

WATCHTOWER BULLETIN

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THE TIME IS COME

Elect Servant Greatly Enthused over Prospects

4 for \$1.00 for 10 Days
What a Week!

Watchtower Week is here at last! You have prayed for the Lord's blessing upon it; you have anticipated going out with the four books for \$1.00; you have prepared for action by wrapping them in the attractive wrappers; and finally the time to launch the attack has arrived. "Cry out and shout, O daughter of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee." Yes, the first big day is Friday, May 8, followed by nine more which are going to be just as big. You, together with the rest of the Lord's faithful ones, small in number, though mighty in the spirit of the Lord, will be putting forth a special effort to show forth his praises solely because you love him supremely and delight to obey his commandments. Through storm and strife, persecution and all the trouble which Satan may bring to bear against them, those of the 'elect servant' of the Lord will not be turned aside from keeping their covenant with the Lord. Is it any wonder, then, that the Lord loves his 'elect servant' so dearly, and makes so many wonderful promises concerning him?

Zerubbabel clearly foreshadows this 'elect servant' of Jehovah, in whom he delights, and the faithful remnant at the very close of the witness work who remain faithful and true to the end are identified as a part of the 'elect servant'. Concerning this servant Haglal prophesied, "In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the Lord, and will make thee as a signet; for I have chosen thee, saith the Lord of hosts." (Hag. 2:23) One translation renders it, "I will set thee as a signet ring on the finger." Since a signet ring is a mark of identification and symbolizes a pledge of fidelity, it shows that Zerubbabel would be marked as identified with Jehovah's organization and as having received the pledge of fidelity from the Most High as the representative of his organization. It would mean also that Jehovah has given his pledge to forever use the 'elect servant' to carry out his purposes. The 'faithful servant' class is sealed with the seal of the living God. The seal bears the name of the Father and his city, at a prominent place upon the sealed ones, that it may be seen. The Scriptures seem fully to support the conclusion that God in his own good way and manner will reveal and specially show his love to his faithful ones

in the great battle of God Almighty.

Watchtower Week provides another great opportunity for one to identify himself as being on the Lord's side and against Satan and his organization. It will be joyfully seized by all those who love God and who desire to be of the 'elect servant'.

In this land and abroad, in class territory and in remote pioneer sections, those who love the Lord supremely will be putting forth every possible effort to fulfill their divine commission. The Bethel family will be giving six full days to the field service; the pioneers and auxilia-

ries will be putting in extra hours; and the class workers will be getting time off from other work in order to enjoy added opportunities.

Remember the reporting of the number of those who take books who have listened to the Watchtower programs, as well as of those who take books but who have not heard the programs. By the cooperation of all, and following of instructions implicitly, surely the Lord's blessings will be upon the united effort put forth to the honor and praise of his name.

The first day is May 8. Get your bag of books ready. Put on the sandals of peace and go forth with confidence in Jehovah, who has purposed that this work shall be done speedily.

May, June, July, Witness Work

Country Territory
to Be Covered
Make Your Plans Now

Spring, with its sunny days, its flowers, its green trees, with life coming forth from all parts of God's great creation, fills us with new vigor and zeal to press on in the most wonderful campaign waged against the Devil and his cohorts. The common people at this time are by no means prosperous. Hard times are still with us, and there is continual shaking of the nations, unrest and agitation in evidence. These things have sobered the minds of the people, and many are seeking after truth and righteousness. The remnant are the only ones (Continued on page 2, column 2)

Over 5,000,000 Persons Spoken to About the Kingdom in 6 Months

An Excellent Report for 6 Months

Centuries ago the Lord had written: "The Lord gave the word: great was the army of those that published it."—Ps. 68:11.

These are not great in human attainments, but they are strong in the Lord and the power of his might. They know that the Lord gave the word. As part of Jehovah's servant they are blind to everything else. They know that the God of all the earth shall do right, and any smoke screen that Satan may erect to becloud this fact is to them only an added incentive to vindicate the name and word of Jehovah.

Because this conviction is dominating the remnant as God's witnesses they are invincible. The following summary of the past six months' activities of the classes, sharpshooters and colporteurs compared with the same period last year is proof of this.

A brief analysis of this summary is here submitted for the encouragement and help of the Lord's anointed.

