



"MY MEAT IS TO DO THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME, AND TO FINISH HIS WORK."

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With unerring prophetic vision, and like a great searchlight shining across the centuries, the prophet Jeremiah declared:

"Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many

in fact in all walks and conditions of life, as does the colporteur. He carries the message where the living preacher cannot go; and, from the crowded cities to the isolated mountains, hills, and valleys, he hunts for souls, with the blessed assurance that "canvassers who go forth in



The faithful, consecrated, God-fearing Colporteur taking his Orders for the Day

hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." Jeremiah 16: 16.

In all service for the Lord there is doubtless no line of work to which this text applies with greater emphasis than to that of the faithful, consecrated, God-fearing colporteur. This thought is also made plain by the following statements from the Spirit of Prophecy:

"Canvasser-evangelists are needed to hunt and fish for souls. The canvassing work should now be earnestly and decidedly taken up. . . . We cannot too highly estimate this work; for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning. . . . This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time."

Without the shade of a doubt there is no worker in the Lord's vineyard who has the opportunity to "hunt" and "fish" for souls in both highways and byways, and

the spirit of the Master have the companionship of heavenly beings."

The Saviour a Personal Worker

The Saviour was a personal worker, and some of the greatest truths He ever uttered were spoken to a single individual. This, together with the fact that individuals who largely "read themselves into the truth," are the most firmly established in it, will perhaps make a little more plain the following quotation from page 5 of "The Colporteur Evangelist:":

It is indeed a wonderful provision which the Lord made for every consecrated individual to have some part in His work. The colporteur work offers the opportunity to the largest number, and at the same time it is one of the most fruitful for winning souls to the Third Angel's Message.

The Time Opportune

From every viewpoint, the time is opportune. In the first place the Lord has been pleased to give us as a people the most wonderful literature, outside of the Bible, which has ever been printed. Secondly, on the part of many there is an earnest desire to know the meaning of the startling events that are now taking place throughout the world, the answer to which is found in our message-filled books and magazines. The time has come when, instead of trying to cover up the fact that they are Seventh-day Adventist publications it is usually a decided help to let the people know that they are published by Seventh-day Adventists.

Again, the financial conditions are perhaps as favorable at the present time as they ever will be. While we recognize that in certain localities the boll-weevil and the army worm ruined the cotton, or practically so, yet the October first "Index Finger of Prices" of farm products as a whole in the United States was 27.3 higher than last year. As corn and cotton are the South's principal crops, the following figures will be of special interest in this connection.

Although the wheat crop is reported \$164,000,000 less than a year ago, the corn crop is worth \$670,000,000 more than last year, while the cotton crop for 1923 will give the South a buying power of approximately \$132,000,000 over that of 1922. The cotton crop last year returned \$1,368,531,000, and with an increase this year of one hundred thirty-two million dollars means that this crop is 15 per cent more valuable, and that the people will have that much more money to spend.

But, be that as it may, let us not forget that the success of God's work is not dependent upon good crops and high prices. The successful colporteur is the one who takes his orders on his knees, for his success comes from above rather than from beneath. Again, we have the promise "that the canvassing work . . . is to be carried forward with increasing success." This one statement alone is sufficient guarantee for the continued success of this important work.

Called to the Work

After stating that "God calls the canvassers back to their work" and making an earnest plea for volunteers who will devote all of their energies and enlightenment in rendering this house-to-house service, the Spirit of Prophecy makes this impressive declaration:

"We have no time to lose. We must encourage this work. Who will go forth now with our publications? The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will co-operate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armor on. A great work is to be done in our world, and human agencies will surely respond to the demand. The world must hear the warning. When the call comes, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' send back the answer clear and distinct, 'Here am I; send me.'"—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 333.

Dear reader, if the Lord is calling you to the colporteur work do not allow a good salary, a good farm, or anything else to keep you from responding to that call. Remember the statement that "There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing," and also the promise that those who work in the Master's vineyard will receive that which is right. To whatever position the Lord may call us, may He help us to be real fishers of men, for—

"Down by the sea
Of blue Galilee
The Saviour passed time and again;
From the shore of that sea
He called, 'Follow me,
And I will make you fishers of men.'

"He is calling today,
In the same earnest way,
He is calling for fishers again;

And the brightest names known
Up around God's throne
Will be those who were fishers of men."

