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THE POWER OF THE PRESS

"The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Prov. 4:18.

This truth was referred to by our Saviour when he told His disciples in Judea that they were witnessing many things that wise men and prophets had desired to see, and had not seen them. We are living in the time of the great "increase of knowledge" spoken of by Daniel the prophet as a sure sign of the "time of the end." The invention of the printing press has brought to Christian workers in these last days a help that Job and David dreamed of and longed for. Job wished that his confession of faith in his Redeemer might be printed in a book. Job 19:23-25. And David had visions of a great army of colporteurs carrying the published message to all the world. Ps. 68:11.

Not only has the printing press made it possible to easily multiply copies of the message

to be scattered like the "leaves of autumn," but it has also wonderfully contributed to the spread of education among all the peoples of the world, so that they can be reached readily by the printed page. It means much to the gospel missionaries that so many people can read. It is not necessary to learn new languages in order to give the warning message to neighbors speaking different languages. The message is now in printed form in 114 languages, and the scriptures or portions of the Bible have been translated into many more languages and dialects by the Bible Societies.

Not only so, but the people in civilized countries have formed the habit of reading, and the wider knowledge that comes through reading has opened to the truth many minds that would otherwise be closed, through narrow-minded prejudice. The public libraries, booksellers, magazines and newspapers exercise a tremendous influence upon the public thought upon

all subjects of common interest. While Satan is wide awake, and tons of worthless and injurious books and papers are being circulated, there is no doubt that God has an object in permitting such an increase of knowledge in this generation—the preparation of the world for this last warning message, making it possible to carry the message to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people in a single generation. There has never been a time in the history of the past when such a thing would be possible. The Lord



Attendants at O. M. C. Colporteur Institute

is depending upon Seventh-day Adventists to make the work of our publishing houses effective by giving themselves, lending their feet and their hands to the work of carrying the message from the press to the people.

C. F. McVAGH

President Eastern Canadian Union Conf.

BIBLE SALESMEN

"Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scripture might have hope." Rom. 15:4. The original Greek gives the translation in most cases as "doctrine" instead of "learning." Then our doctrine is to relate ourselves to the work of God as did holy men of old. Moses, David, Esther, and other Bible notables each occupied a specific place in the Lord's plan and did their part when called upon. They received a preparation, they were placed where God wished to use them, and then they responded.

The work today is the same, whether it be presenting the message to a Pharaoh, a Goliath, or a King, or whether it be canvassing an individual for his acceptance of the truth in printed form. If Moses were living now he would be putting his best into the most important work in the world. He did that thousands of years ago. He left the peaceful occupation of a shepherd when the call of God let him see the world's need. "Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh," was God's command, and so in the Egyptian monarch Moses found his first subject. He was quick to sense his own inability, and hesitated to step at once from his secluded work to enter the royal court and canvass the king for the freedom of God's people. He did not give up once he had started on his mission, until he had secured the order he was after, and Pharaoh had seen the greatness of the work he was doing.

With Israel established in Canaan another crisis is reached when the armies of the Philistines repeatedly defied God's people. These heathen people knew how to put fear into the hearts of Israel. Refusing longer to be ruled by a divine monarch Israel had chosen to have a king. Saul was the most striking figure in Israel. The Philistines likewise chose a stalwart leader, one much taller and stronger than Israel's leader. Goliath, as an agent of Satan, had repeatedly struck terror into the camp

of Israel, and at this time was raised up a brilliant young man to successfully meet the enemy.

David was desirous that Israel should be liberated from this annoyance, and was willing to risk his life for that purpose. His was not the pleasant task of entering a quiet home with the message in an attractive form, but instead it was his mission to canvass a defiant people, to use strategy in meeting an enemy whose physical powers far excelled those of any of Israel's army. He was offered armor, but his preparation consisted of a vision of the work to be done, a firm belief in God's ability to do it through him, and a complete mastery of his weapon. He was seeking Israel's victory, and he was successful. Colporteurs need a vision of the work to be done, a faith that assures them success under God, and a mastery of their canvass and prospectus. Then the Goliaths in the way are defeated.

