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"WE CAN'T"

"Yet in this thing ye did not believe the Lord your God." Deut. 1:32. What was the trouble?—The spies had seen some high walls, some tall giants, some difficulties. They had told about these. The people began to doubt; they talked about it. The more they talked, the more discouraged they were. Soon they knew they couldn't, and were mad at Caleb and Joshua for saying they could. Read Numbers 11 and 12. Why did the Lord cause this record to be written? "For our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come." 1 Cor. 10:11. A few (not many) have been saying to me, "We can't" when the raising of the \$150,000 fund is discussed. It has not been those who are very poor, but rather those who are not rich in faith. Come, brethren, let us be of a good courage. God is in this work, and it is sure to triumph. Let us not, like ancient Israel, tempt God by our unbelief and hardness of heart. Suppose I should send word to each of my brethren in this conference that some time during this year every person will be asked to buy a new pair of shoes. How would such a proposition impress you? Would any one be saying "can't"? We can. We shall. We will. Let all the changes of the potential mode be rung. Eliminate the negative adverbs, and then with voice and pen and hand, with consecrated planning and earnest Christian endeavor, with vigor and vim, let old and young raise the courageous cry, We may, might, can, could, would, should, shall, and will do this work the Lord has indicated for us to do.

T. H. J.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISM ON TRIAL IN SOUTH CAROLINA

By request I write you a few facts in regard to the late presentment of the grand jury of Spartanburg county,

South Carolina. Two years ago last June I moved my family from Waynesville, N. C., to Campobello, S. C. We held a tent meeting there, and afterward bought a little place, deciding to make it our home. A little less than a year from the time of our tent effort, a small church of eight members was organized. The membership has since increased to twenty-four, and we are now laying the foundation for our new church building. In spite of some opposition, the work has gradually grown.

While we did not regard Sunday, we were careful not to molest any one in their Sunday rest and worship. Nearly all of our Sunday-keeping neighbors seemed well pleased with us in regard to our general deportment; some few were displeased because we paid more respect to the Sabbath than to Sunday. They had no chance to complain because we kept the Sabbath, so took occasion to complain on us before the grand jury for our disrespect of Sunday. Three of us were named to the grand jury, and two of the names were given in wrong. All three were represented as being ministers, when in reality, of those named, I was the only minister. Either the ones complaining on us were not the best acquainted with us, or they did not take care to represent things as they were. However, the grand jury after being informed of us, recommended that we be prosecuted.

Following the recommendation of the grand jury, there appeared in the Spartanburg *Journal* an editorial styling us a deluded people for believing the coming of Christ near at hand; yet the editor believed no good could come from prosecuting us for Sunday labor. He said such prosecution could only advertise our sect and forward our interests; that we had been taken to trial many times; and that they were forced to admit that nothing was gained by those who brought us into court. He also stated that "otherwise than our Sun-

day work we were quiet, law-abiding citizens."

I was in the southern part of the State visiting companies and scattered Sabbath keepers at the time this occurred. Sister McHugh (our Spartanburg Bible worker) answered the editorial in the *Journal*, showing that Adventists were not deluded, but that the coming of the Lord was actually near at hand, and that the Adventists had the same right "to obey God rather than man" that Peter and John and Daniel and the three Hebrews had in their day. Following her article was one by Eld. Carey on Religious Liberty. He set forth the purview of the civil government and the limit of their rights. On the heels of this article came a heavy blow in our favor from a man by the name of Pierce. He told them that the recommendation of the grand jury was a step back toward the thumbscrew, rack, and inquisition. He made a good plea for liberty to worship God as each one chose. So really, as far as we can see, what has been done, although we hear in it the growl of the Dragon, has only tended to further our cause and publish the truth in South Carolina.

We have not forgotten any of the dear people of North Carolina, and would be glad to hear from any of you at any time.

Your brother in the closing work,
R. T. NASH.

FROM THE FIELD

Although my sickness was nigh unto death, the Lord in his mercy spared my life to help finish his work. To me this work is paramount to every thing else in this world. When I accepted the third angel's message, I accepted the Bible as my guide book, to direct me to the eternal city. I had a desire to live to see the work finished, and my Lord coming on the clouds of heaven with all the holy angels. I can say that

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my hope grows stronger as I see the end drawing nearer.

