

THANKS-- *By G. A. Roberts*

WE THANK
our Heavenly
F a t h e r for

the marked gains made in our literature ministry during the past twelve months.

We thank you, field secretaries and your assistants; union and local presidents and superintendents; ministers and church leaders; faithful, full-time colporteurs, for all you have done to place our literature ministry in the splendid position of progress it now occupies.

We particularly thank each one of the 90 new colporteurs who have joined the force of pioneers of the printed page during the past twelve months. You are God's minute-men and you have brought new enthusiasm and courage into the hearts of all

of us who have been praying that from the ranks you would step out as an advance guard for the hundreds that are soon to follow your good example.

And so we are thankful that we are well on our way to our division goal of an average of 400 full-time colporteurs by the end of the year 1938.

We are happy to tell you that in May of 1937 there were 174 regular colporteurs in the division. Last May had an average of 264, or a gain of 90 over May of last year. Remember, our minimum goal is 400. Therefore, we have only to increase our present force by 136; and we have seven full months from May, the date of the above report, in which to accomplish this. Can we do it? Yes. We now have 90 more enthusiastic soldiers to help us recruit. Courage in the Lord! We shall succeed!

Forward with Increasing Success

By W. A. Bergherm

IT IS cheering to be able to report the splendid gains of our colporteur force in Inter-America during the first half of 1938.

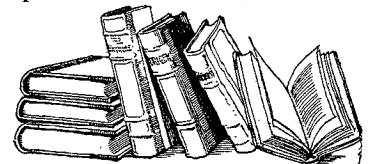
At present there are over 50% more colporteurs at work than we had at the same time last year, thus bringing the number up to 264. These colporteurs have worked 26,603 more hours than were reported a year ago, and they have delivered \$10,662.18 more literature, a gain of 27% in deliveries over the same period of last year.

Our Spanish magazine, *El CENTINELA*, has made great strides forward. At the end of July, the circulation had reached 31,055 copies, with a gain of 10,777 over July of last year. While July may have been somewhat above normal, due to that issue being a special health number, yet the aver-

age circulation for the year will be about 28,000, which represents a fine increase over 1937.

We are also glad of the reported increase in the number of students who earn their way through school by the sale of books and magazines. For the first time in the history of our college in Cuba, scholarships have been earned this year. Three or four students were permitted to drop their studies in the middle of the school year in order to canvass during the time of the cane harvest. As a result, two and half scholarships were earned by them.

In Mexico our young people are catching a vision, too. Several students are now in the field



working for their scholarships. One student reported, in six weeks, orders to the amount of 1,676.00 pesos. Thus far his deliveries have been 98% good.

Word also comes from the Colombia-Venezuela Union that the scholarship idea is growing there. They have reported a good increase in scholarships over the number for 1937.

We thank God for all His many blessings in the literature ministry. It is what we should expect and work for. Sister White has stated in the book, "Colporteur Evangelist," page 35:

"I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with *increasing success*. It is the Lord's work, and a blessing will attend those who engage in it with earnestness and diligence."



GOD BLESS OUR COLPORTEURS

There is but one reason for our existence as a denomination,—to give the last gospel message in this generation.

God has graciously given us many means for the accomplishment of this task. We have our different departments, each making a definite contribution. We have our evangelistic work, without which we could never finish the task.

But it is the literature evangelist, the humble colporteur, who so often blazes the trail where no human voice has yet spoken the message, and where perhaps the pulpit preacher may never reach.

