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The Bookman_

W. R. Elliott



A colporteur came to my door one day, And delivered a book I had bought; But when I had seen it, I hid it away, For I hated the things that it taught. So it lay in a drawer, neglected, unread, A casket of jewels, concealed; While I was too busy to bother my head With riches it would have revealed.

But a day came at last, when chastened and sore, My proud heart was wounded, and bled; And I turned to the book, neglected before, And opened the volume and read. I found the message of comfort I sought In the book I so long had abused, And wonderingly said as I sat there in thought, "God's blessings are often refused."

He who in wisdom can see to the end,
Forseeing my proud heart would bleed,
Sent me the book, by the hand of a friend,
To help in the hour of my need.
Its message of love touched an answering chord
In my hungering heart that day;
And its beautiful truth drew me to the Lord;
His glory now brightens the way.

I oftentimes think of the bookman who came
To bring me a treasure so rare;
In this vale of tears, I may ne'er know his name,
But I'm hoping to meet him up there.
How good it will be on some glorious day
(And it may be a part of the plan)
To have an angel approach me and say,
"Come here and meet the bookman."

I'll clasp the hand of the one who left home, And parents, or children, or wije; Endured the hardships, consented to roam, To bring me the message of life. Arm in arm we'll walk by the river so clear, Side by side at the throne we'll bend; And there, in his ear so no other can hear, I'll whisper, "It was kind of you, friend."







J. R. McWilliam

W. D. Kieser

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THE ANTILLIAN UNION COLPORTEUR

J. R. McWilliam

"It is God alone that can give success either in preparing or in circulating our publications. If in faith we maintain His principles, He will co-operate with us in placing the books in the hands of those whom they will benefit."

In the past many have taken the Lord at His word and today we are reaping where they sowed. Many, won to the Lord through a book they purchased, have passed on the good news to others, who in turn have done likewise until today we can look back over sixteen years of such work done by the Antillian Union colporteur.

We rejoice to find that our colporteurs have sown beside all waters and that in sixteen years more than \$600,000 worth of our truth-filled literature has been delivered to the homes of these islands. Whole families are rejoicing with us in the truth because of a book sold to them by a colporteur.

Even today the work is going forward. About fifty colporteurs are going from home to home, city to city, parish to parish, seeking the lost. Many of the 8,143 members of the Antillian Union were sought out by the colporteur. But fifty colporteurs among almost 10,000,000 people are too few. We need more in every field. Have you had a part, dear reader, in the great work that has been done in the past or are you waiting for a more opportune time?

"Be strong, and talk hope. Press your way through obstacles. You are in spiritual wed-lock with Jesus Christ. The Word is your assurance. Approach your Saviour with the full confidence of living faith, joining your hands with His. Go where He leads the way. Whatsoever He says to you, DO. He will teach you just as willingly as He will teach some one else."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, page 462.

Think this over, brother and sister. Remember what the Lord says about this work.

"God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books; and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment. THIS IS THE VERY WORK the Lord desires His people to do at this time. All who consecrate themselves to God to work as

canvassers are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world. We cannot too highly estimate this work; FOR WERE IT NOT FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE CANVASSERS, MANY WOULD NEVER HEAR THE WARNING."—"Colporteur Evangelist," pp. 5, 6.

The Antillian Union colporteur goes forth with weeping, bearing precious seed and he will doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Remember him in your prayers.

Havana, Cuba.

ONWARD IN SPITE OF THE CRISIS M. E. Lowry

The whole world is in a crisis at the present time and this seems to have some effect upon our colporteur work, though the effects seem to vary in the different fields. From the following statement in "Colporteur Evangelist" page thirty-five, it is very clear that, as of old, God's plan is a forward movement:

"There is much to be done to advance the work of God. I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived and carried forward with increasing success."

As to how this will be accomplished, and what is meant by "increasing success," pages sixty-nine and seventy say:

"As the end draws near, the work of God is to increase in FULL STRENGTH and PURITY and HOLINESS. The workers are to be filled with love for God and for one another. They are to cherish principles of the STRICT-EST INTEGRITY. . . Angels of Heaven will draw near to the members of the church on earth to aid them in their necessity. Let us ever remember that we are laborers together with God. In this heavenly union we shall carry forward His work with completeness, with singing and rejoicing. In every soul will be kindled the fire of holy zeal."

Here is brought to view the need of, and a call to, a deeper experience on the part of the colporteur, a revival of absolute PURITY, HOLINESS, AND THE PRINCIPLES OF THE STRICT-EST INTEGRITY. However, that is not all; it is also a clarion call to all our colporteurs to more faithfulness in matter of time. To work only a few hours per week is one way of saying, "My Lord delayeth His coming." God now calls us to put our "FULL STRENGTH" into the work, calling

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for activity with such expressions as, "Much to be done," "There is no time to be lost," and "Work while you can."

In the Caribbean Union our field secretaries have been endeavoring to restore the principles of "strictest integrity' that a pure and holy work may be done. We are experiencing the "heavenly union" and our colporteurs are going "forward with increasing success," both in soul-winning and in a financial way as well. Churches have been raised up and the union gain in deliveries in 1932 over 1931 was \$2,934.76. We exceeded all previous records in deliveries by \$1,076.09, in spite of the crisis, which has been so severe here that although the publishers reduced their prices to us, we have still had to advance ours to meet the exchange.

Port of Spain, Trinidad.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE Wm. D. Kieser

It was in the exciting days of the World War in 1917 that I was called away from the care-free life of a ranch in the middle west to enter training for the service of my country. Among the fifty thousand young men who were gathered together from all over the western states, were some of the Lord's ever-present light bearers. It was a Seventh-day Adventist student colporteur, also called to military service, that God used in a special way to bring to me the precious truth of the Third Angel's Message.

While working there together in the medical department of the army, we passed through many mutual trials and were bound together by these things. I was already a Christian but now the Lord brought me more light. This young colporteur improved every opportunity to teach me the truth and to hold up before me the great need of young men

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in the Lord's work. A few months after our first meeting, I was baptized. There came the desire to carry the blessed hope to others, but nearly two years passed before we were released from the

my.

Upon returning to the old home, many attractive offers came to induce me to go back to my old line of work; but the voice within said I must do some effective service for God, and, although shrinking from the idea of canvassing from door to door, I decided it must be just another step in the Lord's plan for me. A letter mailed to the conference office soon brought a prospectus and permission to canvass in the near-by territory during spare time while helping my father. After a few months I was visited by the field missionary secretary and arrangements were made for us to go to another district. I say "us," for in the meantime the Lord had given me a good wife who was a colporteur both in spirit and in practice. We both canvassed and the Lord blessed us.

