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THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR FUND

Since last month's MESSENGER, there has been material increase in this fund from North Carolina, as will be seen by noting the pages of the *Watchman*. I am glad for this. The angels of God rejoice as they see energy and consecration manifested by those to whom God has entrusted this wonderful message. There is nothing to be so much feared as indifference. Open hostility can be met. If any one should begin to say it is wrong to do this, to raise this fund, we can at once respond that God has sent again and again the message that we should do this very work. It is not the man who fights this work who will prove the greatest hindrance. Rather it is he who occupies the place of a worker but does not work. Truth is often wounded in the house of her friends. Brethren, so may it not be with us. Let the forward march be sounded. Let the troops wheel into line. Call up the reserves.

Less than a month remains of the time originally assigned for us to have completed this work. Let us do it. Many men spend ten cents a day in tobacco. Should not we be willing to give as much to our God who is so much better to us than the tobacco user's god is to him? Ten cents a day for twenty-six days for every S. D. Adventist in North Carolina will fill our quota, and the thing is done. Come on, brethren, let us do it. And let all the people say, Amen.

T. H. J.

EXCUSES

"And they all with one consent began to make excuse." Luke 14:18. It is interesting to notice the character of the excuses given. They were such as have to do with: First, our financial affairs; and, second, our social relation-

ships. The financial excuses are of two kinds: First, real estate, a piece of land; second, personal property, five yoke of oxen. Every kind of social relationship is included in the highest type and most sacred form. "I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come." Every possible excuse that men give is properly classified in one of these. I have heard men say, I cannot keep the Sabbath, my business would suffer. I cannot keep the law of God, my children oppose me. I cannot pay my tithe; for I must support my family. I cannot go out canvassing; for I must pick my cotton, or I must plow my corn, I must care for my stock. I cannot send the children to church school; for I am too poor, or I need them to chop cotton, or to help in the house. I cannot be a Christian; for my friends would laugh at me. I cannot do my duty now; for my position in society forbids it. How poor all these excuses will look sometime.

T. H. J.

GET READY

"Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him". Matt. 25 : 6. This cry was at midnight. It was necessary to have all things ready before the time to be called. No time for the one who is awakened out of sleep to prepare for the bridegroom. The time to get ready is while it is day. To wake out of sleep with no oil in one's lamp, darkness all around, will be a sad condition, but this will be the case with many. We are told to "Get ready, get ready, get ready." But what will it take to get ready? All our sins must not only be confessed but forsaken, and all evil habits laid aside. When the cry goes forth that Jesus is coming, it will be too late to prepare. Many no doubt will be very zealous in helping the financial work, perhaps laboring hard to spread the message to the whole world,

yet be clinging to some cherished sin. To be ready means doing all we can with our means and God-given strength. But to many it will be said, These things ye ought to have done, and not to have left undone the most important, that is to get ready. The Lord has done all on his part for us, and we may be ready if we will. The Holy Spirit will be given to us without measure. All heaven is doing all that can be done for our salvation. To-day is the day. O, let not the sun go down without a preparation for the cry, be it at midnight or morning.

D. T. SHIREMAN.

REPORTING

Good morning, Brother Smith. How are you this morning?

Not very well, Brother Jones, I have rheumatism in my left arm, which hurt me through the night. I think it was because I have been working so hard for a few days. I was trying to get the south field plowed up before it gets too dry; and yesterday I broke my plow point and made a trip to the shop, and then to make up time worked extra late; and when I came home after dark one of my cows had broken out of the lot and tramped all over my cabbage bed, and it took me a good hour to find her, and I wouldn't have found her then had not John Brown come along and told me he saw her up the lane. John was going for Doctor Green to get him to come to see Mrs. Black, who seems to be threatened with fever. When I finally got to sleep, it was after eleven o'clock.

Well, Brother Smith, you certainly had a busy day. Did you get one of those missionary report blanks that Sister Bosworth is sending out to all the churches?

Why yes, I think I did get something of the kind. I just handed them all over to my wife. I don't take much stock in such things myself. I believe in *doing* more than in reporting. The Bible says you know, not to let your

left hand know what your right hand does. It sounds like boasting to be writing a report of the good things we have been doing. I think if we *do* good that the telling can be left. Besides, I have been so busy that really I haven't very much to report any way. Why, this spring I have cleared five acres of new land besides getting my old field ready for corn, and I am trying to raise an extra crop of potatoes this year, and if I can I want to get—

Why, Brother Smith, excuse me, but you certainly do believe in reporting. Here in the last five minutes you have told me about rheumatism, the south field, cabbage bed, cow getting away, breaking your plow, working late, John Brown, Doctor Green, Mrs. Black, new cleared land, crop of potatoes, and I don't know how much more you would have reported if I had not interrupted you. Why did you tell me all this if you do not believe in reporting? Is it not, Brother Smith, because you are interested in these matters that you like to speak of them?

