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## OUR WORK AND WORKERS.

### LETTER FROM BRO. TOLAR.

DEAR BRO. MOORE:—May I speak through you a word of greeting to the dear friends of the Atlantic. Let me answer the question they would be sure to ask were I to come face to face with them—"How are you getting along since you left Beaufort?" Well, I am not doing much but I am rejoiced to tell you that the Lord is blessing our work. As you know, I preach at three churches—Mt. Olive, Bear Marsh and Island Creek. We have just finished special meetings at all these churches. Brethren S. J. Partin, J. A. Smith and T. J. Baker were with us and did good work. Many souls accepted Christ and joined these churches. I have been on this field seven months, and during this time between seventy-five and eighty have been added to the churches. More than sixty-five have been received through baptism. Surely the Lord has been lavishly blessing us, for which we have been constrained to speak forth his praise.

To my brethren and friends of the Atlantic I send back warmest wishes. In your arduous work you have my heart-felt sympathy. I worked down there well into three years and I know how it feels to work and toil and see almost no visible results. But

"Right is right since God is God,  
And right the day must win;  
To doubt would be disloyalty  
To suffer would be sin."

To the dear sorrowing friends at Beaufort I send deepest sympathy. I recall the following who have passed over the river since I came away, and there may be others: Dr. Davis—one of the churches greatest and strongest supporters. Rough on the exterior possibly, but at heart tender as a child. In the churches extremity oftentimes he was her strong support. I can but hope that another may soon take his place.

Sister Rhena Garner, too, has gone hence to be at rest. Patient and resigned, a helpless sufferer for years before the end. She was worth much to me in my work at Beaufort. She met me with a smile the moment I entered her home. It was her pleasure to encourage me and co-operate with me, so far as she could, practically and always at heart in my work. The last words I ever said to her were, "Sister Garner your smiling face and comforting words have been worth much to me," and as I turned away, the tears of joy flowed afresh down her pale cheek.

Sister Ed. Robinson also has gone home to heaven. Like Sister Garner she was prevented from attending church on account of her long sickness. Through it all she was patient and hopeful. She frequently spoke of her love for the church and of the joy it would give her to attend the services. God has seen fit to take her hence and I commend his grace to the sorrowing husband, children, relatives and friends.

If there be others, may the God of all comfort sustain the sorrowing ones. I watch the Beaufort work with the deepest interest. May Bro. Butler, strong and consecrated, find gathered around

him a host of true and loyal supporters.

Sincerely,

J. N. TOLAR.

Mt. Olive, N. C., Oct 1, 1902.

### THE GREENE COUNTY FIELD.

Rev. M. P. Davis, Snow Hill.  
DEAR BRO. MOORE:—It has been some time since I sent you a report from the Greene county field, and now, when I review the field and remember the work of the past few months, I hardly know what to write.

Greene county is one of the very best farming counties in North Carolina. It is said that the cotton and tobacco crops will bring to the farmers of this county more than one million dollars. Think of this—eighty-three dollars for every man, woman and child in the entire county. If this money were received by consecrated christians, what a blessing it would be to the people and the cause of Christ. But, as it is, many will suffer on account of the abundance of money. Many mothers and children will carry to their graves marks from the crazed husband and father caused by the liquor protected and offered to the people by a so-called christian state. How long, oh, how long, will this awful evil be sustained?

Now I will give a short report of my work. The Baptist cause in Greene is looking up. The waters have been troubled often of late. The people are reading their Bibles and thinking. This is the first step every one takes in becoming a Baptist.

I have just closed three meetings, Davis Grove, Taylor's School house and Castoria. Two churches and one Mission point. Bro. C. W. Blanchard was with me most all the time and did some great preaching. He is doing a great work for the Neuse Association. As a result of these meetings there are 24 more Baptists in Greene than four weeks ago. To God be all the glory and praise.

I am now at Eureka in a meeting. Bro. C. A. Jenkins is doing the preaching. I believe he is one of the sweetest preachers I ever heard. We are hoping and praying for a great meeting.

