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LABORERS WANTED

Laborers wanted. The ripening grain
Waits to welcome the reapers' cry.
The Lord of harvest calls again;
Who among us shall first reply,
"Who is wanted, Lord,—is it I?"

The Master calls, but the servants wait.
Fields gleam white neath a cloud-
less sky;
Will none seize the sickle before, too
late,
Winds of winter come sweeping by!
"Who is delaying, Lord,—is it I?"
—Selected.

A LAST WORD ABOUT THE CAMP- MEETING

This annual meeting is right upon us. All indications are that it will be a very important and profitable meeting. If there are those who have not yet decided,—who are still halting between two opinions,—let me to such an one urge the necessity, now in these few days that are left of probation, of making right decisions. Perhaps much more than seems hangs on your decision to go or not to go.

We have secured an excellent location, with good shade and splendid water. All that the Conference officers can do to make the occasion one of profit, will be done. No pains will be spared that will conduce to the comfort or good of the campers. Dear brother, *Come*.

PREPARATION

I do not mean anything about camping outfits now, but the more important preparation of your own heart. Are you in trouble with your neighbor? Make it right. Are the brethren and you not on good terms? This is the time to leave there thy gift by the altar, and go and be reconciled to thy brother. It is too late in the history

of the world now for us to be cherishing variance or strife.

When you have sought the Lord for yourself, then pray for the prosperity of the camp, and come with the determination to work for the upbuilding of the cause in our own Conference. Let personalities be entirely eliminated. Let us see and do the will of God regardless of personal preference. If we will do this, God will graciously meet with us and bring relief to our perplexities. There are many reasons why we must have the help of God. Very grave responsibilities confront us. Heavenly wisdom is needed now to help us to meet all these aright. Let us pray for the outpouring of the Spirit of service.

T. H. JEYS,

Pres. N. C. Conference.

WHAT SHALL THE HARVEST BE?

This is a question in which all should be interested, because we are all seed sowers, and therefore each one will be a reaper of the harvest. God's Word says, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." From that divine law there is no escape. There is no scientific law whereby a man who sows oats can reap wheat therefrom. So likewise there is no law by which we can sow evil and reap righteousness. Before sowing the seed the soil must be prepared. In making our decisions in regard to questions that arise we are preparing the soil, and in acting upon them we sow the seed; by and by the reaping of the harvest will come.

The time of our camp-meeting is at hand. Some will sow unbelief by debating the case in their minds, and deciding that they cannot attend. Satan will be on hand to sow tares by causing them to think that they cannot afford it. The Lord knew all about this, and looking down through the ages said: "Not forsaking the assembling of our-

selves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." This scripture plainly shows that some will do this, and the Lord wants these to attend the meeting. In the early days of the message many travelled as far as seventy-five miles to visit one another. They loved the association of those of like faith then. God wants to see that same love in the hearts of his people to-day. Thank God it is returning. Satan will keep all away from these grand meetings that he can. A blind man at Charlotte has become so much interested that he desires to attend our annual conference. He is a good historian and a Bible student. We need to bear him up in our prayers, that the seed sown may bear a bountiful harvest.

The days of our pilgrimage will soon be over. Ere long the last meeting will be held here on this earth, and our next meeting will be in the eternal city. It behooves us to make our calling and election sure. So shall we not have as large a representation at this coming camp-meeting as possible.

W. H. ARMSTRONG.

SPECIAL

Dear Brethren and Sisters: I take this opportunity of making mention of a matter of special interest to the cause in North Carolina. We all want to attend the camp-meeting, and all are poor in this world's goods. In order to reduce the expense of attending, an effort has been made this year to secure reduced rates to the meeting. The effort is successful so far as the Conference officials are concerned; but it must be remembered that it still depends upon the people to make it a complete success. At least fifty persons must attend who shall pay \$.75 or more, before the rates are granted. The officers of the Conference are very anxious

that the number shall be made up. If each one will say, "I will go and help swell the list," the number will be reached. We do not like to suggest the result if many do the opposite.

This, however, is not the most important. This will be the best and most important meeting ever held in North Carolina. You need the blessings to be realized by coming. Let us all rally to the cause, and we shall see the work go as never before.

GEORGE CRAWFORD.

