

The North Carolina Messenger

"THERE SHALL BE DELAY NO LONGER"

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When the world seems full of evil,
Lurking near on every hand;
When I find my strength too feeble
Its temptations to withstand,—
Then Thy strength becomes sufficient,
As to thee my weak faith clings,
And I'm kept in perfect safety
'Neath the shadow of Thy wings.
—Selected.

DO YOU PAY AN HONEST TITHE?

Don't be offended, brother. No offence is intended. It is the duty of the messenger to cry aloud and spare not. I feel certain that there are many of our dear people who are losing the blessing that comes with obedience. They would not be found guilty of taking the time that belongs to God. But they feel no burden to return to God the tithe that has been just as plainly reserved as his. No consideration of expediency, or poverty, or debts, or any other question should be permitted to interfere with the faithful payment of our obligations to God.

Some reason that they are in debt. But does the man who is in debt therefore refuse to pay his rent? Our first debt is to God. He is the giver of all that we have. He has promised a rich blessing contingent on a faithful return to him of the tithe. Instead of reasoning that I cannot afford to pay my tithe I should rather consider that I cannot afford not to do so. Brother, are you paying an honest tithe? The people of God are everywhere wheeling into line for the last great conflict. They are coming up on all these matters. In the final struggle there will be found a remnant who will be without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. They will be faithful on all points. Some have said that the tithe is not properly used. This is a complaint as old as the history of organized effort. But even supposing this to be true, is it not better to discharge well our duty, regardless of what others may not do? If conference

officers prove unfaithful to the trust, will it help matters if we prove unfaithful also? If the conference president misapplies the tithe, or if the conference committee do not exercise good judgment, shall we complicate matters by doing the same thing? Surely, if I take the tithe, that belongs not to me, the guilt is on me and not on the ones I have blamed.

The fact is that those who are seeing the faults of others too much are usually the ones who are proving derelict of duty themselves. When we come to consider that we are not our own, that we are bought with a price, we shall not be so careless of the things that belong to our peace. Let us be faithful, brethren. The battle will soon be over. The war will soon be everlastingly won. Our Captain calls for service, not simply nominal, but actual, real, living, active, energetic, diligent, faithful labor. He calls for every one to pay his tithe faithfully.

T. H. J.

WARNING.

A large part of the trouble that besets the people of earth comes to them because of a persistent refusal to be warned of impending danger. The only reason that the Lord has for the sending of his messages to the children of men is that they may be warned, turn from their evil way, and live. He has graciously given us, his erring, fallible children, a part to act with him in extending the warning cry. And so he has said, "Cry aloud, spare not.,., Show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." The special warning for this time is the third angel's message, which warns against the worship of the beast or his image. One of the most important phases of this message is the religious liberty work.

A definite advance step has lately been taken in the publication of the

new magazine, *Liberty*. It is earnestly hoped that it will be the means of warn- thousands concerning the dangers lurking in religious legislation. But in order that it may be able to accomplish its mission, it must be placed in the hands of the people. This can be done by those who know and appreciate the value of the principles of religious liberty. The North Carolina Conference has ordered a supply of the magazines for distribution. They can be had at two and one-half cents each. Hundreds should be used. In no way known to the writer can the great truths on this subject be more cheaply and satisfactorily set forth. I hope all of our churches will avail themselves of this opportunity of working for the Master. It is also desired that subscriptions shall be solicited. The price of the magazine is 25 cents per year. This will include the extras that may be issued from time to time. Order from the North Carolina Conference, Hickory, N. C.

T. H. J.

THE MIND OF CHRIST.

In Phil 2:5 we find these words: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." But in order to have the mind of Christ we must see what kind of mind he had, what he did, how he lived. We need to study every act of his life. We should note carefully what Christ did not do.

Jesus had a mind to work. John 5:17. For three years he labored laying the foundation of the kingdom among men. He gave all his existence to the carrying out of God's eternal purpose. Eph. 3:11. O, that we had the mind of Jesus. How quickly then this message would go to every people. "He shall not fail nor be discouraged." Isa. 42:4. He was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin; he did not fail. He trusted in the power of God. John 5:30. O, that we might feel our nothingness without

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God. Believing in him we can do all things. He prayed for all. John 11:20. We should pray more. What does Samuel say about this? 1 Sam. 12:23. Jesus never gave up God's work to engage in something else. Luke 19:10; Matt. 7:29. He taught as one having authority. Luke 4:18. Let us note the secret of his success. Isa. 11:1-3. "The Spirit of Jehovah is upon me." May we cry out each day for the Spirit of the living God. The world's greatest need is a Spirit filled church. The greatest need of the church is to be filled with the Spirit. Jesus went everywhere preaching the gospel. He tells us to go. He would have us all do something, but we must first be something. In order to be something, we must have something. Please read Acts 1:8. We often hear people say, "He has lost his mind." Let us lose our minds, and have the mind of Christ.

