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The Statesville Camp-meeting and Canvassers' Institute.

It has just been decided by the Conference Committee to call the annual meeting of the North Carolina Conference to meet at Statesville July 1, and that our annual camp-meeting be held at the same time and place.

The reasons for this change are two-fold. First, our working force in this conference is entirely inadequate to properly conduct two camp-meetings this season. It will require a most earnest effort on the part of our present working force to follow up the interests already started, and for us to undertake a second meeting after the work is started at Statesville would defeat the very object for which our camp-meetings are held. Second, Our present camp-meeting fund will no more than meet the expenses of our work at Statesville. Aside from this, the canvassers' institute, which will be held prior to the camp-meeting, will require funds for its support. The Conference has promised to board the canvassers free during the institute, and in order that this may be done we ask our brethren and sisters to send in donations of both food stuffs and money. Otherwise we shall be obliged to use the means we have on hand, to meet this expense.

Our conference laborers have not been receiving an average of more than \$12.00 per month since the first of January, or about \$3.00 per week; and how much longer they can continue in the work without adequate support is a question, and one that should be earnestly considered by our people. We have faithful laborers in this conference, dear brethren; and month after month they have been working hard in the cause of God and their just amount of wages has not been paid to them because it was not in the treasury. Is it not time for us to look over our accounts, and see if we are paying a full tithe into the Lord's storehouse?

It is true that times are hard, and that there is a general financial depression among our people; but if we will only be faithful now when the days look dark, if we will not allow our faith to become weak, but will press the battle to the gates, we can take an active part in the victor's song when the Lord sees fit to lift the heavy burdens which are now pressing upon us. The Lord has spoken good words of cheer to those who are laboring in the South. He has promised certain victory to those who remain faithful.

Dear brethren, pray for the coming camp-meeting. Pray that the Lord will give grace and strength to His ministers, that with all boldness they may preach the word, and give them favor before the people. This is the time of the latter rain. O, let us pray that the Lord will pour out His Spirit upon us, and make us fit instruments to do His will.

J. O. Johnston,

President North Carolina Conference.

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A Workers' Meeting.

A workers' meeting of one week will be held, beginning June 1, to prepare the grounds, pitch the tents, and make the camp ready for the feast. We invite our canvassers to come early, and give their strength to this work.

All will expected to provide themselves with plenty of bedding. If you can do so, bring a light cotton mattress, as it will not likely be possible to secure straw. There will be plenty of hay in the bale, but it will be expensive. Tents will be furnished free during the institute, and for the camp-meeting will rent at the usual rates.

J. O. J.

## The Canvassing Work and Workers.

All our people are, or should be, interested in the canvassing work, and in what is being accomplished in this branch of the work in our own conference. While we may not see as much fruit from the sale of our publications as we would like to see, yet God says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." So the harvest time is coming. We now have in the field Bro. J. S. Killen and wife, at Wilson; Bro. A. Ford and wife, Henderson; Robert Underwood, Newberne; J. E. Leightin, Asheville; Burton Church, Catawba Co.; H. G. Miller, Iredell Co., and the writer at Wilmington. So the seeds of truth are being planted in different parts of our good State, and we hope and pray for new recruits after our institute.

Now we are aware that there are many calls for donations with which to carry on the message of the third angel, and as we near the end the calls will be more and more frequent. The Lord wants those of willing hearts to give as they can, and we trust that all our people will respond as liberally as possible to the call which has been made for supplies for our coming institute. In the Tennessee River Conference, when a like call was made, the people responded most generously; and we feel sure that the good people of our conference are just as willing as they to help care for the temporal wants of our workers who are at the front of the battle. We know that the Lord will bless all who respond to this call. Remember that all donations are to be sent to the North Carolina Conference, Flotts, N. C. until May 27; then address Statesville.

Ed C. Rogers, State Agent.

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## Notes from the Sanitarium.

The Sanitarium is now ready for patients, although much still remains to be done before everything is complete. Our bathroom fixtures have been ordered, and we will place them as soon as received. Our gas engine is here, and we hope to have it installed in a few weeks. A portable oven with capacity for ninety loaves of bread has been donated by Eld. D. T. Shireman. We hope to be able to produce most of the foods needed for the use of the Sanitarium, and may be able to furnish some to our brethren throughout the State.

Are there not some of our young men and women who feel that the Lord has called them to the medical missionary work? If so, we would like to correspond with them. There are many opportunities for holding up the light in this line of work. The sick we have always among us. A knowledge of health principles is very essential at this time, not only for our own safety, but that we may minister to others.

M. H. Johnston, Business Manager.

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## The Hildebran Academy.

On the 3d day of May full arrangements were entered into for the transfer of the Hildebran school property to The Southern Educational Company, the legal body of this conference. This action will mark an epoch in the history of our work, and means a long step ahead in the prosperity of our cause. This matter will be fully brought to our attention at the camp-meeting. The school will hereafter be known as the Hildebran Academy.

J. O. J.

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## Our Young People's Work.

A manual on young people's work has just been issued by the Sabbath-school Department of the General Conference, which we hope will be carefully read by every Seventh-day Adventist in our conference, whether young or old; and we hope that our young people will come to the front, and take hold of this work with a renewed determination to make it a success. For further information please correspond with the Secretary of the Department, Mrs. Emma B. Rogers, Hildebran, N. C.

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Notes and News.

The Canvassers' Institute is postponed for one week, and will begin June 8, preceded by a Workers' Meeting of one week.

