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THE CAMP MEETING.

We wish that all our people might have been present at this good meeting. Those who did not attend are surely the losers. Only a general idea of the meeting can be given in our limited space. We had renewed evidences that the work is the Lord's, and that He is abundantly able to guide His people. Besides our Conference laborers, Elder G. I. Butler and Prof. J. E. Tenney were in attendance, and labored most earnestly. Dr. Froom, from Washington, was also with us, and his instruction on health topics was highly prized. The Spirit of the Lord came into our early morning meeting the last Sabbath in a marked degree, and the meetings all through the day were characterized by the same spirit of consecration to God. One hundred and six were present at the Sabbath school. As our people left for their homes it was with a determination to take up the work with renewed earnestness. Let us expect great blessings during the year to come; for our Leader has promised to be with us always, even unto the end.

J. V. B.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The fifth annual session of the North Carolina Conference convened on the camp-ground at Newton, N. C., according to appoint-

ment. Eight meetings were held, the first July 10, at 9 A. M., with the President, Elder T. H. Jeys, in the chair. Elder D. T. Shireman invoked the divine blessing; and we trust that the sentiment of every heart was versed in the first stanza of the consecration hymn, "Wholly Thine," which we joined in singing. In his address the President gave a brief retrospective view of the work of the past year. While there have been perplexities and difficulties, we can but acknowledge the blessing of God upon the efforts of the faithful few. There are omens of progress, and our Conference is out of debt to its laborers, with a small balance in the treasury. This has been made possible, however, only by retrenchments, and by sacrifice on the part of our faithful laborers, a number of whom have been largely self-supporting. One church has been added during the year, and about thirty baptisms are reported. A motion to place the appointment of the usual committees in the hands of the Conference Committee prevailed, and the following committees were afterward chosen: On Nominations—Albert Carey, T. J. Woodall, F. A. Slate, W. H. Armstrong, B. A. Rogers; On Plans and Resolutions—J. O. Johnston, M. H. Johnston, J. W. Beech, T. H. Jeys, L. H. Chrisler;

On Credentials and Licenses—T. H. Jeys, L. H. Chrisler, D. T. Shireman; On Auditing, to act in conjunction with the Conference Committee—L. H. Chrisler, J. W. Beech, Burton Church, E. R. Allen; To Draft a Constitution—J. O. Johnston, Albert Carey, T. H. Jeys, J. E. Tenney.

The question arose as to who are really delegates, and it was made plain that only members of our local churches are entitled to the privilege of participating in the conference proceedings. Others were invited by vote to take part in the deliberations, as follows; L. H. Chrisler, W. L. Killen, Joseph Self, F. A. Slate, W. King, Mrs. G. L. Stein, Mrs. Joseph Self, Miss Mina Hildreth, I. A. Ford, J. E. Tenney, Miss Martha Reynolds, J. W. Beech, Dr. Froom, Mrs. W. L. Killen. The report of the Treasurer was read, also the statement of the S. U. C. Auditor, certifying that upon examination the accounts of the N. Carolina Conference had been found to be correct, also the report. Upon motion this statement and the Treasurer's report were accepted.

During the session the following resolutions were passed:

1. *Resolved*, That we express our gratitude to God for the manifest tokens of His tender care for His work and workers; and that we consecrate our lives anew to the one great work of carrying the message to all the world in this generation.

Whereas, The General Conference has recommended that Religious Liberty departments be organized, and secretaries be appointed, in each Union and State Conference in North America, to work in counsel with the general Religious Liberty Department; therefore,

2. WE RECOMMEND, that such a department be created in this Conference.

Whereas, The Southern Publishing Association has offered to establish a depository in the North Carolina Conference; therefore,

3. *Resolved*, That we favor the establishment of such a depository on the following basis: (1) That the salaries of the Secretary and Assistant be shared equally by the Conference and publishing house. (2) That the Conference be allowed tract society rates on all books sold to those who are accredited laborers. (3) That all regular canvassers receive their books and supplies from the depository.

4. *Resolved*, That we lend all support and encouragement possible and consistent to school and sanitarium enterprises started in our conference by private individuals who desire to operate in harmony with the Conference; and that we authorize the Conference Committee to act as an Advisory Board for such as necessity may demand.

Whereas, There is a small debt due on the Piedmont Sanitarium, and as these are debts of denominational honor; therefore,

5. *Resolved*, That we address ourselves anew to the payment of these obligations.

6. *Resolved*, That we endorse the action of the Sanitarium Board and Conference Committee in the selling of the Sanitarium real estate, to apply toward the liquidation of the Sanitarium debts.