PREPARATION FOR THE CAMP-MEETING

While preparing for the meeting, each individual should closely and critically examine his own heart before God. If there have been unpleasant feelings, discord, or strife in families, it should be one of the first acts of preparation to confess these faults one to another and pray with and for one another. Humble yourselves, and make an earnest effort to empty the soul temple of all rubbish, all envyings, all jealousies, all suspicions, all fault-finders. Let the preparation for eating and dressing be a secondary matter, but let deep heart-searching begin at home. Pray three times a day, and like Jacob, be importunate. At home is the place to find Jesus; then take him with you to the meeting, and how precious will be the hours spent there. But how can you expect to feel the presence of the Lord and see his power displayed, when the individual work of preparation for that time is neglected.

You may be pleased with the preaching, you may be animated and revived, but the converting, reforming power of God will not be felt in the heart, and the work will not be so deep, thorough, and lasting as it should be. Let pride be crucified, and the soul clad with the priceless robe of Christ's righteousness, and what a meeting you will enjoy. It will be to your soul even as the gate of Heaven.

The same work of humiliation and heart-searching should also go on in the church, so that all differences and alienations among brethren may be laid aside before appearing before the Lord at these annual gatherings. Set

about this work in earnest, and rest not till it is accomplished.

Would that I could impress upon ministers and people the necessity of a deeper work of grace in the heart, and more thorough preparation to enter into the spirit and labor of our camp-meetings, that they may receive the greatest possible benefit from these meetings. These yearly gatherings may be seasons of special blessing, or they may be a great injury to spirituality. Which shall they be to you, dear reader? It remains for each one to decide for himself.—*Testimony for the Church No. 31.*

FROM A HOME MISSIONARY

I want to be numbered among the dear workers in the vineyard of my Lord. It had never occurred to me that I could be a canvasser, as I had a large family to care for, until I heard Brother Zeidler lecture on that subject three years ago in our church in Lynchburg, Va. Through his invitation I was glad to accept an opportunity to help preach this glorious gospel of the kingdom, the great truth of Christ's soon coming which we all love so dearly. I call it preaching, for that is what all are doing who sell our books and other literature. Dear brethren and sisters, let us all be preachers in that way; then how soon would the message be given to all the world. We may enter the vineyard even at the eleventh hour, and Christ has promised, "Whatsoever is right I will pay thee."

I began with "Coming King," and the first one I sold was to an old colored man, who was cutting up wood for me. He could read well, and enjoyed the book. I sold them right along, until I got so interested that I did not want to do anything else. I was so blest that I was as happy as when I was converted. We moved from Virginia to Creedmore, N. C., last year, where my husband set up a saw mill. I felt very lonely, as I could hear of no other S. D. Adventists; but I took up the work and did a little, although I had little to work with, not knowing as I could get our literature in this State. I got the truth before a Baptist minister there. He came to

see me several times, but asked me not to tell his members of our faith, as it was more dangerous than anything else. However they did not think so, and invited me to come and talk with them. Later on the Lord knew I needed encouragement, and put it into the heart of Sister Jessie Bosworth to write to me, as she had seen my name on the *Review* list. How I did enjoy that letter. It was like bread to a hungry soul; and I shed tears of joy as I read her letters, and through them leaved that I could get just what I needed in my work. Now, although I have much to do at home, with fifteen to provide meals for, I am selling right along "Coming King," "Glorious Appearing," "Paradise Home," "Gospel Primer," *Signs of the Times* Leaflets, *Earthquake Specials*, *Family Bible Teacher*, etc., besides giving away many periodicals. In the last ten days I have sold \$10.00 worth, and have not smissed the time. My hired girl has accepted the truth, and is keeping the Sabbath with me. This girl is bright and intellectual, and has helped me some in selling the books at church among her people. I hope she may do much good. Dear brethren and sisters, let us be up and about our Lord's work, helping to hasten his coming. Any one can do as much as I have.

MRS. MARY A. MARKHAM.

Stovall, N. C.

HIGH POINT

We began meetings at High Point Friday night, August 3, with a fair attendance. Thus far (August 14) we have had no rain, and everything has moved along very pleasantly. We have had an average of about seventy-five at the night meetings. On Sunday our attendance is larger. We can see some interest manifested on the part of a few who come to every meeting. High Point is quite a manufacturing center, and people gather in here from all parts of the State. So when we present the message faithfully here it will be the means of proclaiming it in all parts of our Conference; for people are continually running to and fro.

Elder Jeys, Brother Crawford, and the writer are the speakers. Brother Crawford leads in the music. Our brethren

from Archdale are regular attendants, and are a real source of strength to the work in many ways. Our tent is nicely located on the north side of the main line of the Southern Railroad, in a pleasant residence portion of the city. It is lighted with electricity, and presents a neat appearance.

