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Messengers of God

By J. J. STRAHLE

A STUDY of the prophecies pertaining to the closing work of the Gospel in the world convinces us that a greater work should be done in proclaiming the truth for this time. We are told through the Lord's servant that "the world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand." About one hundred and seventy million people in the Northern European Division are to be shown through our publications that the end of all things is at hand. This is our task, isn't it? Our present staff of leaders, whose pictures appear in this issue, could supervise double the number of workers they are now supervising. Our territory is sufficiently large to afford room for three workers where we now have only one. When we consider the work the Lord has given us to do, is it not high time for men and women to volunteer in order to show that the end of all things is at hand by circulating our books and magazines? Let us pray that God will send forth many labourers into His harvest field for the finishing of His work in our Division field.

170,000,000 People
Calling

The Remedy for Hard Times

BY L. H. CHRISTIAN

THAT times are bad to-day is felt by all. There is scarcely a firm or a person that is not affected. People complain because they are in trouble. Often they are discouraged. The feeling of pessimism produced by the present conditions is really worse than the conditions themselves. Some hope for better days by changing laws or governments. That may help, yet their plans are almost sure to fail. The only change which will help must begin in ourselves. The devil would use these hard times to hinder the colporteur work. People have money for the cinema, for dancing, for drink and tobacco, and for

many other things they don't need. Why should they not have money for good books?

God has a purpose in permitting these trying times. He wants to prepare mankind to receive the Advent message. He wants to give us, as His children, a brighter experience. He never intended that the hard times should stop or even delay His work. On the contrary God wishes these conditions to become stepping-stones to larger things. There is never a disease for which God doesn't have a cure. He has an unfailing remedy, too, for bad times. This divine cure is: strong

men, hard work, and much prayer.

The colporteur work to-day is in difficulty. We see it in several lands. Yet in some countries where conditions are the very worst, the colporteur work prospers better this year than ever before. There is a reason for this. The colporteurs there follow the remedy God has given. No colporteur ever yet failed who took God's prescription against hard times. Some colporteurs neglect prayer and are weak in spiritual power. Others fail in doing diligent, persevering work. We must ask the Lord for courage, stout hearts, and greater faith.



B. Belton.

THREE and a half years, as a comparatively new Sabbath-keeper, enduring the hardships imposed by a terrible war! Living with men through scenes which emphasized the world's great need of the Gospel! This personal experience, during which the promises of God were fulfilled to me in a remarkable way, forms the background of my consecration to the colporteur work.

With the passing of time since the war, witnessing "great

changes" taking place everywhere in human affairs, the conviction has steadily strengthened that colportage is my life-work. After demobilization I was sent by the local field missionary secretary to a border town in the north. *Daniel and the Revelation* was the book chosen for me. I had never sold a large book before.

There were no other Adventists and until I had "tried the ground" my wife could not join me in my new venture. I recall it all so well. The owner of a toy shop was my first "prospect." But he did not buy. He seemed interested though, so I was encouraged. Some more refusals and then—the first order. He was a kindly middle-aged man (I remember his name to this day), a Wesleyan local preacher. He took a copy of the cheap binding at fifteen shillings. He didn't know how much he inspired me. It gave me a great thrill at the time. I secured four more orders that week. Then things began to go hard. Only one order all the second week. And I worked thirty-six hours.

I sent for my wife. Her faith

and encouragement saved the situation. We have never looked back since then, although there have been big trials. That memorable introduction to the colporteur work was early in 1920. Five years of steady success selling *Daniel and the Revelation*, *Our Paradise Home*, and *Our Day* from different centres in North England, resulted in an appointment to lead the colporteur work for the South England Conference. The task looked formidable at the time, but God has granted success to the courageous men and women constituting the colporteur force in that field during the eventful years that have followed.

But that "next war" is coming. Subconsciously men have the feeling that it is inevitable. And then what? What after that? No one seems to know—nor care very much. Yet we understand. These days of puzzling changes are the winding up of history. It looks certain that Armageddon is now nearly here. And we have light for the world's darkness.

In the midst of this great perplexity many are sensing their

A Personal Testimony

BY B. BELTON

(Field Missionary Secretary, British Union)

need. Our colporteurs frequently make contact with these souls. "Don't we feel the need of something to hold on to in these days!" was the response of a young mother, living in comfortable circumstances, as we canvassed her not long ago. Some anchorage. A place of refuge from life's storms and sorrows. That is what human hearts are wanting. And so these

pulsating days beckon us to greater endeavours with our soul-satisfying literature.

We are thankful that the "winds of strife" are still being held back. The day of salvation is still here. God's grace still flows without obstruction to meet the needs of this fallen world. It is now, in this little season of peace, that we must build up our colporteur ranks.

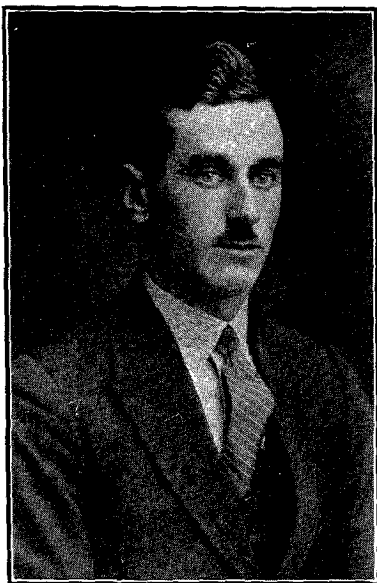
The present need is for many more workers to engage in the book ministry as a life-calling.

"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."—*"The Colporteur Evangelist,"* page 5.

Many Members—One Body

BY C. L. KELLY

(Field Missionary Secretary, South England Conference)



C. L. Kelly.

"THE canvassing work should no longer be neglected. Many times I have been shown that there should be a more general interest in our canvassing work."—*"The Colporteur Evangelist,"* page 30.

This statement from the spirit of prophecy is one that should be implanted in the mind of every worker connected with the Advent movement, for as the apostle Paul says, "But now are they many members, yet but one body" (1 Cor. 12:20), and that is the principle that will keep us as a people united, though labouring in various departments.

These are difficult times. Never before has this country faced conditions that have directly affected every member of the community, and it is under such conditions that our colporteur-evangelists labour. "From family to family they carry the message of truth."—*"The Colporteur Evangelist,"* page 31.

After several years' experience

in the colporteur work, and more recently in the capacity of field missionary secretary, it has been my privilege to visit most of the large towns in the industrial sections of England, where one is impressed with the need of a stimulated interest in our canvassing work.

We have at the present time in Great Britain about eighty full and part-time colporteurs who, in various towns and districts, are the sole representatives of this great world-wide movement. They are rendering faithful service, a tested and tried army that must be increased, to warn the country of a soon-coming Saviour by means of the printed page.

How can we, as workers, build up the ranks? Is it a matter only for the field missionary secretaries and the publishing houses? No, indeed, if my interpretation of 1 Cor. 12 is correct. Here, truly, is the principle of unity emphasized, and, brethren, I believe that much can be done to build up the colporteur work if every minister, departmental worker, church elder, and all in any position of authority, use all the influence in their power to bring before the lay-members in a very definite and emphatic way the importance of the colporteur work.