Captain W. E. Carter has returned to his home at Raleigh, after an extended business trip in South Carolina and Georgia.

Sister Mollie Long, accompanied by Miss Florence Hill, of Statesville, spent Sunday and Monday, May 1 and 2, at Eufola.

The quarterly report of our Sabbath schools is unavoidably crowded out this month, but will appear in our next issue if possible.

Sister A. E. Robert, who has been engaged in Bible work at Salisbury since our camp-meeting last fall, is enjoying a needed rest at Hildebran.

Brother A. F. Harrison, General canvassing Agent of the Southern Union Conference, writes that he will be present during the Canvassers' Institute.

It is hoped that Elder and Mrs. E. W. Webster, who for a number of years were missionaries on the Island of Trinidad, will be present at the Statesville camp-meeting. Elder Webster comes to take charge of the South Carolina Mission Field.

Eld. J. O. Johnston returned to Eufola Friday, April 29, from Norwood, where he and Eld. R. T. Nash held a two weeks' meeting. Space will not permit an extended report this month; but we will say that notwithstanding the prejudice existing at the beginning of the meetings, a victory was gained for the truth. A number decided to keep the Sabbath, and some of the leading people of the place are deeply interested.

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Notice.

I am very anxious to know as nearly as can be ascertained just who are expecting to attend our Canvassers' Institute, so that the preparations may be completed as far as possible. Will all such please notify me. Also state what book you wish to study, etc. I expect to remain in Wilmington until May 30, so address me at 217 S. Second St., until that time; after that, Statesville, N. C.

Ed C. Rogers, State Agent.

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Canvassers' Report for April, 1904.

	Hours.	Value Ord.	Value Deliv.
J. S. Killen, Wilson	215	\$152.00	\$60.65
M. M. Killen, "	56	46.00	17.25
H. G. Miller, Iredell Co.	136	60.75	52.40
Burton church, Catawba Co.	152	39.65	4.70
E. C. Rogers, Wilmington		43.50	3.00
A. Ford, Weldon	69	31.00	31.00
Ida Ford, "	105	43.75	34.50
R. L. Underwood, Newberne	172	164.15	77.50
J. E. Leighton, Buncomb		18.00	
Total	955	\$598.80	\$281.00

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Snowflake Cooking Oil.

Having secured the sole agency of a pure and mechanically refined cooking oil, we offer to sell the same, free on board cars at Hickory, N. C., at the following exceptionally low rates: 5-gallon can,

\$3.75; 10-gallon can, \$7.00; special rates by the barrel. Cash with order  
Address Gaskell & Wagner, Hildebran, N.C.

The Lord hath blessed me with health and strength, and the following words have greatly cheered and encouraged me: "Angels of God attend you to the dwellings of those you visit. By visiting people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, you will win hearts. To do it you will need resolute, persevering faith, unwearrying patience, and a deep love for souls." I greatly desire that my heart may be enlarged and filled with heavenly love. Since my last report, I have worked 28 days, and can report the following: Visits, 101; calls at door, 51; Bible readings held, 37; Periodicals sold, 31, distributed, 74; pages literature sold, 401; loaned, 2103, given, 162; missionary letters written, 20; also one subscription for the "Watchman." I am finding hungry souls each day, and a goodly number are interested. If there ever was a time when we as a conference needed to seek the Lord it is now before coming to the camp-meeting. Let us see that our hearts are right before God, that the people of Statesville may know that we are the Lord's children, because we have love one to another and for them.

Mollie R. Long.

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#### From Our Church Schools.

During the spring and fall of 1903 the Lord in a wonderful manner gave the members of the Hickory church an opportunity of "gathering the children" of the town into their church school. The school opened the first Monday in October, and continued six months. There was an enrollment of sixty. Miss Mina Hildreth, of Asheville, took charge of the school, assisted by Miss Alice Kendall. Many precious seeds of truth were sown in the hearts of the children, which in time will bring forth a harvest of souls saved in the kingdom of God. What a blessed privilege to feed the lambs of the flock! Miss Kendall is now teaching a home school in Hickory, and Miss Hildreth a select school near Asheville.

The spring term of the Hildebran school opened April 11. A number of the older students desired to continue their studies during the spring, but their home duties were such that it seemed to be almost impossible. At a meeting of the church it was decided to hold school during the - afternoon, leaving the young people free to assist in the home work in the forenoon. The plan is working well. The afternoon session is from 1 o'clock to 5 o'clock. The forenoon session for the children of the primary department begins at 9 o'clock.

Mrs. R. T. Nash is teaching a home school at Waynesville.

Mrs. Emma B. Rogers,

Secretary Educational Department.

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#### Newberne.

I am of good courage in the Lord. The work here is in a prosperous condition. Thus far I have been engaged mostly in house-to-house work, but hope to secure a place for public meetings in the near future. The people are stirred. One minister said to me, "If you don't get people to obey, you certainly have stirred them up." I have been invited to hold meetings as far as thirty-five miles in the country, and in different places. We need laborers and we need means, that the work may be hastened. May God grant us both.

W. H. Armstrong,

7 Johnson St.

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#### Tithe Receipts for April, 1904.

Archdale-----	\$31.79	Hildebran-----	\$18.73
Eufola-----	3.90	Winston-Salem-----	19.81
Greensboro No.1-----	2.53	Waynesville-----	3.80
Hickory-----	25.99	Individuals-----	25.58

Total----- \$132.13

Jessie V. Bosworth, Treasurer.