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## NOTES OF TRAVEL

The last day of the old year found me leaving Hickory, N. C., for Nashville, Tenn. I arrived at Chattanooga, Tenn., about 8 o'clock New Year's morning.

As I had several hours to wait, I took the street car to Lookout Mountain, and spent the time in interesting and profitable sight seeing. Here was fought some of the battles of the great Rebellion, and on every hand are yet seen mementoes of the "late unpleasantness." The mountain is a national preserve, and is daily visited by strangers from many lands. The view of the city and surrounding country from the top of Lookout is certainly beautiful. It is distressing to think that this beautiful spot was ever used for other than peaceable purposes. Many beautiful houses are now built, or in course of erection, on the summit. Not the least interesting of the many things to notice is the railroad running from bottom to top of the mountain. Unlike some others I have seen, it does not turn and twist back and forth, but takes the hill "in a heap" as it were, running in a straight line from bottom to top. The car is not driven by electricity, but is pulled by a cable, and the motive power is a huge Corliss engine at the top of the mountain. The last third of the journey upward is made at an angle of about sixty degrees, which means that to the rider the

road bed seems to be standing on end. One looks out at the rear of the car, and feels that he would like to be sure that the cable will hold. Some such thought must have inspired one of our passengers to ask the colored guide if there were any patent brakes on the car. "No sah", said the guide. "Well, where would we go then if the cable should break?" "Dat depends on how you bin libin, boss." Passenger breathes a sigh of relief as we stop at the top.

As I looked over the beautiful scene spread out below, I thought of Moses at the top of Nebo, and with what earnestness he viewed the promised land. Then, weary centuries stretched between him and the realization of his desire. Now, soon, very soon, the promised land will be entered by all the people of God. Then Moses and Abraham, and all the long list of ancient worthies, will come home; but not without us shall they be made perfect.

I arrived at Nashville January 3. The Union Conference opened the 4th. The delegates from North Carolina were B. A. Rogers, M. H. Johnston, H. G. Miller, and the writer. The meeting was one of interest, profit and hard work. Some days were allotted to special order business. The most important of these were as follows: Sunday, the 7th, Graysville School; Monday, the 8th, Nashville Publishing House;

Tuesday, the 9th, Atlanta Sanitarium; Wednesday, the 10th, Oakwood School; Thursday, the 11th, Southern Missionary Society; Friday, the 12th, Nashville Sanitarium. Many important plans were discussed. Space forbids any extensive notice here. Elder George I. Butler was elected President of the Union Conference, to the satisfaction of nearly all. The Southern Publishing Association will soon move to their new home in the suburbs.

The conference closed Sunday, the 14th, with an excellent testimony meeting in the chapel of the Publishing House. As I returned homeward I called at Graysville, and succeeded in getting a teacher for our work in Asheville. Sister Phynia Smith, one of the students at the Training School, consented to come and take up the work with us. She comes highly recommended by Prof. Tenney, and I feel sure that she will do a good work at Asheville. This is a most important work,—that of training our children for the soon coming kingdom. Let us give ourselves no rest till much more is accomplished. To every teacher I would say, Be of good cheer. Do not expect to see all of the results at once. Sow by the "all waters" and wait the results. After an absence of some weeks, I am now at home for a few days. I hope to be able to get out to canvass some in the near future.

T. H. J.

**THE CANVASSING WORK**

Are you preparing to have a part in it? What? I'm not a canvasser, did you say? Well then, if not why not? I am sure God is calling some of our people in this conference to the canvassing work. So sure are we of this that we have appointed a canvassers' institute, to be held at Archdale in March. We certainly hope that this appointment shall not be in vain. For the date and other information see the article by our State Agent, in another column. Begin at once to plan to attend. We hope and expect that it will be the most profitable institute ever held in our conference. To all who have a mind to work a cordial invitation is given.

T. H. J.

**HICKORY SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.**

Sunday, January 21, the Hickory Sabbath school met together for their convention. There were twenty present including the children. The following program was carried out:

SONG: "Sabbath Home."

PRAYER.

PAPER: "The Daily Study of the Sabbath-School Lesson."

QUARTET: "Close, Close to Thee."

PAPER: "How to Conduct Reviews."

SOLO AND CHORUS: "On Higher Ground."

RECITATION: "Are All the Children In?"

DUET: "The Master's Garden."

PAPER: "The Responsibilities of Individual Members."

SONG: "Shall We Be There?"

The Hildberan school had been expected to meet with us, but owing to circumstances they were not permitted to do so. As the hour for opening passed and they

did not arrive, a feeling of disappointment filled our hearts, but the Lord was good, and surely gave a double portion of his blessed Spirit. The papers were excellent, and there was a spirit of freedom in the discussion. Many good, practical thoughts were expressed, precious gems of truth in new settings. I feel confident that throughout the coming year the Hickory Sabbath school will demonstrate that this canvassing was truly a success.

