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THE NEW YEAR.

Ring out, ring out the old year
With its selfishness and sin;
May love to our fellow brothers
Fill the glad year coming in.

—Selected.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

In my last month's report I unintentionally omitted to speak of my visit to the Hildebran school, taught by Prof. and Mrs. Beach and their daughter. My stay there was necessarily brief, but I stayed long enough to see that the school had fallen into skillful hands. The appearance of the building has been improved by a nice coat of paint. I was present at the opening service. God's blessing was invoked on the work of the day. Brother Beach is a teacher of experience and devotion. He carries on this school purely as a missionary enterprise, and without cost to our Conference, and with the smallest possible cost to the students. I hope that our brethren who have children to send to school will think well before they patronize worldly enterprises, or the schools where the truth for our times is not taught. Prof. Beach plans to make this school second to none in the South for getting what our young people need—an education under Christian influences.

I have visited the following places since my last report: Statesville, Eufola, Mooresville,

Charlotte, Salisbury, Norwood, Greensboro, Kernersville, Archdale and Winston-Salem. My stay at each place was necessarily brief. While at Charlotte, it was my privilege to visit in the home of Brother H. H. Stillwell, out in the country about sixteen miles. While there, the neighbors were invited to attend a meeting, and in the evening a good congregation came together and gave evidence of some real interest. Bro. Stillwell has been long afflicted with ill health. He is holding on to the truth of God. While at Norwood the situation was studied as closely as time would permit. There have been some things in connection with the work there that have been a matter of perplexity. Some who have known the truth have not walked worthy of their calling. This has made the burden doubly difficult for the faithful few who remain. Some changes were planned. The church building has been sold, and another building equally comfortable and less costly will be erected in another place. The work in Norwood is not dead, whatever the reports may have been. There are a few who are faithful to the great truth. The little band of believers at Salisbury were visited. They are few in number, but are faithful in their duties and privileges. There should be no dimin-

ution of our enthusiasm because of the small numbers. Remember Noah. I held only one public meeting at Winston. This was during the Week of Prayer. The reading was had, and a short talk was given on themes relating to the work and our relationship thereto. I was much pleased to find that some of the brethren there had been actively engaging in missionary work, and that the work has borne fruit. One young man of good promise has lately begun to obey the commandments, and is now desiring baptism. Thus here is a work that all may engage in—that of studying the Bible and praying with the people. It takes no great amount of effort, but just a love for souls and a willingness to devote some time to the Lord's work.

There are now persons awaiting baptism at Asheboro, Archdale, and Winston. We have no occasion to be discouraged. Several have indicated their intention to be more faithful in the payment of their tithes and offerings. I have felt it to be duty to deal plainly and faithfully with all concerning this matter. So far as I know, none have been offended, but have felt a desire to come up to the help of the Lord. The work of God is onward, and will triumph. We may triumph with it if we will. I am sure that a new experience is near for the people of God. May we rise to our privileges. T. H. J.

IN THE FIELD.

After my return from the western part of the State, by request of Eld. Jeys, I visited the neighborhood of Bro. McLeod, about two miles from Vander. One meeting held by Bro. Miller last summer, is the only effort of this kind that has been put forth there, I believe. Although the cold weather kept many away who would have gladly attended, on Sundays there were generally more than could get inside the house. The order and attention were good. Bro. McLeod's wife accepted the faith during the meetings. Some others became quite interested, and but little prejudice was manifested. I hope to be able to go there again before long.

The work at Wilmington is progressing quite well. Some souls are accepting the faith once delivered to the saints, and those who had previously stepped out in the path of obedience are growing stronger. There is a good class of people whose faces seem to be set for Zion.

I long for the return of the day when men will cry out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" that the same answer may be given, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." If there ever was a time when the devil made a success of formalism, it is at the present time. And if there ever was a time when the people should be wide awake, it is now. In my ministerial work I like to carry a

book with me (I generally keep a small stock on hand), as it helps me to get into the homes; and when I sell one, it alone may be the means of leading a soul to Christ. I entered a new building one day where some carpenters were at work. One man there had bought a copy of "Coming King" from me last spring. He seemed to be somewhat interested, so I handed him the "Seer of Patmos." He seemed glad to have a chance to get such a book. I took three orders in about five minutes. O, it is grand when laborers can go forth bearing the credentials of heaven, holding up the Word, in which God has promised to bless those who read, and hear, and keep those things which are written therein. Who will say, "Here am I, send me?"

W. H. ARMSTRONG.

ARCHDALE CHURCH SCHOOL.

