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THE CAMP-MEETING.

I desire to say one more word to our dear brethren concerning our annual conference to be held at Newton, N. C., July 7 to 16. I am very anxious that this meeting shall be to His people all that the dear Lord desires. I am especially desirous that the counsel of God shall be followed. From Testimonies Vol. 6, page 38, I read, "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. 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." Brother, are you reasoning this way?

If so, I hope you will quit it, for God says don't do so. Remember that we neither live nor die to ourselves. If your presence can be the means of helping one soul to a better knowledge of the truth, or in God's hand of discovering to some hungry soul the Bread of Life, you will be amply repaid for any effort you will make to come to this convocation.

Have you not some neighbor for whom you have prayed and hoped? Invite him to come, and you come to see that he has the proper attention.

Then pray that the ministers of the word may be given a message that will reach his heart. Above all else, brethren, diligently put away all differences and criticisms. Let us come up to the feast with our hearts set to give and get a blessing such as we never have before received. Time is rapidly passing. Not many more opportunities of this kind may be ours.

Again I quote from Vol. 6, page 40. "This is a time for every one to come up to the help of the Lord. The forces of the enemy are strengthening, and as a people we are misrepresented. We desire the people to become acquainted with our doctrines and our work. We want them to know who we are and what we believe. We must find our way to their hearts. Let the army of the Lord be on the ground to represent the work and cause of God. Do not plead an excuse. The Lord has need of you. He does not do his work without the co-operation of the human agent. Go to the camp-meeting even though you have to make a sacrifice to do so. Go with a will to work. And make every effort to induce your friends to go, not in your place, but to go with you, to stand on the Lord's side, and keep His commandments. Help those who are interested, to attend, if necessary providing them with food and lodging."

Notice, the expression, "We are misrepresented". Sometimes we are much fretted when some one misrepresents us. But in this case who is it that misrepresents us? The connection shows that it is ourselves. Let it not be so with us. Let every one stand in his lot and place. True, the meeting may not be at just the time nor place that will best suit all, but it must be remembered that all can not be equally suited. Let us cease to grieve about these things, and make a good strong pull for the best camp-meeting that the Old Tar State has ever seen.

One more thing that all should remember,—a four weeks' meeting is to precede this conference, and we are earnestly hoping that there will be some who will be coming out into the truth at that time from among the people of Newton. Let them see, as our own dear people come on to the ground, that the truth of God has a sanctifying effect on our lives. Come praying that God will signally bless His work, give us wisdom in our deliberations, grant us power in our message, and bestow fruit for our labors.

T. H. JEYS,
President N. C. Conference.

"The success of the meeting depends upon the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. For the outpouring of the Spirit every lover of the cause of truth should pray. And as far as lies in our power, we are to remove every hindrance to His working."

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT.

As the blast of the trumpet on the first day of the seventh month sounded, it called to the remembrance of every Israelite that the time of putting away of sins had arrived, that in that trumpet blast there was a call for humility, a time of heart searching, a time of confession and of putting away of sin. This day among the orthodox Jews is regarded as sacred yet. At noon on the previous day all work is laid aside; friend and foe meet; enmity is put aside; confession is made; harmony is restored. But what does this avail when there is no blood to wash away the stain of sin? They refuse the precious blood of Christ, refusing to be washed in the fountain that has been opened in the house of King David.

We are living in the anti-typical day of atonement. There should be such a searching of heart as shall make the angels rejoice. As the first call was to the priests in that day, so in this day the call comes first to the minister, to be at one moment with God, so that they may be clean who present the people before the Lord. As it is written, "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord."

We are to stand in Christ's stead, beseeching the people to be reconciled to God. As we are nearing the time of our annual conference let us come up to it with our hearts cleansed from all defilement of sin. The Lord says, "What do ye more than others?" It is the privilege of all to come up to meet with the Lord clean and white,

having all our sins washed away. Having this privilege should we not excel our brethren, the Jew, since the light has come to us? We each have a case in that great assize, and One sits upon the throne who is a mighty Judge,— One who will not clear the guilty, but who shows mercy to all those who love Him and keep His commandments. W. H. ARMSTRONG.