Yes, Brother Jones, you are right.

Well then if you were equally interested in the work of the Master, might it not be that you would be glad to tell what God has wrought by you?

Brother Jones, I see the question in a new light. I have been selfishly thinking my own thoughts, speaking my own words, doing my own ways. I will give more time to the carrying of this blessed message; and then, for the encouragement and help of others, I will recount the help God has been to me. I will give my report to the librarian regularly, and our church shall be properly represented as doing things decently and in order.

Brother Smith, I am glad to hear you say so. T. H. J.

FIELD NOTES

During March I visited Charlotte, Hickory, Hildebran, Lenoir and Archdale. At Charlotte Elder Armstrong is working with some success. A few have embraced the truth as a result of his labors. It was my privilege to spend Sabbath and Sunday, March 16 and 17, with this little company of believers. While there I spoke three times, dwelling especially on the neces-

sity of being founded solidly on the truth and letting the word dwell in us, that when false systems and religions clamor at our doors, we may know how to test them. Brother W. E. Lanier is placing many of our subscription books in the homes of the people. I spent one day at Hickory attending to work in connection with the Conference office. I went from there on a flying visit to Lenoir, where Brother George Crawford has lately purchased a little home. Found him busy at work getting ready to put in his spring crop. Brother Crawford will farm some, and labor to carry the truth as opportunity offers. During the week just past I have helped a little on the painting of the church at Archdale. The brethren there are hastening to have their building completed in time for the dedication, April 7. The Conference Committee will meet at this time and place, and the summer's campaign will be planned. T. H. J.

CHARLOTTE

Since my last report, I have preached in the M. E. church, and am to preach at the Congregational church to-night, March 28. There are many people here who are getting stirred up over the truths of the third angel's message. Satan, of course, is at hand to suggest that there is plenty of time yet; and people little realize that in a short time it will be said, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we not saved." But, nevertheless, there are souls here who love the truth as it is in Jesus, and desire to live and obey it. They are accepting all the points of truth as taught. The Lord is working by his Holy Spirit. I do not think that I have ever labored for a company before that as a whole seemed so anxious to learn and obey, and to have a home at last in the eternal kingdom. It appears somewhat like unto the pentecostal times.

We are again nearing the banks of the Jordan. Our fathers did in part as their fathers did on coming up to the borders of the promised land, failing to go over the Jordan. Now the Lord has lead us through the wilderness these forty or more years, and has brought us once more up to the borders of the promised land. We can almost look over and view the goodly land. We are

soon to pass over. Who among us are telling others that the Lord is soon to lead his people over? Are we helping others to prepare for the journey? Or are we acting like the ten spies? Note the following: "Parents were bitterly reproaching their children and children their parents; brothers their sisters and sisters their brothers. Loud wailing cries were heard in every direction: 'It was you who kept me from receiving the truth which would have saved me from this awful hour.' Angels have recorded it all; it is written in the book. The tears of the pious bondman and bond woman, of fathers, mothers, sisters, and brothers, are all bottled up in heaven. God will restrain his anger but little longer."—*Early Writings*. It is written: "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness." May the Lord guide his people. W. H. ARMSTRONG.

FROM A HOME WORKER

Dear Workers: Owing to long continued sickness in my family, I have been unable to let you hear from me for quite a long time. But I have not been idle, although I could not get out. I ordered quite a lot of books before Christmas, receiving them the last of December. Since then I have sold some \$15.00 worth right at home, as I have been too sick to get out, even if my family had been well enough. I sell mostly to the colored people, as we live close to two saw mills. They like to read our books. One man is especially interested, and buys one of every kind I sell, so he has quite a number of them. He says his wife reads them every night after he goes to bed. He has sold several for me, and says he will sell more. I am never discouraged in this good work, although no great results are apparent now. I work and pray. If every one, *every one* of our Adventist people would get interested *themselves* and go to work, we would see greater results. Every one can do something to forward the work. O, how we do need workers here and elsewhere! Shall we not all help to hasten Christ's coming? We believe it is near. This is our faith, but "faith without works is dead". Let us work while we pray. MARY A. MARKHAM.

