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"THERE SHALL BE DELAY NO LONGER"

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THIS, TOO, WILL PASS AWAY.

When some great sorrow, like a mighty river,
Flows through your life with peace-destroying
power,
And dearest things are swept from sight forever,
Say to your heart each trying hour:
This, too, will pass away.

When ceaseless toil has hushed your song of glad-
ness,
And you have grown almost too tired to pray,
Let this truth banish from the heart its sadness,
And ease the burden of each trying day:
This, too, shall pass away.

When fortune smiles, and full of mirth and
pleasure,
The days are flitting by without a care,
Lest you should rest with only earthly pleasure
Let these few words their fullest import bear:
This, too, will pass away.

When earnest labor brings you fame and glory,
And all earth's noblest ones upon you smile,
Remember that all earth's grandest, longest
story
Fills but a moment, in a little while;
This, too, shall pass away.

—Lanta Wilson Smith.

THE STATE CONFERENCE.

As before announced, this meeting will be held at Newton, July 7 to 16, following the Canvassers' Institute. A general attendance from all over the State is very much desired. The growing importance of our work as we near the end emphasizes the necessity of improving every opportunity of unitedly seeking the blessing of the Lord. This meeting will be conducted in about the same way as our State camp-meetings in the past. The business will be as quickly dispatched as possible, and the time spent in getting nearer to God. It is hoped that all who possibly can will plan to be present at the first meeting and remain till the close.

TO THE PRODIGAL.

Dear Prodigal.—I write you at this time to let you know that your Father is much grieved at your absence, and is daily wishing your return. His love for you is unchanged. Though you have not treated Him fairly, or even honestly, He never mentions this, but constantly looks in the direction you have gone, and hopes you will soon take it in mind to forsake the miserable surroundings where you are, and return to His home and love. Anticipating your sick, hungry, and poverty-stricken condition, He has made ample provision for all your needs. Instead of your ragged clothes which you now wear, He has provided a most beautiful garment, clean and white. Costly viands, rich and rare, are bought at an infinite cost that you may eat and live. Fruit from a wonderful tree is soon to be had, and all sickness is quickly banished on application of its leaves. Of course you must know that you are not without enemies who are doing their best to turn your Father against you. They bring all railing accusations against you; but your Father refuses to hear them, though they persistently urge their nefarious pleas before Him. He has even issued a manifesto, declaring that neither angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor any oth-

er creature, can change His love for you. To all these accusations he declares, "He is my wayward son; I love him." He sends you an invitation to come back home. It does not matter how shameful or wretched your condition may be, He wants you still. O, come! You have everything to gain and nothing to lose by coming back home. Your present master has made many flattering promises; but, though you have long fed the swine of pleasure, and ambition, and selfishness, the only wages he will pay is death. Be no longer deceived by his fair words, but arise and go to your Father. He will run to meet you. The rich robe of His own righteousness will be quickly thrown about you; and, though some may be unwilling to receive you, your own Father will plead your cause. Have you not reached the time when you are hungry and cannot longer subsist on husks? O, come home! As your brother who has been in like case, I am commissioned to ask you. As an ambassador, I beseech you. Let the reconciliation take place. Come, O, Come! T. H. J.

DO WE WANT CHRIST TO COME?

In these closing days of this world's history and in the closing days of the judgment, this question should be kept continually before us. We cannot present this

great event to others with convincing power unless we are convinced of the truthfulness of it ourselves. We should keep this thought continually in mind, How soon do I want Christ to come? We may hasten His coming or hinder it. Let us consider; do we really desire the Saviour's coming? Our actions will show. Do I pay my tithes? Do I pay an honest tithe to help keep the ministers in the field, so that the work may be finished? When the call comes from the Mission Board for means with which to carry the gospel quickly to the regions beyond, do I respond? And when the call comes for means for the home missionary work, am I alive to the interests of this branch of the work? Do the brethren find me loyal to the cause when camp-meeting pledges are called for, and when the time arrives for them to be paid? What is our object in attending the camp-meeting?

Now let us visit the homes to see if there are some looking for the coming King. Do we find everything neat and tidy in the house and the yard cleaned up, ready for the inspection of the angels? Do the angels find the husband honoring the wife, and the wife her husband, calling him lord (1 Pet. 3:6, 7.)? Do the children know by the treatment they receive that their parents are looking for the coming of the Lord? Do the neighbors know that preparations are being made for His *soon coming*? Or can they see that this event is considered to be very indefinite? Is there

foolish talking and jesting? Can it be seen that I love the brethren, and do the brethren know that I love them? Jesus knows all about these things.

