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THANKS

Thank God for wheat, so white and sweet,

Of which to make our bread;
Thank him for yellow corn, with which
His waiting world is fed.

Thank God for fruit, and grains, and nuts,

He gives to us for food;
Thank Him for every creature which
He made and called it good.

Thank Him for winter's store of ice;
Thank Him for summer's heat;
Thank Him for fruit trees bearing fruit,
So luscious, good, and sweet.

Thank God for all his bounty great
By which the world is fed;
Thank God, ye people, all to whom
He gives the daily bread.

—Selected.

THE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR FUND

My heart has been made glad as I have noted the cheerful response of our brethren to the call for the raising of the \$150,000 fund. This loyalty and willingness is truly refreshing. This is evidence that God will have a people "ready in the day of his power". I am fully expecting that we shall take hold quickly and firmly, never to let go till this task is accomplished.

Wherever I have been and explained the purpose of this movement, there has been an enthusiastic reception of the added responsibility. This is as it should be. Again and again, up to the close of probation, the Lord is going to ask his remnant church to accept responsibility and bear burdens. Woe to the man who decides that he has carried enough. Thus he can sever himself from all true progress. A few further words of explanation may not be amiss.

DISTRIBUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

It is planned to raise this fund on the

pro rata basis. That is, first, the General Conference, having oversight of the entire field, undertakes to raise the entire sum; but each Union Conference assumes its pro rata share. Each local Conference accepts its part of the Union Conference responsibility; and last, though by no means least, each church member loyally shoulders his part of the burden. Thus it will be seen that the weight rests upon the entire body, and does not fall with crushing weight on the few.

Our Conference Committee, at a meeting recently held, unanimously voted to endorse the plan and proceed at once to put it into operation. We feel that it is proper thus to put ourselves on record as cheerfully accepting our share of the responsibility. We feel that we would not be properly representing our brethren of the North Carolina Conference were we to do otherwise. As a Conference, we desire to be up and abreast of the times. We are sure that this is the position our brethren everywhere would have us take.

THE USE OF THE FUND

It is a source of much satisfaction to be able to say that the first \$50,000 raised comes to our own struggling institutions in the South. The remaining \$100,000 is to be distributed pro rata among various home and foreign enterprises.

A FEW WORDS OF ADMONITION

And now, dear brethren, this work is fairly launched. It now remains for our people everywhere to take hold with their usual vim and earnestness to make it a grand success. To some it may seem a big undertaking, but God is in it. His Spirit witnesses to the wisdom of the plan. These are the days when we have opportunity to lay up treasure in safe places. Let us rise and go forward. Why should not our own little conference in North Carolina be among the first to set a valiant example? Let

us never rest satisfied till the work is done.

There may be those who are not able to give their pro rata share. Doubtless there will be such. Let others who are able to do more feel it a privilege to help pay the share of some one else. Let it be said of all, 'They have done what they could.'

T. H. J.

A QUICK WORK

The General Conference Committee has sent out an appeal that beginning with Thanksgiving Day, an offering be made by each one of our people to the \$150,000 fund, until the beginning of the year 1907, or until the whole amount is made up. What a thrill of triumph and hope would pass through all our ranks if the amount could be made up before the first day of the new year! We trust that all the readers of this article have begun to make their offerings; if not, that they will begin to-day.

When we consider the number and the resources of our people, it is not an unreasonable thing to hope that every cent of the money so urgently needed will be sent in within the short time suggested. It could be done easily. May a new and holy zeal fire the souls of every one of our people to do this thing *now*. It can be done; it will be done, if all will realize the privilege, and rise to the occasion. A late Testimony says: "Ministers and people, wake up. Be quick to seize every advantage and opportunity offered in the turning wheel of Providence."

Send your donations to North Carolina Conference S. D. A., Hickory, N. C.
J. S. WASHBURN.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER

The week of prayer has been appointed for December 15 to 22. As this annual season again draws near, it should remind us that we are one year nearer that

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great and glorious event which is the culmination of the Christian's hope. This time set apart for the purpose of seeking the Lord should be observed with greater earnestness than any that has ever preceded it. It should be a time of reconsecration and conversion. The people of God need to seek for a better preparation for the great work before us. We have loved ones who are unsaved. May it not be that this shall be the time when the converting power of God may be seen among us as never before, - a time of victory, and refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

If there are any who have not yet received the Readings, let us know, and these will be furnished from this office. The envelopes for the annual offerings should be given out on the first Sabbath, December 15; and following the reading on the closing Sabbath, December 22, they may be gathered. Send these offerings to the North Carolina Conference, Hickory, N. C.

