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The Name of JEHOVAH Is a Strong Tower To Those Who Trust in Him

*The Lord Has Given the Angels
Charge over the Remnant*

The Lord has provided bountiful protection for his people, and we believe it would be of interest to every one to read the little write-up that appears in the calendar for February,

"As Boaz charged these young men concerning Ruth, so the Lord has given his angels charge over the remnant in this day, using them to convey to his workers the reviving and life-sustaining waters of truth, that they might go forward doing the work of Jehovah's witnesses in the earth. The remnant now rejoice to see how the Lord, during the years recently past, has employed his angels to place before them his life-giving message of truth and permit them to have something to do with passing it on to one another."—*Preservation*, page 263.

The Devil is not at all pleased with the remnant's passing this truth on to others, and is making every effort to attack the remnant and cause them to be arrested or hindered in the progress of this work. We relate here how the Lord has protected his people who are making every effort to carry the life-sustaining truth to the people of good will.

In Alexandria, Va., a Greek brother was arrested while preaching the message to a colored man. It happened that he had offered the *Prohibition* booklet. He was arrested, brought before a judge, and the local brethren took it upon themselves to pay his bail. The judge said that it would be necessary to have a regular attorney appear at the hearing; therefore the brethren hired a local attorney. At the hearing, the hired attorney cross-examined the complaining officer and the colored witness in the usual technical style. Then he placed an English-speaking brother on the stand who tried to outline the nature of the Society's work. The brother said he knew the defendant to be a sincere and true follower of Christ. The judge then angrily snapped, "Out that out; I don't want to hear a sermon." The attorney then had to go into technical questioning and tried to bring out some of the facts about the Society's work, but was cut off by the judge and threatened to be committed for contempt if he persisted in that line of testimony. After brief questioning of the Greek brother by the attorney, the judge requested one of the booklets. The *Prohibition* booklet was given him. The attorney summed up the case at great length. Finally the judge said in conclusion, "After examining this book I find that it is utterly impossible to sell this for a profit at 5c. In addition, the foreword of this pamphlet is very pleasing to me. It

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is stated that there is no connection between prohibition and religion. I heartily agree with this and I wish that more people could be educated on that point. Case dismissed."

Another arrest had taken place in Jersey City, N. J. There it happened that three colored brethren had been taken to police headquarters for several hours' questioning and then released. On advice from the Society, three brethren in a New Jersey company called upon the chief of police, outlining to him the nature of our work, and cited the needless interruptions. The chief of police said he knew nothing about the matter, and arranged an interview for the committee of three with the head of the detective bureau, to whom he spoke and said that the committee would explain about the arrest of some colored people who should not have been arrested. The committee was received at the detective office. After explaining the work to him, the committee was assured that he was sorry for the trouble and that it would not happen again. These are only two of many arrests which have occurred recently. The Devil and his organization are trying hard to stop the Lord's work; but by putting full trust in Jehovah, His protection is provided and the work of the Kingdom progresses.

Contributions Received Are for the Purpose of Aiding in Bearing the Expense of Carrying On the Kingdom Work

Throughout the country the clergy have bitterly opposed the witness work. They have gone to the officers who exercise police power and have complained that Jehovah's witnesses are selling goods, wares and mer-

chandise as peddlers and hawkers and doing so without a license. Many of them have laid hold of the expressions "if you contribute a dollar for any four or \$2.50 for any ten", or, "the money received for the books," or, "the contribution received for the books," to try to sustain their claim. Their claim is false and instigated by the Devil. We are not hawkers or peddlers; we are Jehovah's witnesses preaching the gospel of his kingdom according to his commandment. Nevertheless the Lord admonishes his people to be "wise as serpents, and harmless as doves".

To this end the Society recommends that all such expressions as the above be eliminated from our presentation or testimony. The people do not really contribute for the books, but rather the contributions are received for the purpose of aiding in bearing the expense of carrying on the work of preaching the gospel of the Kingdom in printed form. To illustrate: Those who contribute a dollar to the work and advancement of the Kingdom message we give a choice of any 4 books or any 2 books and 13 booklets or any 3 books and 6 booklets. Those who contribute 25c to the work are given their choice of either 6 booklets or one book. And to those who contribute only 5c to the work we give any one of the booklets they choose. In other words, they voluntarily contribute to the work as without expecting any equal material reward for their contribution; and we give them the literature merely as an acknowledgment of their contribution, in harmony with the Lord's rule that "he that watereth [the contributor] shall be watered also himself [with the spiritual blessing], the printed message in the books."—Prov. 11:25.

