

**LETTERS TO MESSENGER.**

Dear Messenger: At the request of your Editor. I take this opportunity to speak, through your columns, a word to your readers. We rejoice with you all at the prosperity of the Lord's work in your Association. It is always a source of joy to us that the Lord takes the imperfect efforts of us poor mortals and turns them to his glory and the salvation of sinful humanity.

We are especially interested in the work of your Editor, and other brethren in your midst whom it has been our pleasure to know personally.

We have just entered upon our new field in the Johnston County Association, after having spent five years in the Brunswick Association, below Wilmington. We are located at Smithfield which is a central point in our work. We have charge of several mission points, which, as you know, means hard work, with, in many instances slow progress.

We wish you all the greatest success in your efforts to take the coast region of North Carolina, for Christ. May God hasten the day when from center to circumference North Carolina shall be permeated with the Truth as God's word teaches.

Yours in the work,  
B. G. EARLY.  
Smithfield, N. C., June 24, '05.

**MEETING AT DAVIS.**

We began our meeting here on Monday night after the first Sunday in June, and continued for ten days. From the beginning of the meeting we had the presence of the Holy Spirit. I did the preaching myself which I believe has caused the pastor and the people to get nearer together, and the church is in better condition than for years. As a result, on last Sunday I baptized twenty-five into the church, most of whom are promising young men.

We are now making ready for the erection of our parsonage on a lot near by the church, which when completed will be an honor to any church in the state. It is a pleasure to work among such good people.

They are always ready to respond to any call. Indeed it is pleasant to record another generous pounding which the church gave us a few nights ago. We desire to thank them for this substantial remembrance.

At Smyrna our work is in good condition. We have just received a new organ, also a new carpet which improves the appearance of the church. We are looking forward to our meeting here which will begin first Sunday in August. At Marshallberg we have just paid for a nice pulpit stand, and have nearly enough money on hand to finish the church, and we are moving on nicely.

Come to the Union meeting which meets here at Davis. We are expecting a large delegation.

W. G. HALL.

July 12, 1905.

**FROM CHINA.**

S. S. "Gouverneur Jaeschki," May 25, 1905.—I have been to Shanghai to attend a great meeting in behalf of Christian education in China, and am now on my way home again. I hope to

reach home tomorrow evening.

Our work is making fine progress. We have already received seventy-seven for baptism this year. The day after tomorrow is set apart for examining candidates for baptism. We have about 150 applicants. All the eighty boys in our academy but one have professed faith in Jesus. About thirty of these will be examined this week. How we do need more workers! Our educational work in our station needs a strong man for all his time. Our Sunday School work MUST HAVE all a man's time and the evangelistic work—well I do not know how to describe its needs. Tsingtao with twenty-five christian men and one woman and no one to look after them—sheep without a shepherd, and thousands of heathen who very willingly to hear the Gospel. Kao Mi City with fifty thousand people, nearly all willing, many anxious, to hear the word of life and no one to lead them. In our own city more work waiting than ten times our force can do properly, besides the eight hundred towns and villages in our midst. Altogether there are three million of people waiting to hear the Gospel while there is only three of us to proclaim it to them, and we have more than we can do of other important work. I wonder how long it will be till others from North Carolina will come to join us. The Lord is richly blessing our efforts and commanding us to go forward, but when we have gone to the utmost of our strength we have but entered the inner way. The great ocean with its limitless treasures still lies before us unemployed.

A few days ago I saw four generations in direct line baptised at the same time. The oldest was seventy-six and the youngest nine years of age. There were thirteen of this family, all men and boys, baptised, and an equal number of woman and girls wanting to be baptised, but these latter were postponed for further instruction.

I hear you are editing a paper. Can't you send me a copy occasionally? If you like, I will give you in return, a note for publication.

With much love, I am  
Yours in Jesus Christ,  
J. COLEMAN OWEN.

**Why He Was Not Promoted.**

He watched the clock.  
He was always grumbling.  
He was always behindhand.  
He asked too many questions.  
His stock excuse was "I forgot."  
He wasn't ready for the next step.  
He did not put his heart in his work.  
He learned nothing from his blunders.  
He was content to be a second rate man.  
He chose his friends among his inferiors.  
He ruined his ability by half doing things.  
He never dared to act on his own judgment.  
He did not think it worth while to learn how.  
He thought it clever to use coarse and profane language.  
He imitated the habits of men who could stand more than he could.  
He did not learn that the best part of his salary was not in his pay envelope.—Success.

**Encouragements to Prayer.**

"They shall call on my name and I will hear them; I will say it is my people and they shall say the Lord is my God."

"Prayer is God's essential connecting link between his boundless supply and the world's boundless need."

"Every step in the progress of missions is directly traceable to prayer."

"Prayer will succeed where all else fails."

No wonder Samuel cried: "As for me God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray."

John R. Mott says: "I have met in my travels nearly 2,000 missionaries and they presented to me one unbroken appeal for more prayer."

"Ask and ye shall receive."

**Words of Wisdom.**

Hope keeps the heart wholesome.

Your goods have little to do with your good.

Cupidity easily overcomes the easy conscience.

Men must be lifted; they cannot be pushed up.

The narrow mind is not essential to the narrow way.

The man who depends upon luck is usually a failure.

As soon as you cease to grow up you begin to go down.

Prosperity may be heaven's way of punishing some people.

The silver lining of a cloud is not visible to the naked eye.

If you are put in a place of trial count it a mark of trust.

There is no virtue in being patient with the pain you do not feel.

The more a man preaches to his neighbors the less they practice.

The man who doesn't worry is entitled to a lot of credit he never gets.

The man who boasts of never mincing matters is likely to be chopping up somebody's reputation pretty fine.

Be honest with yourself, whatever the temptation; say nothing to others that you do not think, and play no tricks with your own mind. Of all the evil spirits abroad at this hour in the world, insincerity is the most dangerous.—James Anthony Froude.

A child is not a block of marble, to be hewn out into what you will; each child is a separate and peculiar plant, different from every other.—Phillips Brooks.

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