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W. M. C's Student Colporteurs

Front row (left to right) : J. C. Holland, Floto Collins, Frances Dietz, Frances Johnson, Edna Stoneburner, Hattie Baker, and Wilhelmina Widmer.

Second row: Elder W. F. Martin, Pres. H. H. Hamilton, Charles Brock, Wallace Mook, Reginald Pleasants, Donald Predmore, W. Beall, O. W. Gibbon, Howard McClure, John A. Bee, and Elder E. M. Fishell.

Third row: James Zeigler, Raymond Finch, Vinston Adams, Kenneth McElmurry, Horace Shaw, and Howard Metcalfe.

All in the picture, except Elder Martin, Pres. H. H. Hamilton, Brother John A. Bee, and Elder E. M. Fishell, canvassed last summer and earned either part or full scholarships.

Columbia Union Conference

Recommendations

Whereas, The hour has struck to take advantage of the wide-spread desire of our youth to secure an education in one of our schools by coupling the book work with our school work, and

Whereas, There are in the Columbia Union about 3,000 of our youth who have not yet been secured to attend our schools for an education, and the duty to remedy the situation is imperative, and

Whereas, Not only does the need of workers in the cause press in upon us, but the great benefit of having in the work those who came up through successful training in the colporteur field demands effort to improve this resource, therefore,

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Messengers of God

F. H. Robbins

A study of the prophecies pertaining to the closing work of the gospel in the world, convinces one that a greater work should be done in proclaiming the message of truth for this time. There are large numbers of people who are in spiritual darkness, and who do not have any realization of what is coming on the earth in the near future.

We have been told that the "silent messengers that are placed in the homes of the people through the work of the canvasser, will strengthen the gospel ministry in every way; for the Holy Spirit will impress minds as they read the books, just as He impresses the minds of those who listen to the preaching of the word. The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth

as attends the work of the minister."

Testimonies, Vol. VI, p. 313.

"As God blesses the minister and the evangelist in their earnest efforts to place the truth before the people, so he will bless the faithful canvasser." *Testimonies, Vol. VI, p. 340.* Thus, the faithful colporteur has the satisfaction of knowing that he is spreading the light of gospel truth when he circulates the printed page.



F. H. Robbins
President Columbia Union.

The Columbia Union Conference Committee is looking anxiously to the spring institutes which will be held to train new recruits for the book work. There are many men and women who can earn scholarships next summer and thus be enabled to attend one of our schools next year. We have three good schools in the Columbia Union, — Washington Missionary College, Mount Vernon Academy, and Shenandoah Valley Academy.

I wish to request everyone who reads this article to use his influence to have at least one young person attend the institutes in the spring, and prepare to enter the book work next summer in order to earn a scholarship in one of our schools.

"Young men are wanted who are men in understanding, who appreciate the intellectual faculties that God has given them, and cultivate them with the utmost care. Exercise enlarges these faculties, and if heart-culture is not neglected, the character will be well balanced. The means of improvement are within the reach of all. Then let none disappoint the Master, when He comes seeking for fruit, by presenting nothing but leaves. A resolute purpose, sanctified by the grace of Christ, will do wonders. Jesus and holy angels will give success to the efforts of intelligent, God-fearing men, and do all in their power to save souls." —Colporteur Evangelist, p. 53.

Let us pray that God will send many more laborers into His Harvest field, and that our schools may be filled to overflowing next year with earnest young men and women, fitting themselves for greater efficiency in this glorious gospel ministry.

"A great work is to be done in our world, and human agencies will surely respond to the demand." *Test. Vol. 6 p. 333.*

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RESOLVED:

(1) That we, as a Union, begin at once to secure 100 young people, who will next summer earn enough by canvassing to attend one of the schools in the Union.

(2) That we set before them very definitely that this is the critical time to engage in the evangelical work.

(3) That this work be carried on so enthusiastically with all the Union back of it that by the time of the spring institutes these 100 young people be ready for the instruction of the institutes, held in April at Washington Missionary College, Mount Vernon Academy, and Shenandoah Valley Academy.

(4) That in order to bring this about, the forces of the Union and local conferences be organized as follows: We Recommend:

(a.) That a local conference committee be made up of the Educational Secretary, Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Home Missionary Secretary, Field Secretary, and the Conference President, also the head of the school of whose constituency the school is a member, where there is a school. The Union committee to be made up of the same secretaries and president.

(b.) We also recommend that careful consideration be given to the selection of these young people, the following qualifications being considered: fully converted, consistent in dress, desire for Christian education, burden for souls, etc.

(c.) That these young people work sixteen weeks, and six hundred hours be the minimum; that transportation be paid to and from the institute, also entertainment given them, conference bearing the transportation, and Union and school the expense of entertaining, on condition that each student bear his own expense, the amount of which will be refunded after he has worked the required amount of time, and has received his scholarship.

Committee:

C. V. Leach
E. M. Fishell
B. G. Wilkinson
I. M. Evans.

Important Recommendations

I sincerely trust that each member of the VISITOR family read the article by Elder W. E. Howell, entitled "Another Forward Movement," which appeared in a recent issue of the VISITOR.

At Professor Howell's suggestion I am passing along for the benefit of the people residing in the Columbia Union the recommendations bearing directly on the plan of which he spoke. The foregoing recommendations were passed by the Union Conference Committee.

We suggest that careful study and planning be made by such young people who are not now in one of our schools, and are eligible to attend. Let the leaders and parents of these youth cooperate in making it possible for our boys and girls of academic or college age to avail themselves of this exceptional opportunity.

If, after reading these plans, you are not clear as to their purpose, take up the matter with your conference president, and he will more fully explain.

E. M. Fishell.

"Were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning." *Test. Vol. 6 p. 313.*

28,000,000 People Calling



In speaking of the proclamation of the message, inspiration tells us that, "This is the message given by God to be sounded forth in the loud cry of the third angel."

Again the Lord says, "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand."

Approximately 28,000,000 people in the Columbia Union Conference are to be shown, through our publications, that the end of all things is at hand. This then is our task, isn't it? A stupendous responsibility. Is it functioning? Yes, in a small degree. During the past two years about 90 cents' worth of literature on the average has been ordered by every man and woman residing in this great Union. Our present staff of leaders, however, whose pictures appear in this issue of the *Visitor*, could supervise three times the number of laborers that it now has under its direction. The territory is sufficiently large to afford room for three workers where we now have only one. In this loud cry of the glorious Third Angel's Message is it not high time for men and women to show that the end of all things is at hand by circulating the books and periodicals God has stirred His servants to write?

E. M. Fishell.

Columbia Union Field Missionary Secretary.

My Opportunity in the Machine Shop



While I never learned the trade of a machinist, yet I ran a lathe in a machine shop and received within a few cents per hour as much for my work as a machinist that worked there for years. Time and space will not permit me to tell you how I got this job, with the Sabbath off, and the privilege of working every Sunday. However it was not a good job that I was looking for. The thought that was uppermost in my mind was

the giving of this last Message of Mercy to the world, but I did not know of anything I could do.

Wife and I accepted the truth together, and as we were isolated from our people we failed to learn anything about the publishing work for two years. It was in January 1914 that we received an invitation to attend the Colporteur's Institute in Baltimore, Maryland. The nature of the Colporteur work was explained to us and we GLADLY accepted this high and holy calling

It will soon be fifteen years now that I have had the pleasure of working for the Master, and, aside from the

joy of seeing precious souls accept the truth through my personal efforts, I would not accept a million dollars in exchange for the many rich blessings, and the good experiences I have received. Never have I entertained one thought of giving up this work. My only desire is to remain faithful until the dear Lord says, "It is finished."

O. C. Weller

East Pennsylvania Field Missionary Secretary.

