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Our Books and Magazines the Response to the Voice of Prophecy.

By A. R. Haig

WHEN the Lord gives to His people a torch to light afire millions of hearts, they are twice blessed if they use it wisely. A careful study of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy will convince the spiritually minded student that for every phase and department of His great work God has given keys, torches, and light.

Saturate and Light. There are two fires in which modern men of Issachar are to be definitely interested; one, the fire of earth's last Pentecost, and two, the fire of hell burning furiously. Today let us confine our reflections to the first: The *Truth-proclaiming fires* now being lighted by Jehovah's *Light Bearer the Holy Spirit.*

Well may we thus paraphrase the holy command taken from one of our General's order books, Isaiah 60:1; listen as he calls: "Arise! Light the fires, for the purifier is come, and the fire of the Purger is blazing upon thee!" He continues: "However, you will not know it; you will not realize that the fires of my zeal and love are blazing upon you unless you have eyes of fire, (Spiritual eyes). Get from me your eyes of fire; then look, and see, and light the Dry Sticks everywhere (unsaved humanity). And this command I say is to *ALL* and for all in my army now battling for the victory of the King."

To our question, "Lord, where may we find a flame?" He replies, "My Word is a lamp." Ps. 119:105. Light your torches there and let streams of light encircle the whole world. I say "start a little paper, find men and women, boys and girls — every member of My church, then stand still and watch results — the magnitude of which is as yet unrealized." Volume 7:144. "Life

Sketches p. 125. "Yea verily I say to everyone, 'PUBLISH THE MESSAGE.'" Hab. 2:1-3.

We have endeavoured to give above a faint glimpse of the instructions of our Lord which He passed on to the pioneers of the Advent Fellowship, both through His word and through the writings of Sister Ellen G. White. From that small beginning we now operate over sixty publishing houses. These publishing torches are strategically placed in every continent. They employ nearly fourteen hundred believers, make hundreds of thousands of books and put out monthly over three hundred different kinds of religious and health journals. In 1944 over eight and a half million dollars worth of books and magazines were actually sold; and since we started to obey the divine command to PUBLISH in 1845, we have sold over one hundred and fifty-two and a half million dollars worth of literature torches lighted with Pentecostal fire.

Millions Waiting: God spake and the pioneers obeyed. Today we know a little of the results both materially and spiritually in funds gathered and thousands of churches raised up over the world. *But God and millions still wait.* They wait to see the hosts of His church over half a million strong receive through life and faith and prayer their eyes of Fire and start a fire-lighting crusade with our books and magazines, the like of which has never yet been seen. The books and magazines are *READY*, they are literally here and by the thousands. All God wants *NOW* is the *Man* and that means everyone.

Methods of Distribution. God asks *ALL* to sell our literature. The colporteur armies must increase and must grow rapidly (atomic bombs

Meet Our Workers



Pastor, Evangelist, Teacher — our worker for October is all of these! But his greatest burden is for the success of the Colporteur Ministry. His name? Pastor A. R. Haig. Publishing Department Secretary of the British West Indies Union. For the past several years he has been serving in the same capacity in the Caribbean Union. Welcome back to your home Union, Pastor and Mrs. Haig!

are here). The ministers and departmental secretaries and all other workers must buy and sell and give away. We must train all our churches to buy and sell regularly, yes, monthly, and soon daily, and from house to house. Our zeal for scattering our fire-brand literature must border upon the brink of fanaticism yet controlled and guided by the *Light-Giver*, the *Holy Spirit*.

Appeal. We know that the thousands who read themselves into the Truth remain the firmest of all. We know that there are tens of thousands who must be gathered in a shorter time. *We know the Lord will not come until we arise like the whirlwind and the locust and carry the Message, and we know and know NOW that it is our books and magazines bought by our entire membership and sold or given away to the people that will help to usher in the "Loud Cry and the coming of the Lord."*

Well may we sing of the coming exploits of our believers in every church who shall pray through this appeal and determine to go out boldly to sell and to give away our magazines and books.

"Far called our laymen trail away,
And distant hills they set afire;
Lo! all the sin of yesterday
Is ashes on the literature pyre.
Lord God of hosts be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget."