In 1922 I was called to the leadership of the colporteur work in a small conference and for over four years I had the pleasure of helping to train many young people in the Master's service. Later, while serving a larger field with added responsibilities, my wife and I felt God's call to needy fields across the sea, so in a few months we were preparing to leave our homeland, our loved ones, some of them advanced in years, to go out to a strange land and learn a new language. Since that time we have been nearly five years in Central America and have had the pleasure of meeting many of you who read these lines. I have related a few points only of the experience that has taught me that there are no regrets in following the guiding hand of the One who knows the end from the beginning.

San José, Costa Rica.

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WHY I AM A COLPORTEUR Fred Steeves

I am glad to be a colporteur because it seems to me that he has the privilege of following closer in the steps of the divine Master than any other gospel worker. He walks alone on the road and street and learns to depend wholly upon God for strength and guidance. Many times, weary and dusty, the colporteur meets with his one-soul audience. He goes to the people where they are and actually preaches the gospel to the poor, heals the broken-hearted, and preaches deliverance to the captives. He meets the people at their common occupations and draws lessons from the ordinary duties of life to make his customer look to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.'

Christ came to seek that which was lost. Even so the colporteur is not content to stop with those who can be most conveniently reached and those who may be willing to receive him. He visits the most out-of-the-way places, studying how he may gain the confidence of those who would be his enemies. The work of the colporteur is well represented in the parable by the work of those who went out at the last hour and literally compelled the people to come in to the wedding supper.

Our colporteurs are verily doing this work. One of our good colporteurs here in Colombia last year presented his book more than 4,000 times, besides having hundreds of other contacts with the people at the same time. The work of the colporteur is a humble work and many times he toils in obscurity; but, according to the Lord's way of measuring standards, many a faithful colporteur will be called greatest in the kingdom of Heaven. The colporteur does truly hunt and search for the lost.

We have experienced wonderful manifestations of the power of God in connection with the colporteur work. Many are the instances where people have been prepared beforehand for the coming of the colporteur by a dream. Hundreds have been liberated from vile and

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THE EVERLASTING FOOTPRINTS L. L. Grand Pre

It is rather a curious paradox that printer's ink, one of the blackest of known substances, has done most to enlighten the world. And I sincerely believe that in no other part of the world has the printed page had a mightier power than here in Mexico. Through the length and breadth of Mexico you will find the everlasting footprints of the colporteur. Wherever in this republic the question is asked of a group of Adventists, "Did you first learn the truth from literature?" nearly every hand proudly proclaims the power of the press. We can definitely point to over seven hundred (yes, 700) won by our colporteurs in the past three years.

Probably no single illustration is more striking than that of our illiterate Sister Virginia Hernandez, who now has over 150 souls to her credit. And all have heard of one of the largest baptisms in the Inter-American division. It was down on the frontier of Tabasco where seventy-two were baptized at one time. All was the result of the work of one colporteur. Over 100 others are interested in this same place.

But today I am happy to present an unsung hero, Andrez E. Perez, formerly a saloon keeper. His life story, which might well be entitled "From Sin Server to Soul Saver," has few parallels in the annals of our work for unswerving devotion to the cause. For twelve years, since being won to the truth by a magazine, Brother Perez has struggled on in spite of poor health and tremendous obstacles.

His acceptance of our faith was only after a bitter struggle in which the prayers of his wife had a big part. After giving up the saloon business, he became foreman in a mine, with Sabbaths off. But he was not satisfied, knowing that God was calling him. Like Moses of old he pleaded no talent, for he could neither read nor write; and was not his health shattered by liquor? God settled his mental struggle and answered his prayers, by wrecking by fire the

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In all parts of our field the colporteur work is progressing. There is not a town or city that we are able to locate in the mission that has not been visited by a colporteur with our good literature, and the results are very promising.

The colporteur work for 1932 in our fields indicated progress in two lines: one in the quantity of religious books and magazines placed in the hands of the people, and the other in the large number of calls from interested persons who have read this literature.

Prospects for the future are very promising. At the present time, due to the war, many large sections of the field, that up till a year ago were nothing but virgin woods inhabited by wild animals and men almost as wild, are accessible by highways of travel. Here and there new towns are springing up and we hope these may be entered by the colporteur immediately. Our eyes are turned toward these needy regions and we are hoping that soon they will be won by our reliable army of colporteurs under the leadership of Prince Emmanuel.

. Cali, Colombia.

FROM CATTLE MAN TO COLPORTEUR Pedro R. Gonzalez

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While engaged in my work of raising cattle on the *llanos* (plains) of Venezuela, I felt in my heart a desire to do soul-winning work for God. I had already heard of the soul-winning work the colporteurs were doing. But I was very fond of the cattle and saddle horses that I owned, and it seemed impossible to live without them. Then the Lord showed me if I did not renounce all the things I possessed, I could not be His disciple. From that time on I began to pray for the colporteurs, and also that the Lord would give me a small part in this branch of the work.

In a short time my cattle began to die, one by one, until there remained only one horse, which was destined to be my companion in the colporteur work. Finally, one blessed day I was invited to attend a colporteurs' institute in Caracas, a distance of nearly a hundred leagues from where I lived. Having traveled very little, I felt timid about such a long trip, even with my horse. I prayed that the Lord would provide a companion, and three days before my departure, the pastor informed me that a brother of a neighboring church was also going to Caracas to attend the institute. I did not delay long in getting in touch with him.

When I talked with him, I found that he planned to go to Caracas by foot. This was another problem to solve, as I had never walked long distances, but it was even a greater problem to secure a horse for him than for me to leave mine. As I had heard colporteurs must walk most of the time, I decided to leave my horse.

Great was my joy on that December night, when, under a full moon, my companion and I started our journey toward the capital of the republic. For the first time I felt the angels very near to me, and it seemed as though I

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could almost see them. Our journey was a very happy one.

After the institute I left to work in the territory where the field missionary secretary supposed I could sell the hundred books which I carried with me, in four or five months, but my faith was greater than this, and in only five or six weeks I had delivered all the books and placed orders for additional books.

Since then I have dedicated all my heart fully to this work and every day my love for it grows. It seems to me that I could not live without my prospectus, or feel as happy as when I have it in my hands. I believe for a Christian that desires to give his life to some branch of the work, the best door of entrance is the colporteur work.

Barranquilla, Colombia.

OUR BOOKS CAN BE SOLD NOW Charles Manoram

If we seek the truly spiritual in the canvassing work, financial success will be added. If we think more of the financial than of the spiritual, our minds will be captured by the enemy and we shall become discouraged at the outlook. To the human vision, selling large religious books seems almost an impossibility. But when we depend upon the all-powerful impressions of the Holy Spirit on the hearts of those we visit, and do our part, success certainly will come our way.