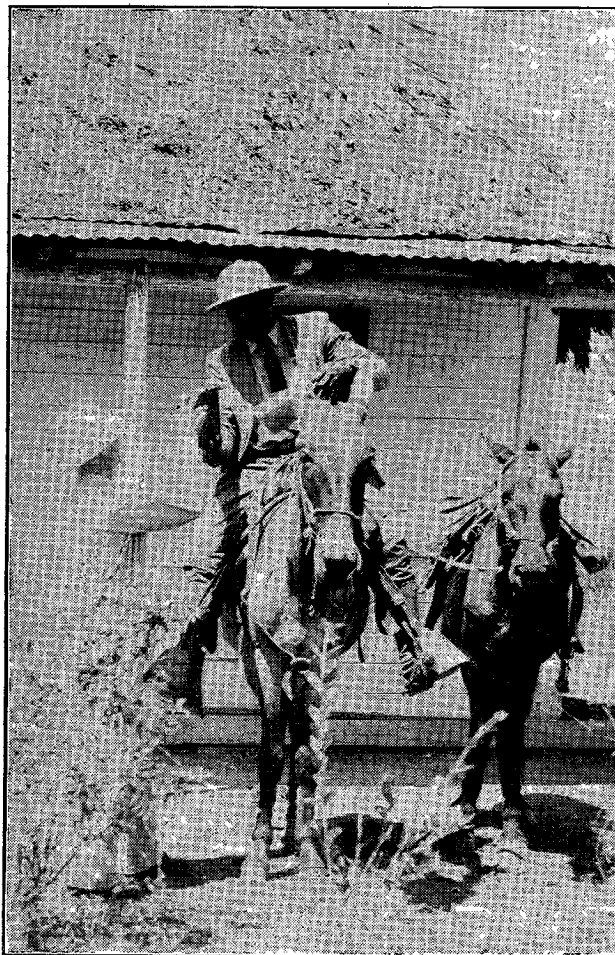
Day after day he plods alone, amid dangers, suffering hardships, without any guaranteed income, except as he relies on God to give him success in selling. How many times, when the Bible worker or the evangelist goes into a new place, he finds the territory has been prepared for him by the silent messengers left behind by the faithful colporteur!

The colporteur work in the Central American Union plays a very important part in another way. It has made possible the educating of

workers, a number of whom are in the field today, having graduated from our training school, who otherwise would have found it impossible to obtain their education. They have followed their nine months of theoretical training in the academy, with three months intensive training in the field in the colporteur school of experience, and have returned to their class work with a rich experience, a broader vision, and the means to meet their expenses.

The Central American Union appreciates the work being done by our faithful band engaged in the literature ministry, for without them our situation, humanly speaking, would be hopeless.

May the Lord help us as leaders, as workers, and as laymen, to encourage these our fellow workers, to plan well for them, to pass on to them the word of cheer and appreciation, and to open our houses to them when they pass our way in their wanderings far away from home and loved ones. C. P. CRAGER



Manuel Diaz delivering books in the rural districts of Cuba.

THE MINISTRY OF THE PRINTED PAGE

One of the most powerful influences on public opinion is the press. As men think, they will soon act. The press of today largely prepares the actions of tomorrow.

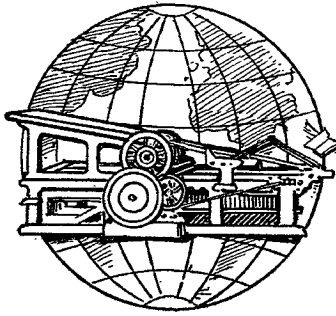
"A messenger from heaven stood in our midst. . . . He made us clearly understand that the gospel of the kingdom is the message for which the world is perishing, and that this message, as contained in our publications . . . should be circulated among the people who are nigh and afar off."—"Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 67.

"The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals."—"Colporteur Evangelist," p. 100.

"The distribution of our literature is one means by which the message is to be proclaimed. Let every believer scatter broad-cast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time."—"Mrs. E. G. White in 'The Watchman,' Jan. 5, 1904.

As this message swells into the "Loud Cry," our literature is to have a much wider circulation and to exert a much more powerful influence than we have yet dreamed of. In the Colombia-Venezuela Union, our leaders have more than doubled the number of their colporteurs during the past year; and they are now working hard to double again this number before another year passes.

Many of our churches were begun by the work of our colporteurs. On my recent visit to Venezuela, I learned of a company of 35 persons who began to keep the Sabbath as a result of the colporteur work. Just a few days ago, while in Bogotá, I learned of a big interest in a nearby city, where a large number of the leading citizens of the city are much stirred as a result of the colporteur work. They are calling someone to come and more fully instruct them in the present truth.



In another place, where a few years ago our colporteurs were driven away by the authorities, they are now invited to come and sell more of those books, because of the good effect they had on the people. Many people claim they are Adventists merely from reading our books, although they know but little of our real work. Scores of calls come in from those who have read our books and want to learn more of our teaching.

The selling of literature is largely seed-sowing, and many times the colporteur does not see the harvest reaped. A layman may water the seed sown, and then the minister may hold some meetings in which people take their stand for the truth. Generally, but little credit is given to all the influences that have prepared the way for the harvest the minister has gathered in, but in the judgment day every man will be rewarded according to the work he has done.