Brethren, the debt on Davis Grove church is \$275.00. The little band has worked and paid and prayed and now they call upon the brethren again to help. The debt comes due Nov. 1. If the brethren would send me \$75 I believe the Church and community would pay the remaining \$200. Brethren, can't you do this? No finer opening anywhere in Eastern North Carolina for the Baptist than at Davis Grove. We have recently had 13 additions, nearly all young people.

Brethren, I ask your prayers in behalf of this great, fertile field.

### THE PAMLICO FIELD.

Rev. J. R. Taylor, Bayboro.

DEAR BRO. EDITOR:—The pastor was taken sick last Saturday night and was in bed nearly all the week. Thus making it impossible to be in the glorious meeting at Truitt last week conducted by the Editor. Brethren, I could not be there in person but I was in spirit and feel so thankful that the blessed Lord gave you such blessings as we hear of. Pray that there may be many others yet to turn.

We have succeeded I think in

uniting our two churches, Bay Creek and Vandemere. This means, brethren, that if we sell the house at Bay Creek we must have one at Vandemere in short. The people at Vandemere have been struggling to build for some time, and may their movement push them to the front. Brethren, we must unite our forces, lay our means upon the altar if we get a house soon.

The Bayboro people have added nearly \$100 to their parsonage and now it stands completed and the pastor is enjoying the same. As soon as this indebtedness is paid we want to paint our church.

My last appointment at Jones' Bay was not filled as I was sick. These are interesting people but they have something to contend with. The mosquitoes are thick.

Bro. Moore, the people are continually asking if I am going to reply to Bro. Blanchard. My answer has been and is, "I do not think his piece worthy of my reply." I say this to let the brotherhood know that I am not dead, but that I have sounded its depth.

### NEW BERN—FIRST CHURCH.

Rev. Hight C. Moore, New Bern.

The first of the autumn months has come and gone. The cooler air has imparted vigor afresh into various phases of our church as well as business life. Attendance at the services rises above the summer level and interest increases. A fair start has been made for what we hope will be an effective fall and winter campaign.

Our churches contain a Study Sunday, has been a Bible Study Month. The subjects treated in the pulpit. The Bible notes: Human Origin; The Roll Continued; Two Revelations; and a Reciprocal exposition of Psalm 19. Reading the Bible—Methods and Search the Scriptures; Teaching the Bible. A revival of Bible reading and study would mean a revival along all other lines.

Our services have all been held as usual. The pastor preached at Olympia (four miles in the country) on the second Sunday afternoon. Rev. W. F. Fry, who was visiting our Association in the interest of the Baptist Female University conducted our prayer-meeting service on the 18th. The people heard him gladly.

The sisters have been particularly industrious in church work during the month. The Ladies' Aid Society improved our Parsonage property by the erection of a neat, commodious wood-house. The Woman's Missionary Society packed a fifty dollar box for a frontier Missionary living in Texas. The ladies of the congregation as a whole raised something more than thirty dollars to secure the generous offer of a like amount from Bro. J. B. Holland for the purpose of placing a new carpet in the church. It is expected that the carpet will be in place sometime in October.

After a lingering illness of several months Mrs. Elisha Odum passed from hence to her heavenly reward on September 17th. To her husband, children and other relatives we extend sincerest sympathies. They mourn not as for one having no hope.

A letter was granted Rev. Jas.

W. Wheeler, who joined us by baptism some months ago. He has since united with one of our Wilmington churches and has been ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry. It is a pleasure to know that he is doing good work at and around the Delgado Mills.

The resignation of Bro. C. C. Clark, Jr., as Superintendent of our Sunday School, to take effect the first of October, has been placed before the church. For several years he has served very acceptably and efficiently in this capacity and much regret is expressed at his resignation. His successor is to be elected early in October.

By courtesy of Mrs. Susan A. Churchill and her brothers, Messrs. T. A. and John C. Green, a very handsome gas chandelier has been placed in our church annex. It is a beautiful memorial of their sainted mother and is gratefully accepted by our congregation.

