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APART WITH CHRIST

Have you and I to-day
Stood silent as with Christ, apart from
joy or fray
Of life; to see by faith His face,
And grow by brief companionship more
true,
More nerved to lead, to dare, to do
For Him at any cost? Have we to-day
Found time in thought, our hand to lay
In His, and thus compare
His will with ours, and wear
The impress of His wish? Be sure
Such contact will endure
Throughout the days; will help us walk
erect
Through storm and flood; detect
Within the hidden life, sin's dross, its
stain;
Revive a thought of love for Him again;
Steady the steps which waver; help us
to see
The footpath meant for you and me.

—Selected.

THE PETITION WORK

The present status of religious legislation in Congress is of vital importance to every Seventh-day Adventist at the present time. Shortly after Congress took its recess last spring, the Sunday bill known as H. R. Bill No. 16483, "To Further Protect the First Day of the Week as a Day of Rest in the District of Columbia", passed the House of Representatives, and is now in the hands of the Senate Committee for the District of Columbia, and may be reported and passed by the Senate at any time during the next session. It will be remembered that in the spring of 1903 this same bill passed the House, and when it came up for action before the Senate Committee for the District of Columbia, there was a tie vote, and, therefore, it died in the hands of the Senate Committee.

We most earnestly urge the im-

portance of all our people uniting in a vigorous effort to defeat this measure. It is possible that this bill will come up for action soon after Congress opens, hence what we do must be done quickly in order to have our work prove effective. We feel exceedingly anxious that all our people shall take hold of this work, and if possible defeat this measure. We shall do what we can here in Washington to oppose the proposed legislation. Let us not forget that now is the time in the providence of God to present the gospel principles of religious liberty before the people.

K. C. RUSSELL.

THE END OF THE WORLD IN THIS GENERATION

About the middle of November there will be a special issue of the *Watchman* bearing the above title. Its object will be to show the momentous character of the present times. Events long foretold in God's Word indicate to the Christian that these are the last days. In this "End of the World" special is presented an opportunity for everyone, man, woman, boy, or girl, who believes in the soon coming of the Saviour, to carry the message to those who are not ready to meet the crisis.

The cover-page of this number will have an appropriate two-color illustration of Christ on the Mount of Olives, saying, "Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away till all these things be fulfilled." Two panels will also appear on this page, showing the fulfillment of Christ's words. The paper will be well illustrated, and will be printed in three colors. It's twenty pages will be very attractive, so that interest will be quickly aroused in the good articles published. Prominent writers have been secured, and their articles are right to the point, dealing in a striking manner with the fearful conditions existing everywhere and with God's message to this generation.

This special *Watchman* will be ready to mail about November 19, but will bear date as the regular issue for Christmas day, and will be appropriate for distribution for many months. Order at once, go out with the papers as they come fresh from the press, and asking God to be your helper, you will be surprised to see how easily you can sell them. Think of the good accomplished by such a work! When mailed to one address, from one to four copies, 5 cents each; 5 to 24 copies, 4 cents each; 25 to 299 copies, 3 cents each; 300 or more, 2½ cents each. A neat badge will be sent free, if requested, to any person ordering fifty or more papers to sell. Order of North Carolina Conference, Hickory, or of Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

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COURAGE AND CHEER

Nothing is more dear than a message from one's own most intimate friends, and next to those of the family ties comes the latest word from the brethren in Christ. It is thus that the MESSENGER is always one of the most highly esteemed visitants of our home, and possibly others may enjoy a word of cheer and courage from us.

While our period of sojourning in North Carolina for the past three years, most of the time engaged in self-supporting work, has often been one of the most intense perplexity, we are glad we can look back over the trials with a feeling of triumph over difficulties, through heavenly grace, and can see how all the way the Lord has blessed us, answered our prayers, and taught us many precious lessons. In all this we greatly rejoice, and with renewed courage and faith in God again take up the sacred work of imparting to others in a public way what God has so graciously given to us. Though for the time

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this must needs be in another State, our home, heart, and interest remain in North Carolina, and our prayers shall be for the advancement of the cause in its borders. The Lord is greatly blessing in the meetings held with the little company here. Pray for the advancement of the work.

ALBERT CAREY,
Gainesville, Ga.

FROM THE FIELD

The last days of September and the first week of October I spent at the Council Meeting at Washington, D. C. Topics of much interest and importance were considered. The principle and first business was planning for the great forward movement in the raising of the \$150,000 fund. Definite and carefully wrought out plans were laid, and as the members of the Council separated it was with the conviction that there shall be delay no longer. We are in the days of large undertakings. The world is to be lightened with the glory of the last message. We may well thank God that it is not too late for us to give. Some time it will be. Let us pray the Lord to prosper us in our business, that our hearts may be made more liberal, and that the true importance of the world-wide work may impress us.

