

# The North Carolina Messenger

"THERE SHALL BE DELAY NO LONGER"

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## THE CAMP-MEETING

Benjamin Franklin has said, "Time enough always proves little enough." I suppose that he meant that when one expresses himself as perfectly satisfied concerning the time, no particular effort will be forthcoming and consequently no special preparation. I hope that none of our brethren will be saying "time enough" with reference to our camp-meeting. Now is the time to begin to plan definitely on coming. Some there were last year who failed to be present, because of failure to plan for it. I have recently received a letter from Brother L. N. Muck, the editor of our paper for the blind, *The Christian Record*, saying that he will attend our camp-meeting, and will tell our brethren something concerning the work of the message among the blind. I am sure this will be of interest to all. Other laborers from abroad will doubtless be present. Announcement will be made from time to time. But let all begin to get ready for this very important meeting.

T. H. J.

## WILL YOU BE THERE?

It may be said that it is too early to begin to prepare for camp-meeting, as there is yet quite a long time before it. There is a reference to this in the Scriptures. "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh the harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." The field is already ripening for the great harvest, and there is a work to be done both for us and for the world. In the days of Israel these gatherings were seasons of great joy and blessing to them when carried out as the Lord directed. They had many trials, troubles in the home, with the brethren and sisters in the church, etc. As we are not yet in the kingdom, we may expect to have these

trials to meet; but let these few months be used to put away all of this trouble; for "we are not of the world, but God hath chosen us out of the world."

In regard to the camp-meeting we read: "Many come to camp-meeting with hearts full of murmuring and complaining. Through the work of the Holy Spirit these must be led to see that their murmuring is an offence to God. They must be led to feel self-reproach because they have allowed the enemy to control their mind and judgment. Complaining must be turned to repentance; uncertainty and dispondency to the earnest inquiry, How shall I become true in faith?" Vol. 6.

"He that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David, and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them." The Jews who have faith in the day of atonement will do no labor on that day. "Friends and foes meet; all enmity is put away; wrongs are freely confessed to one another; harmony is once more restored." We are living in the great day of atonement, when the cases of all are to come before the Judge of all the earth. Let us all prepare to come up to the annual gathering with hearts full of love, and help to make it one of the best. Our last camp-meeting was one long to be remembered; so let this one far surpass all others. We are nearing the end of time. This can be the best; let us strive to make it so. Let all plan to be there. The God of Israel will be there. Will you?

W. H. ARMSTRONG

## GRIEVING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Please read Ephesians 4: 29-32. We have not room in our columns to print all. Verse 29 tells us what not to talk about; also what shall be our conversation, and what the happy result of doing as directed will be. Verse 30 shows what the awful result will be if we persist in doing as we are warned

not to do. Verses 31 and 32 direct how we shall change our course so that we shall not grieve the Holy Spirit.

Haven't you noticed how easy it is to talk about the *bad* things that your brethren do? But really now as you talked, did it minister grace to the hearer? Did it make his heart melt and soften toward the offender? Did it make you love the offender more? Does the Holy Spirit dictate such conversation? Is such wisdom from above? Or is it earthly, sensual, devilish? If the last question be answered in the affirmative, then will such talk grieve the Holy Spirit? How can we let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and all malice be put away from us unless with these we put away the evil speaking? Did you ever say, "I can forgive but not forget"? How can you hope to forget when you persist in calling to remembrance these same unhappy circumstances?

O, my brethren, let us be kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Of course your brother has done wrong. Otherwise there would be no admonition to forgive. But so have you, and God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.

One of the first steps toward forgiving and forgetting is to seal the lips against the "corrupt communication". I take the admonition home to myself. Looking back over the past I see that I have nothing of which to boast. But I want not to grieve the Holy Spirit. I need his presence with me through the thickening dangers of these days of peril. I will ask God to forgive me for my willingness to speak the word of evil. When converted, I will try to strengthen my brethren. Their mistakes and failures I will leave for God to censure and condemn. With intensified meaning I will pray, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us". I will pray to God to plant in my breast that heavenly



wisdom that is "first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy."

T. H. J.

**FIELD NOTES**

It was my privilege to participate in the dedication of the Archdale church building Sunday, April 7. Though the day was threatening, there was a very fair congregation. I spoke to those who were present on "The Church, its Organization and Purpose," and the regard members should manifest one for another. The building is neatly constructed, painted inside and out, and is a credit to the neighborhood. The testimony of God's Spirit says, "Neat-memorials for God should be erected in many places." No debt remains to be a source of annoyance and discouragement. The bills are all paid. Thus the hands of the brethren here are left free to engage in other lines of effort.