There may be men and women today who like Israel of old are running away from the work given them to do. To David, right from the father's farm, this seemed a strange thing for the people of God to do, and he was willing to set himself as one who would not run away from any service that God would require. It is time for some of the men from the farms of these provinces or from the shops in our cities to put to flight the enemy "Fear" that defies the army of the living God.

J. L. WILSON

Field Sec'y. Eastern Canadian Union Conf.

THINGS THAT COUNT AT THE PRESS

The Canadian Watchman Press was established to supply the entire Canadian field and Newfoundland with our denominational literature. Beginning early in 1921 our presses have been constantly turning out books, magazines and tracts for the use of our people in literature service. It has been a real pleasure and a privilege to supply our territory with the very best of our large subscription books, "Our Day in the Light of Prophecy and Providence," "Bible Readings for the Home Circle" and finally "Home Physician and Guide to Health." In point of sales our Publishing House ranks 6th in the denomination. For 1924 the total value of sales was \$143,500.00.

With Field Missionary Secretaries in every conference leading a loyal band of faithful colporteurs in their respective fields we would naturally see a much larger sale of our literature

than ever before. The larger the volume of sales the more orders we have the privilege of filling from our own factory; the more literature sold means larger editions and thus better service to the field. There are certain expenses in connection with the running of a publishing house that are established and are not increased by the volume of work that goes through the factory. When we can spread the cost of taxes, insurance, depreciation, etc., over a large volume of business it helps to keep down the cost of production and hence enables the Publishing House to produce literature at a profit instead of at a loss, and really, brethren and sisters, the Publishing House is yours. It belongs to every Seventh-day Adventist in Canada and Newfoundland and those of us who labor in the office and factory are simply your servants. We rejoice that we have this part in the literature service and every report of souls being won through the efforts of our colporteurs brings rejoicing to the hearts of the Publishing House workers. That we may have more magazine and book colporteurs is the earnest wish of every employee of the Canadian Watchman Press.

H. H. RANS

Mgr. Canadian Watchman Press

WHO IS COURAGEOUS? HE WILL SUCCEED IN QUEBEC

To every nation and kindred and tongue and people is the third angel's message to be sounded, and from those nations, kindred, and people, men and women are to be made ready for the coming of the Saviour.

Quebec has a large French population, most of which is French Roman Catholic. Many of these people are kind, hospitable, and very religious, but because of the great influence exercised by the clergy it has been an almost impossible task to reach the French people in the Province of Quebec.

As we look back in the different fields of the world and consider their slow beginning and the sacrifices made and then the marvelous results, we are encouraged, for we see strong Roman Catholic fields, that for years were almost impregnable fortresses, today yielding the fruits of courageous efforts, as is shown by the hundreds and thousands that are being baptized and are preparing for the coming of the Lord.

The writer, who has for years labored in the Province of Quebec as well as in other fields, is fully convinced that the time is near at hand when the mighty walls of Jericho will crumble down. The mighty Gibraltar of Romanism will be shaken. As the pen of Luther caused the Papacy to tremble on its throne in Rome, so will the mighty power of our literature shake those mighty strong-holds.

Recently the writer visited a high dignitary of the hierarchy. On the table of the library I picked up a Roman Catholic magazine and in this magazine was a warning against heretics. After speaking of the Protestants in general and mentioning the Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, and others, a whole paragraph was given to the Seventh-day Adventists, and the statement was made that they were the worst heretics of them all, as every one of them was always at work with the most powerful weapon of propaganda, their specially prepared literature. Rome recognizes the powerful influence of the Seventh-day Adventist literature, and fears its results, and from their high tower its officials thunder against it and against those who dare to enter into their ranks, and dare to sell or give to faithful Roman Catholics the truth-filled pages of literature.

