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HOW GOOD GOD IS !

How good God is !

In untold strains

The anthem rings ;

And all creation

Sweetly sings,

In glad refrains.

How good God is !

How good God is !

From day to day,

In every care,

The heart that lifts

In solemn prayer

Can only say,

How good God is !

How good God is !

And each day more

Seemeth He good,

To hold in store

For those who serve

And Him adore.

How good God is !

How good God is !

Days all eterne

Can but suffice

To tell how good,

His sacrifice

Let us ne'er spurn.

How good God is !

This is my testimony for November, as I recall the abundant mercies of God. On every hand the beautiful creation sings it, while within and without the "banner of His love" enfolds, a token of unrequited beneficence, of kindness toward a sinful world.

Not that I wish to sing the trials all past and warfare ended; but to sing amid the heat of battle the triumph through Christ to us assured. We are not ready to lay down our arms, but for the heat of the fray. God will fight

for us, but we must do our part as faithfully as Mordecai and Esther did theirs.

How we need to pray, believe, and do. How we need to press together on a common platform—the three angels' messages—and against a common foe—the dragon and his hosts. We are sad that such keen affliction has touched some of our fellow workers. "Is any afflicted, let him pray." May the coming week of prayer be so abundantly blessed of God, in response to the earnest seeking of Him, that eternity alone may tell of its accomplishments for us, and for the message we love. ALBERT CAREY.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

This annual season of seeking God is soon to be upon us once more; and with the opportunities that it will present, will also come the responsibility of privileges embraced or neglected.

There has never been a time when the people of God more needed His help than at this time.

Let us for a moment consider the situation as it confronts us at the present time. The responsibility of carrying this message to the world in this generation, is upon us. The fact that we sense it but dimly is one of the most serious phases of the situation. Many are well nigh swallowed up with the cares of this life and the

deceitfulness of riches so that that day is likely to come upon them unawares.

We are handicapped in our work for lack of means and facilities; but that which we need more than any outward conditions is the mighty power of God to descend upon us to prepare our hearts and lives for service. Dear brethren, do you not feel that this is so? If not, then it is only the more sure that it is so. Let us seek the Lord while he may be found, that he may come and rain righteousness upon us

Having prayed for ourselves and own work, our minds will at once go out to the great needy fields of the world. As we contemplate the Herculean task our hearts would fail, were it not for the blessed assurance that God will finish the work. Let no one pass by the occasion lightly. "Who knoweth whether thou art called to the kingdom for such a time as this."

T. H. J.

AGAIN IN THE FIELD.

Again it is my privilege to report for the MESSENGER from the field. After a three months' detention at home by the sickness of my children, I have by God's blessing been able once more to leave home with my family circle still unbroken. For this I praise the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

I first went to Hickory to attend to some business long neglected in connection with our office there. Found our secretary, Sister Jessie Bosworth, very comfortably settled in her temporary quarters, and working away in her usual earnest and vigorous style. Our conference office is now at Hickory, and for the present in rooms rented from Bro. Rogers. The Southern Publishing Association also has its branch office here, and already shelves have been put in and a supply of books is on hand.

On Sunday, the 19th, I attended a Conference Committee meeting at Hildebran, at which time some of the needs of the cause were considered, and plans laid for the further prosecution of the work. From there, in company with Elder Shireman, I went to Toluca. Here Elder Shireman is building his school home. I found the work progressing there on the building. I was sorry to find Brother Earl Hahn in rather poor health. Sister Minnie Hahn has been teaching the school at Toluca, but will not have school this winter. I regretted to notice this, for the people were anxious for the school to open; but perhaps those on the ground understand the situation better than I. I returned to Hildebran, and from there have started to visit in other parts of the field. At this writing I am on my way to visit the little company at Newton. I am of good courage. The battle is ours. Let us press onward to the mark of our high calling. T. H. J.

ROBBINSVILLE.

Dear MESSENGER: We are glad that it has fallen to our lot to labor for the Master in North Carolina. We are confident that the Lord brought us here, and it is our heart's desire that we may be profitable servants doing those things which are well pleasing in His sight. We are getting quite well acquainted with the people here, and find them very kind and hospitable. We believe there are a number of honest souls among them who will take a stand for the truth ere long. Many acknowledge the truth of the seventh-day Sabbath and other points of our faith, but they need to be baptized with power from on high, to enable them to accept and practice the same.