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GASTONIA

Another month is now in the past with all its privileges and blessings. Soon we must meet its record. The Lord is good to me, and helps me day by day. I have had precious experiences, selling two hundred *Watchman*, and visiting and calling upon the people. I took one yearly subscription for the *Watchman* and two for six months. Let us all press closer together, standing heart to heart, going forward, as brave and loyal soldiers of the "Captain of our salvation."

MOLLIE R. MILLER.

LENOIR

We feel grateful indeed to our Heavenly Father for his guiding hand in directing us to this place. We are pleasantly located at Treland, a little flag station two miles south of Lenoir. There is plenty of missionary work all around us, and soon there will be opportunity for more, as a cotton mill is going up near us. The people are very friendly, and there seems to be no prejudice as yet. They are free to invite me to take part in their Sunday school and meetings. Sabbath, March 9, we organized a Sabbath school at Lenoir with a membership of six, and the prospect of additions soon. I expect soon to visit the isolated Sabbath-keepers in the western part of the State. Pray that my labors may be fruitful.

GEORGE CRAWFORD.

ASHEVILLE

Our move to Asheville was a pleasant one. We stopped a few days at Hickory and Hildebran, and were treated royally by those with whom we met. It afforded us much pleasure to meet with the Hickory church, and we highly appreciated and enjoyed the whole hearted hospitality of the loved ones in the truth.

After leaving Hickory for Asheville, our train was soon winding its way around, through, and over the hills to the "Land of the Sky." We were expecting to pilot our own way after we reached Asheville, realizing that our great Leader was and is still by our side. We soon found a place we could

call "home" again, and it was not long till I had become acquainted with some of the business men and had sold quite a number of *Liberty*. I soon found some of our own people. I am sure that if those who wish to see a little of every thing, and find those for whom they are looking, will take some of our literature and do a thorough work, they will both see and find. Asheville is a more difficult field for many reasons than we have before labored in, yet we are of good courage and are not planning on failure. We earnestly pray that the work here may have the proper care at the proper time, and that we may be so united with the strength of Heaven that this church may stand as a beacon light to the entire community. Pray for us.

J. S. KILLEN.

HILDEBRAN ACADEMY

Our second year of school closed last Friday, March 29. How the time flies! It seems but a few days since our six months' term of school began. We recount God's blessings to us during this time, and can testify they have been great. His care was over us constantly; no sickness hindered our work.

Forty pupils have been enrolled, and the per cent of attendance has increased to the last. A good spirit has prevailed, and no unkind criticism from patrons or others has come to our ears. As we know of students planning to return next year and new ones inquiring about our school, we are encouraged to go forward. The attendance of students of an advanced age from abroad has not been as large as we might desire or as it should be; but the small class we had were studious, and tried very hard to do right. This made our work both easy and pleasant.

As school was held on the holidays, we thought we had earned a play day, and so closed with an entertainment, in which all took part. The doors were taken down between the two rooms, which were nicely decorated with drawings, plants, etc. The seats were occupied by patrons and friends, who seemed to enjoy the exercises very much. Appropriate songs were rendered by the school, and friends with cornet and a band of five stringed instruments also furnished music.

Not to say that the church here has done all that could be asked to make the school a success would be unkind. We praise God for the harmony existing. Roll of honor (Department and average standing over 90 per cent): Libbie Baird, Carrie Hoke, Charlsey Allran, Richard Whisnant, Roy Beach, Eva Mowery, Mary Vaughn, Flora Hall, Belvin Hawes, Howard Brensinger, John Carter, Corrie Bridges, Gaius Carey, Philip Carter, Marion Bridges.

J. W. BEACH.

READ AND CONSIDER

I am glad to be able to say that good reports and encouraging letters are coming from our canvassers, and that the Lord is giving marked success to those who engage in it faithfully and earnestly. We are thankful indeed for the very noticeable improvement in the matter of reporting, and yet there is room for better work in this respect. All who have not yet read Brother Palmer's article in the *Review* of March 21 should do so.

The following is to the point on the distribution of our publications. Let each one ponder it well: "The Lord gave the word, great was the army of those that published it." Psa. 68:11 (margin) "The church of Christ may fitly be compared to an army... which is to conduct an aggressive warfare, to make conquests for Christ, to rescue souls from the power of the enemy. God and holy angels are engaged in this warfare." "The proper circulation and distribution of our publications is one of the most important means of presenting present truth. But little can be done without this... All heaven is actively engaged in furnishing facilities by which to extend the knowledge of the truth to all peoples, nations, and tongues." "The efforts made to get the truth before the people are not half as thorough and extensive as they should be. Not a fiftieth part is being done to extend the truth that might be done by scattering our publications."

