

# The North Carolina Messenger

"THERE SHALL BE DELAY NO LONGER"

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## THE CAMP-MEETING

Our recent annual camp-meeting and conference held at High Point was one of rich blessings and experiences. As the brethren and sisters, laying aside all differences and feelings of criticism, came together unitedly to seek the Lord, they were not disappointed. The blessing of the Lord was with us in a marked degree from the very beginning. We were favored with the presence and fatherly counsel of Elder R. M. Kilgore during the entire session. Prof. J. E. Tenney remained for the first half of the time, laboring earnestly in the interests of Christian education. There were a large number of children and youth in attendance, and meetings were held daily in their behalf. Without an exception all the young people present had previously given their hearts to the Lord, and were ready to unite with those of a longer experience in seeking for a deeper work of grace. Elder K. C. Russell was with us one day, inspiring all hearts with a greater appreciation of the importance of the religious liberty work and the needs of the mission fields. Elder Geo. I. Butler came on Wednesday of the last week, and his words of admonition and encouragement found a hearty response in the hearts of the believers. Brother A. F. Harrison labored earnestly, during his stay the last five days, for the advancement of the book work. As calls were made for means for the mission fields, for our Southern Training School, and for our home work, the people responded liberally, and in all \$281.95 was raised in cash and pledges. The meeting was harmonious throughout. Many times did we hear in substance the statement, "This is the best meeting I have ever attended." Our workers go forth with renewed courage, consecration, and zeal. As the people of God thus present a solid front, following the instruction of

our Great Commander, the battle will not be much longer. Onward is the watchword.

J. V. B.

## NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

The sixth annual session of the North Carolina Conference of S. D. A. convened on the camp-ground at High Point, N. C., September 7 to 16, 1906. At the first meeting the President briefly reviewed the work of the past year, leaving the statistics and reports in detail for the secretaries of the different departments. In our evangelical work some efforts have been made to enter new territory, as our means would permit, tent meetings having been held at Asheboro, Randleman, and High Point. At Wilmington a church of about twelve members has been organized, and it is confidently hoped that the foundation has been laid for a strong work at that place. Favorable mention was made concerning the establishment of the branch office and depository of the Southern Publishing Association, and in the same connection the encouraging progress which has been made in the canvassing work was noted. Notwithstanding the perplexities occasioned by the lack of means and facilities and the dearth of workers, God is plainly revealing his purpose to lead his people on to certain victory. One of the most encouraging omens is the spirit of willing service manifested by the believers, and the bond of brotherly love and union which we may discern.

As only those who are members of our local churches are delegate, others were invited by vote to participate in the conference proceedings, as follows: W. W. King, John W. King, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Nelson, John Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beach, Daniel Hildreth, Mrs. Adaline Young, Mrs. M. Pully, H. L. Vanderberg, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Self, Thomas Self.

Upon motion the Chair was empowered to appoint the usual committees, which were subsequently announced as follows: On Nominations, B. A. Rogers, Albert Carey, E. R. Allen, T. J. Woodall, Burton Church; On Resolutions, J. W. Beach, J. O. Johnston, Emma B. Rogers, J. E. Tenney, H. G. Miller; On Credentials and Licenses, D. T. Shireman, W. H. Armstrong, J. O. Johnston; On Drafting a Constitution, Jessie V. Bosworth, J. W. Beach, George Crawford. At the second meeting the Treasurer read a report of the receipts and disbursements, also the statement of the Southern Union Conference Auditor, which were both accepted. It is encouraging to note that the tithe receipts for last year were \$233.23 more than for the year before, also that our donations for all purposes were \$169.75 above those for the preceding year. During the session the following resolutions were passed:-

Whereas, There is a growing demand for religious legislation, which is evident from the frequency of the introduction of Sunday bills in the U. S. Congress and in State legislation, therefore,

1. Resolved, That each church shall elect a local religious liberty secretary

2. Resolved, That we recognize in the magazine *Liberty* a timely publication, and recommend that it be given a wide circulation. (a) That our Conference meet the expense of placing upon the subscription list the names of State legislators and other State officials, viz, prominent judges and lawyers. (b) That our local churches supply this magazine to county and town officials. (c) That as many individual subscriptions be secured as possible.

3. Resolved, That we encourage our people to utilize the public press in disseminating the principles of religious liberty.

4. Resolved, That we encourage our ministers to lecture upon the subject of religious liberty, when consistent t. do so, where Sunday closing crusades are being held.

Whereas, We are plainly told that in the last days some shall depart from the faith, and,

Whereas, Doubts entertained con-



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cerning the Testimonies is the almost invariable cause of such backsliding and and giving up the truth, therefore,—

5. Resolved, That we hereby declare again our faith in the Spirit of Prophecy, our loyalty to the General Conference, and our confidence in its present management.