Our school opened November 6, with twelve students. After two weeks four others came in. We have had quite a regular attendance for the first month. From the first a good spirit has prevailed, and God has been blessing abundantly. In our missionary meeting last Wednesday we were pleased to hear testimonies from two of the outside students, testifying to the goodness of God. God is our teacher, and rich blessings flow in day by day.

We are always glad to receive the MESSENGER, as it comes to us like a letter from all the brethren and sisters. We ask for an interest in your prayers. May God give us a true missionary spirit,

and help us to do our part in giving the last warning message to a perishing world. As a church we are receiving rich spiritual blessings during the Week of Prayer. MRS. NANNIE PAUL.

IN THE CANVASSING FIELD.

It has been my privilege for the last three weeks to engage in the canvassing work in the vicinity of Aberdeen and Southern Pines. It was with much fear and trembling that I undertook to do any thing in this line. I feared that, as I am of a foreign tongue, and cannot well use the English language, I should not be able to do anything. But the conviction was strong upon me to go out into the vineyard and try. Now, after three weeks of successful work, I wish to praise God for the privilege of a part in the work for this time. And I am sure that the Lord has helped me.

When I first started I took an order at the first three houses that I visited. I think I was more surprised than any one. The Lord has helped me at every turn. I visited a Methodist minister, who examined my book and recommended it to his people. This helped me in making many sales. I think it will be well always, when possible, to get the endorsement of those who are leaders among the people. In one place while canvassing a man, he stopped and asked me a question on a Bible subject, and on my answer proving satisfactory to him, he said, "Hold on, come to my house." I followed him to his home. He soon had a number of

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his neighbors at the house. He recommended the book highly, and before I had left the house I had taken seven orders.

In the three weeks that I have worked I have taken over seventy dollars worth of orders. This was at a time when the rain hindered quite materially in putting in full time. I find many people waiting to hear the truth. It has been good for my soul to thus come in contact with the people who need so much the light of truth. It has been a delight to help them when I could. I am now at home a few days attending to home duties, and then I expect to be out in the field again.

There may be some one who, like myself, has been long fearing to try to do something in this work, but to whom the Lord is calling as he was to me. If so, let me urge such an one to taste and see that the Lord is good. Step out on the promise, and the word will be fulfilled to you.

N. P. NELSON, Spero, N. C.

FROM OUR STATE AGENT.

Dear Brethren and Sisters: Since writing you last, my experience has been varied. The Lord has sustained and blessed me, and I have only words of courage to bring to you. On account of other work, I have not been canvassing much. During the last month I spent fifteen days among our churches in the interests of the canvassing work, visiting Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Archdale, Spero, Salisbury, and Albemarle. At each of these places a real interest was manifested in

this work. At Spero, I met Bro. Nelson, who was ready to go out in the work, having his books purchased and outfit ordered. I hope soon to visit other churches and canvassing brethren.

Dear Brethren, we can never lay the armor down in this conflict. To more successfully battle with the enemy and advance the message, we are planning to hold a real live institute at Archdale, beginning April 1. A more definite announcement will be made later. We want every one who intends to canvass to begin now to plan to attend.

Having finished canvassing the southern part of Iredell county, I have moved to the northern part, and have about five months' work before me in completing the work in this county. Please note my address as given below.

HORACE G. MILLER.

New Hope, N. C.

We left Mooresville, Dec. 20, arriving at our new home, fifteen miles in the country, the same evening, and are now comfortably situated in the home of a farmer. We greatly desire to be a blessing to some souls in this part of the vineyard. The Lord gave us precious experiences in Mooresville, and many friends, some of whom we hope to meet in the kingdom. Dear brothers and sisters, let us press closer together, fighting the good fight of faith. Soon we shall hear the welcome voice, "Come ye blessed."

MRS. MOLLIE R. MILLER.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION.

CYRUS WHISLER, Stuart, Iowa: "The blue cross on our paper reminds us of our duty, and of friends we love and esteem. We

read the letters that appear from time to time in the MESSENGER over and over again. May the blessing of Him who is able to keep us from falling, rest upon the little paper. Enclosed find 25 cents for another year's subscription."

M. W. AND EMMA NEAL, Columbus, Kansas: "We received a copy of the MESSENGER this morning. Our hearts were made glad to see the name of our good old brother worker, Elder D. T. Shireman. We were especially glad to read of the visit of Elder Crisler and Brother Mathe, to our sister (in the flesh) Eliza Garrison, to give her the joy of seeing some of like precious faith. We send the subscription price."

CANVASSING REPORT.

(For December, 1905.)

