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W O R K F O R A L L

We cannot all be preachers and sway with
voice and pen,
As strong winds sway the forest, the
minds and hearts of men;
But we can be evangels to souls within
our reach;
There's always love's own gospel for
loving hearts to preach.

We cannot all be heroes, and thrill a
hemisphere
With some great, daring venture, some
deed that mocks at fear;
But we can fill a lifetime with kindly
acts and true;
There's always noble service for noble
souls to do.

--Selected.

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C A M P - M E E T I N G .

I trust that all of our people in this conference are planning to attend the camp-meeting to be held at Petoskey, Aug. 26 to Sept. 5. While we speak of the meeting as the Petoskey camp-meeting, all should bear in mind that tickets should be purchased to Bay View and baggage checked to that place. This will leave only a short distance to walk to get to the grounds.

The annual Conference will be held in connection with this meeting and important matters will come up to be considered by the delegates.

Excellent ministerial help is promised us. We expect that either Elder A. C. Daniells or Prof. W. W. Prescott will attend the meeting and I am sure our people will appreciate their words of counsel and encouragement. It is impossible at this writing to state definitely the names of others who are coming as arrangements have not been fully made.

Sometimes people wonder if they can afford to go to camp-meeting but in the light of the following quotations from Vol. 6 of the Testimonies, we can easily decide that we can afford it.

"The camp-meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work. It is one of the most effective ~~methods~~ of arresting the attention of the people."

"God has committed to our hands a most sacred work, and we need to meet together to receive instruction, that we may be fitted to perform this work."

"We need to meet together and receive the divine touch that we may understand our work in the home."

"Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege."

"If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict."

"Go to the camp-meeting, even though you have to make a sacrifice to do so."

"Let the army of the Lord be on the ground to represent the work and cause of God. Do not plead an excuse. The Lord has need of you."

These earnest words were all written to our people on the importance of attending camp-meetings, and we will do well to ponder them carefully. When the Lord sends us instruction of this kind it is because He wants to help us and He knows that these annual gatherings are a great help to all who attend.

While going to the Gladstone meeting we were talking about how expensive camp-meetings are, but when we saw souls converted to God we could not see that the investment pays. The Lord is waiting to bless us. Let us place ourselves where we can receive the blessing.

J. J. Irwin.

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WE SHALL SEE HIM

A beautiful story is told of Wendell Phillips, the orator. His wife was an invalid and he loved her dearly. After his lecture on a certain occasion, his friends urged him not to return to Boston that night. "The last train has left," they said, "And you will be obliged to take a carriage. It will mean twelve miles of cold riding through the sleet." He replied, "Ah, yes; but at the end of them I shall find Annie Phillips."

Have you learned to love your Saviour? Is he the joy and delight of your life? Have you found his voice "Like the sound of the dulcimer sweet?" Is he the "chiefest among ten thousand" to your soul? Then do not become discouraged. The object of your life is at the end of the journey. The road may be rough, the storms may rage and the winds may blow; but press onward to the goal. Life's dark night may be dark and the path seem long, but ever press onward, knowing that at the end of your journey you will meet Jesus, your friend. Let the hope of seeing him as he is encourage you onward amid the difficulties and perplexities of life. We shall meet him at the end of our journey, and bask in the smiles of his love.--Selected.

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"HE WILL FINISH THE WORK"

Often the following text is quoted: "For he will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." That it applies to this work and this generation, is very evident; for it relates to the finishing of God's work upon the earth, and other texts reveal that when God's work is finished, then comes the end.

But, while it says that "he will finish the work," it should not be concluded that God, in some supernatural way, of which we now know nothing, will take it out of human hands and himself do it. No; God does not work that way. He did not deliver Israel from Egypt in any such manner. He did not deliver his people the scores of times they afterwards fell into sin, and, in consequence, into the hands of their enemies, in some mystical way. He wrought with chosen human instrumentalities filled with the Holy Spirit. Always this has been God's way of doing things. And may we not safely conclude that as we face the mighty problem of finishing the work in this generation in all the world, it will still be through consecrated human instrumentalities filled with his Spirit, that he will do it? We believe so.

And what seems to be one of the greatest evidences that God is steadily bringing his servants into line for the accomplishing of what he has promised--the finishing of his work in the earth--is that there is a unanimity of sentiment, a oneness of purpose, taking possession of the leaders of this cause, serving in different capacities, in different countries, that is truly inspiring--all joining hands in the one work of hastening with the message out into the dark corners of the earth. This was the

real inspiration of the recent General Conference. Upon this point all saw eye to eye. That it may be accomplished, conference presidents are willing to share their best workers, as well as a portion of the tithe. Who dare say that this is not God's working to bring about the answer to his own promise that "He will finish the work?"

