

The North Carolina Messenger

"THERE SHALL BE DELAY NO LONGER"

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OVER AND OVER.

Over and over it comes to me—

The thought of Christ on the stormy sea,
In times of trouble and loss and pain,
When my heart's a ship on the wind-swept main

Over and over it comes to me—

The thought of my comrades on Galilee,
And their awe when the winds obeyed His will
As He spake and said to them, "Peace be still."

Over and over it comes to me—

Each human life has its Galilee,
And Christ is ever the Christ of old
When His "Peace be still" to the waves was told.

Over and over it comes to me—

The message of comfort from Galilee,
The voice of Christ through the storm I hear—
"Lo, it is I! There is naught to fear."

—Eben E. Rexford.

PRAYER AND MISSIONS.

The Redeemer of the world, who is the source of supplies for all true missionary enterprises, teaches the closest possible union of prayer and missions. In the experience of the early church, earnest, unceasing, prevailing prayer is represented as preceding, setting in motion, carrying forward, and consummating that glorious work that gave the gospel to all the world in that generation. Has the law of the kingdom changed? Is there now another way by which the church is to be stimulated, sent forth, and sustained in this world-wide missionary effort?

How consistent that Seventh-day Adventists, who have been raised up to give the last warning message of the gospel—the last call of mercy—to the world, should set apart a season of time each year for special prayer in behalf of this great missionary un-

dertaking. Oh, that there shall be earnest prayer indeed for the progress of this cause? The missionaries toiling in difficult, destitute, sin-cursed fields at home and in the regions afar off need the earnest, triumphant prayers of the church of Christ. The multitudes of suffering, misguided, disheartened, souls in all lands need the sympathetic, affectionate prayers of those who have found the help they need. The men who have been appointed by the church to carry the responsibilities connected with the general management of this great missionary movement, need the prayers of God's people. And the treasury of the church needs the prayers of the church. Every week of the year that treasury must send forth at least three thousand dollars to support the missionaries who are now devoting their lives entirely to this work. They have left homes, friends, and worldly vocations to give their lives wholly to missionary service. Their provision for support is their confidence in the promise of God, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; and He has arranged that His church shall be the visible support of His work. If the church will do her duty in prayer and giving, the Lord shall supply her with the means. I re-

peat—the treasury of the church needs the prayers of the church. The time and the situation to which we have come call for the earnest, importunate, heartfelt prayers of Seventh-day Adventists at this time. Let every professed believer in the third angel's message join with all his soul in the coming week of prayer services.

One magnificent feature of the week of prayer for 1904 will be the effort to raise \$80,000 in the annual offering to missions. This can easily be done, and what a burden of care and continual perplexity it will lift from many hearts. Blessed Master, breathe this assurance into the hearts of all thy children, leading them to give as thou hast prospered them, and as thy suffering cause needs at this very time.

A. G. DANIELLS.

I TIMOTHY, 3:14.

A number of letters have lately come to me saying in substance: "We are anxiously waiting for a visit. We read in the MESSENGER that we were to be visited, but the time passes and no one appears." Thus some thoughts have been suggested to my mind. First, let it be remembered that the promise to visit churches and isolated members has not been forgotten, and just as rapidly as possible it is being fulfilled. However, it can readily be seen that

it would not be wise to make haste too rapidly. Further, there may be some who are so situated that it will be impossible, in justice to our work at large, to visit it even at any time soon. Let them not feel that they are purposely slighted. Let patience be exercised; and, like Mahomet, go to the mountain if the mountain will not come to you.

Dear brethren, let us fasten on anew the armor, and forget our own grievances. The wish to meet and receive the help of the living preacher is a proper and legitimate desire; but we should also remember that primarily the work of those who know and believe the truth is to *give*, not *receive*, the gospel. "Here is the patience of the saints," is the statement of the angel. Patience is developed, not by always having every wish immediately gratified, but sometimes by waiting. In the meantime the great missionary campaign is launched. What are you doing to help swell the loud cry? Hasn't God waited a long time for you to do the work He has assigned you? Have you read the stirring appeal of Elder Daniells? Have you ordered some copies of the *Watchman* or some sets of the *Family Bible Teacher*? Are your neighbors prepared for the things that are coming upon the earth? Is your heart glowing with the love of the truth and a desire to help some one? Or are you feeling sorry for yourself because you have not been visited? Brethren, I am persuaded better things of you? I know that your

hearts are stirred by the great truths of the third angels message. Let this so continue. In our earnest endeavor for others let us forget ourselves, our gratifications, and our grievances. T. H. J.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS, NO. 2.