Why I Am Not a Woodchopper

I am not a wood chopper because one of our neighbors decided not to be a wood chopper. It was about eighteen years ago and this neighbor, who was a Seventh-day Adventist, hired my cousin and myself to cut his cord wood during the winter while he was busily engaged in spreading the printed page among his neighbors. Sometimes he would come down to the woods and tell us about the Message while we were pulling the saw and swinging the axe. I became very much interested and soon he had me coming to his place in the evening for a Bible study and incidentally he sold me that good book "Daniel and the Revelation." He told me that some time the Lord would give me a better work than chopping wood. Two years passed and this neighbor decided that the Lord's work required haste so he moved away to the city of Detroit where he engaged in the Literature Ministry. Time went on and while I could not see this brother the book he had sold to me was my teacher. I was returning from the country store one evening when it seemed that a voice was speaking to me about the judgment and that as soon as the Investigative Judgment of the living was over then those who were unjust would be unjust still, and it seemed to me that possibly my name might come up before God that very night. I listened to the pleadings, thank God and took my stand there for the truth. I drew a line across the road with my hand in the dust and I promised the Lord that as soon as I stepped across the line I would be a Seventh Day Adventist and I immediately stepped over the line. My heart was filled with joy, but when I explained my intentions to my parents they were very angry and it soon became necessary for me to leave home. Should I chop wood for a living? Ah no, the Lord had a better work for me and I thank Him for the privilege, and I praise Him for the blessed experiences I have enjoyed since I entered the Literature Ministry. The silent teacher is still doing its work.

F. D. Myers

Colporteur East Pennsylvania.

Will Books Deliver When People Plead Hard Times?

Five months after being baptized in the truth I entered the colporteur work, having a wife and two children to support. Many friends advised me not to enter the work, but I decided if others could do this work, I could with the Lord's help. I have now been in the work a little over a year, and would not take a great deal for the experiences I have had.

Truly, if our people could see the souls that are crying out for enlightenment on the Bible, there would be many who would join quickly.

While some people cry hard times, no work, and taxes, others see the great danger coming in the near future, and with a little encouragement are willing to sacri-

fice a great deal for the interpretation of it.

I feel very thankful to the Lord for the blessings he has given to me, and I would feel condemned to leave these souls groping in darkness who have been longing for this message. My prayer is that I may see a church raised up in this county before leaving it.

L. S. Holdsworth

Colporteur East Pennsylvania Conference.

My Life Work



I intend to make the colporteur work my life work, because I know of no other work that will keep me closer to my Master, or that keeps me in a more constant attitude of prayer. It gives me an opportunity to speak to people about their soul's salvation, and to pray with them, and for them.

It enables us to place thousands of pages of gospel literature every year, into the homes of people who otherwise might never

hear the message. Then we have the definite promise that as we humbly go forth to labor, angels will be commissioned to accompany us, so we know that we have the companionship of Heavenly Beings here, as well as hereafter, and we know that eternity alone will reveal what has been accomplished through the Literature Ministry.

Dear Reader, do you want to work with Angels? Do you want to see souls saved, and help in the saving? Do you want to see the work finished, and Jesus coming in the clouds of Heaven? Then Brother, Sister, the Lord is calling you today, "go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right that shall ye receive." Matt. 20:7.

J. A. Baugh

Assistant East Pennsylvania Field Missionary Secretary

Why I Chose to Give up a Ten Dollar a Day Job to Enter the Colporteur Work

I had seen such results of the allurements of sin, its many disappointing features, the loss of health in striving for riches, that in my depravity, I was led to Battle Creek Sanitarium with a prayer on my lips, that if God would heal me from my "ills and ails" I would do whatsoever He would have me do. After six weeks of incessant prayer God answered me with perfect health. My gratitude was so complete that I was fully susceptible to His leadership and guiding power, changing my prayer to paying my vow, and asking the Lord to show me the way and I would follow therein.

On February 6th I agreed to throw off the allurements of sin, and take hold of the truth by faith. During the Campmeeting that followed at Wescoesville, Penna. in June 1925 I felt His call to service as a colporteur and on September 1st I was ushered in at Schuylkill Haven.

I considered that service in the Master's vineyard at this juncture was more important than business, or a

worldly position and have kept steadily on ever since.

Charles Wise

Colporteur East Pennsylvania Conference.

From Printer to Field Secretary



When I accepted the Truth about eleven years ago I resigned my position in order to keep the Sabbath, and accepted employment in a private print shop. In a short time I was earning more money than I had been making before and soon became foreman of the shop. But I was not satisfied. I had a burden to do more for the Lord. I felt that time was short and that I should be giving all of my time to His work.

I worked on in the shop for nearly two years. One day on returning home from my daily task I was told that two gentlemen had called to see me. From the description given I knew that they were union and local Field Secretaries with whom I had talked a few days before, but as I was not interested in the colporteur work at that time I congratulated myself on having been away, saying, "They did not get me this time." Still, I had a desire to work for the Lord, but what could I do?

After a few weeks I had a letter from the Field Secretary telling me of the need of consecrated workers in the colporteur field. The words I remember most distinctly were, "I am praying for you." Well, I was praying too. I was asking God to lead me to the place He would have me, and I know that God hears and answers prayer. Shortly after this I wrote the Field man telling him that I had decided to give the Lord a chance to use me in the work.

Dear reader, eight years of my life have been spent in this branch of God's work, four in actual canvassing and four as Field Secretary, and not one time have I doubted God's leading in this. I know He called me to the colporteur work. I know, just as assuredly, He is calling men and women today from the shop, the factory, and different positions of this world to engage in the literature ministry which he has ordained as a means of winning souls to Him. But what a pity so few are answering the call when He has so plainly told us through

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the Spirit of Prophecy that "we are fast approaching the end. The printing and circulation of the books and papers that contain the Truth for this time are to be our work."

We need many more consecrated workers in the field, and I believe that many will answer the call, come in and help finish the work. The Lord says "My people will be willing in the last days." May he help us to be found doing the work He would have His people do when probation closes.

I would that space would permit me to tell you of the wonderful blessings that God has given me in the work. Dear reader, He will bless you and give you success. Will you answer the call? W. H. Groves,

Chesapeake Field Missionary Secretary.

Pioneering the Way

Twenty three years of my life have been spent in the Evangelistic Colporteur work; I have raised a family of six children, and am caring for my invalid mother. Though the way has not always been smooth, I can truthfully say that I have no desire to turn back. My only desire is to remain faithful "till the work is all done."

I would that space would permit me to tell you of the wonderful blessings that God has given me in the blessed work, but as it is I must be brief.

Only a short time ago while calling on a family in my field with "Patriarchs and Prophets" the lady of the house said, "I was just praying this morning for the Lord to send some one along with a good book like you have, and now, you have come in answer to my prayer."

You may be assured that I had no trouble getting the order. I had sold this lady Bible Readings some time before this, and have visited her since selling her "Patriarchs." Well, I was glad to find here an honest soul whom the Lord could impress with His Truth. She told me that she believed all the truth contained in the two books and that nothing could turn her aside from it. But this is only one instance. I believe that many souls will be saved as a result of the millions of pages of truth which I have placed in the homes.

A few days ago I called on a man to whom I had sold "Daniel and Revelation" and asked him how he liked the book. He said, "Surely it is the truth." Another man told me he was greatly interested in the subject of the return of Jesus. It seems that God is stirring the hearts of the people as never before.

May He help us to be faithful to the end, and may we see many more of His people answering the call to service and help us search out these honest souls. It takes faith to carry forward the work in the face of opposition, and "at such a time as this," but when we put our trust in Him who is the source of all power, we have nothing to fear. The promise is, "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end."

Yours in the finishing of the Lord's work,

J. E. Jones

Colporteur Chesapeake Conference.

"There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing." *Test. Vol. 6 p. 331.*

"If he (colporteur) puts his trust in the Lord as he travels from place to place, angels of God will be round about him, giving him words to speak that will bring light and hope and courage to many souls." *Test. Vol. 6 p. 314.*

Sacrificing for What?

To many the thought of entering the colporteur work brings to view only sacrifice and hardship, but when viewed from the right angle we find this to be only a delusion of Satan.

God is calling today for men and women who are willing to serve Him; men and women who will be living witnesses in His vineyard. He is calling for Gospel Ambassadors to go from door to door and carry the blessed message of



a soon-coming Saviour. What view are you going to take? Will you stick to you job and heed not the call, and sacrifice your home in Heaven for a few comforts of life here on this earth? Remember, Brother, Sister, a reckoning day is coming when every man will be judged according as his work shall be. A great army of workers is now in the field battling for the Lord. The enemy of souls is also in the field. His business is to discourage, place difficulties in the way, and reason about "possible failure." Let us bear in mind that the time will never come when the dark shadows of Satan will not be cast about our pathway. Christ was constantly confronted with apparent failure but He rested upon God's Word and gave Satan no vantage ground.