**YOUNG PEOPLES'
MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER
DEPARTMENT**

W. L. BARCLAY, Secretary

Something New in the Bahamas

Elder W. E. Kuester, Pastor of our two churches in Nassau, Bahamas, sends the following thrilling news regarding the first Missionary Volunteer camp to be held in the Bahamas field. We quote from Pastor Kuester's letter:

"Today is surely a busy, exciting day here. It is the opening day of the first Missionary Volunteer camp to be held in the Bahamas! We are calling it Camp B A M I V O C A—first two letters of each of the words Bahamas Missionary Volunteer Camp. We have a staff of director, assistant director, a girl's counselor, boy's counselor, a registered nurse to act as a camp nurse, a life-guard and swimming instructor, a cook and her assistant, and even an official photographer (one of the young men attending does photography). We will carry on the usual programme of morning dip, Morning Watch circle and

prayer bands, camp duties, inspection, vocational and handicraft classes, swimming, hiking and games, rest period, camp council and campfire. We have been able to secure the use of a building right on the edge of the ocean, cots from an oil company, and two used stoves from a gas company, all donated for the use of the camp. And the man from the radio station who came to our church at the time of our last church broadcast was so pleased with the prospective camp programme that he offered to give free news broadcasts concerning the camp.

"We have also got the campfires started here in our local churches, having had two thus far, with an attendance of over 100 as well as we could count, at our last."

News from Here and There in the Union

Brother Curtis Parchment who has served faithfully as the Book and Bible House Manager in Kingston for the past several years is leaving shortly to continue his education in the United States. We are sorry to see Brother Parchment leave but wish him God-speed as he leaves us to continue his preparation for service in the Master's Vineyard.

Miss Marion Brodie, who has served as accountant in the Jamaica Book and Bible House for the past several years, is also leaving Jamaica to continue her studies in the United States. Our best wishes go with Miss Brodie.

At a recent meeting of the Union Mission Committee it was voted to invite Brother B. R. Hamilton to connect with the Jamaica Book and Bible House as Manager of that organization. Brother Hamilton will take up his new duties about the first of October.

In response to the call of the West Indian Training College, Brother Garnet Alexander has connected with that institution where he will serve in the accounting division of the industries.

Brother Percival Clayton has accepted the invitation of the Bible Correspondence School to act as its representative in the West Jamaica Mission. For the time being, he will follow up interests at Maggoty.

Work is proceeding on the main Hospital unit at the Andrew's Memorial Hospital in Kingston. It is hoped that

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The Bookman's Assets

There are a series of tools for every workman. Varying from a pen to a plant these instruments must be efficiently manipulated in order that man may be productive in his efforts. Jesus plainly teaches that it is the exercise of the talent that are in possession that brighter results. Too many are waiting to be endowed with further blessings, to receive more privileges, to have greater opportunities before they are in a position to be producers.

The British dollar credit has melted rapidly during the past few months. The full realization of the cause is tersely expressed by Mr. Herbert Morrison.—"What is Britain's greatest shortage now? Is it dollars? Is it coal? Is it man power? Is it food? It is none of these things. It is TIME."

Time, therefore, is a great tool; when it is lost it can never be regained, and when it is not used it is lost—a double loss indeed. Oh, that soul-workers would regard time rightly.

One colporteur's delivery record reveals an hourly supply of the value of two small books. Another record shows a delivery of one large book for every four hours. Another shows four magazines for the hour. Each worker owns the time in which the record is made, as well as the time that passed when nothing but loss, and indifference to the proper development of this talent could be recorded.

This is one vital feature. However, there is another to be combined for an animating success. Like the trickle of gasoline that fumes in a petrol engine, the units of time must be exploded by a current unnatural to man. A distribution from the heavenly storage will travel to him in proportion to the willingness and devotion with which he connects himself to Christ.

CONTROL BY CHRIST IS CONSECRATION. In many cases Christ is not in full control. Unfaithfulness in any way lessens the contact, produces partial control, and reduces the power to make time produce the glory due to the Giver. Every moment of time that passes unused and unimproved is wasted for the lack of zealous faith and a burden for the salvation of others. They are our own. Time and Consecration. What shall we do with them, if we must be accounted worthy? —W. U. CAMPBELL.

Spiritual and Technical Advantages of the Colporteur Work

Colporteur Evangelism tends to develop character, health, personality, and knowledge. Each consecrated man, woman, boy or girl who enters this important work ordained of God will receive a real spiritual and technical education.

The true colporteur-evangelist lives close to Jesus. He realizes the importance of a constant communion with heaven. He learns to pray prevailingly with God. He "goes forth with the word of the Lord, remembering that those who obey the commandments, and teach others to obey them will be rewarded by seeing souls converted, and one soul truly converted will bring others to Christ." (C.E., p. 7.)

"The colporteur presents the cup full of the preciousness of truths of redemption. He drinks of this cup himself and becomes changed from glory to glory, from character to character." (C.E., page 10.)

Colporteurism develops personality. Dean Wicks of Princeton University says: "Personality is that invisible quality of life that loves and thinks and wills and feels responsibility for truth and beauty and goodness, and that takes over other lives into its own by sympathy."

