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OUTLOOK

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white aiready to narvest."

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The Harvest Ingathering—Organisation

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The conference worker should carefully organise each church before the time for the campaign to begin. The territory of the church should be districted, using the card system and making out the cards in triplicate, one for the worker, one for the church elder, and one for the Home Missionary Secretary. In this way a permanent record can be kept and the conference can know just what part of the field has been worked, and when, as they do in the book work. Suitable persons should be appointed to work the business sections of the cities and towns. Instruction should be given in correspondence with business firms soliciting donations.

Church treasurers should receive and tabulate returns each week and display the results on the church goal board for the information and encouragement of the church. The church treasurer should report weekly to the conference office.

The district workers should arrange for a general field day early in the campaign, and all church members should be encouraged to make Sunday a field day until the work is finished. A victory week should be launched about the last of August, when every church, district, conference, and union should pass every goal.

FOLLOW UP WORK

The district leaders should plan the continuance of the church organisation and each member should accept the territory as his permanent parish. A careful watch should be kept for interested ones and their names should be recorded in the missionary record book. These interested ones should be followed up with literature and Bible studies. In one California conference 127 persons accepted the truth as a result of the follow up work of a harvest ingathering campaign.

THE BOXES

The children should not be neglected, for in this kind of work often a little child shall lead them

Study should be given to the preparation of boxes. People will often hesitate to place money in the hands of a child, when they would readily place it in a box. The people in this country are accustomed to the box plan for collecting money, and we should make use of this by using boxes in the cities on Saturday night. This is a work in which the children and young people can engage for the benefit of the cause and for their own good as well. The conference worker should never neglect the children in organising his work. He should see that they have suitable boxes and are instructed and chaperoned as they go out into the field.

CONCLUSION

Conference Presidents should recognise the Harvest Ingathering Campaign as the most effective way to organise the church for service. This is a very successful method for the finding of those who are seeking for light and a better Christian experience. It opens the doors for follow up work with Bible readings, the distribution of literature, tracts, subscriptions for periodicals, missionary correspondence and personal visits.

The Harvest Ingathering removes prejudice from the minds of many who think we are only proselyters. by calling their attention to our world wide work.

It will give the church members a new experience and develop workers in the church. It will result in the conversion of many souls and bring supplies to the Mission Board, making it possible for them to send this message to the ends of the earth. The Harvest Ingathering will hasten greatly the coming of the Lord if we will enter heartily into it.

"A little boy was once asked how much he weighed. He said: 'My usual weight is ninety pounds, but when I get my jacket off and get really in earnest, I weigh about a ton."

Now may we as workers get really in earnest and give this Harvest Ingathering work a push, each man back of it weighing a long ton.

Why the Churches Need the Missionary Volunteer Society

NEVER before in the history of this world has a people been called to perform a task so great as that given to those who are now carrying the Third Angel's Message. Never before have there been such calls for consecrated workers as are ringing through the earth today. And never before have there been such opportunities to prepare for service as are now offered to both old and 'young.

The time foretold by seers of old has come, when God is preparing to do a mighty work in the earth, and the Lord is now looking to His people to become His instruments in doing this work. And because the task is so immensely great He calls for all, from the little children to those of hoary heads, to act a part. But especially does He call for the strong, fresh energy of the young people among us.

For many years our denomination paid little attention to the children and youth, with the result that a large percent of the sons and daughters of Seventh-day Adventist parents gave up the truth and drifted into the world. "Very much," the Testimonies tell us, "has been lost to the cause of God by lack of attention to the young." Anyone who has watched a single church for the past ten or fifteen years will realise how bitterly true these words have proved to be. The children who sat in our Sabbath schools only a few short years ago, are, in far too many instances, out of the fold today.

Almost before we had realised the seriousness of the situation, the Lord pointed out the remedy. And in the heaven-sent plan lies not only the secret of saving the youth, but of warning the world as well:

"Let the overseers of the church devise plans whereby young men and women may be trained to put to use their entrusted talents. Let the older members of the church seek to do earnest, compassionate work for the children and youth. Let ministers put to use all their ingenuity in devising plans whereby the younger members of the church may be led to coperate with them in missionary work. . . Let all have a part to act."—Testimonies, Vol. 6, pp. 435, 436.