Names	Book.	Hours.	Value Ordered.	Value Delivered
A. E. Brensinger	c. k.	86	\$ 39.00	\$ 10.50
Bessie "	ck bs	86	15.00	4.00
R. L. Underwood	" "	77	16.00	32.25
R. T. "	" "	52	22.00	25.75
Mattie Reynolds	ph cs	53	7.00	2.25
Oscar Steed. . .	ck	91	11.00	13.75
Joseph Self. . .	gc dr	5	3.25	3.25
Henry Williams.	misc	150	33.00	33.00
R. H. Mathe . .	ckph	10	13.50	13.50
H. G. Miller . .	ck	160	15.25	210.25
Total		770	\$175.00	\$348.50

H. G. MILLER, State Agent.

TITHE RECEIPTS.

(For December, 1905.)

Archdale	\$ 1.20
Eufola	16.24
Greensboro No. 1	5.15
Hickory	21.90
Hildebran	11.42
Norwood	18.80
Salisbury	12.65
Winston-Salem	16.80
Waynesville	1.50
Wilmington	7.00
Individual	32.61
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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Dear Reader, is your time past due?
If so, the meaning of this cross of blue
Will surely soon occur to you.
Will you not then at once renew?
And thus you'll make us happy too.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Mrs. Emma B. Rogers recently visited Cove Creek and Asheville, in the interests of the educational work.

Elder J. O. Johnston came to Hildebran, Friday, Dec. 29, to call a meeting of The Southern Educational Co., and was with the friends at Hildebran and Hickory over Sabbath and Sunday.

Brother Earl Hahn and sister Minnie, with their mother, left here December 20, for Nashville, Tenn., where they go to connect with the Southern Publishing Association. Since their arrival in our Conference, about two years ago, they have been located at Toluca, doing faithful work.

Elder T. H. Jeys and Brethren B. A. Roger, M. H. Johnston, and H. G. Miller, were appointed as delegates to the Southern Union Conference at Nashville, January 4—14. Elder Jeys and Brother Miller spent Sabbath and Sunday at Hickory, en route, and the latter expected to visit Asheville and Waynesville, also in the interests of the canvassing work.

Mr. Thomas C. Hege, of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Miss Mina Hildreth were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Bellevue, Ky., on the evening of January 11. They will be "at home" after January 10, at High Point, N. C. Many friends will unite with the MESSENGER in wishing for them much happiness.

Married in Jacksonville, Florida, at high noon, December 26, Elder L. H. Crisler, of Orlando, and Mrs. Estella Graham, of Jacksonville. Many friends will unite in heartily wishing for them the blessing of God.

As the day appointed for the Sabbath school convention at Hickory proved to be stormy, the convention was postponed to Sunday, January 21.

Elder W. C. White stopped off between trains at Hickory and Hildebran, January 2, en route from Washington, D. C., to Nashville, Tenn.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

The following from a private letter by Oscar Steed has been sent us: "The devil has tried to sidetrack me several times. Just the other day a man offered me a horse and buggy to use if I would travel with a magic lantern show in connection with my canvassing work. I can tell you that I have no notion of quitting the work now. I began canvassing the 20th of August, and up the present have delivered one hundred and eighty-six dollars worth of books, and have another good delivery just ahead. When we remember that Stanley county is not spec-

ially good territory, and that I have never canvassed before, I think it does right well, if I do say it. The Lord has gone before, and prepared the hearts of the people, and has been with me all along.

MRS. A. E. BRENSINGER, Charlotte: "I delivered a book to a very nice lady the other day. I felt impressed to give her a tract on the Sabbath, although that subject had never come up in our conversation. I did so. She had never heard that she was keeping the wrong day, and was so glad I had called her attention to it. Said she would surely read the tract. We have just such experiences right along.

MISS MATTIE REYNOLDS, Greensboro: "Some are interested here. One young woman has begun to keep the Sabbath. A prominent Baptist minister, to whom I sent "An Appeal to the Clergy," preached on the subject one Sunday. I was applied to this morning for something to hand to a Holiness preacher, who was here on a visit, and had heard for the first time about the Sabbath. I understand that he expressed a willingness to be taught, and said his church at home would be willing to learn. O, that he may receive the truth in its fullness. A man to whom I have been selling the papers said to me the other day, 'I believe your faith.' I want to make an effort to place the truth in the hands of some one every day."

A HOME OFFERED.

Any one desiring to secure a home for one or two children of good habits, may do so by corresponding with J. L. T. McLeod, Fayetteville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2, Box 28. He and his wife have no children.

W. H. ARMSTRONG.