Men generally invest in things which are at least worth their money values. If the colporteur can bring his prospect to realize that the book is really more valuable than the money asked, a sale is inevitable. This rule holds good wherever men are in a position to buy. Our books are really all that we can represent them to be, and far more, for the eternal interests of men and women depend upon the way they esteem the truth in the books.

Here are two illustrations of the principles we are advocating: I canvassed a man for "Patriarchs and Prophets" and he was strongly impressed to give me an order but concluded that it was too heavy an investment. A short time after he fell into fighting with one of his neighbors and was fined many dollars at the magistrate's court. He remembered me and the appeals I made to him and told one of his friends that he was sorry that he did not buy a book from me for that money would have been well spent. He lacked vision.

Another poor but godly man had a dream in which he saw a man offering him good, religious books. He was earning about two shillings (48 cents) per day. When I reached his home, he was impressed that I was the person shown him in his dream and he readily gave me an order and saved \$5.50 to pay for his book. He believed that God, who gave him the dream, would supply the money, and God did provide the means. The Lord will provide the money for the people if we allow His Spirit to work through us.

Local Leaders

The best proof that our books can be sold is that they are being sold by men who are consecrated to the work, and that, too, in the most difficult and most poverty stricken fields in the world And our books will continue to sell so long as we believe that "humble, fervent prayer will do more to promote the circulation of our books than will all the expensive ornamentation in the world."—"Test.," Vol. VII, p. 158.

Georgetown, Br. Guiana.

CAN THERE BE A MORE NOBLE WORK? J. Ramratan

When I was a candidate for baptism, I overheard the leader's wife telling one of the members that she thought I would make a good colporteur. I did not wish to hear more, as I had always looked with disdain upon those whom I had seen doing this work. I thought the col-porteur work was the last thing a man would attempt, after he had failed at everything else. Well, the Lord had a very important lesson to teach me on this point.

Soon after my baptism I took part in the Big Week campaign and when that was over I began selling Life and Health. Shortly after this the field missionary secretary visited my home church, and had my name booked for the canvassing work before he left. Today I thank the Lord with all my heart for giving me the privilege of acting a part in this most noble work. It is now a little more than six years since I began canvassing, and I have learned many priceless lessons. I would not have my experience in this line exchanged for anything else in this world.

I love the canvassing work and take delight in going from door to door, meeting people of varied dispositions, and interesting them in the truth for this time. Truly, the canvasser is engaged in an honorable business. The work itself is elevating in its nature and has an ennobling influence upon all who engage in it.

The books sold by our canvassers in this field are doing a wonderful work. How to open up work among the thousands of East Indians here was a problem confronting our leaders for several years. Thank God, our books have opened the way and now we have a very zealous group of East Indian believers standing bravely for the message. From all over this field we hear of men and women who received their first knowledge of the truth by reading the good books our colporteurs sold to them. Truly, if it were not for the efforts of our faithful colporteurs, who penetrate the remotest corners of their territory, literally hunting for souls, many would never hear the warning.

Is there a higher work to do in this world? Can there be any work more far reaching? The colporteur carries the message of life to those under sentence of death. He brings infinite gain to replace infinite loss; he lifts souls from the darkness of despair to the light and joy and peace. Can there be a more noble work?

Port of Spain, Trinidad.

BIBLE READINGS BY MAIL

A. Fanselau

Many books on religion and health, and many Centinelas have been sold in Costa Rica during the past years, by our faithful student colportours. Our hearts are made glad to notice lately more names turned in for free literature, and thus quite a number of former customers are ready to receive Bible readings by mail. To see souls accept the truth is the most joyful experience.

I sometimes feel it my special duty to sell our books to the priests, and I thank the Lord for His help. He has impressed them to buy our books. One of the leading Catholic priests in one city died recently. He had been among my regular customers from year to year. In one of the interesting discussions we had, he told me he would be better prepared with arguments on my next visit, but death took him. There is another priest of like rank whom I must visit again this year. Year after year I visit him, engaging every time in some kind of religious conversation profitable to both of us. Every time I have had the honor to leave with him one of our large Spanish books with the subscription for our Spanish paper. He has told me repeatedly that he likes the reading, and he knows where the books come from. Recently a priest occupying a small charge, offered to sell a book for me, as he was unable to buy it himself. I waited while he stepped out to sell it to a friend. He soon returned with the cash.

The above experiences do not mean that we have no opposition to meet. We face much of it, as do the colporteurs in neighboring countries. We are trying to reach more of the villages in the interior, where the people greatly appreciate our visits. We need consecrated, hard-working literature messengers to announce all over this country the soon-coming Redeemer. Yes, we need more colporteurs whose greatest interest is to save souls for the kingdom of God. San José, Costa Rica.

LITERATURE MINISTRY WINS SOULS E. S. Greaves

"God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." That is just how He worked with me. At one time in my life, when I decided to try the pleasures of this world, and have all the worldly enjoyment I could possibly obtain, God used books, sold by a humble canvasser, to rescue me from untold troubles.

After reading the first of these books, I found that this time of the world's history was no time for light thinking and careless living. Then came the hour of decision, whether I would "enjoy life" or forsake the world.

The following statement from "Colporteur Evangelist," page 9 was true in my case. "The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth, as attends the work of the minister." Not only did angels and the Holy Spirit impress my mind as I read, but they led me to the truths in God's word in wonderful succession. First, I read of the signs of Christ's coming and their remarkable fulfilment; the



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"MEN WILL SOON BE FORCED TO GREAT DECISIONS"

E. E. Andross

"The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and women of all classes, have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about us. . . They observe the intensity that is taking possession of every earthly element, and they recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place, that the world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis."—"Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 537.

Men occupying positions of trust and authority are now uniting in emphasizing the perils of this hour. One of England's greatest statesman recently wrote as follows: "All over the world life has become dangerous and uncertain. Men's hearts are failing them for fear... Already there are signs that humanity as a whole is beginning to realize its own peril."

When the minds of men everywhere are so vitally disturbed; when they realize that every earthly dependence is failing them; it is then they will listen to the voice of God speaking to their hearts through the very message He has sent to all the world for just such a time as this.

"Our publications have a most sacred work to do in making clear, simple, and plain the spiritual basis of our faith. Everywhere the people are taking sides; all are ranging themselves either under the banner of truth and righteousness or under the banner of the apostate powers that are contending for the supremacy. At this time God's message to the world is to be given with such prominence and power that the people will be brought face to face, mind to mind, heart to heart, with truth."—"Testimonies," Vol. VII b. 150

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"Men will soon be forced to great decisions, and it is our duty to see that they are given an opportunity to understand the fruth, that they may take their stand intelligently on the right side."—Id. Vol. IX, p. 126.