Personality is of paramount importance because it includes a group of qualities which, if left undeveloped, result in certain failure. On the other hand, when these personality forces are developed they stimulate a desire for knowledge, service, and leadership. Personal power plus knowledge, when properly combined, very greatly increase successful achievement. It is almost impossible to comprehend the mental, moral, and material losses due to undeveloped personalities. The colporteur work really affords wonderful opportunities to put personality into action, and further develop it. It also helps the individual to develop better health, as he is in the open air, and in contact with God and nature.

The educational advantages of colporteurism are great and valuable to each individual, even though one might not plan to continue the colporteur work as his life's vocation. He will need to sell his services in some other field. "Everyone will have to market his services at the conclusion of his training period, and later from time to time; hence, all need salesmanship." (Carl B. Strand.)

The pleasing "silent salesmanship" in the colporteur's life puts him in a position to cultivate a quiet confidence and to speak with conviction. This "silent sales-

manship" will help him to make friendly contacts, arouse curiosity and hold attention, and it will help him to point out a need or problem, and thus awaken an interest. Then, it will also assist him in offering the solution, and in creating a desire for Life Everlasting in the heart of the person with whom he associates.

— J. C. CULPEPPER.

WANTED!! Every Member in the Magazine and Small Book Crusade

God desires every Seventh-day Adventist to develop into the greatest Religion Promoter that the Christian church has ever known since Ezra read and made the meaning clear to the people. (Neh. 8:3.)

In presenting and selling the Truth in this closing hour we are to be second to none save Jesus Our Lord. Jesus was God's greatest promoter. The promotion of our Lord was strongly laid in sincerity with tears and with blood, and with His very life. Although His promotion of the coming kingdom covered the short period of less than four years, today His proposition and its defense is the greatest influence and force in the world. All

great events are defended on the principles laid down during His selfless advertisement of the only Panacea of mankind—the coming kingdom of our Lord.

Thought Provoking. As Jesus neared the end of His ministerial promotion He made every effort to lay the right foundation. First He chose twelve, then He recruited seventy more and we are told that about five hundred were with Him as He ascended. In other words, *the whole church was behind Him.* They were behind every promotion that would win more souls in a shorter time and thus quickly finish the work.

Follow the Pattern. Let the churches of the Union arise as one man and follow the Saviour's methods of approach and they will light an Adventist crusading fire such as the Christian world has never known.

Two Forms of Promotion Will Do It. The one group above all others that will bring that Pentecostal Revival already on the march (but should be advancing much faster) is the Layman's army. Give to every layman God's two-edged promotion sword and a foretaste of heaven will

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COLPORTEURS OF WEST JAMAICA MISSION (1947)

In the second row reading from left to right are: Earl Parchment, M. V. and H. M. Secretary; Curtis Parchment, former Manager of the Book and Bible House; Pastor E. C. H. Reid, Publishing Department Secretary, West Jamaica Mission; Pastor M. E. Lowry, former British West Indies Union Publishing Department Secretary; Pastor W. S. Nation, President West Jamaica Mission; Pastor A. R. Haig, present Publishing Department Secretary, British West Indies Union; Pastor W. U. Campbell, Publishing Department Secretary, East Jamaica Mission; Miss Thelma Rodgers, Secretary West Jamaica Mission; B. R. Hamilton, present manager Book and Bible House.

The splendid achievements of our West Jamaica colporteurs during the first six months of the year testify to the mighty working of the Holy Spirit for and through them.

TRIENNIAL COMPARATIVE PUBLISHING REPORT OF THE B. W. I. UNION MISSION

YEAR	AV. NO. COLP.	HOURS	ORDERS (\$U.S.)	ORDERS (£ s. d.)	DEL. (U.S.)	DEL. (£ s. d.)
1944	82	67,579	\$ 71,944.03	£ 17,547 3 0	\$ 49,169.73	£ 11,992 19 10
1945	118	100,465	82,812.90	20,198 1 4	50,806.08	12,391 12 1
1946	127	114,605	98,969.12	24,138 11 4	58,861.95	14,356 8 8
TOTALS	327	282,649	\$253,726.05	£61,883 15 8	\$158,837.76	£38,740 10 7

The Hour and The Need

"The hour has come, the hour is striking and striking at you, the hour and the end." (Eze. 7:6, Moff.).

The end is near! God's prophetic Word declares it! His Servant confirms it! World leaders are fearful of it!

The Honourable Winston Churchill has never laid claim to being an interpreter of Bible prophecy, but he is a man well versed in international politics. He is all too well acquainted with the chaotic condition into which the nations of the world have plunged themselves. Not long ago, as he surveyed world conditions he was led to exclaim, "Beware, I say; *time may be short!*"

The late H. G. Wells, one of the leading historians of our generation, was an avowed atheist. He had no time for God nor faith in His Word. But as an historian Mr. Wells had his fingers upon the pulse of the world. Just before his death a few months ago Mr. Wells summed up world conditions in four breath-taking words: "*This is the end.*"

Many other world leaders have made similar breath-taking statements since we were rudely hurled into the atomic age by the fearful explosions of Hiroshima, Japan.

