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"millions now living will never die"

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HIS WITNESSES

"Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen."—Isaiah 43: 10.

THESE words were spoken to those whom Isaiah foreshadowed. The time for their fulfillment is now. Those who respond to the Lord's invitation here have a special favor from him.

We can better understand the words of the text by considering them in connection with Isaiah's vision as set forth in chapter 6 of his prophecy. Read carefully that chapter and then consider these lines.

Time

The vision was in the year that Uzziah the king died. Uzziah represented, we believe, the denominational churches which at one time represented the Lord. Uzziah was rich and for a time ruled well; he was a great man. But self-conceit and arrogance led to his downfall. So it has been with the denominational churches.

Near the close of his reign King Uzziah insisted on offering incense in the temple, contrary to the law of God. for this offense he was stricken with leprosy and died. The denominational churches reached the zenith of their power about the beginning of 1919, when they repudiated the Lord and his kingdom and openly endorsed the League of Nations, the offering of Satan as a substitute for and as "the political expression of God's kingdom on earth." From that time forward

they were stricken with leprosy and are dying.

The vision shows Isaiah in the temple; therefore it pictures the people of God this side the veil in relationship with the Lord,

Sanctity through Activity

The vision shows Isaiah inactive; thus picturing the church during the year 1918 and part of 1919 in a condition of inactivity. Isaiah beholds the seraphim above the throne of the Lord, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts." The effect upon him was to cause him to cry out: "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." A seraph then took a coal of fire off the altar and purged Isaiah's lips. This clearly shows that the impurity of the Isaiah class, to wit, the church, related to a message from the mouth which has not been delivered. In 1919 the temple class realized their inactivity. They came to a knowledge of the fact that the church had before that time been doing the work pictured by Elijah, and for the first time had a clear understanding that Elisha pictured another work which the church must do. They came to a knowledge in 1919 that the saints must deliver a message in behalf of the Lord as his witness to the nations.

The Willing and Responsive Delegated

In the temple Isaiah heard a voice saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah responds: "Here am I; send me." So it has been with the faithful and earnest ones of the Lord since understanding the Elisha work. As good soldiers of the cross they have not asked the reason why, nor when, nor where, but have been wholly submissive to the Lord, saying, "Here am I, send me." The message of the Lord tells them: 'Go and tell the people that the King is present; that the kingdom is at hand; that Satan's empire is under judgment; that the world has ended; and that millions now living will have the opportunity for everlasting life.' The vision then shows that the leaders and the mighty men, the antitypical Pharisees and their close allies, will "hear, but understand not."

Nominal Christians Challenged —

"Are You or Not?"

For centuries Satan has blinded the people to the great divine truths. Now the time has come for them to have their eyes opened. And so God's prophet, speaking to the antitypical class, the new creation, this side the veil says: "Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears." In other words, bring the message to those who have been blinded and made deaf but who now have the desire to see and to know. Then the Lord directs his people to issue a challenge to the Babylonish systems that have claimed that they can bring peace and prosperity and life and happiness to the peoples. The challenge is couched in these words: "Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and show us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: *or let them hear, and say, It is the truth.*" Then says the prophet of God: "*Ye are my witnesses,* and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no savior . . .

I will work, and who shall hinder?"—Isaiah 43: 9-11, 13.

Faithful Fulfil Divine Purpose

Clearly here the consecrated, spirit-begotten, anointed ones are designated as the Lord's witnesses at this time; and they are called upon to challenge the world and all of the devil's organizations to make proof of their contention or else to keep silence and hear the witnesses concerning the Lord's kingdom. Without question this witness must be given. It will have to be given persistently and under adverse conditions. Jesus says: "He that endureth to the end shall be saved."

By the Scriptures we see that God now intends to have a people on the earth in this time of stress and clearly marked as separate and distinct from all others, who shall stand forth as his witnesses and fearlessly give out the message: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand; the King is here; millions now living will never die."

The Elijah work, done by the church from 1874 until 1918, is more particularly related to the restoration of the great fundamental truths which had long been hidden under the débris of human traditions. The Elisha work, since 1919, more particularly relates to a proclamation of the great truths against Babylon, against Satan's empire, and the announcing of the presence of the King and the establishment of his kingdom and the blessings to follow.

How Long Shall We Witness?

Some of the Lord's dear saints are inclined to become weary and to think they must cease giving forth this message, and that it is useless to do more. Let all such remember the words of the Apostle: "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we relax not." (Galatians 6: 9, *Diaglott*) When asked, then, how long we shall continue this work, the Lord answers: "Until the cities [the devil's organization, his systems and his offspring] be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate." In other words, the message must continue to be

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give: to the faithful ones until Babylon's walls tumble to the ground. Let his people therefore continue to march about her and "shoot at her, spare no arrows. . . . Shout against her round about." (Jeremiah 50:14, 15) The Lord Jesus corroborates this when he says: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world as a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

There is nobody to do this work except the new creation. The question with each one who reads these lines is this: Am I of the new creation? Am I one of those begotten and anointed ones who are willing and anxious to be faithful and true witnesses to the Lord?