As we can tell by the bending of the trees and the waving of the grain, the direction from which the wind comes, so our words and actions, our walk and manner of life, show what is directing our course. Let us each examine our hearts to see how soon we want to see the King of glory. May we let the word have free course, so that the Lord may be glorified in us, and we at last be found among those who shall say, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us."

W. H. ARMSTRONG.

THE SURPRISE PARTY.

Perhaps most of our readers know something of the proposed surprise party which is now being planned for our Washington brethren; and in order that we may all have a part in this, a few words as to how we can do it may be in order. You no doubt have seen the circular letter sent out by the President of our Conference with reference to the Washington work, and you are planning to do what you can to help close up the hundred-thousand-dollar offering by the time the General Conference convenes.

The church at Eufola have decided to take up a special collection *each Sabbath*, and hold it in store to be sent to Washington by the hand of our delegate. We have now taken up two such offerings, and this is written with

the hope that *each church* in the conference may do this same thing, sending in their donations to our Conference Treasurer, to be all forwarded together when our delegate goes to Washington. Each church will be credited with the amount donated. What a joy will come to our brethren at the Nation's Capital if at the opening of the offering envelop it shall be found that the one hundred thousand dollars is fully made up; and what a blessing will come to those who have sacrificed their own comforts in order to help the cause of God at this time of crisis. This is our opportunity; let us not fail to improve it. If there is but one Sabbath intervening before the time you send your bounty, let that day be fully improved by making the offering as large as possible, as this may be our last opportunity to come up to the help of the Lord in this great struggle properly to represent the truth before the leading men of our nation.

J. O. JOHNSTON,
Secretary of Finance.

ARE WE DIFFERENT?

One cold day, instead of calling from house to house, I went over to the post office, and thought I would work there for a while during the forenoon. I gave a canvass to one man, taking his order for "Coming King." While standing waiting for another opportunity, a young man, one who plainly bore the marks of disobedience, stepped up to me and asked if I lived in Wilmington. I told him that I was here for a short time,

and asked him where he lived. He replied that he lived in Charleston, S. C., and asked me for some money with which to get him something to eat. I asked him if he had ever made a profession of religion. He said, "I am sorry to say that I never have." I introduced him to Prince Emmanuel, telling him of His great love, and what a friend He is to all who will accept Him. I gave him some money, and then he called me aside and said, "I believe you are a Christian, and I want you to pray for me. It makes me think of my mother to hear you talk. She used to tell me of such things." Then he acknowledged that sin had brought him where he was.

The other day as I called at a house, the lady came to the door with her sewing in her hand. I told her I had a nice book I wished her to see. She said, "I don't want to see any book. I haven't time." But I said, "It will pay you to look at it any way." So she invited me in, and as I showed her the book she became quite interested, and when I was through, began asking me questions. I answered some of them from the Bible, and we continued to visit. She said before I left, "I like to not let you in. I did not know who you were; so many agents call." By this she expressed the thought that I was not like other agents. Dear brethren and sisters, are we different from the world? If not, why not? It is time we were in that place where the world can see more in us than they have. May we all consecrate our lives anew, putting on the whole armor, preparing to meet the King of kings and Lord of lords.

R. L. UNDERWOOD.

TOLUCA.

We take the liberty of quoting from a personal letter received from Sister Minnie Hahn, the following concerning the work at Toluca: "We have put out quite a number of the Family Bible Teacher. Thirty-five adults are studying these readings now, manifesting a good interest. One Sunday, as my brother went to one door, he overheard a lady say, 'It is the old-fashioned Methodist doctrine.' On entering he found two neighbor ladies there, and they were studying one of the readings together. When he asked them if they would like the first number, they gladly took it. The lady of the house said that her husband's brother was reading them, and would like the full course, too, and also another man would like to have us bring them to him. Sometimes this man gets in a hurry and comes after them himself. And so we have many good experiences, and are thankful for this means of giving the message. Our papers are taken regularly from the boxes. Some tell us they read our papers every night. They are being distributed in this way all over the country. My mother is kept quite busy supplying the boxes."

ARCHDALE.