Someone may ask, "In order to accomplish this, is it necessary to have a separate young people's organisation? Will such a society prove of sufficient value to the church to justify the efforts put forth in organising and fostering it?" The following statements. will, we trust, answer the question:

The church needs the Missionary Volunteer Society

1. "Because the Missionary Volunteer Society is not simply an organisation conducted by young people;

it is also an organisation through which the church can do what needs to be done for her young people. It gives the church an opportunity to lead them in continuous, organised, and systematic work; to direct their social life for the good of the church and for the good of themselves; to guide them in the systematic reading of supremely good books; to direct them in Bible study; and to aid them in learning to live the prayer life.

- 2. "Because through the Missionary Volunteer Society, which meets the three-fold nature of the young Christian, the church may develop leaders for various lines of church work.
- 3: "Because the results obtained from the Missionary Volunteer Society are not received from any other church service or combination of services. In a very special way the society works for young people of those ages from which the church receives most of her converts.
- 4. "Because the society appeals to the desire of young people for originality. Everybody takes part. All bear responsibility, and responsibility develops talent. In the society the young people learn to do by doing.
- 5. "Because the Young People's work tends to keep young people from worldly associations: it keeps them in the truth; it increases their missionary zeal; it develops workers and burden bearers for God's work; and it does more, or may do more, than any other department of the church work to hold and guide young people through the trying and destiny-laden period of adolescence.
- 6. "Because the greatest opportunity before the young people is to become soul-winners; and the society exists primarily to train young people for that all-important work.
- 7. "Because God, who 'has appointed the youth to be His helping hand,' called the Missionary Volunteer organisation into existence."

O. K. BUTLER.

"Freely YeaHave Received, Freely Give"

For more than thirty years many thousands of pounds a year have been received from the General Conference treasury for the advancement of the Third Angel's Message in South Africa. During all those years millions of foreigners in the United States were unconsciously appealing for the gospel of the Kingdom. How easy it would have been to reason that if all the men and means available were devoted to the evangelisation of North America, the Lord, from

every nation, kindred, tongue and people, would gather converts who would return to their various homelands as heralds of the soon coming Saviour! No need for sending loved ones across the seas! No need for people of the cold northland to live in the populous, hot, unhealthy regions of the earth!

But God thus revealed His plan for finishing His work in North America: "The home missionary work will be farther advanced in every way when a more liberal, self-denying, self-sacrificing spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off." And so workers and money have been sent to the uttermost parts of the earth for the finishing of His work in all the world. Who of us can measure the cost of the sacrifice involved!

Today "the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off" is realised in America where a million foreigners a year are finding their way. Broad plans are being carried out, and the "countries afar off" are asked to help financially that by this divinely appointed means they might strengthen the work of the homeland. More than £20,500 is called for. Never before has such an opportunity afforded itself whereby Adventists from the four quarters of the earth might show their appreciation of help received from America. Does it not seem a point of honour to send a larger thirteenth Sabbath offering than we have yet raised? Shall we not at this time help to fulfil to our brethren and sisters in America the promise "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom?"

May the reflex action of an unusually generous offering cause us to remember the words of the Lord Jesus when He said "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Mrs. A. P. Tarr.

NATAL-TRANSVAAL Stranack Street, Maritzburg

The Colporteur Work in the Natal-Transvaal Conference

WE are told by the Spirit of Prophecy that "God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books, and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual edu-

cation and enlightenment. This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time.

"The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time."

'It is essential that our publications be widely circulated. Thus the message will go where the living preacher cannot go, and the attention of many will be called to the important events connected with the closing scenes of this world's history.''

To me these are wonderful statements from the Spirit of Prophecy.

All our canvassers who have been giving their time to this branch of the Lord's work, are having good success. I wish you might read their interesting letters from week to week, telling of their experiences in scattering the books among the people.

