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"God Hath Spoken"

By G. D. King

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It is the earnest belief and sincere conviction of every Seventh-day Adventist that God has committed to this Advent Movement His own last message of warning to a perishing world. We say with a confidence born of Bible evidence and of personal experience that "God hath in these last days spoken unto us." Hebrews 1:1-2. The message we carry to the world is both God's message of warning and God's message of hope. To some it will be the light that leads to life everlasting, to others, who reject it, it will be the message of doom that God gives to a dying world. With the apostle Paul we say—"We were allowed of God to be put in trust with the Gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts." 1 Thess. 2:4.

When we accept this Advent Message and by God's grace, through the power of the indwelling Christ, conform our own lives to its high principles as revealed in the Word of God, we are accepting the means of salvation which the Lord has provided for us. By this means we confidently hope to eventually receive that "crown of life" which all His faithful children "who love His appearing" will receive.

But we must accept the responsibility that this Advent Message is a "trust" as well as a blessing which we receive at God's hands. By the acceptance of this Message we become not only recipients of

Tithe

Every one a faithful treasurer for God "If one and all would accept it, each would be made a vigilant and faithful treasurer for God; and there would be no want of means with which to carry forward the great work of sounding the last message of warning to the world."—"Test.," V. 3, p. 389.

Call for means to be more frequent. "As God's work extends, calls for help will come more and more frequently. That these calls may be answered, Christians should heed the command, 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in Mine house.' If professing Christians would faithfully bring to God their tithes and offerings, His treasury would be full."—"Acts of Apostles," p. 338.

God's truth but custodians of it and "stewards of the mysteries of God," and in this same connection the apostle Paul says, "moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." 1 Cor. 4:2. We should ever remember that faithfulness is the criterion by which our Lord will judge our service. It is not the brilliant servant but the faithful servant to whom our Lord will give the final great reward with the gracious words, "well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Faithfulness in this Advent Movement embraces more than conforming our own lives to its standards and principles. Faithfulness places upon every member the responsibility of service in spreading the good news of salvation.

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Messengers for God

By J. O. Gibson

President, West African Union Mission.

I am thrilled with the reports of success of the colporteur work in our field. Surely God is blessing the efforts of all who are giving this phase of our work strong support. Certainly anyone who goes out in this ministry is a "Messenger for God."

We especially appreciate the valuable help of our two Jamaican brethren, L. H. Davidson and E. L. Brown, local publishing department secretaries of the Gold Coast and East Nigeria missions, respectively. Several of our African brethren are also doing strong colporteur work and we are glad for their success and noble example.

Years ago from the pen of Sister White came these thought-provoking words: "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, page 80. In the January 5th, 1904 issue of the *Southern Watchman* she wrote, "The distribution of our literature is one means by which the message is to be proclaimed. Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time. Colporteurs are needed who will go forth to circulate our publications everywhere." Indicating the sacredness of this work, she stated, "The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth as attends the work

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L. H. Davidson P.D.S. and Q. Brimpong,
Book and Bible House Manager,
Gold Coast.

The Onward March of The Gold Coast Colporteurs

By L. H. Davidson

The new dawn of the colporteur work in the Gold Coast in November 1949 has moved beyond credulity. Surely even Thomas of old would be led to ask, what has God wrought? The sounding of the gospel trumpet in the ears of our believers to stand alert and to be ready to go forward in the army of the Lord, brought a ready response. It has been most thrilling to see men leaving the mechanical shops, political offices, grocery shops, the school rooms, the farms and many other paying business enterprises to build up an army of canvassers. We thank God for these men of vision who have responded to the call.

Brother E. L. Brown and I came from Jamaica in November of 1949 to do colporteur work in the Gold Coast. It was expected that our example would encourage others to take up the work. So we were eager to try out the field. The Lord blessed from the very start. We started our work in Kumasi on a Sunday morning at the city hospital. In just six hours we took over £70 worth of orders. To us this was an evidence that

the field was already mellowed. The following morning we continued from where we left off and before the week ended we had taken over £200 worth of orders with a fairly good deposit for most of the orders. For three weeks we took an average of £220 in orders per week. In course of time we had interested others in the colporteur work.