Brother I. A. Ford, Prof. Tenney, Dr. Froom, and our leading conference workers took part in the discussion of Resolution 3, and some excellent principles were enunciated. Each local conference should recognize its true relationship to the whole, seeking to upbuild the interests of the publishing house, as well as every other institution of the Lord's planting, within our borders. This spirit alone will bring success to the work in this Southern field. The publishing house does not demand any concessions, but asks our cooperation; and it is our privilege to respond as liberally as possible, seeking that

which will be for the best good of the cause. It is confidently hoped that the establishment of this depository will assist much in the building up the book work in our State, thus proving a benefit to the publishing house as well. A vote of thanks was extended to the Southern Publishing Association.

Resolution 4 was spoken of with much feeling by a number of our leading brethren. While we may not naturally feel that we need to give to a private institution the same support that we would if it belonged to the Conference, we must remember that its success depends upon the interest taken in it by our brethren and sisters. Prof. Beech stated that he does not ask help to defray expenses, but would accept donations, with the understanding that all such would be applied on the tuition of poor students. Eld. Johnston said that although these institutions do not belong to the Conference, the work done by them does. Dr. Carey spoke on the sanitarium phase of the question with earnestness. This resolution was passed unanimously by a rising vote.

In the discussion of Resolutions 5 and 6, the financial standing of the Sanitarium was fully explained. The present indebtedness of only \$300.00 is in the form of a note payable in two years. The leading brethren proceeded to carry the resolution into effect by an effort to raise enough money to wipe out this debt immediately. In a short time pledges were

made to the amount of \$181.00, and cash paid, \$2.35. The party holding the note offered to reduce it to \$275.00 if it could be paid within a year.

The work among the colored people also received considerable attention, and it is anticipated that a private school may be started not far in the future, for the purpose of training workers among them.

The report of the Sabbath School and Educational Secretary was listened to with interest. We have twenty-one Sabbath schools and eight church and mission schools. The present membership of our Sabbath schools is 250. Number of pupils enrolled in our day schools, 216. At the sixth meeting the name of T. H. Jeys was brought in for President, and he was unanimously elected by a rising vote. The following officers were subsequently elected to serve with him: Vice-President, D. T. Shireman; Conference Committee, T. H. Jeys, D. T. Shireman, W. H. Armstrong, M. H. Johnston, B. A. Rogers, J. W. Beech, M. G. Creasey; Secretary and Treasurer, Jessie V. Bosworth; State Agent, H. G. Miller; Secretary Religious Liberty Department, T. H. Jeys; Secretary Sabbath School and Educational Department, Mrs. Emma B. Rogers; Secretary Medical Missionary Department, M. H. Johnston. The Committee on Licenses and Credentials submitted the following report, which was adopted by considering each name separately: For Ministerial Credentials, J. O. Johnston, T. H. Jeys, D. T. Shire.

man, Albert Carey, W. H. Armstrong. For Ministerial License, George Crawford, J. W. Beech, W. L. Killen, H. R. Shelton. For Missionary Credentials, H. G. Miller, Jessie V. Bosworth, M. H. Johnston, Earl D. Hahn, Minnie Hahn, Mollie R. Miller, R. L. Underwood, E. R. Allen, Burton Church, L. D. Randall. The name of Bro. H. R. Shelton was afterwards accepted for ordination and credentials.

JESSIE V. BOSWORTH, *Secretary.*

REPORTS FROM THE WORKERS.

For the benefit of those not present, we give a brief summary of the reports of the laborers as given at one of the conference sessions. Elder J. O. Johnston spoke of his work as Financial Secretary. He has been in correspondence with a number of persons, and as a result several parties of means have decided to come to this Conference. He has been preaching regularly every Sunday night and conducting Sabbath meetings at Eufola, and there are a number who are much interested and about to decide for the truth.

Elder D. T. Shireman spoke of his experiences during the past year, which has been one of sadness to him. He has been engaged in the interests of the school work as other duties would permit.

Eld. W. H. Armstrong has been laboring at Newbern and Wilmington, mostly at the latter place. His work has largely been from house to house, and he has been holding cottage meetings.

A number have decided to obey, and others are deeply interested.

Sister Mollie Miller has been engaged largely in the paper work at Statesville and Mooresville, also holding Bible readings as the way opened. She spoke especially of the value of the *Watchman*, and urged our people to take clubs to sell.

Bro. Earl Hahn has been working at Toluca, laboring hard to make a support, and at the same time improving the opportunity of circulating our literature, especially the Family Bible Teacher. He has found the use of this set of Bible readings an effective way of placing the truth before the people.

Sister Minnie Hahn gave an interesting account of her work at Toluca as teacher. The pupils, who are from fifteen to twenty-one years of age, manifested a wonderful interest in the study of the Bible, and such themes as "The Coming of the Lord" were considered. They manifested a real missionary spirit in their efforts to impart to others the knowledge thus gained.