The Honor of All His Saints

For six thousand years Jehovah has been preparing for the very hour in which we are living. He has been developing his plan and preparing for the final overthrow of Satan and his empire. Since 1914 the King of glory has been exercising his great power and is reigning. Let every one of his saints, then, who, having had his lips cleansed, sends forth this message, do it with all the power and force with which he is endowed by the Lord. The importance of the message of the kingdom cannot be overestimated. Let the voice of the Lord speaking through the Prophet ring out in our ears: "Ye are my witnesses, and my servant whom I have chosen." Remember that this witness can be given both by word of mouth and by the printed page, particularly the latter way.

Days of World-wide Concerted Effort

October 29, 1922, is again set for a world-wide witness and drive. Let all the classes prepare for one good meeting in their vicinity at that time, and devote the remainder of their energy in making a special drive to put out the message contained in the books.

On December 10, 1922, will be another world-wide drive. Let similar action then be taken. Do not become weary in well-doing.

Be brave; be fearless; be courageous. Let love be the motive, and keep in mind the great honor of representing the Lord and establishing in the minds of the people that Jehovah is God, and that Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords, and that his kingdom is now taking its place for the blessing of mankind. Let each one do his duty as a valiant soldier of the cross. Onward, Christian soldiers! Relax not your hand nor your zeal.

Quiz Cards Made Sale

"The other week while working in H..... I canvassed a man who bought the COMBINATION and the HARP COURSE. He said that he did not have the money to spare, but was going to get them anyway. His wife had been sick so much that their hospital and doctor bill was about to break them up. After he had made the purchase he asked me whether we had been in a section below there. When I answered in the affirmative, he said that he had been delivering cards to several down there (he is a mail carrier) and had become much interested by the questions.

"The next day I saw a man to whom I had tried to sell at another place some time previous. He remarked that when I had called upon him he told me he did not read much, but said that his neighbors had bought and he was reading and very much enjoyed the books. His wife's only objection to the books was that neither she nor the children could get anything out of him when he got the books; for then he was like a setting hen.

"We see more results from the books now than ever before, and rejoice in the great privilege of helping to enlighten the world and of tearing down Satan's house."—*Miss*.

Sales That Assure Knowledge

"I have never enjoyed the colporteur work more than during the last six weeks. The HARP work surely is the best of all. Have worked all but the north side of B....., where the well-to-do people live, but I cannot stay to finish. Have placed 230 HARP COURSES in the city since March 25."—*Miss*.

Purchased with Meagre Savings

"We are having great blessings. In three instances the people I called upon emptied their purses and penny banks, and one of them yesterday paid part of the price in postage stamps, so eager was she to get the HARP. Of course there is opposition; but we expect that, as the ministers are bitter, and some, at least, of their people still believe in them We find the Quiz cards a great help in the sale of the book."—*N. Y.*

Joys Obtainable Thru Experience Only

"Have just finished H..... and rural districts, and in just eight days' work we took orders for and delivered over 275 books. The population is given as 2,500 (500 families), which means that a good percentage of the people purchased the books; this, too, in spite of the town having a decidedly Catholic majority. Our delivery was over 100 percent, as we delivered the books in some homes where we had taken no orders, but where the people had heard of the subject and desired to investigate it. Not one order was canceled.

"We are glad to place the truth in so many homes. But this is not our only cause for rejoicing; for we find the work of grace progressing so grandly in our own hearts through the experiences we receive each day in the work. Surely the lot of a colporteur is a happy one If the unencumbered brethren and sisters could only experience the joys and blessedness of a colporteur's life, the colporteur list would so expand as to require additional help at the Head Office to handle the increased work."—*Mich.*

Worth Trying Out

"We have certainly been blessed by our Lord in service. He is a wonderful paymaster; and if more of the friends only knew they would not be anywhere else than in his direct service."—*Calif.*

Course Placed Set of Studies

"A lady who has read the COMBINATION is just completing the HARP COURSE. I also sold her the six volumes of SCRIPTURE STUDIES. She expressed herself as greatly interested in the COURSE. The Self-Quiz cards she says she intends to keep and to continue going over. . . This lady is a very active 'Pastor's Assistant'."—*Calif.*

Mourning—Brokenhearted—Comforted

"I sold the volumes in a home where the man was a cripple, having but one arm. Shortly before this his little son, eight years old, had been shot and killed by a playmate. He and his wife read and accepted everything as fast as they came to it. They also talked it, and he lost his position. Then another baby came, and the wife lost her eyesight. They have one other child, and are now destitute. I had failed to keep in touch with them, and only a few days ago learned of their distress. When I called they told me that if it were not for the hope held out in the volumes they would have taken morphine and gone to sleep, as that seemed better than seeing the children starve. But always when that thought would come they would remember things which I had told them; and they said even in their extremity they would not take one hundred dollars for the books, if that meant doing without them. The wife has made a complete consecration, as far as I can determine. They were Catholic.

"I thank my God daily for the wonderful experiences I am having and for the blessings which he is bestowing upon me; and I am thankful to have even a small share in the auxiliary colporteur service."—*Ore.*

By his grace we are,

Your brethren and co-laborers in the Lord.

