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TESTIMONIES TO DATE, 8,312,111

THOSE WHO KNOW JEHOVAH Desire to Increase Their Effectiveness

AS HIS WITNESSES

Now Is the Time to Begin Pioneer
Service

During the winter months many brethren have been awaiting more favorable weather conditions as a good time to begin the pioneer work. They have been settling their affairs, preparatory to getting into the firing line. Now that spring has arrived, they are joyfully entering the full-time service of Jehovah, with increased privileges of singing forth his praises. There are already 1,892 pioneers participating in Jehovah's service, and their ranks are steadily growing. At this season of the year weather conditions are better, roads are in good shape to begin work in the rural and outlying sections, and usually better physical health is enjoyed, as compared with wintertime. Those who know Jehovah, observing the condition of the people and their great need to hear the Kingdom message telling whence their relief is to come, desire greatly to fulfill completely their commission as Jehovah's witnesses.

There are many brethren participating in the witness in their spare time as members of the various companies and as sharpshooters. If they were free from all secular duties and cares, and could devote all their time to honoring the name of Jehovah, their effectiveness as witnesses would greatly increase and Jehovah's praises would be sounded more widely. This is demonstrated by comparing the results obtained by the pioneers and auxiliaries with those of the company workers and sharpshooters during the recent International Thanksgiving Testimony Period. There were 2,469 pioneers and auxiliaries in the field, and they accomplished almost as much as the 11,155 spare-time workers.

There are some brethren desirous of becoming pioneers but who are waiting until they can obtain automobiles in which to get about. Of course, an auto is of great assistance when it is in running order, but there are a great number of brethren in the pioneer service who have been carrying on for years and doing valiant service who have never had an auto to work with. Possibly if they had waited until they got a car they would still be only hoping to become pioneers, whereas by going ahead they have enjoyed years of great privileges in honoring Jehovah's name. Some of these walk many miles each day in Jehovah's service, and count it a privilege to do so.

Others are endeavoring to accumulate a sizable sum of money upon which to live while in the pioneer service. This is not the proper viewpoint at all, and those who go into the pioneer service on that basis usually last but a month or two as

It Is a Marvelous 6-Month Report

Think of It! 8,312,111 Testimonies Given!

1,193 More Weekly Workers than a Year Ago

Only the Lord Could Do Such a Thing

The figures covering the activities of the pioneers, auxiliaries, company workers and sharpshooters for the first six months of 1932 compared with those of the same period of 1931 illustrate the fact stated in the opening scripture of the May 1 *Watchtower* better than words could ever do: "Blessed be the Sovereign Lord! day by day he carrieth the load for us: God himself is our salvation."

When we started the fiscal year 1932, last October, eleven and one-half million testimonies looked like a tremendous load. A weekly average of 7,000 workers we thought was even a bigger load, and we wondered if it could be attained and if, should we get that many, they would put in 3,150,000 hours during the year and place 7,290,000 pieces of literature. Everyone who has given this matter any serious thought will concede that those figures represent a real load, a tremendous, superhuman load. However, the Lord had demonstrated his ability to carry the load for his people in the past; so the anointed, with the assurance from Jehovah that we can do all things through Christ who

strengtheneth us, went forward in faith to do the best they could and left the results with the Lord.

It is questionable, however, if even the most optimistic or those with the strongest faith were prepared for the thrilling story the table of the past six months' activities tells. The past six months witnessed hard times unparalleled in the history of this country; and four of the six months were winter months, consequently the most difficult for witnessing. Yet despite all this, we maintained a weekly average of 7,914 workers, or 914 more than we hardly dared to hope for at the beginning of the year. We have already reached 72 percent of our testimonies quota, indicating that we shall be closer to the twenty million mark at the end of the year than to the eleven and one-half million that we originally expected. We have attained 57 percent of our hours, and practically 50 percent of the total of pieces of literature.