J. V. B.

THE MISSIONARY LEADER

In the past the person selected to lead out in church missionary work has been designated at the Librarian. May we suggest that the term "Missionary Leader" is more appropriate, denoting more clearly his line of work. As the time for our yearly election of church officers draws near, we wish to impress the importance of using care in the selection of the one to fill this position in the church. The following taken from the "Missionary Idea" is so much to the point that we quote it:

"Bishop Hall, being asked what would resurrect a dead church, replied, 'Give it a missionary leader.' There was wisdom in his words; for a true missionary leader is full of spiritual power. When the Iron Duke gave a very difficult position to one of his veterans, the reply was, 'I go, sir, but first give me the grip of your conquering hand.' The true leader has grasped the hand of Almighty Power; and his hope and assurance are born of the promise, 'Lo, I am with you always.' He is a man of prayer. He has learned that the 'shortest route to the man next door is by way of God's throne,' and he knows

how to apply it in dealing with the perplexities of his position. . . He is always and everywhere alive and alert. His preparations for the missionary meeting are thoroughly made; and in his place as chairman his kindness gives confidence, his tact supplies deficiencies, his fine enthusiasm is an inspiration to all. Another place in which the leader displays his gift is in planning the work so that all may have a part. . . There are but few leaders who are brilliant or highly gifted; but all may be earnest, conscientious, and careful in their work. If God has called us to any place, however humble, he expects us to fill it with faithfulness."

This is but a glimpse of the many good things said in this book, "The Missionary Idea." We wish that a copy might be found in every missionary society. It is worth far more than the price, \$.75.

J. V. B.

TO THE MESSENGER FAMILY

Greeting: Our dear little paper came to me last month, bringing good cheer and many encouraging reports from the workers in the dear North Carolina Conference. It made my heart glad to hear from the home people.

My husband and I have been having a very pleasant visit with friends and relatives in this beautiful New England country, at Winthrop, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston. Have visited several points of interest, among them the New England Sanitarium, at Melrose; the Jewish Mission, in the city of Boston; and Lynn, the noted shoe manufacturing town of Massachusetts. On Nov. 18 my husband sailed on the "Kershaw", homeward bound, via Norfolk, it becoming my duty for the present to remain here.

I have been having some interesting experiences introducing the magazine *Life and Health*. While I have not sold many, and have taken but one subscription for the year, I have had some interesting talks about the principles embodied in this little journal. Our next door neighbor, a Methodist lady, is reading "Great Controversy" as a result of one conversation. I hope to be among the North Carolina people again soon. My courage is good in the

Lord; for the immediate occurrences around us each day show conclusively that the things foretold by the prophets are being fulfilled. While we remember the friends in North Carolina, we trust that we also have your prayers. I have been looking over the Week of Prayer Readings, and they are good. Trusting that much of the blessing of the Lord may attend as we seek him together during the season set apart for this purpose, I am,

Your sister in hope,

NANNIE PAUL

HIGH POINT, MEADOWS, AND KERNERSVILLE

No doubt many are anxious to know how the work is progressing at High Point. We thought best to visit the homes of the people for a while, giving them an opportunity to question us on points of our faith. They all knew us, and we were invited into their homes. We carried with us a package of selected tracts, for which they readily paid ten cents. In this way we could talk freely with the people, and disarm prejudice. Our camp-meeting was highly spoken of, and it made a lasting impression, although but few have taken their stand openly with us. We are to wait for the harvest. A Sabbath school is held weekly, where the believers are encouraged in the study of the Word. My brother, J. S. Killen, is now canvassing the city, selling numbers of our good books daily. Up to the time of our camp-meeting I had sold nearly four hundred books there, such as, "Coming King", "Christ's Object Lessons", etc. So the people are being enlightened.

It was at Meadows that I had my first experience in preaching the truth. I spent four days, Nov. 8-12, at that place. No appointment had been made for the first night, but the neighbors came in, and we held a meeting. This people are anxious for an Adventist teacher, and there is a splendid opening for the right person. We fully believe that we shall have a church at that place.