J. S. KILLEN, *Tacoma, D. C.*

ARCHDALE.

A goodly portion of my time through the month of March has been spent at the Canvassers' Institute at Archdale. The attendance was not large, but a good interest was manifested by those who were present, to thoroughly prepare for more efficient service in this important branch of the cause. Bro. H. G. Miller, our state agent, and the writer conducted the classes during the day. Bro. W. L. Killen gave most excellent instruction at night on the general principles of the missionary evangelist's work. All were much interested in his practical studies. Our brethren in different parts have responded liberally in sending provisions, etc. We could but wish that they had been more liberal in sending their sons and daughters or coming themselves to get the benefits to be had, and then go out into the great harvest field to gather sheaves. We do not feel to complain nor criticize any one. The time to work will soon be past, and some will have neglected the opportunities that present themselves. Let us search our own hearts to see if the cares of life or the deceitfulness of riches are taking hold upon us.

Our Archdale brethren are putting forth a laudable effort to build a house

of worship. Already the frame is up and enclosed; and by the time these lines are read, the roof will be on and the floor laid. Their policy is, "Pay as you go;" and so when the building is done it will be clear of debt. The trial of Bro. Woodall for Sunday labor has been indefinitely postponed by the magistrate. Instead of being discouraged, the church is taking this opportunity while the interest is stirred, to circulate the literature that will enlighten the people on this subject. Fifty copies of "Liberty" were ordered, and will be distributed, also the R. L. Library tracts.

March 25 I went to Hildebran to attend a meeting of the Conference Committee. Returning on the 26th, I came to Spero, and shall be here for a few days looking after home duties.

T. H. J.

WILMINGTON.

The work here is still onward. The Spirit of God is working upon the hearts of some honest souls. A local preacher and his wife are about ready to obey the truth. By invitation from the minister, I occupied the 3 P. M. hour for service at the M. E. church one mile from the city. The message made a deep impression. At the close of the meeting the minister stated that he had learned some things that he hoped would remain with him as long as he lived, and he hoped I would come again. He also stated that I was selling some good books, which were good for the minister as well as the people, and that he wanted one or more of them, and advised his people to buy. Souls are hungry for the living truth. An old lady came to me after the service, and said that she was thirteen years old when the stars fell. She said, "You have opened up some things that I never heard before, and I know they are so. Come back, come back, we want you to open up the Scriptures to us.

Do these same truths which were once so precious to us, still stir our hearts? Are they sweet to our taste? Do we love them as of old? Would it not be well for our own people to study these books more diligently, in which others find so much truth and information? If we would do this, would we

not become so interested in the message for this time that, constrained by the power contained in this message, we would go forth to proclaim it to others?

I never sold a book so easy to sell as "Story of the Sear of Patmos." I don't pretend to canvass, but carry the book with me, and usually it takes only a few minutes to get an order. May God help us to labor more faithfully, and to hasten to finish the work, is my prayer.

W. H. ARMSTRONG.

EUFOLA.

We left South Dakota last November, after bidding farewell to the dear old Ellsworth church (which was organized about nineteen years ago), and came to North Carolina. This step was taken in harmony with our conscience in the matter, and at the invitation of Eld. J. O. Johnston and his relatives, whom we knew in South Dakota. We have found the situation more agreeable than we had expected, as the disagreeable things about the country had been told us, and those more favorable left, it seems, to speak for themselves.

Our purpose in coming was to help in the school enterprise here at Eufola, while farming "to pay expenses." We thought that in a country where the people pride themselves upon their zeal in enforcing the mark of the beast, their first need must be education. Our school closed earlier than was expected, on account of the sickness of the teacher of the larger scholars. We are now able to resume our usual duties, and can truly say that the Lord is good.

S. L. STAFFORD.

THE HILDEBRAN ACADEMY.

Our first term of school closed March 16 in the advanced grades. The classes in the primary room will continue five weeks longer, making the term six months.

