

Thirteenth Sabbath Offering

September 27, 1913

*The Call: Transportation Money
for
One Hundred Fifty Missionaries*



IS THIS YOUR DOLLAR?

A map should accompany this leaflet.

This leaflet should be divided into five-minute exercises, and read in every Sabbath-school.

HOW TO USE THE MAP

THE accompanying map shows by lines radiating from the home land to the east, west and south, the magnitude of the undertaking in sending one hundred fifty missionaries to fields abroad. Never before have we attempted anything so great. A glance at the map is inspiring, and it invites close study. We hope it may be reproduced on a larger scale on blackboard or chart and hung up in every school.

It will be well if each school will set for itself a definite goal in this matter. To increase the interest make a choice of some missionary and let your gifts send him by rail and by boat as far on his way as possible.

The urgent need will justify a special effort. Plan beforehand to earn extra money for this offering. Deny self in some practical way that your offering may be increased. Solicit from neighbors and friends for this special purpose. Let us roll up the largest Thirteenth Sabbath Offering we have ever given, and thus in the most helpful way that is possible, bid our beloved missionaries "God speed" on their way.

Liberal Gifts

At the closing session of the General Conference Sabbath-school one check for two hundred dollars and another for twenty dollars were among the offerings, and about two hundred dollars were given in bills varying in value from one dollar to ten.

Surely this Thirteenth Sabbath Offering furnishes an incentive for equally liberal giving.

THE OFFICIAL NOTICE

JUNE 16, 1913.

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER,
Sabbath School Department.

Dear Sister Plummer: At a meeting of the General Conference Committee held yesterday, the following action was taken: "Inasmuch as the General Conference just passed, and the Committee councils following have placed under appointment to the mission fields the largest company of missionaries ever placed under commission at a General Conference, and inasmuch as the passage to the fields will be a very heavy addition to the appropriations already made for this year,—

Resolved, That we ask the Sabbath School Department to make the transportation of this large body of missionaries to their fields the object of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for the third quarter of this year.

This is indeed an emergency call. I think no one anticipated so heavy an appointment to the mission fields at this Conference; but the fields were calling, the workers were ready to go, and the General Conference in session felt that the situation demanded action and that somehow the Lord would provide the way. Therefore, without a doubt about one hundred fifty people will be moving to the fields this autumn. This number may be reduced somewhat in the final decisions as to medical fitness and from other considerations, but doubtless some others will be added. "One hundred fifty missionaries to the fields" is a cry that surely will be taken

up in every Sabbath-school in the land. No Thirteenth Sabbath Offering ever made yet, large as these have been, will suffice to move this body of missionaries to their fields in all the four quarters of the earth. But the offering will go a long way toward it, and the farther it goes the better, as the mission treasurer will assure you.

This autumn the workers must be moved to the fields. Possibly next winter the cry will be for another lift to settle the new recruits in the new stations and tide the fields over the winter pressure. We know we have a reserve force in this Thirteenth Sabbath Offering enterprise that will help powerfully to save the situation.

Truly your brother,

W. A. SPICER.

A WORD FROM THE TREASURER

THE General Conference session of 1913 stands out unique in the history of the denomination, if in no other way, in the advance steps that were taken looking toward the speedy accomplishment of the work of the message among the nations of the earth. At no similar meeting has there been a more general representation from our missions, and from every station came representatives with urgent demands for additional workers. These demands were too insistent to be ignored by the Conference. Neither has there ever appeared to be a time in our history when so many devoted workers were found ready to respond to these Macedonian calls.

The result is found in the action taken that

has definitely enlisted over one hundred and fifty for our foreign missions. Already the advance guard of this small army of recruits has begun its march, and ocean steamers are carrying them to their distant fields. Before winter comes, it is expected the last appointees will have turned their backs upon their native land. While this will doubtless mean many sad partings of friends and relatives, yet we all rejoice to see this onward movement in the work.

No one can tell how much it will mean to the cause in the next few years. It will call for a heavy outlay of means at once. The transportation of so many workers alone, will require many thousands of dollars. In the face of this heavy demand upon the treasury, the General Conference officers naturally turn to our Sabbath-schools that have become such an important factor in financing our foreign mission work, and we believe we will not be disappointed.