The Blessings of Obedience.

Temporal blessings are promised to him who faithfully lays aside his tithe. In nothing has the Lord been more explicit than in this thing. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . and *prove me now* herewith, saith the Lord of hosts." And in what are we to prove him?—"And see if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." But one may say, These are only spiritual blessings. It may be that it includes these, but the promise is more definitely stated in the next verse. "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field." Here the Lord refers directly to our crops which grow in the field; and He promises us special blessings if we will be faithful in setting aside our tithes and offerings.

But partial obedience will not bring the blessing of God. God will not accept a divided heart; and the Saviour said in His sermon on the mount, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." This principle is revealed in the payment of our tithes. The Lord's command is to bring *all* the tithes

into the storehouse; and if we only bring to Him a part of the gift, how can we expect the fullness of the blessing. And since the Lord has invited us to make a test of this matter, and to prove Him and see if His words are not true, why should we not do so with all our might and strength, and stay not until we actually see the windows of heaven opened and blessings pouring forth until there shall be no room to receive them.

The Scriptures cannot be broken; and we may rest assured that if we have not realized nor seen the blessing of God resting upon our substance, we have not complied with the conditions. The Lord has not given us the law of tithe paying as a burden that is hard to bear. The yoke of Christ is hard only to those who refuse to wear it; but to those who already have heavy burdens to carry He says, "Come unto me . . . take my yoke upon you . . . for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Are you so poor already that you feel unable to give the Lord His own in tithes and offerings? Suppose the Lord should ask you to give Him one dollar, and promise to give you back five, would you be too poor to do this? Very likely not, though you might be because you might not have it; but the Lord only asks you to give a small portion of what He has given you, and then promises to give you back many more.

Dear brethren, let us look carefully into this question, and see if we are standing just where the Lord would have us stand. In our next we will examine still closer the teaching of the Scriptures on the tithing system.

J. O. JOHNSTON.

AT HILDEBRAN.

The kindly request for a report for this issue of the MESSENGER seemed hard at first to comply with, but a few items may be of interest.

First, the missionary campaign finds the church here not entirely inactive. Several "Object Lessons" have been sold; over seven hundred copies of the *Watchman* and *Life Boat* have been taken and paid for, and the members are busy distributing them.

At the prayer meeting this evening, November 23, the matter of our school was taken up. Nothing was premeditated or planned beforehand, but somehow the following facts or figures were accepted by all as not only possible, but entirely within our realm of duty. First, that the Hildebran church take up at once the raising of the one thousand dollars due on the school January 1, 1905, among themselves. We mean to make a positive effort on this line, and hope to report the whole amount raised in the next MESSENGER. Second, what this church fails in raising of the one thousand dollars, the North Carolina Conference ought to be asked to make up; or if there is nothing to make up, let it raise another thousand for school equipment. Third, after we have done our best, and know that we have, let us ask our friends in the North to give us the one thousand dollars promised us by them, and as much more as we can get, to put our school and sanitarium both

in running order as Conference institutions of learning and healing.

Pentecost began at Jerusalem in olden times, and will again if we will let it. May the coming week of prayer be such a pentecost, because of the spirit we put into this thing, *now* the *one* thing of greatest importance before us all.

Acts 2, the text of our prayer meeting this evening, may serve us all well as the true key to rich outpourings at this time.

ALBERT CAREY.

STATESVILLE.

The time has come for us to move to a new field. The work has just begun in this place. The people are kind and friendly, and regret that we must leave. There are a number of families calling for readings. I am sure that seed has been sown in this place that will yield fruit for eternity. We can only leave it with Him who bringeth forth the increase. We need your prayers as we go to our new field. Soon the work will be finished. Our King will come and take us to that home where we shall "move no more."

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

ARCHDALE.

Dear Little MESSENGER:—

I am so glad to get you every month, and would like to talk through your columns a few moments. The Lord has greatly blessed us here. Seventeen have been added to the church since camp-meeting; twelve children have been baptized. We have

youth's meetings, which are interesting because all take part. We hold mothers' meetings Sunday afternoons, the mothers from outside our church also participating. We believe these meetings will be a great help in removing prejudice and in getting right principles before the people. Thoughts are exchanged, and each one gives experiences in training children. Methods of housekeeping are also discussed. We expect our meetings to grow in interest as our attendance increases. Pray for us.

MRS. J. CREASEY.

TO THE CANVASSERS.

Please make out your reports each week, and send them to me promptly every two weeks. Please report fully. Some have omitted the number of orders taken. Please do not omit anything, but be careful to give every item called for.