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THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND

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COMFORT JERUSALEM

“COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.” Together with the proclamation of the name of our God to the Gentiles of earth in fulfilment of the divinely-given commission, it is fitting that the Lord's anointed should speak a message of comfort to Jerusalem and point the people of Israel to Jehovah, their God. The Psalmist declares: “Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.” We have known of God's special interest in the posterity of Abraham. He has addressed them through the Prophet Amos saying: “You only have I known of all the families of the earth;” and the Psalmist declares: “He [Jehovah] sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation.”

No nation on earth ever had such kind

and considerate treatment at the hands of Jehovah as the Jews. No people have ever had such reason to have faith in God as the Jews. The enemy however has long blinded the offspring of Jacob to the great truths contained in the Bible. As a result of this blindness they have had a long warfare which the prophet foretold would come upon them if they were disobedient to the statutes of Jehovah.

The “double” referred to by the Prophet Jeremiah has been fulfilled in their experiences. From the time of the organization of the people of Israel into a nation at the death of Jacob (Deut. 26:5) to the 10th of Nisan A. D. 33 was the period of favor to the Jews of 1845 years. At the end of this period of favor the double of disfavor began and 40 years later in A. D. 73 the complete overthrow of Jerusalem was effected. This period of disfavor lasted 1845 years. At the conclusion of the double in 1878 the returning of favor began resulting in the official establishment of the Jewish people in their own land in 1918, just 40 years later.

ADVERTISE THE KING AND THE KINGDOM

Seven years after 1918 the Jubilee arrangement of the Law Covenant terminated, marking 1925 as the time for the ancient people of God to receive some knowledge concerning God's great plan of salvation, and particularly concerning their own part in the beginning of the restitution work. The present therefore, is the time to comfort Jerusalem.

How to Comfort Jerusalem

To comfort means to impart information to another which will encourage and refresh them and give them joy of heart, despite the distressing circumstances with which they are surrounded. The message of comfort to the Jews is contained in the Bible, God's Word. For many generations the adversary has turned the minds of the Jewish people away from the Bible to the traditions of men. It is now time to lift up the standard and call the attention of the Jewish people to their God, Jehovah, and to His plans concerning them. Doing this will comfort Jerusalem. Who, then, is going to take this message to them? Who except those that love the Lord could speak this message of comfort to the Jews?

Who Are to do This Work?

God has had an organization for the carrying out of his purposes, which organization is designated in the Scriptures as Zion. The associated name Jerusalem includes all those begotten of God's spirit. To this class the prophet speaks in Isaiah 40:9 saying: "O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain. O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!" The cities of Judah are those who are Jews (Judeans) in truth, because they have the faith of Abraham and believe that Shiloh, the Messiah, will come through Judah's line. The Jerusalem mentioned in the first verse of this chapter in Isaiah is not the same one

referred to in the ninth verse, inasmuch as in the former verse Jerusalem (natural Israel) has had a warfare and she needs to be told that this warfare is now ended, and she needs to be comforted; while in the latter verse Jerusalem (spiritual Israel) is the one that brings the "good tidings" or comfort.

It is manifest therefore, that the anointed ones of the Lord; those who have been advertising the King and the kingdom; who have been lifting up a standard for the people, and who have been proclaiming the name of Jehovah, are the ones here addressed as Zion and Jerusalem. They are to be the ones who will be honored in bearing the message of comfort to Israel after the flesh. The doing of this work will bring the same joy to those who engage in it as has the work of the church in preaching this gospel of the kingdom to all the (Gentile) nations for a witness.

METHODS OF WORK

Just at this time when the work of the Lord's people is turning to Israel we find an unusual agitation among the Jewish people concerning their beliefs and doctrines. This will undoubtedly place many Jewish people in an attitude to listen to our message who would previously have paid little or no attention to it. Thus another of the Lord's overruling providences is manifest in the work of comforting Jerusalem now. The Director of the Peace, Minn. service bureau writes:

"We have an experience to relate that might be of interest to you. A Jew was canvassing for a farm journal in the eastern part of our territory, and thus called at the home of one of the brethren. This Jew got interested in the presentation of the truth to such an extent that he purchased the full set of eight books and four of the booklets."

Different Style of Canvass Required

Soon the consignments of COMFORT FOR THE JEWS will be received by your Director. Each of the workers will be anxious to carry this message to those for whom it is intended.

The canvass to be used in approaching the Jewish people will be somewhat different from that used in offering other truth literature to the Gentiles. By way of suggestion we offer the following sample canvass which has been used by brethren heretofore.