What excuse could we offer to God when the books are opened in the judgment and our names are called in review, if we fail to do all in our power to enlighten those in darkness so they may intelligently take their stand on the right side when they are forced to make their final choice? No better way of accomplishing this task can be found than by placing books in the homes of the people. In soliciting the order for the book the colporteur comes face to face with souls who are soon to meet their God in the Judgment over His broken law, except they act quickly, and turn to their Saviour.

God is today calling for recruits in the colporteur field. Many more young people whose hearts are burning with holy zeal for Christ and His truth, who love the souls of men more than they love position, honor, riches or anything that pertains to this world, are now called to dedicate their lives to the work of disseminating this truth through the circulation of the printed page.

"The truth which we profess offers the highest encouragement to the most devoted self-denial and persevering effort that mortal energies can bestow. We should have the courage of heroes and the faith of martyrs."

—Mrs. E. G. White, manuscript.

If you are looking for an easy task, do not offer yourself for colporteur work. But if you long to help save the lost at any cost to yourself, if you are ready to suffer for Tesus' sake, to endure hardness as a good soldier, to suffer reproach, to expose your-self to dangers of every kind, to toil on in obscurity, seaching for the lost in the valley or on the mountain, over desert and plain, all for the Master's sake, volunteer for service in the colporteur field.

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THE PRINTING ART AND THE MESSAGE

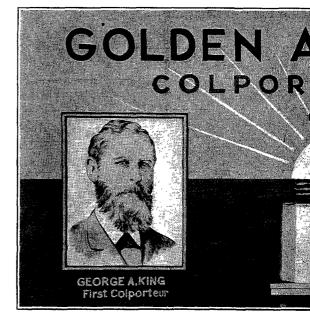
E. W. Everest

Under the providence of God the art of printing was discovered when the period known as the "Dark Ages" was drawing toward its close. Ignorance of true religion abounded, false religion apparently seemed enthroned forever, but, here and there in the darkness, God had faithful servants who still remained true to Him and who revered and honored His Holy Word. And so, at this time when greatest darkness seemed to engulf the world, God chose to reveal to a humble man how to print from handcarved letters.

After much laborious effort the first book ever printed—the Bible—was off the press and offered for sale. Is it not remarkable, as well as an indication of the hand of God in it all, that the Bible should be the first book ever printed? Now began the spreading of the light of truth by means of the printed page. And as the circulation of this class of literature increased so also was the darkness dispelled.

It was only eighty-five years ago that God revealed to His servant, Sister White, that the publishing work should be started by the pioneers of the advent movement. By faith, but under the most discouraging conditions, it was begun. Time after time they were sorely tempted to give it up. We have abundant evidence that Satan and his cohorts fought this work every step of the way, but in every critical hour God overruled and the publishing work was firmly established. It was God's plan and could not be thwarted.

Not until 1882 had a single subscription book setting forth the doctrines of the Bible as held by Seventh-day Ad-



ventists been sold outside the denomination. The work of selling books from house to house was unknown. All literature sales from the beginning of the movement to that date-thirty-four years-amounted to only about \$200,-000. Publications were given away, not sold.

In 1879 instruction came through the servant of the Lord to establish the work of selling our books from house to house. Always God has had some one ready at the appointed time to carry out His will. He had a man now. Brother George A. King, not only offered his services, but had such a strong conviction regarding the need of doing this work that he implored the leading brethren to prepare the books and allow him to sell them. He was sure of success. This was at a General Conference meeting held in 1881. In response to his earnest plea two small books, "Thoughts on Daniel" and "Thoughts on Revelation" were combined in one volume. Brother King became financially responsible for this first edition of 500 bound copies.

Notice the golden anniversary cut. Our first colporteur has gone to his rest, but we thank God that the first purchaser is still busy at our large publishing house in Washington, D. C., where he has served for many years as circulation manager for that wonderful paper, The Present Truth.

God gave Brother King success from the start. Since then this wonderful work has grown mightily. Publishing houses, large and small, in all lands are producing message-filled literature. Colporteurs now sell books almost everywhere. And so from such a small beginning God has blessed the work until more than ninety-six million dollars



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worth of literature has been placed in the hands of the people in this old world. Hundreds of young men and women have been able to help carry the message "to all the world in this generation" because it is provided in printed form. It is God's plan. And a wonderful plan it is, isn't it? Are you not glad He has included you in the literature ministry plan?
Cristobal, Canal Zone.

LITERATURE STILL PIONEERS W. A. Bergherm

"The pen, dipped in the fountain of pure truth, can send the beams of light to dark corback, adding new power, and giving increased light to be scattered everywhere."—"Life Sketches," page 214.

As we go back to the early seventies and eighties and review the history of

the beginnings of this message in the Inter-American Division, the work and influence of the colpoteur and the printed page loom up prominently before us.

The first effort of which we know to introduce the message in this division was in 1879 when Elder J. N. Loughborough, then located in Southampton, England, sent a box of books and tracts to Cape Haitien, Haiti. This box bore no name-simply being consigned to Cape Haitien. For some time it lodged in the custom house; and finally to get rid of it, the official turned it over to some of the Protestant workers of that place. The following Sunday the Baptist preacher at the close of his service, passed the literature out to those in attendance, unaware of its real nature and without knowing its real value.

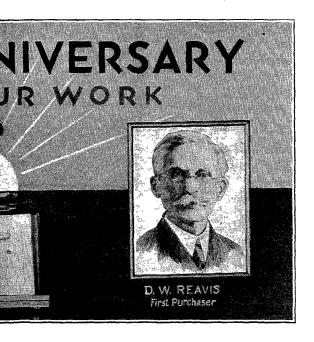
Soon after the International Tract Society was formed in New York, in 1883, William J Boynton, a worker of that society, placed the famous roll of Signs in the hands of a sea captain, asking him to distribute them somewhere along his route. This resulted in the message obtaining a foothold in British Guiana Three years later, our first representative, a colporteur, was sent to this field. The following year Brother George King, the first colporteur of the denomination, was sent in company with a minister. Soon followed the other veteran colporteur, William Arnold. These men sold thousands of books in the English speaking countries and at the same time sent in to the International Tract Society hundreds of names of interested people to whom more literature was mailed.