It is desired that a foundation shall be laid upon which a work shall be built to the glory of God in this city. We are looking forward to our camp-meeting with much interest. Let us all come to this meeting, my brethren, full of the Spirit of God, to enjoy the best meeting we have ever had.

W. L. KILLEN.

ABOUT THE REDUCED FARE

Of course you are coming to the camp-meeting, and of course you want to know just how to save your dollars as much as possible. Don't read this article carelessly. Every word is important. You had better go to the depot at once, and ask your agent whether he is well supplied with blank ticket receipts. Tell him how many are going from your home, and when you intend to start. Thus if he is not prepared he will have time to make preparation for you. When the day of starting comes, go early to the station. This is so the ticket agent will have plenty of time to write your receipts. Don't lose these receipts, for they are worth money to you. If you have to buy over more than one road, ask for a receipt every time you buy. This is also important. Bring these receipts with you to the meeting. They will entitle you to return at one-third fare plus twenty-five cents. Do not under any circumstances buy other than a full fare ticket. Half rate, excursion, or other reduced rate tickets will not be honored in this arrangement.

T. H. J.

PERSONAL

After an absence of some weeks with loved ones in Iowa, we are now back in North Carolina, to continue in the Master's service. The sickness of my husband's brother caused sorrow of heart; but we had the pleasure of seeing him accept the Lord and the pre-

cious truth. On the afternoon of the Forth of July we improved the opportunity of selling a hundred copies of the Signs, and on our journey we sold one hundred twenty-four. We had many precious experiences. The Lord is good, and greatly to be praised. We enjoyed our Sabbath school lessons in the home of mother Miller. Our donations amounted to \$1.38. We took a number of orders for our periodicals, as we bade our loved ones farewell. We rejoice in hope of that glad day when our King shall come to gather us home, where good-byes will be unknown. We are looking forward to our coming camp-meeting, where we shall enjoy a spiritual feast together.

MRS. MOLLIE R. MILLER.

A FEW WORDS TO OUR CANVASSERS

The time for another yearly gathering of our dear brethren and sisters is very near at hand. I am very anxious that every one of the canvassers shall be there, also all who wish to enter the work. A portion of the time will be devoted to the canvassing work. You, as well as all our people, cannot afford to miss this occasion. The Lord will help you to come. Ask him to. I will not say more now on paper, but expect soon to see you all face to face. Come praying God's rich blessing to be with us.

HORACE G. MILLER,
Shelby, N. C.

FROM THE CANVASSING FIELD

The efforts of our younger canvassers are especially worthy of mention. Sisters Bertha and Emily Ingram, yet in their teens, both entered the work this summer. They were desirous of attending our camp-meeting, and wished to earn enough money to pay their expenses, and at the same time have a part in sowing the precious seeds of truth. They have both learned to love the canvassing work. Sister Emily recently wrote as follows: "Bertha and I have just come back from Wadesboro. We had good success there. I met one lady who said she had never bought a book, and had been waiting to get one she thought was a good one.

She took 'Coming King,' and seemed glad to get it. I hope it will do her good as well as others. I took \$7.00 worth of orders Wednesday evening, July 25. The Lord has been doing so much for me. I think that the experience is worth much more than what I make."

Sister Martha Reynolds is endeavoring to aid in the circulation of our good literature at Greensboro, as her time and strength will permit, as will be seen from the following: "I have been very happy in the work of selling papers, and hope to dispose of many more. I have a pleasant home with a lady not of our faith. From here it is quite convenient for me to canvass the main streets when I can get out. The Lord has greatly blessed me this summer. I find people who ask me to come back and read to them. I am planning to go somewhere to canvass after the camp-meeting."

Brother W. L. Killen writes: "We are not at present selling many books, as I have heretofore put between four and five hundred copies in the homes of the people of High Point. Before the camp-meeting is over, I hope we shall put many more in this town; for what have been sold ought to be an advertisement for our books."

Brother E. R. Allen writes that they find quite a number of people in Charlotte who seem about ready to begin the observance of the Sabbath, and that they are encouraged to believe that a nice little church may be raised up at that place.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR JULY, 1906

| Names | Book | Hours | Val. Ord. | Val. Deliv. |
|----------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------------|
| Oscar Steed | ck | 7 | | \$1.00 |
| J. E. Leighton | mn | 76 | \$13.75 | 40.30 |
| W. E. Lanier | sp | 113 | 107.00 | 41.00 |
| Emily Ingram | ck | 31 | 6.50 | |
| Bertha Ingram | ck | 28 | 12.00 | |
| N. D. Ingram | ck | 58 | 54.00 | |
| E. R. Allen | ckge | 83 | 90.00 | 7.00 |
| W. L. Killen | ckcol | 74 | 19.00 | 63.00 |
| Total | | 470 | \$302.25 | \$152.30 |

HORACE G. MILLER,
State Agent.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Annual Conference and Camp-meet-
ing, High Point, September 7 to 16.