CANVASS: Good morning! Recently the International Bible Students Association, whom I represent, has held public lectures on the subject: "Palestine for the Jew. Why?" Judge Rutherford who is president of this association has prepared a book on the subject: COMFORT FOR THE JEWS. (Here present volume.) This discusses the activities of the Jewish people in Palestine today as being fulfilments of the words of the prophets written in the Holy Scriptures many centuries ago. It takes up the subject from a historical, political and religious standpoint and shows the reason for the great work among the Jews in rebuilding their homeland after it has lain desolate for so many centuries. The author of this book has been to Palestine twice. Mr. Nathan Straus wrote to Judge Rutherford commending him for his lectures on the subject of the rebuilding of Palestine. Mr. Straus' letter appears in the front of the book. Mr. Straus also acknowledges receipt of a copy of this book sent to him immediately after its publication, by this letter. (Here show second letter from Mr. Straus.) This book is not an attempt to proselyte the Jewish people, but rather

a pointing out to them that their work in re-building the Holy Land is foretold by the prophets of Israel and will lead to even greater blessings to the Jews and to the entire world of mankind. The price of the book, cloth bound, is 50¢—paper bound, 25¢. I would like very much to leave a copy with you, as I am sure you will appreciate reading it.

The letter referred to from Mr. Straus as being the second one was photographically reproduced and a quantity of printed copies have been sent to your Service Director. A copy may be obtained from him. One point to consider in canvassing the Jews is that a short canvass is the most effective.

A Good Talking Point

Other arguments may be presented later if the canvass itself does not excite the interest of the prospect sufficiently to take the book at once. Such were used by several of the brethren, one reporting as follows:

"After failing to obtain the interest of the prospect by my regular canvass, I immediately quoted the words of Isaiah 40: 1, 'Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.' I then remarked: 'Someone outside of the Jews must deliver this message of comfort to you. *This is it.*' I was able to place COMFORT FOR THE JEWS in four different places by the use of this scripture where I am sure I could not have sold the books if I had not thus used it. I was also able to sell a copy to a Rabbi.

—J. C. EDWARDES, *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Israel's "Double"

Another talking point is the "double" which can be briefly reviewed to the one being canvassed, as done by the brother who reports:

"I have found that more success has followed by briefly referring to the Jewish 'double' in the latter part of my canvass, when other points fail to produce a sale. I ask them: 'Is it not worthy of consideration that God's favor is returning to the Jewish people at this time when we note that for a period of 1845 years from the organization of the Jewish nation until the time of the dispersion you have enjoyed the favor of Jehovah, and that the dispersion followed as a result of Israel's sins against her covenant? Now we find that a like period of 1845 years has passed which ended in 1918, at which time official recognition of the Jewish nation took place. Your people are now being re-established in their homeland.' The fact that many of them do not know of the double is reason for their interest being excited and I find that practically all of my sales have been made by thus referring to this matter."

—G. E. HANNAN, *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

A Third Good Point

The Jewish people are monotheists; that is they believe in one God. The churches of Christendom have taught the doctrine of the Trinity, which is unscriptural. On some occasions it might be well to point out that we do not believe in the doctrine of the Trinity. One of the brethren had such an experience:

"I canvassed a lady who I thought was a Gentile, but who showed interest in the subject. After talking with her a few minutes she asked me: 'What God do you worship?' to which I replied: 'I worship Jehovah God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.' 'Do you not, then, look upon

Jesus Christ as your God?' she further asked. 'No ma'am. Jesus plainly says that he is the Son of God and not God himself. The churches of Christendom teach the doctrine of the Trinity, which declares that God and His Son and the holy spirit are one and the same thing, and yet they are three gods; but the Bible does not teach such a doctrine. There is only one God, Jehovah; and Jesus Christ is his Son.' Her interest increased at this and she asked further concerning the crucifixion of Jesus. I found that she was a Jewess and she was glad to receive COMFORT FOR THE JEWS."

—F. A. JULIAN, *Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Enlarged Privilege of Service

A number of different situations and problems will arise to the individual worker which will need to be worked out in the service meetings of the class. Further information regarding the campaign for the Jewish people, is being forwarded in the LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS TO DIRECTORS.

It was an honor to be the angel to point Hagar to the spring which saved Ishmael from dying of thirst. God is more highly honoring us in making us his messengers to point his people, typified by Ishmael to the fountain of truth from which they may draw refreshment. The COMFORT FOR THE JEWS book opens another avenue of service. It is an enlargement of our privileges and means an increase in our joys in the Lord. "Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her."—Isaiah 66:10.

We remember you in our prayers as you go forward to comfort Jerusalem.

With Christian love and greetings, we are
Your brethren and servants in the Lord,

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No Man Can Serve Two Masters—Matt. 6: 24.

FOR the Christian, there is no middle ground in the matter of service. He is serving either the Lord or the Devil, and each one must decide whom he will serve. Jesus emphasized service when he said, "He that is chief among you let him be as he that serveth."

The natural tendency of fallen flesh is to be governed by passion, which means to follow our likes and dislikes, to be controlled by our prejudices or preconceived notions, without proving them. Through his prophet, the Lord says, "Let us reason TOGETHER," that is, get the Lord's viewpoint on the matter. Let us try to get the Lord's viewpoint on the subject of service.