TESTIMONIES: Seeing our quota for the year is based on Testimonies, these naturally take precedence. The first six months of the year, including the fall and winter, are ended. These are unquestionably the most difficult months of the year, but even in this period the Lord blessed his people to such an extent that they have reached almost 52 percent of the total already. Nothing but the Lord's blessing upon faithful service of his people could do this. In making the estimate for the year we based the results upon what seemed a reasonable quota of workers for each branch of the field forces, namely, a

Activities of Classes, Colporteurs and Sharpshooters For Six Months Ending March 31, 1931 With Comparison with the Same Period for 1930

	Classes	Sharpsh.	Auxiliary	Pioneer	Total
The Harp of God	28,119	3,060	10,274	59,399	100,852
Deliverance	18,364	2,069	7,448	48,264	76,145
Creation	23,287	2,231	9,334	61,125	95,977
Reconciliation	13,972	1,484	6,685	41,053	63,194
Government	18,569	2,081	8,121	53,034	81,808
Life	20,137	2,131	8,756	52,584	83,608
Prophecy	15,830	1,798	7,070	43,001	67,699
Light (Book 1)	39,999	4,656	13,821	54,856	112,432
Light (Book 2)	37,351	4,466	13,511	53,861	109,189
Misc. Books	87,854	2,310	12,299	20,714	123,177
Total Books 1931	302,582	26,289	97,319	487,891	914,081
Total Books 1930	350,281	18,160	89,137	567,551	1,034,129
Total Booklets 1931	890,411	56,170	229,856	808,076	1,984,546
Total Booklets 1930	517,772	16,137	90,198	443,240	1,067,347
Grand Total 1931	1,193,026	82,459	327,175	1,295,967	2,898,627
Grand Total 1930	877,053	34,297	179,335	1,010,791	2,101,476
Average Weekly Workers 1931	4,793	179	692	1,057	6,721
Average Weekly Workers 1930	3,839		431	851	5,121
Hours per Worker Weekly 1931	4.1	8.8	10.31	22.24	
Hours per Worker Weekly 1930	3.7		9.38	21.45	
Total Obtainers 1931	565,765	37,351	152,171	515,790	1,271,080
Total Obtainers 1930	464,910	16,159	86,402	412,618	980,089
Total Testimonies 1931	2,115,000	156,366	708,335	2,466,038	5,445,748

weekly average of 4,500 class workers. This included the sharpshooters, also 625 auxiliaries and 1,000 pioneers. We hardly hoped that this average would be maintained during the winter, but, lo and behold, every branch exceeded the quota, which just goes to prove that the goodness and power of God in his people exceeds even our highest expectations.

OBTAINERS: Now see how the Lord signally blessed this faithful and zealous effort under the most adverse condition, both climatic and business. Have you figured out the

increase yet? To do so, subtract last year's figures from this year's. We simply tell you here that the increase in the number of people getting the Kingdom message in printed form during the past six months was just 30 percent over that of last year. This should for ever stop any of the Lord's people from saying or even thinking we can't do this or that (some work the Lord indicates should be done) because of hard times or business depression. This Kingdom that we are privileged to represent cannot (Continued on page 2, column 4)

The Lord Has Richly Blessed the Colporteurs

Pioneers and Auxiliaries Leave Splendid Witness

1,057 Pioneers, 692 Auxiliary Colporteurs, Reporting Weekly

Six months of the fiscal year of 1931 have sped around and the time is here to let you know just how the witness work has been progressing. The above table is truly wonderfully encouraging when it is seen how the Lord's consecrated people have entered into the colporteur work in spite of everything that Satan is doing to discourage and hinder the proclamation of the Kingdom message.