### THE EAST CARTERET FIELD.

Rev. N. L. Gaskins, Davis.

DEAR MESSENGER:—The time has come to write. Guess I will have to be original this time as nothing of unusual interest has occurred since my last letter. Perhaps I should say that our work is moving on in the usual way. We are holding our own. Suyrna is making some progress from a material stand point in the way of church repairs. We are expecting a beauty when completed; Marshallberg is also moving on gradually with its house of worship. Since my last letter the

an effort is now being made to get windows, doors and paints. When completed this will be one of the handsomest church buildings on the East Carteret field.

Our annual Association has gone by. Those of us who attended from Davis felt that it was good to be there. I am sorry that a larger number of the brotherhood was not present. It is a real source of inspiration to meet once a year in these annual Associations and hear the giant speeches of our master orators. Besides the happy greetings we receive and the excellency of the christian atmosphere which pervades these Baptist gatherings are worth far more than it costs to attend. Moreover, when a poor fellow is inclined to be pessimistic in his views such speeches as Bros. Whitty and Butler are wont to make cause his melancholy spirit to melt away like the silvery dew-drops, before the rays of the morning sun. We thank God for such noble spirits. May they live long to brighten the prospects of those who are care-worn and weary.

If there is anything my soul delights in it is Baptist victory. And beyond victory is the giant, strong and brave, clothed with the whole armor of effort. We will reap what we sow and we will reap in proportion to the amount we sow. And this is a lesson worthy to be remembered by Baptists in their relationship to destitute Mission fields in Eastern Carolina. We covet, as Baptists the souls of men, not counting the cost. Then to begin with, if I am allowed space to mention briefly some of the requisites for Baptist victory; we must have our strongest men. Paul delighted in this kind of preaching. He went far away in-

to Arabia, lest he should be said to build on another man's foundation. Would to God that some of our Pauls of to-day could catch this Missionary spirit. In the second place, we must not only have our strongest men, but we must have enough of them to cover the territory. One man cannot preach successfully to a whole county. In the third place, we must have a church extension fund for building church houses in destitute sections. Suppose a Missionary goes to a new Mission point and organizes with just a few members, they cannot build a church house, because as a rule they are horny-handed sons of toil, and it takes all of their efforts to provide a living for themselves and their families saying nothing of educating their children. And this brings me to the next point. The people must be educated. The Missionaries' greatest difficulty perhaps is to get the people interested. They are not interested, and they are not interested because they are not educated. Very few Baptists on Mission fields keep themselves posted at all as to the great workings of our denomination. O, then for a great wave of educational enthusiasm to sweep over the land, which shall cause school houses to be erected on every hill side and in every valley, till every child in North Carolina shall have an opportunity of making the most of their lives possible and then for a law back of this which shall compel parents to send their children to school and furnish them with books.

Now, some one may frown and say, these are sour grapes, but brethren, it is to come to this or get out of the race. Others spare neither money nor effort to bring about results; and shall we as Baptists whose watch-word has always been, "Onward! and Upward!" Let us look to the God of our noble Baptist fathers. Will He not succor us, and accomplish through us mighty things, if we will only open our hearts and pocket-books and cry in the language of Paul "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?"

### UNION MEETING—A SUGGESTION.

To Bro. Jackson's suggestion in the last MESSENGER in which he says, "Of course, the Union meetings are productive of good (referring to the recent Union held at Pollockville, N. C.) I wish to add that I endorse what he says. But I wish to add a proviso, and that is, Provided, the delegates attending the Union do not, as some of them did, on that occasion, counteract the good they did in attending the Union by the harm they did in deliberately getting a conveyance and driving out to Tuscarora and taking the Sunday train for their respective homes, thereby violating the commandment which tells us to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. These brethren could have easily driven to Tuscarora in time for the train on Monday morning and would have saved for themselves and the Blessed Cause which they represent the criticism brought about by this action on their part. Brethren, I pray you be more careful in this matter; the eyes of the world are upon you.

Yours in Christian love,  
J. C. WHITTY.