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THE CALL OF GOD TO A LIFE WORK

"Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansion than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God." "The law of service becomes the connecting link which binds us to God and to our fellow-men." "Each has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Each is to work in co-operation with Christ for the salvation of souls." "Not work in his fields of corn and wheat, but earnest persevering work for the salvation of souls." "Christ's Object Lessons," p. 326, 327. Vol. V, p. 381.

The call of God to service is the highest honor that heaven can bestow upon man and a response to that call gives him the assurance that God will hear him when he prays. "But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself, and the Lord will hear when I call unto Him." Ps. 4: 3.

Blessed is the man that heareth and heedeth that call and continue therein until he has the assurance from the One who gave the call, that his work is done. The promise of salvation is made only to those who endure to the end. No excuse will be acceptable to God for not knowing what our duty is. We are told that "Each worker may now understand his special work and receive strength to take hold of it anew." "Colporteur Evangelist," p. 30. Those who decide to do nothing in any line that will displease God, will know, after presenting their case before Him, just what course to pursue, and they will receive, not only wisdom, but strength. Power for obedience for service will be imparted to them as Christ has promised." "Desire of Ages," p. 668.

Sin is the only thing that separates us from God, or that keeps us from hearing a call from God to service. "Then said I, woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King the Lord of Hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar; and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sins purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I, send me, and He said, go and tell this people. . . . Then said I, Lord, how long? And He answered, until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses be utterly desolate." Isa. 6: 5-11.

The call to service comes to us today just as definitely as it did to Isaiah. We are told that "God has His workman in every age. The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man." "A great and important work is before us. The enemy of souls realizes this, and is using every means in his power to lead the canvasser to take up some other line of work. This order of things should be changed. God calls the canvasser back to the work. He calls for volunteers who will put all their energies and enlightenment into the work. We have no time to lose. We must encourage this work. Who will go forth now with our publications? The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will co-operate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith and tact will come as they put the armor on." "Colporteur Evangelist," pp. 26, 27.

"The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the work in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand. . . . Let our literature give the Message as a witness to all the world. . . . We have been asleep, as it were, regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well prepared literature.

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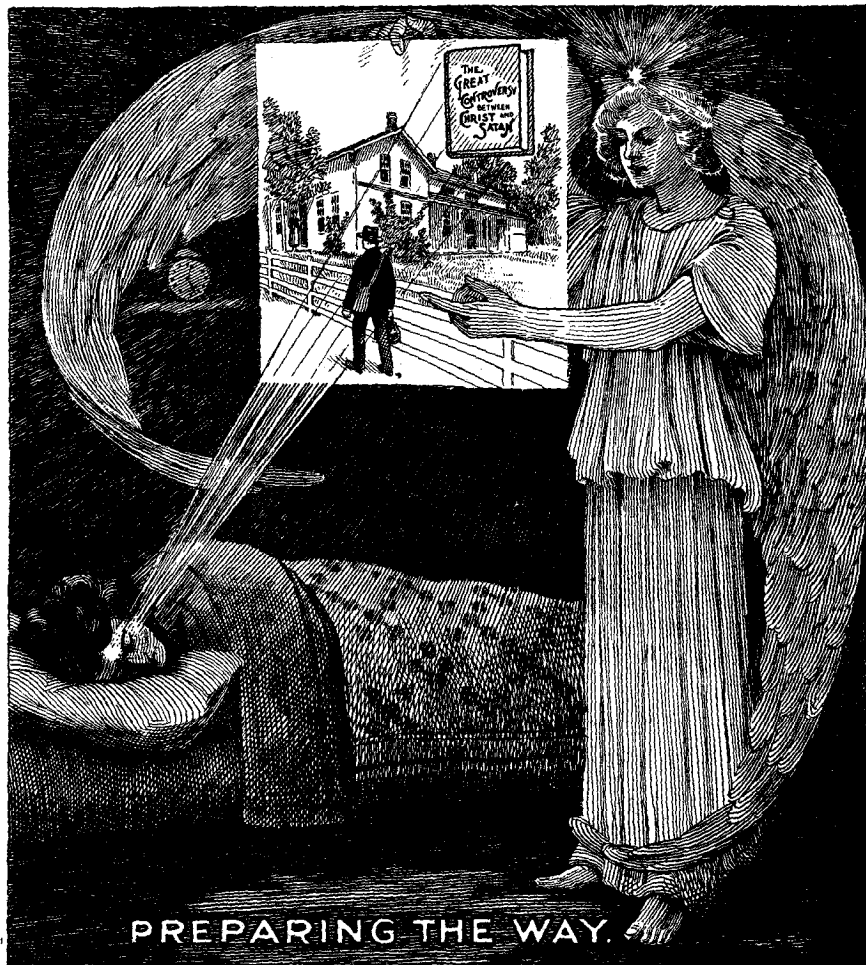
Let us by the wise use of periodicals and books preach the word with determined energy." Vol. IX, pp. 61, 62.

