

"There Shall Be Delay No Longer."

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The Importance of Attending Our Camp-meetings.

In order that our brethren may become more fully impressed with the importance of our camp-meeting work, we present before you a few extracts from the Testimonies of God's Spirit upon this subject:--

"The Lord means that our camp-meetings shall be the most holy convocations in His special service." What then can be of more importance than the camp-meeting?

"The work of presenting the warning message to the world is a great and solemn work. The world has a right to know why we believe as we do. The camp-meetings give opportunity for giving the information they desire. This work is plainly foretold in Isaiah. See chapters 41, 42, 43, 49, 55 to 58. This is the work to be done." And the question as to our duty in attending the camp-meeting is also as plainly stated:--

"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefit of the camp-meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth.

"Some will say, 'It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed.' Do not reason this way. God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of His people. Strengthen the meeting all you can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people.

"Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will hinder you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege."

With reference to the three annual feasts in the days of Israel we are told that "With those who lived at a distance from the tabernacle, more than a month of every year must have been occupied in attendance upon these holy convocations. The Lord saw that these gatherings were necessary for the spiritual life of His people. They needed to turn away from their worldly cares, to commune with God, and to contemplate unseen realities." More than a month of time, and all the expenses besides! But you may say, We do not need to spend so much time and money now as they did then. We had better give our money for other work. The Lord answers: "If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict! And if the people of the world then needed the light which God had committed to His church, how much more do they need it now!"

Brethren and sisters, the Lord says, "Do not plead an excuse. The Lord has need of you." "Go to the camp-meeting, even though you have to make a sacrifice to do so." "Help those who are interested to attend, if necessary providing them with food and lodging." "Let the army of the Lord be on the ground to represent the work and cause of God." And let all the people say, Amen.

J. O. J.

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"Go Ye Also into My Vineyard."

"And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go

ye also into my vineyard: and whatsoever is right that shall ye receive." The fact is, I fear, that many do not believe this text, or more would show their faith by their works. If the Lord is coming in this generation, it means that God's people must get in earnest. In looking over my record of work done in our conference, I find that out of ninety-six counties only about forty-eight counties have had any work done in them by canvassers. That means just half of our conference of nearly 2,000,000 inhabitants. Now, brethren, suppose we had fifty Spirit-filled canvassers, what a grand work could be accomplished this season! We should encourage our young people to take up this much neglected work of the Lord. We call upon each one to give themselves or of their substance to help out in our coming camp-meeting and canvassers' school. We want many to enlist in this grand and glorious work. Make a sacrifice, and show your faith in the Lord's promises by making arrangements to attend our institute, in order that you may have the benefit of the instruction which will better prepare you to go out into the Lord's vineyard and help advance this fast-closing message.

Let us hear from any who have a burden for this work. Board and tent rent will be free to all who expect to enter the work at once. Our General Canvassing Agent for the Southern Union Conference will be with us; and above all we expect the presence of the dear Lord.

E. C. Rogers, State Agent.

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The Special Number of the "Watchman."

Once more we wish to call the attention of our brethren to the special number of the "Watchman" on the Second Coming of Christ. There are many reasons why we should do our utmost to circulate this paper; but the one reason above all others is that souls may be enlightened upon this all-important truth, and thus be prepared to stand when He cometh.

Brethren, let us once more prove to the world that we are in earnest to spread the Advent Message. Here is afforded us a grand opportunity to bring these truths before the world; and let this be no feeble effort that we shall make at this time, but let us with all our might scatter these pages "like the leaves of autumn."

J. O. J.

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An Encouraging Report.

Dear Readers of the MESSENGER: We write this letter to let you know that the pages of truth are being scattered in the eastern part of North Carolina. The people tell us that the winter has been so long and cold that they have no money left with which to buy books; but notwithstanding all they say, in the little town of Tarboro, through all the snow, sleet, and mud, and a number of other things, we sold about three hundred books and visited the needy. As we would go from house to house in the snow, the people would say, "You certainly must have something good." We are now in Wilson, and are having excellent success.

Pray for us.

J. S. and Minnie Killen.

April 1, 1904.

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Eufola.

Very little has been said heretofore in regard to the work here, so a brief review may be of interest. The first step to be taken in carrying out the recommendation of the conference that this place, formerly known as Rock Cut, be the headquarters of our conference, was the building of suitable dwelling houses for the secretary and president and their families. We had been living in tents, and it was a happy time when the first day of December, 1902, we moved into our houses. Later the erection of a schoolhouse was begun; and although the work did not progress as rapidly as had been hoped, on account of limited means and other hindrances, we were able to hold our first Sabbath service in the nearly completed building January 9, 1904. It is a neat structure, 24 by 36 ft.

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Notes and News.

Eld. D. T. Shireman and wife recently went to Asheville, which will be their field of labor for a time.

Elders J. O. Johnston and P. T. Wash expect to begin a two weeks' meeting at Norwood the 15th of this month.

Miss Edna Wolf, of Hildebran, is visiting at Eufola on her way to Wilmington, where she goes to engage in nursing.