MRS. EMMA. B. ROGERS.

**HILDEBRAN**

The school here has been in progress nine weeks. We opened with an enrollment of seventeen, which has increased to twenty-six. The attendance has been regular and the interest good. The older ones enjoy a Christian experience, and are planning for service in the Lord's vineyard. Believing that the best lessons are learned by practical experience, six of the students spent a few hours canvassing at Connelly Springs. We sold three "Object Lessons" and four "Best Stories", and distributed about one hundred tracts. All came back pleased with the experience, and we are planning to go again. We were hoping to see more accomplished this year, but trust the work done may bear some seed.

The change of climate has been very agreeable to us, and a Christmas day on which could be seen growing wheat and muddy roads is quite different from the snow-bound north. The knowledge that we are following the leading of the Spirit of God, and are now in the needy field of duty, makes toil a pleasure, and fills us with hope.

When we for a moment consider the needs of the field, and the openings for our young people in the different departments of our work, no one can say that we are doing too much in preparing them to fill these places of trust. If we would stand clear in the Judgment, we must as a church do more than we have been doing along these lines.

J. W. BEACH.

**COVE CREEK**

Sister Crawford in her report of their work at Cove Creek writes that two who have moved away are keeping the Sabbath. Three men have given up their tobacco, and many other changes for the better have taken place. In a recent letter Bro. Crawford writes that there are about forty pupils in attendance at the school. Not one of these are Christians, and few of their parents profess to be. In that school the Bible is one of the most interesting studies of the day; and often visitors show their interest in this Bible lesson by coming in and remaining through the recitation. No public school readers are used, but all pupils read from some of our books, Bro. Crawford furnishing the readers unless the pupils wish to buy.

Bro. and Sister Crawford are conducting a Sunday school with an average attendance of twenty-five. I had the privilege of visiting the Sunday school, and can say that I know that a good work is being done, and that the Lord will give his faithful workers a harvest of souls as pay for their service for him.

MRS. EMMA. B. ROGERS.

NEW HOPE

It has now been a month since we reached our rural home, surrounded by kind neighbors and the tall pines. I find the woods a good place to seek the Lord, and a missionary field among our neighbors,—visiting the sick, and teaching some how to make light bread and healthful dishes. The family with whom we live have had four Bible lessons. Last evening eleven were present. One neighbor told me she was troubled over the Sabbath question. I have distributed a number of periodicals, and could make use of more if I had them.

MRS. MOLLIE R. MILLER.

HICKORY MISSION SCHOOL.

The Hickory school began Oct. 9 with three pupils. Thirteen were present the next Monday. The average attendance for the three months past was seventeen. At the present time another school house is nearing completion not far away. This lessens the attendance.

It has been a blessed privilege to drop seeds of truth into young minds. While only a few have attended long at a time at this school, many have had its opportunities for a few weeks. The enrollment this term is thirty-eight. Those regular in attendance are learning. A good spirit has prevailed. All have a part in Bible lessons, and take an interest in them.

BURTON CHURCH.

THE CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

On page 64 of "Manual for Canvassers" we read: "Educate, educate, educate young men and women to sell the books which

God by His Holy Spirit has stirred his servants to write." Again on page 16, "The canvasser should make thorough preparation," etc.

Now, my brethren and sisters, do we not all feel the lack of this thorough preparation for the work? What, then, is our duty and privilege? Is it not to avail ourselves of every opportunity offered for such instruction and education as will better fit us for the Master's service? A number have expressed their desire to enter the canvassing work, yet feel their need of preparation. To supply the need of all such we will hold a canvassers' school of three weeks at Archdale, N. C., beginning March 7, 1906.

Who shall attend?—All who have a mind to enter the work. We shall have studies in the Bible, our subscription books, health principles, and sacred music each day. There will also be periods for silent study each day, and occasionally opportunities for canvassers' experience meetings. The prospects and advantages for a good school are even better than last year. There ought to be an attendance of forty. Who will respond to the Lord's call, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isa. 6:8. Those coming should bring books, bedding, and towels.

A few words to those who cannot come or go out in the work. Our school will cost something. I believe you all want a part in meeting the expenses and needs. We ask your hearty co-operation. We remember with pleasure the liberalities of the brethren and sisters last year. The Lord has blessed the means you gave. I trust that your interest has not

waned, and that your liberalities will not slacken.

All cash donations should be sent to our Conference Secretary, Jessie V. Bosworth, Hickory, N. C. This invitation we heartily extend to friends outside our conference. Those who wish may help in the good work by sending provisions. Fruit, vegetables, beans, peas, etc. will be thankfully received. Do not forget to pray for our school, and that the Lord will raise up consecrated laborers for this needy field.

