

Atlantic Union Gleaner

"The importance of the canvassing work is kept ever before me." Mrs. E. G. White.



The Need of the Hour

M. L. RICE

President, Atlantic Union Conference

ONE of our greatest needs is colporteur evangelists, men and women to go from home to home with our truth-filled books. Evangelism simply means to tell good news. How badly in this bewildered and perplexed day the people need good news. Some have about given up hope, they have lost heart, and how gladly they will welcome a messenger of hope in this critical hour.

The program for the church today is the great commission. It is God's appointed plan to send forth men and women to preach by voice, by deed, and by the printed page the last message of mercy to a lost world. He has no other way. He is depending upon His church. It has been said, "He has no

feet but ours with which to go, no hands but ours with which to heal, no tongue but ours with which to teach." What a responsibility rests upon His church!

What the world needs, we have. Much that will fill the world's needs is bound between the covers of certain

It Was You Who Invited Me Here

*When I enter that wonderful city above,
Far removed from earth's sorrow and fear:
I hope that somebody will whisper in love,
"It was you who invited me here."*

*When I stand by the side of the river of life,
'Twill be joy to hear somebody say:
"I was drunk with the world and its madden-
ing strife
Till the colporteur happened my way."*

*"From his books, and his tracts, and his papers
galore
I first learned of this blessed abode:
When I turned me about and set for the shore,
'Twas the colporteur showed me the road!"*

*When at home in those mansions eternally
grand,
Many dear ones with joy I behold:
I hope that somebody beside me will stand
Saved, because of the books that I sold.
—Author Unknown.*

books, and we have the books. Whenever I visit our publishing houses, I frequently wander back into the stock room where the books are kept. Those piles of hundreds of books give me two kinds of feelings and both at the same time, if such a thing is possible. I feel both happy and sick. That is a strange combination, I must confess, because one is never very happy when he is sick. But I always get that feeling.

I am happy because we have these books, while at the same time I am

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Read---Think---Act

J. F. KENT

Field Secretary, Atlantic Union Conference

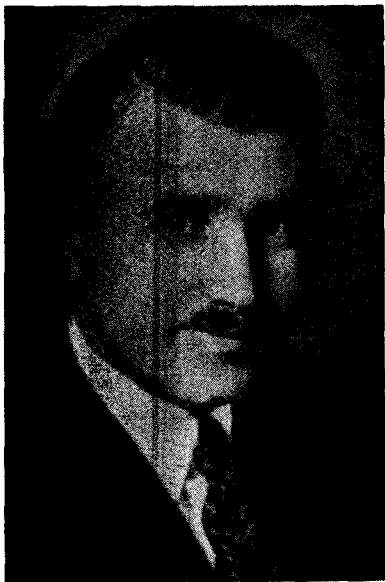
BUT while men slept his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat." "Church members, *awake* to the importance of the circulation of our literature, and devote more time to this work." [Italics ours.] —"Christian Service," p. 147.

"Satan is busy in this department of his work, scattering literature which is debasing the morals and poisoning the minds of the young. Infidel publications are scattered broadcast throughout the land." —*Id.*, p. 146.

Here in North America we have less than one thousand regular, full-time, house-to-house evangelists. On the

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Let Your Light Shine

G. ERIC JONES

President, Atlantic Union College

"SHALL we whose souls are lighted . . .
The lamp of life deny?"

IN the prairie country of a few years ago, the people used to ride horse-back to the little schoolhouse where they held their evening revival meetings. The first to arrive always found the building dark, but he would go in and light the candle which he brought, and put it upon the window sill. The next, and the next, and all who followed would do likewise, and when the room was full of people, it was also full of light.

What a mighty factor the aroused church will be in finishing the message — imparting light in this dark world! Every one, everywhere, letting his light shine! Every one placing a good, convincing book in some one's home! Many whom God desires to choose if they will let Him, placing scores and hundreds of books in thickly populated and in widely scattered communities!

The Lord says, "Do not allow anything to keep you from the work of soul saving. The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls." —*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 33. And again, "God expects personal service from every one to whom He has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time. Not all can go as missionaries

to foreign lands, but all can be home missionaries in their families and neighborhoods." —*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 30.