Bro. Burton Church spent a few days with the friends at Eufola the first week of this month. He has been canvassing in Catawba county since the close of the school at Hickory.

Bro. E. C. Rogers, our State Canvassing Agent, went the first of the month to Wilmington to canvass. He expects to return in time for the canvassers' Institute the first of June.

A Sabbath school convention was held at Hildebran Sabbath, April 2. Bro. H. C. Miller was present to represent the Eufola Sabbath school, and reports a very interesting as well as profitable occasion.

Some of those who sent in "Acceptance Blanks" have as yet failed to remit the subscription price of the MESSENGER. We are addressing the April number to all, hoping to receive the money from all soon.

Mrs. J. O. Johnston went March 24 to Archer, Florida, to which place she was called by the serious illness of her sister Miss Edith Coulson; but owing to a delay of the train arrived a few hours too late to see her in life. Sister Johnston returned home April 7.

Bro. George Crawford, our mountain evangelist, is now at Lavinia, Haywood county, working in a saw mill for a short time. He has been invited to speak in the church at that place, and is holding night school with the crew and meetings in the schoolhouse. He expects to return to Cove Creek in July.

Notwithstanding the changed relationship between North and South Carolina since the latter has been set off as a mission field, we shall still have a special interest in the work in our sister State. A recent letter from Bro. R. T. Wash stated that they had rented a hall in Spartanburg, and expected to begin public meetings Sunday, April 2. He promises a report for the MESSENGER.

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Tithe Receipts for March, 1904.

Archdale-----	\$8.00	Salisbury-----	\$1.50
Eufola-----	13.10	Winston-Salem-----	6.30
Hickory-----	1.00	Individuals-----	7.00
Hildebran-----	57.27	Total-----	\$94.17

Jessie V. Bosworth, Treasurer.

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Donations for the Canvassers' Institute.

J. O. Johnston, \$1.00; Mrs. O. P. Atwell, \$1.00; Jessie V. Bosworth, \$1.00; Miss M. A. Johnston, one gallon canned fruit.

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papered and wainscoted inside, and the seats are so constructed as to be suitable either for church or school purposes.

For some time a series of meetings has been contemplated; but Eld. Johnston's time has been largely taken up with other duties, and the way did not seem to open for such an effort. However, the members of the church have endeavored to do what they could in visiting the people, getting acquainted with them in their homes, and distributing literature. Meetings have also been held Sunday afternoons for a time. At our afternoon meeting, Sunday, March 27, it was announced that there would be preaching every evening during the week. The attendance was small at first; but, notwithstanding the fact that this is the most busy season of the year for farmers and the smallpox has been prevalent in this vicinity, the attendance is steadily increasing until we now have good audiences. Some new faces are seen nearly every night, and a number are much interested and are studying their Bibles. The Lord is giving Eld. Johnston much freedom in presenting the word, and the fundamental truths of our message stand out so clearly that even the children can understand. To those long in the way old truths seem new, and to those who have never heard them they are a grand revelation. The most respectful attention is given in all the services, and we are encouraged to believe that a good work may be accomplished here. J. V. B.

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Statesville.

I find the people here kind and courteous. I have worked fourteen days, and have made appointments for readings with six families, and hear of others. The Lord has opened the way for me to hold fourteen readings, sell thirty "Watchman", distribute thirty-four other papers, and sell 1261 pages tracts and books, and loan and give away several pages. A Sabbath-school of five members has been organized. We have ordered 100 copies special "Watchman" to be sold by the members of the Sabbath-school. A teacher (Presbyterian) in the mountains wrote me of her needs, and in less than three days, through the co-operation of the public school teachers and children, one hundred school books, forty-two garments, a supply of pens, pencils, blotters, and thirty-five cents to pay the freight were received, also twelve tablets and eighteen pencils donated by druggists. All were clean and good, and are just such as can be used in the school. The givers were happy, and I am sure the receivers will be also. This teacher is planning to attend one of our camp-meetings. I am well, and of good courage in the work.

April 3, 1904.

Mollie R. Long.

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Concerning the work in the above place we quote from a letter received from Eld. Armstrong, dated March 27: "I do not know as I have ever in my experience seen so much of an interest in so short a time as I have here. I am putting out my little tracts, which are well received, and am selling some other literature. Bro. Robert Underwood seems to be having splendid success in the canvassing work. Up to date his orders amount to \$188.50. Pray for the work here."

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The MESSENGER a Welcome Visitor.

To show how the MESSENGER is being received, we quote a few expressions from recent letters:--

"We have received the MESSENGER, and have just finished reading it, and enjoyed its message very much." "Good! Let the MESSENGER come. It is just what we need in order to keep in touch with the work." "I enjoyed reading it very much." "I am well pleased with it, and believe it will be a benefit to us all." "I was glad to get a paper published in our own State; for I am the only Sabbath-keeper in this place." "It seemed very much like a letter from home. You may continue sending it." "I was glad to get the first number of this little paper, and hope its usefulness may rapidly grow."