PUSH.

A few days ago I passed a door having this word printed on it in prominent letters. Of course it was simply a comprehensive bit of instruction to the would-be incomer, in the imperative mood, telling him how to get into the room. I passed; on and as I walked, I thought, Sure enough, if we will enter any place of real worth or importance, we will have to "push." There are plenty of persons who are waiting for "something to open," when all that is required is that some one shall push. The farmer, the merchant, the minister, the canvasser, the teacher, each must in his own way make the application for himself.

And yet this pushing may be done in a wholly wrong spirit. Satan was a great pusher. His trouble was that it was himself that he pushed. The pushing of self has ever been the bane of really true advancement. We must learn to push that which the Lord has given us to push. The Everlasting Gospel is to be carried to every nation, tongue, and people, and it will take much strenuous effort to bring the work to a successful issue. Shall this deter

us from the work? God forbid!

Are there difficulties that seem insurmountable? Push. Are there discouraging circumstances? Push. Do friends criticise and misunderstand? Push. Does no way open? Push, and in pushing perhaps the desired opening will be made. Push. T. H. J.

IN THE FIELD.

On May 7 and 8, it was my privilege to meet with the little company of believers at Newbern, N. C. Elder W. H. Armstrong had preceded me a few days, and with Bro. H. R. Shelton had been holding meetings. The brethren there, though few in numbers, felt that the time had fully come for them to be organized into a church; accordingly after careful prayerful counsel together, having studied at some length the purposes, privileges, and obligations of church relationship, an organization was effected. Care was exercised that all should understand the cardinal points of our faith. The commandments of God and our duty concerning them were dwelt upon; also the subjects of tithing, Spirit of prophecy, health reform, etc. I see no reason why this little church may not prosper, and others be added to their number, such as shall be saved. A full corps of officers was elected. Bro. H. R. Shelton was chosen as elder for the present. Thus another outpost is planted over which may float the banner of the King of Heaven, so that the angel as he flies may say, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." May they

ever stand firm for the government of our Master, not only repelling the attack of the enemy, but also waging an aggressive warfare.

On my return, I stopped at Hillsboro, and enjoyed the hospitality of Brother Bedford Ray and wife and Sister Martha Carr. They are firm in the truth, clinging to the great and precious promises of a Saviour's soon return. At Greensboro I met Bro. H. G. Miller, our State Agent. He was busy collecting funds and interesting people in our coming institute. Our brethren are responding liberally, and consequently are receiving the blessing which comes with liberality. Bro. Miller accompanied me to Archdale. Here a nice little sum was realized. Leaving Archdale my wife and baby accompanied me to Spero, our new home. About thirty minutes before we should have arrived at home, the car gave a severe lurch and jar, and the train came to a sudden halt. On getting out of the car, we discovered that four cars were thrown from the track. Our car was still on and none were hurt. After a delay of several hours we arrived at home. Our boys were anxiously waiting our return. When we entered our own doors, we knelt and thanked our Father for His loving watchcare.

T. H. J.

"We must have the power of God in our camp-meetings, or we shall not be able to prevail against the enemy of souls. Christ says, 'Without me ye can do nothing.'"

THE CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE.

I have now spent three weeks visiting among our people in this Conference in the interests of the canvassing work, and it has indeed been a precious experience for me. I know my brethren and sisters will rejoice with me in the bright prospect of prosperity in the canvassing work in this Conference. A goodly number are now preparing to attend the institute. One hundred and fifty-three have gladly helped us financially in the institute, \$30.54 of which is paid and \$12.58 pledged. Over one hundred and fifty have solemnly promised the Lord to pray for the success of the institute and the canvassing work. I am reminded of this statement in the Testimonies, "A chain of living witnesses is to carry this important message to the world." Will you act your part in this great work? In carrying out these vows we are making this chain.