Briefly, service means to do something for the benefit of another, and to serve the Lord means to do something for his benefit. Manifestly, we can do nothing that will benefit his person or attributes, but he has given us the PRIVILEGE of doing something else. What is it? It is to clear his name of all the reproaches which the Devil and mankind have heaped upon it for the past 6000 years. Many texts prove this assertion. We

note some: "Ye are a chosen generation, . . . that ye should show forth the praises of him." Developing a beautiful character would not show forth God's praises; it would not benefit God; it would benefit ourselves, and give us a good name among *men*. Again, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and *glorify your Father*." Perfecting a sweet, gentle, patient, forbearing and kindly spirit will not glorify God; it would glorify nobody but *ourselves*. The only way to glorify God is to sing his praises, to tell others of his plan and purpose. "Herein is *my Father* glorified, that ye bear much fruit." The fruit mentioned in this text must be the fruit of our efforts in his service; that is, helping others to an understanding of Jehovah's attributes and plan. Still again: God "hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; . . . and the word of reconciliation," and "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ." (2 Cor. 5: 18-20) "We are workers together with God." All these texts mean service, and *not* the development of character.

ADVERTISE THE KING AND THE KINGDOM

Think of the amount of service required to bring these beautiful truths to *you*, and simple gratitude will inspire every good man to do all in his power to bring these same blessings to other hearts.

Jesus laid aside his heavenly glory for thirty-three and one-half years, suffered untold ignominy and a cruel death—a service for *you*. The writers of the Bible did this service for *you*. Think of the years of study, of weary effort, of pain and reproach, all gladly given as a service to *you* by that faithful and wise servant. Think of the number of times your city or village has been covered with tracts and canvassed, before the truth came to you—all rendered as a service to *you*, and then say, "Here am I, Lord, *send me*."

Which master are you serving?

A Two-fold Service

Your work with the DELIVERANCE book will reach the people in a two-fold manner: First, by placing the book in the home (and the DELIVERANCE book is really offered to the people at a price of a few cents more than the cost of a magazine); and second, your efforts will bring to them every other week a printed lecture that is built entirely upon the DELIVERANCE book and so arranged as to emphasize the principal gems that the book contains.

In addition, then, to placing a book in the homes of the people, your efforts really serve in a way that reaches directly the minds of the people with the message of the truth; and also, we trust, places on their reading table a folder that will be read by all in the house. This, then, naturally awakens an interest in the further literature; and the workers who place a DELIVERANCE book are creating a field of work for those who cannot engage in the service during the day, but must use evenings in calling upon people.

Fall Campaign

The fall months will more or less confine activities to nearby territory; and though there are many more duties to engage your time than during the summer months, yet we trust that ways will be found, and that means will be worked out by the director with the cooperation of the workers, to maintain the activity in the field at a higher degree than during the fall and winter months of previous years.

Reports that we are receiving from workers indicate that there has been a wide influence in past activity, an influence that has left its mark with those who have consistently opposed the work. We believe that this assures more

more and better results in reconvaning territory.

I want to tell you of our experience at Winchester, Indiana, a town of about 4,500 population. About a year ago we advertised for a public meeting at a theatre. We used newspaper advertising and also distributed announcements from house to house. About a dozen people were present. We wondered why.

About a month ago we had another public meeting, advertised the same as the first; and only two of the public attended. So some of us thought that the Lord wanted us to shake the dust from our feet and let them sleep on. But the workers prevailed, that we canvassed the town with the booklets; and the report now lying before me shows five day's work there, with 187 combinations of three booklets sold.

This town is 18 miles from Muncie. The workers would take a machine and drive over and take their lunches with them, thus giving themselves an outing, a day of fellowship and the blessedness of relating their experiences. God works in mysterious ways. We thought that your knowing of this might be the means of energizing others who know of places where they think the people are asleep, to awaken them and at the same time bring blessings to the workers.

—MUNCIE, IND. *Service Director*.

Reconvaning Shows Results

We believe from this that workers are warranted in undertaking a canvass, particularly of territory that has been frequently covered, with more assurance that people are gradually coming to see that the Lord has a message for them at this time; that they are coming to see that the Lord is using certain ones to give forth this message; and, additionally, to recognize who it is that the Lord is using.

Your own neighborhood, then, we hope will show results similar to that recorded in the following letter:

Last week while canvassing in Covington I got into territory which I had covered late in the spring; so I decided to pass six of the houses—some of the people were prejudiced. I thought it too early to try again. However, I could not resist going into the last house on the street, and to my surprise sold three books. As I went out of the gate I looked back to the houses I had passed, and decided to go back and at least *try* to place a few books in them. The result was a sale in every house, thirteen books in all. After this I shall skip no more houses so recently canvassed.

Yesterday I called on a lady in my neighborhood who in past years has been vitriolic in her denunciation of me. I never thought for a moment that she would as much as let me in; but she was lovely to me, listened interestedly to my canvass and bought two books. She also invited me to call again. People today are buying books who a few years ago would not think of giving you a moment. They are also expressing the hope that they might be of the "millions" class.

—LILLIAN M. PINKERTON, *Ohio.*

Probably this is due to the people considering what you have told them. A new view often provokes an argument. A new view often makes people antagonistic and combative; but after thinking matters over, weighing what has been said, and comparing it with their previous conceptions and opinions, often they get the new angle of the view that was presented.