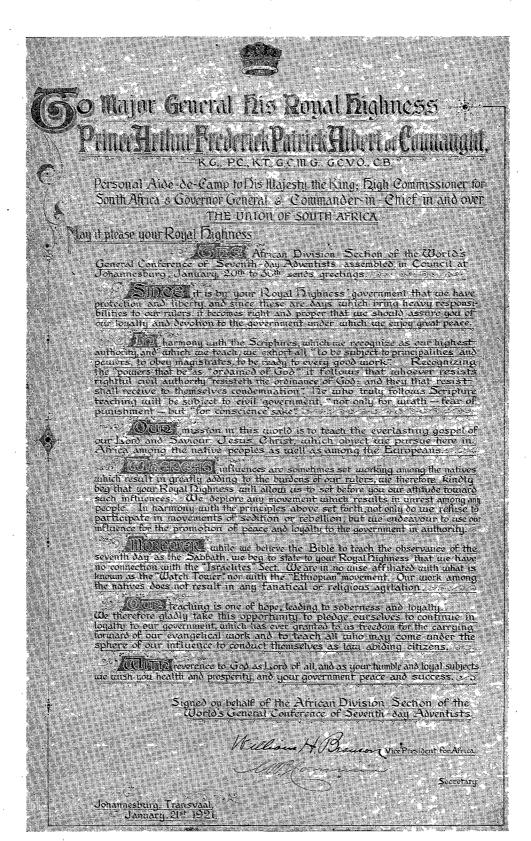
A short time ago I was out with one of the new Sabbath keepers in Johannesburg. We canvassed a lady who seemed to be very much interested in the book "Bible Readings." She said she would like us to return and see her husband in the afternoon. She told us that about fourteen years ago she had purchased a book, named "Coming King," and that it had mentioned the great world war, and many other events which are being fulfilled today. Later in the afternoon we called and found her husband in, a teacher in the Government schools. He gave us an order without hesitation and then he said that he wished some of his friends to have this good book. So the colporteur arranged to visit these friends with the man.

It is wonderful how anxious many are to get our good books. This new worker's first report shows that he worked thirty hours, and secured thirty-two orders, value £38-19-0. There is no such thing as failure in God's work, if we follow right principles.

One of the colporteurs tells me that one Sunday night he attended a meeting in the city, and found the minister of one of the leading churches preaching from our Sabbath School Quarterly and the Sentinel. Our books are appreciated by many of the ministers of other denominations.

I have just helped Brother du Toit with a successful delivery of "Bible Readings" at Middelburg. He took orders and delivered books to the deacons and officers of the leading churches in that town. The Lord blessed us in placing forty-two books in the homes of the people in fourteen hours' work. So the good work goes forward.

While canvassing at Springs, east of Johannesburg, with one of our workers, we went into a home, where



I saw on the shelf "Daniel and Revelation," "Great Controversy" and "ratriarchs and Prophets." We took the family's order for "Bible Readings."

We have fourteen workers in the field at present. We hope to get several more new recruits from the meetings that are being held in Pretoria and Johannesburg. Many of our older workers who have been out of the harness for several years are coming back into the work. I am sure it is pleasing to our Heavenly Father to have these old workers take up the work again. May it not be that some one who reads these lines should be giving his time to the advancement of the message? If so, we stand ready to cooperate with you, and help you in getting started in the work.

It may be that you are not situated so that you can give your time to the colporteur work, but yet would like to assist those who are giving their life to this work. We shall appreciate any help you can give our faithful canvassers in providing horses and carts, or a home for the workers while they are working in the towns and districts where you live. We need several horses and carts at present, as we have several who desire to work in the country districts, but who are unable to furnish themselves with outfits. If any have an outfit, and the Lord impresses your hearts, I am sure you will receive a great blessing by helping our faithful workers. We should be glad to hear from any such.

During the coming vacation, we shall have several of our young men who want to canvass for a scholar-ship, from the Training School at Ladysmith. If you can assist these young people with an outfit and a place to stay while they are working, please let us hear from you. I am sure there are a number of our brethren who live on farms that could assist in the good work.

We ask an interest in your prayers for our faithful workers who are devoting their time to the book work. If you can assist us in any way, it will be appreciated.

