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THE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR FUND

With much anxiety I have watched the record of the growth of this fund. I am sure it is in the hearts of our brethren in this conference to sustain the action of the General Conference, Southern Union Conference, and the North Carolina Conference Committee. I know full well that there are many interests to be served, and that each has his own burdens to carry. I believe, however, that our brethren will rise to the task and move forward with the moving work of God. One word of caution: Let us be careful that we do not permit a spirit of criticism and fault-finding to creep into our hearts, and thus rob us of the blessing we may get out of this movement. We may easily do this, and Satan will not fail to suggest what to our minds may be ample room for criticism. Doubtless mistakes have been made in the past, but the greatest mistake any one can now make is to draw off from the work of God, and become segregated in his interests and work from the third angel's message. Let us be diligent in doing well the work the Lord has given. Whatever may have been, the mistakes of the past, I am convinced that God is in this movement, and that his blessing will attend those who faithfully act the part assigned. The last report in the *Watchman* credits North Carolina with \$34.45. I am exceedingly anxious to see this immediately and exceedingly increased. Let us be faithful, and it shall be said of each, "He has done what he could."

T. H. J.

PROFITABLE EMPLOYMENT

"The 300 copies of the special *Watchman* came promptly, and we sold them easily. By thus meeting the people we found several who are much interested in our work, and who are now studying

the truth each week in their homes. For this we are thankful." This quotation is taken from a letter written by a sister in New Mexico. It reveals several very interesting facts, to some of which your attention is directed.

First: Through the selling of these soul-stirring papers people were found who were hungering for the spiritual food contained in the special and entrusted to the believers in this advent message. Second: This sister, and those associated with her, seized the opportunity to interest their neighbors and follow the effort with Bible instruction in their homes. Third: The special *Watchman* (End of the World issue) sells easily.

These statements are so suggestive that any one who thinks of the importance of the advent message, and whose heart is open to the calls for help so constantly presented in the unwarned, unsaved condition of the multitudes in every city and community, will ask at once, "Where can I get these gospel-filled papers to carry to my neighbors?"

You may send your order to the North Carolina Conference, Hickory, N. C. Prices when mailed in packages to one name: 1 to 4 copies, 5 cents; 5 to 24 copies, 4 cents; 25 to 299 copies, 3 cents, 300 or more copies, 2-1/2 cents each. The publishers of the *Watchman* have sent out thousands of copies of this good number. They are still filling many orders, and expect soon to issue a new edition. Send orders at once.

PUBLISHERS.

FIELD NOTES

My January letter, reporting field work, was just a little too late for insertion in our last MESSENGER. So may it not be when we present ourselves at the great tribunal. Many there be who are deceived by the specious plea of the enemy,—"time enough yet." Let us be up and about our Father's business.

In my belated report I told of the canvassers' institute at Hildebran, of my visit to Prof. Beach's school, of the quarterly meeting at Archdale, and the fact that the brethren there have completed a neat house of worship, free of debt, which will soon be ready for dedication. I also spoke of the meetings at Kernersville. Since that time, I have closed the effort at that place for the present, though I am of the opinion that some more labor should be bestowed there later.

Feb. 4 I started east to visit isolated believers in Granville, Orange, Wake, Durham, and Lenoir counties. My first stop was at Hillsboro at the home of Brother and Sister Ray. I found them of good courage. Sister Carr, the mother of Sister Ray, lives with them. This family are all the believers, so far as I know, in Orange county. I held no public meetings, but visited in the home. I greatly desire the blessing of God for this dear family, that they may let their light shine out to others.

Leaving Hillsboro my next stop was at Creedmoor. There a few are faithfully holding on to the truth against some discouraging circumstances. I held thirteen public services there, all of which were fairly well attended. The believers were encouraged to re-establish their Sabbath-school; and I am sure that if faithful, the blessing of God will be theirs in large measure. Some of the young people were moved to yield themselves more fully to the Lord, and I know the Lord came very near to them. My own soul was watered as we sought the face of God together. I next went to Raleigh. Brother Carter and family and Sister Goodwin are the believers in this great city, the capital of the State. As I see the vast field, white to harvest, and our force of reapers so small, I am constrained to cry out, "Lord of harvest, send forth reapers." It does seem to me that at no distant day this city must

be entered with the blessed truth. Brother Carter urges it, and offers material help to whoever can undertake the task. Of course it means difficulties, prejudice, and slow progress; but the Lord has sent the message. Shall we refuse to publish it? I held two meetings, one in a private house and one in the Brooklyn M. E. Church. I am now at LaGrange, Lenoir county, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pully, and expect to be here a few days, then returning to visit believers in the vicinity of Durham.

