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THE FIELD OF THE WORLD

Sow in the morn thy seed;
At eve hold not thy hand;
To doubt and fear give thou no heed,
Broadcast it o'er the land.

Beside all waters sow,
The highway furrows stock,
Drop it where thorns and thistles grow,
Scatter it on the rock.

The good, the fruitful ground
Expect not here nor there;
O'er hill and dale alike 'tis found;
Go forth, then, everywhere.

Thou knowest not which may thrive,
The late or early sown;
Grace keeps the precious seed alive
When and wherever sown.

And duly shall appear,
In verdure, beauty, strength,
The tender blade, the stalk, the ear,
And the full corn at length.

Thou canst not toil in vain;
Cold, heat, the moist, the dry
Shall foster and mature the grain
For garnerers in the sky.

Then when the glorious end,
The day of God shall come,
The angel reapers shall descend,
And gather in the harvest home.

—James Montgomery.

DIRECTIONS FOR DESTROYING REV- ERENCE FOR THE HOUSE OF WORSHIP

In order effectually to accomplish this purpose suggested by the title to this article, it is best to begin perhaps with the one who cares for the church. Leave the floor unswept, or if swept at all let it be done very hurriedly on Sabbath morning, so that the dust will not be settled before the congregation begins to arrive. The janitor can of course explain that he was too busy through the week to attend to this. If the weather is cold, don't build a fire too soon. It may encourage people to come too

early. If the pipe is filled up with ashes and soot, don't clean it out through the week. Let it smoke. People should learn to endure hardness as good soldiers. As the people begin to come they should carefully leave some mud on their feet. It is better to be physically dirty than spiritually unclean. Great care should be exercised by the brethren to leave their hats on as they enter, and when fairly into the room, let each one see that he talks in a loud tone of voice. This will of course be necessary, because otherwise the voice cannot be heard above the din.

When it is time for Sabbath-school, the superintendant should go out of doors and call in the boys and girls, who in the mean time should have been opening and shutting the door many times as they enter and leave the building. The superintendant may also ask if any one has a choice of an opening song. Several may likely respond at once. This will show that all are avoiding formalism. During the services that follow, the different classes should arrange themselves with special reference to their personal preferences of seats, position, etc. This will show that all believe in religious liberty. Each should carefully attend to talking with the one sitting nearest. Thus good will and sociability will be shown. The young people will easily learn this, especially if some of the older members set the example. It will be an advantage if two or three will talk aloud together during the time the congregation sing. Of course those who are singing cannot hear the talking, and those who talk are not disturbed. If there are any little children, they should be encouraged to play up and down the aisles; because if the parents should attempt to keep them still, they would scream. If the little ones grow noisy, let them continue. The brethren will think you are too severe if you take them out and administer the needed discipline. If the father and mother are both present, he

should carefully leave her to care for all of the children, for she has had more experience anyway.

There are still other means that could be mentioned; but if the above directions are faithfully followed, together with attending to such little matters as sleeping during service, looking out of the window, looking at the clothes of others, shuffling the floor with the feet, bringing the dog to the church, etc., there will rarely be any failure in the purpose mentioned in the title.

T. H. J.

"MINISTRY OF HEALING"

The request has been made that I say a word in behalf of "Ministry of Healing." In so doing I feel like an artisan introducing an angel, and begging you to receive him as your guest. "Ministry of Healing" not only teaches you how to minister but it ministers to you as well. As day by day it is read at our noon-day prayer hour, we all feel that we have indeed sat for a little season at the feet of Him who spoke as never man spake.

Many may think it intended alone for missionary physicians and nurses; but while to these are given lessons of inestimable value, not one soul who desires to live a Christian life is left out of its considerations. From the youth among us, who look forward upon the establishment of homes of their own with uncertainty or care; to the minister of the gospel, with his burden of soul-saving toil; for each and all, a healing portion is offered, that it in turn may be passed on to other hungry souls.