After a profitable school here of sixty days, with an enrollment of twenty pupils, an entertainment was held at the school house. The hour appointed was 7 p. m.; but long before the time the house was packed with visitors, representing nearly every house in the

village. The exercises were opened by prayer by Eld. Jeys, followed with music by the school, accompanied by organ and guitar. Then followed appropriate essays, the audience listening with intense interest. Elder Jeys then spoke at some length on the object of church schools. Marked attention was given to his remarks. Bro. T. J. Woodall made some very appropriate remarks, followed by a talk by the president of the school board in regard to the union that had prevailed with teacher, school board, and pupils. It seemed that all had done their duty, but the visitors were not satisfied, and called for a repetition of some of the songs, especially the one by the children, "God is Love." One teacher of twenty years experience, who had been present on many such occasions, said that this was the best he had ever attended.

The teacher and pupils spent a part of two days in visiting the city of High Point, distributing many papers and 550 copies of the tract "An Open Letter." After all our bills were settled, there was left in the treasury \$1.60.

M. G. CREASEY.

Tithe Receipts for April, 1905.

Archdale	\$12.27
Eufola	16.50
Greensboro No. 1.	5.00
Hickory	25.47
Hildebran	28.25
Norwood	3.78
Salisbury	3.00
Valley Cruces	8.00
Wilmington	6.50
Waynesville	2.65
Winston-Salem	6.40
Individuals	57.50

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NEWS AND NOTES.

Remember the date of the Canvassers' Institute, June 9 to 30, at Newton.

Eld. D. T. Shireman reported a pleasant time at Asheville the first of last month, as he held meetings and visited the brethren and sisters in their homes.

Bro. H. R. Shelton is again at Newbern. Eld. Armstrong is expecting to join him this month to assist for a short time in the further development of the work at that place.

Eld. W. C. White wrote to Eld. Johnston that efforts were being made to arrange for the special car occupied by the California delegation, to stop over at Hildebran *en route* to the General Conference.

Not many of us will be able to attend the coming General Conference to be held at Washington, D. C.; but every one should have the *Review and Herald*, which will contain full reports of the proceedings. Price during the Conference: 3 months, 50 cents. Longer time, the usual terms: 6 months, 75 cents; one year, \$1.50. Order through this office, or direct from The Review and Herald Pub. Ass'n, Washington, D. C.

Bro. and Sister H. G. Miller went Thursday, April 20, to spend a few days in the neighborhood of Bro. H. H. Stillwell, where there seems to be a good interest. At a cottage meeting held Sunday afternoon over fifty were present. They found Father Stillwell quite seriously ill, but left him improving.

A collection is being taken up each Sabbath at Eufola for the work in Washington, and it is hoped that a nice little sum may in this way be raised by the time of the General Conference.

The address of Eld. T. H. Jeys is now Spero, N. C., as he has recently moved to that place, having purchased a little home there.

Bro. John Allran, formerly of Hildebran, has ordered the MESSENGER sent to him at Faber, Virginia.

CANVASSING REPORT.

(For March, 1905.)

	Hs.	Value Ord.	Value Del.	Helps.
H. G. Miller	165	\$ 75 50	\$ 13 20	\$ 7 85
R. L. Underwood.	145	118 00	36 50	7 45
Total,	310	\$193 50	\$ 49 70	\$15 30

H. G. MILLER, *State Agent.*

THE CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—

Are you still praying the prayer found in Mat. 9:38? Is the Lord calling upon you to enter the ripened fields? Will you respond in the language of Isa. 6:8? Will you not make such a consecration as did the Macedonians eighteen hundred years ago? They not only gave of their means beyond their power, but gave themselves also. See 2 Cor. 8:1-5. Dear brethren, do not pass this lightly by; but read carefully, consider prayerfully, and act promptly. I do pray that many will respond to God's call for laborers. Let such plan to attend our institute. We are planning, and praying, and working for it to be the best ever held in this State, and the prospect is bright. Let everyone begin now to lay by a little change so as to help in the expenses.

Bro. C. F. Dart, State Agent of South Carolina, will be with us all through the institute. Mrs. Miller will look after the cooking, so as to relieve the canvassers of this burden. You will need to bring bedding, and it will not be amiss to bring a few dishes. I will tell you in the next issue of the MESSENGER what books to bring.

"Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face." I hope to begin my visit among the churches May 6.

Yours in the work,

H. G. MILLER, *State Agent,*
Mooresville, N. C.