We have been handicapped in our work somewhat by my physical condition, which has been poor since June; yet the Master gives us many opportunities to bring His glorious third angel's message before the people. Canvassing goes somewhat slow, because the people are rather poor readers. We have thus far sold and delivered about thirty-five dollars worth of books and a goodly number of papers, etc.; and are now taking orders for "Coming King" and "Our Paradise Home," to be delivered shortly before Christmas.

Bro. L. H. Crisler spent ten days with us, and his visit was appreciated very much. While here he held meetings in several places, making the message plain. The people heard gladly, and we

believe fruits will follow his efforts. With him we went to visit Sister Garrison, thirteen miles distant, who was happy to see people of her faith. She is one of those good mothers in Israel, who has stood alone these twenty-four years, a monument of God's grace and keeping power.

I would like to write more, but my letter is already too long. May God bless and keep you all in the love of the truth.

Nov. 16. R. H. MATHE.

MOORESVILLE.

Another year of the time granted us for labor has rolled into eternity. The record of our lives is being made. I praise the Lord for his wonderful goodness to me, and with you this day I consecrate myself to Him and His service. I have had the privilege during the month of November of holding fifteen Bible readings, making thirty-nine visits and seven calls, distributing literature, writing, etc. Our Sabbath school now numbers four. Last evening I called at a home, leaving a paper. The husband reminded me of an evening last winter, when he called at a neighbors as I was reading to them from the book "Coming King." He became so interested that he could not be satisfied till he had bought one, and he has since purchased three more of my husband. A father bought a copy also, and is much interested in it, and talks to his friends about the Lord's soon return. The other day I gave a *Little Friend* to a crippled child. The grandmother's attention was attracted by a pict-

ure of the sanctuary, and she began to ask questions. I go there often now to read to her. I wish you could hear her praise our Great High Priest for the light of His Word. This evening on my way home from a reading the minister's two little girls called to me saying: "Have you any more little papers for us?" Their mother told me that they were always delighted to have her read to them. Let us keep awake, brethren and sisters, and do the little things near by; for soon the night cometh.

MRS. MOLLIE R. MILLER.

ASHEVILLE.

Dear Brethren and Sisters: I am glad to be in the harness once more, and to know that I am placing in the homes of the people a message that will show them the way to the celestial city. Father and I came to Asheville about the fifteenth of September, and we have had some rich experiences. One Sunday morning we started down the street with a nice bundle of papers which Sister Brownsberger had given us, handing them to those we thought would read. I had given out nearly all my papers, when I went into a house and began talking with the people about the papers. I had not been there very long until they invited me into the other room to see a sick boy. I talked with him about the love of Jesus, and what he could do for us, and before I got through I could see that all were interested. I did not think the boy was very sick,

but to my sad surprise I heard a few days later that he was dead. Among the last words he said he remembered my talk, and said he wanted to meet me in heaven.

So, dear workers (and I speak especially to canvassers), if you are at a loss to know what to do on Sunday, have some of our good literature and go around to the homes in this way. The Lord will lead you to some poor soul to whom you may speak words of comfort, in the name of the blessed Christ.

R. L. UNDERWOOD.

"WHERE IS THY *** BEAUTIFUL FLOCK?"

Just now we hear much about the missionary campaign. Many have enlisted while others are hoping soon to enter into active service. But, my brother, my sister, in your planning have you considered the work that lies nearest you?

"Altogether too little attention has been given our children and youth, and the children have therefore failed to develop in the Christian life as they should have done. * * * The work that lies nearest to our church members is to become interested in our youth." "The restless energy that is so often a source of danger to the young might be directed into channels through which it would flow out in streams of blessing."

This is the Lord's message. Let us heed it. Then our children and youth will unite with us to win souls. Can you stand idly by and make no effort to rescue the boys and girls in your Sabbath school, in your home, from

Satan's snares? Let us awake to our privileges, and shake off this lethargy, and enter heartily upon the work of winning our children and youth to God and for his service.

The Archdale church took hold of this work some time ago, and directed the "restless energy" of their young people into "streams of blessing," as the following report shows:—

"Our society was organized August 20, 1904, with fourteen members. Two more joined soon, and not long since two from Greensboro were added. The report for the last quarter is as follows: Ninety-eight papers and one hundred and fourteen pages of tracts given away, three books sold, four letters written, twenty-two visits made, and two Bible readings held. Other work was reported, such as, carrying wood and water, doing various kinds of housework, etc We hope to do more. Pray for our society.