These few quotations from *The Colporteur Evangelist* are surely sufficient to justify our plea, and show us very plainly God's will regarding the book work:

"The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order. . . . We cannot

too highly estimate this work."—Page 5.

"I know that where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred."—Page 7.

"We need to realize the importance of the canvassing work."—Page 19.

"There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing. . . . The Word of the Lord to His people is that we lift the standard higher and still higher."—Page 25.

And there are many more such inspiring statements that leave no room for doubt concerning the importance of stimulating and building up the publishing work.

Let us, therefore, as "co-labourers together with God," give diligent thought and study that we may each in our respective spheres of labour do our part in establishing and prospering this God-given agency of taking the Gospel of the kingdom to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.

The Newbold Army

BY W. J. NEWMAN
(Student-Leader)

THIS year we are planning to sell £1,000 worth of literature around our college. This will necessitate forty to fifty students going out with our periodicals and shilling books, and some with our bound books.

We believe in the books we are selling, in the God we are working for, and in His ability to get results.

We ask an interest in your prayers that we may succeed in the preparation for God's work.

A Victorious Confidence

BY D. DAVIES

(Field Missionary Secretary, North England Conference)

THOSE who would enter the colporteur work with any expectation of success must first realize that they are called of God. This is just as essential in evangelistic canvassing as it is in the ministry.

I can well recall the strong convictions of the call of God which I received twelve years ago to enter the work as a full-time colporteur, and I am thankful to-day that I gave heed to the call of God.

I enjoy the colporteur work. I have learned to like it by keeping at it, until now there is nothing I like to do so well. My experience has led me to believe that the colporteur work is the greatest work in all the world to-day. Why is it so extremely interesting? The colporteur's life is one of courage, perseverance, and faith. There are romance, adventure, and thrills for all who are looking for them. Something new happens every day, and one need not worry about not having enough to do. Timidity is soon forgotten. A young person has a better Christian experience after being a colporteur, for he has learned how to walk and talk with God. The many answered prayers teach him that he can trust God Who never fails to fulfil His promises.

With reference to the importance of this phase of our work in its relation to other parts of the message, I might quote the words of George H. Knox who has acquired fame as a salesman. Mr. Knox writes thus of the book-sellers:

"They carry to the doors of the people the best books containing the best thoughts and experience of our great men, until every fire-side becomes a preparatory school. Civilization could no more get along without them than it could without railways. In no other walk of life are to be found men who are more vigorous, more courageous, more generous, more dauntless, or more tireless workers. The world owes them much. The house-to-house canvasser is a radiator of hope and good cheer. He talks the

bright side and leaves a burst of sunshine that lasts all day."

If men of the world recognize the art of salemanship as no inferior profession, but rather as a great benefactor of mankind, I marvel that so many of our good people are so loath to engage in evangelistic canvassing when the plan has been so highly endorsed by heaven.

"The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth as attends the work of the minister."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, page 316.*

"As God blesses the minister and the evangelist in their earnest efforts to place the truth before the people, so He will bless the faithful canvasser."—*Id., Vol. 6, page 340.*

Searching with Prayer and Tears

I SAW them holding papers and tracts in one hand, and the Bible in the other, while their cheeks were wet with tears; and bowing before God in earnest, humble prayer, to be guided into all truth—the very thing He was doing for them before they called upon Him. And when the truth was received in their hearts, and they saw the harmonious chain of truth, the Bible was to them a new book; they hugged it to their hearts with grateful joy, while their countenances were all aglow with happiness and holy joy.—*"Colporteur Evangelist," pages 28, 29.*

"The humble, efficient worker who obediently responds to the call of God, may be sure of receiving divine assistance. To feel so great and holy a responsibility is of itself elevating to the character. It calls into action the highest mental qualities, and their continued exercise strengthens and purifies mind and heart."—*Id., Vol. 6, page 340.*

The Lord is wonderfully good. But the work is the Lord's, not mine. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." Hard times cannot stop the Lord. His work must be finished. "All things are possible to him that believeth." The future is as bright as the promises of God.



D. Davies.

"The acquiring of knowledge is not in itself an education. To get ideas is not enough, we must tell the story, we must deliver the message; we live by radiation, not by absorption."

A means is furnished for carrying the Gospel and messages of comfort into thousands of homes where pastors or Christian workers cannot, or perhaps seldom, if ever, visit.

Opportunities of doing personal work, enlisting men's lives and sympathies in the cause of Christ, are ever open to the colporteur.

It affords "opportunities for doing personal work," just as Jesus did by going from home to home, working in the cities and country for the honest in heart.

By constantly encountering difficulties and overcoming them through Christ's help, the colporteur learns to be courageous. He smiles in face of hard times, until he finally succeeds. His past mistakes become stepping-stones to success—success in taking more orders and success in winning more souls. By becoming acquainted with Jesus Christ, his Employer, and yielding himself wholly to Him, he falls in love with his work. Then he likes to sell books because of the people to whom he is bringing the truth.

My experience in the field has given me a vision of the world's great need of Christ, the need of workers, and my own need of a preparation and consecration in order to tell the story of Jesus to lost men.

Why I Became a Colporteur-Evangelist

BY E. HALSTEAD

(Manchester, North England Conference)

"THERE is a destiny that shapes our ends, rough-hew them how we will," is a quotation from one of the poets, and seems to fit in with my personal experience.

From childhood I have been passionately fond of music and up to the beginning of the great European war, I devoted the whole of my time to the musical profession. Had any one prophesied that there would come a time when music would hold a secondary place in my life's work I should have considered him to be a "false prophet."

I was convinced in 1916 that it was contrary to the teachings of Christ to take human life, so I appealed to the military tribunal, and was granted a "non-combatant certificate." I was sent to Richmond in Yorkshire to train for service in France. Soon after my arrival, a draft of men (who had already been trained) were ordered to France, and I learned that one man had disobeyed the officer's orders to prepare his "kit" in readiness for departure, and had therefore been put in prison. I learnt that this man refused to work on Saturday (the day the order was given) because he observed that day as the Sabbath. This naturally aroused my curiosity, because hitherto I knew of no people, except the Jews, who were of that persuasion. On making inquiry I found that this disobedient fellow was none other than Brother Bernard Belton, now the field missionary secretary of the British Union.

Whilst in France, during our leisure moments, I had many interesting talks and Bible studies with Brother Belton, and after three years I took my stand (whilst still in France) and commenced observing the seventh-day Sabbath, which stand convinced us both of the intervention of providence in bringing us together by delaying Brother Belton's departure from Richmond.

After demobilization I was so moved with the importance of the "third angel's message" that I decided to do my best to spread the Gospel, and wrote to the Stanborough Press asking permission to

sell their literature. It was a difficult task for me to go and ask people to buy a two-penny paper, *The Present Truth*, but after much prayer I mustered up courage, and eventually secured fifty regular readers. Later I commenced selling our larger publications, the first one being *Daniel and the Revelation*, and from 1919 up to the present time, a period of almost thirteen years, I have been richly blessed in this noble work, and thank God that He has permitted me to be used in circulating hundreds of our large subscription books. The one I am selling now is *The Desire of Ages*.