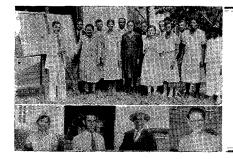
Not only were the colporteurs the pioneer workers in the English-speaking fields of our division, but in time they also pioneered the way into Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and other of our Spanish fields. Thus we see that the printed page and the colporteur were the mediums so effectually used in the beginning of our work in this division.

Not only has the printed page taken an important place in the very beginning of this message in Inter-America, but as we follow the progress of this movement, the publications sent out from our presses have had a mighty influence right down to the present. No other one thing has had such a molding power on the public as the press. Now, as we face the future may we look to the printed page to continue to exert such a powerful influence?

We are told in "Testimonies," Vol. VII, page 140, that "in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be

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Above: Colporteurs' institute in the Panama Conference, Brother Mulholland at the left. Below: Four of the colporteurs who were not privileged to attend the institute. Left to right, Sister Carrine Bressie, Brethren W. F. Moore, Luis Hoyos and Vicente Moreno. Three of them are now in school in Costa Rica.

LITERATURE MINISTRY WINS SOULS

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prevalence of sin and how Jesus saves us from falling were clearly presented. Then I studied the heavenly sanctuary and its services. Other subjects followed, and last came the Sabbath truth. That was the test. It was all strange to me, but I found to honor Him I must obey; and, by His help, I have been obeying ever since.

Not long after, difficulties began to spring up. I was an assistant master in an elementary school. The minister thought that, as a Seventh-day Adventist, I was not good enough to continue my work; but God over-ruled and I remained.

Later, feeling a call to missionary work, I resigned and attended our college at Maracas, Trinidad. After remaining there a short time, I was asked to canvass. I thought and prayed over the matter. Remembering what our precious books had done for me, and being assured they could do the same for others, I entered the work.

It is not necessary for me to say that I love the book-work, for my being engaged in it all the time proves that. My present faith in God, my best understanding of His mighty working power, I have obtained in my house to house labors. If at any time I begin to become disheartened over conditions, I do not obtain courage simply by reading God's promises, but I go out into the field and prove Him. Thanks be to Him, He has never failed me. Brethren and sisters, let me plead with all to go out into the field and prove our Leader. "Let us now, by the wise use of our periodicals and our books, preach the word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the Isle of Patmos."

St. Johns, Antigua.

THE POWER OF GOD Roque Reyes

Early last year there began in the Republic of Salvador a communistic movement. The federal forces continued to carry forward heroic effort in the interests of the country. Naturally we passed days of anguish as rumours were constantly being circulated that the communists were coming toward the capital, and we were awaiting an attack on the city almost any moment.

When we learned what was taking place in the interior, we thought of our dear brethren who lived in the territory where the attacks



"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of putting our publications in the hands of the people, leading them to search the Scriptures."

"If the workers will turn their attention to that which is true and living and real, if they will pray for, believe in, and trust in the Holy Spirit, His power will be poured upon them in strong heavenly currents and right and lasting impressions will be made upon the human heart."—"Colporteur Evangelist," p. 13.

"The greatest public benefactor is the man who sells good books." —Gladstone.

"There is no other calling or occupation so honorable, or so beneficial to mankind as the business of selling good books."—Spurgeon.

"I always feel like lifting my hat to the book agent for he is doing more good than I can ever hope to do." —Talmage.



were being made. We thought our colporteur work would be paralized for we felt that under such conditions it would be impossible for the colporteurs to continue.

But we thank the Lord for the divine protection that was manifested during those days. Great was our astonishment to receive reports from our colporteurs, saying they had not been disturbed and had not suffered interruption in their work. And what seemed a miracle to us, they had delivered the books that were to be delivered during that period. We felt to thank the Lord that His protecting hand had been over them.

Now we know by experience that the promises of God are fulfilled in times of danger. It is my prayer that we all may be faithful at our post of duty with our eyes fixed on God at all times.

San Salvador, El Salvador.

MINISTRY OF THE PRINTED PAGE Bernardo Hernandez

Shortly after reading "Great Controversy" I accepted this Third Angel's Message, and after being baptized, I began working as a colporteur. I have continued in this work for ten years. On many occasions the hand of the Lord has been near to guide and save me from imminent danger. The Holy Spirit has used me to meet successfully people of prominence.

In one large city, in company with another colporteur, I had visited the house of the governor and had sold a number of employees the book, "Toward the Golden Age," but we had been unable to visit the principal judge of the district He was on a visit to Europe. When we delivered our books we learned that this judge had returned, so we decided to call.

We entered his office and I presented the book. He said, "I just returned from Europe and brought with me many books of science and philosophy, and your book does not interest me, as it is on religion." He then began to attack the Bible in an impious manner, saying, "What a silly book is the Bible! For the moment I thought we should leave, but during our conversation several persons had arrived, among whom were two who had bought our book, so upon reflection, I thought it would be better to remain and do what I could to counteract the evil influence against the book and the Bible. I then said to him,

"The prominent men of the world have been those who have had great respect for the Bible."

I then took out my Bible and began to speak of the prophecies, and I asked him, "How is it that although you speak of Moses as having made so many errors, and the Bible as being such a fabulous book, yet the governments of the world have built up their laws from those laws given to Moses as recorded in the Bible?"

I then presented to him the prophecies concerning Tyre and Sidon, and briefly brought him down to the times in which we live, explaining why we, as Seventh-day Adventists, proclaim the second coming of Christ. What was my surprise when I had finished, to hear him say,

"I want one of these books! How much is it?"

Immediately he gave me \$4.00, putting his name in the prospectus. Frankly, I confess it was the power of God that spoke through me that day and sold the book. The judge promised me as we were leaving, that he would read it. I pray that he will accept the message the book contains.

May the Lord bless the work of the colpor-

teur, is my prayer.
Santurce, Puerto Rico.

TRUE COLPORTEURS WIN SOULS R. R. Mattison

I am thankful that our colporteurs in Cuba are men who are true and honest, and who sense the importance of their work. While visiting one of these men not long ago, he said, "I believe that wherever the colporteur goes he should raise up work for the Lord." This morning I have before me a letter from him in which he tells how that soon after he accepted the message, he went to a near-by settlement to sell some small books. As a result several families began to keep the Sabbath. Afterwards he decided to leave his store and enter the colporteur army. He began his work in that same territory. As a result of his efforts we have a large Sabbath school there.

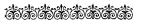
Later he worked three other districts in this same province and in two of them we have Sabbath schools and a goodly number of baptized members. In the third he is still working, and reports prospects for similar results of his work.

I just received a letter from one of our old. tried warriors. He is away back in the coffee hills, doing pioneer work. True to his past history he is seeing fruits of his labors. Not long ago he went to a small town and the mayor was so interested that he went out and got permission from the owner of a café to let our colporteur hold meetings at night in his café. These people are asking our colporteur to come to live among them and teach them the message.