Returning to North Carolina, I went to Asheville Oct. 8. I enjoyed a very pleasant visit with Prof. Brownsberger, and after a brief stay returned home, stopping en route at the office in Hickory. I am now at High Point for a few days again. We expect to have baptism next Sabbath, October 22.

T. H. J.

EUFOLA

After an absence of a little over a year, it was a privilege to again associate with the friends at this place. The services Sabbath, October 28, were of special interest. The ordinances were celebrated in the forenoon, and in the afternoon we attended the young people's meeting at 4 o'clock. Eld. Johnston spoke Sunday evening to a fair audience of attentive hearers. Much enthusiasm is manifested by Brother

and Sister Crawford and their students, and the school work is progressing nicely. Our young people at that place are enjoying privileges which we wish might be shared by many others. May we not have frequent reports from the work there and from all our schools?

J. V. B.

HOME MISSIONARY WORK

Through circumstances which I could not control, I was unable to attend our camp-meeting, but the Lord was with me, and blessed me in my work. During the time I put many of our books in the homes of the people. In the last two months I have sold \$23.00 worth of our literature, also giving away many papers and tracts. I prayed that the Lord would go before me and prepare the hearts of the people to receive this last message, and he has given me success. There are a few who are interested and reading who seem anxious to learn more. I mention one Presbyterian lady, who at first was rather suspicious of me and asked many questions,—did I have the Mormon religion, did I believe in the millennium dawn, or did I belong to the Dowey tribe? I was thankful to be able to say that I had the "old time religion", for which there need be no apology.

At first she refused to buy any books, but I loaned her papers; and when I went again she seemed pleased, and said the papers were so good and that she had loaned them to others. I had been laughed at for going to see her, and told that she would not buy our books; but I had with me "Steps to Christ" which she had said she would like to see, and she bought a copy. Then I offered to loan her "His Glorious Appearing". She bought that, also "Coming King", "Paradise Home", and "Gospel Primer", the last for her little grandchild. She says she has read them all, and I understand she pronounces them "second Bibles." Her influence among her friends and relatives has helped me in my work. One very intelligent colored woman has accepted the whole truth, and is keeping the Sabbath. I do not find much if any prejudice among these people, but they

need help. I have a steady sale for "Gospel Primer", which seems to be just the book for them. I find the Presbyterians a true Christian people, and the best friends I have. I expect to keep right on in this good work, and hope that my efforts may prepare the way for tent meetings here next summer, so that the people may know something about what they are going to hear. Dear brethren and sisters, let us all pray together for each other, for we have not much longer to pray and work. Soon our Lord is coming to take us to the mansions he has gone to prepare. So let us be at work. I was glad to know that instead of discontinuing the MESSENGER, we are to get more subscribers for our little paper. I'll try to get all I can.

MRS. M. A. MARKHAM,
Stovall, N. C.

WORDS OF COURAGE

Since the camp-meeting we have moved, and are comfortably situated here at Gastonia for service. During the past month I have had opportunity to make 33 visits, 123 calls, write 21 letters, sell 101 *Watchman*, give away 37, hold 5 Bible readings, obtain 3 subscriptions for periodicals, and distribute 1459 pages reading matter. One lady to whom I sold a paper said, "I want to ask you a question. I have been reading my Bible, and find that all through its pages it teaches that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord, and I have made up my mind to obey the Lord and keep next Sabbath." She asked me if I knew that the Bible taught that the seventh day was the Sabbath. She has now kept two Sabbaths. She has subscribed for the *Watchman* for a year, and bought a lesson quarterly; and has Sabbath school in her home at 3 P. M., with her mother and a neighbor present, both of whom are much interested. One of them remarked that she must keep the seventh day or be found guilty at the bar of God, quoting James 2: 10. I hold readings with them twice a week, and never have found more interested and hungry people than they. At another place where I sold a *Watchman* I took a six months' subscription, and others who are interested expect to become

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subscribers. In my work I find the sick and dying, and have opportunity to point them to the Great Physician. There is joy in the service of the Lord.

MRS. MOLLIE R. MILLER.

PROGRESS IN THE CANVASSING WORK

I am glad to be able to report progress since our good camp-meeting. I have received eight reports for the week ending October 19, orders amounting to \$172.75. I have visited Brother Ingram and daughters, at Bessemer City, and found them doing well and full of courage. They sold \$82.00 worth of books in one week. I also visited Brethren Lanier and Leighton at Charlotte, and found them full of the old-time zeal, and pressing forward with renewed interest. Brother Leighton had thought of going to Florida, but am glad to say that he has decided to remain in our Conference. Let us remember to pray that the Lord will send forth more laborers into the great harvest field. Matt. 9:38.