The time is here for unity. Let each one push the battle to the gate fearlessly; victory is assured. Jehovah is now permitting the clergy and their allies to openly identify themselves with Satan's organization. No matter how you present the Kingdom message they are going to fight it, but it is a wise precaution to remove every weapon possible from them as they do so and make them go to greater extremes of injustice to accomplish their end. The Lord foreknew and foretold these conditions. Therefore, even though Jehovah's witnesses may be arrested and haled into court and tried, there is no cause for worry on their part. The real trial in that event is not before the earthly courts, but your persecutors are being tried before the judgment seat of Christ. Therefore let each one be of good courage, knowing that the Lord is at the helm.

Local Broadcasting Arrangements

Local companies and individuals that use radio stations at regular intervals for programs other than the transcription periods as listed in *The Watchtower* are requested to send at once to the radio department a copy of their schedule for such broadcasts as will be in effect during the next six months.

Re the Combining of Orders

Companies, sharpshooters, pioneers and auxiliaries who wish to have their orders shipped together should make out the orders on their respective order blanks and mail the orders to us in one envelope. We cannot very well combine orders which are sent to us in separate envelopes.

A New Year Celebration

That Is a Celebration!

Jehovah's witnesses Take Advantage of Holidays

One of our most joyful and thrilling experiences in a long time was the assembly of the January 1 divisional campaign reports. It is impossible in the limited space available to give you anything like a complete picture of this event with its many characteristics which made it stand out as one of the most notable events to date.

Consider the weather conditions at that time. Most of the assemblies were held in the east, north and northwest, with a few in the west and southwest. The temperature in the east, north and northwest varied from 15° below zero to 25° above, and that is cold for assembling and working out of doors in any man's country. Under those conditions 39 campaigns were put on, in 21 different states, with almost 7,000 of Jehovah's militant soldiers in action. About 1,700 automobiles participated in these campaigns, covering approximately 25,000 miles over icy pavements, hills and mountains, with only one or two cars reporting minor accidents, and all of the brethren as they came to their respective as-

sembly point reported passing any number of cars in ditches along the road.

The personnel of this army comprised old men and old women, young men and young women, some robust and others frail, but all of them young men in the Lord and strong in the power of his might, valiant soldiers in the King's army. This army served notice on over 50 different police officials and testified to over 101,000 homes, placing more than 42,500 pieces of literature, and, out of the 7,000 soldiers in action, the casualties comprised 9 arrests, 7 of whom were released immediately and the other 2 were released and ordered to appear for trial within a few days. But the enemy's representatives were filled with foreboding and dread; fear took hold of them. To date this trial has been postponed twice, with no assurance as to when it will come up in the future. Surely, He that sitteth in the heavens is laughing at the enemy's efforts; the Lord is having them in derision. They do not realize or appreciate that He has set His King upon the holy hill of Zion.

Were you one of these 7,000 warriors? or did you permit weather conditions or some other obstacles (Continued on page 2, column 1)

Pioneers Start Planning for Spring Work

in Isolated Territory

There Is Plenty of Territory

While February is generally blustering and a month of ice and snow, it draws near the time when the pioneers should start thinking about and making plans for their spring activities. Many of them have been working in company territory during the winter and will be anxious to get out into the rural sections of the north as spring begins. While Jehovah's witnesses have gone into many sections like a swarm of locusts and cleaned up the territory repeatedly, there are still certain sections of the country which have rarely received the witness. To be sure, some of these sections are difficult to get to on account of being in the extreme northern parts of the country, which partly accounts for the little work done therein. Hence the necessity of making plans early, if the territory is to be thoroughly covered.

Some excuse themselves from entering the pioneer work on the grounds that there is no more territory; but in this they deceive themselves, for the Lord says that this Kingdom gospel must be preached in all the world as a witness and that when this is done, then the end will come. There is still much work to be done right here in the United States. Do you know that in South Dakota there are three counties that have never been covered; five that have had no witness since 1928; three not worked since 1929; eight, not since 1930; nineteen, not since 1931, and still others open for assignment but worked last year? There are many other states also having much unassigned territory.