We are pushing the work on the farm. All the available land is being carefully prepared for crops, by deep plowing, harrowing, and removing stones and stumps. A wire fence has taken the place of the old rails around the pasture, which has also been enlarged. The orchards are treated with the pruning knife and saw, and the vines placed

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on trellaces. We pray God's blessing daily, to help us to recognize this as a part of his work, and aid us to do it in faith, even as we have done our work in the school room.

School will begin earlier next year. Preparations will be made to accommodate a few more students. The Lord is to be praised for his blessings. We are of good courage. J. W. BEACH.

CANVASSING IN WILMINGTON.

It has been almost two months since I came to this city to canvass. I will endeavor to give a short report of what the Lord has accomplished through my labors. I have always been of the opinion that our agents should canvass for such books as will give the people the most points of the message which God has called us to carry to the world, and so have engaged mainly in the sale of "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," one of the grandest books ever written. But from some cause I was not having the same success as formerly, so decided to use "Story of the Seer of Patmos," which while not so extensive a work as the other, is more simple and attractive. I feel that the Lord has greatly blessed my efforts to get this book into the homes of the people, and I never had better success in my work. I do hope to see some Sabbath keepers as a result of the work done in this city; for surely the Lord has some precious souls in Wilmington.

Since coming here I have taken about \$325.00 worth of orders. In view of this, I am encouraged to say that the Lord has been with me; and I pray that he may send forth more laborers into the harvest field. W. E. LANIER.

FROM THE CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE.

H. G. MILLER: Our attendance was not as large as expected, but a good interest has been taken in all the studies. We have had six classes each day. The church here, as well as the students, took a special interest in the instruction on methods and principles of canvassing. Personally I have received much good, and feel that I am better prepared to do faithful work. I wish

to thank the dear brethren and sisters of the different churches for their kind and liberal support. An itemized statement of the donations will be given in the next MESSENGER.

M. G. CREASEY: Our Canvassers' Institute, conducted March 7 to 17, has been a profitable occasion. Both teachers and students have been very diligent in all their duties. We would especially mention the untiring efforts of Sister Moorehead in preparing good food promptly at the time appointed. We feel that the effort put forth to prepare for better work in the canvassing field has been a decided success.

MRS. NANNIE PAUL: To say that we have enjoyed the Canvassers' Institute is but faintly to express our appreciation. It has certainly been as a school of the prophets. The Lord by his Spirit has come in to improve, to comfort, and to bless. We are indeed thankful for the opportunity of attending. God is good; his mercy endureth forever. We trust that many souls now in darkness may receive light as one of the many results for good accruing therefrom.

M. P. WOODALL: I have appreciated the privilege of attending the Institute, and wish to profit by the many good lessons from the word of God. I also believe that God can use me in his work, and I expect to be among the reapers in the broad harvest field. I want to be faithful to duty wherever I am, whether at home behind the plow or in the canvassing work. I am of good courage.

E. R. ALLEN: The Canvassers' Institute has been an all-around blessing to me. It was at a school similar to this that I made my peace with God, just eleven years ago. While here we have been conscious of the awakening of slumbering powers of mind and soul. To the good people of Archdale we owe much for our comfort.

W. HENRY GEORGE: The Canvassers' Institute is drawing to a close. I believe that all who have had the privilege of attending have been benefited. We have been convinced that the canvassing work is of great importance. As soon as I can I mean to get into this work.

MISS FLORA E. HALL: This is the first time I have had the privilege of attending a Canvassers' Institute, and I am very thankful for it. I think I enjoyed the Bible study from the "Desire of Ages" most of all, but all were so good that I can hardly make any choice. As I am a cripple, it will not be possible for me to get out to do any canvassing, but I want to do what I can here.

R. H. MATHE: We have had many rich experiences here, and I can truly say that I have received much practical benefit. The spirit of Jesus was manifested in a marked manner by both instructors and students.

FRANK PAUL: Although I have not attended the Institute regularly, I can say that I have enjoyed the few meetings when present. The presence of the Lord was manifest, and doubtless much good will result.

FLORENCE DUREPO: This is the first Canvassers' Institute I have ever attended. I know it will help me in my every day life. It will help me to be a better worker for Christ.

O. R. STEED: I have learned a great deal since coming to the Institute, and also enjoyed being with the good brethren and sisters of Archdale. This is a working church.