HORACE G. MILLER,
Gastonia, N.C.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

W. E. LANIER, WILMINGTON: "I came to this place September 17, and canvassed in the city for two or three weeks. While I did not have the best of success, I sold a number of 'Seer of Patmos'. I decided to use 'Daniel and the Revelation' in the country, with the result that in seven and one-half days I took \$77.25 worth of orders. I like to sell this book for more than one reason. One is that it is a good seller, and another, I can look a man in the face and tell him that I think it is one of the best books written,—yes, the best on the book of Revelation. But the greatest of all reasons is that it carries the message, which is what the people need whether they want it or not. I have not yet been able to put in full time; but if the Lord continues to bless me as he has, I expect to sell a goodly number of this dear good book. May others of our canvassers do likewise. Let us begin to use such books as will carry the message as fully as possible."

Mrs. A. E. BRENSINGER, HILDEBRAN:

"I had some blessed experiences while canvassing in Morganton. Surely the canvassing work is a glorious work. I have never felt happier than when engaged in it. I just feel the Lord's presence with me. 'He that watereth shall be watered also himself.' So many souls need help; they need kind words, a hearty handshake, or even a smile will help some poor burdened one. I have had people say to me 'I am so glad you came in. I was so blue and discouraged, but I feel better now. Your visit has done me so much good.' May God help the canvasser, is my prayer."

A CHEAP EDITION OF GREAT CONTROVERSY

The resolution passed at our camp-meeting in regard to the publication of a cheaper edition of "Great Controversy" was duly referred to the Review and Herald Publishing Co. Fortunately our request reached them just before the Publishers, Convention, and thus was considered by some of our leading book men. While it may seem a little premature, we take the liberty of quoting from a second letter received from them: "Again referring to yours of the 2d inst. with request from the North Carolina Conference for us to get out a cheap edition of 'Great Controversy', will say that the matter was quite carefully considered while Elder W. C. White was in Washington, and we have plans under way now for the getting out of this cheap edition... It will probably be printed on thinner paper than the regular edition, and will contain no illustrations, but will have a neat embossed design, and will probably sell for \$1.50. The details may be changed in some respects before the book is published, but this is according to our present plans... We trust that this will meet the requirements in your field, and assure you that we shall hurry the work along to completion as rapidly as possible." While it will necessarily take some time to accomplish this, our canvassers especially will be gratified to know that the initiative steps have been taken; and surely all will greatly appreciate the prompt attention that has been given to our appeal.

J. V. B.

CASH OR CREDITS?

During the conference lately held at High Point the question of sixty days credit to canvassers was quite fully discussed. It is not my purpose now to speak further on this line, but to call the attention of our canvassers to the fact that our publishing house is offering an additional discount of five per cent for cash with order. This discount alone is enough to pay interest on money borrowed for ten months. It is therefore a plain proposition that the canvasser who buys his books on sixty days' credit thereby pays interest for eight months for nothing. I would not say that books should never be bought on credit, but I do say that it is not a good business policy under the present conditions. Send cash with the order, even if you must borrow the money with which to do this.

T. H. J.

There has come to our table a copy of "The New Testament Primer", a new book for children, by James Edison White. It is very attractive in appearance, and the many illustrations appear throughout the book in two colors. The book has four departments: 1. Alphabet; 2. Trees, flowers, animals, birds, and insects of Palestine. 3. Life of Jesus. 4. Stories from the Lives of the Apostles. This is a regular subscription book, printed on tinted paper, 96 large pages. In board covers, 25 cents; cloth, 50 cents. It is especially adapted to the needs of this field, and will be a valuable help for our canvassers. For sale at this office.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1906.

Names	Book	Hours	Val. Ord.	Val. Del.
Oscar Steed	ck	79	\$24.75	\$10.00
Horace Miller	ck	8	1.50	7.00
W. E. Lanier	sp	23	25.00	
E. R. Allen	gc	86	1.00	128.00
Bertha Ingram	ck	13		12.25
Emily Ingram	ck	6		2.25
Mattie Reynolds	ck	45	22.25	
A. E. Brensinger	ckgc	25	31.50	11.00
Irregular workers		96	22.50	26.00
Total			381	\$128.50 \$196.50

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NOTES AND NEWS

We are sorry to learn of the serious illness of Elder W. H. Armstrong. At last writing he was recovering.

The family of Brother J. H. Wheeler, of Newton, are fortunate in having with them Sister Alice Bond as a teacher in their home school.

Brother and Sister Hall, formerly of Archdale, have located at Hildebran, thus giving their daughter Flora the advantages of the school there.

Mrs. Emma B. Rogers has just returned from a short trip to Asheville and vicinity, and reports an increasing interest at that place in the cause of Christian Education.