Through the difficulties and trials which have befallen us during the past few years, this book has been like an angel hand leading through the mists to the path of light and glory. Can you be saved without it? Maybe! "So as by fire"! But O, why not have the very thing Jesus has provided for you, to help you. The money expended will

help the publishing house a little, the medical missionary work more, yourself with unmeasured benefit, according as you receive it; and from you the blessing may proceed in infinite swells, and eternity alone reward the fruitage of so small an earthly investment. Let every Sabbath-keeper love it, read it, head its instruction, and we shall be ready for the mighty swells of the loud cry, the victory, the going home.

ALBERT CAREY.

FIELD NOTES

The first part of the month of May I spent in company with Brother George Crawford in the mountains of Watauga County. With horse and buggy we climbed the mountains, forded the streams, and found our way into the secluded and isolated neighborhood of the oldest North Carolina company of Sabbath-keepers, the church at Valle Cruces. We found a few of these brethren faithfully holding up the banner of truth. While we were glad for this, we were also saddened as we saw that some had lost their love for the truth and were retrograding. This church has a recorded membership of forty-two, but it was seen by looking over the books that more than half this number have either removed from the place or back-slidden from the truth. An effort will be made to restore, and if unsuccessful, these persons whose lives are not in harmony with these sacred truths will be disfellowshipped. In this solemn time when the books of heaven are daily coming in review, how carefully and prayerfully should we consider our own cases. Our elders in the churches should feel the responsibility of taking heed to the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made them overseers.

Returning to Hickory, I started May 14 toward Chattanooga to be in attendance at the Southern Union Conference Committee meeting. I stopped en route for a short visit with Brother and Sister John Killen, at Asheville. I arrived at Chattanooga the morning of May 16. Pursuant to appointment, the Conference Committee were ready to begin business, which continued with little rest, except on Sabbath, till Monday, May 20. Many important and in-

teresting plans were discussed, and will doubtless be reported in the *Watchman* or otherwise. Leaving Chattanooga Tuesday, the 21st, I came to Western North Carolina, where I have since been visiting the isolated believers in this part of the State. Brother W. L. Garren, of Wolf Creek, had never before heard an Adventist sermon. He and his good wife and mother have been commandment keepers for about six years. A neighbor of his, though not himself a Sabbath-keeper, had advocated the truth; and Brother Garren, in reading the Bible to refute his arguments, himself became convinced and at once obeyed. I held a few public meetings there. Brother W. H. Brown, at Shooting Creek, has been canvassing, and is visiting in the homes of the people, and thus an interest to hear the spoken word has been awakened. I plan to hold a few public meetings there.

T. H. J.

ARCHDALE AND OTHER PLACES

After closing our church school at Archdale, I engaged in manual labor for a few weeks, which was very beneficial to me. For about eight weeks Sunday night meetings were held in the Archdale church for the public. Some prejudice was disarmed, and we believe lasting impressions for good were made. I have visited Kernersville, Summerfield, and Meadows; and last Sabbath and Sunday, May 11 and 12, I spent at Stokesdale, where is manifested much interest to hear the truth. I believe some definite work should be done at this place at an early date. May 13 I sold to the people who attended our meetings, six "Coming King", two "Object Lessons", five "Matthew Twenty-four", one "Paradise Home", and two "Best Stories".

There is no work more effective than that of placing our good books and papers in the homes of the people. We are blessed with the very best literature in the world. May the Lord enable us all to realize what powerful means are in our hands of carrying this message, and to bestir ourselves and help to finish the work. There is work for all; not one has an excuse for indolence.

W. L. KILLEN.

GASTONIA AND VICINITY

We do not appreciate as we should the privileges and opportunities that are ours day by day. "By visiting the people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, you will win hearts. Angels of God attend you to the dwellings of those you visit." "It is a mystery that there are not hundreds at work for God where now there is but one." "The heavenly universe is astonished at the coldness, the listlessness of those who profess to be sons and daughters of God." Soon we are to go home. Soon the open hearts and doors will be no more.