ALBERT PRIEST.

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A Spiritual Feast

RECENTLY, the Bethel Mission was favoured by a visit from our Union Superintendent, Pastor Olmstead, and our Field Superintendent, Pastor Howard. These brethren were with us for five days, holding meetings and laying plans for the future of our Bethel Training School.

Every day on the Bethel Mission is spent pleas-

antly; but these five days were extraordinarily pleasant.

On Friday evening Pastor Howard spoke to the student-body, and his timely exhortation prepared the soil of our hearts for the good seed to be sown on the pressed Sabbath.

At the Sabbath morning service, Pastor Olmstead gave an exposition of the love of God. When he pointed out that those who have the love of God in their hearts will not even want to stand up for their own rights (for "love seeketh not her own"), many hearts were touched. When the call came for renewed consecration, every soul in the room—including some not of our raith,—bowed before God in humble contrition. The meeting was indeed a spiritual feast. when we went out, one of the native brethren said, "I never was in such a meeting before."

In the afternoon we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house and the ringing testimonies of those who have been redeemd from sin and darkness were a great encouragement to the workers present.

On Sunday afternoon, seven of us went out in two carriages to nold meetings in some of the kraals. At one place, while Pastor Olmstead was speaking on Revelation 14:6, 7, there was scarcely a dry eye in the room, and when a call was made for a response to what had been spoken, every one, excepting three young lads, arose.

The writer could not help observing something very unusual at the back part of the room where the women were sitting. It was practically dark there, as the light was very poor. One woman brought with her a little bag from which she took a candle and matches, a Bible and pencil. She lit the candle and held it in her left hand, while she opened her Bible to the texts that were being read and underlined every one of them. The people around here seem to know that we have a "message," and they come to the meetings expecting to hear something they never heard before.

The scholars in the school are doing well in their studies. The school has so increased, and our accommodation is so limited that I fear we must turn a deaf ear to ruture applications until more buildings are erected.

Our earnest desire is to finish the work around here, so that we can move on to the "regions beyond" to the many thousands who have "not yet heard."

ADELINE V. SUTHERLAND.



"ALL around us are heard the wails of a world's sorrow. On every hand are the needy and distressed. It is ours to aid in relieving and softening life's hardships and misery."

ZAMBESI UNION MISSION -

W. E, STRAW, Superintendent.

Notes From The Zambesi

BROTHER STOCKIL is away this week looking after the interests of the work in the Victoria district and arranging for the sale of the stock at that place. Brother Symons spent last Sabbath with the believers in Umtali. He is now at Inyazura helping Brother Hodgson with his books.

Brother H. P. Robinson and wife left Bulawayo last Thursday, to engage in mission work at the Songa Mission in the Belgian Congo.

Brethren Wilson, Willmore and Bulgin are now up the Zambesi about eighty to one hundred miles from Livingstone, looking up a new mission site in those parts.

Brother Jewell's health has been poorly in the last few months. He has been affected with nervous trouble recently so that he has now come to Solusi to see if he can recuperate. W. E. STRAW.

24th May, 1921.

Another Open Door

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From every side new doors are opened before our missionaries. Brother H. M. Sparrow reports an interesting visit to Bembesi among the Fingo people. A Fingo convert, John Ngano, in company with Jim Mazinga, had been visiting among relatives of that vicinity for a fortnight, and as a result prejudice was broken down, and our workers were able to hold meetings in places where they had previously been shut out.

On the morning of Brother Sparrow's arrival there had been a council meeting at the chief's kraal, where the Native Commissioner, and representatives of three denominations were discussing the opening of a Government school. The chief requested that the matter wait until our representatives were there; accordingly, on his arrival, Brother Sparrow was taken to the chief's kraal, where he found about sixty-five natives, including ministers, chiefs and headsmen seated in front of three European ministers and a native commissioner, who was presiding. As a result of this council, the native commissioner asked Brother Sparrow to renew his application for a school site, assuring him that it would be granted. He also assured him that if we could furnish a certificated Fingo teacher, he would probably be put in charge of this Government school.

A number of Fingos have recently accepted the message, among them being the private secretary of the chief.