To get the new colporteur recruits in action Pastor Gibson suggested that we have an institute which was rather effective for the start. This colporteur institute, the first one in the Gold Coast, was held at the Agona S. D. A. Church, February 9-16, 1950. Pastor McAdams and Pastor Robinson from the General Conference were present and gave us invaluable help.

About this same time I was appointed publishing department secretary for the mission. To lead an army of green recruits who knew nothing about canvassing work was the biggest problem on my mind. Among them are men who can't speak a word of English. Many questions confronted me, but with sure confidence that the Lord leads the way, I faced the problems and started off with fourteen men. By the end of the year we had delivered over £3,500 worth of truth-filled

**For reaching the people
where they ARE,
The Colporteur work is
the best by FAR.
You just try it and SEE.**

literature, had won 70 new converts and had recruited 15 new colporteurs, some of which were men contacted when Brother Chapell and I made an extensive trip through the Gold Coast last July.

At present, half way through this year, we have a regular force of about twenty colporteurs with others doing part time work. We are striving to deliver at least £4000 in 1951. Since we started the colporteur work in the Gold Coast in November 1949 to the end of May 1951 we delivered £5,460 worth of

books and won 120 new converts. Only in eternity will we learn the rest

Changing Professions

By N. K. Abbey

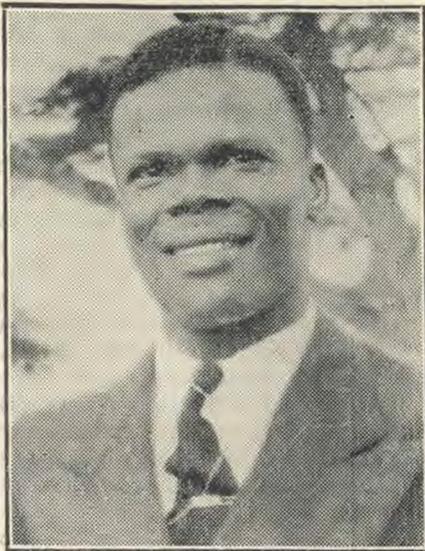
Changing from one profession to another is no easy matter, especially when the first one offered salary and the latter uncertain wages. Such was the thought which the adversary magnified before me when the call came to enter the colporteur ministry a few months ago. Satan pointed out to me my gain if I should launch out in business of my own and forget about this call to service for Christ. On the other hand, the enemy told me in plain language that scandilization and repudiation would greet my pathway if I paid scant regard to my conviction to enter the colporteur work. He said that my family would lack bread. What to do was my pausing question. Then I heard that still small voice say to me, "Nathaniel, come and work in my vineyard and whatsoever is right, I will pay you." Without further hesitation I heeded the voice and I am now happy in the Lord's work.

Shortly after my decision I was rushed to Cape Coast, the seat of Gold Coast education. There Satan launched many attacks against me, but these very experiences revealed to me, how Jesus watches over His ambassadors. The Lord has crowned my efforts with success. There is no fear, no hunger, no nakedness, no thirst in the colporteur ministry if divine co-operation is solicited. Victory is sure with Christ. Now is the time to change to a soul-winning profession, to the high and lofty profession of Colporteur Evangelism.

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E. L. Brown, Publishing Department Secretary, East Nigerian Mission.

Now is the Time

By E. L. Brown

On 10th June of this year I arrived in Aba to take up my new duties as local publishing department secretary of the East Nigerian Mission. One week later Brother D. L. Chappell, P. D. S. of the West African Union Mission, arrived to spend a month with me. Shortly after his arrival we began a trip in the mission pickup to work with the colporteurs and to recruit new men. Brother A. Ahuchaogu, my predecessor, accompanied us on the trip.