The Conference Committee met at this time to plan for the summer's work. There were many perplexities to be met, and many knotty problems presented themselves for solution. That they were all solved would possibly be to claim too much. That every member of the Committee earnestly desired to do the best I certainly believe. Personally, I appreciated the privilege of being permitted to associate with my brethren, and to share with them the burdens of the work.

All will doubtless be interested to know that it was decided to purchase a new tent, if favorable terms can be arranged with the manufactures. Much anxious thought and time was given to the consideration of means to press onward the work on the \$150,000 fund; and though no formal vote was taken, it was the determination of all to continue to press this work to a successful finish. The field work for the summer was considered, and how to make the most out of our limited means was carefully studied, also how to encourage new workers to take up labor in this needy field. Our young people should feel that it is a burden on them which they may not lightly ignore. They should not wait for the conference to say, "Go out, and we will pay you wages;" but should

go forth in the fear of God, laboring for souls as those who must give account. At this writing (April 25) I am at Stovall, Granville County, at the home of Sister Markham. She has sold books to many of her neighbors and friends. As one result, there is a healthy interest to hear the spoken word. Last night I spoke to a good congregation in the public school building. Most excellent attention was given. I go next Friday to Creedmoor, and will stay with the believers there over Sabbath and Sunday. Some are here asking for baptism. Thus the work prospers. I long to see it go on the wings of the wind. Shall we not all consecrate ourselves anew to this grand and awful work?

T. H. J.

**BAKER'S MOUNTAIN SABBATH-SCHOOL**

On Sabbath, April 20, a few met together at the home of the writer to organize the first Sabbath-school in this vicinity, a few miles south of Hildebran, across Henry river. About ten years ago the message was preached here by Elders Shireman and Purdham, and a few were brought out; but these have moved away. Following the openings of Providence, Brother M. H. Johnston and myself, desiring to reach out beyond the borders of Hildebran and be of use in extending the work in new fields, found us homes here, and have begun meetings in a humble way, hoping the same may develop into something of value to our neighbors and that others may be won to the truth. We have many kind and appreciative neighbors, and they desire to have a day school established here also. Pray with us that the seed may grow, as one of Heavenly planting, to the glory of our God, into a plant of praise and beauty.

ALBERT CAREY.

**ASHEVILLE**

It is with pleasure that I write these few lines, although the work here is so very great, interesting, and important that it is difficult for me to find time to make out a short report of its progress. In all of our experience in the work, the prospects were never brighter than at present. We were never of better

courage, and our faith in the message and its speedy triumph was never stronger. God's prospering hand is with us. We have delivered three hundred books, the same number of *Liberty*, and many papers and tracts, and are having access to many homes. The faithfulness of our people here in the message is having its telling affect. They are praying for the success of the work. We are here to stay until the "pillar of cloud" moves onward. It is said of Caesar: "He came, he saw, he conquered;" and this is what we expect to do, in the name of our great Commander.

J. S. KILLEN.

**FROM OUR LOCAL MISSIONARY SOCIETIES**

Encouraging reports are coming in from our missionary secretaries. We extract from some of the letters received:

CLARA DUREPO, ARCHDALE: "We had a very interesting missionary meeting March 30, the children taking part. The work for the quarter has not been as marked as we would wish, but some good has been accomplished. A goodly number of periodicals have been sold, and we trust the Lord for the increase, and earnestly desire to do more efficient work during the coming quarter than heretofore. I am thankful for the article by Brother Jeys on reporting."

MRS. MOLLIE R. MILLER, GASTONIA: "I think it an excellent plan to devote one Sabbath of each month to home missionary work. 'Ministry of Healing' has excellent words for such a meeting. Next best are the personal experiences by old and young. It inspires one to diligent service to read of the Master's sacrifices and loving service for humanity."

ALBERT WILLIS, WINSTON-SALEM: "We had a good time at our missionary meeting. Brother Shelton was with us. We were all aroused. I gave out the blanks you sent me, and shall try to carry out the lessons. I ask your prayers, that we may all grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

MRS. J. O. JOHNSTON, EUFOLA: "We used the readings in our missionary meeting. All seemed to especially enjoy the extracts from 'Ministry of Healing', and some parts were freely discussed."



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### FROM AN OLD LABORER

In the providence of God I was permitted to reach this beautifully situated, young and growing city of some 6,000 people, on Thursday, May 2, after a journey of over 1,000 miles from Kansas City, Mo. It was my first introduction to North Carolina. This is in the hills near the mountains, and the result is a healthful climate, with cool nights during the summer.

I felt desirous of trying this country, to demonstrate that the book "Great Controversy" can be sold here. The Master blessed the efforts put forth. All honor to God alone, for he only can crown our efforts with success. Although it was late Thursday when I began work, I was favored with one order before dark. On Friday it was late before I was started, yet in about four hours work that day the result was five orders, or \$12.50 in value.