During this time 108 calls and 48 visits have been made, 8 meetings held, 103 prayed with in families, 82 papers given away, 35 sold, 13 subscriptions secured for our periodicals, 5 sick people visited, and 14 cards and 9 letters written. For this I thank God. Read Ps. 115:1.

The Lord has given us a good location for our tents, in a well-shaded lot, in Newton. The brethren and sisters have kindly given of their means for the support of our institute. I am very sorry that I could not visit all, but hope to do so later on. I believe

that all will want a part, and so will ask those who have not already donated to send their gifts to me at Newton. More are coming to the institute than we had anticipated, and we shall need all that has been paid and pledged and more. Some of the brethren are sending us provisions—canned fruit, dried fruit, beans, corn, etc. These will be needed and most thankfully received and used to advance the cause we love. We trust that all will pay their pledges for they are sacred. Remember Matt. 9:37,38.

Those coming to the institute should be here on the 8th. Trains will be met the 8th and 9th. If you can secure the following books, please bring them: "Coming King," "Story of Daniel," "Healthful Living," "Best Stories," "Steps to Christ," "Hymns and Tunes," and "Christ in Song." Bring bedding and towels. Come at the beginning, June 9; for you cannot afford to miss one day of the institute.

H. G. MILLER, *State Agent.*

Newton, N. C.

We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel . . . Forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, . . . And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what goodness the Lord shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee. Num. 10:29-32.

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

Come to the camp-meeting at Newton, July 7 to 16.

Brother and Sister H. G. Miller spent Sabbath, June 3, with the little Sabbath school at Catawba.

A dining tent will be in operation at the camp-meeting at Newton, and meals will be served at the usual rates.

Eld. D. T. Shireman was among the delegates at the late General Conference at Washington, D. C., to represent the North Carolina Conference.

The Secretary of the North Carolina Conference was in attendance at the General Conference; The Financial Secretary, Eld. J. O. Johnston, was also present during the last week of the session.

We have the assurance that Prof. J. E. Tenney will be present to assist in our coming camp-meeting at Newton; and Eld. G. I. Butler has promised to be with us during a part of the time. Bro. I. A. Ford will also attend in the interests of the book work.

We feel sure that it will be a cause of rejoicing to our brethren to know that our Conference is now entirely free from debt to its laborers. Now let a long, strong pull for aggressive work in new fields be made.

The amount donated to the Canvassers' Institute by each church, company, and isolated Sabbath-keeper will be given in the next issue.

Those desiring to secure rooms or tents for the camp-meeting, should address Elder T. H. Jeys, Newton, N. C.

THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE.

To every Seventh Day Adventist this is a familiar expression. It is the term by which is designated that system of truth which will serve to prepare a people for the great day of God. It is a call from the worship of every false god to the One that created the heavens and the earth and the sea and the fountains of waters. Those who teach and preach in any capacity should look well to it that no uncertain sound is voiced, and that no unessential thing is premitted to come in and divert attention from the awfully solemn message that God would have borne at this time. Local interests and personal matters

should be swallowed up in the great work that must be done at this time when there shall be delay no longer. The world lies in wickedness and is to be warned. This work is committed to poor, frail human beings, who are compassed with infirmity. O how serious a matter it is! Brother, how is it with you? Are you standing in your lot and place? Is your portion of the wall made up?

Our camp-meeting soon to be held is to be made a success by—somebody. Has the Lord laid any responsibility on you in this matter? Or has He laid it all on the ministers? Does the President of the Conference and the Conference Committee stand responsible for the success of this most important convocation? I know that Satan is going to tell some of you that you can't come. But, my brother, if by any kind of reasonable sacrifice, you attend this meeting, you will never be sorry. The Third Angel's Message is soon to close. You must do your part in the work. You may not be able to preach, but you can come to the meeting and help to hold up the hands of the servants of God who will dispense the word. As a Conference Committee we are earnestly seeking the Lord, and praying that the work may be done just right. We ask that every one of God's people who know the message will pray and work to the same end.

Yours for the Third Angel's Message,

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,
per T. H. Jeys, *President*.