My experiences have been both interesting and inspiring, for the promise is that "He that watereth shall be watered also himself." Prov. 11:25. I can truthfully say that I still love the work of the colporteur-evangelist, and would recommend all young men and women who wish to enrich their own lives and also the lives of others to take up this work. "There is no higher work than evangelistic can-

vassing." "The publications containing the light of present truth are to go forth to all places, that the world may be enlightened." "Canvasser-evangelists are needed to hunt and fish for souls." "The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls."—*The Colporteur Evangelist*.

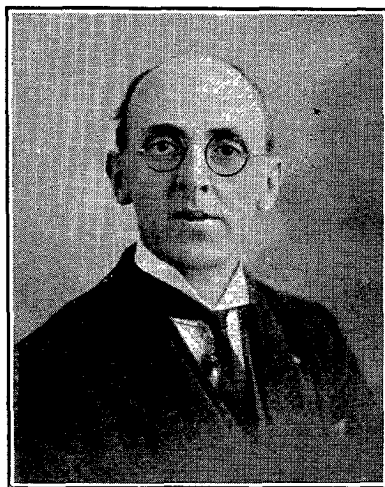
One recent unsolicited testimony from a gentleman to whom I sold a copy of *The Desire of Ages* will confirm the foregoing quotation. He said: "I have been engaged in church work for over forty years, but I have received more enlightenment on the mission of the Lord Jesus Christ to this world since reading *The Desire of Ages* than ever I have had before, and if you have any more books by the same author I should like one."

May I suggest in closing that all those desirous of taking up this God-ordained work should attend the next colporteur institute to study the best methods of approaching the people and be fully equipped and instructed in Gospel salesmanship by our esteemed Brethren Strahle, Belton, Kelly, and Davies, and so share in warning the thousands in this land who are still ignorant of the imminence of the second advent of our Lord.

Join the Lord's Army of Workers

BY W. H. WOODFIELD

(Liverpool, North England Conference)



Colporteur W. H. Woodfield.

"COMFORT ye, comfort ye My people, saith your God." Isa. 40:1. As one looks out on the world to-

day and sees on every hand trouble, perplexity, and fear, the words of the Gospel prophet ring in one's ear. "Comfort ye My people, saith your God." If ever there was a time when the world needed comfort, encouragement, and peace, it is to-day. On every hand, men and women are losing heart. Surely we have reached the time, spoken of by the apostle Paul, when "perilous times" should come. (2 Tim. 3:1.) These are indeed perilous times, and as we meet with the people we see that they are in a very sad condition. What, then, can be done for them? Is there a remedy for these times, and if so, what is it? These are questions asked by the man in the street. Yes, there is a remedy, and only one, and that is our Lord Jesus Christ. He and He

alone is the only hope for this fallen world.

But how can the world know Him and His power to save? The man of to-day does not often, if ever, enter a place of worship, so that he never comes in touch with the ordained minister. How, then, can he be reached with the Gospel message, which is the power of God unto salvation? The words of Jesus come to my mind, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. God has given to us, as a people, this Gospel message, and has ordained the colporteur ministry for the purpose of proclaiming it to this lost world.

Many are the opportunities that come to the colporteur as he wends his way from town to town and city to city. Here is one in deep sorrow, who has lost a loved one, and wonders if ever they will meet again. He can speak of the love of Jesus and His promise to come again to raise His sleeping ones to everlasting life. Then here is another who is discouraged. In his book is a message of hope. He can point to the Word of God. "In all their affliction, He was afflicted, and the angel of His presence saved them; in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bare them, and carried them all the days of old." Isa. 63:9. Surely this is the very work that God would have His people do.

During my ten years' experience in this ministry, I have met with many and varied experiences among all kinds and conditions of men, rich and poor, and by God's grace have left with them our books containing gems of truth. Sometimes one reasons, Shall I ever see the fruit for my labour? We may not here, but in the kingdom of our God there will be many who have been saved through this blessed ministry. One sows, another waters, but God alone gives the increase.

The colporteur often finds himself in unexpected places, and perhaps it will be encouraging to those who read these lines if I pass on this personal experience, which shows how the Lord leads those who trust in Him. Not many weeks ago, as I was working in a northern city of England, I found my-

self outside the gates of a prison, and a deep impression came upon me to enter. As I stood there for a moment, wondering how my objective could be accomplished, the thought of Peter's experience came to my mind. If an angel led Him out of prison an angel could also lead me in. A silent prayer, a rap on the iron doors. Then I hear footsteps, the gates open. "Good morning, officer. Is your chief steward about?" "Mr. — you mean?" "Yes. I am Mr. — and would like to speak with him." "You had better step inside, sir." I pass through the gates and they clang after me. The key is turned and the colporteur is in prison. "What is your business, Mr. —?" "I am a Christian worker and have called to speak with him along those lines." "I will ring him up on the 'phone, sir." In a minute the answer comes that Mr. — will see me. I am taken by the officer into the prison, where a very interesting interview takes place, during which an order for *Bible Readings* is placed in my prospectus.

The Lord works in a wonderful way and rewards the faithful labours of His messengers. To those who desire to see the Lord at

work, I would say, Come and join the colporteurs' army. There is much to be done. Time is short. The signs of our Lord's return are fast fulfilling. Soon it will be too late. Remember Jesus is calling for labourers to enter His vineyard. Souls are ready to perish. Shall we then stand idly by? No, my brother, my sister, come over and help us. Join the Lord's army of workers, and He will bless us together. I read in *The Colporteur Evangelist*:

"Jesus is calling for many missionaries, for men and women who will consecrate themselves to God, willing to spend and be spent in His service. Oh, can we not remember that here is a world to labour for? Shall we not place ourselves on the altar of service? Then the love of Christ will teach and transform us, make us willing for His sake to do and dare."

May I ask those who read these lines to pray that God will bless and guide His workers as they go forward in His name. In conclusion I would like to quote the words of the prophet Daniel: "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Dan. 12:3.

2LO Calling

BY D. C. EMMER

(Student-Colporteur, South England Conference)



Student-Colporteur D. C. Emmer, who earned a scholarship with "The Desire of Ages" in South-west London.

LONDON, grand old London, with all her noise and bustle, is nearly asleep, and within the heart of a student-colporteur rises a note of thankfulness as he sits up in his room to take a retrospect of the past three months spent in the colporteur field.

Out of my three years spent in this way in the field I am certain that the experience of scaling the walls of this great metropolis has been my happiest and most successful, and to pass by without paying a tribute to the training gained from the colporteur work each year would be ungrateful.

The best foundation of all for life's work, wherever and whatever the nature of it might be, certainly does lie in the study of human nature, and there is no better way of pursuing this study than in

the colporteur work. I have often thought to myself if these three years were to be erased from the pages of my experience, it would surely leave me handicapped and crippled. The colporteur work broadens one's outlook on life and supplies those qualities lacking in a young man in quicker time than they could be gained elsewhere. And what a well of refreshment to drink from in the hot days of the journey ahead in life, when you can turn over the leaves in your "Experience Diary" at the back of your report book, and there, as though it had just happened, read of the rich promises you have proved out.