You will notice that there has been an average of 1,057 pioneers and 692 auxiliary colporteurs reporting weekly, as compared with the 851 pioneers and 431 auxiliaries reporting weekly during the same period last year. Does not this in itself manifest the real spirit of the remnant? This represents an increase of over 24 percent in number of active pioneers and a 60-percent increase in that of active auxiliary colporteurs. These colporteurs have shown an improvement in the number of hours they have put in weekly. The pioneers increased their weekly average from 21.45 to 22.24, and the auxiliaries increased their weekly average from 9.38 to 10.31, almost an hour in each instance. That's good, colporteurs; keep up the good work. The result is that the total number of hours has taken a big jump, so that the total for this year for both branches of the colporteur work is 795,707 hours. Consequently many, many testimonies have been given. We have no basis for comparison here, however, as a record was not kept last year; but this year's figures show that the pioneers have given 2,166,038 testimonies, and the auxiliaries 708,335, or a total of 2,874,373. We notice that there are still some colporteurs who forget to report their testimonies. This means that they are holding back the total, and if the 10,000,000 quota for the year is not attained it will be partly due to their not having done their part. So bear in mind, colporteurs, **REPORT TESTIMONIES EVERY WEEK.**

In spite of hard times, the literature is still going out, and in total pieces placed there is a big increase over last year's 6 months' report. This year 1,295,967 pieces have been reported by the pioneers, as compared with 1,010,791, of last year. The auxiliaries increased their total from 179,335 pieces of literature to 327,175. The pioneers' increase was made entirely in booklets, as their number of bound books decreased from 567,551 to 487,891, or 14 percent. The increase in booklets amounted to over 82 percent. The auxiliaries showed an increase in both bound books and booklets, their increase in books placed amounting to 9 percent, and in their booklets to almost 155 percent.

Surely this is an encouraging report, but this work has been done only because of the enthusiastic zeal of the Lord's faithful witnesses who have pressed on in the work with joy and determination to exalt Jehovah's name even in the face of the greatest of obstacles. The only feature of the report to be regretted is the decrease in the placement of bound books, and it is hoped that with the coming of sum-

mer, with the special Watchtower Week with the 4-for-\$1.00 combinations of bound books, the colporteurs will get back into their old swing of talking books and laying more stress upon the importance of taking the bound books.

SPECIAL NOTICE! About Report Cards

As advised in the special April 9 *Bulletin*, each class, sharpshooter, and colporteur will receive a certain amount of credit for every one of Brother Rutherford's clothbound books in ENGLISH placed during the Watchtower Week. This credit will be given from the report card submitted for this week.

Many classes, sharpshooters, and colporteurs place Brother Rutherford's clothbound books in the foreign languages as well as in the English language. Therefore, in order to differentiate the bound books in English placed from those in any of the foreign languages that are placed, we ask all who so place literature during this week to divide their bound books section of the report card into two parts. This is to be done by drawing a horizontal line in the middle of the space reserved for reporting the number placed, beginning from the "Harp" and including the "Light Book 2" space. The upper part is to show the clothbound books in ENGLISH that were placed, and the lower part the books in the foreign languages placed. It will appear like this:

Report here all books									
Harp	Deliv.	Crea.	Recon.	Gov.	Life	Pro.	It 1	It 2	
14	14	16	12	16	14	12	20	20	
5	3	4	3	4	5	3	7	7	

Each worker who places both the English and the foreign clothbound books by Brother Rutherford during this week will please be sure to so make out his report. If each one cooperates, it will help us to give you the proper credit due with the minimum amount of time and effort.

(Continued from page 1, column 4) who can calm their fears and bring them hope and joy.

Now is the time to proclaim the Kingdom far and wide, to the uttermost parts of the earth. The Lord's people have the truth. They have printed the books. They take the time and they give the testimony of the Kingdom to the people. May, June and July are three fine months to canvass the small towns, side roads and byways, and the little lanes, and leave in the homes in these places the three books for a dollar, or the two *Light* books and four booklets for a dollar. Remember, after Watchtower Week the rates revert to 3 books for \$1.00. The 4-for-\$1.00 combination, including *Light*, is for Watchtower Week only. The anointed must not now slack their hands, but press onward right up to the convention, and then most likely we shall be so filled with the spirit of the Lord that nothing in heaven or earth can stop the Lord's people from singing. Why not be that way all the time and make the remaining five months of the fiscal year the best yet? It will take hard plugging, but after the Watchtower Week there will be much to do with books and booklets, especially books. We hope that every director, sharpshooter, pio-

Class Workers Do Remarkably Well

Encouraging Words from the Friends Aid in Securing Radio Stations

In the last *Bulletin* an announcement was made in regard to giving a word of commendation on the WATCHTOWER programs sent over the station in your vicinity. This has proved helpful in many cases in securing favorable contracts for the ensuing year. The enemy has been trying hard to keep the truth from going over the air, by seeking to induce some managers or owners of stations to keep our programs off. However, the station can hardly refuse the programs if the people desire them. If from time to time you write in to the station, or phone them, telling them how much you appreciate the lectures given by Judge Rutherford, it will greatly aid in continuing the radio service through the WATCHTOWER programs. Also ask those you canvass, who enjoy the programs, to write.