In *Colporteur Evangelist*, page 56, we have the following statement: "The canvassing work is God's means of reaching many who would not otherwise be impressed with the truth." The experiences we had on the above mentioned trip proves in gleaming terms that this is true in every section of the field and particularly so among certain religious sects. We had many experiences which would serve to give concrete evidence of the real meaning of the above statement.

On this trip we visited four of the outstanding centres in the East Nigerian Mission territory in the interest of the colporteur work. Brother Chappell also did some soliciting for Ingathering funds. In three of the four cities, Port Harcourt, Onitsha, and Benin City, we

had the pleasure of working with the only three active colporteurs in the field at present. The results both in the canvassing and Ingathering endeavours were most gratifying. Our total orders amounted to £185 and the total Ingathering received was £61.

There are unmistakable evidences in every town and village that there is yet much to be done by our literature ministry. Now is the time for us to arise from our long night of slumber and to go forth to finish God's work in East Nigeria. "Our publications," says the Spirit of Prophecy, "should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of Present Truth to the world." Now is the time to take full advantage of the rapidity of the literature ministry for extending the Gospel to every part of our field.

At every stopping place along our trip could be seen eager eyes and outstretched arms pleading for "just one more of your papers for my cousin."

Yes, the time is NOW. The hour is here when you and I must answer God's question, "Who will go?—Who will go as a colporteur to the remote parts of East Nigeria?" What is your answer? May God grant that it will be, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

"God Hath Spoken"

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Right from the very early pioneer days of this Advent Movement the distribution of the printed page has played a most important and fruitful part in its growth and establishment. We are told that "our publishing work was established by the direction of God and under His special supervision."—*Test.*, Vol. VII, page 138.

Space will not permit a recital here of the miraculous way in which our publishing work began in response to the direct vision from the Lord. Certainly we can be thankful today that the early brethren were "not disobedient to the heavenly vision." With faith and sacrifice they moved forward under God's leading. Since those early days the distribution of the printed page, in

the form of tracts, booklets, periodicals, magazines and large books, has been the means of establishing and strengthening our work in many lands throughout the world. Wherever our publishing work has been established it has been the means of fostering and furthering a strong evangelistic programme which has been instrumental in winning many precious souls to the message. This is in harmony with God's own prediction and programme for our literature ministry.

In these last days, when the work must be speedily finished, our publishing work must fulfil the purpose predicted for it so many years ago, through the Spirit of Prophecy. "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with His glory."—*Test.*, Vol. VII, page 140.

In the countries comprising our Northern European Division territory a strong work is being accomplished through the printed page. Consecrated colporteurs are carrying the message to the remote places in many lands. Unentered territory is being opened by the silent but effective ministry of the printed page. From the Arctic North to tropical Africa the light shines forth as the printed page enters the homes and God's Spirit illuminates its message. But still the call today is as it was many years ago—"Colporteurs are needed to take up the work of carrying these silent messengers of truth to the people,—colporteurs who feel a burden for souls, and can speak words in season to those who are seeking for light."—*Southern Watchman*, November 1902.

Experienced field leaders know the value of a strong literature ministry in their territory and every wise minister values the evangelistic influence of the consecrated, successful colporteur.

May the Lord continue to bless the ministry of the printed page throughout the West African Union and may it grow in strength and fruitfulness as more and more loyal members take up this ministry believing that, "God in these last days hath spoken unto us."



A. N. Daitey, Gold Coast Colporteur, giving a canvass in Accra.

"A young man working in a post office ordered a set of books, but when I returned to deliver them he did not have the money to pay for them. He took the *Bible Speaks* from me and examined it and then said, 'How can I allow you to take back these books? I need them.' He laid the books on his desk and started to hunt for the money. In his pocket he had only ten shillings the value of the books was £3. He asked his office mate to lend him some money and thereby he got 15s. more. That left £1. 15. 0. to get. He ran to the Post Office bank where he has a small saving, but he returned unsuccessful because he had made a draw not many days since and the time was not yet for another draw. 'What shall I do now?' he asked, and off he went again. This time he returned with all the money. This young man hunted for the money that day as one who hunts for hidden treasure. I am glad to know that the books he bought contains just the treasure he needs."—M. A. Enim.