T. H. J.

CHARLOTTE

Although there are not many conversions here, still there is a good interest. Some are taking hold of the truth, and those who have already accepted it are growing stronger in the faith. One minister has taken a bold stand, and attends our meetings regularly. In trying to get others to attend, he tells them that he is going to college, referring to our meetings and the study of prophecy. I invited him to preach one evening for us. He took for his text John 8:32: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." You can see how applicable to the occasion this text was. It made a deep impression upon those present. Another minister told me last night that he would be with us soon. He is a man of some intelligence. If we had a lady Bible worker, it would be a great help to us in our work.

I attended a call meeting of the Ministerial Association here. The field secretary of the State Sabbath Association was present, and invited the Ministerial Association to extend an invitation to the Sabbath Association to hold their convention in this city in November 1907, as it was considered expedient to hold a convention this fall. In his remarks the field secretary stated that whereas the cause of Temperance has had the lead in past years, they greatly desire to see the cause of the Civil Sabbath now come to the front. He said that the convention at Greensboro had surpassed their most sanguine expectations. The Ministerial Association here took action upon the invitation given, and selected committees to that

end; and it is quite probable that the convention will be held here.

We as a people should be awake to the times in which we are living. Now that there is a movement on foot to give the Civil Sabbath the pre-eminence in the future, we may soon see the things taking place that we have long been looking for. Are we ready for the issue? May the God of Isreal lead and guide his people safely through to the land of promise.

W. H. ARMSTRONG.

EASTERN CATAWBA COUNTY

There are a number of Sabbath-keeping families in this part of Catawba Co., and it has been my privilege to spend two Sabbaths of February with them. Feb. 23 a Sabbath-school of fifteen members was organized at the home of Brother J. H. Wilson, of Edith. Several meetings were held, at which the outside attendance was very favorable, both as to numbers and attention. Other meetings are desired as soon as a school-house can be secured after school has closed.

ALBERT CAREY.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

The days of the past month have been freighted with golden opportunities and blessings. Open doors and hearts have greeted me. By the help of the Lord I have sold 178 special *Watchman*, and distributed 180 copies of the *Instructor* and *Our Little Friend*, taken 16 subscriptions, written 22 letters, held 9 readings, sold and given away 1,455 pages of books, and made 150 calls and 25 visits.

Some personal experiences may be of interest. At one place where I sold a paper and took a six months' subscription, the husband said, showing me "Daniel and the Revelation", "There is a book, I would not take \$5.00 for if I could not get another. I have read the book 'Coming King,' and can you tell me where I can get a copy?" So he gave me his order. At another home the lady said, "O, that is the *Watchman*". She bought one and gave me her subscription for six months, saying, "I know the truth, and do it not," and began to cry. Just then her daughter

came in and said, "Grandma keeps the Sabbath." In another home while I was reading the headlines, the lady stopped me saying, "Do you know, Jew people keep the Sabbath?" and she gave me a number of scriptures showing that the seventh day is the Sabbath. I then said, "Well, I trust you keep it." Tears came to her eyes, and she said, "I know I should, and I expect to." She bought a "Coming King," and gave me the money for a year's subscription to the *Watchman*. One said, "That is no common reading," and gave me a subscription for six months. Another said, "It makes one feel serious to read that paper." A blind man, living at Clifton, S. C., who was visiting at one place where I called, said, "That is an Adventist paper. It has the same sound as mine,—*The Christian Record*, published by your people at College View, Neb. In a few days I expect to begin work, and I hope to aid in its circulation." Brothers and sisters, is not this a gentle rebuke to us who are blessed with eyesight? Last Friday I called at a home where several women were trying to comfort one whose husband had died very suddenly that day. I had prayer with her. She said, "I believe the Lord sent you. I was wishing some one would pray for me." I went to the next house, and sold two papers, and took two subscriptions for six months. The lady said, "Mother, who lives in Georgia, visited me this Christmas, and was reading the paper you sold me, and said 'That sounds like old time religion.'" Well, dear brethren and sisters, I can not tell all. There is rest in the Master's service. These lines greatly impress me: "All should endeavor to realize the shortness of time and the solemnity and importance of the period in which we live." "A little longer will the voice of mercy be heard; a little longer will be given the gracious invitation."

MRS. MOLLIE R. MILLER.