The other day I was seated in the visitors' lounge at the home of Commander Holbrook, R.N., V.C. He was unwell and so not able to see me. A very kind governess took my prospectus upstairs. Meanwhile

I asked God to indicate if I was going to get my scholarship by getting me this almost impossible order, if it was His will. The governess returned after some time and as usual I thought the visit was to be unsuccessful when she starting apologizing for her long stay. When she told me that he had decided to have one also, I walked down the drive amid the scented summer flowers, as happy as anyone could be.

To sell books in London often means to lodge them in the homes of people living in earth's remotest corners. London throws out a challenge to the strong, the brave, and the courageous. To climb her bulwarks, to charge the enemy, and give people what they are longing for, but are being deprived of because of the lack of workers. Who will respond to meet this great need?

London's Lure

BY L. G. WHITE

(Student-Colporteur, South England Conference)



Student-Colporteur L. G. White.

THE joy of the unexpected is the colporteur's all the day long. God has always something good "just round the corner." London is full of this. As I think back on my experiences I am reminded of God's promise to send forth fishers to fish, and hunters to hunt, from every mountain and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. As we visit the people our endeavour is to hunt out those peo-

ple who are seeking the light. We are the advance guard of the army, fighting right on the forefront of the battle line, and this thought thrills our hearts.

For myself, my views of canvassing have entirely changed. Time was once when I actually pitied colporteurs having to go from door to door, persuading the people to buy something they did not want. Theirs seemed a precarious existence; yet in my short experience I have come to wish that everyone could have a real experience of its blessings—for blessings there certainly are.

The dignity of the colporteur work is often forgotten. Many people only need a word spoken to unlock the hardness of their hearts. Why, for instance, should Mrs. — ask me in, relate her strange spiritual experiences to me, and ask me to explain them when she had never even told them to a clergyman before? What a joy it brings, too, when purchasers ask for Bible studies weekly, and come along to Sabbath-school and service. These incidents are like gems in a crown scintillating with the

brilliance of the blessing of the Holy Spirit. As we kneel together in prayer God surely draws near with His holy presence. How proud we should be that God has called us to this work! What a responsibility is ours! London, too, the metropolis of the world!

The call to Dick Whittington rings in our ears: "Turn again, turn again." That call is surely reaching out to many to-day to bring them to London. Who will follow?



The Livonia Conference

BY J. DIMANT

God has always ways and means to carry forward His work. It is up to us to discover the very best methods and put them into practice. The people to-day especially are interested in present-day problems. That is one reason why they are willing to read literature which will explain the things that are transpiring. We have sold much literature by appealing to these desires. We have a number of colporteurs in our conference who are taking subscriptions for the *Signs of the Times* magazine. We appreciate the good work our publishing house is doing in making our magazine interesting and helpful so that we will be able to have good success in securing subscriptions.

At the present time we have eight regulars and also eight part-time colporteurs who are taking subscriptions for the *Signs of the Times*. Just recently others have volunteered to take up the colporteur work. The future of the colporteur work is very bright, and we hope that the year 1932 will show a gain of twenty per cent over the previous year. May the Lord help us to be a real blessing in carrying on the literature ministry.



To be a co-worker with Christ and the heavenly angels in the great plan of salvation! What work can bear comparison with this! From every soul saved, there comes to God a revenue of glory, to be reflected upon the one saved, and also upon the one instrumental in his salvation.—"Testimonies," Vol. 2, page 232.

The Colporteur Work in the Baltic Union.

BY A. JURKEVICS

(Field Missionary Secretary, Baltic Union)



A. Jurkevics.

THE Baltic Union is made up of three countries, namely, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. The three countries have 5,385,000 inhabitants, and five languages are spoken, Lettish, Estonian, Lithuanian, German, and Russian. The colporteur work is carried on in all of these five languages. In Latvia and Estonia the inhabitants, generally speaking, belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Church, whereas in Lithuania they are mostly Roman Catholics. In this very small territory, we have eighty colporteurs at work who are faithfully bringing the Gospel to the people through the printed page.

The work in the Baltic Union is divided between four conferences, namely, Livonia, Estonia, Courland, and Lithuania,

and each field has its field missionary secretary. All are happy in their work and are doing their very best to build up the colporteur work. The field missionary secretary in Estonia, Brother A. Tönnison, writes:

"In our little land of Estonia which has only about one million inhabitants there are twenty-five colporteurs. Ten are taking subscriptions for the *Signs of the Times* and fifteen are taking orders for books. Those working with the books are six months ahead of those taking the subscriptions for the magazine. Only in this way is it possible to have all these colporteurs at work. In spite of the very difficult times in which we are living we have been greatly blessed by the Lord. The colporteurs are putting forth a real effort working 151 hours each per month. A large number of students also took part in the work here last year, and many of them earned scholarships enabling them to pay their way through school. We also have made a good record in winning souls through the literature ministry. There are groups and whole

companies who have been brought into the truth and also quite a number of isolated believers here and there through the work of the colporteurs."

Brother J. Tscholder, field missionary secretary of the Courland Conference, writes to us as follows:

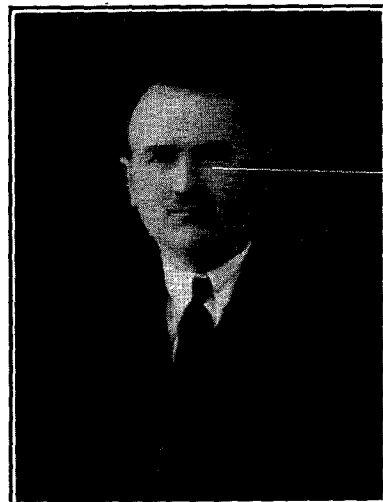
"Our conference has been worked many, many times with books and magazines, yet we have twenty faithful colporteurs still at work. Some of these workers are only sixteen years of age, while others are seventy years old. They are working very faithfully in this time of crisis and have faith that the Lord will bless them in these trying times to do a good work for Him. They have consecrated themselves to the work of the Lord and are doing well in selling our truth-filled literature. We pray that the Lord may give us more colporteurs in order quickly to finish His work in our field."

To the east of Latvia we have the Livonian Conference. In this field there are twenty colporteurs at work. In the whole of Latvia there are forty colporteurs who are distributing a very large quantity of literature and will continue to do so. It is really a wonder of God that the people of this land who have already purchased so many books from us still have a desire to purchase more.

We are glad that in one of our most difficult fields, Catholic Lithuania, we have been able to place



A. Tönnison, Field Missionary Secretary, Estonian Conference.



M. Morenings, Field Missionary Secretary, Lithuanian Conference.



J. Dimant, Field Missionary Secretary, Livonian Conference.

some colporteurs. Many of the people in this land are not able to read or write and we do not have so many believers there as in Latvia and Estonia. One colporteur sister who has been working in Catholic Lithuania has not been able to see any of our believers for more than six months. Sometimes the police are persuaded by the priests to arrest our colporteurs, but we thank God that the government thus far has maintained the principle of religious liberty, and if any of our colporteurs are arrested they are soon released. In spite of the difficulties in this land, we were able just recently to recruit eight new colporteurs. We thank God that His Spirit has been working on the youth of our people in Lithuania who are willing to sacrifice and face many difficulties in order to bring the Gospel through the printed page to their own people.

