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LIBERTY.

A word much used, often abused, rarely fully understood. Do you understand what it means, my brother? If so, flesh and blood has not revealed it to you, but the Father who is in heaven. Jesus said, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." This is the only freedom in fact. But there are many who talk of freedom who are themselves in bondage. It is the duty and privilege of those who have tasted of true liberty, to help their fellowmen to the point where they too can enjoy the same blessing. In no way can this be more successfully done than by circulating the new pamphlet bearing the title at the head of this article. This little brochure has lately been issued by the Religious Liberty Association, to meet the needs of the hour. It sets forth in clear, logical, and forcible words, the great principles of religious liberty. All our brethren should read and then circulate this excellent little treatise. Now in this little time of peace and quietness we should do all that we can to inform our neighbors and friends of the real issue. It should be borne in mind that the primary aim is not to avoid persecution, but to enlighten our neighbors, that they too may be free. This pamphlet can be had at two and one half cents per copy. Order of the North Caro-

lina Conference, Hickory, N. C. It is hoped that the work of spreading the light on this subject will be taken up and carried on with vigor during the few days of quiet that remain. Soon the hand of bigotry and oppression will be laid upon us, and we shall have to do our work under great difficulties. Let us be wise and improve the time. Let the work be thoroughly organized and definitely assigned to the different workers. Circulate the petitions against religious legislation, and at the same time sell, loan, or give the tract. It can be readily sold at 5 cents per copy, and thus the work be made self-supporting. Let the elders of churches begin at once to plan the most thorough religious liberty campaign ever carried on. Let every member of every church at once rally to the call, and unite in the effort. I shall be glad to hear from any concerning this work.

T. H. J.

IN THE FIELD.

During the month of February I have visited Norwood, Lilesville, and Archdale, and have put in some time canvassing in Ashboro. The little time spent in canvassing has been an inspiration to me. I have had only an occasional day or half day to spend thus, but have always found some one who was interested in the books, and have succeeded in placing a few copies of

"Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation" in the homes of the people. I have also sold several copies of "Steps to Christ." This is a most excellent little book. It arouses no prejudice, and is a help to every one who buys and reads it.

At Lilesville I visited at the home of Bro. Ingram. Theirs is the only family in that immediate neighborhood who know and practice the truth. They seemed encouraged by my visit, and especially because Bro. E. R. Allen, who accompanied me from Norwood, had arranged to move to Lilesville. Bro. Allen will engage in canvassing.

At Archdale the enemy is angry because he sees that some progress is being made. The brethren there are planning to build a church. Stirred by this advance move, some of those who are not friendly to the truth circulated a remonstrance against Sunday work. Threats of arrest were freely made, but up to this time there has been nothing else. What the future has in store we know not. This we do know, by the "sure word of prophecy," that the time is not far distant when all will have the opportunity to be tested upon this point. Shall we be ready? The brethren are of good courage, and are planning to take advantage of the times by carrying on a campaign of education along religious liberty lines.

The new pamphlet will be circulated, and the petition against religious legislation will be passed around. Some of the neighbors are much incensed at the manifestly unfair and unchristianlike spirit shown toward our brethren; and thus we see that nothing can be done against the truth but for the truth. Some will be hardened in their unbelief, and others will be enabled to see clearly what their true position is. We should be diligent while we have liberty and opportunity. Soon these times of peace will be past, and we shall have to do in times of great distress what we might have done in easier circumstances.

I am now making preparations for the canvassers' institute soon to be held. We are hoping that we shall have the best time that we have ever had. It may be so. We are nearer the end now than ever before, and our needs are greater. Let us all pray for the success of those who go out as self-supporting missionaries. There is ground for hope that we shall have a real increase in numbers and efficiency in the canvassing field. Calls also are coming from different parts of the field for meetings. O, for the reapers! Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

T. H. J.

WILMINGTON.

The work here is gaining ground, and is becoming solid. While the increase is not large, it is of the staying quality. I am of good courage, seeking to improve to the best of my ability the many opportunities for sow-

ing seed. One night I was called out about eleven o'clock, as I was about to retire, to visit a man who was to leave on the early morning train. Glad to be used in the cause of the Lord, I followed my guide, who was in sympathy with our faith, though not a professor, and found a man of some means, with whom I spent an hour or two. He returned with me, and I gave him some reading matter to carry home; and his wife is now a believer, and they both expect soon to take hold of the faith, so I am informed. The bad weather has prevented holding meetings.