Whereas, There is a great lack of workers throughout the entire South, and,

Whereas, We have many young people who would with proper training make valuable workers, and as workers are needed who have a higher literary training, therefore,—

6. Resolved, That as a Conference we do all in our power to encourage young people to enter the Southern Training School, and that we otherwise encourage and foster the work of that institution.

Whereas, We find in our territory a large percentage of comparatively poor people who cannot well purchase our large books at present prices, and,

Whereas, We believe that the truth should be given to the masses as cheaply as possible and not be made a commercial or money-making enterprise, but be introduced into many homes instead of few, and,

Whereas, With one or two exceptions our line of books at popular prices do not give the whole message, necessitating additional labor in the same field, therefore,—

7. Resolved, That we earnestly request the Review & Herald Publishing Co. to get out an edition of "Great Controversy" at a low price, as has already been done in the publication of "Daniel and the Revelation."

8. Resolved, That we recommend to the Southern Publishing Association the adoption of the policy of requiring our workers to pay for their books within sixty days, or on failure to do this to return books to the depository at Hickory at the workers' expense.

9. Resolved, That as a Conference we lend our hearty support to schools established by private persons among us which are conducted on right principles; that church officers aid in securing the attendance of worthy students only; that the Conference Committee act as an Advisory Board to such schools.

10. Resolved, That this Conference, in harmony with the General Conference, favor the support of faithful laborers and their families who may be unable to support themselves because of sickness, declining years, or death; that this support be freely given as unto the Lord; that these workers be kept upon the regular pay roll.

Whereas, There is a crying need and call for Christian schools in our Conference, and,

Whereas, One great reason for a lack of such schools is insufficient means to provide for the support of teachers, therefore,—

11. Resolved, That we bestir ourselves to a realization of this need, and individually and collectively pledge ourselves to stand by the Educational Secretary, and help to support the teachers where such conditions are found.

Believing, That great good would result to our Sabbath schools from the holding of conventions, therefore,

12. Resolved, That we recommend to our schools the frequent holding of such conventions.

13. Resolved, That in view of the great need of funds with which to carry the message to the regions beyond, we recommend that our Sabbath schools donate all of their contributions to missions.

In order to establish order and uniformity among our churches,

14. We recommend, That so far as practicable our church elections be held at the quarterly meeting in January of each year.

The resolutions on the religious liberty work met with hearty approval. It was explained that the extent to which the resolution with regard to the circulation of the magazine *Liberty* should be carried out is not closely defined, leaving this to the judgment of those having the work in charge, in accordance with the means and facilities to command. In the discussion of Resolution 5 Elder Jeys spoke with earnestness, urging the importance of intelligently and firmly taking our stand upon the principles therein enunciated. Prof. J. E. Tenney, Elder R. M. Kilgore, and others followed, making plain the duty of every S. D. Adventist to take a decided position on this question, and loyally to hold up the hands of those in positions of trust, upon whom rest heavy responsibilities. This resolution was passed by a unanimous rising vote. Resolutions 6 and 9 were considered together, Prof. J. E. Tenney leading out in the discussion. Our educational system was outlined, showing the relation which our church, intermediate, and training schools sustain one to the other. Success depends upon our loyalty to this carefully graded system, each school adhering to its specific line of work. Our young people who are preparing for service, no matter in what line of work, should strive for the highest mental attainment, such as is com-

mensurate with the glorious message which we have to give to the world. A school without students was likened to a mill without wheat. In order to save our young people they must be put in training. Nothing will bring richer results. God wants to use trained intelligence. Prof. Beach spoke in high terms of the class of students attending the school at Hilderbran the past year, and of the bright prospects for the future work of the school. Elder Jeys emphasized the necessity of unity of action in our school work. Our young people should set high ideals, at the same time remembering that the top of the ladder is reached only by taking all the steps. In the discussion of Resolution 8 a number expressed their sympathy with this effort to encourage the adoption of business principles in our work. Bro. A. F. Harrison presented a forcible argument in favor of dealing on the cash basis only. Elder Butler presented the question from the side of the Publishing House and in favor of adopting such a policy as will give satisfaction all around. It was explained by the President that the resolution does not say that the canvasser shall not pay cash down, but that the time limit of credit is stated. Different points in the other resolutions were considered with interest and profit.

A resolution recommending the establishment of treatment rooms in some town or city in our State brought forth a hearty response, plainly revealing that there is still a deep interest in our Conference in the advancement of the medical work. A number briefly expressed their desire to see this resolution carried into effect. Several plans for the purpose of raising means for this enterprise were discussed, one of which was the sale of the book "Ministry of Healing." On account of the financial problem involved, the resolution was referred to the Conference Committee. On account of the fact that with the present list of subscribers the NORTH CAROLINA MESSENGER is not self-supporting, a resolution favoring its discontinuance was presented; but such a decided protest was made from all sides that it was necessary to substitute a resolution to make an effort to increase its circulation.