With strong conferences offering to release their best workers, and definitely setting aside as sacred to mission fields a certain per cent of the tithe coming into his treasury, a long step is made toward reaching the goal of warning the world within the limits of this generation. This can not be brought about without no little self-sacrifice on the part of conference officials. And while it will bring great courage to every believer, yet at the same time it brings additional responsibilities to every church member. With devout thankfulness can every one lay aside sacredly the tithe of the Lord. To think that a portion of it will enable some heathen land to hear the message, by helping to provide some messenger, should thrill every loyal Seventh-day Adventist heart with joy.

This oneness of purpose shown by every delegate from the homeland assembled, to share men and tithe with the mission fields; the willingness to endure some of the deprivations here at home, rather than consume the greater part of the resources here and let other fields suffer and wait--this was the greatest feature of the recent General Conference, that truly brought the most courage and hope to more than simply the missionaries themselves gathered from distant lands; for it at least contains a portion of God's answer to every believer in the third angel's message as to how "he will finish the work" in this generation. Let us all enter heartily into the plan; for with God's continued blessing, it will mean much in the rapid advancement of this cause in all the earth.

T. E. Bowen.

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THE GLADSTONE CAMP-MEETING.

This meeting was held in a nice grove on the shore of the bay at Gladstone June 21-27. The ministers from outside the conference were Elders Allen Moon, Pres., of Lake Union Conference, J. W. Westphal of South America, S. Mortensen and A. C. Bourdeau. Brother J. B. Blosser arrived near the last of the meeting and rendered efficient help.

From the very beginning of the meeting the Spirit of the Lord was present. A number came into the workers' meeting so that we had a fair-sized congregation on Sabbath before the regular meetings began. At this Sabbath meeting three of the young people gave themselves to the Lord. One of these, a young man, is planning to enter the canvassing work in a few weeks.

The attendance was the largest we have ever had at our Northern meeting and it was the universal testimony that it was also the best one ever held. This from the very nature of things should be the case, for we are nearing the end of time and the Lord is anxious that His people shall receive a fitting up for translation.

On the last Sabbath eleven were baptized. Most of these were young men and women, and we expect to see some of them taking up work for the Master. This Sabbath will be long remembered, by those who were there, as a blessed day's experience.

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The best way to pick a man for a responsible field position in religious work is to ascertain how much of a factor he is in his local church.--Sunday School Times.

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"Let the student take the Bible as his guide, and stand like a rock for principle, and he may aspire to any height of attainment."

MARION

Our tent is now located in Marion and we have held three evening services. The attendance has been from sixty to eighty. The people are kind and pay good attention to the word spoken. We have been favored in securing a central location in the village which contains about one thousand people. There is a large population in the country around.

There are no Sabbath keepers living in the village but a few of our loyal people live in the country several miles away.

Last Sabbath we organized a Sabbath-school of fifteen members.

Brethren, pray for the work here.

July 12.

M. C. Guild,

L. G. Nyman.

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MT. PLEASANT.

After pitching our tent in a beautiful place in Mt. Pleasant, we began our meetings the 29th of June with a fair attendance. Last Sunday evening the tent was full, and gave good attention as we spoke on the second coming of Christ.

We have been spending a good share of our time in visiting the homes and giving our bills of our meetings. We are having difficulties to encounter. Prejudice exists quite extensively. Also Mt. Pleasant is a great Catholic town. For a block around the tent, there are more of them than any other people. Yet we know the message must be given to all, and no doubt the Lord has honest souls even in this place.

This morning a lady visited our tent, a member of the Catholic church, who attended our meetings for several nights, and she said she had made up her mind to keep the Sabbath of the Lord and so will begin next Sabbath.

Our people are very enthusiastic down here and are doing a good deal to help in the meetings. Let all our people remember us at this time and pray for the work in Mt. Pleasant.

M. B. Butterfield,

N. H. Pool.

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KNOWN BY HIS BERRIES.

In a terrible flood in Kansas one man's bravery and skill in rescue work made him distinguished above other men. His heroism is to be long remembered.

This man raised fruits for the market. The year after the flood many of the women in the town bought their berries from him, with a definite belief that only honest measure of fruit would be sent from his place.

"His fruits," said one housekeeper, "are almost more remarkable than his work last year. They came to me absolutely perfect. Hardly a single berry could be found with even the slightest blemish on it--the largest, sweetest, most perfectly packed berries I ever saw. Such honest berries I never had before. They say he was known by his fruit long before ever the flood time gave him a chance to show the hero in him."