Let us keep in mind the great example of our Saviour and decide today the way we will then wish we had chosen when we stand before the judgement bar to give an account of our time.

I. M. Evans

Ohio Field Missionary Secretary.

Why I Am Not a Farmer

Just about seventeen years ago I came to this country with great aspirations to get a farm and all its equipment and then enjoy myself through life. In about five years the Lord had blessed me and I was laying aside my little means to get that farm. Two years before this my uncle one evening gave me that good old book, "Bible Readings for the Home Circle," and I searched its pages with his help for about a year. Then



I was convinced that I should be a Seventh-day Adventist. A little later I joined the church at Bowling Green, Ohio. As soon as I learned a little more of this blessed truth my love for the farm began to wane. As I ploughed and planted the fields I became discontented. I felt a burden on my heart for the people in this world that did not know this blessed truth as I did, and for the thousands

that were going down into untimely graves without this wonderful message of salvation, many of them without hope and without God.

I decided to leave the farm and planned to cast my lot with the colporteur evangelists. The more I thought about this soul-saving work, the more the Spirit of God impressed the importance of the work upon my heart. I talked it over with my wife and she was impressed the same as I, and we soon made our plans to be out in the field carrying this last message to a dying world. On February 23, 1916 we had our sale and March the 1st I was moved to Fairfield County, Ohio, for business. Since that time I have canvassed in about seven counties in Ohio and one in West Pennsylvania, and I have seen souls brought into the truth as the result of the literature that we had placed in the homes. We have placed about \$15,000 worth of our good literature that is preaching the Third Angel's Message in homes, and we are happy today that we cast our lot with the bookmen.

Some may think this was a sacrifice but we think it was a great privilege that God has given us. Yes, we gave up the temporal things of this world such as money and farms, to possess those things which are eternal. No, brethren and sisters, we do not sacrifice. We only lay hold of those riches which Christ has for us that will increase throughout the endless ages of eternity. The joy

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Introduction

I am glad to introduce to the readers of the Columbia Union Visitor, Brother Edgar Wrigley, who comes to us from New Jersey. Brother Wrigley was graduated from Washington Missionary College last year and put himself through school by support of the colporteur work, delivering over \$10,000.00 worth of our truth-filled literature, and at the same time making it possible to attend one of our colleges. He has been called to labor in South Ohio and we welcome him into our field. Brother Carter, who formerly assisted in South Ohio has been moved to North Ohio, since Brother Houck has found it necessary to leave the field because of illness.

I. M. Evans

If You Knew That



(1) Twenty-five young people have earned Publishing Department scholarships in Ohio;

(2) One man sold three hundred thirty-two dollars (\$332.00) worth of our truth-filled books in one week in Ohio;

(3) Ohio territory was not inferior to any other;

(4) God called you to the literature ministry in Ohio;—

WOULD YOU plan to attend Colporteur's Insti-

tute in Cincinnati, January 3-13, and receive all the necessary instruction to fully equip you to become a real successful bookman in Ohio?

(1) They have done it! Young man, young woman, here is opportunity knocking at your door, offering the privilege of Christian service while earning that scholarship you have always wanted.

(2) One man did sell three hundred thirty-two dollars (\$332.00) worth of our publications in one week in Ohio. He delivered ninety-five per cent of his orders. That man is still here to show you how it is done. Another man in Ohio has already delivered three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) worth of Review and Herald books during this present calendar year.

(3) The world offers no better territory than is found right here in your own Buckeye state. A mental delusion causes the grass to look greener on the other side of the fence.

(4) Thousands here have never understood the Third Angel's Message. Many know of Jesus' love. Needy souls are waiting for you! The need presents the call of God to His children!

What is your answer my friend?

Edgar Wrigley

Assistant Ohio Field Missionary Secretary.

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that we have in seeing souls saved in the Kingdom surpasses anything that we can possess while here on earth, and to know we have found the place where God would have us be brings peace and comfort to our hearts.

As I have been visiting the different churches in the northern part of the state, I know there are many that God is calling to cast their lot with this happy company of workers here in Ohio. And, Brethren, do not grieve the Spirit of God; as it calls you answer the call by giving your all and whatever you expect to be in His service. Soon the last call will come and the door of probation will close and your opportunity be gone forever.

I ask you, in the name of Jesus, if He is calling you, to answer by being at the Colporteur Institute, January 3-13 and securing the training to help finish this great task.

Geo. H. Carter

Assistant Ohio Field Missionary Secretary.

Residential Colporteur Work in Ohio

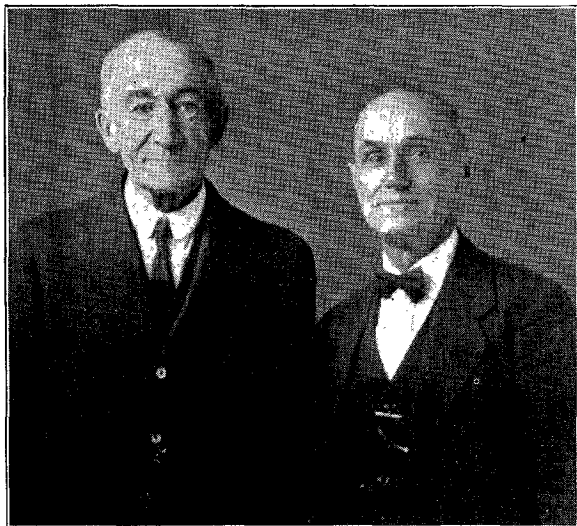
The most effective work is being accomplished today by the colporteur who reworks his territory from year to year. Brother Craig and Brother Alexander, whose pictures appear in this column, have, for a number of years, been located in Cincinnati, Brother Craig working the thickly populated city, while Brother Alexander has canvassed and recanvassed the near-by counties and suburban districts.

Notice the pleasing expression on these faithful workers' faces. God is blessing their efforts and giving them souls for their hire as well as a good living wage. Brother Craig has delivered more than \$3,000.00 worth of Truth-filled books this year, while Brother Alexander is not far behind. I, personally, know of many souls in the Truth today as a result of the earnest labors of both of these men.

A letter recently received from Brother Craig will tell you something of the blessings of God they are sharing as they wend their way from home to home in search of honest hearts:

"We have six Sabbath keepers in ours and the German church, who are keeping the Lord's Day as a result of 'Great Controversy' sold to them four years ago, and there are one or two new believers in the Colored Church. I have four or five more who really believe the Sabbath but are waiting to be taught the whole Truth before joining the church. I plan to visit them again real soon, after I have reached my goals in the book work.

I visited a lady this week, who, about one and a half years ago bought two Patriarchs and Prophets in half leather binding, and gave her daughter one of them. After I canvassed her with Great Controversy, and told her it was written by the same author, she ordered this book in half leather, also, telling me of the help they had received from 'Patriarchs and Prophets.'



R. B. Craig

E. C. Alexander

"Two others, who had bought 'Patriarchs and Prophets' at this same time, ordered 'Great Controversy' last week and were glad to see me again. Another man who had both 'Patriarchs' and 'Great Controversy' ordered 'Desire of Ages' from me. Every one tells me that they never read such good books before, and I tell them that no one else has either for there are none equal to them. One lady, who had ordered a book from me, was told by a friend that she had better be more careful from whom she bought books, but the lady said, 'I am sure whatever Mr. Craig tells me is the truth for he is a Christian. He prayed for me and my family one day and it has done me good ever since.'"

What these men are doing, hundreds of our people ought to be doing. Will you not be one of them, my dear Reader?

I. M. Evans.

Mount Vernon Academy Colporteurs

I was asked to write a few words regarding the work and progress of the colporteur band in Mount Vernon Academy.

First, I want to say there is a young army of enthusiastic, energetic young people, who are anticipating the selling of our books next summer and are just waiting for more efficient preparation.

When Brother Fishell and Brother Evans and some of the other good bookmen took charge of the chapel period a few days ago enthusiasm was rampant; it's always like that when the colporteurs come. But some had reasons



Mount Vernon Academy students who earned part or full scholarships during summer of 1928.

to be real interested for they were to receive the premium for faithful work done last summer. Nine availed themselves of this privilege, receiving half and full scholarships, and prospects for 1929 are good for double that number.