The Educational Secretary reported



nineteen Sabbath Schools, with a membership of two hundred fifty-eight; and ten day schools, with an enrollment of one hundred sixty-five, one hundred two of whom were not of our faith. The report of the three Young People's Societies indicated an active interest in missionary work. The present standing of the work for our children and youth is of such a nature as to inspire an effort for greater progress. While there is much room for growth, there is no reason for discouragement. The report of the State Canvassing Agent also revealed advancement. Over \$700.00 worth more books were sold last year than during the previous year. Our best agents have averaged seven hours per day; one averaged 67 cents per hour, another 64 cents per hour. We have a number of earnest enthusiastic persons engaged in the bookwork, and several new workers are about to enter the field. The Religious Liberty Secretary gave an oral report of the work done in the way of circulating the petitions, corresponding with men of influence, etc.

The newly organized church at Wilmington was admitted into the Conference. On account of the sale of the church property and removals, it seemed necessary to disband the organization at Norwood, the members uniting with other churches. The Constitution framed by the Committee appointed for that purpose will appear in a later issue of the MESSENGER.

At the second meeting of the conference the following officers were unanimously elected: For President, T. H. Jeys; Vice-President, D. T. Shireman; Executive Committee, T. H. Jeys, D. T. Shireman, W. H. Armstrong, B. A. Rogers, T. J. Woodall, J. W. Beach, F. A. Slate; Secretary and Treasurer, Jessie V. Bosworth; State Agent, Horace G. Miller; Secretary Educational and Sabbath-school Department, Mrs. Emma B. Rogers; Secretary Medical Department, M. H. Johnston; Secretary Religious Liberty Department, T. H. Jeys. It was also recommended that T. H. Jeys be elected to serve as a member of the Southern Educational Company Board at the expiration of D. T. Shireman's term of office. The Committee on Credentials and Licenses submitted the following report, which was adopted by considering each name

separately: For Credentials, T. H. Jeys, D. T. Shireman, W. H. Armstrong, J. O. Johnston, Albert Carey, H. R. Shelton; Ministerial License, George Crawford, J. W. Beach, W. L. Killen; Missionary Credentials, H. G. Miller, Mollie R. Miller, Jessie V. Bosworth, Emma B. Rogers, M. H. Johnston, Robert L. Underwood, Burton Church, W. E. Lanier, E. R. Allen, John S. Killen, Harry Smallwood, Edith A. Godley, Isaac Aldridge, Albert Willis. As the three last named were unknown to the delegates, it was voted to refer these names to the Conference Committee. The spirit of brotherly love and union prevailed in all the deliberations. At the close of the ninth meeting the conference adjourned *sine die*.

T. H. JEYS, President.

JESSIE V. BOSWORTH, Secretary.

#### THOSE SANITARIUM PLEDGES

Several times the question has been asked, Since the Sanitarium debt has been paid, will it still be necessary to pay the unredeemed pledges? A few thoughts and suggestions may not be out of place on this subject. A year ago over \$300.00 was due on this fund, to be paid in one and two years. The one to whom the most of this was due very liberally offered to donate \$25.00 if it could be paid within the year. A collection was taken at the 1905 camp-meeting, and pledges solicited and made. During the year some of these pledges have been paid, and the money thus collected, together with some that has come into the hands of our legal body from other sources, has been turned to the payment of the debt. While the money coming from the sale of church property was in our hands, it was perfectly proper that it should be used in this way for the time being; but it certainly was not in the minds of the Conference Committee to appropriate these funds permanently in this way, and thus deprive those who had promised to help lift the Piedmont Sanitarium debt of the privilege of so doing. Some who pledged paid at once or soon after. Suppose that now some one assumes to excuse me from paying my pledge because forsooth I was slower to pay. Would this not look like a premium on tardiness?

There is nothing arbitrary about anything connected with the work of God; and if any one shall choose to refuse to pay his pledge, there will be no officer of the law coming around to collect it; but, dear brethren, these promises were made to God, and it is not in the province of the Conference Committee, nor any other power, to excuse me from the obligation I have voluntarily taken. Had not the money been placed in our hands, the debt would still have been unpaid; and by every form of obligation we should have been in duty bound to pay it by redeeming these promises. Our pledges are still regarded as assets from which it is expected that the funds of the Conference will be reimbursed, for money held by our legal body in trust, and used for the time being only. A year ago we voted that this is a debt of denominational honor, and that we should address ourselves to the task of paying this debt. Now it is paid, and we rejoice in the fact. Let us still retain our high ideal. Let every promise be redeemed.