Sabbath, August 18, was the occasion
of the baptism at Hildebran of three
of the members of the Toluca School
family.

We are glad to welcome Brother and
Sister Miller back to the work in North
Carolina. They reached Shelby Friday,
August 18, and Brother Miller began
the delivery of his books the following
Monday.

Having completed his delivery at
Wilmington, Brother W. E. Lanier has
heeded the Master's invitation, "Come
ye apart and rest awhile." He will re-
main at Waynesville until the camp-
meeting, and expects to resume the
work in our State after that.

The General Conference Committee
has set Sabbath, November 3, as the
time for taking a collection in our
churches for the benefit of the Inter-
national Publishing Association. This
Association publishes our foreign pa-
pers, books, pamphlets, and tracts, and
needs our help. As there are so
few foreigners living in our State, we
have not in the past been permitted to
labor much for these people. Now we
have the opportunity of assisting in
the circulation of our literature in the
foreign languages, in the way indicated
above. Address donations for this pur-
pose to North Carolina Conference,
Hickory, N. C.

"The Eleventh Annual Announce-
ment of the Southern Training School"
has recently come to our table. It con-
tains very full information relative to
the courses of study for the coming
school year and terms to students. We
wish that many of our young people
might avail themselves of the superior
advantages offered to those desiring a
preparation for future usefulness. Ob-
tain a copy of the Announcement by
addressing The Southern Training
School, Graysville, Tenn.

The Southern Missionary Society
publishes the Prophetic and Law of
God Charts. These charts are 20 by
29 inches in size, printed in beautiful
colors on a fine quality of cloth lined
paper, making them attractive, legible,
and durable. A set should be owned
by every family. Price 50 cents each
or \$1.00 for the two. Address South-
ern Missionary Society, Nashville,
Tenn., North Station.

Just before going to press we are in
receipt of the "First Annual Announce-
ment of the Eufola Academy of Indus-
trial Mechanics." Any one desiring a
copy of this Announcement may obtain
one by addressing Elder J. O. Johnston,
Eufola, N. C.

CAMP-MEETING NOTES

You had better write a card today,
ordering a tent for the meeting. The
price is \$2.00 for the entire time,
Floored, 50 cents extra.

On arrival at the depot at High
Point, go east to Main street, thence
due south to the camp-ground.

The dining tent will be in charge of
competent persons, who will use every
endeavor to make things pleasant and
agreeable for all comers.

A good supply of our denominational
literature, books, papers, and tracts,
will be on display at the book-stand,
also a fine line of Bibles.

A good well of pure water is at the
edge of the camp. This is a matter of
no little moment. We feel that we
are fortunate in getting the use of this
well.

The railroad certificates sent out
from this office are samples only. Get
one of the same kind filled with each
ticket bought, thus insuring a return at
one-third the regular fare plus 25
cents.

Arrangements will be made by which
baggage will be transported from the
station to the grounds at reasonable
rates. Do not give your checks to
draymen, but bring them with you to
the camp. Some one will be in waiting to
attend to the baggage at once.

SPECIAL COURSE FOR WORKERS AND OTHERS

Doubtless the readers of the MES-
SENGER have seen the articles in re-
cent issues of the *Review* relative to
the action of the late Educational Con-
vention in regard to the educational
missionary movement, and so it will
not be necessary to make any state-
ment in regard to the movement itself
in the columns of this paper. If there
are young workers or others in the
North Carolina Conference who are in-
terested, and who would like to have
a part in this work, we will be very
glad to correspond with such, and to
give full information on every point of
inquiry. Address me at Takoma Park
Station, Washington, D. C.

J. W. LAWHEAD.

MISSIONARY MUSIC

The following beautiful music, pub-
lished at the writer's expense, and
never before circulated to any extent,
has been donated to the Lord's work
in Porto Rico, and all who will send in
orders for the same will assist a noble
cause and at the same time satisfy a
taste for vocal melody. The music
consists of "Nearer My God to Thee"
(Duet), "The Unfolding of the Scroll"
(Quartet), "Still Waters" (Solo).
It sells for twenty-five cents per copy.
Send all orders to Minnie R. Stevens,
Kirksville, Mo. This music will be
sung at the North Carolina Camp-meet-
ing.