"GIVE GOD THE GLORY"

I have been requested to relate to the readers of the MESSENGER the circumstances connected with my brother's sickness while at Cleveland, and his recovery. Surely, the Lord did wonderfully bless us in the time of our sore

trial. When I went to Cleveland, I found my brother very low with pneumonia. The doctor was waiting upon him, and kind friends were doing all that could be done by human hands, to relieve him. All seemed to realize that unless the Lord should manifest his power in our behalf the case was hopeless. We asked him to take the case in hand, and do according to his divine will. And the prayer of faith did save the sick, and the Lord did raise him up in a remarkably short time. Just two weeks from the time he was taken ill he began to sit up, and in five days was able to come home. He still continued to mend, until now (Feb. 23) he is about as well as usual. My prayer is that this experience may bring us very near the Lord, much nearer than ever before. "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God."

CHARLSEY ALLRAN,

THE CANTVASSING WORK

No, it isn't a misprint. That is just the way I wrote it. So don't blame the printer. Of course the extra *t* makes the word look strange, but it doesn't look any worse than it sounds. Many people are engaged in this. They do it in connection with almost every kind of business. When the state agent comes and urges the needs of his special line, many at once begin to indulge in this thankless occupation. And it is astonishing to see how many reasons can be given for avoiding the discharge of duty.

The canvasser delights to pour cold water on plans for aggressive effort. Great massive mountains of difficulty loom up before his distorted vision. His descriptive powers are taxed to describe the dire results that would certainly follow if he should quit canvassing and begin canvassing. You can tell the confirmed canvasser by his color. He is a somber blue. All nature takes on an azure hue as he presents himself. The minister who meets him quits his work, for it's no use any way. The farmer ceases to plow and hoe, reap and mow, for what good will come of it? The book agent hurries home and spends his time at this or that, for he can't sell books. He has met the canvasser.

Now I have a few suggestions for all.

Let's all quit cantvassing and go to canvassing. It pays better. It does better. We'll all feel better. We'll be better. Those who have succeeded in life are those who have refused to pronounce the word can't with reference to their efforts. How much less should those who have the assurance of the testimony of God's Spirit that their line is "missionary work of the highest order," and that it is to be "revived." So may it be! Down with all this cantvassing! On, ever on, with the canvassing work!

T. H. J.

FROM OUR STATE AGENT

I have just returned from Campobello, S. C., after spending nearly three weeks assisting Brother Dart in his institute. There was a very fair attendance, and an excellent interest was manifested. All received so much good that they voted unanimously to have another institute next year. The workers there are full of courage, and will press forward to make 1907 their banner year.

I learned many things there that will be helpful to our work here. We studied very carefully the system of reporting and its importance. They have adopted the policy of allowing no one to canvass except those who report, and have determined to adhere strictly to this plan. I believe this is as it should be in every conference. We are very thankful for the marked improvement that has been made in our conference in this matter. A report should be sent in every week, even though we have nothing to place upon the blank but the word "Courage." So, dear canvassers, shall I not receive from each and every one a weekly report accompanied by a letter?

The work is steadily growing, and excellent reports are coming in since our good institute at Hildebran. Now, dear fellow canvassers, let us be strong and of good courage, and by the help of the Lord make 1907 the banner year for North Carolina. And let all the brethren say, Amen.

HORACE G. MILLER.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE

Was held at Campobello. It opened Feb. 4 under the most forbidding circum-

stances of any meeting I ever attended. We had the assurance, however, that God was with us, so were encouraged to go forward. With prayer and vigilance we did all we could. It closed Feb. 24 with everyone feeling that it was a grand success.

Brother Miller, from North Carolina, although quite ill with a cold, stuck faithfully to his classes. We will long remember you, Brother Miller. This binds North Carolina nearer to us. Elder Nash was, at the beginning of the institute, recovering from a severe cold, yet he gave us a Bible lesson each day from the books of Daniel and the Revelation. Dr. M. B. Monsen, from Luray, S. C., was with us two days, and gave some good thoughts in his line.

There was a class of six, and others attended as much as they could. We had two silent study hours and five recitation periods. The studies were "Coming King," "Patriarchs and Prophets," the Bible, and a few lessons in language, spelling, etc, and one period devoted to general instruction in the canvassing work. Four have gone to their territory, and three others will go soon.

C. F. DART, State Agent.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

MATTIE S. REYNOLDS, Gastonia: "The Lord is wonderfully blessing me in the work. I feel so unable to go before the people, but as I claim the promise, I am strengthened and helped day by day. Doors and hearts are open, and I often receive words from the people that encourage me onward. Surely, now is the time to sow the seed."

MISS BERTHA INGRAM, King's Mountain: We have had very good success selling papers. One lady to whom I had sold two books, said she liked them very much. She bought a *Watchman*. As she was not a very good reader, I read some to her. I sold a paper at nearly every place where I had sold books."