I have found out that those who do not receive me the first time do better the second time I call on them.

—MRS. R. A. ALLEN.

Truth Alone Can Satisfy

The activities of the summer months have covered much territory. The message has been placed before a great number of people; and we believe that the activities of the coming winter months will find many of these people in a more receptive mood than when you first called on them. Time and circumstances alter the conditions that prompted the people to act in the past, and quite likely such experiences emphasize to them how much they really do need the message of the truth.

I am so glad that the BULLETIN emphasizes so strongly the necessity for *persistence* in our efforts in the city, which has been canvassed over and over.

I had an experience lately, however, which was very encouraging, and proved how the attitude of the people changes from time to time. I had canvassed a house some time ago where the lady very rudely turned me away, saying that she had just taken up Christian Science and was entirely satisfied. On re-canvassing that street just lately, I almost passed up her house, thinking that it would be useless to waste time there. But thinking that the Lord would not be pleased to have me do that, I stopped, and to my surprise found her ready and anxious to listen to everything I told her. She told of her disappointment in Christian Science, and seemed to rejoice to hear of the kingdom that would do for her all that Christian Science had failed to do. She said, "I have

just been praying the Lord to show me the right way, and I believe He sent you here. Oh, what if I had not let you come in!"

She gladly took THE HARP and other literature, and wants the volumes as soon as possible. On my last call she had read only a part of THE HARP, but said that she had discarded Christian Science entirely.

The experience was a lesson to me to be faithful and persistent in declaring the message, and never to pass one up, knowing not "which shall prosper, whether this or that?"

ETHEL M. TAYLOR.

"Greater Works"—Fewer Workers

In the following letter the records indicate the real results that later years' canvassing show; and with the people more disposed during the coming months to give time to reading, in fact, to employ reading as a means of evening amusement, we feel that all communities will likely show an equal increase in the number of homes reached, as is reported in this letter:

This message today is to point out some difference in seven years. In one small town, Rentchler, Illinois, is a small mining camp, having three small mines. In 1919 the three mines were working every day, and everybody seemed happy. Two workers spent eight hours in the town, selling only eleven books.

Last week I spent eight hours canvassing the town. The mines have been closed for two years. Everybody seemed sad. First I thought there would not be much done, but was very much surprised when finished to see that I had sold thirty-six books. I am glad that I was one of the workers in 1919 and the one worker in 1926, and for his grace to hold me in his service and his knowledge to see how wonderfully our King can do his work no matter how few the workers; and I am rejoicing in his loving service more than my mind can explain to you. Hard times seem to cause men to think.

So we find a great difference in our labor.

1919: 2 workers, 8 hours, 11 books.

1926: 1 worker, 8 hours, 36 books.

S. S. GOODWIN.

Those Long Winter Evenings

The rural districts during the winter months are practically neglected; and yet this part of the territory probably more than any other is open to reading and studying as an occupation for the longer day. So, then, whenever weather

permits, keep these rural communities in mind and try to reach as many of them as the fall months will allow; for interest is surely growing, and such districts will be found to be more awake, due to the activities of I. B. S. A. Week and the closing work of the summer.

By His grace I have enjoyed another two weeks in His dear service. Russellville, like Roachdale, is a small place, with not much work; and I am more and more impressed with the wisdom of the command to cast the bread on the waters, for we know not which shall prosper; and if we neglect the advice to see to it that the rural districts have the opportunity to get the literature, we are certainly law-breakers! The farmers are as ready, if not *more* so, than some of the townspeople, for the comfort of God's lovable truth. They *want* to know what the outcome of it all is. Sold two sets in the country today.

Mrs. NELLIE ELLIOT.

Many reports that we have received about the favorable attitude of the people indicate that there is a great field for labor, and really impress us with the necessity of helping this field by supplying their wants.

One lady and her husband (both over eighty years old) acknowledged that the Bible Students are teaching the truth. They took THE GOLDEN AGE for a year because they could read the type.

Another lady said, "You tell me that Judge Rutherford is the author of THE HARP, but it sounds like the International Bible Students. I heard much about them and their teachings, but never had an opportunity to

get their literature." She bought the eight volumes and thanked me for calling. Sold a number of HARPS and other booklets, besides taking subscriptions for THE GOLDEN AGE and THE WATCH TOWER, in the same community.

—ADOLPHINE LASS.

The fall months mean much, then, in the work; and we trust that workers will talk over with the director the amount of time that they feel they can employ during the winter months, and cooperate with him in the plans that he may work out to effect a wider witness and distribution of the message in the remainder of this year.

Enclosed find report for the week just ended. I used the method (this week more than ever before) referred to in THE WATCH TOWER some time ago, and also in the BULLETIN, that we should canvass our next-door neighbor as well as those further away. As a rule, I used to prefer to canvass a stranger rather than some one whom I know well; but of late I have canvassed many people whom I have known for years but have never canvassed for the books before. Every one of the six full sets that I have sold this week went to people whom I have never before had the courage to canvass for the books. And I have received great blessings through that very thought.

—O. HELMUTH.