There are thousands of towns and villages in Quebec that have never yet been visited by any Seventh-day Adventist preachers. Evangelists and public workers cannot reach the people by public meetings as the people will not come to the services being forbidden to do go by the priest. The only way to reach these people is by house-to-house work with the literature. This will take courage, and men and women of courage are wanted to go through these villages and towns who will be true soldiers of the cross of Christ, willing to dare with the help of Christ the attacks of the mighty foes.

Men of courage and faith have had to enter such fields as Quebec, some have given their lives, others have suffered persecution, privations and wants, but their work has been a great success and many have come out from Romanism to the marvelous light of the third angel's message. Space fails us to relate the many instances in Roman Catholic countries where our work today is flourishing and wonderful work has been accomplished, and all this through the courageous effort of some self-sacrificing colporteur.

Knowing the field as I do I take a great

pleasure in bringing back my family at this time to do pioneering work with the literature in Quebec during the summer. We firmly believe that there is splendid success for men and women of faith and courage who will devote their time to colporteur work in Quebec. Quebec is practically a new field, only a few counties have been canvassed and a splendid field is open to would-be heroes of the cross of Christ.

Young men and young women, do not wait until some one else has paved the way for you, and when the walls have been broken down, and the task made easy and all are looking for a part in the spoil, join the ranks of the attacking forces; but be a hero, a courageous, pioneering missionary colporteur. Enter the advance guard of the mighty army who will some day cause the mighty power of Rome to be shaken.

L. F. PASSEBOIS

Sec'y. French Dept. General Conference

HOW A COLPORTEUR HELPED

The following is an experience met with by one of our missionaries laboring in the island fields.

In seeking for a place where an interest might be developed, he and his wife were both impressed to pitch their tent in a little village located in a remote part of the island. It was later learned that one of our workers had been stoned from this same village some time before.

Shortly after the meetings were begun, the tentmaster, a native of another island about two hundred miles away, became homesick and took his departure. However the village constable agreed to see that the tent was not interfered with during the absence of the missionary, or pastor as he was locally known. Practically the entire village attended the meetings. No trouble was met with, and no opposition, except from two local ministers and one old woman whose daughter accepted the message and who is now laboring in the southern states.

At one time when the missionary and his wife were in another part of the island, a hurricane blew the tent down and ripped it from top to bottom. The following day when they arrived on the scene they found the tent up, every thing in order, and the tent repaired with new sail canvas. They could but wonder why this marked friendliness when but a short time before there had been such strong opposition.

The answer was clear, when it was later learned that a colporteur had been that way.

Among those who accepted the Truth was a young man who stated that when he first heard the missionary speak it occurred to him that he had read something similar in a book that his grandmother had bought from a colporteur some years before. He got the book down from the shelf on which it has long remained unread, and night after night carefully noted the harmony between its teachings and those of the missionary at the tent. The book was "Daniel and Revelation" The result was, this young man and his family, and through his influence, many others accepted the Truth, and a nice church building was erected and fully paid for. Later this young man was ordained to the ministry and still witnesses to the Truth in his island home.

It was the missionary's privilege to later meet that colporteur in his native island some six hundred miles away, and bring joy to his heart by revealing to him some of the fruits of his early seed-sowing.

The above instance was not an isolated case. In many of the islands it was found that numbers had been brought to a knowledge of the Truth through the tireless labors of this colporteur and his associates.

F. G. LANE

President Quebec Conference

HOW TO REACH THE PEOPLE

This has been a serious question in this field since the third angel's message was first preached here, more serious perhaps than in any other part of North America.

As workers have thought of the two hundred and sixty-five thousand inhabitants, scattered around a bleak rugged coast of 35,000 miles, with only one city of 35,000, a few towns with from 3,000 to 5,000, and its hundreds of villages and hamlets, some of which can be reached by boat once a week, and many only once in two weeks in summer time and not at all in winter, without traveling over rough ice or trackless mountains, one might well ask the question, "How can the people be reached?" Has the question been solved? Do we know now "How to reach the people?" We hope so. This remains however, to be seen.