L. V. FINSTER

LITERATURE WINS

Thousands, yea hundreds of thousands, are privileged to hear the living preacher, but his congregations are limited to a few score or more each time he speaks from the sacred pulpit.

How different with the work of our literature! It goes everywhere,—into the homes of high and low, the rich and the poor, the learned and the unlearned.

Did it ever occur to you that the invention of the printing art by Faust and Guttenberg in 1456 was in the providence of God? It was in this same half century that Columbus discovered America, in 1492; that Martin Luther, who gave his life to the great Reform-

ation, was born, 1483. The discovery of a new world opened up a way and gave liberation to men's bodies. The great Reformation brought liberation to the souls of men. "The just shall live by faith," so fearlessly proclaimed by Luther, was its essence. The development of the printing art by movable type gave a new life and impetus to the mental aspirations—a threefold liberation: of the mental, physical, and spiritual. What the development of the printing press has meant to the intelligences of mankind during the past five hundred years, and what the accomplishment of Faust and Guttenberg has done, can never be fully measured.

When the time came, in the providence of God, for the proclamation of the last and final message of reformation (Rev. 14:6-12), the Lord gave to His servant, in 1849, assurance that a paper should be published, "small at first," but with the promise that it would be a "success" from the beginning, and that it "would be like streams of light going clear around the world."

A. R. OGDEN

SELLING BOOKS TO THE MAYOR

The following experience, related by Brother G. Dumar, who is canvassing on the island of Martinique, illustrates how our colporteurs are assisting in building up libraries in the homes.

"Many times I had visited a certain town in an effort to see the mayor, but I had never found him in his office. I knew that he must be acquainted with my work, since I had delivered many books in the town, and I knew that these books were greatly appreciated.

"One day I met him on the road, as he was driving his automobile. He quickly brought his car to a stop and said, 'Young man, what are you selling?' 'I have some good things in my bag that I can show you now,' I replied. He said, 'I haven't time now to see them, but if you will call at my home,

I will be very glad to see what you have.' With these words, he drove on.

"I later called at his home. When I started to show him 'Toward the Dawn of a Golden Age,' he quickly took the book out of my hand and read the preface. I had a number of books with me that day, as I was delivering; so I showed him the entire copy instead of the prospectus. 'You may take it right now,' I continued, 'as I have this extra copy with me.' 'All right, how much?' he asked. 'Fifty francs,' I replied. Before he returned with the money, I had brought out a copy of 'Ministry of Healing.' 'This book in the best binding will also be a splendid asset to your library,' I suggested. 'All right, I will take that one also,' he consented.

"Before he went to get the money for this book, I brought out a copy of 'Our Day in the Light of Prophecy,' for which I canvassed him briefly. 'Many people of your standing in the community are also glad to get this book,' I said. Replied the mayor, 'You want to get all my money, don't you?' With a smile he continued, 'I'll take this one also in the cloth binding.'

"While he was paying for these books, I said, 'I also have a book for your wife which I know she will appreciate.' The cook book which I showed him must have impressed him favorably, because he said, 'I'll take this one also.'

"The books were delivered on the spot and paid for, and as I shook hands with him in parting, I said, 'I also have a book entitled "The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan," which I know you will enjoy. While I do not have a full copy with me nor a prospectus, I am certain that you will appreciate it.' 'Who is the author?' he asked. I replied, 'Madame E. G. White, who has written many good books.' 'You bring me one in the cloth binding,' he concluded. When I delivered the book at the appointed time, he was glad to receive it."

C. A. EDWARDS

HAS YOUR CHURCH SENT OUT A COLPORTEUR DURING 1938? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

Soul-Winning Colporteurs

In Mexico we are obliged to depend largely upon lay members and colporteurs to occupy the front trenches in our missionary advance; and we have not been disappointed in placing this responsibility on them, for they are accomplishing a marvelous work. Approximately one-fourth of the 310 churches and Sabbath schools in the Mexican Union have been organized as the result of colporteur work.

One of our colporteurs, who was past fifty years of age when she commenced to sell our religious literature, has been successful in starting the work in fourteen places in the Tehuantepec Mission. She is now 79 years of age, and is still actively engaged in distributing the printed page. She is becoming feeble, and is not enjoying good health, but says that she promised the Lord that she would continue in this good work until the end of her days. If we are

successful in reaching the kingdom, we will surely have the privilege of meeting this faithful soldier of the cross.