To be sure, the reason for the little work done in some of this territory is that it is sparsely settled, some of it is mountainous, some inhabited by Indians on Indian reservations, some in an area where there have been repeated crop failures, some where the roads are poor, and all of which takes considerable traveling to reach. And yet, last summer, into similar sections of the same states a few pioneers went with the Kingdom message and, in spite of all these handicaps, were wonderfully blessed in placing the Kingdom message with the people. We were very agreeably surprised to see the amount of literature distributed among the people who had not heard the message from one of Jehovah's witnesses before. Michigan, Minnesota and Vermont all have remote territory in need of workers.

Now is the time for the pioneers working in conjunction with companies to turn their thoughts to these matters, to see whether or not they can arrange to carry the Kingdom message into isolated sections where Jehovah's witnesses do not dwell. Those who are young and strong, equipped with automobiles, trailers, etc., undoubtedly will stand ready to serve in such territory even though it presents many problems and difficulties. The Kingdom message must be preached to the people who live their entire lives in such parts as well as to those in the more thickly populated areas. The Lord always blesses those who put the Kingdom interests first, above their own personal preferences, because of their love for him.

(Continued from page 1, column 3) to hinder you from participating? There were a great many, of course, who were not in the campaign area and could not participate in these campaigns; but to those who were not in that territory, let them be of good courage: their area will be or-

ganized shortly and they will be blessed with the privilege of participating in these campaigns on the first Sunday of each month also. Happy is the lot of those who were in the ranks of this army.

Does not this seem to be a long way off from the day when we thought that it was proper to hibernate from December 1 to May 15 of each year, that in winter weather it was too difficult to witness, and the idea of witnessing on New Year's Day, Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving or Christmas, was an unheard-of thing? But now all these misconceptions and obstacles that the Devil tried to put in the way of the anointed have vanished like smoke before the wind. We know that as time goes on these monthly campaigns are going to increase and be a source of greater joy and blessing to the anointed. Let every one endeavor to have a part therein, by Jehovah's grace, and use these so-called "holidays" to the praise of His name.

Questionnaire Sent Out

Many orders are being received from the companies especially, and some few from the pioneers, for the portable transcription machines. These machines can be used in country schoolhouses, halls, parks and other places where assemblies can be gathered to hear Brother Rutherford's lectures.

A questionnaire setting out detailed information has been sent out to all companies, sharpshooters, pioneers and auxiliaries. If the brethren can see their way clear to obtain one of these machines the Society would like to know at an early date, so that these machines can all be made at one time, because this will make them somewhat cheaper in production costs.

Order of Trial

Be Sure to Correct Your Copy

Enclosed with the February Bulletin is a letter and a corrected Order of Trial form. This is being sent to all directors, pioneers, auxiliaries and sharpshooters.

Each service director should see that this letter is promptly brought to the attention of the company and, also, that each company worker corrects his Order of Trial sheet as indicated. Sharpshooters should likewise see that the ones witnessing with them correct their sheets.

100,000 More Hours Put in Work, but Fewer Testimonies

We'll Have to Do Some Catching Up!

The report for the first three months of the fiscal period shows a total of 4,216,013 testimonies having been given, by an average of 14,614 workers who have engaged in the work each month. No doubt last year's work with the Kingdom booklet, especially by company workers and auxiliaries, accounts for the fact that this number is 368,383 testimonies short of that of the same period last year. With a larger quota for 1933, this will mean that all of Jehovah's witnesses must look to the interests of the Kingdom if this shortage is to be made up. Last year, during the first three months, almost 29 percent of the year's total testimonies were given. On this basis, to be up to the quota, we should have had at least 5,000,000 reported. In other words, we are about 800,000 testimonies short of the quota for the first three months.

While the pioneers reported almost 100,000 hours more in the work, and the auxiliaries about 20,000 more, the companies showed a decrease of 20,000 hours. The increase in the former was due not only to an increased enrollment in both of these branches, but to an increased effort on the part of those engaged in the work. The literature placed has shown a decline from 2,208,173 pieces of literature to 1,953,408, the latter total for this year being made up of 360,155 books and 1,593,253 booklets.

Instead of being discouraging, these figures should really fire the Lord's anointed to press on in the work with a greater determination than ever, for they demonstrate that if the hours are put in the testimonies are given and the literature will be placed with the people. Fewer testimonies means fewer books distributed.

There is a big job ahead of us if the quota of 18,000,000 testimonies is to be reached. Starting out on the second quarter of the year, Jehovah's witnesses in the United States are faced with the problem of whether they not only can make up this 800,000 shortage but can keep up with their quota for the second three-month period as well. By the Lord's grace it can be done. Each one must do his part to result in the giving of such a tremendous witness. Two holidays come in February, Lincoln's and Washington's birthday. Those who have this time off from work can make good use of it. Holidays are excellent occasions for witnessing.