A stronger and bigger band is being organized at the Academy, this year. An extra feature of this year's instructions is the actual training students will receive by going out and taking orders in the afternoons and holidays. Jesus was in training for thirty years; Jesus was to deliver a message and He did it because He was prepared. The hour has struck for the last world warning; God has designed to make a quick work of it. We can see His mighty works in far-flung fields so let us prepare through the colporteur institutes and through active service selling books while in school, to take our place in the work.

Jake Asher

Early and Late

Down the valleys, up the mountains,
Hither, yon, I see them go,
Some o'er prairies, some by fountains;
Sometimes fast and sometimes slow.
Now in hamlet, now in woodland,
Busy mart, or quiet glen;
Faithful in their Master's business,
Seeking e'er the souls of men.

Rising in the early morning,
Trudging thro' the heat of day,
Wasting ne'er a precious moment,
Yet with always time to pray.
Toiling, trudging, yet with gladness;
Full of faith and hope and cheer;
Joyful to proclaim the message
Of the coming Saviour near.

Thinking oft of home and lov'd ones,
Wives and babies, boys and girls,
From the great big manly fellows,
To the tots with golden curls.
Oft they long to see these faces,
Oft to kiss those lov'd ones dear;
Then from 'neath those weary lashes
Steals there forth the silent tear.

Then their noble wives, God bless them,
Send the word, as women can,
"Courage, John, do well your duty,
Quit yourself full like a man.
God will care for wife and babies;

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The Wonderful Father

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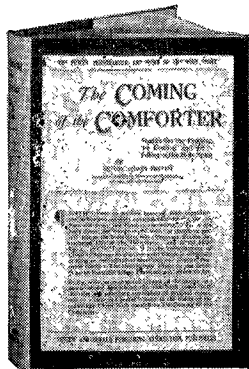


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The personality and work of the Holy Spirit are presented in a fresh new setting that will emphasize the work done on the day of Pentecost, and in the final latter rain and the loud cry. This book is deeply spiritual. It is a number in the Ministerial Reading Course for 1929. 208 pages



Price, \$1.50

Holiday price, \$1.35

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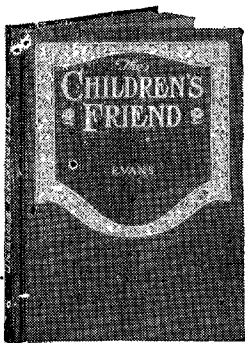
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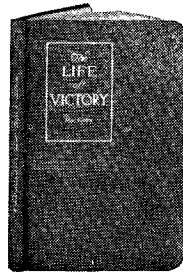
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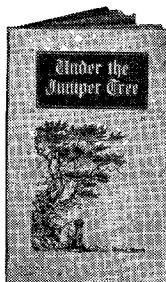
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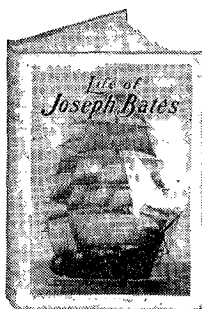
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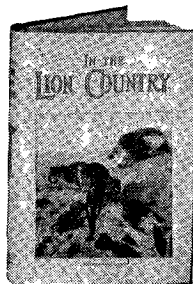
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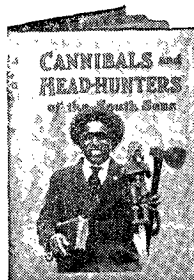
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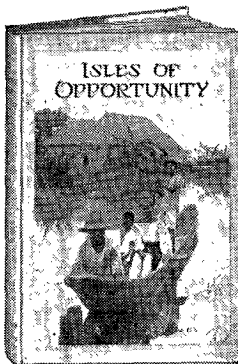
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Men and women, young and old;
Build for each a glorious mansion
Close beside the street of gold.
Give them now Thy Holy Spirit,
Let an angel hold each hand
Till beyond the rolling Jordan
They shall reach the Promised Land.

—J. B. Blosser.

Eight Years on the Shelf



Sometimes when we place our literature in the homes of the people we feel that perhaps it will be laid on the shelf and never read. We are told in C. E., p. 6, "It is true that some who buy the books will place them on the shelf or place them on the parlor table, and seldom look at them. Still God has a care for His truth, and the time will come when these books will be sought for and read."

"There are many, who, because of prejudice, will never know the truth unless it is brought to their homes. The canvasser may find these souls and minister to them."

The following experience that came to me some time ago from Brother J. C. Holland, one of our colporteurs, verifies the statement given us above. He says, "I called at the home of a young couple and canvassed the wife for 'Patriarchs and Prophets.' She became unusually interested and made the remark that the book certainly did appeal to her. She asked the question 'Who publishes the book?' I told her, and continued my canvass until I was ready to get the order, when she interrupted again by telling me how much this book resembled a book she purchased eight years before in another country while she was teaching a public school. Then she told me the sweet and bitter experience she had by ordering that book which cost \$8.00, and had never read it. She was so happy with the thought of her new book that she took it to her pastor thinking he would congratulate her on adding such a wonderful book to her library. However she was disappointed, he said he was suspicious of it and advised her to let him look it over first. She then took it to a second minister who said at once, 'It is poison! Don't you read it. Burn it up. It is a Seventh-Day Adventist book.' She did not burn it, however, but put it in her book case where it stayed for eight years without being read. So she said that inasmuch as she got fooled once, she was afraid to buy this book that I was showing her, although she wanted it very much.

"I could not persuade her to give me her order, but as I was about to leave she asked me for my name and address, so that if she decided to order one after talking to her husband she could. I gave her my name and address as she requested. Then I showed her 'Steps to

Christ" in the cloth binding, and sold her a copy for cash. As soon as she gave the dollar, she asked if I would tell her what denomination published the book. I said Seventh-day Adventists. He countenance fell, and she looked surprised and disappointed; but I went over the main points in the best chapters and tried to convince her that she had been misinformed about Seventh-day Adventists, and that if she would read the little book she would see that I had told her the truth. She promised to read it, and I promised to refund her money if she found anything wrong with it. I made her the same proposition on the book she purchased eight years ago, and she agreed to read it also. At this point I left.

"About a week before my delivery I received a letter from her telling me that she had read the little book 'Steps to Christ'. I shall quote from her letter: 'I have read the little book 'Steps to Christ' which I purchased from you, and it is certainly a fine book in every respect. Will you bring me two just like it when you deliver your orders in September or October? You may also bring me a copy of the other book in the nice binding which you were representing to me.'

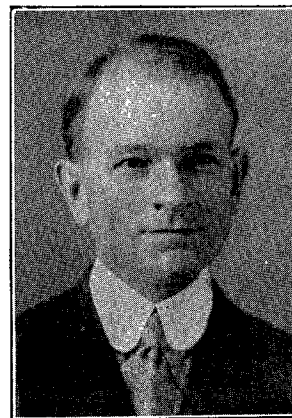
"It was with joy that I took these books, and she was glad to get them. I consider that this experience is worth my summer's work; for I believe that there are many who are hungering and thirsting for the truth just as this lady was, and it is a great privilege to take it to them."

Wouldn't you like to have such an experience as this. The consecrated colporteur has many experiences in his soul-winning work.

John A. Bee

Potomac Field Missionary Secretary.

God's Workmen



Included in God's great plan for finishing His work in the earth is the colporteur work. We read, "God has ordained the canvassing work. Just as surely as He calls men to the ministry, He calls them to colporteur evangelism. In His ordaining a person to work for Him, it is His business to see that the work prospers."

William Carey was called of God to go to India. When he told his brethren, they considered it a foolish idea. However, he went, and today India is finding a way out of the dark. We honor Carey for his courage and his sacrifice. God sometimes uses His workers through His Spirit to call others to the work. Elijah called Elisha. The brethren in counsel chose Matthias to take the place of Judas, and we find today men who are chosen for certain positions by the leaders that it is a direct call from God. Many hear the call to the canvassing field, either through God's spirit or His workers. Often they debate the question so long that they really make themselves believe it was not the call of God after all. Many have faltered at God's command, considering the book work hard.