"Colporteur Agraw Amoah started canvassing the last part of August 1950 and by the middle of December he had delivered over

£200 worth of truth-laden literature. He is determined to lead the field this year. I went canvassing with him recently. Some of the folk we canvassed could not speak a word of English. So while I canvassed, he interpreted and practically every one of those unlettered folks paid for their books spot cash in advance. This young man has now raised up a company of believers who read themselves into the truth.

"It is rather marvellous to me to see how God can use men who do not have a grain of education to do wonders for Him. Emmanuel Yaw Odiabene is a complete illiterate, yet last year he delivered over £150 worth of books."—L. H. Davidson.

West African Colporteurs In Action

"Through my canvassing work in Onitsha I have found a middle age man who is taking a medical course and who is definitely interested in our message. He has offered to give the Mission some land on which to build a church. While Brother Brown was with me in July this man ordered £5 worth of books and paid cash for them. He is now taking the *Voice of Prophecy* Course.

"Also while Brother Brown and Brother Chappell were working with me we sold the Assistant Superintendent of Police of Onitsha, and three of his inspectors, copies of *Days of Destiny*. In years past I had sold the Assistant Superintendent two other books. He did not remember me, but he brought out the two books and spoke very highly of them. Please pray that this man of influence will accept the message in those good books."—Nelson Onwubere.

"With the help of the Lord I have been able to win two souls at Kibi. Sometime ago they bought books from me and also they in-

fluenced others to buy books. They want us to start a Church in Kibi. I hope that we can, because I feel that many of the others who have bought books would attend the meeting."—Samuel Ofori.

"The colporteur ministry does more than just supply the public with good books. The colporteur can minister to sin-sick souls day by day as he works. Many people are longing for someone to pray with them and to encourage them in the struggle against evil. This was impressed upon my mind when Brother Chappell was working with me in Abeokuta. At one home because of the confusion caused by so many children in the windows and doorway, we did not have prayer with the prospect. After getting his order and deposit we thanked him and left. When we were about 100 yards down the road we heard someone coming behind us. We turned and saw this man who had ordered the book waving for us to wait. 'I had hoped you would have prayer in my home,' he said as he approached. After explaining why we had not had prayer with him, we went off to the side under a big tree and prayed for and with the good man. He returned to his house smiling and happy, happy



C. A. Clerk, Gold Coast Colporteur, delivering a book in Accra.

"The Cavassing Work Is A Most Successful Way Of Saving Soul. Will You Not Try It?"—Mrs. E. G. White.

that someone had come to his home with a book about God and that someone had shown an interest in his welfare. This man is only one of millions in the world today longing for spiritual help, help that colporteurs are privileged to give to others day after day in their work." — J. O. Ajomale.

For Your Information

By D. L. Chappell, Union P. D. S.

The East Nigeria Mission now has an experienced Jamaican publishing department secretary in the person of Brother E. L. Brown. He has already got under way with his programme of building up the colporteur force in East Nigeria.

Elder G. D. King, publishing department secretary of the Northern European Division, is visiting our Union field during September and October. He will visit our mission stations in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Gold Coast, and Nigeria. His visits will prove a great inspiration to both our colporteurs and our mission workers. While on the West Coast, he will conduct colporteur institutes for the Gold Coast colporteurs, the East Nigerian colporteurs and the student colporteurs in the Nigerian Training College, Ihié.

About twenty students at the Nigerian Training College have submitted applications for canvassing during the coming vacation period. We now have a student-colporteur scholarship plan which gives the student colporteurs additional benefits. We are confident that many of them will earn full scholarships this vacation.