I visited the church at Winston the last of November. I believe that my visit there was timely and profitable. There was some important business to attend to, also the election of officers. On my way to Greensboro I stopped at Brother Slate's to see the brethren there, and preached one night at the schoolhouse to quite a good audience. At Greensboro I held a few meetings. The church there seemed to be getting along quite well. I also held the election of officers there, believing that some changes should be made for the good of the church. From there I went to Summerville, profitably spending a short time there. I am truly glad to meet those who are anxious to learn the message for this time. From there I returned home to labor in this part of the Lord's vineyard. I am finding some souls that seem anxious to know the way to Zion.

I am truly thankful for the third angel's message, and that it will penetrate through all error and tradition, and bring light to any soul sitting in darkness who desires the light. Because of the wonderful power that the third angel's message has to convert souls, and to raise the standard of truth to its original place, the devil is attempting to counterfeit it in every possible way. He sees that it is worth counterfeiting, and he is putting forth every effort he can to accomplish his purpose. But we need not fear, for the Lord is able to carry on his work. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." 2 Cor. 9: 8. And as God can make it abound to every good work, so we see the light penetrating everywhere, both by voice and the printed page. This should be an incentive to every lover of truth, knowing that his labor will not be lost if properly done. There are souls hidden away, as it were, that are hungering for the truth. The divine instruction is: "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days." Eccl. 11. 1. And again, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psa. 126:6.

W. H. ARMSTRONG.

ARCHDALE

The Lord has so arranged it that all the believers, from the least to the greatest, may have a part in publishing the truth. The blessing comes in doing.

The Archdale church has sold three hundred copies of the special *Watchman*, as a beginning. We are ordering more, and expect to sell several hundred yet. Our church school has been going on now three weeks (Dec. 16). It is very gratifying to note the interest manifested by the pupils. One forenoon all were so absorbed in their work that not one thought of recess. The Lord is blessing the school. Our church building is now completed, and we are conducting Sunday night services for the public. The interest is good.

W. L. KILLEN.

ON THE WING

Husband and I left home December 6, stopping one day and night with the little company of believers at Salisbury. We found all of good courage, each taking the *Watchman* and MESSENGER. Brethren Steed and Pennington met us at Albermarle, where we spent four days with them in the country. The Lord came near in our Sabbath school and meeting. Meetings were held with the neighbors Sunday and Monday evenings. Four readings were held, some visits made, and papers sold. On our way home we stopped at Charlotte, calling at the homes of Brother Stillwell and Elder Armstrong. After a few days at home preparing for the institute, we started for Hildebran, stopping from Friday noon till Tuesday at the home of Father and Mother Stillwell. We found them well and of good courage. A Sabbath school and two meetings were held Sabbath, and two services Sunday with the neighbors. Tuesday we came to Mooresville, spending one day and two nights with Mr. and Mrs. Brevard Atwell. These friends are interested in the truth. We stopped over night at Eufola with Elder Johnston's. They were all busy and of good courage. We arrived at Hickory Friday. The brethren and sisters there are pressing forward in the good work. On Sabbath the ordinances were celebrated.

This was the first time I have had the privilege of participating in the ordinances for some years. The dear Lord came near and blessed us. We are now at Hildebran preparing for the institute. During the month we sold ninety-five papers, gave away fifty-five, took four subscriptions, and held eighteen readings and four meetings.

MOLLIE R. MILLER.

THE CANVASSING WORK

During the month of December I spent some time in canvassing and visiting among my friends near my own home. For some time I have desired to have the privilege of thus becoming acquainted with my own neighbors. I am convinced that the experience thus gained may be had by all our brethren in every neighborhood. I am sure it would be a happy surprise to many. Try it, and see if you do not want to repeat and continue the experience.

December 31, the last day of the old year, I started for Hildebran, and am now in attendance at the Canvassers' Institute. A good spirit is present, and there is sure to be a profitable time. I am anxious to see the canvassing work constantly grow, and it is growing. We have much for which to be thankful along this line. Our agents in the field are having good success, and we are occasionally adding a new recruit to our ranks. Much can be done by our brethren who may not be able to devote all their time to the work. Resident canvassing should be given careful study by all.

T. H. J.

THE CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

No doubt by the time these lines reach you our institute will have begun. We are sparing no pains to make this school a great blessing to all who come. Dear brethren, why not come and get a preparation for the work? Is not God laying the burden on some of mature minds and experience in our conference to take up this important work? Will you let year after year go by and still hesitate? Will you let these precious Bible schools be held year after year for you and then you fail to attend?

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Do you want to be counted among the faint hearted of Gideon's army? I pray you may choose to be among his faithful three hundred.