Last Wednesday noon I went to Lowell. I sold five papers while waiting for the flat car drawn by a mule to take me two miles out to McAdenville. While there I visited a family whom I had met in Statesville. I held two Bible readings with them, and sold them my song book. The Baptist minister took "Coming King". I also obtained a subscription for the *Watchman* for six months, and sold thirty-one. Returning to Lowell the next day at noon, I sold nineteen while waiting for the train. Friday at one home where I called, a minister was present. He bought a paper and thanked me for it, and said he had "Coming King". As I went to the next door, he followed me saying, "Mary buy one of these papers. If you do not have the money, I will pay for it," which he did, saying that they were cousins. Three weeks ago I sold a minister's wife a paper; and when I called the next week to ask her how she enjoyed it, her husband came in and said, "I want to subscribe for that paper for a year." I called yesterday on my way home from Sabbath-school, and loaned them late copies of the *Signs*. What a wonderful truth we have, satisfying every longing heart when received and obeyed.

MRS. MOLLIE MILLER.

FAITH, COURAGE, AND SUCCESS

This is one of our mottoes highly esteemed. The old saying is true, "Nothing succeeds like success." Success depends largely upon courage, and without faith it is impossible to accomplish that which depends upon faith altogether. A few years ago I canvassed sev-

eral homes on a certain street, and sold from one to three books in every house but one. Satan knew there was success for me on this street, and wanted me to postpone my work over there, but I didn't. There are two voices, you know. Many of the people insisted on my calling again, and thus the way opens up for more work. I am confronted frequently with these words: "Your books and message stir us all up, and we hardly know what to do." I then explain why this is true, and point them to Jesus, who can satisfy and speak peace to the stirred and troubled soul. There are quite a number here interested in the truth. For these I crave the prayers of God's people.

J. S. KILLEN.

ARE WE AWAKE?

Since my last report I have visited our brethren at the following places in the interest of the canvassing work: Charlotte, High Point, Archdale, Spero, Winston, Lincolnton, Hickory, and Morganton. At the last named place, I had a most encouraging visit with a young student who is deeply interested in present truth and is planning to enter the canvassing work soon. He has read "Coming King", "Great Controversy", and "Daniel and the Revelation," and is now very anxious to give to others the precious truths that have come to him.

I met Brother Walter Harper at Hickory, and I esteemed it a great privilege. He is full of enthusiasm for the work in the South, and is wide awake. Although he is neither young nor strong physically, yet he seizes upon opportunities, masters difficulties, and presses forward in the work. Circumstances do not permit him to stay much longer with us. We are glad that he came, and that he can take to his many friends in the West a good report of the people and work in North Carolina; and we pray that he may encourage consecrated workers in the North and West to come and help us in this neglected field. Our prayers go with him.

I spent the Sabbath with Brother Self at Winston, and was indeed glad to see the interest he took in gathering the children into Sabbath-school. He is also doing a good work assisting in the sale of our small books. At the same place

I had a good visit with Sister Patterson and Sister Hunley, who for a number of years have been engaged in the sale of our small books. They are still faithful and of good courage.

It does my soul good as I meet my brethren and sisters, and see the interest that is being taken in this branch of the work. Yet only a small part is being done of what should and could be done if we were all awake. Many who know this truth are fast asleep, others are only partially awake, and I fear that there are but few of us wide awake. How quickly this message could be given if we were all wide awake. The Lord has told us that we are on the enchanted ground. Satan will do his utmost to cause us to sleep. Dear brethren and sisters, let us all awake and go to work as never before, and it will mean to us and many others eternal life.

HORACE G. MILLER.

SELLING "GREAT CONTROVERSY" IN THE SOUTHERN FIELD.