Brother L. H. Davidson, Gold Coast Mission P. D. S., is planning a Big Week for Churches in November. His goal is "each church member sell at least one small book to a friend." Just think of the large number of people such a plan will reach with our life-giving literature!

Both the Gold Coast Mission and the East Nigerian Mission now issue monthly bulletins for their

colporteurs. The Gold Coast bulletin is called, "Wings of Light over the Gold Coast." "The Nigerian Bookman" is the title of the one in East Nigeria. The colporteurs are expressing their sincere appreciation for the service these bulletins render. To me they are another sign of the progress being made in the organization of the publishing department in West Africa.

The East Nigerian colporteur force is definitely on the march this year. Already, as of the end of June, they have delivered more than twice as much as they delivered during the first half of 1950. In fact, the £525:12:8 delivery is only £124:12:4 less than their delivery for all of 1950. We praise God for this progress.

The Gold Coast colporteurs are not standing still. They are advancing too. By the end of June 1950 they had delivered £1,726:8:8 worth of books, but by the end of June this year their deliveries had amounted to £2,311:0:9 a £584:12:1 increase! We take off our hats to Brother Davidson for his splendid leadership and to his men who have faithfully served him.

It is interesting to note that the total increase in hours thus far this year was nine thousand and the total increase in deliveries was nine hundred pounds. So, for every extra thousand hours worked an extra hundred pounds worth of books were delivered. The lesson is clear: We Need More Colporteurs Working More Hours. You can help fill that need by enlisting in God's army of Colporteur Evangelists. Don't delay, enlist today!

Messengers For God

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of the minister."—*Test.*, Vol VI, pp. 315, 316. Certainly, then, the canvassing work is a work of the highest importance.

God's servant told us that churches would be raised up as the result of the work of the canvassers. I witnessed the truthfulness of that promise during my recent visit in Liberia.

A certain catechist of another denomination went to Monrovia to attend a meeting of his church. He stayed with a friend who had two books entitled *The Great Controversy* and *The Bible Made Plain*. Well, this man became intensely interested in these books. He read them every spare moment he had and even missed some of the meetings in order to read the books he had found. When he was leaving he enquired where he could get copies of the books and his host gladly loaned them to him. Returning home, this good soul, in search of truth, studied night and day. He told his congregation about the message the books contained. As he learned the truth he explained it to others. Soon he was troubled over the Sabbath. He asked his pastor about it. His pastor endeavoured to change him but he could not be changed.

The man did not know about our work, but after careful enquiry he learned that we had a mission on another mountain about 15 miles away. After due search he found our worker and there he learned all the truth.

Last year he and fifty-five others whom he had won were baptised. About thirty more are now preparing for baptism. I visited them there in the mountains a few weeks ago. They have their own church, but already it is too small.

Oh, how thankful this group is for the light their leader found in the printed page. Probably no one knows who sold the book. That, however, does not matter. Some faithful messenger for God sold it and it has borne much fruit. Fifty-six souls are in the fold already and more are preparing to enter. Yes, friends, the literature ministry does pay in soul winning.

Have you given yourself to God to be a messenger for Him? Would you know the joy of seeing men accept God's message of salvation? Then, join the loyal band of colporteur-evangelists in your mission, and learn by experience what it means to be a real "Messenger for God."

"Yesterday is Gone, Today is Short, Tomorrow Will Never Come. If You Have Anything To Do.—Get Busy."

Colporteur Report for the first six Months, 1951

Are You Troubled
With Fever?