Moses did not like to meet the people. Jeremiah was afraid. But when these men followed God's leading, they became leaders and victors. Trials in service are stepping stones to the kingdom. Should we try to pick out easy places to walk, we would miss the way. If the pathway leads through a few years of colporteur evangelistic service, do not try to sidestep.

During the writer's thirteen years in this line of service, it has been quite evident that all the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact does come as we put the armour on.

Again we read, the Lord imparts a fitness to the work to every man and woman who will cooperate with divine power, therefore let us work on in faith and leave the results with God.

F. E. Thumwood
New Jersey Field Missionary Secretary.

Testimonies from New Jersey

From Steady Colporteurs

Mr. John Baker: "It hardly seems possible that another week has rolled into eternity. Time flies so quickly. I feel encouraged and blessed in the Master's service and am glad to send in a report of my success in my labors. I hope with the Lord's help in a few more weeks' experience to overcome any drawback and press on to greater victories and blessings."

Mr. E. Wood: "God comes preciously near me in this colporteur work, and I have good experiences. I am pressing on to win souls."

Mr. H. Brandt: Word from the ministry in our conference: "It is certainly uplifting to have a good colporteur in our church company."

From Student Colporteurs

Miss Dietz: "It was not big sales that brought me my scholarship; it was constantly sticking to it."

Mr. J. Schliefer: "I find many opportunities for talking this Truth with the people. This is a good work."

Miss W. Widmer: "I am glad for my part in the colporteur work. The seeds which have been sown will materialize in that great day when Christ shall come. Really, it makes one feel good when one can turn the mind of an individual back to the simple faith of the Bible."

Mr. M. K. McElmurry: "Experience in the colporteur work has been a blessing to me regardless of scholarship."

Miss Hattie Baker: "By the help of the Lord, the colporteur work has helped me spell success."

Personal Testimony

is what really counts, and Elders Roy F. Cottrell, Wm. G. Wirth, George W. Rine, Lucas A. Reed and Llewellyn A. Wilcox, in the January color *Signs* tell, "Why I am Glad Jesus Came to Earth." Now when everybody is thinking of the Christ who came, these personal messages from ones who have themselves come to Him, will have a universal appeal. Why not get a good supply for your friends and neighbors? Only four cents each in lots of ten or more to one address. Your Bible House secretary will gladly supply you.

From Insurance to Assurance



In June 1922, I was acting as agent for the Western and Southern Insurance Co., of Cleveland, Ohio. I had occupied that position for several months.

One evening Mrs. Ridenour showed me a card she had found in our mail box, advertising a series of meetings. The card bore the picture of Elder M. R. Coon, and gave the subjects for the first week. The subject announced for the first Sunday night attracted Mrs.

Ridenour's attention, and she asked me if I would go to hear Elder Coon instead of going to our own church that night.

So it was that we attended the Adventist church for the first time. We were so greatly impressed by Elder Coon's sermon that we continued to attend nearly every night for about six weeks. The results were that Mrs. Ridenour, our daughter Garnette, and I accepted the truths of the Bible, and took our stand with God's people who keep the Commandments of God.

I soon found that I could not keep my position with the Insurance Company, and keep the Sabbath of the Lord. The assistant superintendent, with whom I worked, said, "Why don't you keep Sunday like other folks?" Finally I was offered a position as assistant superintendent if I would only stay with them and work on Sabbath mornings. But that was no inducement to me.

At that time I had never heard of the colporteur work, so I moved back to Fairmont, W. Va., and started to work in the coal mines. But, I was happy even though I was working harder than I had ever worked in my life, because I could keep the Bible Sabbath and be obedient to God.

Brother John A. Bee was Field Missionary Secretary, in West Va., at that time, and he would not let me rest until he got me interested in the colporteur work; and I must say that the Lord wonderfully blessed me in the colporteur work there. I love to think of the many good experiences I had. During the year 1927, under the leadership of Brother Drott, and with the help of the Lord, I sold and delivered \$3,708.50 worth of our good books and had a good start for this year when Elder Fishell called me to assist Brother Kurz here in West Penna.

We have a faithful band of workers here, and the Lord is blessing their earnest efforts. We expect to reach our goal of \$32,000.00 this year, Just think of the many that are being warned of the soon coming Saviour. The colporteur work is a soul-saving work. "They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy." What a blessed assurance.

What a blessed privilege we have of being workers together with God, in helping to fulfil the commission given in Matt. 28:19, 20. The earnest, consecrated colporteur evangelist has the assurance that his work will last until probation closes, then he has the blessed promise that Jesus will come and take him to that home He has gone to prepare, were there will be no more sorrow, sickness, pain, nor death.

God is calling for many more of His people to con-

secrete their lives to Him for this soul-saving work. How about you, dear reader, have you heard the call? Will you not say, "Lord, here am I, send me"?

J. R. Ridenour.

West Pennsylvania Field Missionary Secretary.

Why I Left the Work of the World to Enter the Colporteur Work

It was through the colporteur work that I was led to Christ, and into the truth that is to go to all the world in this generation.

Early in the spring of 1922, R. E. Christoph, a part time colporteur, called at my home in Erie, Penna., and his earnestness in presenting the book led me to order it. After a study of the book, and what it taught, I became more eager to know more about the Bible, so calling at the home of the colporteur, who was my cousin, he and his good wife gave me much help in the study of the Bible. But fear of losing my job kept me from stepping out and keeping God's Sabbath.

Just about this time he loaned me "Patriarchs and Prophets", and "Great Controversy", and after I finished reading those books, my decision was about made. I accepted the Sabbath and was baptized November 4, 1922. At the time of my baptism I was working for the railroad, but soon after I started working at my trade, electric welding. Prospects were fine, Sabbath off, \$40.00 a week, for five days, and in the winter I didn't work after three o'clock on Friday. What more could any one wish for?

Just about this time I began to study the work God had intrusted to His people, to carry this message to the entire world. This statement, on page 326 of C. O. L. impressed me, "Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth, where we are to work for God."

I then began to seek the Lord to know what His will was, and what He wanted me to do, and studying the Testimonies for the Church, in Vol. 5, page 405, I read this statement, "The canvassing work is God's means of reaching many that would not otherwise be impressed with the truth." I was impressed to take up the colporteur work, but I wanted to be sure that God wanted me there, so as a sign I asked Him to give me a half leather order from the first man I would try to sell a book to. While at work the impression came to me to tell a certain man about "Our Day", so I went over where he was working, and began to tell him about the book, and much to my surprise he said to me, "I want one of those books in the half leather binding, just as soon as you can get me one." I did not even have a prospectus to show this man, but I could see the hand of God in this, and I was sure that He had answered my prayer as to where he wanted me to work.

This was in December, 1923, and in the spring of 1924 I gave notice to the firm I was working for. My foreman tried to persuade me that I was foolish to quit something that was steady for selling books, but God had called me, and I dared not turn a deaf ear to the call, and on June 1, 1924, under the leadership of my beloved brother and friend, L. W. Kurz, I began to work in the Vineyard of the Lord.

So I now reconsecrate my life to the finishing of the

work, and to God I give all the praise in Jesus' name.

Wm. P. Christoph.

Colporteur West Pennsylvania.

Why I Gave up Boilermaking

Back in 1904, when the truth of the Third Angel's Message came to me, it found me in a boiler shop, working for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. But while I did not take my stand for the truth fully, for three years, yet I knew it was the truth and felt I should obey. I take this opportunity today to say that I have always been sorry I did not step out at once, as soon as I heard the truth, for I feel the loss of these three years, and always will, so do not put it off, my brother.

Through the faithful efforts of Elder Morris Lucans, and G. H. Clark, prompted by the Holy Spirit, and a burden for my soul, I finally took my stand for the truth, and with this stand came the conviction I should canvass, and I am glad Brother Clark was a man who did not take "No" for an answer.

I entered the canvassing work at once, and have done nothing else since but place this wonderful truth in the homes of thousands of people. God has wonderfully blessed me with quite a number of souls, for which I want to praise Him, (between 50 and 100). In one city where I canvassed there was a church raised up of over 200 members. Many had their attention called to the truth first through reading the papers and books.

After accepting the truth I asked for Sabbaths off, but the foreman would not hear to it, so I gave up my job. I was in line for foreman, but God kept this man there long enough to cause me to give it up and enter His work, and then the foreman was discharged one month later.