At Kernersville the conditions are peculiar. The people come in crowds to every meeting, rain or shine; take you to their homes, and spread bounte-

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ful tables with good food; acknowledge all points of the truth; buy nearly every book we offer them; and yet will not step out and obey the truth. I was at that place Nov. 11-16. Pray for the work at these places.

W. L. KILLEN.

HILDEBRAN

Our school, which began with ten pupils, has increased to thirty-two, and more to come soon. The work on the farms was so late in being completed that it hindered our attendance. The Lord has surely blessed us; and day by day, as we see the earnestness manifested, we rejoice in having a part in such a good work. Many of the students come to us from families not of our faith. Two of Brother W. E. Carter's boys, from Raleigh, are with us.

J. W. BEACH.

GASTONIA

The days of the past month have been freighted with opportunities and privileges; thus the result has been joy and gladness. The new Sabbath keeper is growing spiritually, and her mother is keeping the Sabbath with her. The Lord hath helped me to make thirty visits, one hundred forty-seven calls, give ten Bible readings, sell one hundred twenty-seven *Watchman*, give away one hundred, write sixteen letters, and take three subscriptions for the *Watchman*. I wanted to have a part with our people on Thanksgiving Day, so went out with all the papers I had, and in a short time had sixty-five cents to add to our offering. Although alone on that day, I had a good meeting. Let us press forward, brethren and sisters, doing day by day what our hands find to do. It is not the amount we do, but the spirit that which prompts the act,

MOLLIE R. MILLER.

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.

THE AGENT WITH HIS GRIP

Though the sleet and rain are falling,
And most everything looks bad;
While hard times are most appalling,
And the merchants look so sad;
Though the rivers may be frozen,
And Jack Frost may bite and nip,
You can never stop the advent
Of the agent with his grip.

He doth teach all men a lesson,
With his energetic grit;
Things that paralyze most people
Don't astonish him a bit.
He is always bright and cheerful,
With a smile upon his lip;
He is on the way to heaven;
Help the agent with his grip.

—Selected and Arranged.

THE CANVASSERS, INSTITUTE

An article from the State Agent was expected announcing the appointment of a Canvassers' Institute. Failing to hear from him in time we will state that arrangements have been made to hold such an institute at Hildebran, beginning January 2, 1907. The time is placed thus early in order to give our farming brethren an opportunity to be present. For other reasons this is thought to be the most favorable time. For further particulars address, Horace G. Miller, Gastonia, N. C. As usual all are invited to help in bearing the expenses of this school. In this way those who cannot attend and fit themselves for active service in the canvassing field, may still have a part in this important line of work. We need not speak of the necessity of all taking hold with earnestness and promptness in the effort to make this a success. A number from other States have been heard from who are planning to be present, and we hope that the Lord may place upon many in our own Conference a burden to enter the canvassing field at this time.

J. V. B.

Send cash donations for the Canvassers' Institute to Horace G. Miller, Gastonia, N. C. Donations of food should be addressed to him at Hildebran, N. C. The Institute will begin at 8:30 A. M. Jan 2, 1907. Those coming should bring books, bedding, and towels.

THANK YOU!

At our conference at High Point the motion to discontinue the publication of the MESSENGER was fairly snowed under by protests, and a substitute was quickly offered to continue its publication and work earnestly to increase the circulation to a living figure. This motion was passed with much enthusiasm. We very naturally feel gratified at this expression of appreciation. Since the conference a few have renewed their subscriptions and sent in other names. For this we also feel very grateful. Have you renewed your subscription? Have you with your renewal sent in some new names? If so, thank you. If not, will you? You said you would. We should like to have the privilege of saying thank you to a large number. We like a vote of appreciation, but it takes twenty-five cents to buy a year's subscription.

T. H. J.

OBITUARY

Died at Hickory, N. C., Oct. 23, of membranous croup, Sarah Margaret, beloved daughter of John and Nellie Hunter, aged 4 years, 4 months, 22 days. Little Margie loved the Sabbath school, and her childish faith grasped the truth of Jesus, soon coming and of the new earth. While her death was a severe shock to her parents, they are consoled with the thought that she rests in peace, and that when Jesus comes she will have her part in the first resurrection. She was laid to rest in the little cemetery at Hildebran. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

J. W. BEACH.

(Iowa Workers Bulletin please copy.)