Sister Alice I. Slawson, who has been canvassing at Wilkesboro, writes: "I have had a very precious experience while canvassing here. One influential family I am quite sure will soon take their stand for the truth, and other seed will hear fruit in time."

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NEWS AND NOTES

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We thank most heartily those who have so promptly sent in their renewals. Please consider the date upon the wrapper of this paper as a sufficient receipt, showing that your time has been extended for another year.

Brother and Sister George Crawford have recently located near Lenoir. Sister Crawford's aged parent, Brother and Sister Daniel Hildreth, expect to join them soon, and they are planning for aggressive work in that vicinity.

The members of the Hickory church were much pleased to have Brother and Sister J. S. Killen present at the Sabbath services March 2, and encouraged by the earnest words spoken by Brother Killen. These workers were on their way to Asheville, where they expect to remain for some time.

The kind words which the MESSENGER is receiving from its friends we wish to share with our contributors. The little paper is largely what our workers have made it, and we feel very grateful for the interest manifested by those who have sent us reports and other matter from time to time. We trust that in this way our conference paper may become a greater blessing and help to those who read its pages from to month.

Sister M. A. Markham has not been able to get away from home much of late on account of the severe illness of her little girl. She writes: "I am very anxious to get out with my books again, but am not one bit discouraged, as there are opportunities awaiting me. I have many invitations to come and bring my new books. I love the work." (Sister Markham encloses \$1.00 for four new subscriptions for the MESSENGER.)

As noted last month, a letter was received from Elder R. T. Nash too late for publication. We regretted much our inability to print the letter, as it gave quite an interesting account of the trial of the brethren at Sparatansburg, S. C. The judge gave Elder Nash the privilege of pleading his own case, which he did with telling effect. The attention of the people has been called to the truth in a manner that they will not soon forget. Doubtless many listened with much interest to this presentation of the truth from the court room who would have given little heed to it if spoken from the pulpit. To them Nash the prisoner was of more interest than Nash the preacher. It is a matter of rejoicing that the Lord gave Elder Nash liberty in making his plea, and the truth is honored in the presence of earth's great men. Thus it will be more and more, no doubt, till the work is done. Would that all might be prepared for what is so soon to come up on the earth.

Sister Mary E. McKenzie, of Wilmington, says: "Our city is one of the hard places, and we are a very little spark. But although so few in numbers and so weak, we praise the Lord for the spark, and trust him for the flame. We remember the promise in Matt. 24:13, and take courage."

Brother Wm. H. Brown, from Colorado, joined the North Carolina workers in January. His reports show that since his arrival he has placed about seventy books in the homes of the people of Clay county.

Brother H. G. Miller starting February 28 on a short trip in the interests of the canvassing work, stopped at Hickory and Hildebran, en route to Spero, High Point, Charlotte and other points.

THE MESSENGER APPRECIATED

R. L. UNDERWOOD: "Please send me the little MESSENGER for another year. I don't see how I can afford to be without it."

B. F. TURNER: "I do not want to miss a number. The MESSENGER is near and dear to us. 'It's little but loud.' May the dear Lord bless the work and workers of North Carolina."

M. H. JOHNSTON: "We enjoy the visits of the MESSENGER very much indeed. I think that such a paper does much toward cementing a conference together. It gives us a better idea of what is to be done than anything else that could be devised."

W. W. JESTES: "I can't do without the MESSENGER. I am glad to hear from the different workers from month to month, and to know that there are new ones coming up to help carry the good work forward. I am not able to be in the field myself, but can ask God's blessing on those who are at the front."

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

There are a few who are still in arrears, to whom this blue mark is intended as a reminder that your subscription has expired. We do not like to lose any of our readers, so will send you one more number, asking you to kindly send in your renewal at once. In case it is not convenient to send the price of the paper now, please drop us a postal stating that you will send it later. Postage stamps accepted.

TITHE RECEIPTS

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1907.

Archdale	\$57.07
Asheville	6.76
Eufola	182.57
Greensboro No. 1	13.80
Hildebran	111.27
Hickory	73.49
Newbern	12.05
Wilmington	18.33
Waynesville	4.10
Individual	101.04

Total \$580.48

JESSIE V. BOSWORTH, *Treasurer.*

CANVASSERS' REPORT

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Names	Book	Hours	Orders	Del.
W. H. Brown	ck	45	\$10.25	
Oscar Steed	ck	106	29.75	\$9.25
H. G. Miller	ck	2	5.00	5.00
G. L. Kerley	ck	6	10.00	1.00
O. B. Newton	ck	16	15.00	2.25
W. H. George	gc	48	71.00	1.00
Irregular	misc	85	57.25	66.50
				308 \$198.25 \$85.00

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