It seems as though the Lord is raising up friends for us here. The people are very kind. Pray for us and the work.

W. H. ARMSTRONG.

TITHE RECEIPTS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 1904.

Archdale	\$ 9.17
Eufola	9.33
Greensboro, No. 1	14.97
Hickory	17.45
Hildebran	144.44
Salisbury	9.37
Winston-Salem	3.00
Waynesville	1.50
Individuals	75.79

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NEWS AND NOTES.

The first Sabbath in November has been appointed by the General Conference as the time for a united effort for the colored work. On this day a donation is to be taken for this specific work.

A party consisting of Elders D. T. Shireman and T. H. Jeys and Brother E. B. Gaskell and Theodore Phenix, left Hildebran, Tuesday, September 27, for a week's trip in the mountains of Watauga county, to visit the churches at Silverstone and Valley Cruces.

Eld. J. O. Johnston and wife and Sister O. R. Atwell, of Eufola, spent Sabbath, September 10, at the country home of Bro. H. H. Stillwell. They made the trip of thirty-five miles and return with private conveyance, and reported a pleasant time. A service held evening after the Sabbath was well attended by the people of the vicinity.

An encouraging report comes from Charlotte. Sister Mary A. Bishop writes: "We are having quite a nice Sabbath-school. One lady across the street comes with her four children, and another family next door come as often as health will permit. One man has promised to keep next Sabbath, and a lady has kept two Sabbaths and is happy in the light received. We are hoping that others may soon begin to observe the Sabbath of the Lord."

Our little chapel at Eufola presented a very attractive appearance on the afternoon of October 3; as about sixty guests gathered to witness the marriage of two of our leading workers, Mr. Horace G. Miller and Miss Mollie R. Long, Eld. J. O. Johnston officiating. The room was tastefully decorated with foliage and flowers, an arch of the same spanning the platform where the bridal party stood. Appropriate music, vocal and instrumental, with violin and organ, added to the pleasure of the occasion, as all united in wishing for these dear workers increased happiness and usefulness, as they thus unite their interests in the cause of the Master. Friends were present from Hildebran, Hickory, and Statesville. Brother and Sister Miller wish to express their appreciation of the tokens of love from many friends, especially the untiring efforts of Eld. and Mrs. Johnston and other Eufola friends, to make the occasion a happy one. They took the evening train for Statesville, which will be their home for a short time.

We are pleased to state that our subscription list is growing; but we must still solicit the aid of all who have the interests of the cause at heart, in order that the paper may be made self-supporting. But as de from the financial side of the question is that of the value of our conference paper as a means of keeping all our people in touch with the work and with each other. We hope to be able to give our readers each month a report from each worker and to let them know how the work along all lines is progressing. Will not this knowledge be worth 25 cents a year to each S. D. Adventist home in North Carolina? Please be prompt in sending in your subscription.

We were pleased to have a short visit from Bro. and Sister B. A. Rogers and Sister Viola Shipley, of Hildebran, also Bro. Burton Church and Sister E. C. Raby, of Hickory, who came to Eufola to be present on the occasion of October 3.

The tithe report for August was crowded out last month, and so we unite the report with that for Sept. and publish in this issue.

FROM OUR CANVASSERS.

H. G. Miller: "Since our camp-meeting, I have been delivering some books and canvassing. I have had many precious experiences in the work; in fact every day is freighted with blessings to me, as I endeavor to impart blessings to others. Words cannot adequately describe these experiences, nor tell of the joys in the work. So the best I can do is to invite you to join the army of workers, that you may know of the blessings of this work. I am of good courage, and will press forward."

Burton Church: "Hickory is a pleasant place in which to work. We have sold over two hundred *Watchman* here, and have found a deep interest in the Saviour's coming. There is scarcely any prejudice. In the country I am usually treated as one doing good missionary work. It is cheering to hear strong expressions of appreciation for "Coming King," from those who bought the book a few months ago. In Hickory I gave away fifty-five papers in one week, and distributed forty in the country. No one who can read refuses a gift of literature. The prospects for the remainder of the season are especially good for the canvassers. I greatly desire to see more work done in this needy field."