Bro. E. R. Allen and wife went to Norwood one year and eight months ago. It has been a hard struggle to meet expenses. Seven months of school have been taught in charge of his wife during the last five months. He has canvassed some with good success, and has held some Bible reading. They have evidence that the Lord has blessed in the work.

The church school at Archdale was reported. About twenty pupils were enrolled, some from the outside. The pupils at two different times spent a day scattering our literature at High Point. All but one of those attending the school were converted before the close of the term.

J. V. B.

THE CANVASSING WORK.

I am sure our brethren and sisters are all interested in the canvassing work, and I am glad to be able to tell you that the prospects for its advancement in our Conference are favorable. The donations for the Canvassers' Institute exceed our expenses \$15.00, which amount I have deposited with our Conference Treasurer for future use in the interests of the canvassing work. A few who pledged have not yet paid, but we trust they will do so soon.

Over \$10.00 worth of books and papers were sold during the Institute, and many papers given away. In this way some received their first experience in canvassing, who we trust will develop into good substantial workers. I have reason to believe that at least eight will go out this month to do faithful work.

I shall look for a faithful report from our canvassers every two weeks. This matter of reporting becomes especially important now, as you will order your books from our Conference Secretary and not from the publishing house. You can readily see that it is necessary for us to know what you are doing so that the books may be ordered from the publishers ready to fill your orders when the time comes for your deliveries. So please report promptly to me every two weeks, and I in turn will report to our State Secretary. By thus co-operating all together we trust that there may be no delays in getting the books to you.

Remember to pray for the canvassers at the close of the Sabbath. And let us not linger, but press forward in the work.

H. G. MILLER, *State Agent,*

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NEWS AND NOTES.

A blue cross opposite this paragraph denotes that your time expires with this number. We hope you will renew soon.

The latest intelligence from Cove Creek was to the effect that Bro. George Crawford was making a hopeful recovery from the attack of typhoid fever.

Brother and Sister E. R. Allen made the round trip from Norwood to the camp-meeting with horse and buggy. We were glad to have them rest a day at Eufola on their way home.

We are pleased to welcome to our Conference, Bro. and Sister L. D. Randall, of South Dakota, who reached Hildebran a short time before the camp-meeting. They will be associated with Prof J. W. Beech in the school work.

Considerable discomfort was caused at the camp-meeting by the leaking of our large pavilion; and at one of the conference sessions, while waiting for the rain to cease, \$60.00 was raised toward the purchase of a new pavilion. At another time \$29.20 was subscribed for tent and camp-meeting purposes. These pledges, together with the \$183.35 to apply on the Sanitarium debt, make a total of \$272.55.

The interest at Newton was such as to warrant the continuation of the meetings for a time following the camp-meeting. There was a good attendance at the closing meeting Sunday, July 23. A number have begun the observance of the Sabbath, and others are seriously investigating the truths for this time.

By invitation Eld. J. O. Johnston preached at the M. E. church about two miles from Eufola, Sunday, July 30, to a large audience. The people gave the best of attention, and expressed their desire to have a regular appointment made for Elder Johnston.

"Our publishing work is not a department of the Third Angel's Message, but is the Third Angel's Message in print. It is the means by which the departments present their work to the people. It is the evangelist set in type; it is the ministry put in print."

Eld. D. T. Shireman and Dr. A. Carey were recent visitors at Eufola, and met with us at our Wednesday morning prayer meeting (5:45 o'clock), July 26.

Eld. W. H. Armstrong has been laboring in the vicinity of Hickory and Hildebran since the camp-meeting, where he finds an encouraging interest among the colored people.

Brother and Sister H. G. Miller remained to assist in the meetings held at Newton after the camp-meeting. They spent a short time at Eufola, also at Statesville, as they were returning to Mooresville.

Prof. J. E. Tenney spent Friday and Sabbath, July 28 and 29, at Hildebran, in the interests of the school work.

Elder L. H. Chrisler remained for a week at Newton after the close of the meetings, to follow up the interest by visiting among the people. He went from there to hold a few meetings at Salisbury and Newton, stopping for a day at this place en route.

Eld. T. H. Jeys found his two sons dangerously ill with typhoid fever on his return home. By prompt treatment and unremitting care, with the blessing of the Lord, they are now considered out of danger. This will serve as an explanation for the omission this month of his usual contributions.

Tithe Receipts June and July, 1905.

Archdale.	\$103.21
Eufola.	14.07
Greensboro No. 1.	17.37
Greensboro No. 2.	1.30
Hickory.	22.95
Hildebran.	96.09
Norwood.	8.03
Newbern.	6.42
Salisbury.	1.00
Valle Cruces.	5.75
Waynesville.	10.00
Winston-Salem.	21.20
Wilmington.	8.99
Individuals.	70.29

Total, \$386.67

The amount received from Archdale for the month of May was \$14.36, instead of \$13.26 as reported.

JESSIE V. BOSWORTH, Treasurer.