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Name	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
East Nigerian Mission:			
Erondu, J. I.	168	122 3 9	20 6 7
Jiakpo, J. E.	14	12 1 0	12 1 0
Onwubere, N. M.	848	312 4 6	215 12 3
Onwukwe, J. O.	3	- - -	1 5 6
Osarobey, A. G.	510	30 9 0	26 3 6
Ubani, A. A.	882	167 1 6	68 4 4
Ugboaja, J. O.	516	491 9 0	179 5 6
Wogwugwu, M. A.	3	2 3 1	2 3 0
Wosu, C. W.	4	- - -	11 0 0
Totals for East Nigeria	2,948	1,137 11 9	525 12 8
Gold Coast Mission:			
Abbey, N. K.	531	592 8 0	168 8 6
Achampong, A.	166	54 9 0	32 5 6
Acquah, H. Y.	113	8 0 0	9 4 0
Adepeponge, G. K.	40	8 1 3	4 0 0
Adu, A.	37	10 12 0	- - -
Agyakwa, E. A.	240	86 0 9	11 16 9
Ageyi, D.	600	50 9 3	21 4 9
Amoah, Agraw	641	483 14 6	257 2 0
Ampim, J. K.	232	104 14 0	120 0 6
Arkun, K.	247	44 7 0	30 8 9
Arthur, H. Y.	209	64 9 4	42 7 4
Brown, E. L.	825	788 12 0	411 19 0
Buoh, F.	222	30 2 0	30 2 0
Clerk, C. A.	988	335 2 0	181 13 0
Coumoah, J. T.	27	50 1 6	41 7 11
Daitey, A. N.	891	426 17 0	235 11 0
Enim, M. A.	332	258 15 0	25 17 9
Glover, V. K.	238	206 13 0	31 16 0
Gyabah, E. C.	57	19 4 6	8 16 0
Gyebie, J.	105	19 8 6	3 2 0
Kontoh, J.	759	7 3 0	5 19 0
Kwarmin, J.	22	10 3 3	- - -
Mensah, A. F.	463	138 10 0	87 0 3
Menah, H. A.	126	21 9 6	21 9 6
Nkansah, E. D.	547	67 17 0	43 19 0
Odiabene, E. Y.	542	231 17 6	121 0 6
Ofori, S.	292	96 5 9	111 12 9
Owusu, S. K.	111	135 11 3	20 12 9
Quaten, J. A.	759	152 8 9	57 16 3
Seraku, T. O.	559	216 18 0	136 9 0
Miscellaneous	30	42 1 0	37 19 0
Totals for the Gold Coast:	11,197	4,762 5 7	2,311 0 9
Liberian Mission:			
Bonal, John	87	92 5 3	4 9 1
Stevens, Jonathan	82	100 14 5	2 19 4
Totals for Liberia:	169	192 19 8	7 8 5
Sierra Leone Mission:			
Bangura, Simon S.	142	13 15 0	5 11 0
During, J. E.	24	26 5 0	1 5 0
Myers, John	44	7 10 0	- - -
Totals for Sierra Leone:	210	47 10 0	6 16 0
West Nigerian Mission:			
Ajomale, J. O.	15	26 5 0	- - -
Nwaogu, James	250	54 10 0	26 15 10
Olubolade, John	287	35 0 0	19 19 0
Totals for West Nigeria:	678	115 15 0	46 14 10
Totals for Union in 1951 (to June end.):	15,202	6,256 2 0	2,897 12 8
Totals for Union as of June 30th 1950:	5,796	2,710 16 8	1,956 4 8
Increase thus far in 1951 over 1950:	9,406	£3,545 5 4	£941 8 0

1. Fill in or drain all small water holes near the house.

2. Pour kerosene over large holes.

3. Watch for holes in tree trunks.

4. Cover tightly all drinking water containers.

5. Renew daily the water left for animals to drink.

6. Not leave tins, old dishes and cocoanut shells lying around.

7. Keep tall, grass cut down."

"Well done" exclaimed the boys. "but have you thought how to destroy the many mosquitoes which are flying about."

"Oh, no, tell me about that too", she said.

So the boys made more suggestion:

1. Kill any mosquitoes you see on the wall.

2. If possible, make a fire in the house and smoke them out.

3. Spray the house with D. D. T. poison.

4. To spare yourself from getting bitten while you are asleep have a mosquito net over your bed.

By now Joe's father had returned from the doctor and had brought some white tablets which he called Paludrine, by taking three of these tablets a day Joe would soon be well.