We marvel sometimes at the way our colporteurs find time to do such definite missionary work; but they have a wonderful opportunity of meeting individuals who are seeking for the truth. They take time to answer questions, to arouse an interest in the Bible; then they return to give Bible readings. Soon sufficient people are found to organize a little Sabbath school in the town. Then a baptismal class is organized, and by the time the colporteur has finished canvassing the town, and has delivered his books, he notifies the mission superintendent. Probably, because of his great interest in the company, he will return to the town to give them further instruction. The work that our colporteurs are accomplishing in Mexico is truly marvelous. C. E. Wood

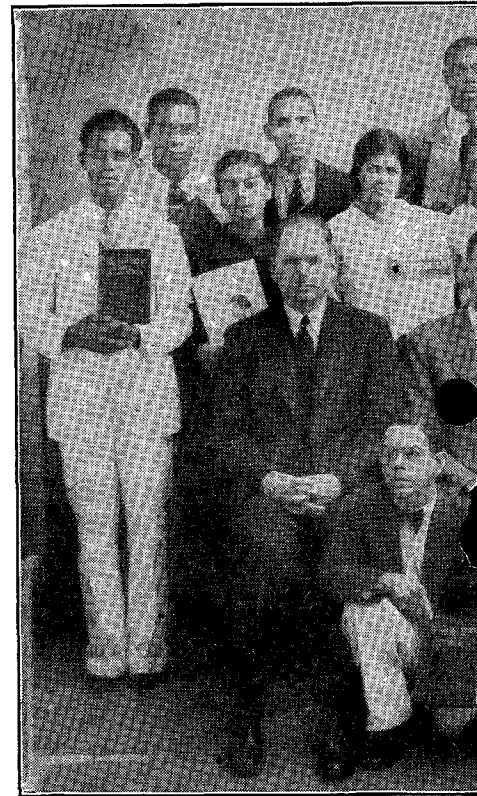
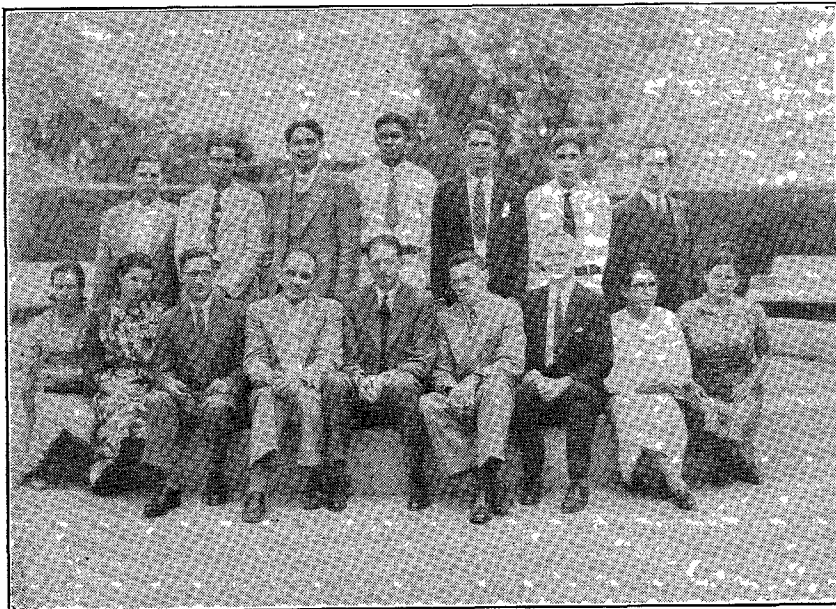
The Mighty Power of Truth

(The following experience was compiled from the written testimonies of two of our workers, Brethren Vicente Rodriguez and De la Paz Matus, of Mexico.)

About ten years ago, one of our colporteurs, while working in the district of Pichucalco, State of Chiapas, Mexico, sold a copy of "Our Day in the Light of Prophecy" to the owner of a farm. For eight years the book was unnoticed

and apparently abandoned. No one seemed to desire to read it. One day, while sorting his papers and other books, this man came across this unread book and regretted having made the investment. He wondered if he might sell it to someone to whom it might prove more useful. Shortly after, he went to show the book to his neighbor.

A group of colporteurs and workers at the institute in the Lake Mission of Mexico



Colporteurs and workers of the Dominicana Mission A. McAdams, the new union field missionary secretary, is seated on the extreme right.