At our Union conference session this year when we gave a report of the colporteur work we were able to state that twenty-three souls had been won through this department of the work. It gives us great joy to meet these people, many of whom would perhaps never have been seen by the preacher. They would not have been in the truth to-day had it not been for the work of the colporteur-evangelists. Such experiences give us great joy and strengthen our faith to go forward with even greater energy to carry the work to a finish.

With the Colporteurs in Poland

BY K. SAKNIT

(Field Missionary Secretary, Polish Union)

POLAND is a very large and interesting land with thirty-two million inhabitants. Each year we see many people brought into the truth. The present membership is 3,300. Of course in proportion to the number of inhabitants this is very small, yet if we are all faithful we shall yet be able to win many of these millions to the Lord. We have rather more than one hundred workers in this land, and of these about fifty are in the colporteur work.

As many of you know Poland is a Catholic country, and no doubt the Roman Catholic Church is very proud of having such control over this country. There are quite a number of different religious societies in Poland, but the Catholic church feels that the Seventh-Day Adventists are causing her the most trouble, and therefore has a great hatred for our colporteur-evangelists. However, they continue to go forward despite the great difficulties with which they are confronted. Our literature sales continue to increase every year and last year was the best we have ever had in this phase of our work. The sales amounted to \$12,000.00 or ten per cent more than we sold during the year 1930. The



K. Saknit.

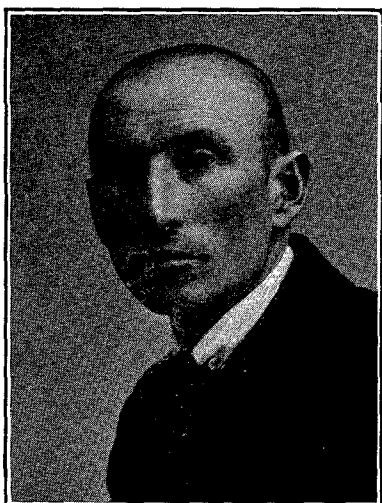
standard of our money is not high compared with the dollar or the pound, but in order to comprehend what has really been accomplished by our colporteurs it will be well for me to tell you the amount of literature they distributed. Last year our colporteurs sold 11,000 books and 105,000 magazines. The Lord says that His work shall not return unto Him void. (Isa. 55:11.)

We believe this wonderful promise, for it is truly being fulfilled in our land.

In our work there are different departments or branches, and the purpose of each is to win souls to Christ. The spirit of prophecy emphasizes that the colporteur work is one of the most important and it certainly is proving one of the most effective means of bringing a knowledge of the truth to souls in darkness. I recently received



Field Missionary Secretary, Conference.



J. Tscholder, Field Missionary Secretary, Courland Conference.



K. Schäfer, Field Missionary Secretary, South Polish Conference.



*K. Fiatek, Field Missionary Secretary,
East Polish Conference.*



*Colporteur A. Stuhl, East Polish
Conference, who has thus far
won fifty-five souls to the truth.*



*Colporteur A. Junak, East Polish
Conference, who has had extra-
ordinary experiences in winning
souls to Christ.*

a letter from a colporteur in East Poland. His name is Brother A. Stuhl, and he writes as follows:

"In my locality I have sold a few dozen copies of *Great Controversy* in the Russian language, a few hundred other books, and a large number of magazines in the Polish, Russian, German, Ukrainian, and Czechoslovakian languages. Now this literature is doing its work. With joy I am going around in the villages, and as I stay overnight with the people, I hold Bible studies. I believe that through the work of the Holy Spirit we shall see in the near future companies and groups of people keeping the commandments

of God. But it is also very important that we be willing to sacrifice for the Lord's work in order to win souls to Him. I am so thankful to God that He has given me the privilege of offering my strength and all there is of me to His work in order to win souls for His kingdom. Now I would like you to know the number of people who are to-day happy in the truth through the reading of our literature. In K— there are twelve believers; in S— twenty-five; in St— ten; in Sw—six; in I— two. In all there are at least fifty-five souls whom I have met who are to-day keeping God's commandments through the reading of literature which I sold to them. All praise and thanks to the Lord."

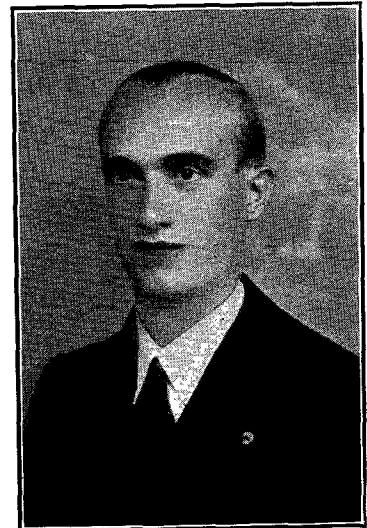
Brother Stuhl is putting forth real effort and is sacrificing in order to win these people to Christ. He told me that he had visited the people in K— thirty times. Another place he had visited a group twenty times. He did it in the evening after his day's work. Sometimes he had to walk thirty kilometres in going to these places and back to the place where he was lodging. Sometimes he walked as far as forty kilometres in order to follow up the interest. Brother Stuhl thanks God that he has a great love for mankind, and I believe that this love is the secret of his success.

While the colporteurs here in Poland have hearts burning with love for mankind, they are threatened with many dangers, such as being arrested, and thrown in prison. We have a number of such colporteurs who have been arrested

and imprisoned. When they are thrown in prison, often their literature is confiscated and they are fined. In this special number of the ADVENT SURVEY you will find pictures of some of these colporteurs. They are happy in serving the Lord even though they have been cast into prison many times. Once one of our colporteurs was given the option of paying a fine or being put in prison. He was short of money and decided to go to prison. The officer in charge was not very anxious to keep our brother in prison for he noticed that our brother was doing missionary work there. After a short time he was again given the opportunity to pay



*St. Kwiecinski, Field Missionary Secretary,
West Polish Conference.*



*Colporteur M. Kott, South Polish Con-
ference, one of our happiest colporteurs,
though he has been imprisoned twelve
times.*



Colporteur Lydia Turunen (Finland) ready to start on her skis to her field. She started colporteur work in 1916.

his fine, but again he decided to remain in prison to carry on his missionary work. Finally the head of the prison told him that he was to be released. "We don't want you in the prison any longer," he said, "for you will be making too many converts."