Such statements should not surprise Seventh-day Adventists. For years the Servant of the Lord has been warning us of the shortness of time.

Seventy-seven years ago we were told "We are now on the very borders of the eternal world." Vol. 4, p. 306. Eleven years later Sister White was impressed to write: "The end of all things is at hand." Vol. 5, p. 16. Long ere this many equally as pointed statements should have stirred us from our complacency and impressed us with the solemnity of the times in which we live.

Surely "the hour has come, the hour is striking and striking at you, the hour and the end!"

Never in the history of this old world has the urgency of the hour towered as such a challenge before the people of God as today. "*This is the end!*"

The privilege of living in this grand hour carries with it a tremendous responsibility that we dare not shirk.

Millions remain unwarned of impending doom.

Thousands of these millions live within the territory of the British West Indies Union. Many live within the precincts of your own community.

What are you doing to prepare them for the fearful days just ahead?

Our truth-filled publications offer a wonderful opportunity to every church member to have a part in the great work of soul winning that challenges God's people in this hour. We may not all be preachers. We may not be Bible Workers. But we can all make a liberal use of our tracts and periodicals in warning those about us of impending doom. Some should accept the call of God and take up the literature work as full time workers. Others can join church auxiliaries and work part time. Everyone can have a part in at least the free distribution of the fine supply of tracts and papers flooding in upon our island fields from friends abroad.

Church members! Arouse! Respond to the challenge of this mighty hour. Sell and give away our literature on an unprecedented scale. Work, pray, sow the seed. The Lord of the Harvest will give the increase!

Fellow workers, let us carry a good supply of free literature when we travel

in our cars or on the bus and train. Let us leave no stone unturned in bearing a positive testimony of these solemn days to those about us.

His Word will not return to Him void! He has promised. He will make it good. Just one tract may stir some soul with its contents and prepare him for eternity.

Recently the wife of one of our missionaries in Mandeville was out in her regular weekly tract distribution programme in her neighbourhood. A man from another district passed her on the road and was given a tract. The following week she chanced to meet the man again and he asked where he could receive more of the fine reading matter. He was given more and he went on his way.

The lady didn't see him again but about a month later she was in the home of a mutual friend and enquired about the man.

"Oh I saw him just yesterday," the friend replied, "and he told me he was planning to join your church right away!"

Only a tract. It didn't mean so much to the missionary lady but it may mean eternity for the man who read its message that day and found God's truth!

Brethren and sisters, "the hour has come, the hour is striking and striking at you, the hour and the end!"

Let us scatter our literature of truth like leaves of autumn. His word will not return unto Him void!

— ROBERT H. PIERSON.

Comrades of the Past We Salute You!

The Publishing Department of the British West Indies Union Mission join with their fellow-workers to express a sincere "Thank you." We now implore the Father of Light and Glory to bless you and your families with copious showers of love and of protection and peace.

Indeed we lift the crimson drapery of our hearts with a sense of deep humility as we pause and respectfully remember, and fully realize that because you risked "ALL," the right foundation was laid. Today it is now our privilege to continue building higher and yet higher with poise and with confidence.

In a way we are indeed the reapers. We have entered into your labours. In spirit, hope, and in purpose you then serve with us. And to the survivors of those who have been called away we state: "The good that men do lives after them and is not interred with their bones."

What's in a Name. No one would dare ask the question, "What's in a name"? if they met and saw in action our Advent heroes of yester years. We write with deep emotion the names of Brother W. A. Appelgate, Publishing Secretary, Jamaica Conference 1919, Brother W. E. Atkin, President, Jamaica Conference and father of the British West Indies Union Mission, and then Secretary-Treasurer of the same for a short while. Neither can we forget President G. A. Roberts, Ceilian Andross, and all the pioneers who preceded them. Well may we term Secretary J. O. Petty as the father of our early bookmen. Brother M. E. Lowry has just left us. We shall remember him for his fatherly and friendly ways. His interest in the Cause and in his colporteurs was foursquare. "Friend Lowry, we thank you for the part you played." We shall not soon forget Brother Phillip Porter; he will ever be thought of as the first national colporteur of the British West Indies islands. In confidence he awaits the Great Call.

Recessional and Processional. It is not so long ago that the total monthly deliveries for the countries comprising the Union was only £200, 0. 0., about \$820, U.S., and yet because God saw, and took note of their sincerity, their spilt blood, their beading sweat and salty tears, today we build on a safe and a sure foundation—the ground-work of which was laid before our time.