Surely everyone can say with gratitude, 'The Sovereign Lord is bearing our load and giving us the victory.' The outstanding indication of the magnitude of the witness for this year is shown in the number of homes receiving the kingdom mes-

sage: 2,628,257. This is over twice as many homes as received the message during the same time in 1931. Also, in this year's witness work the friends participated more consistently than ever before, with an average increase of almost 1,200 workers a week over last year, and the workers that were out this year averaged 1½ hours a week more than the workers did last year.

These are just a few of the outstanding points. We could go on at length discussing the wonderful testimony those figures depict, and which you yourselves can see at a glance in the table below, and which is positive evidence that the Lord has brought forth his war equipment which knows no defeat and is now going forward to positive victory. Blessed indeed is the lot of the anointed now to have some part in this glorious work!

There is one point, however, which might be termed the weak link in our chain and which we believe it well to consider here, and that is the number of bound books placed. In the bound books we have reached only 37 percent of our quota for the year. That means that we have 63 percent yet to go in the next six months. However, there is some reason for this. Considerable time was devoted to the different campaigns with the *Kingdom* booklet, serving notice on the rulers, etc., which took a lot of time from the bound books (Continued on page 2, column 3)

Consider This for Awhile. Aren't You Glad You Had a Part in It?

Activities of Pioneers, Auxiliaries, Company Workers and Sharpshooters

for Six Months Ending March 30, 1932 Compared with Same Period of 1931

	Company Workers and Sharpshooters				Total for Same Period 1931	Difference	
	Pioneers	Auxiliaries	Company Workers	Total		Increase	Decrease
Harp	54,866	6,759	20,851	81,979	100,852		18,873
Deliverance	45,509	5,807	15,450	66,266	76,145		9,879
Creation	57,186	6,547	18,345	82,078	95,977		13,899
Reconciliation	41,693	5,252	13,419	60,861	63,194		2,830
Government	64,078	7,846	21,671	93,595	81,808	11,787	
Life	57,530	6,778	18,366	82,674	83,608		934
Prophecy	50,242	5,973	14,548	70,763	67,699	3,064	
Light 1	41,018	5,512	13,469	59,999	112,432		52,433
Light 2	40,069	5,427	12,454	57,950	109,189		51,239
Vindication 1	71,140	16,470	56,796	144,406		144,406	
Misc. Books	9,928	2,295	8,154	20,377	123,177		102,800
Total Books	533,259	74,166	213,026	820,451	914,081		93,630
Booklets	1,173,882	300,312	1,303,342	2,786,536	1,984,546	801,990	
TOTAL LITERATURE	1,707,141	383,478	1,516,368	3,606,987	2,898,627	708,360	
Av. Weekly Workers	1,564	745	5,605	7,914	6,721	1,193	
Total Hours	867,042	216,071	714,918	1,798,031	1,376,303	421,728	
Hours per Worker Weekly	21.4	11.1	5.1	17.5	15.8	1.7	
Placements	1,054,532	285,810	1,287,915	2,628,257	1,271,080	1,357,177	
Testimonies	3,447,066	1,002,197	3,862,848	8,312,111	5,145,748	3,166,363	
Books per Hour	.62	.35	.29	.46	.66		.20
Booklets per Hour	1.36	1.43	1.8	1.55	1.44	.11	

The Friends in the United States Did Splendidly

13,624 Workers in the Field

We'll Reach Our Peak of 14,000 Workers Soon The Lord Blessed Their Efforts Richly

The International Thanksgiving Testimony Period, March 20-27, proved to be a source of great joy and blessing to the anointed of Jehovah throughout the United States. The figures submitted herewith give eloquent testimony of the zeal and enthusiasm with which the friends took hold of their privileges. However, these figures cannot, of course, give all the details; so we are going to supplement them with a few figures from former issues of the *Bulletin* to enable you by comparison to appreciate the progress in the Kingdom activity that is actually taking place.

The first point. The increase in the number of workers participating is brought out very encouragingly by a comparison with Midwinter Week in 1931 and *Prophecy* Week in 1930, which took place at the same season of the year. During Midwinter Week there were 9,968 who participated in the field work; and in *Prophecy* Week, 7,663. Compare those figures with the International Thanksgiving Testimony Peri-

od of this year, when we had 13,624 workers. This is an increase of 37 percent over Midwinter Week in 1931 and 78 percent over *Prophecy* Week in 1930.