I have never been sorry that I took up the colporteur work, and have only the highest praise for it. It is one of the best ways of finding those that are honest in heart, those who never go to church, and those who are disgusted with the popular churches of today. I may not be able to do as aggressive work now as before, but I still expect to continue in this soul-saving work.

We should not look at this work as a burden, but as a pleasure, and as an opportunity to walk in the Master's footsteps. I hope that every man and woman who loves this truth will heed the call and help finish the work, and hasten the soon coming of our dear Saviour.

J. W. Siler.

Colporteur West Pennsylvania.

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"It is essential that our publications be widely circulated. Thus the message will go where the living preacher cannot go." *Test. Vol. 6 p. 313.*

"All who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world." *Test. Vol. 6 p. 313.*

From Railroad Man to Colporteur



Upon what casual things our whole future sometimes hinges! A visit I made one day to a friend then working on a railroad, changed all my plans. He suggested, considering I already was a Telegrapher, that I learn the railroad "Book of Rules" and join him in the office. As I watched him work, I became interested, and decided I would learn the "Book of Rules," so I could answer all examination questions. Needless to

say, I was thoroughly tested by the Chief Dispatcher, and by the Company Doctor as to my eyesight, hearing, etc., and pronounced ready for work. I found it was no easy thing to learn all the interlocking devices, but I made up my mind to master it and stayed by the work nine years.

I wish I could write out each step I made, all unknowingly, toward this wonderful Truth, but space does not permit. Suffice it to say, I was offered over double my salary by the General Roundhouse Foreman to work for him. As I was in line for promotion, I was loathe to leave my work at that time, and refused him. But he wanted me, it seemed, for he explained the many advantages he could throw my way, and to clinch the proposition, named a larger amount than he had done before. "Money talks" to a non-Christian, and I resigned from one department and went to work in another. I thought the interlocking devices difficult of mastery, but I actually "sweat blood" as a railroad man would say, mastering all the intricate details that comprised my new position. But being a "quitter" is not one of my characteristics, so I stuck to it and after a few years was in line for greater promotion than I had had before. My financial horizon was very rosy when—one evening, upon arriving home, I found my wife very much upset, religiously. It seemed a man had called at our home during the day. Brother Brandstetter of Cincinnati, we found out later, and told her some things about the Bible. She was impressed particularly by his ability to find texts so easily to explain his statements. After supper, she backed me in a corner, figuratively speaking, and said she had been disturbed all day, and felt we certainly were not raising our boy right, and according to the Scriptures, of which she said we both were ignorant. A thousand things seemed to pass through my mind; my childhood, my sacrificing mother, and tears suddenly seemed to fill my throat. But I brushed these tender thoughts aside, lit a cigar, and sternly closed this new door that seemed to want to open. Well, that night was a restless one. I could not sleep. I wondered what was the trouble with me and wished I had a good pint of liquor to put me to sleep. I could not dismiss my wife's mental distress from my mind. For several days I did not have much to say. I wanted somehow to be alone.

Then Sister Fisher, a lay member, also of Cincinnati, and one of the finest Bible teachers I have met, called to give us Bible studies. She was very thorough, coming every week for nine months. The struggle we had to

forsake "all" would be a story in itself. They told me it couldn't be done. After a particularly hard day I came home and said no one could possibly live a Christian life, and wound up by saying, "Show me a Christian!" My wife said, "Mrs. Fisher certainly is one, so it evidently can be done." Finally we came to the parting of the ways with the world. What a happy day it was for me, after silently suffering torture on every Sabbath day I worked, to tell the chief I was leaving, never more to walk in the old paths again. I never had any worry about getting "a job," but I disliked to leave the good position I had worked so hard for. But the evening I resigned, I seemed to be walking on air all the way home. I love to think of my battles back there, they are sweet memories to me. Later I worked for my brother in a one thousand-room hotel. They called me the "preacher" there. One day as I was working alone, I heard a voice say, "Enter my vineyard." It startled me, for no one was near me. Again I heard the voice, and knew it was no human voice. I can't explain how peculiarly I felt. A short time later, Brother Guy Corder came to the church in the interest of "C. O. L." He called for volunteers, and I said inaudibly, "Lord, help me go," and before I realized it, I was on my feet contracting to sell twenty "C. O. L." I didn't know anything about a "canvass" but Brother Corder so enthused me, that I sold them too. Wish I could tell you of the wonderful three days we had together! I sold forty-two instead of twenty "C. O. L." when I had finished.

At camp meeting, just at that time, Brother Percy, then Field Secretary in Ohio, so impressed me with the necessity of giving my full time to the work, and I actually came home with a "Patriarchs and Prophets" prospectus. When Elder Fishell came to Ohio, he learned of me, and say, he certainly did "go after" me! Do you know, I had to write him a letter and tell him to let me alone! But that didn't stop him and I am glad it didn't, for if he hadn't been so insistent as he was, I would probably have put it off too long. And old Satan wasn't napping. He got after me so strongly, that I actually wrote out my consecration and prayer on paper telling the Lord, with His help, and against numerous obstacles, just the very day I would go into His work. This written prayer is very precious to me, and I prize it very much.

So I started out in the great vineyard of the Lord. Talk about experiences! I could fill a large book! Happy? Well, I should say I am! Who wouldn't be happy doing what the Lord's servant says will be done until the final "It is finished" is sounded? I have found my life's work, and I know God is with me.

A. G. Drott

West Virginia Field Missionary Secretary.

Good Experiences

On the hills and in the hollows of good old West Virginia, amid the beautiful changing scenery and all classes and types of people, our loyal band of colporteurs wend their quiet way exhorting, warning, comforting and praying with the people. Surely the Lord looks down in benediction upon these faithful ones, and by faith we know His presence is with them. On the following page are a few of their many good experiences.

A. G. Drott.

E. G. Belcher:

"After a lady had been canvassed the other day, she ordered a book principally for her daughter who was very worldly. She wondered if somehow, someway, she could get her mind on the things of God. I did not tell this good mother, but when I was up in the quiet of the hills, I prayed for this erring daughter and asked our dear Heavenly Father to cause this young lady to see the foolishness of the pleasures of this world. When I went to deliver the book, I met the father and he told me the daughter surprised him the other day by saying she wanted to destroy certain dresses and give up her worldly pursuits and live a different life. In my inward excitement I did not tell how I had prayed for her. Oh, what a privilege it is to go to Him who knows all things, and pray for others! Oh, to have the capacity for appreciating this privilege more!"

F. A. Cadle:

"I surely am glad to send in another report. Though the battle was hard, the Lord surely helped me, and I had some wonderful visits for the most part. Most people are content with their condition, and it is hard to touch their hearts. I called at a little house way off the road where a man lived alone. When I showed him 'Patriarchs and Prophets' a look of joy came over his face and he said he had that book, and showed me the old edition. 'One night,' he said, 'I was staying with a friend of mine, and the man I got this book from stayed there too. My friend's two boys were sick and this man asked to pray for them, and they were healed. I don't know his name, but I have certainly enjoyed his book, and am sure he was a real Christian.' We spoke of conditions today, and I showed him 'Return of Jesus' and took his order. Surely it pays to pray with the people, we never know how far reaching the results may be."

Fred J. Wenger:

"Way up near the head of the Kanawha, where I could step from bank to bank, many good books were placed in homes of very common and mostly poor people. The Lord works where we work, and it surely is manifest; if we go after the orders, we will get them. One dear old lady with tears in her eyes stated, 'you surely are in a good work, may you place many of these good books in the homes around here, and bring me one.' Surely many good souls are longing for spiritual food. May we receive more workers as West Virginia needs them. Our fifty-seven counties with only six colporteurs are in earnest need of the Gospel. I hope and pray that many will receive a great burden for this needy mission field."

J. W. Walker:

"I am thankful to write you that I am still in this great work. Since June 1, I have delivered in Barboursville and Huntington and St. Albans, mostly Barboursville, 121 volumes of large books, nearly 30 medical books. We have many interested persons here and really expect the good Lord to give us a church at the place. I praise His name for using me to deliver these books. I always take the books to the folks and I tell them nearly always just as I start to leave them that Jesus is soon coming. That is the word for every colporteur to speak after he delivers his book just as he leaves. I would like you to remember me in prayer."