We are especially anxious that our youth, not only those upon whom God has placed a burden for the ministry, but other youth who hear God calling them to have some part in the closing work, should gladly avail themselves of this opportunity for service.

Atlantic Union College is highly honored by those of its students and faculty who go out with the printed page and faithfully scatter it throughout our field from summer to summer. May this coming vacation see a greater number in the canvassing field than ever before!

"Work cheerfully, work tearfully
Tho wearily you plod,
Work carefully, work prayerfully
But leave the task with God!"
—Adapted.

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Reaching the Masses

H. K. CHRISTMAN

Southern Publishing Association

EVERY great organization that has ever stamped the impress of a virile, vibrant Christianity on the pages of history has had some inspiring vision as its motivating power. This has been repeated many times in church history during the past nineteen hundred years,



and is destined to provide a most fascinating drama during the closing days of human history.

Perhaps no other statement in the Spirit of prophecy has brought greater courage and inspiration to the leadership of

our literature ministry, and the thousands of church members who are participating in its program than the following from "Testimonies," Volume VII, page 140: "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of the other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."

To those who are directing the distribution of our smaller literature in the form of magazines and periodicals, there is something rather meaningful about this dramatic picture. To "lighten

the earth with his glory," in a very realistic sense, means to reach the masses with our message in some convenient, tangible form so that "he that runneth can read."

We recognize that our *Watchman* and *Message* magazines fit most appropriately into the picture of this closing drama, and anticipate that the day is not far distant when they will make a large contribution to the loud cry of the third angel's message. Both of these missionary journals have been dedicated to the two-fold purpose of presenting the story of startling and amazing world events in the light of rapidly fulfilling prophecy, and also the glorious principles of a living faith for a dying world.

During the past year a fine work has been done among the cities and towns of New England in the distribution of these message-filled journals. We are constrained to feel, however, that the enviable records of the past represent only a feeble approach to the wider horizons of achievement that awaited us in the light of the above-mentioned fulfilling promise.

May the urge for a larger work with our magazines grip the hearts of many more of our believers in the Atlantic Union, thus providing many new recruits for this important phase of our great literature ministry.

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Follow Thou Me!

Who answers Christ's insistent call
Must give himself, his life, his all,
Without one backward look.
Who sets his hand unto the plow
And glances back with anxious brow,
His calling hath mistook.
Christ claims him wholly for His own;
He must be Christ's — and Christ's alone.
—John Oxenham.

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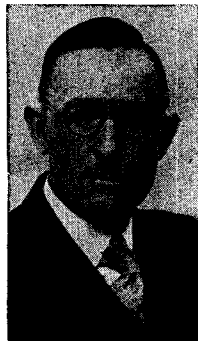
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A Remarkable Experience

W. A. NELSON

President, Gr. New York Conference

AT a special foreign workers' meeting held in New York City recently, at which a number of colporteurs working in foreign languages were present, one colporteur bore a most remarkable testimony, giving his experience in accepting the truth about twelve years ago in Philadelphia.



This experience shows the power of the truth in changing an entire life and how the Lord has wonderfully blessed him in the literature ministry.

When this truth found our brother he was a bootlegger and a peddler of cocaine and heroin.

His brother had just been murdered, and he himself was determined to avenge his brother's death by taking the life of his murderer.

On hearing the truth he was converted, his whole program of life was immediately changed, and the hatred within his heart removed. When he rolled out into the street several barrels of wine and poured it down the sewer his family and relatives thought he was crazy. His wife left him, taking with her three of their five children.

Following his conversion this young man entered the colporteur work and through the years has been wonderfully blessed in selling "The Great Controversy." He later brought his father and mother into the truth.

He is still a young man, and in relating his experience before this foreign workers' council he stated that while he has had to be a mother as well as a father to his two boys, the Lord has wonderfully blessed him in the colporteur work. He now has a nice apartment, neatly furnished. Both of his boys are in the church school. He has his own car that he uses in his colporteur work, and he is neatly dressed. This brother, in the face of many difficulties, has demonstrated that when one dedicates his whole heart and life to the Lord and the literature ministry, it is possible for one to support

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himself and family in the colporteur work. Scores of faithful, full-time colporteurs everywhere are living testimony to the same fact.