We have still another man who was a sergeant in the army. When he heard this message he gladly gave up his position in the army in order to keep God's commandments. Soon after he enlisted in the army of colporteurs, God gave him the joy of winning a soul This soul was a humble vender, who walked the streets with his little box of sweets on his head. Our colporteur showed him "El Dedo del Destino," for forty cents. The man had exactly that amount in his pocket,--money that he had saved for buying a shirt. He said that he could always find some one who could sell him a shirt. but it was not so easy to find some one that sold good books. So he bought the book. Now he is rejoicing in the truth and preparing for haptism.

Give us more men that are true and honest; men who feel that they are debtors to their fellow men; men who feel as Paul did, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel." Give us one hundred where we now have one, and very soon "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

Santa Clara, Cuba.



"The Lord calls for many more to engage in the canvassing work. . . . For Christ's sake, my brethren and sisters. make the most of the hours, . . to place the precious light of tiuth before the people. . . . A chain of living witnesses are to carry the invitation to the world. Will you act your part in this great work?" - "Colporteur Evangelist," pp. 41, 42.

"A messenger from heaven stood in our midst, and he spoke words of warning and instruction. He made us clearly understand that the gospel of the kingdom is the message for which the world is perishing, and that this message, as contained in our publications already in print, and those yet to be issued, should be circulated among the people who are nigh and afar off." --"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 67.



WHAT THE LORD IS DOING IN JAMAICA W. S. Nation

Our little island of Tamaica, with less than a million population, has been marvelously blessed in the literature ministry during recent years. Several of our young people have earned their education at the West Indian Training College by selling literature. I truly believe the scholarship plan is heaven-sent. It stimulates stickto-it-iveness and determination. During my seven years of study in the college I earned seven scholarships in six vacation periods. Thus I was able to give my sister a term in college. There she accepted the truth and was baptized, which brought great joy to my heart.

Only eternity will reveal the results of the many books I have sold here, but the Lord has given me a foretaste of the joy that is set before me. One Sabbath morning after the service a stranger came to me and said:

"About six years ago you came to my home and sold me the book, 'Our Day in the Light of Prophecy.' My wife read it and became convinced of the Sabbath truth. She wrote me a letter on the fly leaf of the book, requesting me to allow her to keep the Sabbath. After taking up the book to read one day, I saw this letter. When we had talked the matter over, I gave my consent. Two years later I followed in her footsteps. I still remember your face, although this is the first time I have seen you since then. I am glad that you did persuade me to buy that book." since then, that book."

During the past three years I have had the field missionary secretary's work. The Lord has wonderfully blessed our faithful colporteurs. Our gain in deliveries during this time has been very remarkable. With an average of twenty colporteurs, we delivered \$8,451.11 worth of literature in 1930; \$7,938.14 in 1931, and \$9,-387.56 in 1932. This is exclusive of what the churches and the office have done. To God be the glory!

Truly, no human power or skill of salesmanship could accomplish such success. I believe we are living in the time of the fulfillment of Rev. 18:1. We expect to see greater manifestations of the mighty power of this angel when self is forgotten, and we move forward, looking for "increasing success." I desire to continue in the good work with greater zeal and devotion.

Kingston, Jamaica.



Colporteurs' institute in the Central Mexican Mission

ANOTHER SOLDIER OF THE CROSS FALLEN

A. G. Parfitt

On the third of April a letter was received from the authorities of Cosamaloapan, Veracruz, telling of the assassination of a salesman who had been identified by a letter found on his person, as Liborio Aparicio. Scarcely able to believe that our colporteur, whom we had seen a few days before, could have been the victim of such cruelty, and with hope in our hearts that a mistake had been made, the field secretary, the brother of Liborio Aparicio, and the writer took the train immediately for Cosamaloapan to investigate the case. We were soon convinced that the story was true, as his brief case, his prospectus, and other familiar articles were shown us. Our colporteur had suffered death at the hands of assassins.

From there we went to Papaloapan, the scene of the tragedy. About two kilometers from the city on the bank of the river we found the freshly made grave of our brother. According to the story told us by the authorities, he had left the city the morning of March 15 to visit a ranch called Texas. As he worked from home to home, undoubtedly some bandits had been spying on him and thought that he was carrying money in his brief case. At a narrow place in the road leading back to the city, where heavy underbrush would hide their acts, they awaited his return. And there, about four o'clock in the afternoon, as he was returning to his hotel, they fell upon him with their knives and took his life.

The shock of this assassination, the first in more than twenty years' experience in our colporteur work in Mexico, has left a sadness in our hearts. Brother Aparicio was a young man of considerable promise. Two days before his death, he had left the colporteurs' institute in high spirits and with a new determination to serve the Lord. We, as workers, had talked considerably about him and his work. Several times the writer had mentioned his name as a favorable candidate for the ministry. His determination was to go to school in order to prepare himself more acceptably for the service of the Lord, and to that end he was bending every effort. But his plans and ours were thwarted.

In Papaloapan where he worked last we had the opportunity to talk personally with several people to whom he had sold books and everyone held him in high esteem. The hotel keeper where he last stayed was deeply impressed with his gentle manner and quiet life. We feel that although he has laid his armor down, his influence will continue to live for many days. We are confident that a crown of life is awaiting him.

Puebla, Pue., Mexico.

THE EVERLASTING FOOTPRINTS

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mine where he was earning good money. This was Heaven's call to Brother Perez, and he then and there consecrated his life to the service of the Master. But, as he puts it:

"How could I sell books, not yet knowing how to read them? How could I learn my canvass? How could I present it to the educated? How could I write their names when I could not write my own? Oh, it was so difficult to plan!"

But his decision had been made, so taking all the money they had, he went to the city of Jalapa, taking his twelveyear-old daughter along to fill out the orders for him. Would you, dear read-



The grave of the young man who was assassinated, and standing by it left to right are Brother Max Fuss, brother of the fallen colporteur and the local judge.

er, feel equal to the task? And the humiliation? Again he exclaimed, "Oh! it was so hard."

Their money gave out. No food! and nothing to send to the wife back home so eagerly awaiting word from her brave crusader, and so earnestly praying the while! Brother Perez and his faithful little girl spent the night in prayer. The next day he sold three books for cash, and was able to send fifteen pesos to his wife and have enough left for expenses. He says:

"When it became too hard for me, God demonstrated His great power and His great love. Glory to His Name! And again I promised that so long as He gave me life I would carry the message, notwithstanding illness, deprivation, and calamity; that with His help I would teach my children to continue as loyal soldiers of Christ; and that when at last called to lay down my arms, I would by His grace be able to say, with the apostle Paul, 'I have fought a good fight.'"