Another point is the amount of time each worker devoted to the service. We had one day less in the International Thanksgiving Testimony period this year than we had in the former periods, due to the fact that it did not commence until Sunday. Naturally this reduced the time that the workers had to devote to the service, but even in this the average time per worker exceeded that of 1930, although it did come short about an hour and a half compared with 1931. These facts all indicate that the Lord's people are appreciating their privileges more than ever before. In fact, the number of workers for International Thanksgiving Testimony Period exceeded anything that we had up to the present time. This is our peak to date, and when we realize that this has taken place in the midst of the winter, with rain, sleet and intense cold, in the East and North particularly, some idea of the possibility of 1932 is brought home to us. During this period regional service directors and other brethren advise that in some sections to the north-

west entire companies were sick in bed with the grippe and unable to go out in the service at all and, in other cases, feeble and infirm brethren are handicapped considerably in the wintertime so that they cannot do as much as they would like. With the advent of the spring weather, when the sun is shining, the roads are open, and all the friends can get out, there is not a shadow of doubt that we shall exceed the estimated peak of 14,000 workers very early.

The vital fact that all who partake of the symbolic cup at Memorial should be consistent and true to that which they symbolize and partake of the real cup which the Lord pours for his people regularly is borne home with greater weight to the Lord's people each year. This becomes a very vital issue with each one now. The time for fear, indifference or compromise is past. Each one must now take his stand wholly and completely on the Lord's side, and undoubtedly all are doing this. The heart attitude of the anointed is getting more and more to be that expressed by the psalmist when he says, "I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people."

(Continued from page 1, column 1) pioneers. Of course, it is well, if possible, to have an emergency fund to cover unexpected situations, but those taking up the pioneer service should do so with full confidence in Jehovah, seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, confident that all "these things" will be added unto them. This does not mean that merely having one's name enrolled as a pioneer is sufficient. It means that those who are wholeheartedly in the Lord's service, and who are really putting in all their time in the field service actually bearing testimony from house to house, are enjoying great privileges and placing the greatest quantity of literature, and thus effecting the widest witness. The Society supplies the literature to pioneers at much less than the actual cost of production and delivery, and this is for the purpose of enabling pioneers to meet expenses incurred in the work of bearing testimony.

Some brethren perhaps are hesitating to enter the pioneers' ranks for fear of being unable to meet their expenses. The best answer to that is in the fact that many of the pioneers have been in the service as such for the past five, ten or twenty years. They arranged their affairs so as to do away with all unnecessary expenditures, and took their stand for Jehovah, and enrolled in his service for all time, looking to him with confidence for the things needed. The facts show their confidence in Jehovah has not been misplaced. Those who know Jehovah desire to obey his commands. Those who are thus hesitating should carefully consider the Lord's words in Luke 12:16-38, and take action accordingly.

Others have perhaps felt that they did not possess what they termed 'natural ability' to make good as pioneers. In this they are looking at the matter from the wrong viewpoint. Jehovah uses those in his service who are wholeheartedly devoted to him and who obey his commands. (John 15:1-11) Christ Jesus is the vine, and all the members of his body are the branches, and can bear kingdom fruits if they abide in him, keeping his commandments in love. Unselfish devotion to Jehovah and a desire to honor his name are the requirements for the pioneer service, and not any so-called 'natural ability'.

The conditions now existing among the people are extremely propitious for preaching the gospel. Institutions in which the people have heretofore had confidence, and to which they looked for security, are failing them now in their time of need, and the future looks dark. The only remedy is Jehovah and his kingdom, and it is the happy lot of Jehovah's witnesses to be able to tell of the near destruction of the entire organization of Satan, and of the happiness which will come when the meek of the earth have taken their stand on the side of Jehovah and join in honoring his name. The pioneers are a happy company, and in their ranks it is hoped that many others of the Lord's witnesses will find increased opportunities and privileges of honoring the name of Jehovah. Now is a good time to begin the pioneer work!