Surely our responsibility is very great. "The Lord gives a special truth for a people in an emergency, who dare refuse to publish it? He commands His servants to present the last invitation of mercy to the world. They cannot remain silent, except at the peril of their own souls." "Colporteur Evangelist," p. 609.

The press seems to be the rapid vehicle that God has especially chosen to speed the message to all parts of the

then to have the consciousness of knowing that we did what we could, as long as we could. Then like faithful Paul be able to say, "I am now ready to be offered. . . . I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing. II Tim. 4:6-8. May this be our happy lot.

V. O. COLE.



PREPARING THE WAY.
The Lady who dreams of the Colporteur coming to her home does not hesitate to give her order for the book.

world. "I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Revelation 14:6.

"There is great need of men who can use the press to the advantage, that the truth may be given wings to speed it to every nation, and tongue, and people." "Glorious Appearing," p. 25.

Our safety is not only in responding to the call of God in service, but also in making that call a life work, or until the One who has called us to service gives us our release. It is very dangerous to get our release from any other source. If, however, we remain faithful to duty until we wear out in the service and get an honorable discharge from the One who called us, how comforting it will be

A SOUL-WINNING AGENCY

The one great object the church must have in view, is to prepare those within its fold for the society of angels and eternal fellowship with the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. Young and old should understand that a union with the church means service and that it is to continue till the close of the conflict. The church thus organized becomes a recruiting ground from which a constant supply of new recruits is being raised up, developed, and trained to go forth as soldiers for Prince Immanuel.

The Lord designs also through His people, to set forth the saving truths of the everlasting gospel to all the world. It is His means of restoring His moral image in man. It is God's remedy for universal disorganization. The

power of the gospel is what draws men together in unity and prepares them for eternity.

"The greatest wealth of truth ever entrusted to mortals, the most solemn and fearful warnings ever sent by God to man, have been committed to the church to be given to the world; and in the accomplishment of this work our publishing houses are among the most effective agencies." "Our publishing work was established by the direction of God and under His special supervision."

I fear we do not always appreciate the full value of our books and periodicals as an evangelizing agency. These silent messengers are proving to be most able ministers of the everlasting gospel due to the world at this time. Our literature is having a tremendous and far-reaching influence in the work. Surely we are doing a big business in the world. It almost staggers our poor weak minds to comprehend how much we are doing collectively. Record after record has been broken and still we go on in the progressive way. It is evident that God is leading in this mighty movement.

The vital question is not only how many books can be sold or how many dollars raised, but how much truth is being placed in the homes of the people. What is real success in this work? Is money and the aggregate amount of book sales the thing we should keep ever before our people? Is not the winning of souls for the Master the higher and better objective? If we have only the monetary viewpoint, we might attain to it to be sure, but I believe we can attain to even a better standard in number of books we sell if we continually keep in mind the true object and purpose of all our Christian service. We must hold that the only purpose of all our labor is to win poor sinners to Christ, and to prepare them for His coming.

With this objective before us, it is self-evident that every laborer and church officer from the conference president, the highest ranking officer, down should be deeply interested in this highly spiritual and evangelical service. It has been demonstrated over and over again that the colporteur work is a soul-winning agency, and indeed, this work can never hope to attain to the high degree of efficiency expected if the president and his corps of workers are inefficient or indifferent to this important branch of the cause of God.