"I have brought you a book that you need," he announced. "All right," said the neighbor, "let me see it. If it is a good book I will buy it." He opened

A group of colporteurs and workers who attended the largest institute held in the Lake Mission of Mexico





At the time of the institute held March, 1938. Brother D. [Name obscured] for the Antillian Union, is the first one seated on the far left in Palau, new local field missionary secretary.

the book and began to read aloud. After reading awhile, he stopped and said, "Why this book is worth more than all the wealth you possess." He continued

Institute of the Gulf Mission in Mexico. This represents the year in this Union.



reading audibly, and for the first time the owner of the book became fully aware of the wonderful treasure he had neglected all these years. So he said, "I don't believe I want to sell the book, but I will take it back so that my children may be instructed." The neighbor was by this time anxious to buy the book, but the owner he did not care to sell it now and took it home.

The neighbor, having tasted a little of the good things in the book, was eager to read it; so one day he decided to visit his friend to see if he could either buy or borrow the book. He succeeded in borrowing it, and began to read. He soon discovered that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord. The Spirit of God worked upon his heart. He gave himself to God and began to observe the Sabbath with all his family. Not knowing any sacred song, he committed to memory one of the poems in the book, found on page 171, entitled "El Sábado" (The Sabbath), and sung it to a tune of his own composing. This song was used in their little Sabbath morning gathering for worship. He also invited the men working on his farm to unite with him in keeping the Sabbath.

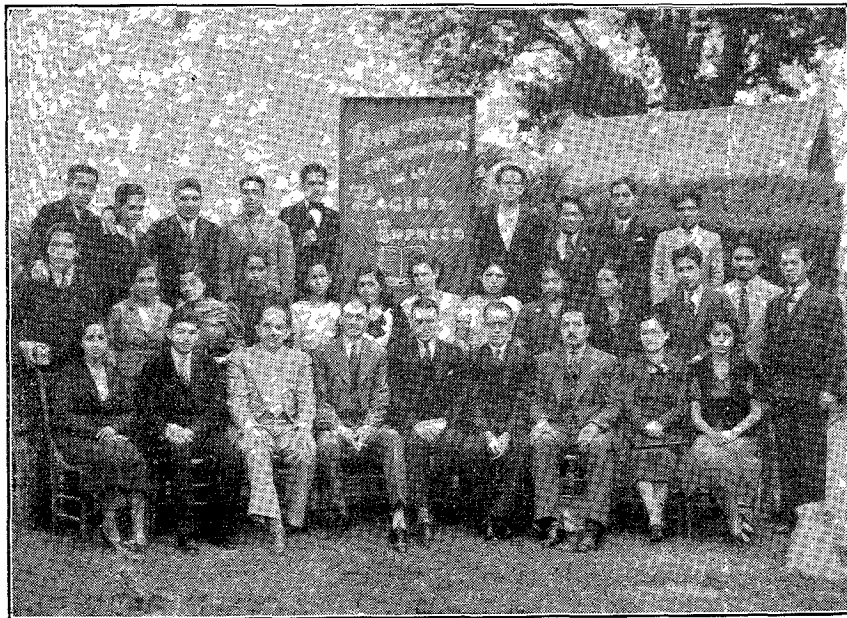
In the same book he also read regarding baptism, and was deeply impressed with the text: "He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved." Not knowing of any organization or of anyone keeping the Sabbath, and being desirous of baptism, he began a search among

his neighbors for a good and honorable man to administer the sacred rite. The one he selected asked to be excused, as he had no authority to baptize. Neither did he know what to say to perform the baptism, but the brother still insisted. He said he would write out the words. The following is what he wrote: "On this beautiful morning I baptize you José María Mena, in the name of the Jesus Christ. Amen." The neighbor learned these words and baptized his friend.

By this time the neighbors began to declare that the man had lost his reason. But the change they saw in his words and life indicated he was more sane than formerly, and that in reality a divine power had changed his life. In his zeal for the new-found truth, he began talking and preaching in the surrounding country. The book formed the basis of his talks. He took the book to a friend, Francisco Cubas, that he might make typewritten copies of material from it, covering various different subjects. After presenting a subject to a gathering of people in a town, he would tack on the wall or door a copy of the subject for all who desired to read, as they do with public documents when posted; and thus quite an interest was created.