Our latest reports to hand are for the month of July. Four of the six missions report a total delivery of £1,271, 1. 0., or \$5,211.22 U.S.; and this is in spite of severe labour unrest and a growing unemployment army numbering tens of thousands plus a depreciating currency. Surely the builders of the past may justly rejoice.

The Future. We face the future with confidence. Literature in the Union has merely begun to be scattered. We have not yet even reached the red-line of low-tide, and yet we realize that the mark for high-tide-literature distribution is infinity! God alone knows exactly; we only know that the scattering will be locust-like, "like the leaves of Autumn." Vol. 9:72.

Our Prayer. Well meaning is our prayer, "Lord help us to find the right men and women, youth, and sanctified old age and we, with Thy Spirit, will finish the job." Amen.

The Students, Our Commandos. Over sixty students of the West Indian Training College and Kingsway High School are at present attacking the enemy's line with relentless fury. In seven weeks they have accumulated orders for books and magazine subscriptions and single copies to the encouraging figures of over £3,000, 0. 0., or \$12,300.00, and deliveries of £500, 0. 0., or \$2050.00 U.S. Surely we can lift our voices in thankfulness. May God continue to give you, our foot-sore students abundant success, and may Christ be your constant companion and Hero.

"Give of your best to the Master
Give of the Strength of your youth
Throw your soul's fresh glowing ardour
Into the battle for Truth."

— A. R. HAIG.



Brother Sydney Vascianne, one of our faithful Jamaican Colporteurs who is at present labouring in the British Honduras field.

God Will Use Simple Means — Be Prepared

Inasmuch as the Colporteur Brigade work is a part of the general missionary programme of the church, yet it is proper that it be conducted by the Publishing Department of the Mission.

The Brigade work is a part of the Literature Ministry and must therefore come under the same regulations regarding Christian purity, burden of souls and for the spreading of the Message.

"No one should have any part in the work of the Colporteur whose heart is not right with God and who is defiled with sin." C. E. p. 47.

Hundreds of our small books and magazines can be placed in numberless homes in every neighbourhood and everyone should co-operate in doing this his God-given task.

Training Necessary. Men should be at work who are willing to be taught as to the best ways of approaching individuals and families. C.E. p. 81. Therefore every one is called periodically to Brigade meetings for training.

Leadership. Each Brigade group should have a leader to whom the members report, and he in turn reports to the Publishing Department Secretary. It is the leader's duty to train and assist every member as is necessary. He is also expected to assist in obtaining books and supplies for the work of the members, and to faithfully look after the reports and accounts of all. A full or part-time colporteur or a Home Missionary officer may be selected as Brigade leader.

Members Requirements. Only baptized Seventh-day Adventists in good standing and fellowship should be accepted. Every member is required to work at least five hours per week and to watch for soul-winning experiences. Cost prices of books and papers are to be kept confidentially and handled with utmost care. Every member must be willing to co-operate and to report in due time. Every member is to aim at building up a cash reserve of at least 20%. Any member showing signs of progress and cooperating in all the requirements should be encouraged and assisted into fuller service.

Business. Books are obtained from the Brigade Leader, and not from the Bible House. The full price of a book is divided thus:

- 40% the amount for member
- 50% the cost of book
- 10% the amount for leader

All operating expenses are met by leader.

Reports. The leader must report at the end of the month the work of his group. This report is to show the total hours, the number and value of books delivered by each member, and the division of the selling rate per person. An accurate statement of each member's account must be shown in each monthly report.

"LET ALL THINGS BE DONE DECENTLY AND IN ORDER."

— W. U. CAMPBELL.



FRUITFUL VALE CHURCH

This fine church, located in the East Jamaica Mission, was dedicated to the Glory of God on Sunday, August 21, 1947.