The experience of Brother Junak also shows the wonderful work that is being done by our colporteurs. About fifteen kilometres from the village where he was staying Brother Junak had interested some people by selling them literature. After the day's work he spent some time visiting these people throughout the winter. With a real longing in his heart and with most earnest prayer Brother Junak made these evening

journeys. As he held Bible studies with them, it was often late when he returned home. On returning from one of these trips he discovered that his toes were frozen. But even though he suffered much pain and lost his toes, he forgot all of this because he was able to see these people accepting Christ and this wonderful truth. The next summer he visited the newly-baptized members and stayed overnight with them. The next morning the people saw him pulling on his boots very carefully, for his feet still pained him very much, and asked, "Why do you have so many wrappings about your feet?" The colporteur did not want to answer but as they kept on asking he finally replied, "For your sake I have done this." Then he told of the evening when he discovered that his toes were frozen. The whole family began to weep but they were joy tears. Finally the father of the family said to the colporteur, "I'm very happy that you visited us during the winter for we know not where we should have been to-day if you had not come and brought us this truth."

Shall we not think of the colporteur and the work he is doing? Let us pray for him and do all we can to enlist many more of our brethren and sisters in this heavenly work!



Work in the East Nordic Union

BY K. R. SANDSTRÖM

THE colporteur work is the only means by which we can reach the people with this Advent message in the small villages here in North



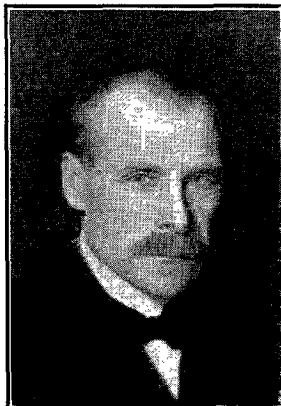
Colporteur Signe Backlund, one of the most successful colporteurs in Sweden.

Sweden as well as in North Finland. In truth we can say that every home in our union has been visited by our colporteurs. We have also distributed literature among the Laplanders, the Swedish, and the Finnish. We pray that the Lord will water the good seed which has been sown, so that many souls may be won for the kingdom of God.

What we now most of all need are more God-fearing men and women, who are willing to give all their time to the colporteur work. We ask that the Lord of the harvest may give us many such workers for His work in the East Nordic Union.



O. Johansson, Field Missionary Secretary, North and South Swedish Conferences.



O. Hönlund, Field Missionary Secretary, Finland.



K. R. Sandström, Field Missionary Secretary, East Nordic Union.

Literature Work in the West Nordic Union

BY E. BJAANØES

(Field Missionary Secretary, West Nordic Union)



P. Olsen, Field Missionary Secretary, North and South Norwegian Conferences.

THIS is the eighteenth summer that I have been in charge of the literature work in this field. During these years we have had many interesting experiences, but this summer has been the most interesting of them all.

We started out in the new year after our regular institutes with the motto, "Forward at full speed," but when we had "let loose" the young people from our schools, our colporteur engine really was on "high pressure." I have never seen a more courageous, firm, and enthusiastic army than the one which during the latter part of May went out all over the country to fight under the banner of King Immanuel.

Our older workers and veterans have worked hard and our younger and newer workers have also been fighting well. Nearly every one has done his best week by week, and are now ready to go to our schools with either full or half scholarships.

Everywhere the people talk about the hard times and the many crises, but we know by faith and experience that there is no crisis for those who trust in the Lord. We

are of good courage for the future and thank the Lord for His help and mighty power.

I met a colporteur the other day who told me that a few weeks ago he worked for three days without any result. He was canvassing one of our large books. He then wrote to our field missionary secretary asking to get a smaller and easier book to work with. When he had finished the letter he knelt in prayer to God. As he prayed he was impressed that he ought to continue work with the large book, so he tore the letter in pieces. He went forward in the work again, and from that time he has had good success. This same colporteur called upon a minister in one place. The minister's wife asked what he wanted, and suggested that she should talk with the minister for him as his hearing was very bad. Before she went in to see her husband she asked what denomination had published the book. Our brother answered that he represented the Adventist denomination. The wife then answered immediately without asking her husband: "We want the book, because we have no better friends outside our



O. S. Sørensen, Field Missionary Secretary, East and West Danish Conferences.



E. Bjaanæs.

church than the Adventists. You ought to be glad that you are an Adventist; they are a good people."

Yes, we certainly ought to be thankful that we belong to this people and have a part in this glorious work.



Churchmembers Can Succeed in the Lord's Work

BY O. S. SORENSEN

I WAS made very happy during the latter part of February when I received a letter from a brother in the southern part of Jutland telling me that he offered his service to the Lord's work. He sold his shop, in which he had had good success for several years. When I met our brother in his home on March 6th he was ready to begin work as soon as I had given him some instructions. He believed that the Lord would bless him, so that he would be able to care for himself and his family.

This dear brother has now been working for nineteen weeks. In this time he has worked 976 hours and taken orders for a large book to the amount of Kr. 2,881.57. And this in one of the districts where it is very hard to sell.

Through the experience of this brother I again notice that the one who gives himself to the Lord's service will be richly blessed. May many of our dear people offer themselves for the Lord's work!

In Mission Lands

A New Day is Dawning in West Africa

BY A. W. COOK

(Field Missionary Secretary for West Africa)

THERE are many large towns in West Africa. Several of these are to be found in Nigeria, such as Ibadan, Lagos, Abeokuta, etc., but Ibadan is known as the largest native town in the whole of Africa, with the exception of Cairo. There are a few Europeans supervising in the large stores and engineering works, but the public administration and commerce is carried on entirely by the natives. The population of Ibadan is estimated at 275,000. Ibadan could be compared with Leicester for its area and population, yet differing completely in its make-up. Erected on a hill, practically in the centre of the town, there stands out an imposing structure, which can be seen for miles around. This is the Council Hall of Ibadan. Visitors are allowed to walk around on its vast roof, from which one has a good view of the whole town. Stretching away on every side are thousands and thousands of huts and shanties huddled together without any system of streets or any organization whatsoever. Rising from the town are countless curls of smoke, and a continual babel and hum of activity reaches the ear, which no language could interpret.

This town is now being worked systematically, as far as possible, by our students and colporteurs with the printed page. After having several lessons on the principles of Gospel salesmanship, the students were taken out and shown the practical side of selling our literature. Many and varied are the experiences of the colporteur in West Africa. As we went from store to store we found many African clerks and owners studying the Yoruba Bible behind the counter. This was even so in some of the

native homes. Truly it seems as if God's Spirit is working upon the hearts of the Africans to-day. As I went in and out of the native homes and from one compound to another, I saw the fearful results of sin. Here Satan is seen at his worst. Polygamy and vice, wretchedness, sickness, and disease fostered by the customs and superstitions of centuries of heathenism. Such is the lot of the African. Yet in spite of all this they are reaching out for light. There is a great eagerness among the Africans to-day for education. Even when I am walking through the main streets with the students or colporteurs we are accosted by men who call out from their shops,

MANY never attain to the position that they might occupy, because they wait for God to do for them that which He has given them power to do for themselves. All who are fitted for usefulness must be trained by the severest mental and moral discipline; and God will assist them by uniting divine power with human effort.—“Patriarchs and Prophets,” page 248.

“Let me see.” Somehow the news has got around that a white man is out with a bag selling books.