The berries were, in fact, an actual revelation of the man's character as was his heroism in the flood. And they gave in part an explanation of his bravery in time of peril. This man aimed at perfection in his daily work. He gave the best measure on principle. When the crisis came he gave the same measure, the best measure he could possibly give, for he offered even his life if that were required. "By their fruits ye shall know them." -- The Wellspring.

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Men do not complain of the sixth commandment, which protects their persons, part of the eighth, which protects their property; why, then, should they complain of the fourth, which protects their rightful heritage, a weekly day of rest?--Eugene Stock.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

For 4 Weeks Ending July 2, 1909.

Name	Territory	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total Value
F. M. Larsen	Evart	Great Controversy	111	28		\$ 82.00
Fred Osier	"	" "	153	17		53.35
A. P. Friday	Mt. Pleasant	" "	130	27	\$.30	84.80
L. A. Pettibone	"	" "	132	20	9.80	66.80
E. S. Williams	Reed City	" "	115	7	3.75	27.00
H. K. Nelson	Buckley	" "	191	31		92.25
Jas. Lowry	Clare	" "				11.00
Nina Wallace	Mt. Pleasant	Coming King	97	25	1.75	30.75
Loren Shepard	Mesick	" "	144	52		56.50
E. A. Piper	Ironwood	" "	65	24	.52	33.02
R. W. Coon	"	" "	30	17	.50	21.40
Anna Bjork	Fainesdale & Houghton	" "	42	31	2.25	37.28
Mayme Hogan	Hancock	" "	38	31	.10	35.10
Grace Crouch	Petoskey	Home & Health	100½	11		36.00
M. Armilda Bogar	Ludington	" "	100	14	3.40	45.40
Lilah Prentice	"	" "	87	11	3.60	38.60
Clara Stephens	Cheboygan	" "	86½	5	1.50	16.50
Irene Dingman	"	" "	85	5	1.50	20.50
K. V. Bjork	Hancock	Finnish Banks	148	36	14.30	105.30
Rudolph Immonen	Calumet	" "	135	64	20.35	166.35
E. C. Collard	Iron Mt. & Quinnesec	C. O. Lessons	52		24.75	39.75
C. E. Matteson	Laurium	" "	99	55	20.50	89.25
Totals 22 Agents			2155	511	\$108.87	\$1198.90

GIANTS or GRAPES ? WHICH ?

As the children of Israel neared the promised land, twelve men were chosen to go and spy out the land and bring back some of its fruit. After forty days thus spent the spies returned bringing a huge cluster of grapes, requiring two men to carry it, also other fruit and all agreed in saying that it was a goodly land. But as would be expected in a land producing such fruit, there were giants there and, sad to relate, ten of these spies could see nothing but the giants and difficulties, until, in their eyes, the men grew so large and they shrank to that extent that they felt like grasshoppers in comparison. They permitted the giants to prevent them from eating the delicious grapes.

The other two, while seeing the giants, believed the promise that the Lord would go with them and give them the land and felt well able to go up and take possession of it.

What a good comparison this experience is to the canvassing work. As we see what our literature has done to bring this truth to the knowledge of the people, all agree that canvassing is a grand work, but as truly as there were giants in the land of Canaan, so there are difficulties in this work and because of this many choose to remain in the wilderness or return to Egypt, rather than go out and see how the Lord can enable them to triumph over the giant.

As we look at the above report we can thank God that there are some, like Caleb and Joshua, that believe they are able to do something, with the Lord's help. I

wish that all might read the letters, ringing with courage, that come from these faithful workers at the front, that you might better understand that God's spirit is at work upon the hearts of the people as the canvasser explains the book. I will take the liberty to quote a few statements from letters just received.

"I am of good courage and the Lord is blessing me greatly but I feel the need of the prayers of God's people. My face is like flint, there is no turn back while the Lord is with me." L. A. Pettibone.

"We have gone forth in the strength of our Saviour and He has blessed us with success." R. W. Coon and E. A. Piper.

Brother Immonen has just visited some Finnish Sabbath keepers and found that one of these families came into the truth by reading Great Controversy. GOOD. Space prevents my giving more of these good letters, but all are having rich experiences and many of these workers will soon be in the schools to receive a better preparation for the work. We are glad for this and wish our schools might be filled with young people who had earned their scholarships in this way, but is to become of the work when these are gone? Will it be left to flatten out or will others press into the ranks and keep the battle raging through the winter months until these, who are now in the work, return?

Many of these canvassers plan to be at the camp-meeting and if the readers of the NEWS SHEET want to hear something that will make you feel that the message is a real thing, just come to the camp-meeting and hear them tell their experiences.