CANVASSING REPORT

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Names	Book	Hours	Val. Orders.	Val. Deliv.
Oscar Steed	ck	90	\$33.25	\$10.75
Horace Miller	ck	98	93.50	11.50
W. E. Lanier	dr	141	103.25	15.75
J. E. Leighton	ck	80	60.50	23.00
N. D. Ingram	gc	78	48.00	7.75
Bertha Ingram	ck	120	70.25	22.50
Emily Ingram	ck	111	38.00	10.50
J. S. Killen	mic	55	34.75	19.75
Mollie Miller	mic	5	3.75	3.75
Mattie Reynolds	ck	60	23.50	1.50

Total 838 \$508.75 \$126.75
HORACE G. MILLER, State Agent.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Week of Prayer, December 16 to 22.

Canvassers' Institute, January 2 to
23, 1907.

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.

Mrs. Daniel Hildreth, coming from Battle Creek, Mich., has joined her husband in this State. They are at present with their daughter, Mrs. Clara Crawford, of Eufola.

We are glad to be able to report that Eld. W. H. Armstrong is quite well again, after his severe illness of several weeks. He left home the last of November, to visit the churches at Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and vicinity.

We believe that all will appreciate the interest and good cheer expressed in the following message to the brethren and sisters of our Conference from Brother Cyrus W. Whisler, of Stuart, Iowa: "We feel interested in your welfare, anxious for your prosperity, both spiritual and temporal. We are glad to hear from you each month; and when we read that you had thought of discontinuing the *Messenger*, we were sorry. We have waited to get other names to send in with our renewal, hence the delay. Enclosed find \$1.50 to pay for six subscriptions; as follows. . . Accept our love and best wishes. We are praying for your success and happiness. Realizing that we are in the land of the enemy, let us look to the One who is able to save to the uttermost."

Writing from Newbern Sister Edith A. Godley says: "All our members seem to stand firmly for the truth, and have a mind to work. The Spirit of the Lord was manifest in our missionary convention, as in all our meetings. Sickness in my home has prevented me from meeting as often as I desired; but I have not ceased to work in every way possible, and I mean to continue as long as I have breath." Many of us, if situated as this sister is, would feel that we were excused from any outside work, and yet she orders fifty copies of the special *Watchman* to sell.

A letter from Brother E. R. Allen dated Nov. 22, was written from St. Joseph, Missouri, where he with his family had just arrived, expecting to locate for the winter. Brother Allen felt compelled by failing health to give up the position he had accepted with the Southern Publishing Association, and seek another climate. He is planning to canvass for "Great Controversy." We wish for him success, and the complete restoration of health.

A new feature of the *Review and Herald* is the addition of a Medical Missionary Department. It would seem that the "good old *Review*" cannot be improved, but yet it gets better every week. No S. D. Adventist can afford to be without it. To those who cannot pay for one year in advance, we accept subscriptions for six months at 75 cents; for 4 mo., \$.50; two months, \$.25.

Orders for the special number of the *Watchman* are coming in beyond our expectation. The Hildebran church heads the list with an order for seven hundred. We understand that they are planning to work all the adjacent towns, and that the students are to have a part in this effort. Hickory has been districted, and our members here hope to place five hundred copies in the homes of the people in this little town. From Eufola comes an order for three hundred copies, and Sister Johnston expresses the wish that the papers may reach them soon, as they are anxious to improve this nice weather. The other churches have not been heard from, but we do not expect that any will fall behind in doing their part.

Brother A. F. Harrison is making a tour of the churches in our Conference, As traveling missionary for the Southern Union Conference, he comes in the interests of the different lines of missionary enterprise, foremost of which at this time is the circulation of the special issue of *The Watchman*. We believe that his earnest efforts are meeting with a hearty response on the part of our lay members, and that this missionary movement will not cease till this "gospel of the kingdom" shall have been carried into every nook and corner of this part of the great field.

Brother H. G. Miller has been visiting the churches with Brother Harrison, also going to other points, in the interests of the canvassing work and the coming Institute. Sister Miller expects to join him at Salisbury, from which place they will go to Albermarle, stopping at Huntersville, Statesville, and Hickory on their way to the Institute.

Life and Health for 1907 promises to be better if possible than ever before. All the matter for this journal will be prepared with great care, "with the good of the public constantly in mind." Now is the time to subscribe so as to secure the first number promptly. Price, 50 cents per year.

It has been the design to send a copy of the Readings for the Week of Prayer to the church elders and leaders, also to each of the isolated members. If any fail to receive these readings, we can supply them from this office.