The secret of success in the literature ministry is consecration, a burden for souls, and an earnestness in full-time service. May the Lord lead many of our faithful, successful members to dedicate their lives as colporteur evangelists, in an earnest endeavor to carry the message of hope to the multitudes of this great area who are groping about in the darkness of this troubled world.

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Success Assured

JERE D. SMITH

President, So. New Eng. Conference

IN most lines of endeavor, success is largely measured by results. The same rule can aptly be applied to the colporteur work.

A recent experience, publicly related by Brother Ralph McGann, one of our colporteurs in Southern New England, demonstrates the fact that success has attended those who faithfully scatter the printed page.

Brother McGann called at a home one morning where the lady of the house, a young married woman, did not wish him to come in to demonstrate his book. After insisting, he was finally admitted to the home. He soon learned that the young lady was greatly depressed and discouraged. While our brother was talking to her, the husband came home. She then told her husband and Brother McGann that earlier in the day she had definitely decided to end her life, and had not Brother McGann called she would have done so. As a



result of this call he not only sold them some truth-filled literature, but had prayer with them. Since that time he has called at the home a number of times, and the family is definitely interested in learning more of the truth.

This is but one of many instances that might have been related which show conclusively that God is leading in this great work. We have been told that where we now have one colporteur, we should have a hundred. Surely there are many of our people in this field who should respond to such a call.

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The Crisis Hour

J. R. BRITT

Gr. New York Assoc. Field Sec.

A CRISIS awaits the world. And the crisis hour is fast approaching. The prophetic word indicates that we have reached the closing days of earth's history. Specific signs show that the coming of the Lord is near — preparations for war, diplomatic efforts for peace; the increase of crime and the weakness of human government in coping with the situation; earthquake, famine, pestilence; the growing conflict between capital and labor; the state of society, with its lowered standards like unto the days of Noah and Lot.

The rapidly swelling figures show that the time for God's visitation has about come. Although loath to punish, nevertheless He will punish, and that speedily. Those who walk in the light will see signs of the approaching peril; but they are not to sit in quiet, unconcerned expectancy of the ruin, comforting themselves with the belief that God will shelter His people in the day of visitation. Far from it. They should realize that it is their duty to labor diligently to save others, looking with strong faith to God for help.

Just here I should like to relate how God is leading in this wonderful literature ministry. A few weeks ago our

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Page Three

Spreading Heaven's Propaganda In Satan's Strongholds

F. D. NICHOL

Review and Herald Pub. Assn.

THE last World War brought into our common speech the word "propaganda." That word is used even more freely in connection with the present World War. Every nation in the conflict is busily engaged in sending out propaganda. So important is this phase



of warfare considered that leaflets are sometimes dropped from planes instead of bombs. And why do the nations spend their heavily taxed dollars on the printed page? Because they know that this is one of the most effective aids to winning the war.

Every time I have thought on this point I have asked myself the question, Shall we let the children of this world be wiser in their generation than the children of light? It was no mere accident or coincidence that this advent movement virtually started on its way from a printing press. The earliest accounts of the promotion of the advent teachings by the pioneers have to do with the printed page. We think of Elder James White taking the first copies of *Present Truth* in a carpet bag down to the post office. We recall the first issue of the *Review* published in Paris, Maine, in 1850.

In other words, Adventists have been propagandists from the beginning. We have been waging a war for the kingdom of God. We have sent forth our men and women right into the strongholds of Satan and spread the propaganda of heaven where it was sure to be read. That has been our steady program through the years of this movement. And great have been the result. This propaganda has opened the eyes of multitudes to see that they should break their allegiance to the devil. We have caused many a rebellion in the ranks of Satan.

But here we are in the closing days of 1940, and our task is not yet finished. The world is being literally deluged with every kind of propaganda for

every sort of political theory or ism. The situation is really unparalleled. Is this a time for us to slacken our activity? Is this a day for us to leave the field to every man-made scheme and plan for reorganizing the world? We have God's plan for world reorganization. We know of the divine plan to create a new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. I believe we should redouble our propaganda program for God.