H. G. MILLER, *State Agent.*  
New Hope, N. C.

OBITUARY.

Charles W. Johnson, aged 25 years, a cousin of Elder J. O. and Bro. M. H. Johnston, died at Eufola, N. C., Jan. 17, at the home of Elder Johnston.

He had been having trouble with his lungs for some years, and last August came from his home in Dakota to N. C., hoping to receive benefit from this warmer climate. For a time he improved, but when the damp winter weather came on he grew worse. In response to a telegram, his father, Bro. J. M. Johnston, started south to see him, but did not arrive till after Charley's death. He was present at the funeral service, which was conducted by Prof. J. W. Beach.

TITHE RECEIPTS

For January, 1905.

Archdale . . . . .	\$35.75
Eufola . . . . .	2.80
Greensboro No. 1. . . . .	2.50
Hildebran . . . . .	34.24
Hickory . . . . .	27.14
Newbern . . . . .	14.00
Norwood . . . . .	2.20
Salisbury . . . . .	3.00
Valle Cruces . . . . .	4.57
Waynesville . . . . .	11.75
Wilmington . . . . .	2.40
Individual . . . . .	47.42
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JESSIE V. BOSWORTH, *Treasurer.*

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**VOLUME 2, NUMBER 12.**

This issue of the MESSENGER completes its second volume. The publishers are very grateful for the assistance of those who have been its friends and supporters from the beginning. Will all such please consider this blue cross as a token of appreciation as well as an invitation to renew? We desire and greatly need the continued co-operation of all.

**NEWS AND NOTES**

Bro. J. H. Wheeler, of Newton, has secured the services of Sister Rainwater, of Atlanta, Georgia, as a teacher in his family.

Elder T. H. Jeys made a short stay at Hildebran and Hickory, on his return trip from the Nashville meeting, calling a council of the Executive Committee.

Sister Edith A. Godley writes from Newbern: "The Week of Prayer was a great refreshing to us. The Spirit of the Lord was manifest at every meeting... We rejoiced as we were led to see the hand of God leading his people safely through every difficulty to certain victory. The members seem to be firm and unshaken in the truth. Two have been added to the church this quarter... I am in the work to stay." As an evidence of her fidelity she orders a supply of the special *Watchman* and a package of the "Signs Leaflets."

Sister W. L. Killen was greatly benefited by her stay at the Nashville Sanitarium, and is making rapid recovery since returning home. Bro. Killen, who was "both father and mother" for a while, is now able to get out and do some canvassing, and is expecting to put in full time as soon as circumstances will permit.

The clerk of the Archdale church reports an increase in membership of nineteen, since September 30, 1905. In writing of the last quarterly meeting she says: "We had a glorious meeting. Victory was the watchword. We have appointed a Building Committee, to consider the question of a house of worship."

Eld. H. R. Shelton, for some time engaged in the work among his people at Wilmington, went from there to Newbern, where he spent the Week of Prayer. He is now at Winston-Salem.

Eld. D. T. Shireman left Hildebran January 28 for New York City, expecting to make a short stop at Asheville. He goes in the interests of the mission school work.

**THE BLUE MARK**

is still in requisition. We wish it were not so. We wish most sincerely that it were possible to publish our little paper without money and without price. But, sad to say, our printer insists on being paid. Hence the blue mark. Don't get offended. If you don't like to have a blue mark on your paper, just send us the 25 cents for your subscription, and the ugly cross will not appear on your paper for a whole year. And now, while we are on the subject, don't put it off till tomorrow; do it to-day. Of course you intend to send the money, but do it. And by the way, can't you send in another subscription with your own? Try it.

T. H. J.

**SHALL OUR YOUTH GO TO BATTLE CREEK?**

Much instruction has come from the pen of Sister White recently regarding the dangers of sending our young people to Battle Creek to obtain an education. The most important of this has been printed in a neat pamphlet of 64 pages, entitled "Testimonies to the Church, Series B, No. 6". Price 5 cents. Order of the North Carolina Conference, Hickory, N. C.

**CANVASSERS' REPORT**

(For December, 1905.)

Names	Book.	Hours	Value Ord.	Value Del.
Oscar Steed	ckbs	96	\$ 13.00	\$ 33.25
A. E. Brensinger	ck	86	12.00	65.60
Bessie "	ckbs	86	6.00	27.50
H. G. Miller	ck	50		21.00
R. T. Underwood	ck	92	51.00	49.50
R. L. "	ck	83	35.00	17.50
N. P. Nelson	ckbs	90	65.50	2.00
R. H. Mathe	ck	21	6.00	6.00
Total		604	\$188.50	\$222.35

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