As stated in the MESSENGER last month, I reached here on May 2, just one month ago to-day, — tired and weary from two nights of travel, yet before the day had passed, I was at work with the grand good book, "Great Controversy." The idea seemed prevalent that this book could not be sold in this Southern field. The Lord has spoken that this book ought to be sold everywhere. His biddings are our enablings. Believing his word I started out and trusted to his guiding hand, although weak and worn-out and harassed by many things. If we make him our trust, our confidence, and lean heavily on the everlasting arms, we shall not be disappointed. God never disappoints those who trust in him. No one ever faithfully sought the Lord in vain.

By Friday, May 31, the good Master had granted me success in taking 110 orders for "Great Controversy", or some \$278.00 in value, also one cloth "Daniel and the Revelation", and one "Looking unto Jesus", besides 111 copies of "New Testament Primer", 105 cloth and 6 board. All honors, all praise to the Lord alone, for he only can grant success in our work. My orders for "Great Controversy" were from one to eight a day, usually four to six a day.

Last Friday, May 31, in about half a day I took seven orders for "Great Controversy" and six for "New Testament Primer".

It is a pleasure to meet these dear souls in these Southern States. Such kindness of heart, and almost universal courtesy, are manifested. You can talk to them of the coming of the Lord and any Bible theme, and they seem glad to hear it. There is room for fifty canvassers in this State alone, also in half a dozen other States. Whole counties are untouched. I do hope many will come from other States. Write to any conference president in the South or to Brother I. A. Ford, care Southern Pub. Association, 24th Ave. North, Nashville, Tenn., for any information you desire.

I believe the priceless treasure casket, "Great Controversy", can be sold everywhere in the Southern field. God will bless all who take it up, but the enemy of all truth has made a studied, determined effort to side-track, block the way of the sale of this book, and to leave it idle on the shelves in our publishing houses, as has been done in the past, for it exposes his snares and tells how to escape them. Let us believe God, and have a part in this good work before it closes up, for soon it will be too late. Think of these things, and may God guide you all.

WALTER HARPER.

CANVASSING AT CHARLOTTE

I am happy to say that I am here, of good courage, doing a good work, and enjoying a reasonable degree of health. While I have not sold quite so many books since coming here as at other times, the Great Canvasser is with me and is helping me to put many good books into the homes of the people of Charlotte. I am so glad that I can sell books and make friends. Not one with whom I have had the pleasure of speaking about the books sold them, is otherwise that pleased, yes well pleased. So, dear fellow-workers, do not think that people will not like you because you sell them books on present truth. It is true that there may be some extreme cases where you might incur their displeasure, but as a rule the opposite is true.

I came here last September, and am but little if any more than half over the city. While there have been times when the prospect looked gloomy, I stayed with my work and I am thankful that God has not forsaken me. The last three and one half days that I canvassed I took about thirty-seven dollars worth of orders. "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men." Psa. 107: 8.

W. E. LANIER.

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NEWS AND NOTES

State Camp-meeting, Lexington, August 15 to 25.

We have received a supply of the Sabbath-school Lesson Quarterlies for the next quarter, and are prepared to fill early orders.

We have delayed the publication of the MESSENGER for a few days in order to have a complete report of the canvassing work for the month of May.

Brother W. H. Brown writes quite encouragingly of the work in Clay Co. One family there have recently begun the observance of the Sabbath, and others are interested.

We shall mail a number of sample copies of this issue of the MESSENGER to parties outside of our Conference. We call especial attention to the article by Brother Walter Harper. Those desiring further information in regard to the work in North Carolina should write to Elder T. H. Jeys, Spero, N. C.

We again ask each of our subscribers to notice carefully the date on the wrapper of your paper this month. This denotes the time of the expiration of your subscription. If your time is out, kindly let us know whether you wish the paper continued or not. If you have not received due credit for renewal, notify us.

Elder D. T. Shireman reports progress at Toluca. Seven children from the Haskell Home came the latter part of May, and Mrs. M. Harlan, of Hinsdale, Ill., has come to assist in the Home. Brother John Graham, with his family, from Albion, Indiana, has located there, and is rendering substantial assistance in the work. Their Sabbath-school now numbers twenty-four.