Totals for First Quarter of 1933: Oct., Nov. and Dec., 1932

	Pioneers	Auxiliaries	Companies	Total	Last Year
Harp	21,020	2,339	7,156	30,524	30,032
Deliverance	17,641	1,946	5,547	25,134	31,915
Creation	22,740	2,487	6,600	31,845	39,082
Reconciliation	14,930	1,717	4,300	20,965	29,153
Government	35,175	3,793	9,640	48,608	42,050
Life	23,342	2,534	6,777	32,653	38,218
Prophecy	18,451	1,856	4,540	24,847	32,669
Light (Book 1)	16,391	1,835	4,500	22,726	28,431
Light (Book 2)	15,527	1,616	3,890	21,033	27,645
Vindication (Book 1)	24,297	4,592	11,076	39,965	85,170
Vindication (Book 2)	15,784	3,658	8,155	27,597	
Vindication (Book 3)	14,425	4,253	7,015	25,725	
Misc. Books	3,867	563	4,103	8,533	10,458
Total Books	243,617	33,191	83,347	360,155	403,823
Total Booklets	765,224	163,685	604,344	1,593,253	1,804,350
Total Literature	1,008,841	196,876	747,691	1,953,408	2,208,173
Total Hours	539,253	126,483	391,240	1,056,976	955,650
Testimonies	1,889,046	512,261	1,814,706	4,216,013	4,584,396
Obtainers	469,305	79,612	394,510	943,427	1,767,018
Average Workers	1,868	933	11,813	14,614	8,091

News from Foreign Lands

Pioneering in Mexico

Jehovah's witnesses will be interested in knowing that the work is progressing in Mexico. Recently a convention was held in Mexico city, which proved to be quite a stimulus to the friends in that country, and now they are zealously proclaiming the good news of God's kingdom to a people who have manifested their disgust for the clergy. According to the report for the Kingdom Testimony Period, last October, there are now more than 30 pioneers in Mexico, and we have the following report from the Society's branch in Mexico city:

"In Mexico there are not many good roads. Some of them can be traveled over only by ox carts. Some roads in the mountains are mere donkey or foot paths. Even so, these remote districts are visited by a few faithful pioneers. One sister in the southern part of the country reports that in the mountains where she was witnessing she came across some savage Indians. She declares that she is determined to take the message of the Kingdom to every village, no matter how little she places. This pioneer sister is Indian herself, but belongs to another tribe.

"Here in Mexico city two pioneers are witnessing in the office and government buildings. They place at least two sets a day, and the result is that practically every high official has the literature."

Clergy of West Africa Greatly Disturbed by Jehovah's witnesses

The preachers of West Africa are greatly afraid that their congregations will soon be leaving them, because the faithful witnesses of Jehovah are zealously carrying the message of truth to the people of that land. To counteract the message of truth they are resorting to all manner of lies. We quote a few excerpts from an item appearing in a Lagos newspaper, no doubt written by a clergyman, which shows their fear and how they are lying.

Speaking of Jehovah's witnesses, the article says, "these that have turned the world upside down are come hither also for there is to be seen now at Ijebu Ode a body of enthusiastic Russellite book-sellers. These will certainly start soon to preach their bogus doctrines such as 'Christians owe no allegiance to anybody, Government or Christian authority'. . . . Russellism, in short, is a curse to any country that accepts it, and the Ijebus must beware of buying their specious books or of following their dangerous doctrines. The promoters sell a lot of cheap books with a view to raise money for their business. . . . Russellism (Jehovah's witnesses) is the worst religious movement ever brought here and should not be given a foothold."

Results of Praise Testimony Period, Nov. 12-20, in Japan

Our brethren in Japan engaged in a strenuous campaign during this period, the same as in the United States and other countries, and a report of their activity shows that they have a deep appreciation of their privilege of representing the King and the Kingdom. There 80 workers, 63 of whom were pioneers, devoted a total of 4,124 hours, gave 63,860 testimonies, and placed a total of 18,727 books and booklets among 4,302 families during this period. That means that on an average each worker spent 51.5 hours in the service, delivered 798 testimonies, and placed 234 books and booklets, in this short time. The branch manager reports that this is the highest record for any testimony period ever had in Japan.