T. H. J.

#### FROM THE FIELD

After the camp-meeting I journeyed across the country to Kernersville in company with Brother Slate. I spent a very pleasant evening at his home, and the next morning left for Winston-Salem, where I baptized the two Sisters Self, who had united with the Archdale church subject to baptism. Leaving there I went to Greensboro, where we were to hold a general meeting. Our meeting there was one of strength to our cause at that place. The attendance was small from other points, and not many were present from outside, but the work is onward. We learned that some were keeping the commandments, as it were, secretly. We shall not know all the results of sowing the seed until the final harvest is reaped. I can but praise the Lord as I see the work becoming more solid, even though there be some who are drifting away from the old landmarks. I have now returned to my field of labor here at Charlotte, and ask an interest in your prayers, that the Lord may guide in the way and give power to his word.

W. H. ARMSTRONG.



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### NEWS AND NOTES

Elder W. H. Armstrong's address is now 1000 East Seventh St., Charlotte, N. C.

Brother and Sister Horace G. Miller have changed their location to Gastonia. Canvassers please notice.

Our camp-meeting book-sales amounted to over \$70.00 in cash, besides over \$60.00 worth time sales to canvassers and others.

Some reports and other matter of interest have been crowded out of this number in order to publish a full report of the conference proceedings.

Brother and Sister George Crawford went to Eufola at the close of the camp-meeting, to enter upon their work in the school there, as announced.

The attendance from the city at the camp-meeting was very good, and the citizens of High Point spoke in high terms of the preaching. The meetings were continued for a week after the close of the camp-meeting, and Brethren W. L. and J. S. Killen are remaining to follow up the interest by visiting and cottage meetings. A number have taken their stand to keep all the commandments.

Brother John Allran writes: "I am now located at Lynchburg, Va., 715 Wise St.; and will probably remain here during the winter, engaged in canvassing and Bible work. I am having good success, and expect to press forward."

Brother A. F. Harrison spent the time intervening between our camp-meeting and the Publishers' Convention, visiting among the churches of our Conference in the interests of the *Watchman*.

Brother and Sister E. R. Allen went to Lilesville following the camp-meeting. Brother Allen has a large number of book orders there and at Charlotte for fall delivery.

Prof. J. W. Beach wishes us to announce again that the school at Hildebran will open Oct. 17. It is very necessary that each pupil be present at the opening.

At the close of the meeting at High Point, Elder T. H. Jeys went to Washington, D. C., where he has been in attendance at the General Conference Council.

### TITHE RECEIPTS

For August and September, 1906.

Archdale . . . . .	\$118.89
Asheville . . . . .	11.70
Eufola . . . . .	10.20
Greensboro No. 1 . . . . .	23.93
Hickory . . . . .	52.37
Hildebran . . . . .	45.53
Salisbury . . . . .	3.25
Waynesville . . . . .	13.90
Wilmington . . . . .	15.17
Winston-Salem . . . . .	11.47
Individual . . . . .	51.85
Total	\$358.26

JESSIE V. BOSWORTH, *Treasurer*.

### WHO WILL RESPOND?

Our good camp-meeting is in the past, and many of us have said that it was the best we have ever attended. Now, dear brethren and sisters, shall we not make the coming year the best in our lives? We cannot do this by simply staying in our homes or on our farms. We must get out among the people with the message. Can we not take some of our good books to them. I am very anxious that the canvassing work shall go steadily forward. I shall be glad to hear from any who wish to enter this work. I will be pleased to come to your homes, give you instruction, and go out with you for a day or more in order to help you get started. Several have recently written to me in regard to this work. Are there not many more to whom the Lord is saying, "Go work in my vineyard?"

Many are going down suddenly in death in these days of calamity. Can we say that our skirts are clear if we remain inactive, doing nothing to save souls from eternal death? O' Brethren, let us be awake to the golden opportunities which are passing. Soon, ah soon, it will be too late to improve them. The harvest will be past and the summer ended. Let me hear from all who wish to enter the canvassing work.

HORACE G. MILLER,  
*Gastonia, N. C.*

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### CANVASSING REPORT FOR AUGUST 1906.

Names	Book	Hours	Val. Ord.	Val. Deliv.
Oscar Steed	ck	I04	\$12.50	\$50.25
Horace Miller	ck	89	2.50	148.00
W. E. Lanier	sp	40	8.00	75.25
E. R. Allen	ge	103	119.00	24.00
J. E. Leighton	misc	57	15.25	13.25
N. D. Ingram	ck	20	6.50	9.00
Bertha Ingram	ck	24	4.00	13.250
Emily Ingram	ck	13	2.00	
F. A. Slate	misc	20	7.50	7.50
Total				
		470	\$177.25	\$340.50

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