The canvassing work is a part of the ministry of the Word. The minister of God's word is a person chosen and set apart by solemn ordination and prayer to speak the word of God to all who will listen. He is an ambassador of heaven. It is a high and noble office. There can be no higher calling. The work of the God-fearing colporteur is like unto it in character. The first speaks the word to the people. The second carries to them the written word. Both are divinely appointed agencies to bring the light of truth to lost men and women, to enlighten and save. Their object is precisely the same.

I believe that in our union and each local conference, we as officials and leaders should carry more fully on our hearts the importance of this work and continually keep before our associates and helpers, church officers and laity, the true object of this work. We should encourage a much larger number to engage in this heaven-appointed service and there should follow in the wake of this larger book-selling, a continual stream of people who are accepting the Truth from this ministry.

We need to get a better focus upon the real purpose of all our service and our need of true workers today. Let every man set his heart to this task. It will incite us to earnest prayer, devotion and true consecration. Let us pray that our colporteurs who go out with God's message, and bring it to every man's door, shall not depend upon their wit or assurance of ability for success, but upon the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. With the true ideal before them, they will go to minister the Word of God in the printed page and their purpose will ever be to enlarge the kingdom of God, to lengthen the ropes and to strengthen every phase of the work. We need colporteurs who know how to take orders for books on their knees, win souls to Christ in prayer, who,

represent the Master in conversation, in kindness, courtesy cleanliness, neatness, godly manners and conduct.

With a hundred or more colporteurs of this sort, raising up community interests in the Advent message in our field, how quickly the Truth would spread and what a



THE COLPORTEUR

Mrs. Carrie

When I enter that wonderful city above,
Far removed from earth's sorrow
and fear;

I hope that somebody will whisper in love,
"It was you first invited me here."

When I stand by the side of the river
of life,

'Twill be joy to hear somebody say:
"I was drunk with the world and its mad-
dening strife

Till the colporteur happened my way.

great work would be wrought under God. In view of the great gospel commission, the mighty need, and the shortness of time, can we do less than yield our hearts more fully to God and unitedly pray that He may raise laborers, the work be quickly finished, and we all triumph with the faithful.
G. W. WELLS.



HEREAFTER

OUR'S REWARD

K. Butcher

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

When at home in those mansions eternally
grand;
Many dear ones with joy I behold;
I hope that somebody beside me will stand
Saved, because of books I have sold."

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR LAYMEN

One of the great blessings that comes from our Harvest Ingathering work is that it prepares the way for other lines of missionary activity. Many times as you have called at homes you have wished you had something good for the children and young people. We are now at the time of year when nearly every family, rich or poor, feels they must spend at least something for presents for their children. What a great benefit it would be if, instead of buying cheap candies and flimsy toys, they would give good books.

We, as a people, have the best and most complete line of suitable literature for all ages. Many would gladly purchase our excellent books if they could but see them. In our new "Home Workers' Prospectus," just put out by the Southern Publishing Association, will be found just what you have long wanted to meet this situation. It contains a description, together with a sample cover and sixteen pages, of each of the following six books:

Best Stories From the Best Book
Little Pilgrim Stories
New Testament Primer
Steps to Christ
Making Home Happy
Sketches of Bible Child Life

You will at once recognize that all of this excellent selection are splendid sellers. All of these have now been placed at the regular colporteur's discount of fifty per cent. Since it came from the press, I have carried one with me and it has met with hearty approval by everyone who has seen it. It is neat, compact and easily carried.

The Holiday season is here and now is the time to place our good books in the hands of the people. Scores of our laymembers can do much with this right around home between now and Christmas. People are eager to know where they can get nice, clean, true, but yet interesting books for the children. Will not you give your neighbors, friends, and those on whom you have called in the Harvest Ingathering work this opportunity? Order one of these unique prospectuses now from your tract society and go to work. There has been provided an excellent but brief canvass that is furnished with it. The price of the prospectus is only 50 cents.

Let us promptly follow up the interests already created and find new ones.
O. R. STAINES.

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ADVANTAGES OF WINTER CANVASSING

That there are advantages in winter canvassing for our books and papers, there can be no doubt. Here are some of them.

The people as a rule are not so busy as in the summer and therefore have more time to give a listening ear to the message you bring. The long winter evenings afford more time for reading and they are thus more likely to read what they purchase while the vivid impressions made by the living representative are still fresh in their memory. The cool weather is a more agreeable time to work, especially if you are walking, than the hot summer days.