Our hope lies largely in getting the printed

page into the homes of the people. This must be done by colporteurs entering the homes with our books, and by means of our Home Missionary Societies. The St. John's Home Missionary Society has sent out many thousands of papers and tracts during the past years to various part of the Island. We are endeavoring to do more along this line. For a number of months the Society has been sending out weekly sixteen hundred pages of Present Truth. This work must be continued and the number of pages increased.

Several attempts have been made in the past to get our books into the homes of the people, but because of slow means of travel and the great expense our colporteurs have become discouraged and given up. It is true we have train service in some parts of the Island, but not more than one third of the population can be reached in this way.

Notwithstanding these drawbacks we believe the colporteur work will have to figure largely in giving the message in this field. We have made a new start along this line of endeavour, and what appears to be the most successful thus far. Brother Roberts of Pt. Leamington, for the past eighteen months, has been devoting a good deal of his time to selling the World Crisis Series and has done very well. He has worked mostly amongst the lumbermen, visiting the camps and delivering his books as he goes.

Brethren Woodworth and Earle, also of Pt. Leamington, have entered the work. All are planning to work along the coast during the summer and fall. Brother Roberts, although sixty-five years of age, is going alone in an open fishing boat, with no living accommodation, trusting to the wind to take him on his way. He will go north from his home, while the other two brethren, who have been provided with a decked boat with a motor engine, and large enough to accommodate two men, will work south. We have asked Brother Duffett to go with these two brethren for two weeks to give them a start.

It will be through sacrifice that this message will be given. Paul's admonition to Timothy to "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" applies to the colporteurs as well as others. During a month's trip that Brother Roberts made in January, he told me that he had off his clothes only five nights. But God is blessing him in his work.

B. E. MANUEL

Superintendent Newfoundland Mission

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The exhortation of Paul to young ministers that they "preach the word" is more than a command to expound the scriptures from some public desk. It is a challenge to live it, and living it, to give it to others. Nor is it the exclusive privilege of those ordained to the gospel ministry to "preach the word." There is a ministry of the written word that is potent and far-reaching. For this service are needed consecrated men and women, chosen with the same discretion as to spiritual and mental qualifications as are men for the distinctive work of preaching.

With a preparation of literature unequalled by any religious organization, it is the hour of opportunity for men and women of Ontario to give themselves to this ministry of the word. It will be impossible for our conference to supply laborers to enter every section of this great field, but it is possible for God to raise up in our midst an army of self-supporting workers who will go forth and do this most effective work in saving souls.

As we approach the latter days it is more and more imperative that the truth-filled books and periodicals are placed in the hands of the people. These are days of travel, of shifting populations, and public efforts at long intervals in our cities and towns, left to do their work alone, cannot meet the situation. Their strongest ally is the continuous laborer, the one who distributes the literature. A resident colporteur in a district is carrying forward a systematic, inspiring work, that is equal to the more spectacular efforts of the evangelist. Without such representatives to pioneer and follow up the truth as proclaimed from the pulpits, the work of a field is materially crippled.

Our field secretary, Brother Thumwood, is anxious to assist you to get started in this line of missionary endeavor. Your conference officials are praying that God will roll upon Ontario's membership a burden to press into the work of God, and we believe that many will hear the call of God and respond. This is not a time for delay, for bargaining with God for a compromise of service. It is a time for decisive action, and the results will be souls.

D. J. C. BARRETT

President Ontario Conference

CO-OPERATIVE EVANGELISM

The colporteur and the preacher are partners in the business of winning souls for Christ. It is not a question of co-operation brought about through some mechanical organization or effort, but it is a fact. The minister preaches the doctrine, writes it for a book which is printed by the publishing house, and distributed by the colporteur.

Needless to say, the minister is greatly interested in the rapid and extensive sale of these sermons in books. The colporteur is engaged in this work with the same interest and desire to enlighten the people, and carries on his self-denying, self-supporting missionary work because he with the preacher is equally desirous that the people may receive the message of present truth. All who are brought into the truth are encouraged by the minister to secure and read the books of the message. The preacher well knows that more is needed on the part of the people than to sit under a series of lectures. The people must become students of the message, and like the Bereans of old search the scriptures daily whether these things are so.