Just recently one of our workers learned of this group of Sabbath-keepers, while visiting nearby, and went in search of them. Contact was made, and later on Brethren Vicente Rodrí-

Colporteurs of the Central Mexican Mission ready for another year of earnest service.



guez, the missionary volunteer secretary, and De la Paz Matus were sent to care for the interest. Meetings were held daily for over a week. Each night, from 120 to 150 were present. A Sabbath school of 35 members and an M. V. society were organized.

This man's two sons were converted to the message. One was a spiritualist and the other an atheist and school-teacher. As a result, the spiritualist center in the town of Pichualco has been transformed into a house of prayer. Truly a great work has been wrought!

W. A. BERGHERM

HARVEST TIME IN MEXICO

For years our work has been carried on in the Mexican Union under trying conditions. But God has cared for His cause. Probably nothing is adding more to the stability of this cause in Mexico than the present program of building churches and offices. The funds sent by the General Conference for this purpose have brought great courage to our workers and church members.

The last Sabbath I spent in Mexico during my recent visit was in Monterrey. It happened to be the first Sabbath meeting in the new church-building, which is not yet completed. Although no announcement was made in a formal way, the size of the congregation was about double that of former Sabbaths. Many visitors also attended.

The training center conducted by Professor Parfitt since 1936, is doing a splendid work. Although handicapped by conditions that most of our schools know little of, yet, in a quiet way, a number of our earnest young people are receiving a brief, but practical course to fit them for service.

Never, it seemed, have we witnessed such a general turning to God on the part of the people of Mexico as at the present time. Our workers are kept very busy answering calls of interested ones. In the Gulf Mission, through the efforts of one of our colporteurs and his wife, a chain of influence was started that resulted in three groups of Christians of other Protestant denominations, located in different places, coming over in a body to us. In one case, not only the membership of about fifty, but also the church building in which they formerly worshipped, was included in the transfer of allegiance. Brother Moon

states there are some five or six other interests in the field.

In the Tehuantepec Mission our attention was called to similar reports, that were equally as striking, and which were the result, largely, of interests started by one colporteur. These will be reported at another time. In the other two missions the work is moving steadily forward in a strong way also.

During our visit to Mexico four institutes were held, one in each mission. Altogether there were eighty-five colporteurs in attendance. A fine spirit of cooperation and of optimism was manifested. The year 1938 will witness greater achievements.

W. A. BERGHERM

TO THE COLPORTEUR

I sing a song to the colporteur
To the one who is brave and strong,
Who's ever humble when orders come fast,
And who smiles when things go wrong.

I am proud of the faithful colporteur,
His radiant voice and speech.
He helps to smooth the rugged path
Of all within his reach.

I like the way of the colporteur,
Who looks for the bright and best;
He scatters God's truth as he goes,
And leaves his fellows blest.

I like to help the colporteur.
With his message of faith and cheer,
He carries hope and courage
To those assailed by fear.

So here's a song to the colporteur
Who prays, and toils, and sings,
And daily shows this weary world
The way to better things.

—L. L. Grand Pré.

A COLPORTEUR SABBATH SCHOOL

Yes, about fifty people were present, including the children. All joined in heartily and sang the opening song. After prayer, a neat little girl stepped to the front and read a report of the previous meeting. What was it all about? Well, to be sure, it was a Sabbath school, and truly it was a pleasure to attend this school and see the enthusiasm which the people showed. After the Sabbath school, the writer had the privilege of speaking to this group of people. They manifested a real interest in the truth and seemed very anxious to learn more about Jesus. When the question was asked, "How many of you would like to give your heart to God?" every body raised his hand.

The question arises, "How did this interest begin?" Well, it is the same beautiful story,—colporteur ministry. Brother W. R. Mulholland sent two colporteurs, C. Gonzales Labori and Maximino Amador, to the city of Guira de Melena, Cuba. These two consecrated colporteurs began to conduct a Sabbath school for the children, and soon the adults joined also. These meetings have been continued until at the present there is a very lively interest at this place. No doubt a church will eventually be organized. What a wonderful privilege we have to work for Jesus!

At this time there is a need for greatly increasing our colporteur army in the Antillian Union. We need one hundred more colporteurs to enter the field. How would you like to raise up a Sabbath school of fifty members? God is counting on you. He can do a mighty work through you. Do not fail Him in this time of great need. Get in touch with your field secretary, and make arrangements to join the ever growing bookman's army of the Antillian Union. Don't forget to pray for our colporteur evangelists.