Let us be of good cheer, dear workers, and God will reward us bye and bye. Address me hereafter at Mooresville, North Carolina.

Your brother in the good work,
H. G. MILLER.

CANVASSING REPORT.

(For October, 1904.)

	Hs	Value Ord.	Value Del.	Helps.
Burton Church	62	\$1 00	\$ 6 95	\$ 2 85
Alphonso Ford	80		17 23	
J. E. Leighton	110	8 00	23 95	
H. G. Miller	93	25 00	78 40	10 00
Total	345	\$34 00	\$126 53	\$12 85

H. G. MILLER, *State Agent.*

Tithe Receipts for November, 1904.

Archdale	\$15.56
Eufola	20.78
Greensboro No. 1.	3.00
Hildebran	42.66
Hickory	25.43
Salisbury	5.25
Winston-Salem	4.22
Individuals	56.80

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NEWS AND NOTES.

Week of Prayer, Dec. 10 to 17.

Bro. R. L. Miller and family have recently moved from Hildebran to Brushey Creek, S. C.

Our canvassing force has been reduced by the departure of Bro. and Sister A. Ford for New York State, whither they were called by the sickness of a near relative.

Eld. D. T. Shireman reports a visit to the church at Valley Cruces on the second Sabbath in November, in company with Brethren E. B. Gaskell and B. A. Rogers and other Hildebran friends.

During the past month Eld. T. H. Jey's has visited the churches at Hildebran, Eufola, Greensboro No. 1 and No. 2, Winston-Salem, Salisbury and Archdale. He was with the church at Norwood Sabbath, December 3.

Brother and Sister H. G. Miller have just moved to Mooresville, about fifteen miles south of Statesville. Bro. Miller has finished his November delivery, putting over two hundred books into the homes of the people, and will now soon be busy taking orders for a Christmas delivery.

The winter term of school at Eufola opened November 14, with Mrs. Florence Spring, daughter of Eld. A. P. Heacock, of St. Joe, Mo., in charge. Sister Spring is a teacher of experience, and we are indeed thankful that through the opening providence of God she and her husband have come to assist in the work in this field.

As has been announced, the Week of Prayer Readings have been published in the *Review* this year. A copy of the paper containing these readings has been mailed to each isolated Sabbath-keeper in our conference as far as we have been able to secure their names. If any have been missed we want to hear from them. If any of our church elders or leaders have failed to receive a copy of this paper notify us at once.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES.

Miss Mattie S. Reynolds, of Greensboro, writes thus of her experience November 15: "I arose early, determined to spend the most of the day in an effort to sell some books. As I started out I felt utterly unable to do anything of myself; but the comforting words were addressed to my mental ear, 'The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong,' but all may have a part who go in the strength of the Lord. I felt that the Lord had a blessing for all who would make an effort on this special day. I exhibited the book 'Object Lessons,' to a number of people, had some very good talks, and was received with courtesy by all to whom I went, but sold only two books. The sweet reward of peace and rest that came into my soul at the close of the day much more than compensated me for all the labor and weariness. I felt that the great Master of the vineyard accepted my day's work, and paid me so much more than I had earned."

Sister Carrie Turner, of Asheville, reports six orders taken for "Object Lessons" and says: "When I started out I said, I shall be satisfied, even if I do not get a sin-

gle order, to know that I have done what the Lord wishes me to do. I rejoice in the experience He gave me. It is to do our part, and the Lord will go before us to open the way. What a privilege to be workers together with Him, and the more we do the more we shall want to do."

These are all the reports we shall have space for this month. Others have written of the blessings gained by trying, and we hope to hear from still more. And now why not repeat these experiences by setting apart one day or more each week to visit among the people and distribute our good books and papers?

WARNING.

Solomon tells us that "A prudent man forseeth the evil and hideth himself; but the simple pass on and are punished." Prov. 22:3. Circumstances constantly coming to notice move me to give a word of counsel concerning the matter of sending money through the mails. It frequently happens that it becomes necessary to send valuables from one place to another. The postal authorities have arranged a simple, cheap, and safe method of doing this. No one need lose anything in transmission if they will follow the directions. Perhaps the best method is the Postal Money Order. The cost is very slight and it is perfectly sure. Some cases where money has been sent in a common letter have come to my notice. The person who, to save the small fee required, does this, runs the constant risk of losing his letter and the entire amount sent. Don't do it. Pay the required fee, and be safe. If you save the fee several times and then lose one remittance, you are behind. God wants us to be diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

T. H. J.