Publishing Department Honour Roll for the Months of June and July 1947

Field	Av. Hours Per Week	Deliveries
British Honduras:		
Vacianne, S.	70	£ 92 16 10
Colfulunde, J.	27	42 17 4
Bahamas:		
Ricketts, B. A.	31	121 10 0
East Jamaica:		
Blake, W. E.	93	19 15 0
Desnoe, K. E.	52	10 11 0
Horne, Samuel	91	25 18 0
Gothele, Elma	40	4 7 6
King, J. M.	45	11 5 0
Sterling, David	50	9 17 6
White, George	99	44 9 9
White, George	40	3 10 0
Josephs, Levi	63	7 10 3
Gray, Leonard	41	5 5 0
Henry, Basil	44	
Morgan, A. A.	40	3 2 6
Reid, Alphonso (Student)	48	65 10 3
Sang, J. C. (Student)	51	
Thompson, M. (Student)	48	
Williams, R. A. (Student)	47	
Dillon, L.	50	3 9 6
Garrison, A. A.	41	47 6 0
Lalor, M. A.	27	7 6 0
Lindsay, C. E.	40	34 15 0
Davidson, H. (Part Time)	66	
McIntosh, W. J. " "	46	4 16 3
Scott, E. (Student)	50	20 14 6
Saunders, V. G. (Student)	22	32 3 6
West Jamaica:		
Brown, V. E.	88	50 10 3
Carneigie, R.	103	16 19 0
Hepburn, C. H.	84	49 0 3
Bines, E. L.	69	58 14 0
Llewellyn, H. S.	90	32 12 0
Lulan, I. B.	102	11 16 7
Nesbitt, R.	96	8 7 1
Smith, M. V.	50	11 17 0
Smith, Mrs. B.	41	
Spence, R. W.	47	2 2 6
Wright, Z. (Part Time)	58	3 2 0
Wright, E. P.	74	70 2 0
Hyll, Mrs. M.	55	
Kerr, L.	92	12 1 0
Lawrence, V. H.	64	6 10 0
McGill, Miss D.	50	41 3 0
McIntosh, Mrs. M.	125	1 6 0
Morris, Mrs. L.	47	25 7 6
Pearl, L. (Student)	40	11 18 0
Fletcher, J. (Student)	44	
Holness, L. (Student)	42	
Williams, Mrs. G.	41	
Dinham, A.	50	7 12 0
Deekery, E. E.	62	3 10 0
Gilling, F. L.	43	10 19 0
Guthrie, I.	63	12 4 1
Powell, I. E.	41	1 5 3
Thorpe, C. H.	47	15 4 0
Sparkes, E.	41	28 6 0
Wallace, A. O.	50	15 4 0
Wright, J. E.	56	38 5 0
Gaynor, G. W.	46	2 0 3
Hudson, M.	48	16 15 0
Kerr, I.	40	3 17 6

From Here And There

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the centre section of the main Hospital building will soon be completed. Elder B. M. Heald, of the Greater New York Conference in the United States has recently arrived to assist the Hospital Administration in laying plans for the completion of the entire building.

The Union Office family welcomes Miss Cynthia Tyee to its midst. Miss Tyee will serve as office secretary to the Publishing and Home Missionary Departments.

Another Lighthouse for God!

Another island has been lighted by the beacon of a church dedicated to the service of God. This marked a joyous occasion for the members of the church and their pastor, Elder C. F. Edwards.

This church is located at Moss Town, on the island of Great Exuma. Elder and Mrs. H. D. Colburn and Elder and Mrs. W. E. Keuster went from the mission head-quarters in Nassau to Moss Town for this dedication. The impressive service was appropriately begun by Elder Colburn, President of the Mission, cutting the ribbon to the entrance of the church. L. R. Rahming told of the beginning of the interest in Moss Town. While doing colporteur work in Moss Town, Brother Rahming started a Sabbath School, and interest from this beginning grew until a church was organized. Following this account, Pastor Edwards, who directed the construction of the building, gave the history of the building of the church. The dedicatory sermon, act of dedication, and dedicatory prayer were given by Pastor Colburn. Vocal selections were rendered by Pastor Edwards, the choir, and L. R. Rahming sang with a violin obligato. Mrs. Kuester played a violin solo. Elder W. E. Kuester acted as chairman of the programme.

While being constructed, this church was cursed by a woman claiming to be a prophetess. Placing marks on the foundation of the church, and burying something in the church yard, she prophesied that the building would never be completed. But "despite this," God overruled, and the church was completed and dedicated.

The church has a seating capacity of 100 people, and required one year and six months to construct. Shortly before the dedication an organ was presented to the church as a gift from the Seventh-day Adventist church in Paupau, Michigan.

— W. E. KUESTER

Your Church and Your Literature

The first church of which I was pastor needed some money to complete its church building and paint it. We solved our problem without going to the conference for help. We ordered a good supply of "The Watchman Magazine" (now, "Our Times") and the church members, young and old, rallying to the pastor's appeal for workers, went out and sold every copy.

We took the proceeds from these sales and re-invested in more magazines to sell the following month. We continued selling and re-investing until we had sufficient funds on hand to pay in advance for 225 papers to come every month for one year. These were sold faithfully and the whole amount of \$22.25 (about £6. 15. 0) came into the church treasury every month for twelve months so we could finish up the church ready for dedication.

Now I could be mistaken but I believe every church in the British West Indies Union has some financial need. Some want to commence their church buildings. Others need funds to complete theirs. Some need church furnishings. Others need books and papers for their libraries. There are a thousand and one needs.

Why not contact your Mission Publishing Department Secretary and arrange with him to help meet your financial needs THE MAGAZINE WAY! He can counsel with you and explain how you can secure a few copies of "The Message Magazine" or "Health" or some other good message-filled magazine, sell them re-invest in more until you have been able to build up a good working capital. Soon you will have your needs cared for, your debts paid up and a good credit balance in your church treasury.

