

The North Carolina Messenger

"THERE SHALL BE DELAY NO LONGER"

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CONTENTMENT.

O Lord, how full of sweet content
Our years of pilgrimage are spent ;
Where'er we dwell, we dwell with Thee,
At home, abroad, on land or sea.

To us remains nor place nor time ;
Our country is in every clime ;
We can be calm and free from care
On any shore, since God is there.

While place we seek, or place we shun,
The soul finds happiness in none ;
But with our God to guide our way,
'Tis equal joy to go or stay.

—Cowper.

THE CAUSES THAT LEAD TO ILL-ASSORTED MARRIAGES.

In this article it is assumed that the danger is conceded, and that a real desire exists to avoid the same. That there are many causes, all leading up to the same result, must be evident. Among the many that might be named, I notice the following :—

1. A false sentiment concerning the subject itself. Many a boy has grown from boyhood to manhood with the understanding that the subject of love and marriage is an interdicted theme, only to be referred to darkly, or possibly made the object of unseemly jest. Such a sentiment effectually bars the way to any frank confidence between parent and child. Because the boy is silent, it has been fondly supposed that he never thinks along these lines. So far from this being so, he has simply withheld his confidence, and is left to grope his way amid

the temptations that may lead him astray. Many a girl has exchanged confidences with some other equally untaught and misguided girl of her own age, under the supposition that she would be doing an unmaidenly and improper thing to speak to her own mother about such matters. Both boys and girls are made to suppose that they should be shocked and blush if any one should attempt a word of plain, straightforward counsel on this most important subject. "Don't say a word about such things," said a mother of a family of rapidly growing children. "Indeed," said I, "do you hope that our silence will silence the voice of nature?" Will it not be better to preoccupy the soil of their minds with faithful, earnest advice? Dear father and mother, you cannot hope to simply "keep still," and thus avoid a responsibility that you must face. Dear boys and girls, you cannot do better than to talk with your parents about the secrets of your own lives. They are your best friends.

2. Children have not been taught self-restraint. Growing up with the impression that their own desires must be gratified, they enter upon the perils of young manhood or womanhood illy prepared to battle against a temptation to please themselves. Samson said to his parents when

they interposed a remonstrance to his course, "Get her for me, for she pleaseth me well." How well she did not please him afterward is not taken into account by the modern Samsons, who still persist that themselves must be pleased. The passion of self-pleasing carries with it indifference as to the pleasure of others. So it happened that Samson cared little as to how much Manoah was pained. His only thought was for self. So today. But will a filial consideration for the wish of the parent work unhappiness to the child? By no means. Witness the case of Isaac and Rebekah.

3. Children are not taught obedience. They are permitted to disobey in childhood, learn disobedience in youth, and so dare to disobey God's direct commands. But, some one will say, must they be expected to ignore their own feelings? If their own feelings lead them contrary to God's commands, by all means Yes. It was this pernicious doctrine that led Esau to sell his birthright for such a miserable price. He "felt" that he must have the pottage at any price. Truly, "feelings" born of impulse and immature fancy are not the guide to be followed. In the next article I shall speak of means by which young people themselves should safeguard their own interests.

T. H. J.

A CALL TO PRAYER.

At the late council of the Southern Union Conference, Sabbath, Feb. 11, was appointed a day of fasting and prayer. The purpose is that there may be a definite and united seeking of the Lord for His help in the mighty task resting upon the remnant people. The needs of the hour are great, but our God is greater. He is able to give strength. Let our people everywhere plan to observe this day in letter and spirit. Pray for means to be used in carrying the message, for hearts willing to do each his part, for the Ho'y Spirit to strengthen for the work, and for success to crown the efforts put forth.

T. H. JEYS,
Conference President.

THE PEOPLE HAD A MIND TO WORK.

We read in Nehemiah 3:12, in referring to the building of the wall of Jerusalem, "And next to him repaired Shallum the son of Halohesh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters." The work heretofore had fallen behind, as it had been hindered in many ways, and the time allotted for the building of the wall was fast coming to a close. So this ruler, with his daughters, came and took part in the work, showing their faith in the word of God and their willingness to help. We have a work to be finished at an appointed time, each one to build at his appointed place, and the appointed time is fast drawing to a close. The time has been reached when

the Master Builder says that there shall be delay no longer. So let all the rulers and their daughters build. The Master calls for all to arise and build. And when "the people had a mind to work," the wall was joined together. There is work now for all the rulers and their daughters, and for all who have a mind to work.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." The Master is represented as sending laborers into His vineyard, even at the eleventh hour. Who among those still standing in the market place idle, with their daughters, will offer themselves for service?