Very seldom am I able to canvass a man alone. Even before I can present my book a crowd has gathered, and every eye is centred on the white man. It is a new thing for them to see a white man associating himself so closely with the African. Sometimes I have as many as forty to fifty people looking on. One morning, starting in at a busy thoroughfare, the crowd became so great that I had to leave the street and return later. It is the same when I am out with a



A. W. Cook.

colporteur in a residential area; a man will gather all his wives around while the colporteur canvasses the man in his native tongue. Many of the Africans regard it as a great honour to have a white man visit their home.

Surely God is going before the colporteur in West Africa, but sad to say, the colporteurs are very few. We also stand in great need of a printing press, so that books and papers can be printed in the native languages. There are many difficulties and problems to encounter, yet we can see the possibilities of a great work being done by the literature ministry.

A new day is dawning for West Africa. We must step in and shoulder our responsibilities in giving them the last message of mercy. The hour is late; soon it will be too late. In Nigeria alone there are over 19,000,000 souls to be reached. How can we warn them? Only the printed page can meet the issue. May God's Spirit move upon the hearts of our brethren in the homeland, that the necessary equipment may be speedily sent out and that the work may triumph gloriously in this great and needy mission field.

Report for the Quarter

Name of Conference or Mission	No. Churches	Baptism and Vote	Apostasy	Death	Net Gain	Present Membership	Evangelistic Workers	Colporteurs	No. Sabbath-Schools	Membership	Average Attendance	Tithe	Tithe per capita	Sabbath-School Offerings	Weekly Offerings
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
N. E. Division							15								
Baltic Union	1	95	330	28	11	273	4,822	54	57	163	4,987	3,511	\$ 5,343.50	0.09	1,227.10
British "	2	71	81	64	21	-8	4,735	97	90	138	4,796	3,951	\$ 21,733.50	0.35	4,537.06
E. Nordic "	3	86	235	27	18	181	3,899	52	40	150	3,422	2,866	\$ 7,852.50	0.16	2,177.65
Polish "	4	144	274	8	5	256	3,273	75	53	219	3,750	3,148	\$ 2,887.00	0.07	878.97
W. Nordic "	5	120	268	34	13	203	5,887	62	63	166	5,164	3,807	\$ 14,446.40	0.19	3,643.49
Tls. Unions 2nd Q. 1932	516	1,188	161	68	910	22,617	356	303	836	22,099	17,283	\$ 52,262.90	0.18	12,464.27	27.03
E. Afr'n Union Miss.	6	40	53	105	4	-42	4,240	30	...	209	10,211	10,380	\$ 1,057.70	0.02	651.95
Ethiopian "	7	7	6	1	...	-5	266	10	...	10	354	346	\$ 262.70	0.08	62.30
Nigerian "	8	4	117	...	...	117	956	14	...	69	4,091	3,538	\$ 311.20	0.02	183.85
Unattached Missions	9	9	2	1	1	-1	887	8	...	47	2,180	1,774	\$ 459.40	0.04	231.07
Tls. Miss. 1st Qtr. 1932	60	178	107	5	79	6,349	62	...	335	16,836	16,038	\$ 2,091.00	0.02	1,129.17	...
Grand Total 2nd Qtr. 1932	576	1,366	268	73	989	28,966	418	303	1,171	38,835	33,821	\$ 54,353.90	0.15	13,593.44	27.03
Grand Total 1st Qtr. 1932	530	1,091	197	76	830	26,905	397	309	1,131	36,884	30,646	\$ 81,107.20	0.23	18,426.56	79.89

Encouragement in East Africa

BY A. W. ALLEN

(Field Missionary Secretary, East African Union Mission)



A. W. Allen.

I AM very happy to be out here. The service of God makes up for the little discomforts, which really are very little compared with the discomforts of the pioneers. I am looking forward to the time when I can get out to do some actual canvassing. I am continually thinking out in my mind a canvass that will appeal to these particular people.

Since writing you I have visited Uganda to hold a colporteurs' institute. First, I did some European canvassing in Kampala, the capital.

The Lord certainly blessed me in my efforts. I took ten copies of *Bible Readings* with me (as many as I could manage with all my other kit) and I sold them all, and took two other orders, the books for which were sent by post. I

commenced on the Monday morning and finished on the Thursday afternoon. I feel very much encouraged now to go forward with the canvassing work, and when I return from Gendia, where I am going to hold an institute for the Kenya colporteurs, I am hoping to do some canvassing among the Europeans in Nakuru. I made it a matter of real earnest prayer and I attribute my success to the help of God.

The Beginning of the Literature Work in Ethiopia

BY J. J. STRAHLE

THE first colporteur's institute in Ethiopia was recently convened. We were greatly pleased to see the large number who attended. The meetings were conducted at the Training School of the Ethiopian Union which is located at Addis Alem. As a result of the institute several teachers volunteered to enter the colporteur work during the vacation. They will work with the students who are going out to earn scholarships for the next school year. We believe that this good example set by our teachers will be the means of encouraging many of the laity to volunteer to become colporteur-evangelists.

One brother who has been selling Bible portions is now devoting his time to the selling of *Steps to Christ*. At one time while out

canvassing he was able to sell twenty copies of this book to one man. Our brother was very much encouraged by this and is looking forward to great things through the literature ministry.

In a letter just received from Brother Alb. Hessel, field missionary secretary for the Ethiopian Union, I quote the following:

"We shall soon be going out with the teachers and students to sell our truth-filled literature. We are aware that there are many difficulties before us but we believe as we go forth by faith the Lord will reward our efforts."

May the Lord richly bless our brethren in their efforts to distribute the printed page in Ethiopia, and may many souls be won to this message as a result.

Ended June 30, 1932

Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offering	Miscellaneous and Young People's Offerings	Wk of Sacrifice	Big Week and Special Offerings	Total Offerings (including Big Week and Special)	Total Offerings per capita	Percentage of Offerings to Tithe	Total Contribu- tions for Home Missionary Work	Total Contribu- tions for Local Church Work	Colporteur Sales
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
2.21	11.99	15.74	11.07	1,442.50	2,710.61	0.04	50.0%	83.10	1,163.43	4,381.63
40.94	.....	793.80	205.62	1,205.13	6,787.55	0.10	31.0%	46.08	3,782.65	21,395.83
3.15	18.09	11.51	1,422.66	945.85	4,601.63	0.09	58.6%	1,104.48	742.42	6,242.97
4.84	.....	15.34	548.99	292.25	1,740.50	0.04	39.9%	50.24	306.11	2,689.81
93.45	211.61	5.22	1,993.11	1,881.47	7,832.55	0.09	46.4%	280.95	1,871.47	22,451.04
144.59	241.69	846.61	4,181.45	5,767.20	23,672.84	0.08	43.0%	1,564.83	7,866.08	57,161.28
26.57	209.57	.....	4.56	0.25	892.90	0.01	84.3%	.....	.....	88.55
14.55	.....	.....	.....	.....	73.85	0.02	29.2%	.....	.....	7
16.98	12.74	.....	.....	.....	213.57	0.02	68.6%	.....	.....	348.08
43.66	7.22	.....	.....	.....	281.95	0.02	61.3%	.....	.....	9
101.76	229.53	.....	4.56	0.25	1,465.27	0.02	70.0%	.....	.....	436.63
246.35	471.22	846.61	4,186.01	5,767.45	25,138.11	0.06	44.1%	1,564.83	7,866.08	57,597.91
1069.02	830.79	579.54	6,389.14	8,570.64	36,175.67	0.11	44.6%	2,959.32	8,542.71	72,437.09

An Answer to that Question,
"Can I Earn Enough at
Canvassing?"