As a rule, it is easier to find lodgings in the homes of the people, if for no other reason than they hate to turn away a stranger in cold weather.

The people are more likely to have the ready cash to pay for the purchase, and shorter deliveries and cash sales can be made more readily, especially in some parts of the country.

Winter is by far the most favorable time to work the cities. Times are prosperous in the cities, and people can purchase and pay for books and papers where their interest is aroused to the purchasing point, and it is especially the reading time of the year for them when weather conditions are not favorable for vacations and

outings. The holidays are near when people purchase presents for their family and for friends.

Really, everything is favorable for winter canvassing and one hundred should be engaged in the work where now there is one.

W. W. EASTMAN.

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BLESSINGS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PLAN

Summer is past, winter is almost here and I find myself again at good old Collegedale. Such a wonderful privilege it is to be in a school like this, to enjoy the association of young men and women who have high ideals and definite objectives, to sit at the feet of teachers who know that you are just where the Master would have you. Were these the only blessings that come as a result of a vacation wisely spent they would more than repay one for traveling up and down the highways and byways with a prospectus under his arm for three months.

However, such is not the case, for the canvassing field no doubt offers greater opportunities to the student during his vacation than any other line of work. It not only provided the means for him to return to school the following year, but rounds out his preparation. It adds to his education that practical side, without which no training can be complete. It develops in him the quality of leadership, and if there was ever a time when leaders are needed it is now. It is not hard to find men of the stereotyped class, but those who are willing to strike out on a path where men have never trod to do the things that have never been done before, are in the minority. "The greatest want of the world is the want of men." Men who have moral stamina; men who have initiative, men who will dare to do right. Men like Daniel are needed who are willing to stand for principle and be as true to duty as the needle to the pole. These are the characters that are an honor to the cause of God. The fact that so many of the denominational leaders began their labors in the canvassing field convinces us that the colporteur work produces men of the above type.

No matter what career one chooses this salesmanship is an asset to that career. The selling of books is not a stepping stone to other lines of endeavor, it is a department in itself, and a very important one, too. We read, "If there is one work more important than another it is that of getting our publications before the people, thus leading them to search the Scriptures." But engaging in this work does help in the preparation for other lines of activity. The man who devotes himself to business becomes a wiser financier for having canvassed. The one who plans on giving Bible studies learns how to inspire and to persuade those for whom he labors. The young teacher is better fitted to instruct his pupils because he has found out by mingling with people how to read human nature, and to adapt himself to their individual needs. Then to the ministerial student we have this message, "Those who are fitting for the ministry can engage in no other occupation that will give them so large an experience as will the canvassing work."

The student-colporteur, while earning his scholarship not only reaps the above benefits but he has opportunity to put into practice the things he has learned at school. He is permitted to tell others about that which has done his own soul good. He learns to do individual work for individuals. The example of the Saviour proves that there is no more successful way to win souls than to bring them one by one. Students while working during the summer have been known to raise up churches. And there are today many followers of the Master who are rejoicing in this wonderful Truth because some consecrated school boy or girl sold them a message-filled book.

Really, is there a more delightful way to earn a scholarship? The rewards here are great but I believe that eye hath not seen, nor has it entered into the heart of man what

the Lord has prepared for the student who spends his vacation winning souls.

J. FRANKLIN ASHLOCK.

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SUCCESS LIES WITHIN

When God calls one into His service, He takes upon Himself the responsibility of their success, provided they work in harmony with His instruction. Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled." Why should we worry about success? It is Satan who causes us to doubt, and would have us look upon our heavenly Father as a stern, hard master.

It is true that Jesus said, "Without Me ye can do nothing," but Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ," so we see that the secret of success is to have Christ in the heart; therefore we must have our hearts pure, for Christ will not dwell with sin.

Again, on page 61 of the "Colporteur Evangelist," we read, "No one can be a successful soul-winner till he himself has settled the question of surrender to God. A pure heart, surrendered to God for service is the greatest offering we can bring to the Master. "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." Ps. 51: 17. Our only hope of success is in Christ.

Assurance of Success

"A great and good work may be done by evangelistic canvassing. The Lord has given men tact and capabilities. Those who use these entrusted talents to His glory, weaving Bible principles into the web, will be given success. We are to work and pray, putting our trust in Him who will never fail." — "Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 340.