Our literature is highly appreciated by the ministry as an aid in bringing the people to a decision which will stand the tests of loss of employment and isolation which is often the case. The colporteur is always anxious to have the preacher enter districts where the books have prepared the way. Many people through reading the books conclude that they speak the truth, and frequently step out as a result of reading alone. On the other hand, many more who have been convinced by the books do not actually begin to observe the Sabbath until brought into personal touch with some of our ministers or people.

The literature pioneers the work in new and unentered fields. Year after year territory is sown with the message laden books and periodicals, and as a result when public efforts are

held it is nearly always the case that many of the people have been prepared by the literature, and measure the doctrine preached from the desk generally by what they have been led to believe is Bible truth through the reading and study of our literature. Oftentimes the colporteur must wait many years before the conference is able to send the preacher into territory which has been faithfully worked by the literature, but on the other hand, he knows that the people with the books in their homes have a personal responsibility and accountability to God, whether public meetings are held or not.

We can no more encourage people to enter the colporteur work from the standpoint of



Colporteurs at Maritime Institute

financial remuneration of making a living than we could encourage men to enter the ministry upon this basis. God has provided a plan whereby the colporteur may support himself and family in the distribution of the printed page, but the one and only reason for the colporteur work is the missionary incentive, the enlightening and conversion of men and women which will result in their preparation for the coming of the Lord.

Only thus is there partnership between colporteur and preacher. The rapid extension and up-building of the message of present truth, during the past half century by the combined ministry of colporteur and preacher is evidence that the work is of God. The results are unmeasured by any standard of earth's measurement, but will be more fully comprehended by

both colporteur and preacher when the glad gathering day comes, and eternity in the kingdom of God opens before both missionaries and converts.

F. W. STRAY

President Maritime Conference

GAPS IN MARITIME

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord is with thee whithersoever thou goest." This was the assurance given to a man called of God to lead out at a very critical time. Israel was on the border of the promised land but there was a great deal left to be done before God could take them over into that goodly land.

That is practically the same with the colporteur work in Maritime. We are on the border of the promised land, but there are giants in the way. People are talking and experiencing hard times. This is the giant that stalks through the Maritime. Now the question with us is: Are we going to let hard times get into our hearts, or are we going to buckle on the armor and slay this giant?

If our brethren in Europe could sell books during the stress of war, and under the difficult financial conditions attending it, why cannot we do as much in time of peace? As time goes on conditions will gradually grow worse until the end. Even now God's judgments are beginning to fall on the world. Instead of being discouraged by these things let us use them as helps to place our literature in the homes of the people. The instruction is: "Through the light given me, I know that where there is one canvasser in the field there should be one hundred." Oh, I pray that those reading these words may take this statement to heart. How long do we refuse to walk in all the light from the throne of God? There will be thousands who will never have the privilege of listening to the spoken word, who will be in the kingdom of God as the result of this work. God-fearing colporteurs who hunt these honest souls from the waysides and hedges of the world are doing a work no other can do.

We have lost heavily in this field by migration to the States, but are glad that the Lord has put it into the hearts of some to return to help carry the burden of service in the land of their nativity. God is calling the colporteurs back to their work. Let none say as did Jere-

miah: "I am a child, Lord." Where are the Gideons, the Daniels, and the Joshuas? Listen to this stirring message from the Spirit of Prophecy: "The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and now it will spring up and bear fruit. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or from yielding obedience. Now, the rays of light penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth a larger number will take their stand upon the Lord's side." "Great Controversy," page 612.

Many ask the question: Are the books bringing people into the Truth? A copy of "Our Paradise Home" which had laid in a home for years was brought to the attention of the inmates of the home. Result: seven persons are rejoicing in the truth.