The New Catalogs

It is evident from the large orders being received for the new catalogs that the friends misunderstand the purpose in printing these. They are to be sent to radio listeners who write requesting further information concerning the literature or the Society and its work. This is the primary purpose. Its secondary purpose is for the convenience of the workers, in that one of these catalogs may be used as a prospectus. It was not the idea to have them distributed promiscuously to the public, in canvassing or otherwise. In order to conserve our present stock, we are compelled to reduce all orders for catalogs to two (2) copies for each worker. This applies to orders from classes, sharpshooters, and colporteurs.

Workers Should Mention in Each Canvass that the Society Supplies Bibles

A big majority of homes in this country have Bibles. Our work particularly is to place literature with the people that will enable them to understand the Bible. However, for the convenience of those who have no Bible, each worker should arrange to have with him a copy of the catalog, showing the different kinds of Bibles which the Society handles, and advise the people that he will be glad to take orders for any of such as they may require. In fact, each canvass should include a reference to the fact that we are very glad to supply Bibles with the literature but that due to the fact that the majority of people have their own Bibles the regular workers do not carry Bibles with them. This not only will be a big help in placing Bibles with people who do not now have them, but will also be a great assistance in any court cases that may arise, by establishing the fact that our work is purely to help the people understand the Bible and its teachings, proving that we are endeavoring not only to dispose of the literature produced by the Society but also to place the Bible itself in cases where it is required.

neer and auxiliary colporteur will make real preparation for the coming few months and give such a witness as has never been given before.

A Witness Pleasing to Jehovah Was Given

The comparison of the activities of the classes and sharpshooters for the first six months of the fiscal year 1931 with the similar period for 1930 reveals the following interesting information:

Total Hours in service	58% increase
Total Workers	29% "
Total Placements	25% "
Total Literature	40% "
Total Booklets	77% "
Total Bound Books	13% decrease
Total Testimonies	No record for 1930

The hours in the service are, of course, the fundamental point in considering the activity of the Lord's people; for they indicate the effort put forth by the creature to glorify the Creator. A 58-percent increase for the worst six months of the year is the most thrilling and remarkable record. The Lord alone is able to measure the additional loving zeal and devotion it represents. Surely as times grow harder, and the opposition of the adversary grows more intense, it must be well pleasing to Jehovah and our Head and Captain to witness such devotion on the part of the anointed on earth. This proves that the Lord and the Kingdom service is becoming a more dominant factor in the lives of the remnant. Their every faculty is being more and more subjected to the will of Jehovah.

The increase of 29 percent in the number of workers is also another healthy sign. These are not new brethren coming into the Truth, but the brethren already in the Truth, who are becoming more regular in their field activity, going out once each week or oftener.

The increase of 25 percent in placements is the barometer by which we learn how the Kingdom message is received by the people. As a result of the radio and the other agencies the Lord is using now, the field is more fertile than ever before. The people want the knowledge of the Kingdom, and they are commencing to discern the joyful sound, over the air, in your canvass, in the books they read. Blessed indeed is the lot of those whom Jehovah honors with the privilege of carrying the Kingdom message to them.

(Continued from page 1, column 4) be affected by anything the Devil or his agencies may do. The hours per worker tell the same story of additional time and effort on the part of the anointed to magnify the name of Jehovah, each branch substantially increasing over last year's effort.

BOOKLETS: Almost 800,000 increase, and in last year's figures were almost 271,000 *Peoples Friend*.

BOOKS: This is the only place where there was a reduction, and we are convinced that if the suggestions offered in another part of this *Bulletin*, regarding the enthusiastic presentation of bound books, are carefully considered and adopted, this will also be brought up to the standard set by the other features of the service.

On the whole, the past six months' activities cannot be considered other than marvelous and the Lord's doings. We at Bethel greatly rejoice in having some little part with you in this blessed service.