Write your Publishing Department Secretary NOW and ask him how you can meet your financial needs THE TRUTH-FILLED MAGAZINE WAY!

— R. H. PIERSON.

COLPORTEUR REPORT

Summary for June and July, 1947

MISSIONS	COLPORTEURS	HOURS	ORDERS	DELIVERIES
Bahamas	1	158	£ 51 13 0	£ 121 10 0
Caymas				
British Honduras	3	501	144 3 2	135 0 2
East Jamaica	88	11,295	2,514 19 6	1,157 9 4
Salt Cays	1	—	10 12 0	10 12 0
West Jamaica	113	13,759	2,270 15 9	915 1 9
TOTALS	206	25,713	£4,992 8 5	£2,339 13 3

The Colporteur and His Need of the Holy Spirit

"Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto Me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1:8.

Some four years ago, two ministers entered a little church for the purpose of conducting an evangelistic meeting. The people entered the place of worship with decorum and everyone was quietly seated. Seeing the shades of night falling, the deacon was asked to put the lights on. Immediately he went to switch them on, but there wasn't any. What had happened? All eyes were curiously and anxiously looking for light, but no light could be obtained. Someone went for the electrician, and upon his arrival he found that a small bit of paper was placed between the bulb and socket so that no connection could be made. The opinion of all was that some meddling hands had done the trick, so as soon as the paper was removed, the church was flooded with light.

Colporteurs, you need power today more than ever before since the inception of this great religious enterprise—"The Canvassing Work." From whom can this power be obtained? From our heavenly Father. "And I will pray the Father that He give you another comforter." How can we be ready? By removing every obstruction (sin) out of our lives and praying for it. "Ask ye of the . . . latter rain." Zech. 10:1. Let it be carefully noted that it was to be after the praying, and the weeping, and the rending of the heart before God, that the Spirit was to come.

The disciples had 10 days of fasting in Jerusalem which were very essential to them. Before God's Spirit can assume control of our lives, there must be a dethronement of self. Before we can be filled with the Spirit, the heart must be emptied, swept, and garnished.

"But ye shall be witnesses unto Me" in the parishes of Jamaica, in every little nook and corner where the printed page can go. Not your eloquence, personality, and tactfulness (though these are essential) "but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

— E. C. H. REID.

How Short My Time

More than 3,000 years ago the sweet singer of Israel, now growing old and careworn, sat thinking over the days of his years. As he pondered the happenings of his life, he felt his need of so many blessings from the Giver of Every Good Gift and he plead with God, "Remember how short my time is." Ps. 39:47.

David understood how fleeting are the hours of human life. Do we today, brethren, who stand on the very threshold of the eternal world remember how short *our* time is? Can we say that we still have one year, five years, ten years in which to finish the task? To so speculate is dangerous. Today is our day of unexcelled opportunity.

As messengers of the printed page, are we using the same methods that we used, or our predecessors used, ten, twenty or fifty years ago? Or are we constantly improving our methods and seeking for new and more effective ways to scatter abroad the printed gospel?

And, faithful colporteurs, we must ask ourselves a still more important question: *Do we have greater power* than we have ever had before? Methods are important; our speech, dress and bearing all have an influence on our success. But unless we have the power of Jesus Christ in our lives we shall be just ordinary "book agents" instead of true colporteur evangelists.

The Spirit of Prophecy tells us that "The canvasser should be chaste like Joseph, meek like Moses, and temperate

like Daniel; then a *power will attend* him wherever he goes."—*Test.* Vol.V, p. 396. Can you and I reach such a high standard? Can we have this greatly needed power? The answer lies in our own willingness to connect with the great powerhouse of heaven. Sister White, in Volume 5, page 397, says that she has seen "young men undertake this (colporteur) work without connecting themselves with heaven." She then outlines how, lacking this vital connection with heaven, they have failed in the colporteur work. Let us not make this mistake, brethren and sisters. Let our first work be that of checking our own connection with the great source of power, remembering that our time is indeed short.

— C. O. FRANZ.

A Residential Colporteur Invites

The canvassing work is the joy and pride of my whole heart. Although this branch of the work may seem to be the most hard and humiliating, yet anyone who continues in it will find it one of the most exalting works that has ever been given to man on this side of probation.

It takes one out of the kingdom of darkness and places him into the kingdom of light, and from the kingdom of disgrace to the kingdom of Grace, making him a co-worker with the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost and with all the holy angels. What for? One purpose only; and that is to get the sons and daughters of men to become the sons and daughters of God. Can there be any work more noble and exalting? There is only one answer; No! a thousand times no! "So we are ambassadors for Christ as though God did beseech you by us, we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." II Cor. 5:20.