I believe that the enemy of all truth has made a studied, determined effort to block the sale of this heaven-sent volume, this treasure vault of truth for these last days; for it reveals his devices, his wiles to deceive souls. Satan is working untiringly to keep this book in the back ground, or idle on the shelves. Shall we let him succeed, in the face of what the Spirit of Prophecy has told us in regard to what is to be done now? O, let us in living faith seek God earnestly, lay hold on divine power, believe God will give us his grace to succeed, then work hard and earnestly, and we shall see grand, most encouraging results. The Lord gives us grace to do the work he commands us to do. He never disappoints those who choose to come to him. No one ever faithfully sought the Lord in vain. Soon the work will close up. *It is closing up now!* O, let us all have a part in it before it is everlastingly too late.

WALTER HARPER.

### PROGRESS OF THE CANVASSING WORK

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." Isa. 32:29. "In the

morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand." Eccl. 11:6. These Scriptures tell us where and when to sow. It is all the time and everywhere. It is not necessarily across the water nor in some distant city, town or neighborhood. Close around us we are to sow our seed. Our opportunities to work for the lost are within reach of our hands.

I am glad that a number of our sisters, though they have home duties, are finding some time to get out among their neighbors with our good books. Sister McRae, of Laurinburg, although she has a family and a mother to care for, has sold a number of our books and is happy in the work. Sister Markham, of Stovall, has also taken a real interest in circulating our books, and rejoices in the work. Sister Paul, although not strong, has done what she could. This is real encouraging, and I trust more will get a burden to labor for souls. Soon the night will come when no man can work. Our regular canvassers are all well and happy, and the published reports will tell the rest. Let us all be of good cheer until the work is done.

H. G. MILLER.

### THE CANVASSING WORK AT HIGH POINT

The canvassing work at this place has been carried forward with considerable success since the camp-meeting. Brother John Killen placed a large number of books and papers in the homes of the people just after the camp-meeting. Since January 25, Brother Killen having gone to Asheville, I have been doing some canvassing in the city and surrounding country. The Lord has been with me, and I have sold about \$165.00 worth of books besides some papers. I am now about to go to my new territory in Montgomery county, and by the time this reaches the readers of the MESSENGER I expect to be in Bisco. I have had this territory upon my heart and mind ever since the canvassers' institute. I ask an interest in the prayers of all the dear brethren and sisters, that I may be greatly blessed and be enabled to carry the work forward with diligence and faith. Pray for my wife, who will be left behind with the children at High Point, that she

may accept this great truth, and thus be able to train up our children in the way they should go.

O, the truths of the Bible are wonderful! It is we who are so marred and defective. It is by learning the Word and living out its precepts that we shall be made perfect. I hope to see all of my brother and sister canvassers at the coming camp-meeting.

OMAR B. NEWTON.

### CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR MARCH, 1907.

Names	Book	Hours	Orders	Del.
Oscar Steed	ck	16	\$6.00	\$2.00
Wm H. Brown	ck	78	52.75	71.25
H. G. Miller	ck	108	101.75	10.00
A. E. Brensinger	ck	66	20.25	58.00
Mattie Reynolds	ck	107	66.50	11.75
H. B. Tilden	ck	164	184.00	16.50
Mrs. Mary Tilden	ck	70	42.75	10.50
W. E. Lanier	sp	114	85.25	30.75
O. B. Newton	sp	76	53.25	26.75
W. H. George	gc	32	7.50	21.50
Irregular	misc	66	67.00	33.25
Total		897	687.00	292.25

### FOR APRIL, 1907.

Wm. H. Brown	ck	67	\$73.75	\$15.00
W. E. Lanier	sp	122	82.50	87.00
H. G. Miller	ck	141	127.00	11.50
O. B. Newton	ck	109	26.50	108.50
Mattie Reynolds	ck	47	13.00	33.50
H. B. Tilden	ck	127	164.50	13.50
Mary E. Tilden	ck	34	9.25	30.00
John S. Killen	misc	175	154.00	103.00
Irregular	misc	30	36.00	26.00
Total		852	686.50	428.00

H. G. MILLER, *State Agent.*

### TITHE RECEIPTS FOR APRIL, 1907

Greensboro	\$3.00
Eufola	17.87
Hildebran	207.21
Hickory	25.03
Asheville	8.06
Archdale	8.82
Newbern	18.00
Waynesville	.50
Wilmington	10.00
Winston-Salem	27.75
Individual	8.60

Total \$334.84

JESSIE V. BOSWORTH, *Treasurer.*



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### NEWS AND NOTES

State Camp-meeting for 1907 at Lex-  
ington, August 15 to 25.