We plan to have Bible studies; also to study "Great Controversy," "Coming King," etc. We hope to have two studies in the Bible each day. Elder Jeys will be with us and also Brother C. F. Dart, from South Carolina. My wife will be with me to help in various ways. Again I earnestly invite you to come to this school, and prepare for more and better work for the Master.

Many will wish to help this work with their means. Donations will be thankfully received and judiciously used. Please send all such to me at Hildebran, my address for thirty days.

H. G. MILLER.

FROM THE CANVASSERS

W. E. Lanier: "My success, from a human standpoint, has not been so good since coming to Charlotte as at other times, yet success is not always measured by the number of dollars and cents we receive for our labor. If it were, we would not think so much about the eternal reward. One encouraging feature of my work is the number of books sold to ministers. I do not think we should pass the minister by, unless we have good reason to believe that an interview with him would stir up prejudice, and thus hurt our work with other people. It will not often do that if the canvass is made in an intelligent manner. Never canvass a minister as though you were trying to teach him; for if he gets that impression, he will not be very favorably impressed with you or your work, and would perhaps do you harm if he could. I find it a good plan to let the minister do some of the thinking, talking, and deciding himself. I have sold a goodly number of 'Daniel and the Revelation,' and quite a number of copies of 'Story of the Seer of Patmos.' I expect to remain at Charlotte for a while yet. I think that I can do better now the holidays are over. God has promised that no good thing will he withhold from them that love him. So if there are any dear canvassers who are discouraged and feel 'blue', let me say, Cheer up, dear brother, cheer up. If we never have any clouds,

we may become careless and feel self-sufficient. God wants us to look to him for our help. 'Every cloud has a silver lining.' Though the clouds gather thick to-day, remember 'The sun will shine again bright and clear.' So let us 'keep on the sunny side.' Soon we will be where no clouds will ever come."

O. R. Steed: "It was my privilege to spend the night of November 13 with a dear old man who remembers about the stars falling November 13, 1833. He did not know that event fulfilled Matt. 24:29. As I told him this and showed him 'Coming King', he was greatly moved. This old man does not read much; but after looking through 'Coming King', he gave me his order and bought 'Gospel Primer' for himself, also paid for a book for his grandchild. We talked and I read the Bible some, and before retiring we all bowed in prayer. I am sure the good angels were present. A nice clever lady, whose husband had left her a short while before, was there with her two children. I could see that she was greatly helped. O, I have some good times in the canvassing work. May the Lord move on the hearts of others to 'taste and see that the Lord is good.'"

J. E. Leighton: "I have closed up my work here (Charlotte), and expect soon to go to Florida. I dislike very much to leave this State, but do not see any way to avoid it, as circumstances are such that duty seems to point that way. There are people here whom I have helped to interest in the truth for this time, and I am very anxious to see them identify themselves with us. I shall always feel a deep interest in the work here, and I hope to be remembered by all the friends here as I go to another State."

Mattie S. Reynolds: "My heart is full of joy and praise to the dear Lord for his help and presence. I have had a blessed experience and great victories in the work. I am by no means discouraged even if my book delivery was not a complete success. Those who did take met me with the money and a smile, and seemed glad to receive the books. I am thankful for even a small part in the Lord's service."

Sister W. L. Killen reported thirty of the special *Watchman* sold in three hours one day, and at another time thirty-four in the same length of time. We may not all be able to do as well as this, but we can all try. The very title of this special number, "The End of the World in this Generation," suggests the necessity of immediate and earnest work in its circulation. Shall we not all as far as possible improve this opportunity of helping to give the warning message?

We are pleased to have Brother A. P. Reid, from Roanoke, Virginia, join our corps of canvassers. He is at present engaged in the book work at Winston-Salem.

CANVASSING REPORT
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Names	Book	Hours	Val. Ord	Val. Del
W. E. Lanier	d&r	128	\$72.50	\$48.00
H. G. Miller	ck	147	24.75	130.50
O. R. Steed	ck	71	21.75	38.25
J. E. Leighton	ck	40	32.50	12.85
N. D. Ingram	gc	14	13.00	5.75
Bertha Ingram	ck	52	8.50	9.75
Emily Ingram	ck	23	5.25	8.00
Mattie Reynolds	ck	81	32.00	34.50
Mrs. Brensinger	misc	65	25.00	32.50
F. A. Slate	misc	20	11.75	11.75
E. R. Allen	gc	20		25.00
W. H. George	misc	30	22.00	
Total			691 269.00	\$356.85

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TITHE RECEIPTS
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1906.