And how? Well, there are various ways, but probably the most effective is the colporteur work. The colporteurs have always been the advance guard of the advent army. We need more recruits today. If you have a measure of courage, if you want to see God's view of world reorganization promoted vigorously, if you believe that God is ready to stand by you in such a work, I say, join the colporteur army.

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The Colporteur Reaches the Multitudes

C. M. BUNKER

President, No. New Eng. Conference

MANY times during Christ's ministry here on earth there arose disputes and dissension among His disciples. The records reveal that in nearly every instance the dispute arose over who should be the greatest. In Luke 22:24-27 Christ endeavored to settle the argument by pointing out that there are two kinds of men — they who sit upon a throne and eat and they who serve. Then he concluded by saying, "I am among you as he that serveth."

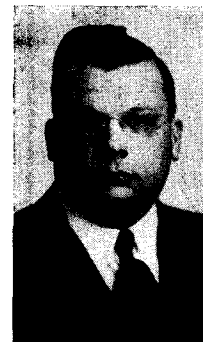
Christ served wherever He could assist in furthering the kingdom of God. He addressed the rulers, the learned rabbis, the priests, and the Pharisees. He ate with publicans and sinners so that he could point them to the way of life. He healed those with all manner of diseases, ranging from the centurion's servant down to the blind beggar and the despised lepers. His service took him from the beautiful temple to the lowest humble hovel. With Him it was not a question of where He served, but how He could serve.

There are scores of our believers today who would enter the service of God if they were granted a license to preach and could be put on the conference payroll; but they are not interested in a

The crying need of the hour is for men who are ready and willing to beggar their hearts, who can say to the struggle, "I will write over the door of every wicket, 'Colporteurs Needed.' I will write on the altars, 'Colporteurs Needed.' I will write on the merry brooklets to sing it as the lightning to write across our darkened paths, the thunder's roll, the cataract's fall, the ocean to ocean, *Colporteurs Needed*." I pleadings of women with all their hearts, appeal to heaven: Great and glorious are the colporteurs, courageous colporteurs, at the price of divine power and then life for their souls and a determination that will win.

by B. E. Wagner.

calling of equal importance, namely, evangelistic canvassing. And the fact is, in the colporteur work they would no doubt reach more people every day than they would by preaching from the pulpit. Furthermore, they would meet people on their own ground, in their own homes. They would be using a



book that in most cases would present the message in a clearer and more concise way than they could by their own presentation. Then, too, where the book is sold, it is always present to answer questions, but never antagonizes by arguing the points of truth.

When we advertise our meetings we get a very small percentage and as a rule only those somewhat interested. The colporteur reaches the "every creature." He contacts the one that does not attend church, those that are prejudiced and will not attend services to listen. He finds the sick, the discouraged, and brokenhearted. In fact, I know of no line of service that so completely resembles the work of Christ as that of the colporteur.

Our conference needs evangelists, but the great multitudes will only be reached by house-to-house work. May God inspire many to give their lives to this most important line of service.

our Evangelists — men and women of the world in their own right, "Follow me." I would like to see the office, and farm of God's people: a wall of every college and academy. I would like to see the letters of fire over every fireplace. "Colporteurs Needed." I would teach them to chant it and seize the finger of the cannon's boom, and echo from the field unite the voices of men with the nature and send out one sublime message. . . . give us colporteurs, clean men and women who will pay the price home to home with a passion for the truth and not become discouraged. —Adapted

A Great Neglected Work

NATHAN RUSSELL

No. New England Field Secretary

"A GREAT and important work is before us. The enemy of souls realizes this, and he is using every means in his power to lead the canvasser to take up some other line of work. This order of things should be changed. God calls the canvassers back to their work." — "Colporteur Evangelist," p. 26.

In traveling over the conference I meet many who tell me that they at one time were colporteurs. Brother, sister, if you have given up the work of God for some other line of work, the call comes to *you* to return and labor in the vineyard of the Lord.