W. H. ARMSTRONG.
Wilmington N. C.

PERSONAL LABORS.

Since the first of October I have been on the self-supporting list, and have been able to spend only a part of my time in preaching and holding meeting. But during this time I have preached thirty-eight sermons, besides holding other meetings, and the Lord has been coming very near to us in these services. About six or seven of our children and young people have made a start for the kingdom, and it is sweet music to hear their voices in the social service offering praise to God, and is a further fulfillment of the scripture, "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast thou perfected praise."

The school, which is taught by Sister Florence Spring, is doing

good work, and is having a good influence in the neighborhood. We hope to see this school-work prosper, and plans are being laid to enlarge its work and sphere as the providences of God may open up the way. The effort is like making brick without straw, yet even this sometimes has to be, and can be, done. We hope to be able to add to the school work here, mechanical industries, so that students who desire to master some trade, as the Jewish youth were anciently required to do, may have the opportunity to do so, and at the same time have the advantage of a good Christian school.

Our monthly temperance meetings are well attended, and we hope to see some good accomplished in this direction. Though there is not so much drinking here as in some places, yet the monster of intemperance is not dead, and he is often seen in our quiet retreat at Eufola. With the help of God we will do what we can to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound by these evil habits.

My courage is good in the Lord, dear brethren, and I have no discouraging report to offer. The time draws near for the final consummation of all our hopes. The nations are angry, and the "peace" cry is heard also. By these we may know that the end is coming, and is almost upon us. May the Lord help us to empty ourselves of self, and get ready for the time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation, for it cannot be far off.

Yours in the blessed hope,
J. O. JOHNSTON.

WILMINGTON.

Dear Brethren and Sisters: I am of good courage. I arrived at this place December 25, and began work during the holidays. Although the minds of the people seemed to be very much centered on pleasure seeking, up to January 21, by the help of the Lord, I succeeded in selling and taking orders for books to the amount of \$132 00.

My heart is made sad when I see some of our canvassers losing their interest in the work, dividing their time with other things that do not help to spread the everlasting gospel. Not a single report has appeared in the *Watchman* for some time back from the North Carolina Conference. Dear brethren and sisters, let us awake out of sleep and be about our Father's business. We should have at least fifty canvassers in this Conference. Soon it will be too late to carry the blessed news of salvation to the homes of the people. Let us bestir ourselves, and press the battle to the gates.

R. L. UNDERWOOD.

WORDS OF COURAGE.

Dear Fellow Workers: I am glad to be able to report that I am well, happy, and busy, and that the Lord is blessing me with a good degree of success in my work. I have been here at Mooresville nearly two months, and have worked about five weeks, canvassing a little more than half the town. I find the people very friendly, and glad to get our books. My orders amount to over \$110.00, for which I praise the Lord.

I have had many interesting experiences, and will briefly relate one. One very rainy afternoon I hesitated about going out, but decided to go, after kneeling with my wife before God for guidance. At the second place I called I found the lady sick in bed and alone. I was there only a few minutes, but improved the time in bringing in several armfuls of wood and fixing her fire. When I left, she said, "Surely the Lord sent you here." While I was there a neighbor boy of about seven summers came in on an errand. When I left he went with me, and asked me to go to his house. On the way he said, "Don't you sell books with colored pictures in them?" He seemed to know that I had a small book with a red back, and asked me to let him see it. In the home I found the grandfather and mother, and a deaf aunt. They all took a deep interest in my canvass for "Coming King." Grandfather gave me his order for "Coming King," and the boy is saving his nickles for "Gospel Primer." This is but a part of that afternoon's experience. "He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." Eccl. 11:4.

My dear brethren and sisters, have you been or are you waiting for a more favorable time to sow the precious seeds of truth? Has the holiday season prevented you? Is it too muddy? Are you afraid the people will not buy while the price of cotton is low and winter is on? If so, please read Eccl.