"FLORA E. HALL, *Secretary.*"

Wherever tender sympathy and compassion are manifested, and patient, earnest effort is put forth for the youth, like results will follow. MRS. EMMA B. ROGERS.

The "Signs of the Times Leaflets," will be found very helpful for free distribution in connection with the circulation of the special numbers of the *Watchman and Signs*. This is a series of sixteen leaflets of two pages each, covering the vital points of the Third Angel's Message. Each one has an illustrated heading. While the subjects are not exhausted, enough is presented to awaken inquiry, thus paving the way for the introduction of our books and papers. We will furnish them from this office postpaid for 5 cents per set; 5 sets for 15 cents; 10 sets for 25 cents; 20 sets for 50 cents; 100 sets for \$1.95.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

Week of Prayer, Dec. 9 to 16.

A limited supply of the *Review* containing the Readings for the Week of Prayer is on hand at the State Office.

On account of failing health, Dr. Albert Carey felt compelled to resign his position at the Graysville Sanitarium, returning to Hildebran.

Elder W. H. Armstrong has recently conducted a short series of meetings near Fayetteville, returning to the work at Wilmington the last week of November.

Bro. S. L. Stafford, of South Dakota, having purchased a one-hundred-acre farm near Eufola, is moving with his family to that place the first of this month.

Following a large delivery of books in Iredell county, our State Agent has been making a short trip in the interests of the canvassing work, visiting Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Salisbury, and Albemarle.

This month the MESSENGER is sent to a number whose time has already expired. It is sent with the hope that you will be pleased to renew and thus spare us the pain of removing your name from our mailing list, and

also spare yourself the loss of the little paper. We are unusually anxious to increase our list of paid subscribers. To be sure our constituency is small, but this is all the more reason that we should all be alive to the need of sustaining our work, and standing by the means used for its promulgation. In the past some have kindly interested themselves in obtaining subscribers for us. For this we are thankful, and will also express the hope that such may be repeated. Why not attend to this soon? Send in your subscription, and also a good list of names of your soliciting. A blue cross here indicates that your time has expired, and that you are asked to renew at once.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.

At the present time great activity is being shown among the National Reformers. There is to be an attempt this winter at the convening of Congress to secure the passage of an anti-poligamy bill, or rather the adoption of such an amendment to the Constitution. This seems to offer to our National Reform friends the opportunity that they have so long desired to incorporate into the fundamental law an acknowledgment of Christ, and thus to pave the way for any amount of religious legislation by using this as a precedent. It is a matter of more than ordinary interest for us to know definitely where we stand on this most important question, and to be able to give to every man that asks us, a reason for the hope that is within

us, with meekness and fear. If you have not already done so, you should order the Religious Liberty Leaflets and read them carefully, and then begin to circulate them industriously among your friends and neighbors.

Of course we believe in Christ, and of course we desire that He shall be first in every man's life; but a national acknowledgment is not so much to be desired as a personal surrender to Him in all the minutia of life. This, if done by every individual in the nation, would be the true acknowledgment that all could heartily endorse. May we not hope that such a surrender may be the experience of many at our soon coming week of prayer? T. H. J.

A SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION

Will be held at Hickory, Sunday, December 31. All who wish to attend are cordially invited.

TITHE RECEIPTS.

(For November, 1905.)

Archdale	\$ 43.50
Eufola	6.00
Greensboro No. 1	3.98
Hildebran	58.68
Hickory	30.09
Norwood	7.48
Valle Cruces	6.25
Waynesville	6.00
Individual	14.00

Total \$175.98

JESSIE V. BOSWORTH, *Treasurer.*

AN ACROSTIC.

A woman from whom seven devils were torn,
A patriarch whose grandfather never was born;
A man of great strength who great weakness displayed;
A matron for whom were great promises made;
A prophet whose forehead was hardened like brass;
A king who for seven years lived upon grass;
A blasphemous Philistine, slain by a sling;
A church to whom John a sweet message could bring;
A woman of faith who once lived on the wall
Of a city devoted, and by faith caused to fall.
These nine Bible names if properly guessed,
And arranged in a row in the order expressed,
Will give an acrostic which, begun at the head,
Will give you the name of the paper you've read.

T. H. J.