People distinguish between our books and others, and thank us for bringing them to their homes. While working with a colporteur in Portsmouth two weeks ago, we met a lady who had bought "Bible Readings" from another colporteur five years before. She said, "That is the best book I have ever owned." Then I told her about "The Great Controversy." She immediately ordered it and paid \$2.50 deposit, then



made this remark: "You men are to be complimented for having the courage to carry these good books from house to house. You are doing the community a real favor." We are doing the people a real favor, and we are to conduct our work in such a way as to make them feel we are doing them a favor.

Never since our publishing work started have we seen so great a need as we see today. Not only is the need great, but the opportunity is equally great. There are literally scores of our people in the Northern New England Conference who could do this elevating work and would be a success from the beginning. We hope to have at least fifteen full-time workers in this conference during 1941. The Spirit of prophecy tells us over and over that the canvassing work will be blest of God and will be carried forward *with increasing* success.

We have the publishing houses, the men to work in them, the books and papers, and all we need now is consecrated men and women who will, by God's help, take these books and papers to the people and urge them to buy. In so doing the work of God will be quickly finished. We plead for more workers. We invite you to join the colporteur ranks and help hasten the coming of Jesus.

May we not hear from many of our good people who, responding to the call of the hour, will say as the prophet of old, "Here am I, send me."

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The Literature Ministry

W. H. HOWARD

President, New York Conference

LET canvassers go 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. Thus the work will advance into new territory." — "Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 315.

Constant study is given by those whom God has placed in positions of responsible leadership in the organized work to the need of devising ways and means of reaching the unwarned multitudes in the territory over which they have the oversight. The colporteur work is one of the most effective means of accomplishing this task. Therefore,

we must search out those who are qualified for this type of work and lay the burden of souls upon their hearts, urging them to engage in this literature ministry.

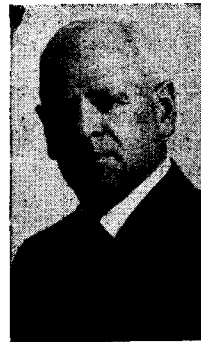
The following quotations are to the point, and indicate the importance of this phase of the gospel ministry:

"Seventh-day Adventists have been chosen by God as a peculiar people, separate from the world. By the great cleaver of truth He has cut them out from the quarry of the world, and brought them into connection with Himself. He has made them His representatives, and has called them to be ambassadors for Him in the last work of salvation. The greatest wealth of truth ever intrusted to mortals, the most solemn and fearful warnings ever sent by God to man, have been committed to them to be given to the world; and in the accomplishment of this work our publishing houses are among the most effective agencies." — *Id.*, Vol. VII, p. 138.

"Satan is busy in this department of his work, scattering literature which is debasing the morals and poisoning the minds of the young. Infidel publications are scattered broadcast throughout the land. Why should not every member of the church be as deeply interested in sending forth publications that will elevate the minds of the people, and bring the truth directly before them? These papers and tracts are for the light of the world, and have often been instrumental in converting souls."

"Our publications are now sowing the gospel seed, and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached word. Whole churches have been raised up as the result of their circulation. In this work every disciple of Christ can act a part." — *Review and Herald*, June 10, 1880.

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." Isa. 6:8.



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sick because we have them — a strange combination. I am able to diagnose my own case. I am happy because God has given us such a wonderful array of fine books. We have the best in the world. They are more than books, they are living epistles, with a message of life and death. So it makes me glad. I feel sick because these wonderful books are stacked up by the hundreds on shelves, when they should be out in the homes of the people. When I look at those stacks of books, I always feel a new urge to see many more colporteurs out in the field. I feel like raising a new voice in behalf of our literature.

We hope 1941 will be a banner year in the Atlantic Union in the circulation of our literature. God is calling today for consecrated men and women to go to work in His vineyard. Who will answer, "Here am I, send me."

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The Call to Arms

EMANUEL REMSEN

Gr. New York Field Secretary

MIGHTIER than the wars of nations is the conflict of the ages — the conflict between the forces of truth and error. No armistice has ever been signed between these two mighty armies. It is a battle to the finish.

Hark, the bugle call to arms! Our Commander in Chief of the mighty hosts of truth is calling you to service. No drafting in this army! Only volunteers are wanted. Only those who love their Chief Captain and the flag of eternal truth are needed.