With Christian greetings, we are

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Bulletin

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND

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ABOUNDING IN GOOD WORKS

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you: that ye, having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."—2 Corinthians 9: 8.

MOST professed Christians feel that at some time in their lives they would like to give a large amount of time and energy to the service of the Lord. But they are always so fearful that the wolf will come to their door; or that they will lose the car that is partly paid for, that they never get to the place where the good works begin; or if they do begin, there is but a beginning, and the results are meager and unsatisfactory.

Moreover, there is a great variety of opinion as to what constitute good works. In India, at one time, girls were engaged in the heathen temples in works which the heathen priests and pilgrims considered good works, but which we rightly consider scandalous and immoral. Roman priests offer masses for the repose of souls, for a consideration; and there are people who consider that a good work. Unscrupulous financiers rob the poor directly and indirectly and send some of them food once or twice a year, and consider that a good work. Evangelists frighten and hullabaloo people into

Babylon and consider that a good work. And there are many other "good works", "many wonderful works," which the Lord disowns.

The best of all good works is to put the truth into the hands of the people. They may not always accept it. They may not always partake of it. People do not always know what is best for them. But for a starving man, one that we know is starving, the best offering is food. Today there is a famine in the land, a famine for hearing the Word of the Lord; and we have the food that alone can meet the requirements of the case.

As the report in this BULLETIN will show, there has never been a year in which those who have engaged in the Lord's work have so abounded in that work as during 1926. We are sure that to every one of these the Lord has fulfilled the promises of our text.

As they have set their own interests more than ever to one side, and have sought to abound more and more in the

ADVERTISE THE KING AND THE KINGDOM

good work of proclaiming the King and the kingdom, God has made all grace to abound toward them. Every need has been supplied. Help has come from unlooked-for sources and in unexpected ways. God is indeed "able to make all grace abound toward you: that ye, having all sufficiency in all things, may

abound to every good work". What an encouragement this is for the year ahead!

Let us each make for ourselves for the New Year a higher quota of personal work, if that be possible; and then let us live up to the quota, so that we may abound more and more in the good work of the kingdom.

LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS TO DIRECTORS

The work during 1926 seemed to increase in volume as the months of the year passed by. The early activities of the year seemed to forecast that the results in the field for 1926 would be great. This was manifest by the planning undertaken by directors and the classes. From the early part of the year there seemed to be a planning for a great work and a definite laying of plans to accomplish that work. As early as June of the year many classes had exceeded the distribution of literature they had done during 1925, and a few classes had exceeded the quotas they had set for 1926.

Taking a general survey of the work, the only explanation we see as fitting to this is the zeal and activity of the friends, their earnest desire to get the message of the truth into as many homes as possible. The year 1926 has seen a great effort on the part of the workers, and its results but testify to the work that the friends have done and what results may be accomplished in the future. Moreover, we have every reason to believe that the continued growth in volume year by year will depend upon the activity and zeal of those in the field.

Increased Sale of Studies

Analysis of the reports indicates that the greatest increase has been in the sales of sets of **STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES**. A large foundation had been laid for the canvassing with the **STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES**. For at least four years the territory has been covered with canvasses for booklets, individual

copies of **THE HARP OF GOD** placed in hundreds of thousands of homes; and it would be only reasonable to expect that people in touch with the truth to this extent would come to see the necessity of adding the complete set of **STUDIES** to their home. Our observation is that the field for the **STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES** is still a large one, to be taken advantage of by the workers in the field. The sale of individual copies of **THE HARP OF GOD** showed a decrease as compared with the sales of previous years. This seems to us to indicate that a certain quantity of one publication can be effectively sold in territory in three or four recanvassings; and that finally all who are interested will have purchased. This again but seems to point to the field that exists for the **STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES**; and when offered in conjunction with the **DELIVERANCE** book, the set of **STUDIES** and the **DELIVERANCE** book at \$2.78 come to the people, offering the same books at a lower price and with an additional service to that of the previous offer. The year 1926 seems to emphasize what can be done with the sale of **STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES**, for the bulk of the work was accomplished before the **DELIVERANCE** book was available to be offered to the public. Since there is at present a good quantity of **DELIVERANCE** books ready for circulation, canvassing can proceed with an approach to the people along an entirely different line; yet that approach should have with it the set of **STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES**.

We add this comment about next year's

sales because during the past year it has been noted that the sale of **STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES** has been within a certain relation to the sale of **HARP Bible Study Courses** and **DELIVERANCE** books; and since the **DELIVERANCE** book is finding its way into a greater number of homes than did **THE HARP OF GOD**, we think that workers should aim to see that this larger proportion of homes is also served with a set of **STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES**. As the following report for the year indicates, there is a large field for the sale of **STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES**; and plans for 1927 should be with a view toward maintaining this large percentage of **STUDIES** sales, equalling, if possible, the same percentage of sales to the **DELIVERANCE** as has existed to the sale of **HARPS**. Our records for the past three years have indicated that this has been about one set of **STUDIES** to every ten **HARPS** that have been sold.