As I take a retrospection of my work, it is with renewed joy to my heart to behold a beautiful family of five who are now rejoicing in the last message of mercy that is belting the entire globe. What makes me more happy is the fact that these are not only rejoicing in the message themselves, but are endeavouring to give it to others. Two of them, a young man and a young woman, are attending our college in Mandeville. The young man is preparing himself for the ministry. Watch these two students during their holidays, going from house to house taking their orders by the scores for their scholarships. Watch them again at their work in school, with one purpose in mind; namely, that the Lord will help

them to fulfill the mission for which they came in this world. Then must I not be happy, fellow-workers? Yes, and they are happy too. Please remember this family in your prayers.

Are you unhappy? Then join the ranks of the Colporteur Army TODAY and be happy. — M. A. LALOR.

WANTED!!

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come down to us. Thousands will jubilantly sing, "Hosanna, hosanna! the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth." "His laws are just and His sabbath is the day of rest and joy." And what is the two-edged sword you ask? It is (1) Ant-swarming lay-preaching with Bible studies from house to house in every village, city and town, and (2) magazines, Present Truths, Signs of the Times, and small books scattering heaps upon heaps in every place where a man may be found. Truly our zeal and first love batteries need recharging; and the best way to have them vibrating with energy and life again is to get down on our knees then get up and love humanity as never before, going after them with Bibles, magazines and books. Let's think it over, church officers, to promote greater literature selling.

The Advent Church is the only church that can employ every member of the fold and pay him a salary. The size of that salary he himself may suggest. Did you think of that? Who said that we were all to give our valuable and limited time to giving Bible studies

and free tract distribution without thought of financial reward? No one! not the Lord I am sure. He said, "The labourer is worthy of his hire." "They that preach the gospel must live by the gospel." But that does not mean that we should borrow the tithes if we are their custodians. What does the text tell then, you may ask?

What the Texts Mean. The texts mean that plans must be well laid and followed up with constant and intensive promotion whereby small books and assorted magazines may be placed into the hands of our self-sacrificing laymen and women, boys and girls whereby they may scatter, broadcast and collect their dues as they go along. *Results* train them to do this with a vision from heaven and with love and hundreds will pay more tithes, eat better, wear better clothing, build their little homes, pay their church school fees and go to our Kingsway and Mandeville Colleges like sons and daughters of a rich Father (God) and not as offsprings of the pauper fathers' inaction, indifference and faithlessness. And greater is the fact that thousands of souls will be won and kept saved; and the isles of Bahamas, Salt Cays, Cayman, and Jamaica, with British Honduras, will become or almost be like Pitcairn where all or nearly everyone is a S.D.A. Rouse you, my Advent countrymen, the day and the battle is the Lord's, and scatter our magazines, "like the leaves of Autumn." Vol. 9:71.

P.S. Send now to your Publishing Department Secretary for counsel as well as field assistance.—A. R. HAIG.

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The Unholy Tenth

"He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." For whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Rom. 14:23, Jas. 4:17.

Every truly converted child of heaven has embedded three main ideas of his responsibility as a Christian. Firstly, that Christ died that he might have life, therefore he lives by his faith in Christ; Secondly, the sacrifice of Christ places him as a unit in His society and gives fellowship there. Then this new life and the fellowship it promotes make this blood-bought individual a medium of transmitting the power of salvation to all the world. Everyone should realize this.

Once a colporteur found himself the owner of one shilling in all his possession. He was at Sabbath service when an appeal was made for faithfulness in returning to God His own. Remembering how many times he withheld the tithe, he turned in the only and last shilling and inwardly asked God to forgive the past and endow the spirit to be faithful thereafter.

The prospect of the next meal was meagre, but the inward voice condemned his unholy trait. He became fully converted to his responsibility and pledged never to sin again in this manner. Success followed, and in proportion to his faithfulness, he has been experiencing outstanding blessings.

Fellow believers, fellow worker, do you have faith in the plan of salvation? Yes, you do. You also know that it is a good thing to be honest with the Lord's goods. If you do otherwise, to you it is sin, it is unholy. The tenth of ALL YOUR INCREASE is unholy unto you, but holy unto the Lord. Your fruits, your grains, your vegetables, your money, your strength are all combined to make a rightful unit in the world-wide and eternal plan. Sin not against the gospel nor against the Holy Tenth.

—W. U. CAMPBELL.

CUT ME OUT

AND SEND ME TO YOUR PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT SECRETARY OR YOUR MISSION PRESIDENT

Knowing that the time is short, and that we must hasten in the finishing of the work, and believing that the colporteur work is one of the most effective agencies in winning people to the truth, I hereby promise to make this a subject of special prayer, and to answer, "Here am I," if the Lord calls. I shall be pleased to talk with you about the work.

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