On the morning of the 6th, just before going to press, we received a brief call from Elder T. H. Jeys, on his way home from Chattanooga and points in the western part of the State. The decision of the Southern Union Conference Committee to publish a workers' paper for the entire Southern field was considered. This paper will be an eight-page periodical issued once in two weeks at present, for the purpose of publishing reports etc., from the different conferences, and other matters of interest to all. It will therefore no longer be necessary to publish conference papers, and those who are subscribers to the MESSENGER will now receive four times as much reading matter as formerly and at the same price. A full explanation of this plan will be given our readers later.

Now is the time to subscribe for the *Watchman* if you are not already taking it. Two very important series of articles have lately been introduced: A series of sermons by Elder Clarence Santee; and studies on the prophecies relating to the Eastern Question, by Prof. P. T. Magan. These articles will be of special interest to all, and increase the value of the "*Watchman*" as a missionary periodical. This periodical above all others should be in every S. D. Adventist family in this Southern field. Single subscriptions only \$1.00 a year, or 50 cents for six months. Order of this office, or send direct to the publishers at Nashville, Tenn., 24th Ave North.

It has been decided that the midsummer offering for this year be taken in behalf of the missionary enterprises to be helped by the \$150,000 Fund, and applied on this fund; and that the date for taking this offering be June 29, 1907. Our people everywhere are invited to make a general rally on this occasion, and raise as large a donation as possible.

Sister J. W. Beach had the privilege of attending the Institute at Chattanooga during the entire time of the session. She will visit at Nashville, Tenn., before returning home.

Brother E. R. Allen's address is now Woollam, Mo. We are glad to learn from a late letter that he and his family are well, and of good courage.

Sister Mattie Reynolds, having completed her work at Gastonia, has gone to canvass at Monroe, where she will be joined by Sister Ella Newton.

We regret to learn of the serious illness of Sister W. H. Armstrong. Elder Armstrong accompanied her to Waynesville May 30, with the hopes that the change may prove beneficial.

We have received at this office since the collection of May 4, on the \$150,000 Fund \$71.64, making a total of \$236.76 for our Conference.

CHANGE OF APPOINTMENTS

Circumstances were such that it was not possible for me to fill my former appointments. The Lord willing, I expect to visit the following places on the dates given: Hillsboro, July 1 and 2; LaGrange, July 3 and 4; Newton, July 5 to 8; Wilmington, July 9 to 14; Vander, July 15 to 17; Greensboro, July 18 to 20; Reidsville, July 21 and 22; Summerfield, July 22 to 24; Winston, July 25 to 27.

W. H. ARMSTRONG.

CANVASSERS' REPORT

FOR MAY, 1907.

Names	Book	Hrs.	Ord.	Del.
Wm. H. Brown	ck.	87	\$50.25	\$33.00
W. E. Lanier	sp.	179	150.75	63.75
Horace G. Miller	ck.	92	37.00	170.50
Mattie Reynolds	ck.	53	12.25	23.00
H. B. Tilden	ck.	160	163.75	13.25
Mary E. Tilden	ck.	30	14.50	40.25
O. B. Newton	ck.	105	73.50	31.25
A. E. Brensinger	ck.	52	32.50	10.50
John Killen	Misc.	75	63.50	63.50
Walter Harper	gc.		279.00	
" "	Misc.		56.75	
W. S. Wilson				26.10
Burton Church				12.50
Irregular		82	50.00	117.00

Total 915 \$983.75 \$604.60
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TITHE RECEIPTS

FOR MAY, 1907.

Asheville	\$3.00
Archdale	60.91
Charlotte	2.37
Eufola	5.20
Greensboro No. 1	3.25
Hildebran	63.20
Hickory	50.10
Salisbury	6.00
Wilmington	11.50
Waynesville	20.15
Individual	28.30

Total \$253.98
 JESSIE V. BOSWORTH, *Treasurer.*