When father was rested mother told him all about the things she had learned from the boys. Together, they decided to carry out these good instructions.

**THE 1951 INGATHERING
CAMPAIGN IS ON!**

Already Brother D. L. Chappell has tried out the field this year. The Lord blessed him in collecting £118 while in Nigeria recently.

Have you started yet? Now is the time to strike.

Let our slogan be :

**DO MORE IN 1951 THAN YOU
HAVE EVER DONE**

Pray and work, and work and pray and the Lord will work with you.

From

Woman to Woman

Sponsored by the Women's Welfare Organisation

Are You Troubled With Fever?

By Miss A. S. Nuka

"Oh, I feel so cold! My joints and back ache so terribly and my eye balls feel so sore. My head is so hot and bursting with pain," complained little Joe.

The sun was shining brightly. Everyone in the school was hot and sticky. These was no cold in the air.

"Malaria! Malaria!" shouted a senior boy who had learned to diagnose this common but very troublesome disease. It was the rainy season. Many were suffering from fever. Near the village there was a stream with rocky banks, where mosquitoes had their breeding places.

A group of boys banded together and went in search of the cause of the malaria. On the banks of the little stream they found some water pools. There was some water in the holes in the rocks. Some pools were on the soft ground. They found mosquito larvae in all of them. They brushed the water out, filled the holes with stones and covered them with mud. Next they cut small drains to the pools on the soft ground so that the water could run into the stream. There were some large pools, too, which they could not fill so they suggested that they bring kerosene and pour over these, for they knew that if oil is poured on the water mosquitoes cannot breathe. They suffocate and die. They decided to do this once a week, for it takes over a week for a mosquito-egg to turn into a mosquito.

"Let us go to Joe's compound and see how the little fellow is getting on. We might find some mosquitoes breeding right in his compound," suggested a member of the energetic invaders band.

The first suspicious thing they noticed there was an old mango tree that had a big hole in the trunk. Rainwater had collected there. As they dished out some of the water, they saw some wigglers in it. The boys filled the hole in the mango tree with stones and plastered it with mud as they had no cement on hand.

The mother grew interested and she enquired from the boys how these wigglers got into the mango tree. The boys told her that mosquitoes had laid their tiny eggs on the water there and in a few days these eggs had developed into larvae like the little wigglers they saw.

Then they walked to the water barrel where the family kept their drinking water. It was uncovered. As they got near it a swarm of little creatures flew off from it. On the surface of the barrel they noticed some creatures similar to the ones they found in the mango tree, but these were bigger at the head end. They were very quiet as if dead, but as the people were watching them something funny happened. The head end of one of them cracked and a little black animal crawled out. At first it

looked like an ant, but soon it stretched out six long legs, and after a time two narrow wings opened and in no time at all the little creature took to the air.

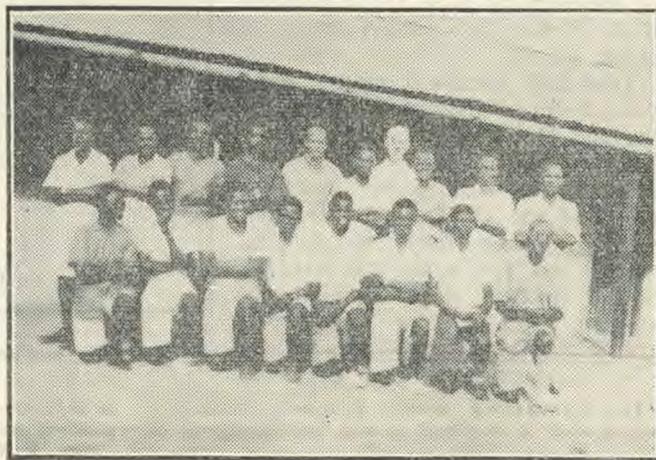
"What was that?" the woman inquired in amazement.