Brother W. E. Lanier is now here in the city canvassing for the "Seer of Patmos." I have taken quite a number of orders for the same book in connection with my other work, by spending a few moments of time. This book takes well, and my experience has been that it requires only a short canvass. I carry a copy of the book with me, taking orders or selling whenever a chance is presented. I also sell "Story of Daniel." I learn from our State Secretary that there are still some of these books on hand which we took to sell for the benefit of the Southern Publishing Association. This ought not to be. If we as a people would take more interest in our fellowmen, more books would be sold.

Our books sell readily. A minister told me that another man wanted to buy his book ("Seer of Patmos"). I asked, "Why did you not sell it to him, and get another copy?" He said, "I told him I would not sell it for \$2.00." I long for the time

to come when more will be selling books out in the field and to their neighbors. Some who have bought "Seer of Patmos" of me say they are going to do all they can to help me sell it. When other people take such an interest in one of our books, what should we be doing?

W. H. ARMSTRONG.

COVE CREEK.

I take pleasure in writing once more through the columns of the MESSENGER to the friends who are interested in the work at this place. Our school opened January 8 with twenty-five in attendance, which soon increased to forty-one. The attendance was quite regular until the end of the third week, when a heavy snow storm caused a considerable drop off. However, it came up again, so that the present enrollment is thirty-four. Every family within a mile and a half, but one, having children of school age, have sent from one to five at some time, and all but two have sent this winter. We feel that this has certainly been a prosperous term. Some are now beginning to drop off on account of spring work. Nearly every term we have had one or more boarding students, and there were two this winter. My wife helped in the school room when the attendance was the highest.

The interest in the Sunday school is apparently growing. Sunday before last two of the men spoke of the necessity of all taking hold to help in the advancement of the school. I agreed, and a few plans were suggested and discussed whereby the interest might be increased.

As a result the attendance last Sunday (Feb. 18) was about fifty, and I felt that the Holy Spirit was present in greater power than ever before. One of the Baptist ministers, who assists in the work, gave an excellent discourse from Rom. 5:10. I believe that a good work is being done in the Sunday school. Two years ago a man publicly insulted me because of the doctrines I was teaching. He finally saw his mistake, and asked my pardon. Now he openly acknowledges the Sabbath truth. I do not know what he will do about obeying. The Lord surely has some jewels here on Cove Creek. Pray for the work here.

GEORGE CRAWFORD.

NEW HOPE.

I have no discouraging report to bring. Lions have appeared in the way, but all are chained. The Lord hath given us victories. "The Lord is good, and greatly to be praised." I had the opportunity yesterday of pointing a sick person to the Lamb of God. I called on a family three and one half miles away, who bought "Coming King" and are interested. I helped a weary mother finish her washing, and I care for our neighbor's babies at times to give her a chance to get away from her burdens. I am thankful for the privilege of doing these little things.

MRS. MOLLIE R. MILLER.

WORDS OF COURAGE.

Some after our camp-meeting at Newton, I took Mrs. Killen to the Nashville Sanitarium, where she underwent a very serious surgi-

cal operation. With everything in her favor she was soon on her feet again. We are in North Carolina once more. Mrs. Killen's health has greatly improved. The children are well, and my health was never better than now. For all this we are more thankful to God than words can express. We know of no more needy field than North Carolina, and we expect to labor untiringly here until the Lord indicates a change. We are now located near Trinity. For the past few weeks I have been canvassing some at High Point, and have sold about \$30.00 worth of books, having a good experience indeed. I expect to begin a series of meetings at Kernersville, soon. I never felt more like working for the Master in my life. Brethren, let us awake and take this message to the people. They are waiting for it. Pray for us.

W. L. KILLEN.

MORE ABOUT THE CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE.

Dear Brethren and Sisters.

This will be the last opportunity for speaking to you through the MESSENGER before our institute begins. I am exceedingly anxious that all who desire to enter the work shall come. Now, why not plan to cut loose from those things which hold you back, and enter the work? If you plan to farm, you will be very apt to do that; if you plan to enter a factory, there is where you will be spending the closing moments of probation. Why not plan to enter the canvassing work? "The angel of mercy is about to take her flight nevermore to return." Dear brethren, do we

believe this? May God help us to live out what we profess. We are planning for hard service. Will you come and join the band of sacrificing workers? I trust you will make this a subject of prayer, allowing nothing to prevent you from making a right decision.