N. S. Marriott:

"Another week's record is in the past, and the final harvest's labors that much nearer completion. What will

the harvest be in each of the worker's reaping? I meet many who manifest an interest in the coming of Jesus, and the importance of being ready, and am nonplussed at their unwillingness to spend the small amount required to help fit them to meet their Saviour in peace. When you consider the vast majority who profess to be living a Christian life but whose lives refute their profession, I am reminded to search my own heart to see where I stand. I met one woman last week, (and she is only a sample of others) who seemed enthusiastic about Christianity, but when it came to investing \$3.75, she even withstood her husband who seemed to want the book. He placed his order, however, and I hope will be firm the day of delivery. I pray I may be a doer of God's will as well as a believer in His Word."

West Virginia Colporteur Institute
January 24 — February 2
Charleston Church

M. V. Reapers

We sing that good old hymn, "Oh There Will Be Joy When the Work Is Done, Joy When the Reapers Gather Home," expressing the joy that will be ours when the great harvest field of the world is reaped and the redeemed of all nations shall gather around the throne of God. But methinks there must be a taste of that joy before we reach the shining portals and here is one opportunity afforded the Missionary Volunteers of the Ohio Conference in their attainment of another Harvest In-gathering goal.

On September 26 we began in earnest to cut and shock the bundles of wheat in our M. V. Harvest Field. 55 shocks seemed like a lot of work and quite a task because we had decided it would cost \$100 to cut and shock a bundle of wheat, but as our Volunteers set out to accomplish the task, shock after shock was placed in the field, and in practically seven weeks from the time we began our campaign the field was reaped and 55 shocks were standing in rows. But the work could not be stopped when this was done for gleaners were then busy gleaning the field until \$558.46 were gathered. This gives us a total of \$6,058.46. We are sure that this does not represent all that has been gathered in as reports are coming in to the office every day. This is the largest amount reported by our Volunteers in the Harvest In-gathering campaign in the history of the M. V. work in the Ohio Conference.

Again we are reminded that "with such an army of youth, rightly trained, how soon will the message of a crucified, risen and soon coming Saviour be carried to the world." Surely there will be precious sheaves to lay at the Master's feet as the result of the faithful efforts of our consecrated youth. May God bless them above that which they are able to ask or comprehend that the work may be rapidly finished and the angel reapers may complete their work in the great harvest field, the world.

Mrs. A. E. King,
Ohio M. V. Secretary.

COLPORTEURS' REPORTS

Name Place Book Hrs. Orders Del'd

Ohio, Week Ending December 8, 1928

I. M. Evans, Field Missionary Secretary

E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati	PP	43	111.00	30.75
C. W. Beach, Cincinnati	PP	2	5.00	34.50
John Booth, Portsmouth	PP	41	73.75	34.55
Mrs. B. Brewer, Cleveland	RJ	34	21.75	
John Cheripko, Lorain	OD	23	18.25	20.75
R. B. Craig, Cincinnati	PP	45	60.50	54.00
S. E. Curry, Cleveland	PP	46	51.25	52.75
Tilford Daily, Wheelersburg	BR	51	22.25	240.90
Ed. Deitemeyer, Akron	PP	30	53.00	3.75
D. C. Dickerhoff, Toledo	RJ	3	4.10	4.90
H. Gackenheimer, Columbus	LB	108	120.00	120.00
H. W. Gigax, Toledo	PP	26	25.50	63.50
James Hannah, E. Liverpool	PP	39	13.00	15.25
Edith Hanvey, Toledo	RJ	22	25.90	47.55
Mary Harris, Akron	RJ	14	21.40	26.25
Mrs. E. Lackey, Chillicothe	BF	8	9.00	10.00
Paul Lipscomb, Lima	RJ	43	36.25	67.00
J. R. Britt, Cincinnati	BR	43	70.00	11.50
C. McCampbell, Cleveland	RJ	37	27.75	44.25
Mrs. McKenzie, Akron	BR	2	25.00	6.50
Miss E. Morris, Chillicothe	BF	26	14.50	6.00
Mrs. E. R. Reed, Columbus	RJ	15	8.00	23.50
R. S. Schoonard, Columbus	PP	50	115.40	55.75
W. W. Slusher, Springfield	RJ	42	158.50	2.75
E. Zuver, Akron	RJ	11	34.00	

Totals 25 colporteurs 804 \$1125.05 \$976.65

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 8, 1928

O. C. Weller, Field Missionary Secretary

L. S. Holdsworth, Susq.	PP	54	62.50	24.50
Geo. Bachman, Adams Co.	RJ	46	32.75	18.00
Wm. F. Manbeck, Schuylkill	RJ	41	39.75	2.25
McLain Lofton, Phila.	OD	41	41.50	6.00
V. Gibbons,, Phila.	OD	40	67.00	3.75
Chas. H Wise, Wayne County	BR	40	30.50	4.50
C. W. Lorenz, Lackawanna	PP	40	190.25	20.75
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.	DR	36	106.00	129.00
Miss F. Martin, Lancaster Co.	GC	31	39.25	148.50
Jerry Harris, Phila.	WCS	31	26.60	37.85
Fred Reynolds, Chester Co.	RJ	30	49.50	66.50
W. J. Powell, Lackawanna	PP	23		201.25
Newton Epler, Berks Co.	PP	22	30.50	79.50
Benj. Bell, Phila.	GC	21	24.25	1.25
W. H. Smith, Wayne County	BR	19	27.25	3.25
F. D. Myers, Phila. delphia	PP	18	50.00	9.75
M. Ackerman, Luzerne Co.	HW	16	6.00	96.75
Howard Detwiler, Phila.	WCS	16	8.00	8.00
Mrs. A. Smith, Lancaster Co.	GC	12	13.75	.25
Milton Prout, Phila.	WCS	10	8.50	8.50
Paul Reedy, Philadelphia	WCS	5	2.25	2.25
Wm. Turse Philadelphia	WCS	2	4.00	4.00

Totals 22 colporteurs 597 \$860.10 \$876.35

Back Reports

L. S. Holdsworth, Susq.	PP	104	75.75	372.25
Mrs. E. Winston, Phila.	BR	48	21.00	14.00
Caroline Smith, Luzerne Co.	RJ	49	59.00	13.00
Wm. G. Becker, York Co.	PP	45	66.00	1.00
Wm. Manbeck, Carbon Co.	RJ	42	74.55	15.75
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.	DR	37	53.25	40.00
McLain Lofton, Phila.	OD	30	25.00	1.50
Elmer Bange, York Co.	PP	25	81.00	31.00
Gladys Smith, Luzerne Co.	RJ	23	18.00	15.80
Walter Brill, Lancaster Co.	WCS	20	43.00	43.00
Fred Reynolds, Crester Co.	RJ	14	23.75	1.00

Totals 28 colporteurs 1036 \$1400.40 \$1425.40

Chesapeake Week Ending December 7, 1928

W. A. Groves, Field Missionary Secretary

Geo. W. Holland, Crisfield	RJ	35	67.25	
W. E. Holland, Crisfield	RJ	35	73.75	
J. E. Jones, Rock Hall	RJ	35	46.75	58.00
Mrs. Mugrage, Baltimore	BTS	5	7.50	2.25
C Mugrage, Brooklyn, Md.	PP	47	88.25	72.75
Mrs. M. Queen,, Baltimore	RJ	7	22.75	
Ada B. Thomas, Baltimore	RJ	32	52.75	9.00
W. Yonson, Baltimore	WCS	41	53.50	36.00

Totals 8 colporteurs 237 \$412.50 \$178.00

New Jersey Week Ending December 7, 1928

F. E. Thumwood, Field Missionary Secretary

F. E. Thumwood, Somerset	HW	20	75.00	
G. W. Blinn, Burlington	RJ	38	30.00	120.00
Herman Brandt, Trenton	RJ	31	28.00	72.00
Herman Brandt, Trenton	RJ	31	38.00	18.50
John Baker, Plainfield	RJ	35	53.75	135.75
Mrs. Meierhofer N. Bergen	BR	34	61.75	35.45
Wm. Fitschen, Hoboken	BR	46	43.50	105.25
Mrs. J. Jenssen, Paterson	Misc	36	22.15	39.40
E. J. Wood, Camden	RJ	40	55.50	63.00