You may say, Can this really be true,—we are not doing one fiftieth part to extend the precious truth we love? O, brethren, let us awake out of sleep and go to work as never before! Do not think this responsibility rests on four or five canvassers and a few ministers; for God says he lays on every member of his church the proclamation of this message,

H. G. MILLER.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Camp-meeting, Lexington, N. C., August 15-25.

At the close of the school at Hildebran, Miss Libbie Baird returned to her home at Matney, Miss Carrie Hoke accompanying her for a short visit in the mountains.

Following the Committee meeting at Archdale Elder W. H. Armstrong expects to hold meetings at Greensboro, Summerfield, and Winston-Salem. Sister Armstrong is visiting with friends in Hickory.

April 6 was the date appointed for the dedication of the new church edifice at Archdale, N. C. It is a matter of satisfaction that it is free from debt, and the brethren there are to be congratulated on their success.

The fourth number of *Liberty* completes the first year of this magazine. Although a mere babe, its influence and power have proven the rapidity of its growth. Its average circulation is nearly 50,000. We trust that none of its subscribers in North Carolina will fail to renew for another year. We need to study as never before the principles of religious liberty, and to sense the binding obligations resting upon us to impart this knowledge to others. *Liberty* is a quarterly magazine of 32 pages. The subscription price is only 25 cents per year; ten or more, either to one address or to different addresses, 15 cents each; twenty-five or more copies of any one issue to one address, 2 1-2 cents each.

"I am lost without it;" "I don't want to miss a single number;" "It is a very welcome visitor, because we sit down and have a little talk with you all every month,"—these and similar expressions from our subscribers indicate that the publication of the little MESSENGER is not in vain. Its columns are open to all, and new subscriptions as well as renewals are always thankfully received. All should take an interest in helping to place our Conference paper on a self-supporting basis.

A personal letter from Sister J. O. Johnston speaks of the closing exercises of the school at Eufola. Papers were read on practical subjects, which with the recitations, select readings and demonstrations in arithmetic and grammar formed an interesting program. Leonard McIntire expects to complete the course in mechanics, while his brother Lane will spend the summer on the farm with one of our brethren there.

Sister Annie Patterson, of Winston-Salem, who has been engaged in the sale of the special *Watchman*, writes: "The *Watchman* is such a fine paper. The Lord sends showers of blessings upon me each day of my life, as I am doing what I can to get others to take and read it." Are there not others who have not yet taken up this work who want to share in the blessing?

Up to date there has been received at this office \$132.22 on the \$150,000 fund, all of which has been duly forwarded to the treasurer of the Southern Union Conference.

The April number of *Life and Health* contains some exceptionally good things on timely topics. The entire contents of this number will be of profit to all. The price of this journal is 50 cents a year.

The offerings for the aged and orphans taken Sabbath, April 6, should be sent to the Conference Treasurer, and will be forwarded on to the Southern Union Conference, to be used as needed in the work for which it is given.

We thank those who have sent in renewals for the MESSENGER during the past month. The date on the wrapper of this paper will show the time of the expiration of your subscription. Please let us know if you have not received due credit.

We have been requested to publish an advertisement from the Waterloo Vegetarian Meat Formula Co., 209 Iowa St., Waterloo, Iowa. While our rules require us to exclude advertisements from our columns, for the benefit of our readers we give the address of the company. They offer a cutter and recipe for \$2.00; the recipe alone, 25 cents. Address as above.

TITHE RECEIPTS

MARCH, 1907.

Archdale	\$63.88
Hildebran	27.05
Hickory	19.80
Wilmington	5.30
Waynesville	6.00
Individual	52.61

Total \$174.64

JESSIE V. BOSWORTH, Treasurer.

CANVASSERS' REPORT

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Names	Book	Hours	Orders	Del.
Oscar Steedck	73	..\$7.25	\$30.25
W. E. Lanier	s of p.138	..116.50	..26.25	
H. G. Miller	....ck	10	..7.25	15.50
O. B. Newton	....ck	106	..88.50	10.50
W. H. George	....gc	57	..59.75	5.00
A. E. Brensinger	ck	86	..66.75	8.25
Mattie Reynolds	ck	63	..47.75	9.00
H. B. Tildenck	45	..58.75	5.75
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