Power of Persuasion

"Those in the darkness of error are the purchase of the blood of Christ. They are the fruit of His suffering, and they are to be labored for. Let the canvassers know that it is for the advancement of Christ's kingdom that they are laboring. He will teach them as they go forth to their God-appointed work to warn the world of a soon-coming judgment. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, the evangelist's work will not, cannot, be without fruit. Think of the interest that the Father and the Son have in this work. As the Father loves the Son, so the Son loves those that are His, those who work as He worked to save perishing souls. None need feel that they are powerless, for Christ, declares, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." He has promised that He will give this power to His workers. His power is to become their power. They are to link their souls with God. Christ desires all to enjoy the wealth of His grace which is beyond all computation. It is limitless, exhaustless. It is ours by eternal covenant, if we will be workers together with God. It is ours, if we will unite with Him to bring many sons and daughters to God."

Why do colporteurs have to meet difficulties? A number of reasons might be given, but I believe that Deut. 8: 2, 3 will answer the question. "And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldst keep His commandments or no. And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that He might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live." Difficulties overcome is what makes men. Many of the experiences we read of in the Bible and from the mission fields would never have been known, were it not for the difficulties that these men overcame in the name of the Lord.

Our great need today is men whose hearts are pure, who

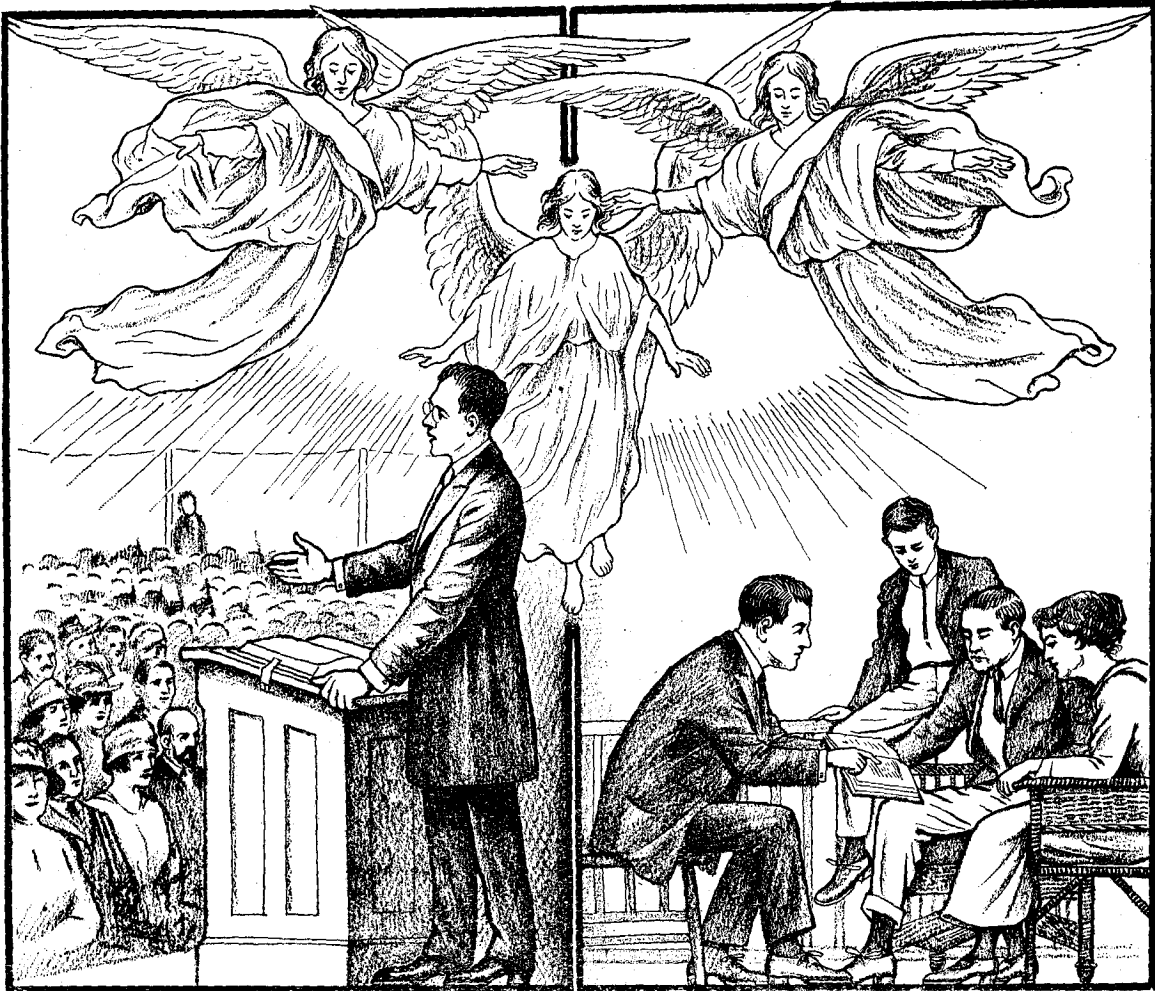
are looking for a place of real service, instead of wishing to be served. The one great question is, "What is in my heart? If Christ is there, success is mine."