And Brother Perez is fighting a good fight, for, in spite of months at a time in bed with malaria, he has sold over 50,000 pesos worth of books in the past twelve years and has won 113 to the truth. Two of his children are in our

school in Mexico City, preparing for service.

Today we have a fine group of believers at Jalapa, built around the nucleus of his first work. And wherever the sole of his foot has trod, churches have sprung up. "How beautiful upon the mountains [of Mexico] are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace," that maketh the everlasting footprints.

Mexico City, Mexico.

WHY I AM A COLPORTEUR

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wicked men. Truly, the faithful colporteur is escorted by members of the heavenly host who aid and protect him as he goes forth on his holy mission. Drouths, earthquakes, cyclones, war, famine, and crises, do not stop the work of the colporteur. They only add emphasis to the message contained in his book.

At the very beginning of the preaching of the advent message, those to whom the Lord had revealed the light were greatly burdened over how the message would ever be carried to the millions in all countries of the earth. With tears the pioneers sought God to know how they might give all the world the news of the soon-coming Saviour; and to them the publishing work was pointed out as a solution to their problem. We read:

"In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from Heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."

Every year multiplies the evidences of the fact that the work of the colporteur had its origin in the mind of God; for no other agency has been so successful in all countries of the earth, nor is any other so verily causing the light to penetrate into the most obscure corners of this dark world.

I am glad to remain in the colporteur work because it brings results. Our business as missionaries is to win souls and no other missionary endeavor offers greater opportunities for the saving of the lost. No other work has been so successful in awakening new hope in the hearts of the despondent and discouraged, starting them on that upward trail that leads even to the gates of pearl. A large number from every one of our congregations attribute their conversion to a book or to a visit of a colporteur. A new ray of light from our literature is guiding many out of the labyrinth of darkness and superstition. They are calling from every district of our territory, giving evidence that the Spirit of God accompanies the seed sown by the colporteur. From my own observation I am convinced that there are thousands. scattered all over Colombia and Venezuela, from the government palaces to the most humble hut in the interior, who are being prepared for the great crisis through the reading of our books. Yes, I am sure I will meet thousands of these honest souls on the streets of the New Jerusalem.

The colporteur work is the work of the Master; it leads me in His footsteps. It was divinely pointed out, and God's special blessing, manifested in many wonders, has been with the colporteur in all countries of the world. It is a most successful missionary endeavor. Inspired words tell us that "there is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing." So I am content to be a colporteur.

Medellin, Colombia.

LITERATURE STILL PIONEERS

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accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from Heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory." That other angel mentioned here is the angel spoken of in Revelation 18:1 which comes down at the time of the closing of the work to add power to the three angels of Revelation 14.

It is interesting to note how some leaders regard the press. Quoting from Pope Pius X on the power of literature, we read:

"To build churches, preach, hold cottage meetings, establish schools—do all the good work possible—is all right, but if you neglect to make use of the Christian press, the greatest and most powerful weapon of our day, and if you fail to scatter abundantly religious literature, all your efforts will be in vain."

Dr. S. Zwemer in *The Moslem World* says:

"The importance of the printed page in evangelisation cannot be too strongly stressed. There IS NO SUBSTITUTE for the power of literature. The printed page is ever with the man. It can accompany a hospital patient to his home. It has no fever or ague. It can work in hot or cold climates, and where conditions are unfriendly. IT CAN GO WHERE THE MIS-SIONARY CANNOT GO."

"The printed page competes with the spoken word in securing the attention of mankind. It is not so striking but more permanent. It reaches the mind by means of the eye, which is perhaps the most impressive of the two senses."—"Panama Congress."

Here then is a most promising field for any young man or woman who desires to win souls. Could there be a better place to serve the Lord? Shall not we who are already in the work do our best to strengthen and encourage the youth to enter this blessed field of service. And let us all, both young and old, keep our vision clear, our faith unshaken, pressing forward until that day dawns when the whole earth is lightened with His glory and we may hear the "Well done"

Balboa, Canal Zone.

ANTILLIAN UNION NEWS NOTES H. E. Beddoe

Pastor McWilliam is back with us once more after a busy furlough period in which he took charge of one church and assisted in other churches and in colporteur institutes. All are glad to welcome him back again but especially our colporteurs and home missionary workers. Sister McWilliam and the children will join us after school is out in the States.

Pastor Lorntz is at home a few days after having spent more than a month in various parts of Cuba. He reports having organized three new churches on this trip.

Sabbath afternoon, April 1, it was our privilege to entertain Pastor O. Montgomery, the vice-president of the General Conference and Pastor J. A. P. Green, associate secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department. These brethren were enroute from the West coast of South America to Washington, D. C.

Pastor Davis and his family sailed April 7 for the States. Many of their friends were at the docks to bid them farewell. A few days before, we mot Pastor Baxter, superintendent of the Central American Union. He was returning to the States for a rest.

Brother A. Orville Dunn, treasurer of the Haitien Mission, together with his wife and three boys, sailed for New York, for a short period of rest at their home in Michigan,

We hear indirectly that Brother England, former treasurer of the Cuba Mission and now treasurer of the Puerto Rico Mission, has another boy in his home.

Havana, Cuba.

SUGGESTIVE TEN MINUTE MIS-SIONARY CHURCH SERVICE

July 1, 1933

Missionary Topic: Branch Sabbath Schools. Text: Luke 14:23.

Suggestions: The Sabbath school is one of the greatest soul-saving agencies of the church, While it is a part of church missionary endeavor to invite strangers to accompany us to the Sabbath school in our churches, it is equally appropriate and important, and often more fruitful to take the Sabbath school to them. In many places Sabbath schools of this kind for both adults and children are a great help in opening up places where meetings may be held later. One young lady who lives not far from the division office has been conducting such a school for some time. She now has several families keeping the Sabbath, and we hope they will soon be ready for baptism. Could there not be several such branch Sabbath schools started in your church territory?

July 8, 1933

Missionary Topic: Being a Good Neighbor. Text: Matt. 25:35-40.

Suggestions: Every one likes good neighbors. We should try to be to others just what we would

like them to be to us. We are told: "Go to your neighbors one by one, and come close to them till their hearts are warmed by your unselfish interest and love. Sympathize with them, pray for them, watch for opportunities to do them good, and, as you can. gather a few together and open the Word of God to their darkened minds." Review and Herald, March 13, 1888. If this line of work is first attempted it will open the way for your neighbors to read a tract, or listen to a talk on some Bible truth, that otherwise they would not care to do. Be a good neighbor.