BY E. H. MEYERS

THIS is a legitimate question—one that merits a proper answer. We give this answer below sincerely believing it to be one with which all will freely agree.

To really succeed in any work requires faithful effort. Some who have had to work long hours and work diligently even to keep the wolf from the door while engaged in other occupations, attempt to make Gospel canvassing a success with an average of twenty or thirty hours of work a week, or even less. Some, of course, along with this, fail to put thought and energy into it. The latter is just as fatal.

There are exceptions on both sides, just as all rules have exceptions, but if past records mean anything at all to us, they mean that equal talent and equal time devoted to Gospel canvassing will bring in at least as much wages as will talent and time devoted to any other average and honourable occupation.

But regardless of all these things, does not God call for men and women to forward the literature ministry in these closing days of earth's history? And inasmuch as He does, will He care for us? Will He care for His work? Is not dependence on God the biggest factor after all?

Gospel Salesmanship Renders a
Service of the Highest Order

BY J. J. STRAHLE

SALESMANSHIP is the rendering of a distinct service, and it is a service for which the world is willing to pay a good price. Those of us who are in the colporteur work go to the public with an article of the highest value, literature that contains teaching, which if accepted and lived up to will bring eternal life. The fact that the prospect does not recognize his need does not change the fact of that need. The service lies in arousing a desire on the part of the prospect to buy and thus fill that need. It is a real pleasure to approach a man with a proposition to which he has never given any thought

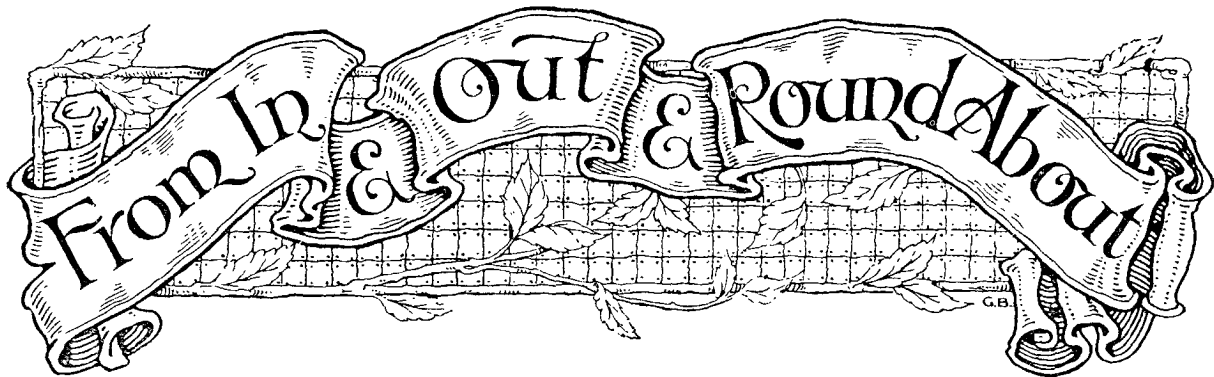
and lead him to the place where he desires the book to the extent that he is willing to part with money to secure it. Then, too, it gives one great joy to know that the service rendered presents the Gospel to that individual with the possibility of his accepting the truth. Such a service makes the work of the colporteur more than interesting.



WITH Christ in his heart he [the colporteur] is to go out into the highways and byways of life, giving the invitation to the marriage supper. Men of wealth and influence will come if they are invited. Some will refuse, but, thank God, not all.—"The Colporteur Evangelist," page 32.



Colporteur Institute at Addis Alem, Ethiopia. Brother Hessel, Field Missionary Secretary, Ethiopian Union, is marked with a cross.



OUR African missions have grown greatly in membership of recent years. The possibilities for large evangelistic meetings, too, are promising. Some camp meetings have already been held. In view of this, visits to Africa, when possible, should be more extended than in former years. In harmony with this plan, Pastor W. T. Bartlett will spend from five to seven months in West Africa, visiting our missions in Sierra Leone, the French Cameroons, Nigeria, and the Gold Coast. He leaves October 19th and expects to return in April or early May. On the same boat with him Brother H. Rasmussen from Denmark will go out to Sierra Leone to take the work left vacant by the illness of Enok Berglund. Brother and Sister K. J. Johannessen will also sail on that boat on their way to Duala and up to the mission in the North Cameroons. On their way out they plan to spend a month in Sierra Leone.

IN the August number of the ADVENT SURVEY we published some photographs of the Sanitarium-hospital given to us by Ethiopia's king, Haile Selasse I. A few days ago a cable arrived from the Union superintendent saying that the contract had been signed and everything was ready for us to take possession. Now comes the question of doctors and nurses, and while our leading brethren are making this a matter of earnest prayer and study let us join our prayers with theirs that God's own chosen workers may be found for that important and needy land.

THE Autumn Council of the General Conference commences October 10th at Battle Creek. Let us pray that our leaders may be given wisdom to make only the best plans for the work of the Lord in these difficult days.

An Appeal for Larger Harvest Ingathering Results

FOR a number of days we have been together in an important committee meeting. It is the first time since early in the year that all the members of the Division committee here at Edgware have been privileged to meet. As we have sat in committee we have faced many serious and difficult problems. Many important decisions have

Week of Prayer December 3rd to 10th

This is the date decided upon by the brethren in session at the Winter Council of the Northern European Division last year.

been made. God has blessed us as we have united in studying these questions and sought ways and means by which to further the work of God in these days of crisis.

One phase of our study brought great gratitude to our hearts—the net increase of souls. Our reports show that the past quarter was our banner quarter for souls gained—989 for the past quarter. This is the largest number in a single quarter in the history of the Northern European Division. We rejoice with you in this accomplishment. Our first work is spiritual work. We are to love and seek the lost as did Jesus. May God bless us as we renew our consecration for an even larger number of souls during the coming quarter.

Another phase of our study brought great perplexity. Our mission income in the Division is decreasing. For the first six months

of this year our funds are £6,000 less than for the first six months of last year. To continue the deficit means disaster for our mission programme. How can we somehow turn the tide and hold our missions? Surely God has a way. Our chief source of income and opportunity of redeeming our present shortage for the remaining months of the year is the Harvest Ingathering. In view of this we have voted to send our Union conference and mission leaders in this Division an earnest request that so far as possible we seek to materially increase our Harvest Ingathering results this year.

We do not want to make an unreasonable request of anyone. We know that many of our workers and laity labour very hard in the Ingathering Campaign. The truth is that our finances are in a bad way, and unless we receive larger donations the rest of the year, the cause of God will suffer real loss. May God bless us in doing our full duty at this time.

We pray that the Spirit of God may come upon us all for larger things and that the Lord will impress many people in the world to contribute more liberally this year than ever before.

Wishing you God's unbounded blessing in your heavy work.

We remain, in behalf of the Division Committee,

Very sincerely yours,

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