Those who come should arrive on the 6th, for we will begin on time, at 8:30 A. M., March 7. We shall be glad to meet those coming to High Point, if you will drop me a card, addressing me at Archdale. State on what day and on what train. You can come to Trinity if you desire. Trinity is one mile from Archdale and High Point is three miles. Let me know to which place you will come and when. Be sure to bring a bed tick, bedding, towels, and books, such as the Bible, song book, "Coming King", "Great Controversy", etc.

Please read 2 Kings 4:38, 42. Who will do as this good brother from Baal-shalisha did? Beans, peas, flour, meal, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, dried or canned fruit, etc., will be thankfully received and wisely appropriated.

Please send your boxes of food to M. G. Greasey, Archdale, N. C. It will be necessary to act promptly in this matter, in order to reach us by freight. Several can club together. Let the leaders of companies and elders of churches take an interest in this. All cash donations should be sent to Jessie V. Bosworth, Hickory, N. C.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

Bro. John S. Gibbons and family, from Ohio, have located at Hildebran.

Eld. H. R. Shelton went the latter part of February to Greensboro to spend a few weeks.

Just as we go to press we learn of the arrest of Bro. T. J. Woodall and son Marvin, for Sunday labor in Archdale. The trial has been set for Tuesday, March 6.

After spending about three months in the family of Bro. J. H. Wheeler, near Newton, Miss Eunice Rainwater returned Feb. 28 to Atlanta, Georgia. She is a successful teacher of experience, and it is to be regretted that circumstances would not permit her to remain longer in our Conference.

We quote from a letter recently received from Bro. L. A. Robinson, of Catawba, hoping that it may be an inspiration to some one else: "I take the *Life and Health* and other papers and leaflets with me wherever I go, and canvass every person I meet who will give me their attention, and I offer the papers to every one who comes to our house. It is so well known that I have S. D. Adventist literature to sell that often people will ask, 'What have you to sell to-day, Robinson? I mail and give away all my papers after reading them, and am trying to do all the missionary work I can; for the time is short.'"

Eld. D. T. Shireman writes from New York City, 502 W. 53d St., that he is seeing some wonderful things and having varied experiences. He is meeting some of the most prominent men of the city, and has spoken in some of the large churches, having the opportunity of presenting the message and our work to many who seem to know nothing about S. D. Adventists. He asks to be remembered to all his friends, and says he feels more at home in the backwoods of old North Carolina.

Bro. and Sister A. L. Manous, now of Dalton, Georgia, send in their renewal for the MESSENGER, and say: "We have by the help of the Lord sold some \$200.00 worth of books here, and are now engaged in house-to-house work. We have about one hundred readers for 'The Family Bible Teacher', and are of good courage, having no other desire than to go forward with the closing message."

A Sunday school teacher asks for a catalogue of our tracts and pamphlets, expressing a desire to do all she can in the way of circulating good literature. A gentleman in another part of our State writes: "Please send me prices on all your books. I am a firm believer in the doctrine you people hold, and there are others here who believe that Saturday is the Sabbath." Thus the leaven of truth is working, even though in many cases almost imperceptibly.

Bro. W. E. Lanier, recently from Tennessee, is canvassing the city of Wilmington for "Seer of Patmos." He reports one hundred forty-seven orders for the three weeks ending Feb. 25, also orders for a number of other books.

Bro. H. G. Miller has been spending a short time among the churches in the interests of the Canvassers' Institute, visiting Statesville, Eufola, Hildebran, Salisbury, Greensboro, and Winston-Salem.

Bro. B. A. Rogers, of Hickory, accompanied by his wife, drove over to Eufola, Sunday, March 4, to be present at the annual meeting of the Southern Educational Co. Board.

TITHE RECEIPTS

For February, 1906.

Archdale	\$27.84
Eufola	3.96
Greensboro No. 1	4.25
Hickory	2.50
Hildebran	16.96
Norwood	12.33
Waynesville	2.00
Wilmington	15.38
Individual	4.00
Total	\$89.22

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