All the Tithes

"'ALL the tithe is the Lord's." Lev. 27: 30. This is the word of God on the subject of tithe. Who will dare to contradict it either by word or practice?

But, I hear someone say, 'I paid my dues to my church and made offerings before becoming an Adventist. Since then I have paid a faithful tithe on my income."

Good, I suppose you tithed that £1,000 bank account or investment that you had laid by, when you came in

"Why no, I had not supposed that necessary."

Has it been tithed?

"No, because it came to me before I began tithing" thow much of that £1,000 is yours?

"It is all mine, no one else has any interest in it."

Just a moment please, you said the tithe had never been paid on it, and "all the tithe is the Lord's."

You have accepted the tithing system in which you render one tenth to the Lord, and if we follow the word we must handle that £1,000 in this way. £100 is the Lord's tithe; £900 is yours. How long has this money been in the bank? or in bonds or other securities?

"About seven years."

How often do you pay tithe?

"Every time I receive income; I separate the tithe, laying it by, and paying it to the church treasurer at the first opportunity."

If you have had £100 of the Lord's tithe in the bank for seven years, do you not think it is about time to pay it to the church treasurer?

"Perhaps so, but can you give me an example from the Scriptures where back tithe is called for?"

Yes, "Ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." Mal 3:9, 10. This is a call to bring all the tithes in, which have been withheld.

"I see it now. I will gladly pay it at once to the church treasurer."

But, I hear some farmer say, 'You do not mean to teach, do you that I should tithe my living which I get from the farm? At the end of the quarter, or of the year I estimate my income above my expenses, and pay it in.''

How much do you pay in that way?

"Why I think usually about £2 a quarter."

Well now, there is Brother Jones working in the shop at Hamilton and his pay envelope contains £6 for the week. When he gets home he puts 12 shillings in the tithe envelope and pays for his living including rent, fuel, clothing and everything for the table from the remaining £5-8-0. If I understand you right, you take out your rent, fuel and a large share of your table needs first, so that you just about reverse Brother

Jones procedure. You each live and support families, which means about £5-8-0 a week if everything is counted. Brother Jones saves out 12/- tithe which he pays, making £7-16-0 per quarter, while you pay about £2 per quarter as tithe.

"Well the tithing system is easy for a man on regular pay, but a farmer cannot keep track of everything." Yes, but the tithe particularly applies to the farmer. "All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's." Lev. 27:30.

"Do you mean to say that a man should keep track of the value of what he produces on the farm for his own family use, and tithe it?"

There were those in the time of Christ who did it. why can't you? "Ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin," (garden herbs) "and have omitted the weightier matters of the law: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Matt. 23:23. I feel safe in saying that you ought to tithe all your produce, including the garden. If everyone having a farm or garden, would in this year of 1921, tithe all it produces, it would mean a great increase and bring equality between wage earner and the landowner, as the tithing system is designed to do. Many farmers do this, but I knew a farmer who did like the one mentioned and when he reformed, his tithe jumped from about £8-0-0 yearly to nearly £40-0-0, and he was very, very happy in it.

If all these suggestions are carried out, I believe it will double the tithe paid into our conferences in one year. And if we do not leave undone the weightier matters of the law, which means paying tithe for the love of God and souls, we can rightfully expect good crops from Sabbath keeping land. Do you pay tithe, or only a portion? Come let us prove the Lord, and see if he will not pour us out a blessing, and rebuke the devourer for our sakes (see Mal. 3:8-12). Let us highly resolve by the help of God. to see how much tithe we can pay in 1921.

"The harvest truly is great and the labourers are few, pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."—W. F. Stray, in "Eastern Canadian Messenger."



The Harvest Ingathering goal for North America for the year 1920 was £100,000. Returns show that £108,000 was realised, so the goal was passed. We have gotten used to the expression "over the top" when it comes to achievements in this message. It is estimated that the Harvest Ingathering effort in all the world brought in £140,000. The goal for 1921 is one million dollars. And they are counting on Africa to help to the extent of £3,000. Shall we do it?