Every true soldier is provided with a mighty weapon of warfare. In the hand of a true soldier this weapon is the most powerful ever discovered in the great conflict against the enemy. This weapon, which was especially devised by the mighty Captain of the hosts of God, is known as the printed page, or the scriptures of truth. It is "more powerful



than a two-edged sword," for it "pierces asunder" every obstruction in its way.

Hark, the bugle call to service! The battle is raging fiercely! *Many more* volunteers are needed *now* in the Greater New York army. Who will respond? "Who will go forth now with our publications? (the mighty weapon) The Lord (our mighty Captain) imparts a fitness for the work (or warfare) to every man and woman who will cooperate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage (perseverance), faith, and tact will come as they put the armor on." — "Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 333.

Hark, the call! The Commander in Chief is calling for volunteer soldiers of the printed page of truth.

Consult your recruiting officers! Enlist today!

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Read — Think — Act

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other hand, the following is said of a certain sect who call themselves Jehovah's Witnesses: "It is well known how they have scattered their books far and wide. Not only in the English language, but in eighty-seven other tongues and dialects. Over a period of twenty years they have distributed more than three hundred million books and pamphlets. Last year, they doubled their yearly average in books distributed, besides twelve million magazines. In June of this year, a booklet was issued and already four million have been circulated. *Forty-four thousand* workers were employed in house-to-house work last year."

GREATER COLPORTEUR EVANGELISM!

"WHEREAS, Conditions in the world today proclaim in no uncertain tones that we are nearing the end of the days left for the finishing of the work committed to us, and that what we have to do in warning the world must be done quickly; and, recognizing the large place that colporteur evangelism is to occupy in the closing work of the message; therefore,

"WE RECOMMEND, 1. That our union and local conference executive committees give special study to the needs of the colporteur work in their respective fields in its relation to the great task of evangelism.

"2. That pastors, district leaders, and church elders be requested to keep before our churches the importance of the literature ministry, through sermons and other public references to this work, and that they seek out and encourage suitable individuals to take up colporteur evangelism in order that throughout the field the number of workers engaged in this line of soul-winning endeavor may be quickly and greatly increased.

"3. That each pastor, district leader, and church elder be requested to put forth special effort during 1941 to secure at least one recruit for regular full-time colporteur work and others who can work part time, the names of these thus received to be placed with the conference field missionary secretaries."

Recommendation unanimously adopted by the Autumn Council and voted by our union conference committee, November 20, 1940.

Surely this should stir us as never before to be about our Father's business in a very definite way. You note they place special emphasis upon the publishing work, not only in so many words, *but by actions*. Mark well what the Catholics have to say as to the importance of literature work:

"However one strives towards the triumph of the Catholic cause this will never be achieved if the press, which is the principal means, is forgotten. The Catholic who does not protect, help, defend and make known the Catholic press may be pious, but he does not take into account the times in which he lives nor has he yet reached the stage to see clearly the present hour." *The above is engraved on the walls of the Vatican.*

The hour has struck when greater and still greater emphasis must and will be placed on the circulation of our literature. To begin to meet the crying need of the millions within the confines of the Atlantic Union Conference, we should have at least two hundred full-time and several hundred part-time workers hastening from door to door. At this time will you not earnestly pray, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" and at the same time while looking out upon the fields white and already to harvest, may you hear that still small voice saying, "Go ye also into the vineyard."

For your convenience you will find an application blank on the back page of this special number of the GLEANER. Fill it out *now* and mail it to your conference headquarters.

Notice

AN urgent appeal has just come from a sister whose husband has been ill for a long time, and who is struggling to keep her children in church school. This sister has had mimeographed copies made of her new Christmas song, "The Sweetest Story in Heaven or Earth," which will especially appeal to those connected with our churches and schools who are planning a Christmas program. The price is 15¢ each, two for 25¢, the proceeds to be used in keeping her children in school. Those interested may address Lettie Wheeler Moore, Route 1, Sunnyside, Wash.

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

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Week of Prayer Appointments District No. 6

I SHALL endeavor to meet with all of the churches during the Week of Prayer, The following are my appointments for the week:

December 7 Lebanon, White River, Springfield

December 8 Etna, N. H.