We plan to have a meeting each day in the interests of this branch of the work and my prayer is that God will impress some strong men and women to come prepared to have a part in this finishing work.

H. W. Johnson.

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WHAT IS THE MEANING ?

That the guiding hand of God is manifest in the distribution of our literature is very marked when we compare the circulation of our books with worldly publications. In the April number of Munsey's Magazine is an article entitled, "What has happened to the American book publisher?" From this article I quote the following:

"From 1895 to 1900, the American publisher reaped a golden harvest. Before that time a book was considered highly successful if 25,000 copies were sold. A sale of 50,000 was astonishing; while only at rare intervals did a book of any sort sell to the extent of 1000,000 copies. But after 1895 there was a great expansion in book sales. David Huxum represents the high water mark. It had a circulation of 6000,000 copies. How stands the case today? These hopes have not been realized. On the contrary there has not been merely a decline in the business but an actual slump. Very few books today attain a circulation of 50,000 copies. The enormous figures of ten years ago seem like a strange dream to the publishers - unreal, or at the most, only a fascinating and tantalizing reminiscence; and of the books that sell it is only the novels and romances that are conspicuous."

While the worldly publishers have witnessed a great decline in their book business the past few years we have had a wonderful increase in the circulation of books containing the third angel's message. The following figures show the enormous circulation of some of our large books. Bible Readings, 2,030,000; Great Controversy, 515,000; Daniel and Revelation, 220,000; Patriarchs and Prophets, 100,000; Coming King, 175,000; Marvel of Nations, 90,000; Herald of the Morning, 325,000; Prophecies of Isaiah, 50,000; Desire of Ages, 25,000; Health Books, 140,000. This is the result of this mighty work! There can be but one meaning. A message is due to the world and converted men and women are giving it. Only a cause that is divine could be so marvelously blessed.

— Jas. Cochran.

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The ALASKA-YUKON-PACIFIC Exposition Number of the SIGNS for August is now ready. Order early.

N O T I C E.

The Seventh Annual Session of the North Michigan Conference will be held on the camp ground at Petoskey, Mich., Aug. 26-Sept 5. The first meeting will be held at 9 A. M. Friday August 27, 1909. All delegates are requested to be present at the first meeting.

J. J. Irwin, President.

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The Seventh Annual Session of the North Michigan Conference of Seventh Day Adventists will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at Petoskey, Mich., Aug. 26-Sept 5, 1909. The first meeting is called at 10 A. M. Friday, August 27, 1909. This session of the Association is for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such business as may legally come before it.

J. J. Irwin, President.

E. A. Bristol, Secretary.

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ATTENTION.

I hope that all who intend to come to the camp-meeting will order their supplies at once. Tents 12 X 16 will rent for \$2.50; stoves for \$1.00; bed springs for 50¢; lumber 50¢ per hundred; tables for 25¢ and chairs for 10¢ each. Early orders will help us very much in getting the camp arranged quickly. Send in your order at once to the North Michigan Tract Society.

We will have a dining tent as usual and meals will be served on the European plan. The tent will be floored and netting will be used around the tent to exclude flies. Every effort will be made to have the camp sanitary. It is becoming recognized by all physicians that flies are responsible for a large amount of sickness and if those who do their own cooking will take the trouble to screen their tents, there will be little trouble on this score. It is a very small matter and costs but little to place screens at each door. No frames are needed at all, as the netting can be sewed to the tent.

J. J. Irwin.

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OBITUARY.

Remington, - On my return from the Gladstone camp-meeting, I was called to attend the funeral of Ray L. Remington, who died from the effects of a kick from a horse, June 29, 1909, aged fifteen years, six months and twenty days. His home, with his parents, was near Meauwataka.

He was an obedient boy and had a kind and loving disposition. After words of comfort from the Book of Books, we laid him away to await the return of the Life-giver.

M. C. Guild.

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"The Arabs have a saying that all sunshine makes the desert. Men often sigh for entire exemption from care and sorrow. If this prayer were answered, they would not be the men they are. In silent, dark hours, character of a certain sweet type is matured. God sends all kind of weather to the soul which he would develop in His likeness."

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"A person is worth in this world the effects he can produce--no more, no less."

THE NEW FOOD FACTORY.

The hearty welcome given this Factory is indicated in the fact that already orders have been received from twenty-five states and two foreign countries and it is gratifying to say that our foods are giving almost universal satisfaction. We are making a full line of foods of a very high quality and at prices that are surprisingly low. The Lord is wonderfully blessing in our efforts to do the work allotted to us-- that of supplying health foods at a nominal cost. The factory which is owned by the denomination is not run for profit and if we meet all expenses we shall be satisfied. If you have not already sent in your order you should do so at once and encourage others to do the same, don't wait. We need your orders now and you need the foods.