D. A. McADAMS

BRIEF STUDIES ON THE TITHE

The following is prepared as an offertory study to be given by the leader to the church before the offering is received at the eleven o'clock service, Sabbath, August 20, 1938.

Experiences of Others

"More than twenty-five years ago we pitched our tent in a farming and manufacturing section," we are told. "Two

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LET EVERY CHURCH ENCOURAGE ONE OR TWO OF ITS MEMBERS TO ENTER THE COLPORTEUR WORK BEFORE THE CLOSE OF 1938

families had located between two roads, each family on several acres of land. One family worked one part and the other family the other, and a fence divided the land. The soil was the same and the method of farming the same, and the seed was bought at the same place, so that according to all appearances there was no difference. Both families used the same fertilizer.

"The two men worked in a factory. Neither of them professed religion, but their wives were Adventists, and from them the husbands learned of their duty to pay tithe to God. As a result, one of these families gave to God the tithe, but the other did not."

The two families cultivated their soil in the same way while this observation was being made. One family prospered with a good crop. The other family failed. Can you guess which of the two failed? See Malachi 3:11, 12. The worms ate the tomatoes, the corn, the sweet potatoes, and it seemed that the devourer knew which belonged to the tithpayer and did not dare to touch it.

Is my God as faithful today to do the same for me?

"For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us." 2 Cor. 1:20.

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A Test of Faithfulness

"If all the tithes of our people flowed into the treasury of the Lord as they should, such blessings would be received that gifts and offerings for sacred purposes would be multiplied tenfold, and thus the channel between God and man would be kept open. The followers of Christ should not wait for thrilling missionary appeals to arouse them to action. If spiritually awake, they would hear in the income of every week, whether much or little, the voice of

God and of conscience, with authority demanding the tithes and offerings due the Lord."—"Testimonies," Vol. 4, p. 474.

It is not God's plan to pour out funds directly from heaven so that His cause can be sustained. He has given to men sufficient means in order that there should not be any lack in any department of the work. He tests those who profess to love Him with all their hearts, placing means in their hands, and then He tests them to see if they love the gifts more than the Giver.

Great sacrifices have been made and privations suffered in order to place the truth clearly before us. Now God calls us and gives us an opportunity to make the effort and sacrifice to place the truth before those who are in darkness. God requires this. You say you believe the truth: now let your works certify it. If faith has not works, it is dead. James 2:26.

PETER NYGAARD

"Happiness is two parts circumstance, 98 parts mental aptitude."

"EL CENTINELA Y HERALDO DE LA SALUD" GOAL CHART — JULY, 1938

No. of Magazines Monthly Goal	Standing of Fields as Compared with Goals.	
* Cuba 5,217		6056
Santo Domingo 2,133	967	
Puerto Rico 2,670	2012	
Antillian Union 10,020	9036	
Costa Rica 525	427	
* Guatemala 1,143		1626
Br. Honduras 165	11	
Sp. Honduras 840	471	
Nicaragua 300	45	
Panama 921	572	
* Salvador 888		984
Cent. America 4,782	4136	
* Atlantic Colombia 1,978		2918
Pacific Colombia 612		663
Upper Mag. 738	523	
* Curacao 180		410
* Venezuela 1,359		3308
* Col.-Venezuela 4,867		7822
Mexican Union 11,016	8200	

* Fields that have reached or passed goals

TRYING TIMES ARE TIMES TO TRY

Goal Line

WHILE THE COLPORTEUR WORKS, LET THE CHURCH PRAY

The Place and Work of the Spirit of Prophecy In the Church

By G. W. Wells

The supreme object of God's infinite love is His church upon earth. It is His revealed purpose and plan to so cleanse, purify, and unify the believers in His word that they through grace will be fitted to associate with Christ and heavenly intelligencies forever.

Christ "loved the church and gave Himself for it." He is "the Head of the church." God's plan and eternal purpose for the church will not fail. It is effective, and eventually Christ will

TEN-MINUTE MISSIONARY SERVICES

August 20, 1938

Missionary Experiences

A great deal is written and said regarding plans and methods whereby the members of the church may help in proclaiming salvation to all the inhabitants of the world. And it is well that this should be so. But it is very appropriate and essential for time to be given also to relating of experiences in carrying out the plans and methods. "Bible truth must be preached and practised."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 140.*

It is the practising that is so often neglected. But perhaps an equal, or even greater, point of neglect lies in failure to relate for the glory of God and for the encouragement of others, the experiences attending personal service. The past week has marked the beginning of the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and every member of the church should have some fresh experience to relate at this time. A few words of courage and enthusiasm by church members who have been actively engaged in Harvest Ingathering, or in any other line of missionary work, will afford impetus to start the entire church in definite motion in this time of great opportunity and individual responsibility.