Total 8 colporteurs 311 \$407.65 \$519.35

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 8, 1928

J. R. Ridenour, Field Missionary Secretary

W. C. Fleisher, West Morel'nd	RJ	44	77.60	40.80
H. R. Drozski, Erie	PP	38	75.25	43.50
Lloyd Lener, Mt. Braddock	RJ	48	72.50	
G. S. Buttermore, New Castle	RJ	47	66.50	18.50
C. Zimmerman, Bedford Co.	HW	24	36.25	3.00
C. L. Wiltsie, Oil City	RJ	11	20.00	.50
Maxine Haas, Vandergrift	RJ	10	10.00	.25
Carl Dornberg, Pittsburgh	RJ	36	5.25	230.95
H. M. Justice, Pittsburgh	RJ	2	1.75	1.75
G. J. Schuerger, Pittsburgh	RJ	6		33.25
Jennie Schuerger, Pittsburgh	HW	8	1.00	26.50

Totals 11 colporteurs 264 \$366.10 \$192.00

Potomac Week Ending December 8, 1928

John A. Bee, Field Missionary Secretary

A. H. Antisdale,, Washington	LH	26	7.45	7.45
R. S. Finch, Capt. Hghts	PP	38	63.75	
R. F. Perciful, Norfolk	RJ	36	71.25	4.00
Carrie B. White, Winchester	HW	15	24.50	
L. A. Whitmire, Winchester	HW	38	49.75	6.00
W. Widmer, Washington	HW	7		106.50
H. C. Wilcox, Washington	PP	42	42.50	124.75

Total 7 colporteurs 202 \$259.20 \$248.70

West Virginia, Week Ending December 8, 1927

A. G. Drott, Field Missionary

E. G. Belcher, Charleston	RJ	34	43.25	65.75
F. A. Cadle, Jackson Co.	PP	42	34.50	9.75
C. E. Schultze, Ridgeley	WCS	38	75.75	3.75
J. W. Walker, So. Carleston	BR	51	29.00	42.00
Fred Wenger, Roane Co.	RJ	52		277.75
Georgia Willard, Morgantown	RJ	5	18.05	7.33

Totals 6 colporteurs 222 \$200.55 \$406.33

Potomac, Week Ending December 1, 1928

John A. Bee, Field Missionary Secretary

A. H. Antisdale, Wash.	LH	12	5.00	5.00
O. Brusdale, Richmond	WCS	30	50.00	50.00
F. E. Cardwell, Newp't News	HW	14	14.00	7.50
Edna Conwell, Norfolk	Mag	35	64.00	64.00
R. S. Finch, Wash.	PP	30	51.00	3.00
Bertha Orrison, Arlington	HW	9	19.50	
Mrs. Symonds, Arlington	HW	8	17.00	
Carrie White, Winchester	HW	2	4.00	
L. A. Whitmire, Winchester	RJ	24	7.35	2.00
W. Widmer, Wash.	BS	15	34.00	
H. C. Wilcox, Washington	PP	28	48.25	3.00
R. F. Perciful, Norfolk	RJ	34	70.20	3.50

Totals 12 colporteurs 241 \$384.30 \$138.60

"There are many, who, because of prejudice, will never know the truth unless it is brought to their homes." Test. Vol 6 p. 314.

The Place for Old Clothes

An urgent appeal for cast off old clothing that may be used in helping the poor people of the South is sent to me from one of our loyal, self-supporting, and pioneer missionaries at the Wolfe Creek Rural Mission School in Tennessee. I personally know Brother L. R. Page who is making this request and he is a very worthy, devoted Seventh-day Adventist with a burden to pioneer work for the mountain people in Tennessee.

He writes, "If some of the large churches in your field can send us some old clothing, we can make very good use of any kind that is of any value. People are very poor in this country and they appreciate old clothing very much. We plan on selling the best articles of clothing for a few cents and using the money to buy school supplies for our school. We need so much for our school and we have no way to buy any thing. We find it very hard to even get chalk. The work among these people of the South is very touching and we are anxious to see them saved in the kingdom and warned concerning this message."

Anything of this kind that could be sent to Brother L. R. Page, Box 451, Copperhill, Tennessee would certainly be appreciated and put to good use. The express or freight charges should be prepaid.

C. S. Prout.

Wedding Bells

The marriage of Miss Anna Barbara Schmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Schmidt, of Cleveland, Ohio, to Elder E. A. Manry of Takoma Park, D. C. took place in the Cleveland German Seventh-day Adventist church on the evening of November 28.

Miss Margaret Schmidt, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and Doctor E. B. Carr, of Silver Creek, N. Y., served as best man. The church was prettily decorated in pink and white, and as the wedding march was played, the bridal party entered, being led by the bridesmaid, who was followed by the bride upon the arm of her father. As soon as they had taken their places on the platform, an appropriate solo was sung, following which the wedding ceremony was performed by the writer, assisted by the pastor of the German Church, Elder O. F. Schwedrat.

After receiving congratulations and best wishes from the many friends who were present, Elder and Mrs. Manry left for a short trip through the States of Pennsylvania and New York, after which they will make their home in Takoma Park, D. C.

F. H. Robbins.

Notice—Ohio Colporteurs!

Ohio's Colporteur's Institute will be held in the S. D. A. Church, 1018 Locust St., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio, from January 3 to 13, 1929. God is calling for men and women who will consecrate their lives to Him for service, Fifty such workers will gather here for a ten day's special training in Christian Salesmanship and I invite you, Brother, Sister, to this great spiritual feast. Get in touch with me at once so that arrangements can be made to receive this training and prepare for service in the Master's field.

I. M. Evans, *Field Secretary*,
Box 517, Mt. Vernon, O.

Colporteur Work at Washington Missionary College

See front cover for picture

The interest in the colporteur work at W. M. C. is growing. There are twenty-two students in the Colporteur's band who plan to attend the class regularly. There are several more who expect to canvass next summer but whose present program does not allow them to attend the meetings. We hope that next year there will be an hour planned in the regular schedule for the colporteur class.

One of the reasons why we know that the colporteur spirit is growing is that some are planning to sell "Home Workers" books in the afternoon after school hours. Some have already begun. I went with Brother Bankes, one of our new students, one afternoon and after we had canvassed the first home he said to me, "This is interesting." He was right for we did find it exceedingly interesting work. Judging from his willingness to work, Brother Bankes will certainly be among the many other Washington Missionary College students who will go out into the field this summer and earn a scholarship for next year.

Washington Missionary students are, by the grace of God, expecting great things next summer in the colporteur work.
J. C. Holland.

New Jersey Colporteur Institute February 2-12 1928

CHOICE HONEY—Warranted—Pure. Following prices include packing and postpaid into zone two: 1 lb jar, 50c; 3 lb jar, 95c; 5 lb pail, \$1.25; 10 lb pail, \$2.40. Philip Blasig, Robbinsville, N. J.

"Vitamin Sandwich Spread" contains vitamins A, B, C, and D, also all the mineral salts. Takes the place of butter. Prices 50c, and 25c. The Sanitarium Food Company, 111-112 The Arcade, Cleveland, O.

Wanted—graduate or under-graduate nurse for ladies treatment room. Also two girls desiring practical nurse's course. Westchester Institute 233 So. Second Avenue, Mt. Vernon, New York.

Special Offer—Brackett's Menthol Balm. For the relief of neuralgia, rheumatism, affections of the throat, colds in the head and chest, and soreness of the muscles. Very penetrating, pleasant to use, quiets pain almost instantly. Send 25 two cent stamps for large Oz. tube. If you mail order within ten days, I will send FREE a 35 cent Clothes-Pin Apron. W. E. Brackett, Takoma Park, D. C.

Work Wanted—Man and wife, both young, desire farm work with Adventist people. Two small children. Wife good cook. Wm. Centers, 727 E. Pleasant St., Springfield, O.

Family goats due to kid early as January — twenty dollars and up — enclose stamp for reply. Mrs. Floza Mc Keand, R. 2 Silver Springs, Md.

We regret that because of lack of space several good articles and other items of interest can not find a place in this issue. The same will be true of the next number of the *Visitor* which will be a Harvest Ingathering Special.

Editor