Special Offer Good Until Aug. 1st.

Let us ship you a sample lot as follows:

1 pkg. Plain Graham Crackers	10¢	2 pkg. Sweet Graham Crackers	20¢
2 " Plain White Crackers	20¢	2 " Sweet Oatmeal Wafers	20¢
1 " plain Oatmeal Wafers	10¢	2 " Whole Wheat Wafers	20¢
1 " Hand-made Whole Wheat Sticks	12¢	1 " Hand-made Graham Sticks	12¢
2 " Fruit Crackers	30¢	6 " Ruskola	42¢
6 " Malted Fruit Nuts	48¢	2 " 20% Gluten Meal	24¢
2 " Dixie Kernel	30¢	2 " Cereal Coffee	20¢
12 one-pound cans Nutfoda or		4 (1 lb.) cans Nut cysa	60¢
1 7 (2½ lb.) cans or 18 (1½ lb.)	11.65		
1 (2½ lb.) can Nut Butter	.33	Total	\$5.76

We want you to have a general assortment of our foods and will make you this special introductory shipment for \$5.00 or will double it for \$10.00. The freight will be no more on a \$10.00 shipment than on a \$5.00 lot. Write for full price list.

NASHVILLE SANITARIUM FOOD FACTORY,
519 Cedar St., Nashville, Tenn.

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We would like to call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Nashville Sabitarium Food Factory. We have received some samples of Nutfoda and Malted Fruit Nuts and pronounce them exceptionally fine. We will use some of these foods in the dining tent at our camp-meeting.

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TIME RECEIPTS FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 1909-

Alpena-----	\$ 32.10	Gaylord-----	\$ 36.36	Omer-----	1.82
Baldwin-----	7.00	Hancock-----	38.31	Potoskey-----	77.48
Chase-----	9.33	Iron River-----	123.00	Rose City-----	4.54
Cadillac-----	4.85	Lectsville-----	4.38	Riverside-----	18.20
Clarence-----	33.33	Menominee-----	12.00	Scottville-----	4.74
Clare-----	4.00	Mesick-----	66.82	Traverse City-----	68.20
Ensign-----	.49	Manistee-----	54.72	Wildwood-----	5.00
Eastport-----	4.90	Miscellaneous-----	9.68		
Frankfort-----	20.94	Onaway-----	38.12	TOTAL-----	\$669.29

CLERKS ! ATTENTION !

Credential blanks to be filled with the names of delegates chosen for the North Michigan Conference of 1909 were sent to the clerks last week. Kindly notify me if any fail to receive these blanks and others will be sent.

Edith McClellan.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

Eldor J. J. Irwin expects to meet with the Leetsville church next Sabbath.

Brother E. A. Bristol visited Cadillac and Moorestown this week.

FOUND,- A pocketbook and umbrella at the Gladstone camp-meeting. Anyone losing the same, inquire of the North Michigan Tract Society, Petoskey, Mich.

Brethren J. J. Irwin and H. W. Johnson have been repairing the tents, and getting them ready for the Petoskey camp-meeting.

Sister Isabella Campbell who is taking a much needed rest in the west, writes that she is enjoying her vacation greatly.

Brethren R. W. Coon and E. A. Piper, while canvassing at Ironwood, were happily surprised in finding some Sabbath-keepers at that place and last Sabbath a Sabbath-school of nine members was held.

Elder Bellows and Brethren Peterson and Fenner are conducting tent meetings in the English language at Ishpeming and Brother Karl Stenberg has a tent in which meetings are conducted in Swedish. In a card from Brother Bellows, we learn that the attendance at the English tent is good and that the people attend the meetings in spite of rain and other difficulties. We also learn that the Swedish tent is crowded with interested listeners. We trust that our people throughout the conference will pray for the success of these companies.

ATTENTION SABBATH SCHOOL SECRETARIES.

Not more than one-half of the secretaries have sent in their reports. Please send reports to me at once.

J. J. Irwin.

"When a man has an immovable faith in God, he will be ever on the move for me."

Renew your subscription to the NEWS SHEET.

The North Michigan Tract Society has on hand a few copies of "Great Controversy", old edition in the gilt morocco binding, which they will furnish to our people while they last at greatly reduced rates. This book is just the same as the new edition with the exception of the illustrations and scriptural index. You will do well to avail yourself of the opportunity of securing one of the best books published.

While you are planning on coming to camp-meeting, do not forget to bring along with you cans to take home a supply of cooking oil and those ripe olives which are so delicious.