August 27, 1938

The Great Soul-Winning Harvest Ingathering Campaign

We are now in the Harvest Ingathering campaign for 1938. This is one of the greatest, single, missionary campaigns in our organized church-work. In this campaign more than a hundred thousand Seventh-day Adventists, old and young, will be going from door to door, from shop to shop, and from office to office, in the interests of the thirty-first annual Harvest Ingathering campaign. Not only in the Inter-American Division will this be the case, but in many other parts of the world (in varying seasons of the year) the same united effort will be in operation. Through this personal approach to millions of judgment-bound souls, the interests of the kingdom of God is greatly advanced year by year.

To be a Seventh-day Adventist means to be a Harvest Ingathering worker, for the campaign calls for the help of every believer. No doubt many of the church members have already been at work, but today is the time when all plans are completed and every member is assigned his particular part, and when prayer and consecration for the task should ascend from every heart. Church missionary leaders should make a final survey of all campaign plans, and a final personal appeal to all the members of the church at that time.

"present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle." It will "be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:23-27. The apostle John obtained a clear picture of future victory and glorious triumph of the church. He says: "I beheld, and, lo a great multitude . . . of all nations . . . stood before the throne, and before the Lamb . . . saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." Rev. 7:9-12.

The divine plan for leading, and perfecting the church is clearly outlined in the Scriptures. All through the ages, God has communicated with His church through instrumentalities of His own choosing. He had a tender regard and gracious watchcare over His "church in the wilderness." "By a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved." Hosea 12:13.

God is definitely interested in His remnant church. The Scriptures say He "shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people." Isa. 11:11. Paul declares, "A remnant shall be saved." Rom. 9:27. It is of interest and value to consider the chief characteristics of the remnant church. In the book of Revelation, the woman, the church, and "her seed," the remnant, are clearly brought to view. There are certain marks of the remnant given by God. We may know them. First, the remnant church have and "keep . . . the faith of Jesus." Second, the remnant church "keep the commandments of God." Third, they have in their midst the gift which is "the testimony of Jesus" or "the Spirit of prophecy." Rev. 14:12; 12:17; 19:10. These three characteristics,—the faith of Jesus, the commandments of God, and the Spirit of prophecy, mark God's true remnant church from all the other professed followers of Christ.

It is evident that the term "remnant" as used is a part of and the last end of anything. Therefore, the remnant church will know the experience of apostolic days. It will not only hold to the teachings of Christ and His apostles, but the gifts of the Spirit as manifested in the early church will be manifest in the remnant church.

A forceful illustration of the benefit and working of the Spirit through this gift is used by Paul in I Corinthians. He says: "In every thing ye are enriched by Him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge. Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." It is to be noted that the church was confirmed in "the testimony of Christ." The church "waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" is enriched by Christ in "all utterance and knowledge." How wonderful, inspiring, and stabilizing it is to know that the remnant church, the last church, the church waiting for the second coming of the Lord is highly favored and enriched, by having in her midst "the testimony of Jesus" which is "the Spirit of prophecy."

In the very beginning of the Advent Movement, Christ, the true head of the church, established the gift of "the Spirit of prophecy" among His remnant people. The life work, public ministry, the spirit of counsel and inspired writings of Mrs. E. G. White, all stand as unimpeachable evidence of a heavenly calling, a holy unction, and divine revelations. The instruction and admonition that have come to the remnant church through this source are of inestimable value to every believer in the Advent hope. Aside from the Bible, there has been no agency among us that has had such a transforming, spiritualizing influence in the home, in the individual life, and in the world-wide church.

The spiritual beauty and wonderful range of thought and marvelous consistency revealed in the thousands of pages of these writings challenge the reader in every land. They point out the pitfalls which endanger the pathway of old and young, they bring cheer and hopefulness to the discouraged and make clear the true way to victory. The fruitage of such work, through the years, has been the cultivation of faith, genuine love and heart preparation for heavenly citizenship. It seems needful, if the remnant church attain to the perfection of character God designs, that she give due heed and cherish the clear instruction that has come to her through the Spirit of prophecy.