WILL L. KILLEN: Jesus said, "A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things." We are receiving to give.

LYDIA MOOREHEAD: I never enjoyed myself better than while here. The Lord is with us.

CANVASSING REPORT.

For January and February.

Names	Book	Hours	Val. Ord.	Val. Deliv.
Oscar Steed	ck	157	\$40.75	\$29.00
W. E. Lanier	sp	113	168.00	4.25
W. L. Killen	ck	35	16.00	33.88
H. G. Miller	ck	244	94.75	22.25
M. M. Ward	ck	14	5.50	
Jane Hunely	bs	71		9.25
Lydia Moorehead	ckbs	110		18.75
T. H. Jeys	dr			11.50
Mattie Reynolds		24	2.25	

Total - - - 768 \$327.25 \$128.88

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NEWS AND NOTES.

We are able to report a school at
 Lilesville, recently begun with Sister
 E. R. Allen as teacher.

Eld. D. T. Shireman has returned
 from New York City, and his address
 is again Toluca, N. C., Via. Cleveland
 Mills.

Eld. T. H. Jeys and Bro. M. G.
 Creasey, returning from the Conference
 Committee meeting at Hildebran, called
 at the office on the morning of the 26th.

Since our last issue Eld. H. R. Shelton
 has been holding meetings at Greens-
 boro, Reidsville, and Winston-Salem.
 He is now at Greensboro, and expects
 to go from there to Newbern.

Encouraging reports come from the
 school near Asheville. Beginning as a
 family school in the home of Bro. T. T.
 Stepp, the teacher, Miss Phynia Smith,
 now reports an enrollment of thirteen.

The April number of the *Life Boat* is
 a special Prisoners' Number, and it is
 desired that it shall have a circulation
 in all our local prisons and jails in the
 United States. Besides a number of
 very helpful articles by prominent
 writers, it contains encouraging and in-
 teresting accounts of the miracles of
 of grace God is working upon the hearts
 of men everywhere who are willing to
 receive the gospel for this time. It
 will be furnished in any quantity up
 to one hundred at 2½ cents each, and
 at 2 cents each for one hundred or more.
 Here is another opportunity for our
 missionary workers, especially the
 young people, to help lift the fallen
 and point souls to Jesus.

We are pleased to note the arrival
 in Hickory, on the morning of March 8,
 of Miss Alice Kendall, from Illinois. On
 the same day at 3 P. M. a company of
 near relatives and friends assembled at
 our little chapel to witness the cere-
 mony, with Eld. Albert Carey officiat-
 ing, which united her in marriage to
 Bro. Burton Church. We wish for
 them increased happiness and useful-
 ness as they unite in loyal service for
 the Master.

Bro. John H. Allran writes from
 Faber, Virginia: "I enclose twenty-
 five cents for another year's subscrip-
 tion to the MESSENGER. It is worth
 ten times that price to me. Seems as
 though I had received a letter from my
 old friends when it comes. My courage
 is good. I expect to spend the summer
 here in the canvassing field. Pray for
 me and the work here."

Since our last issue the office of the
 North Carolina Conference has been
 moved to larger quarters. In connec-
 tion therewith we still have a branch
 office of the Southern Publishing As-
 sociation, with quite a complete stock
 of books on hand. Address orders to
 North Carolina Conference, Hickory,
 N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.

The publishers announce that the first
 number of the new magazine entitled
Liberty will soon be ready to send out.
 For particulars see the article by Eld.
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 munication in our Conference, and all
 the brethren and sisters who are in-
 terested in our work should have it.
 With the help of our contributors, we
 hope to fill its pages with that which
 will be of interest and profit to
 our readers.

ANNUAL OFFERINGS

Archdale	\$6.86
Catawba	1.87
Charlotte	5.10
Eufola	11.00
Greensboro	1.10
Hickory	6.45
Hildebran	68.07
Norwood	3.20
Newbern	1.01
Salisbury	2.75
ValleCruces	1.13
Winston-Salem	11.87
Wilmington	5.62
Waynesville	3.50
Individual30
Total	\$129.83

Tithe Receipts for March, 1906.

Archdale	\$24.65
Eufola	10.67
Greensboro No. 1	3.00
Greensboro No. 2	7.00
Hildebran	65.66
Hickory	7.50
Norwood	6.62
Salisbury Co.	19.70
Wilmington	12.35
Waynesville	10.35
Individuals	1.78
Total	\$169.28

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