Archdale	\$101.51
Asheville	2.00
Eufola	22.46
Greensboro No. 1	6.18
Greensboro No. 2	3.30
Hildebran	116.90
Hickory	74.28
Salisbury	1.00
Valle Cruces	15.00
Winston-Salem	16.34
Waynesville	29.40
Wilmington	17.44
Individual	26.77

Total	\$432.58

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NEWS AND NOTES

Miss Mary Underwood, now of Hickory, visited home friends at Waynesville during the holidays.

Sister E. C. Raby has returned to Hickory, having spent some time visiting her daughter at Asheville.

Elder T. H. Jeys spent New Year's day at the office in Hickory, going on the next morning to Hildebran, to be present at the opening of the Institute.

Brother W. E. Lanier, who has been canvassing at Charlotte since the camp-meeting, was among the early arrivals at the Canvassers' Institute.

If your subscription to the MESSENGER has expired, the figures opposite this paragraph will give the date. Please consider this as a request to send in renewal.

The following sentiments expressed in a recent letter from Prof. S. Brownberger, of Asheville, are so excellent that we take the liberty of passing them on to our readers: "We are well, and enjoying the common blessings of life abundantly, yes, and very many of the special blessings promised to, and received only by, those who are seeking to do the will of the Lord in all things. We are all deeply impressed with the fact that the Lord is beginning to cut short his work, and that he will delay no longer. My heart longs for a baptism of the Spirit, that I may do the work the Lord would still have me do, and then with his people receive the "well done."

Some of our readers will be interested to hear a word from Elder C. T. Adams, of Los Angeles, California. In a private letter to Elder Jeys, his wife (a sister of Mrs. J. S. Killen) says that he has been sick for nearly four months; that he has recently undergone a surgical operation; and that now it is hoped that he will soon be well. We are sure that all of his acquaintances and brethren join us in the wish that his recovery may be speedy, and that he may soon be able to be in the work once more.

Although the attendance at the Canvassers' Institute is not as large at the beginning as had been hoped for, the Lord is blessing and those present are receiving precious instruction. Brother C. F. Dart, State Missionary for South Carolina, came as expected. Brother W. S. Wilson, a canvasser of some experience is in attendance, with the view of taking up the work in our Conference. Others have written that they are coming, and a profitable time is expected throughout.

Dr. Albert Carey was compelled by ill health to leave the work in Georgia, returning to Hildebran. Home treatment and care are proving beneficial. All will unite with us in the prayer that God may so add his blessing that his servant may again "prosper and be in health."

Elder H. R. Shelton met with the little company at Newbern during the week of prayer. He was at Winston-Salem at last writing, expecting to go soon to assist Eld. Armstrong in the work at Charlotte.

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill can not be hid."

Burton Church, Hickory, N. C., desires clean copies of our papers for use in a reading rack. Papers of any date, even ten years old, will be gladly received.

A Sabbath school convention was held at Hickory Sunday, January 6. We promise our readers a report of this interesting occasion, in the February number of the MESSENGER.

One dear sister, a home worker, writes: "I am doing all I can to help finish the work in this generation. I am of good courage, for the Lord hath said that in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

If you have not yet ordered a supply of the special issue of the *Watchman*, "The End of the World in This Generation," you should not delay longer. They come at 4 cents each in lots of 5 to 24; 25 to 299, 3 cents each; 300 or more, 2½ cents each. Address this office.

A Sunday rest convention has been called at Greensboro, to be held January 15 and 16. Our people in that part of the State consider this an opportune time to circulate religious liberty reading matter. Elder Jeys expects to attend, and particulars will be given in our next issue.

Elder D. T. Shireman left the first week of this month for the North, expecting to visit points in Indiana and Michigan. He called at the office shortly before leaving, and we were glad to hear of the advancement of the work at Toluca. The school, which is in charge of Brother and Sister Smallwood, had an enrollment of fifteen, and more expected.

We extract from a private letter recently received from Brother C. D. Wolf, believing that all his friends will be glad to hear a word from him. He writes from Pensacola, Florida: "You see I am in the sunny South again this winter. Brother E. C. Rogers is with me. The Lord is greatly blessing our work. We see much to do, but can only do the work of two men. . . . Judging from the prevailing wickedness on every hand and the signs all around us, God is about to cut short his work in righteousness."