Please notice the date on the wrapper  
of your paper. If your subscription has  
expired, we hope you will renew  
promptly.

All should take notice that the ad-  
dress of Sister Emma B. Rogers, our  
S. S. Secretary, is now changed from  
Hickory to Spero, N. C.

Captain W. E. Carter, having closed  
out his business at Raleigh, with his  
family has moved to Hampton, Va. He  
writes that he hopes soon to be in a  
position to "lift."

Brother H. B. Tilden and wife, of  
Lincolnton, came up to Hickory and  
gave us a most pleasant call at the  
office May 6. They are having good  
success in the canvassing work.

We were very happily surprised by  
the arrival of Brother Walter Harper  
at Hickory, on the morning of the 2nd  
inst. His article in another column  
will explain the object of his coming  
to North Carolina. He expects to re-  
main for the summer, and then return  
to the West to tell what he has seen  
and heard and knows by experience.  
Brother Harper has had twenty-six  
years of experience in the canvassing  
work in different parts of the United  
States with marked success; and this  
effort to help in the advancement of  
this work in the Southern field will  
surely not be in vain. Brother Harper  
is demonstrating that "Great Contro-  
versy" can be sold here. His efforts  
are much appreciated.

The amount received at this office on  
the \$150,000 Fund to date is \$155.12, and  
the same has all been forwarded, from  
time to time as received, to the Treas-  
urer of the Southern Union Conference,  
who informs us that he in turn has  
sent it all on to Washington, D. C.  
Through some misunderstanding, due  
credit did not promptly appear in the  
*Review*; but correction has been made  
in the last two numbers, and the amount  
will be added to as the funds reach them.  
We are hoping for a large increase on  
this fund within the next few weeks.  
Please address all donations from North  
Carolina to North Carolina Conference  
of S. D. A., Hickory, N. C.

Brother Wm. H. Brown has this to  
say of the work in Clay county: "I am  
working with all my might for the truth  
in these parts. Quite a number say they  
believe the seventh day is the Sabbath.  
One nice lady I believe will come out  
fully; and if she does, that alone will  
pay me for coming all this long distance.  
One old gentlemen had been telling the  
people before I came that the seventh  
day was the Sabbath. The canvassers  
are on the skirmishing line and among  
the hunters. Eze. 34."

Elder T. H. Jeys reached Hickory  
May 5, going on May 7 to Grand-  
father's Mountain. From Lenoir he  
will be accompanied by Brother George  
Crawford. Returning he expects to  
spend a short time at Asheville on his  
way to attend the meeting of the South-  
ern Union Conference Committee, to be  
held at Chattanooga beginning May 16.

Miss Charley Allran, of Hildebran,  
recently went to Graysville, Tennessee,  
where she will have the opportunity of  
earning a scholarship in our Southern  
Training School.

Miss Janie Stillwell, of Huntersville,  
writes that they are all well. She asks  
to have the MESSENGER renewed, and  
says: "It is the best little paper that  
we have, because through it we hear  
from those who are carrying the mes-  
sage to the people of North Carolina."

By the departure of Brother and Sis-  
ter B. A. Rogers, the Hickory church  
lose their esteemed elder and Sabbath-  
school superintendent. They are locat-  
ing at Spero, and will be accompanied  
by Sister Viola Shipley and son Theo.  
While we shall greatly miss the Christ-  
ian fellowship of these dear friends,  
we bid them God speed in their efforts  
to help build up the work in another  
part of the great field.

### GREETING

I write the following with the sup-  
position that all lovers of the message  
are regularly visited by the MESSENGER.  
It does me good to look into its face.  
Why?—Because it has a message for  
me. Sometimes it approves, some-  
times reproves; but it is all good news.  
Our only aim should be to form a  
character which will be acceptable to  
God. In this effort we need the help of  
each other. I am glad to unite with  
those of like faith in carrying forward  
the message which is to prepare a  
people for the new earth. And while I  
am a stranger to most of you so far as  
name is concerned, yet in the truth we  
are very close friends. My appearance  
among you is for no other object than  
that of doing good. Pray for me, that  
as I present the printed page I may do  
it in the spirit of Jesus.

H. B. TILDEN.

### APPOINTMENTS

The Lord willing, I will hold meetings  
as follows: At Hillsboro, June 10 and  
11; LaGrange, June 12 and 13; New-  
bern, June 14 to 17; Wilmington, June  
18 to 23; Vander, June 24 to 26; Greens-  
boro, June 27 to 30; Summerfield, July  
1 to 3. If necessary to change any of  
these dates, it will be stated in the  
June MESSENGER, or notification be  
made by mail. W. H. ARMSTRONG.