11:4 again. I assure you that if you will go forth taking Jesus with you, you will find these seeming obstacles mere bubbles. Just a little more faithful labor, dear workers, and he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." John 4:36. I shall be glad to hear from any who wish to enter the canvassing work. The prospect for more canvassers in this field is good. Besides my regular book work, my wife and I visit the sick, read to souls hungering for the bread of life, and sing and pray with them, also distributing papers.

Yours with courage in the work,

H. G. MILLER, *State Agent.*

"In unity there is a life, a power, that can be obtained in no other way. There will be a vast power in the church when the energies of the members are united under the control of the Spirit. Then will God be able to work mightily through His people for the conversion of sinners."

CANVASSING REPORT.

(For November and December, 1904.)

	Hs.	Value Ord.	Value Del.	Helps.
R. L. Underwood	82	\$101 00	\$25 50	\$ 4 25
Burton Church	25	2 00	10 65
Alphonso Ford	32	13 00
W. K. Allen	300	295 00	146 00	13 25
J. E. Leighton	110	76 75	25 05
H. G. Miller	253	44 00	183 75	33 70
A. E. Bremsinger	60	13 00	14 90	12 75
Total	865	\$531 75	\$418 25	\$63 95

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Tithe Receipts for January, 1905.

Archdale	\$48.00
Eufola	24 41
Greensboro No. I.	4 00
Hickory	23.38
Hildebran	17.44
Norwood	3.06
Salisbury	1.00
Wilmington	1.70
Individuals	30.85

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NEWS AND NOTES.

A blue cross opposite this paragraph indicates that your time expires with this issue. Please renew at once if you wish the paper for another year. We enclose renewal blank for this purpose.

Concerning the work at Wilmington, Sister M. E. McKenzie has this to say: "Eld. Armstrong is working faithfully and patiently and we believe that the Master will crown his efforts with success, and gather to himself a people out of this wicked city."

We are g'ad to learn from Sister Edith A. Gqdley that that the little band at Newbern are pressing forward. They conduct a prayer meeting and Sabbath school regularly. Two more have joined their numbers, and others are much interested.

Sister Minnie Hahn writes from Toluca, "Our school is small this winter during the free school, but we have the promise of a good attendance in the spring. Many said they would much rather send their children here, but did not feel able to pay tuition and taxes." In addition to her school work, she reports the following for last quarter: Letters written, 35; received, 33; Bible readings, 53; papers distributed, 156; pages books and tracts, 618; missionary visits, 68.

Eld. D. T. Shireman wishes us to state that it will be impossible for him to respond to the requests for meetings coming from brethren at different places, as his time will be taken up in the work in Cleveland county. His address for about two months will be Toluca, N. C. Sister Shireman has been in a critical condition for several months, but her health has so far improved as to enable her to accompany her husband.

In a personal letter Bro. R. T. Nash says: "This leaves us well, and the work at Campobello prospering. At present we have a company of canvassers with us, making our place headquarters while canvassing in Spartanburg county. Give our love to all inquiring friends. We do not forget the work and workers in North Carolina."

Bro. George Crawford reports that the day school at Cove Creek is doing better work than ever before, and that the Sunday school is prospering. Two adults have recently begun the observance of the Sabbath at that place.

The notation of Annual Offerings is crowded out for lack of space, also a number of general articles.

Eld. T. H. Jeys spent Sabbath, January 28, at Eufola, returning from the Council meeting at Nashville.

We are glad to note the organization of a new Sabbath school at Asheville, with Bro. C. W. DeVault as superintendent.

The author of our series on "Tithes and Offerings," reports that he has been so busy trying to get some tithes to pay that he has not been able to prepare the manuscript in time for this issue. It will appear next month.

Bro. R. H. Mathe and family, from Almond, Wisconsin, have come to connect with the work in Haywood county, and are thinking of starting another school a few miles from Cove Creek, where there seems to be an opening.

THE "WATCHMAN."

I want to say a word to my brethren about the *Southern Watchman*. This is our pioneer journal in the South. It should be in every Seventh-day Adventist home in North Carolina. Those who fail to have it are losing something that it is impossible to supply in any other way. It contains the newest and choicest items of interest from the various parts of the Southern field. The subscription price is \$1.00 per year. That means 25 cents for three months, or about two cents per copy. Will you not subscribe? Send orders to North Carolina Conference, Eufola, N. C. T. H. J.