December 9 Franklin (afternoon), Canaan, 7:45 P.M.

December 10 Lebanon, 8:00 P.M.

December 11 White River, 8:00 P.M.

December 12 Randolph (afternoon), Barnard, 7:30 P.M.

December 13 Rutland, 7:30 P.M.

December 14 West Townshend; Bel-lows Falls, 2:30 P.M. VICTOR R. PIKE.

GREATER NEW YORK

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Medical Cadet Corps

A FULL meeting of the medical cadet corps will be held on Sunday morning, beginning at 9:30, December 8, at the Temple Church. This will be the first instructional meeting, and full credit will be given every one present toward securing medical cadet credit. The instruction period will continue until twelve and will include both drilling and medical lectures. This is in addition to the Red Cross classes that are being held at different dates, and is a part of the full medical cadet corps training.

The course will cover a period of three or four months, and will be of

such a nature that the knowledge gained will be of great value even for those who may not be called to army service.

There will be a nominal charge of \$1 a month to cover incidental expenses such as the textbook, pamphlets, emblems, etc.

We are accepting applications for this training from men of high moral standing who may not be members of our churches. The course is open to men sixteen years of age and over. Any who can attend from churches outside the city will be very welcome. Announcement will be made at an early date for the first meeting of the cadet corps that will center in the Ephesus Church. A little later we are hoping to organize a corps for the Upstate section.

I trust that all who possibly can do so will take advantage of the opportunity offered by the medical cadet corps for pleasant Christian association and the very valuable instruction and training which will be given. Be sure to be present at 9:30 sharp Sunday morning, December 8! W. A. NELSON.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE

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Announcement

EVERY member of the Adirondack District is invited to attend the all-day meeting at the Glens Falls church Sabbath, December 14. The first meeting will open at 10 A.M. Baptism in the afternoon. Bring your lunch and stay all day.

ALEXANDER HOUGHTON, Dist. Supt.

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Organization of a Medical Cadet Corps

ATTENTION is called to the fact that on Saturday night, December 7, there will take place an organization of a medical cadet corps for the eastern section of the New York Conference. The meeting is to be held in the Troy church at 8 P.M. Seventh-day Adventist members from the age of sixteen and up are eligible to join the class. This also takes in our churches at Glens Falls and North Creek.

President G. Eric Jones, chairman of the Medical Cadet Council of the Atlantic Union Conference, will be with us to give counsel and to help organize.

We cannot overstress the importance of such a training for our young men at this time. We hope at least fifty men will report for this corps.

A. F. RUF, Chairman,
Medical Cadet Council.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Please send all advertisements, accompanied by cash, to the local conference office to be approved by the president or secretary-treasurer, after which the advertisements will be forwarded to the **Gleaner** office, if approved. The rate is two cents a word, with a minimum charge of fifty cents for each insertion.

FOR SALE — Dr. Ross' Colonic table; 1 Sulphur Vapor and 2 Electric Bath Cabinets, reclining type, like new; 2 massage tables; at sacrifice price. J, c/o GLEANER.

WANTED—Married or single man to work on farm. Would live in 3-room bungalow; electricity, running water. Sabbath privileges. \$30. R. Odell, Temple, N. H.

Raise money for Church Endeavors or personal expenses — Sell Health Foods — We can completely supply you — over 500 items including Loma Linda Foods, Nes-Pak, Dr. Miller's, Worthington Choplets, etc. Ask for wholesale price list. Vegetable Juice and Products Co., Dept. G, 15 Circle St., Rochester, N. Y.



ASSIGNMENTS FOR FIFTIETH WEEK

December 8 - 14

VOLUME: "The Ministry of Healing."

"The False and the True in Education," pp. 439-450.

"Importance of Seeking True Knowledge," pp. 451-457.

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Gem Thought

CHARACTER building is the work, not of a day, nor of a year, but of a lifetime. — "M. H.," 452.

Sunset Table

(Standard Time)

	Dec. 6	Dec. 13
New York City	4:30	4:30
Union Springs, N. Y.	4:31	4:31
Rochester, N. H.	4:14	4:14
So. Lancaster, Mass.	4:14	4:14

Add 1 minute for each 13 miles west. Subtract 1 minute for each 13 miles east.