It is hoped that this Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will be proportionately large to the demands made upon it—sufficient to place these one hundred and fifty men and women in the fields to which God has called them. If this can be done, it will afford great relief to the treasury. Let us plan and work to make this Thirteenth Sabbath Offering a record breaker by at least doubling the best we have done in the past.

W. T. KNOX.

GIVE

“GIVE as you would to the Master
If you met his searching look:
Give as you would of your substance
If his hand the offering took.”

THE OUTLOOK IN THE FIELDS ABROAD

W. A. Spicer to General Conference Delegates

WHAT the prophet saw in vision on the isle of Patmos, we see with our eyes to-day,—the last message of the "everlasting gospel" flying to every land and nation, bringing forth the predicted fruitage in a people keeping "the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

Truly the message is speeding on. During these last four years 372 missionaries have been sent out from America, Europe, and the colonial unions into the mission fields. This is adding to the force at the rate of nearly one hundred missionaries a year. It is a wonderful record, measured by the average of other missionary societies with much greater income. It is almost incomprehensible how these numbers can be kept going forth year after year. The figures of the treasurer's report show how the growing faith and liberality of the believers have followed fast after the advancing work. The Lord is surely making his people willing in this day of his power.

The reports from the fields will tell of new missions established and new tongues praising God for the light of the threefold message. In states and provinces and islands never touched by the feet of any messenger of this movement four years ago, we now hear of companies of believers.

Our trust is not in the numbers, nor in the rising columns of gifts for missions, but in the living God, who can save with many or with few. Yet as the New Testament church rejoiced to

see the thousands added to the church, and the resources of the believers laid upon the altar, so we thank God and rejoice at the evident tokens that he is finishing the work in our day, and cutting it short in righteousness.

Many have no doubt visited the Sabbath School Department exhibit, and looked at the maps of the world there displayed, with the blue stars marking the places where the Sabbath-schools gather from Sabbath to Sabbath round the circle of the earth. Those star points have been multiplying before our eyes in a wonderful way. These maps remind one of that picture given us in the book "Gospel Workers" many years ago:—

"Would that every one of you could have a view that was presented to me years ago. In my very girlhood the Lord saw fit to open before me the glories of heaven. I was in vision taken to heaven, and the angel said to me, 'Look!' I looked to the world as it was in dense darkness. Again the word came, 'Look, ye!' And again I looked intently over the world, and I began to see jets of light like stars dotted all through this parkness; and then I saw another and another added light, and so all through this moral darkness the star-like lights were increasing. And the angel said, 'These are they that believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. These are the lights of the world; and if it were not for these lights, the judgments of God would immediately fall upon the transgressors of God's law.' I saw then these little jets of light growing brighter, shining forth from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and lighting the whole world."

Thank God for every jet of light. Few as these even yet are, they now belt this dark earth with a line of sparkling light. From the time that the rising sun of a new Sabbath wakes our brethren in the islands of the mid-Pacific—where the day has its spring—there is not an hour of the twenty-four that the Sabbath sunrise, passing westward round the earth, is not calling Seventh-day Adventist believers forth to the blessed duties of God's holy day of rest. 'From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same,' says the Lord, "my name shall be great among the Gentiles."

We are seeing it done. In places far beyond our reach hearts are being stirred up to search for the truth for this time.

Yet, there is still a vast field beyond us. This is no place to rest. But it is a source of refreshment and courage to see how remarkably the Lord has blessed in planting the standard in nearly all the great countries of the world.

The world's crisis is upon us. The fathers in the faith of this advent message expected that the end would have come ere this. Our slowness of faith has delayed the progress. And, too, the field of the work was larger than at first apprehended. The horizon has lifted as the cause moved forward. But now all lands are compassed. It remains only to fill in the gaps and enter the vacant spaces within the outer lines. Our horizon now is the circumference of the earth itself. The uttermost parts have been reached, and we wait on the power of the living God, who has made bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; and when-

ever he wills it, all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. Thank God, we do not have to figure out by statistical records how long it will take us to finish the work. He is the one to finish the work and cut it short in righteousness. He has the almighty power, and all the nations to him are but as the little dust in the balance; and every soul is within hearing of the voice of his Spirit. Now it is only to give to him our all in service and in resources, and he who fed the multitude with the few loaves and fishes will miraculously multiply our store for the supplying of the world's great need.

The journey is almost over, and just before lies the shining city at the end of the pathway of the advent people. A few more journeyings to and fro in the service of the King of that fair country, and we shall drink at the fountainhead with all the faithful. That is the hope that will lighten the load and make jubilant our feet till every land has been reached and every nation and tongue has heard the message.