A Mighty Witness in 1926

Reports from the classes that have been organized indicate that during the past year there has been a total of 80,089 workers in the field. This is a weekly average of approximately 1540 workers. Our records do not take into consideration the individual sale of booklets. They are confined to the sale of **HARPS**, **DELIVERANCE** books and sets of **STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES**. The total number of sets of **STUDIES** reported as sold to the people is as follows:

CLASSES

Sets of 8 volumes	13,006
Sets of 7 volumes	9,001
HARP and DELIVERANCE	147,387

COLPORTEURS

Sets of 8 volumes	17,335
Sets of 7 volumes	7,789
HARP and DELIVERANCE	141,057

Sale of booklets:

CLASSES	756,073
COLPORTEURS	369,476

The above, as compared with the work of 1925, shows an increase of 10,906 sets of

STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES over the sales of 1925, and a decrease of 4,033 copies of **THE HARP OF GOD** and **DELIVERANCE** as compared with 1925 sales of the **HARP**. The booklet sales show an increase of 207,773 over 1925. The above figures indicate the distribution of literature, viz., books and booklets, that have been sold. Of the above totals, our records indicate that literature was placed in 817,214 homes throughout the United States during 1926. This, of course, indicates how great has been the spread of the truth. But it should be remembered that each one calling at the door has in most instances given a canvass and in this way brought to the attention of the people the message of truth. Reckoning on the number of people who have heard of the truth through the direct efforts of the class workers and the colporteurs, we estimate that there were approximately 7,091,900 homes reached throughout the United States by those who were in the field working. This shows a great total of people who have heard of the truth; and since this merely reports on the number of families that have been reached, the total population thus served would amount to over 22,000,000 people.

Free Literature

In addition to this work, the territory of each class during the fiscal year of 1926 was covered twice; first with the distribution of 12,074,350 copies of the **MESSAGE OF HOPE**; and later in the year, the distribution of 12,208,000 copies of the **TESTIMONY**. A comparison of the figures of 7,000,000 homes reached and the distribution of the **TESTIMONY**, viz., 12,208,000, indicates that classes during 1926 canvassed for the books over two-thirds of the families in the territory assigned to them.

To accomplish this witness required the setting aside of a great deal of time on the part of the workers. The results are the testimony of what the workers have accomplished. We know of no year that exceeds the results of 1926.

As to what extent the people have been impressed by the distribution of the TESTIMONY and by the short canvass given at the door by the worker will be seen more directly in the work of the coming year; and with the results fresh in mind, the present seems an opportune time in which to look forward to a witness for the truth during 1927.

Each year, by its increase in distribution, indicates the number of people who are desirous of our message and of knowing more about our work; and that this growing number should be served with the message of truth is a testimony of the zeal and faithfulness of those who are the messengers of the Lord at this time.

Our reports from the field do not indicate that the effort required was any less; nor that the workers did not meet obstacles in their work. Rather, it manifests a competence that has come from the training that the Lord has given each one, that each might properly present his message; and as each year adds experience to this training it indicates that with the same amount of time that has been devoted in the past, greater results will be achieved. The year 1926 has been a blessed time; for the joy of the Lord has been commensurate with the opportunities of service engaged in; and no doubt all who look forward to 1927 do so with the confidence that there are still greater blessings in the field work.

Diligent Workers

It is difficult to examine the reports of all classes and to make allowances for the obstacles that each class would meet in order to estimate the real work that has been done. But of the classes that have reported regularly the following is the list of thirty classes that, considering the number of workers available, and the time the workers engaged in the service, report the greatest results in their territory.

The First Thirty Classes in U. S. A.

- 1 Lakewood, N. J.
- 2 Bayonne, N. J.
- 3 Springfield, Mo.
- 4 Lynchburg, Va. (Colored)
- 5 Detroit, Mich. (Colored)
- 6 Bethel Family
- 7 Atoka, Okla.
- 8 Plainfield, N. J.
- 9 Wheeling, W. Va.
- 10 Washington, D. C. (Colored)
- 11 Abilene, Kans.
- 12 Baltimore, Md.
- 13 Easton, Pa.
- 14 Bridgeport, Conn.
- 15 Jackson, Mich.
- 16 New York, N. Y. (Colored)
- 17 Bremerton, Wash.
- 18 Warren, Pa.
- 19 Clinton, Ia.
- 20 Iola, Kans.
- 21 Waco, Tex.
- 22 Newark, N. J.
- 23 Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 24 Schenectady, N. Y.
- 25 Wilmington, Del.
- 26 Allentown, Pa.
- 27 San Antonio, Tex. (Colored)
- 28 West Palm Beach, Fla.
- 29 Boise, Ida.
- 30 Charlotte, N. C.

The new year has in its store many opportunities for serving the interests of the truth, and each of such opportunities holds a blessing for those who employ it to the Lord's praise. We trust that the Lord will open the way for further service during the coming year, with such additional opportunities as will increase the blessings you are to enjoy, that they will well exceed your blessings of the past year.

With Christian greetings, we are

Your brethren and servants in the Lord,
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