"Watch again" said the boys. At this very moment another wiggler cracked and the woman exclaimed, "Mosquito, Mosquito! I never knew that I was breeding mosquitoes right in my drinking water! There are plenty more of them in the pots and tins around the house. I even saw some coconut shells near the rubbish pile having some of them. How shall I kill them?"

The boys suggested that she empty all water containers both inside and outside of the house, collect all 'thrown away' tins or anything in which water can collect. Also, water left for animals to drink should be renewed daily in order to avoid the possibility of mosquitoes breeding there. They also pointed out that the tall grass near their house was harbouring mosquitoes, as they liked darkness and dampness.

Joe's mother listened attentively and then with a deep sigh said, "Oh, how I wish I had known all this before. My children need not have died! To be sure that I will remember all you have taught me today, let me go over it. You listen and correct me where I am wrong." So she started: "To prevent mosquitoes from breeding I must:

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“Switching On The Light”

By H. S. Pearce, Manager,
The Advent Press.

The servant of God writing in the “Review and Herald” of October 13, 1904, made the following remarkable statement:

“Light will be communicated to every city and town. The earth will be filled with the knowledge of salvation. So abundantly will the renewing Spirit of God have crowned with success the intensely active agencies, that the light of present truth will be seen flashing everywhere.”

What a privilege it is to be connected with God’s Literature Ministry, the “light of truth” that Sister White saw in vision, “flashing everywhere.”

The wonder of the printing press and the making of books was born into a world of great darkness. It was not until the end of the fifteenth century, 1476 to be precise, that a man by the name of William Caxton, got the vision of what could be accomplished by the art of printing.

Up until the time of Caxton and his press there were very few books. What there were had been labourously written by hand by the priests and monks of the Roman Catholic Church, and of course they had promulgated only their own doctrine. But with the advent of Caxton’s books, it was not long before the Bible was pouring forth by the hundreds to the hungry people. So followed that great awakening in Europe that is called the Reformation. Without the advent of the printing press it is doubtful if the Reformation could ever have taken place.

God had promised many, many years before that in the time of the end He would cause “knowledge to be increased,” and when in His great wisdom He saw that the time was right, and His men were standing ready to do His work, then He sent the wisdom of the printed page. Immediately

Men attending the Colporteur Institute held at Bekwai, Gold Coast, December, 1950.



there sprang up an army of ambassadors to carry the precious books out to the people. What courage these early Christian book men displayed. Under what secrecy they had to labour, for Satan was afraid of the power there was in these books. These early book men would disguise themselves as traders, having their books hidden in their wares, and only revealing them when they thought the enemy was not present. Many that were caught by the wicked priests were put to death. They died—but they helped to light the light of truth in Europe.

Today, Africa stands with almost every other country of the world,

fully aware of the power of the printed page.

Bookmen of West Africa this is our day, let us be up and doing the Master’s work. Remember that the Spirit of God crowned with success the “intensely active agencies” according to Sister White. Let us be intense in our work for God, working as did the Reformation bookmen, regardless of self, seeking only to spread the great truth.

Members of the Adventist Church of West Africa, the call sounds to-day for volunteers. You are invited to join with God’s bookmen and help us “Switch on the Light of Truth in West Africa.”

Who Will Go?

“Who will go forth now with our publications? The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will co-operate with divine power. A great work is to be done in our world, and human agencies will surely respond to the demand.”—Test. Vol, VI, p. 333. God is calling and men are answering. But Have You?

My Response

Believing that the Lord of the harvest is speaking to me personally in this, the last part of the eleventh hour, and knowing that colporteur-evangelism is ordained of God for effectively conveying His last invitation to a dying world, I do promise to make this important branch of work a special subject of prayer, and will respond, if He calls.

Name.....Age

Address

Now cut this out and post to your Mission Superintendent.

“The Canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order. It is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time.”—Mrs. E. G. White.