A SECOND SCATTERING

It is written of the church in apostolic times: "At that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem: and they were all scattered abroad." "Now they which were scattered abroad . . . travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word. . . . And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord."

In these closing days, without as yet the compelling power of persecution, our workers are scattering out to the ends of the earth. It is the love of the truth and the love of souls that leads them to go. The love of the truth and the love of souls should also lead us who remain to sacrifice unselfishly that we may give the means that makes their going possible.

May it also be true of these new recruits to mission lands: "And the hand of the Lord was with them; and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord."

Perils in Former Days

Paul wrote of the perils that met the missionary in strange lands in the former days. He says: "Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness."

The present dangers that confront many of our missionaries are no less real. Unhealthful climates, exposure, overwork, weakness, fever, toil, hardship, and in some instances positive violence from unfriendly sources, have met our missionaries on the outposts. Our ever-increasing number of graves in mission lands bear mute testimony to the stern reality of foreign mission work. Those who go take their lives in their hands. They do so willingly, for none are *drafted*

into this service. Shall we not pray most earnestly that the Lord will graciously preserve this company of workers in the fields to which they are going?

(Invite the school to kneel for prayer. End the prayer by a concert reading of Ps. 121:1-8.)

APPOINTMENTS TO FOREIGN FIELDS

S. Steinert and wife, of Clinton German Seminary, to Brazil.

Silas Davis and wife, of Southern California, to Mexico.

W. R. Nelson and wife, of Southern California, to India.

G. T. Townsend, of England, to India.

Hubert Gemon, of Tennessee, to the Caribbean field.

H. B. Mould, of Emmanuel College, to Bolivia.

Everhard Henriques, of South Lancaster Academy, to West Indies.

G. F. Jones and wife, to island fields of Australasia.

Miss Nellie Clark, of Loma Linda, to Australasian Union.

Dr. U. C. Fattebert and wife, of Mexico, to Philippine Islands.

Robert Stewart, of Iowa, to Philippine Islands.

D. D. Fitch and wife, of Southern California, to Mexico.

N. J. Aalborg and wife, of Alberta, to West Indies.

F. H. Conway and wife, of British Columbia, to the Hawaiian Islands.

Harry Wilcox and wife, of Texas, to China.

- E. Rosenwold, of New York City, to Northern Sweden.
- W. O. Cluff and wife, of Southern New England, to Bolivia.
- J. Van de Groep and wife, of South Australia, to Java.
- E. R. Johnson and wife, to Mexico.
- H. E. Meyer and wife, of Kansas, to Mexico.
- P. A. Webber and wife, of Iowa, to Japan.
- Fred Hutchinson and wife, of Tennessee, to South Caribbean Conference.
- Roy E. Hay and wife, of Colorado, to the Philippine Islands.
- Walter Flaiz and wife, of Walla Walla College, to Malaysian^{*} Mission.
- G. O. Reed, of the Swedish Seminary, to China.
- Miss Wilma L. Landis, of California, to China.
- James E. Shultz and wife, of Mount Vernon College, to China.
- Alfonso Anderson, of Union College, to Japan.
- Miss Matie O. Landis, of California, to Japan.
- B. H. Shaw, of Kansas, to China.
- George F. Furnival, of South Lancaster Academy, to Jamaica, W. I.
- M. B. Butterfield and wife, of Iowa, to Trinidad, W. I.
- F. Burton Jewell and wife, of Nebraska, to South Africa.
- J. C. Rogers and wife, to South Africa.
- Carl Reidt and wife, of New Jersey, to Brazil.
- Miss L. Corinne Hoy, of Massachusetts, to Brazil.
- Carl C. Specht and wife, of South Missouri, to Brazil.