When the question is asked, "Can a man make a living in the colporteur work?" I answer, hundreds of consecrated men and women are doing it. In fact the Lord answers the question in the following text: "Go ye also into the vineyard and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive." Matt. 20:7. "My God shall supply all your need." Phil. 4:19. "But, if any would not work, neither shall he eat." 2 Thess. 3:10.

We have men of talent and ability in this field, engaged in worldly calling and pursuits, who ought to take hold of this work; men and women who are hiding their talents in the ground, and who will have a fearful account to render in the last hour, because they have withheld the light from those who are dying in ignorance of God's requirements.

ARTHUR KIERSTEAD

Field Sec'y. Maritime Conference

ONTARIO'S OPPORTUNITIES

The large cities within easy travelling distance, the well-defined county lines, the regularity of roads of travel, all contribute to making Ontario an ideal province for colporteur work. The cities are especially attractive to the magazine seller, and our good *Canadian*

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year in advance.

Watchman is ready to give service in this way. Resident colporteurs may also join the army of city workers, and carry on a systematic business with the larger books. We turn from the cities to our country districts and there are a number of counties open for all of our books. Workers are needed in northern sections where there are splendid openings for colporteur work, and calls for this truth to be preached. There is a definite service for souls who are seeking the light in these sections. We cannot afford to be disobedient to the heavenly vision.

It seemed an impossible task to the disciples when Jesus commanded them to feed the five thousand in the words, "Give ye them to eat." They questioned: "Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?" The Lord made it possible in a very few minutes to feed that whole multitude. He took the material on hand and blessed it. He called the men to help Him. There were five loaves and two fishes, and twelve men to wait on and supply food to five thousand men. Under ordinary circumstances this would have taken hours and hours, even if there had been an abundance of material. From the human viewpoint it could not be done, but the matter of organizing the men for service, of supplying the food was Jesus' work, and He did it on time. The willingness of the men to work coupled with the divine power to provide the necessary food, made the work a success, and men went away filled, not only with sustenance for the body, but with the gospel, the Bread of Life.

F. E. THUMWOOD

Field Sec'y. Ontario Conference

QUEBEC NEEDS MEN

As I take a mental survey of the territory in Quebec no words could better express my impressions of it than the words of the Saviour, "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few." This seems to sum up the whole condition. The field is large. Cities, towns,

villages and tracts of farming country lie before us waiting to hear this message. In fact most of these places are unexplored, unentered and untried as far as the Third Angel's Message is concerned. Of course many of the people are held in bondage to the Roman Catholic power but scattered all through them are Protestants. Whatever they be we find evidences amongst the people everywhere that there are some who are ready to assent to the Truth and they are worth working for and working hard for, too.

Just a few days ago, as I started out Brother Ritchie we called at one home where the only inmates were an aged couple who had lived their three score and ten years. We gave them a short account of the work and left. When a few yards from the house they called us back to supper. As we talked during supper the man spoke of existing conditions and said that he believed we were living right in the end of the world's history. When he found that I believed the same he became interested and wanted to know what denomination we represented. Upon being told, he said he had lived near Adventists once and often wondered why they kept Saturday instead of Sunday, although he knew there was a lot of controversy over it. When I explained it to him he said that was sufficient reason for keeping it and his wife said if that was true she was going to keep the Sabbath. Such cases as these are numerous, where with a little more effort either personally or by correspondence they could be won to the truth. We never go out without we meet those who are interested in the Truth and ready to listen to it—in fact, ready to receive the message if some one will give them the knowledge of it.

J. H. CROOKS

Field Sec'y. Quebec Conference

NOTICE

Whenever the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering comes during a camp-meeting, the question is raised whether the churches represented will receive credit for their offerings on the "sixty cents a week" quota. This year the Thirteenth Sabbath is the first sabbath of the Ontario Camp-meeting, and we want our church members to know that arrangements have been made for the churches to receive this credit.

Come prepared to make a liberal offering for the work in the Phillipine Islands.

L. N. HOLM,

Camp-meeting S. S. Supt.