Eld. H. R. Shelton, after spending some time at Greensboro and Winston-Salem, went to Newton, going from there to Wilmington, this week. In harmony with the resolution to extend the circulation of the MESSENGER, he sends us with his renewal the names of four new subscribers.

In line with the article by Elder K. C. Russell, petition blanks are being sent out to all our churches and companies and also to isolated Sabbath keepers. The letter accompanying these, by Elder Jeys, will give all the necessary instruction it is thought as to the way these are to be used.

Brother N. D. Ingram and family have recently moved from Lilesville to King's Mountain, Gaston Co. Brother Ingram is arranging to devote all his time and energies to the canvassing work, and associated with him are his two eldest daughters. Are there not other families who can in like manner enlist for whole hearted service?

A complete report of the Publishers' Convention is to be published. The names of each speaker and the substance of what he said will be given, together with the names of those present, the subjects considered, and the recommendation passed. This report containing two hundred fifty pages will be furnished at the small sum of ten cents. The meeting was a pronounced success; and it is hoped that the sound which goes from it will ring around the world, and be the means in the hands of God and by the influence of his Spirit, of arousing the people to a sense of the opportunities of this very important time. Not the canvassers only but all our people should have this report. Send your orders to this office.

In 1904 a man bought a copy of the special "Signs Number" of the *Watchman*; he read this paper through three times the same day. As a result of the agent's effort in placing the special in that man's hands, the man, his wife, his mother, and two sisters are rejoicing in the truth, and three others are regularly attending Sabbath-school. Would you like a part in such a work? Then order a quantity of the special *Watchman* (title, "The End of the World in this Generation"), and go out among your friends and neighbors, on the streets in your own and other towns, and, making the most of every opportunity, place a copy of this paper in the hands of all you meet. See notice in another column.

The following are some of the leading subjects considered in *Life and Health* for November: The Wooing of Slumber, Divine Healing, For Whom Is It? The Gospel of Relaxation, Let's Be Good, Recipes for Hygienic Dishes, Pitfalls for Boys. The editorial paragraphs will discuss a number of practical subjects as usual, and the Current Comments are unusually pithy, and take in a wide scope. Those who are not having the monthly visits of this "home physician and trained nurse" are missing much. The price is 50 cents per year. Twenty-five or more copies of any number, 2½ cents each.

Miss Martha Smith, of Walnut Cove, is numbered among our students at Hildebran.

By invitation of the Conference Committee, Sister Alice Church will assist in the work at our office and depository, and enters upon her duties this week.

Several more have been added to the little company at High Point since the camp-meeting. Regular Sabbath meetings are held, and the workers have been actively engaged in holding cottage meetings, visiting, and canvassing. Brother John S. Killen will probably remain there for the winter.

Brethren Wm. M. Saunders and John Gibbons were arrested at Statesville, a few weeks ago, for violation of the Sunday law. We have not learned the particulars, but understand that their employer, for whom they were painting a house, promptly and willingly took the necessary steps to set them at liberty.

We were again reminded that we are in an enemy's land by the sudden death of one of the little ones in the Hickory Sabbath school, little Margia Hunter, four years old. She was in her place Sabbath, October 12, apparently in the bloom of health, and died Tuesday morning, the 23d, after only a few days' illness. Services were conducted at Hildebran by Prof. J. W. Beach. Dear little Margia loved to talk of Jesus' coming, and the bereaved parents have the blessed hope of seeing her in the morning of the resurrection.

Sister Mollie R. Miller wishes us to report the following donations to the Conference for the ministers' tent: Mrs. John White, 1 blanket, 1 sheet, 1 pillow case, 1 straw tick; Mrs. Lizzie Hearn, 1 sheet; Mrs. Mary Markham, 1 quilt; Mrs. Mollie R. Miller, 1 quilt; Mrs. T. C. McDaniels, 1 quilt; Mrs. Josie Slate, 1 quilt; Mrs. Annie Robinson, 1 white spread; Archdale Young People's Society, 1 quilt; Sisters Dickey and Wentworth (Battle Creek, Mich.), 1 quilt. Thanks are extended to all the donors, as well as to all who will do likewise.

TITHE RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER

1906.

Archdale	:	:	:	\$22.40
Asheville	:	:	:	7.15
Eufola	:	:	:	3.85
Greensboro No. 1	:	:	:	4.00
Greensboro No. 2	:	:	:	19.00
Hildebran	:	:	:	24.81
Hickory	:	:	:	23.25
Newbern	:	:	:	10.00
Salisbury	:	:	:	3.00
Wilmington	:	:	:	12.88
Individual	:	:	:	20.87

Total	\$151.21
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