Calling God's "Absent Agencies"

W. D. FLEMING

New York Field Secretary

ABOUT the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive." Matthew 20:6, 7.



This parable is meeting literal fulfillment today in the last minutes of the eleventh hour of this world's history. The precious fruit of the vine is overripe and much of it will be lost unless many more of those now idle

in the market place go quickly into the vineyard and begin work.

Even though the promise, "whatsoever is right, I will give you," is made by the One who never broke a pledge, nor failed once to live up to His covenant, many still make the excuse, "because no one hath hired us," as a reason for their inaction. How will this excuse stand when placed in the scales of the sanctuary and weighed against the value of a soul?

As if in anticipation of this very situation, God has sent us the following message: "I will engage every sanctified agency in the universe. None of my agencies are to be absent. I have work for all who love Me, employment for every soul who will work under My direction. The activity of Satan's army, the danger that surrounds the human soul, calls for the energies of every worker. But no compulsion shall be

exercised." —"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 237.

Again the Lord presses the issue home to every heart, "Were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning." Dear reader, how do you know but that your *personal effort* is needed to bring some precious soul into the fold who otherwise "would never hear the warning"? May the Lord of the harvest cause you to dig up the talent you have buried in the service of earthly gain, and put it to use in the cause of present truth. Please do not wait until the clock tolls off the hour, "Too-Late! — Too-Late! — Too-Late!"

The colporteur ministry offers the widest field of opportunity to employ your talent in the great, grand work of soul saving. Volunteers are wanted. Will you not answer the call today?

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The Crisis Hour

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union field missionary secretary invited all the field secretaries in the Atlantic Union Conference to go out with a set of books entitled "Home Bible Study Library." This set sells for \$20.85 and \$14.85. The Lord blessed me that week with over \$100 in sales. In one home I entered I was able to get two orders from a mother and her newly wed daughter — two sets in the cloth binding, and two "Home Physician" in the cloth binding, which totaled \$45.20. You see, my dear friends, that the Lord has honest souls waiting for some one to call at their homes with our wonderful truth-filled literature.

There are thousands upon thousands, millions upon millions who are now making their decision for eternal life or eternal death. What are you doing, my friends, to help these precious souls to decide for eternal life?

Your Chance

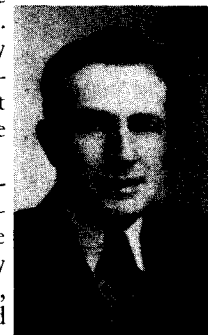
I. H. IHRIG

So. New England Field Secretary

FOR a great opening for active work has presented itself, and there are many opponents." 1 Cor. 16:9. (R. V.)

We do not know how long the *great opening* we now have for active work will last. Forces within and without are at work to hinder the work of God, for there are many opponents. This uncertainty and opposition demand that we act *now*. Delay will be costly in souls.

God has provided and ordained an avenue of service whereby many with faith, courage, and hearts filled with love divine can participate in giving the message due the world now.



I refer to the literature ministry. "Our publishing work was established by the direction of God and under His special supervision." —"Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 138.

"The publications sent forth from our publishing houses are to prepare a people to meet God." —*Id.*, p. 139.

"Our publishing houses are God's appointed center, and through them is to be accomplished a work the magnitude of which is yet unrealized." —*Id.*, p. 144.

It is within *your* power, dear reader, to help fulfill this prediction by dedicating either full or part time to the ministry of the printed page.

Write your field secretary for details concerning the annual colporteur institute, which will be conducted early in 1941. This may prove to be your chance for a soul-winning career. Do not let it pass by unimproved. *Act now*.

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Name

Address

Phone No. City

(Fill out and mail immediately to your local conference headquarters.)

- I desire to engage in regular full-time colporteur work.
- I desire to do part-time colporteur work.
- I desire to do magazine colporteur work.
- I desire to sell children's holiday books.
- I should like to know about the scholarship colporteur work.
- I should like to know more about this work.

(Mark X in proper circle)