- Miss Florence White, of South Lancaster Academy, to Persia.
- Miss Anna Hoffman, of the General Conference Office, to Jamaica.
- R. Hyder, of British Guiana, to India.
- Miss Iva Sumner, of South Lancaster Academy, to Jamaica.
- Jacob Peters and wife, of North Dakota, to Brazil.
- Henry Mangold, of Germany, to Ecuador.
- James Thompson, of California, to Uruguay, S. A.
- James H. Smith and wife, of Virginia, to the Bahama Islands.
- Miss Grace Davis, of Washington, D. C., to Brazil.
- R. C. Porter and wife, to Asiatic Division.
- W. B. White and wife, to South Africa.
- O. K. Butler and wife, to South Africa.
- W. R. Beatty and wife, of the North Pacific Union, to India.
- James I. Robison and wife, of Southern California, to India.
- A. N. Allen and wife, of Peru, to Cuba.
- Miss Jessie Butler, of Virginia, to the Philippine Islands.
- E. L. Maxwell and wife, of Tennessee, to Peru.
- H. R. Salisbury and wife, of Washington, to India.
- B. E. Beddoe and wife, of California, to India.
- H. F. Taylor and wife, of New York, to the Bermuda Islands.
- Dr. H. G. Hankins and wife, in post-graduate work, Edinburgh, to South Africa.
- W. R. Hansen and wife, of Oklahoma, to the East Indies.
- Four nurses for Spanish fields, not yet selected.

From Foreign Mission Seminary

The following appointees are from the Foreign Mission Seminary:—

R. T. Colthurst, of West Indies, to the European Division.

C. C. Kellar and wife, of Ohio, to India.

Miss Rose Boose, of Iowa, to India.

F. A. Wyman and wife, of Oregon, to India.

R. P. Robinson and wife, of Southern California, to South Africa.

A. G. Nelson and wife, to Patagonia and Falkland Islands.

Miss Gertrude Johnston, of India, to South American Union.

Miss Claire M. Wightman, of Boulder, Colo., to the South American Union.

J. A. P. Green and wife, to Mexico.

E. W. Thurber and wife, of New England, to Mexico.

H. E. Carter and wife, to Brazil.

W. E. Lanier and wife, to the Philippine Islands.

R. C. Raff, to Porto Rico.

A. U. Cochran, to Cuba.

C. E. Boynton and wife, to British Guiana.

Dr. H. C. Menkel and wife, to India.

R. P. Morris and wife, to India.

F. E. Stratton and wife, of Minnesota, to China.

A. L. Ham and wife, of Western Washington, to China.

O. J. Grundset and wife, of Danish-Norwegian Seminary, to Manchuria.

H. J. Doolittle and wife, of Pennsylvania, to China.

Bernhard Peterson and wife, to Manchuria.

M. C. Warren, of Pacific Union College, to China.

J. A. Bodle and wife, to Guatemala.

Henry Brown, to Cuba.

A. L. Shidler and wife, to Venezuela.

W. E. Hancock and wife, to Europe for Spanish work.

R. N. Studt and wife, of Nebraska, to Venezuela.

R. Joyce and wife, of Indiana, to Great Britain.

G. W. Miller to the East Caribbean Mission.

Henry Haefft and wife, to Brazil.

This is the list as it stood June 15, when the General Conference Committee closed its daily sessions following the Conference. Changes will naturally occur, some being unable, possibly, to respond, others being added.

A MISSIONARY EXERCISE

First Child

(Small globe for illustration)

This is the earth. 'Tis many years
Since God created it, they say ;
But now, as then, 'tis "very good,"
It turns, and gives us night and day ;
Moves round the sun, and seasons change,
While rain and sunshine bring us food.
The only trouble with the earth
Is that *the people are not good.*

Second Child

(With Bible)

I have a book which tells the way
That God would have the people live.
If every one would keep his rules,
If every one some help would give,
I think the old earth would be bright,
And every soul be happy, too.
I wish that all the people had
This blessed word of God, don't you ?

Third Child

(With Cross)

And with the Bible comes this cross ;
For Jesus' love it always stands ;
'Twould take the place of idols false
In all the far-off heathen lands.
Mohammed's crescent flag would fall,
And Buddha's gloomy temples, too.
I wish the world would see the cross
And love the living Christ. Don't you ?

Fourth Child

(With Bell)

Where Bibles and the cross are seen,
Church bells begin to swing and ring,
The gospel's story sounds abroad,
And children learn to pray and sing.
Then school bells peal through every land,
Lessons are learned both old and new.
I'd like to make the glad bells ring
All round the earth, now wouldn't you ?
(Rings bell softly.)

(All)

The world need not be dark and cold,
For God's word teaches what is right.
The cross was lifted once for *all*,
That all might worship in its light.
The bells will ring when joy comes in,
When God helps people to be true.
Who'll help the better day to dawn ?
We four will help. Won't all of you ?
—*Selected.*

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