Only 3½ Hours per Day?

During the month of March the pioneers averaged only 20.93 hours per week in active field witnessing, and the auxiliaries 10.5 hours. This means that many hours of witnessing were lost, and it is strongly urged that each one do his or her utmost to make up this lost time. It is hoped that pioneer and auxiliary reports will show a greatly increased number of hours spent in singing forth Jehovah's praises.

Results of International Thanksgiving Testimony Period in U.S.A.

March 20-27, 1932

	Workers	Testimonies	Hours	Placements	Books	Booklets	Total	Average Hours	
								I. T. Period	B. B. Period
Companies and Sharpshooters	11,155	361,791	75,041	85,020	22,017	98,403	120,420	6.7	6.1
Auxiliaries	829	64,778	13,763	13,666	4,693	14,978	19,671	16.60	15.49
Pioneers	1,640	190,798	46,427	47,898	26,719	52,256	78,975	28.30	28.43
Total Intern'l Thksg. Period	13,624	617,367	135,231	146,584	53,429	165,637	219,066	9.1	
B. B. Test. Period	11,173	517,303	110,668	111,202	61,869	121,898	183,767		9.1

200,000-Hour Testimony Period

Let's Keep It in Mind, July 2 to 10

How Much of Your Time Will Be Used in Witnessing?

Brother Rutherford has designated July 2 to July 10 as the 200,000-HOUR TESTIMONY PERIOD. Jehovah's witnesses will desire to prepare, so that they will be all ready to take the fullest advantage of the opportunity to glorify and honor the name of Jehovah by bearing TESTIMONY to the people.

During that season of the year good weather usually prevails, which will enable Jehovah's witnesses to devote as much time as possible to the field work, and a quota has been set at 200,000 hours for that TESTIMONY period. During the recent International Thanksgiving Testimony Period Jehovah's witnesses in the United States devoted 110,668 hours to bearing TESTIMONY. From this it is seen that each witness will have to put forth a determined strenuous effort, so that, by the grace of Jehovah, the utmost in bearing testimony may be accomplished.

It is hoped that by July 2 there will be 2,000 pioneers in the field,

and if for the 8-day period from July 2 to 10 they would each devote 5 hours a day to witnessing they would achieve a total of 80,000 hours in Jehovah's service. If for that period one thousand auxiliaries witness for 2½ hours a day they will have devoted a total of 20,000 hours in honoring the name of Jehovah. And if 11,500 witnesses from the ranks of the companies and sharpshooters could devote a total of but 9 hours each for the whole 8-day period, it would mean that they participated in giving testimony for a total of 103,500 hours; and thus for the three divisions a grand total of 203,500 hours will be reached. If it is borne in mind that this period will present a wonderful opportunity to honor Jehovah's name, that it comes at a season when most time can be utilized, Jehovah's witnesses will more than attain the quota indicated. It is suggested that the brethren everywhere join in prayer to the end that their united efforts during the 200,000-HOUR TESTIMONY PERIOD may redound to Jehovah's praise in the greatest pos-

sible measure. Then let all preparations proceed.

In many parts of the country there are sections which cannot be reached in the winter months. During the favorable weather of July 2 to 10, these outlying parts, including the rural districts and small country towns, should be visited and the TESTIMONY delivered to everyone residing therein.

Also, it is suggested that each one's stock of literature be examined and that any literature needed for this 200,000-HOUR TESTIMONY PERIOD be ordered soon. Thus, if the territory is mapped out, and a supply of literature is at hand, each one will be in position to do his part, and, by the grace of Jehovah, a wide witness may be effected.

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and naturally cut down the number. The time has now come, however, to recognize this fact and to put forth every effort to overcome this handicap. It will mean a consistent and strenuous pushing of the bound books during the next six months. We believe, however, that if each one puts forth the effort we can overcome most of this handicap, if not all. Therefore, let the slogan be, 'Push the four books for \$1.00 contribution, and after you have pushed them push them some more,' and then commence pushing them.