July 15, 1933

Missionary Topic: Soul Winning Experiences. Text: Mark 13:34.

Suggestions: The Saviour has appointed "to every man his work," and the church may appropriately ask for a report of work from every man and woman whose names are enrolled on its records. In addition to the verbal report rendered at this time, the leader might tell some of the results of the meetings that are being held by different workers in the field. Be sure to make the meeting interesting by having short reports.

July 22, 1933

Missionary Topic: Missionary Visits, the Highest Form of Missionary Work.

Text: James 5:20.

Suggestions: "There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen."—"Ministry of Healing," p. 143. A large part of Jesus' ministry was made up of personal interviews. In "Testimonies," Volume IX, p. 41, we read: "By personal labor reach those around you. . Preaching will not do attend you to the dwellings of those you visit. By visiting the people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, you will win hearts. This is the highest missionary work that you can do."

July 29, 1933

Missionary Topic: House to House Literature Work.

Text: Acts 20:18-21.

Suggestions: House to house work is one of the most fruitful methods of missionary endeavor, because it brings the worker into personal contact with the "one-soul audience" and places literature directly in the hands of the people. By these personal contacts one is able to find out the needs of every one he visits. Doors are opened for Christian help work, caring for the sick, or Bible readings. Then, too, God speaks to the hearts of men through the printed page. These silent messengers are doing a wonderful work for God. If possible, persuade your members to use more tracts and papers in their work.

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SUCCESS MID DIFFICULTIES W. H. Atherly

The progress that the Third Angel's Message has made during the past year on the island of Guadeloupe is additional evidence of the importance of the col-



E. W. Everest, Manager Pacific Press Branch in Inter-America.

perteur work. For ten years we have had no workerstationed on that island. and consequently have seen litt1e advancement. However, remarkable change has taken place during the past ten months.

We sent a colporteur to Gua-

deloupe to sell literature and to assist and encourage the few members living there. Within a few weeks he found two professors who became deeply interested in the message. They had accepted the gospel previous to the colporteur's visit. and now they were ready to listen to the Bible truths taught by Seventh-day Adventists. One of the professors compares his experience to that of the eunuch mentioned in the book of Acts, and he said to the colporteur, "You are my Philip!"

At Pointe-a-Pitre, the largest city of Guadeloupe, we had no established work, but one of the professors has a building there suitable for our work and has kindly let the mission use it. Two colporteurs now have headquarters there and on the main floor we have a meeting hall. Each Friday night and Sabbath the colporteurs hold meetings for the public. Before beginning the meetings, they visited every home in the vicinity, became acquainted with each family, and endeavored to place literature in each home. Thus they gained the confidence of the people, and although the priest preached against the meetings, many continue to attend. We believe that soon we shall have a company of believers at Point-á-Pitre.

About eight months ago the second colporteur we sent to Guadeloupe began working at Moule, a large town on the east coast. The people readily purchased his books, but the next week when he returned, a different experience awaited him. He wrote:

"The people who bought my books did not fail to submit them to the priest for his approval, and he made them understand that these were Protestant books which one must neither read nor even possess. That was his subject for seven o'clock mass and ten o'clock service Sunday morning. He ordered the people to burn the books or tear them to pieces, and those who had not the courage to do that should bring them to him. He said he would excommunicate all who read the books. Think then how I was received on Monday morning. Even the children cried, 'Here is the Protestant!'

In spite of opposition the colporteur continued to work in this vicinity, Soon he found a young man and his wife who became interested. They accepted the message and were baptized. They are witnessing to the truth at Moule, and through their efforts two more persons are now keeping the Sabbath.

With truth-filled literature our colporteurs are sowing seed that will bring forth a harvest of souls for the kingdom

Fort de France, Martinique, F. W. I.

THE PANAMA COLPORTEUR W. R. Mulholland

In the Republic of Panama the colporteur work, under the blessing of God, is going forward with increasing success, as will be seen in the following comparison:

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Truly, we feel to thank the Lord for His blessing upon our faithful colpor-

In February a profitable colporteurs' institute was held in Panama City. This



W. R. Mulholland

institute gave areal impetus to our work.

Brethren Luis Hoyos and Vicente Moreno and Sister Waldina Bernal are student colporteurs from our Spanish school in Costa Ri-Under the ca. blessing of God they have sold and delivered during

vacation season the aggregate sum of \$1,200.00 worth of books.

We feel to exclaim, Behold! "What hath God wrought!" And we are led to

THE COLPORTEUR'S CHARGE

Albert Carey

Go on, brave colporteur and true, Bear forth the message borne to you; Let all the world the tidings hear That soon the Saviour will appear.

Emboldened by the One you love, Empowered by all Heaven above, To every human dwelling bear The burden of the word "Prepare."

"A little while"-Then sweet release, When Jesus to the home of peace, Will bear those who His message bore, And let them tread the Golden Shore.

think and meditate anew on the meaning of the life and work of the evangelistic colporteur. Truly, it is:

To believe first of all in the colporteur work as ordained of God to help in giving the message of life and truth to a dying world;

To sense in his soul that God by His Spirit has called him to the work;

To go forth from day to day with high spirits,

cheerful countenance, and hopeful heart;
To live a simple, sincere, Christian life, letting his light so shine before men that they may see his good works and be led to glorify God;

To be honest and straightforward in all of his dealings with man as with God, and to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves;"

To be patient and persevering and hopeful under trial and disappointment, knowing that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose;

To learn, like Paul, that in whatsoever state he is, therewith to be content;

To be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh him a reason of the hope that is in him with meekness and fear, and to know how "to speak a word in season to him that is

To sow precious gospel seed abundantly "beside all waters," believing that God will not let His Word return unto Him void, but it shall accomplish that which He please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto He sent it; and

To work on with his heart throbbing with love for the souls for whom Christ died, that he may come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him."

Yea! The colporteur who strives by the grace of God thus to live and work. and who is faithful unto death, shall receive a crown of life eternal at the dawning of that glorious day when Christ shall appear in power and glory to redeem His people.

Cristobal, Canal Zone.

Remember the colporteurs in your prayers.

-8--A WORD OF EXPLANATION

To our contributors we wish to express our deep regret that it was necessary to omit portions of some of their splendid contributions, because of our very limited space. It was also necessary to hold some of the contributions sent for this special for another issue.

To our Missionary Volunteers we wish to say that this entire number is largely devoted to the work done by young people, so we are giving the space of the M. V. corner to our colporteur leaders

this month.



J. A. Williams

To all our readers: As you go through this number we are sure you will begin to pray even more earnestly for those who are going from door to door with soulwinning literature.