BIG WEEK IN AMERICA

What It Means To Us

I WISH the readers of the OUTLOOK might have the opportunity of looking over with me the exchanges that have been coming from the United States for the last few weeks. Every device known to the advertiser and printer has been used to call the attention of our people everywhere to the plans for the "Big Week"—May 8-14. During this week every Seventh-day Adventist is invited to do all within his power to circulate our publications. The colporteurs of course will redouble their energies this week, and thousands of others will engage in the work to a greater of lesser extent

But the "Big Week" has also a "Big Day"—a day on which the workers will give all their profits to the Publishing House Extension Fund. And in the territory of the Review and Herald Office the proceeds will come to South Africa for the building up of the Sentinel Publishing Company. There is no doubt whatever, that our people in the United States will raise on this one day, the amount for which recently it was feared, owing to the financial depression, that we must wait for another year.

But while our hearts rejoice as we think of the new presses and the binding equipment, which will enable us to print books and other literature for this great continent, and while the Publishing House might fill its stock room with books, all this will avail nothing, except the literature be circulated. While broad plans are being laid for production, equally broad plans must be made for distribution.

Owing to its meagre population spread out over a vast territory, it is manifestly impossible for our evangelists to reach the population of South Africa. It must be reached largely through publication efforts: our printing plant is our best hope.

What shall be our response to the self-denial and energy that our brethren across the wetar are putting forth on our behalf? Shall we not, as never before, rise as one man determined that each one individually shall make the proclamation of this message the great aim of his life, the goal of his endeavours, and the object of his liberality.



BROTHER N. Z Town, secretary of the Publishing Department of the General Conference writes that while the returns are not all in yet, they believe that the world sales went well past the £1,250,000 mark The printing press today is "giving the message wings." Its influence is to be felt in South Africa more than ever before.

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Ask the Tract Society About It

OCCASIONALLY letters come to the Sentinel Publishing Company from some of our brethren who do not understand why they are not receiving the *Outlook*. All such queries should be addressed to your Tract Societies, as the office receives the list of subscriptions from them. Whenever we have received these complaints we have always looked up the lists, and while we do not claim to be always free from error, yet, as a general rule we find that these names were not included in the lists received from the Tract Societies.

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Home Missionary Reports

The reports received from the Union Conference for quarter ending March 31, were good and showed that many of our people have been hard at work. I wish you could read the reports since they have been compiled. I am sure your hearts would rejoice. These reports show the possibilities before us when we "combine" to give the last warning message to all the world.

You may be surprised when I tell you that we had reports from only one half our European churches in the Union. Why this is so I cannot understand. I am sure that our people in the churches not reporting

are just as earnest and love the message the same as do those who reported. But we are confident that we will receive a better report for the quarter ending June 30.

Our goal in each conference is, Each member both a missionary worker and also a reporter.

Let me urge each church missionary secretary to be sure and send your report, whether it be large or small to your conference Home Missionary Secretary, not later than the tenth if possible. We hope to have the report in the OUTLOOK, so please be prompt

W. S. HYATT, Union H. M. Secretary.

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Notes From The Sentinel Office

For the past six weeks painters and printers have been busy on the premises. Painted in a new dress, the office building stands as a constant witness to the passers-by, that the work which it represents is taking on new life.

The cottage in front, which only recently has been the home of the Publishing Company has been renovated and painted, and Brother Slate, our superintendent, and Sister Slate are now living there.

Brother Wienand, one of our faithful colporteurs from the Orange Free State Conference, has recently joined our force of workers, with the view of learning the trade. We shall be glad when the extension of our work will make it possible for us to invite others to join us.

The July Sentinel is just off the press, and these are busy days for the workers who are folding, stitching, and preparing them for mailing.

We are too modest to say all we think about the appearance of the cover, but we feel sure that, if our brethren are as pleased with it as we are, they will want to show it to their friends.

HARVEST INGATHERING

Campaign Begins July 1 ...

Division Goal, £3,000; Individual Goal, £3

THE ELEMENTS OF SUCCESS

Faith, Prayer, Courage, Endeavour, Enthusiasm, Effort and Perseverance Its not a hard task if we all lift together.