R. R. BROOKS.

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What do you say: "Go," or "Stay"?

use in the hands of the apostles in writing letters of instruction and warning to the cities of Southern Europe and Western Asia where a living preacher had been and gathered together a company, organizing them into churches. Now we come to the closing scenes of earth's history, and we find that God is using practically all the means that have been used before in giving His message, but in a special way He is using the printed page.



"The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the Truth as attends the work of the minister . . . As God blesses the minister and the Evangelists in their earnest efforts to place the Truth before the people, so He will bless the faithful canvasser."—"Testimonies" Vol. VI, pp. 316, 340

OUR SPIRIT-FILLED LITERATURE AS A SOUL SAVING AGENCY

Whenever the Lord has had a special message for mankind, he has always raised up just the proper means of carrying that message. In the days when Jonah was commissioned to carry the Message to the wicked city of Ninevah, the voice of man was the only medium that was used to reach the people and it was so effective that a great city was transformed from a place of frivolity and pleasure seeking to a city clothed with "sackcloth and ashes" and in deep mourning for their sins.

Again, when the gospel of a crucified and risen Saviour was to go to the world the Lord used not only the voices of men, but He endowed His servants with healing power which also served to attract the attention of the people of those days. It was at this time that the pen came into

We have come to a time when by far the greater per cent of those living in civilized countries read. In fact we are living in a reading age and God is using this as an opportunity of getting the last warning message before the dying world. I quote from the Spirit of Prophecy: "The world is to receive the Light of Truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals. . . . Let our literature give the Message as a witness to all the world. . . . Our publications should go everywhere. . . . The Third Angel's Message is to be given through this medium and through the living teacher."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, pp. 61, 62.

We have many instances of where God has blessed the printed page in bringing many people to the knowledge of the Truth. I was quite interested in hearing a missionary from Mexico recently state that companies were being raised up and churches organized, some with as

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many as sixty members, just as a result of the colporteur work. I could cite several instances here in the home state, where during the last two or three years, people have come into the Truth. Whole communities have been stirred and are seeking for more light, just because a colporteur had visited them with the Spirit-filled literature.

God is calling today for those who will give their lives to this noble work of scattering the printed page. Again I quote: "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 canvasser, many would never hear the warning. . . . The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the Truth as attends the work of the minister. . . . Educate, educate, educate young men and women to sell the books which the Lord by His Holy Spirit has stirred His servants to write." —"Testimonies," Vol. VI, pp. 313, 316, 330.

It has been well demonstrated in the past that those who consecrate themselves to God and take up the colporteur work have proven beyond all question of doubt that what the Lord has told us regarding this work is true. Men have come from nearly every walk of life, and as they have taken up the work, God has blessed them, not only in a spiritual way but also in a financial way. There is abundant opportunity in this great Southland for men and women to take up resident colporteur work and canvass over and over again the same territory with different books. I have observed this: that where this is done and the people become acquainted with the colporteur, they open their hearts to him in a way they would not if it were his first visit. The call of the Lord is sounding: "A great and important work is before us. The enemy of souls realizes this, and he is using every means in his power to lead the canvasser to take up some other line of work. This order of things should be changed. God calls the canvassers back to their work. . . . God has His workman in every age. The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man. . . . When the call comes, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' send back the answer clear and distinct, 'Here am I; send me.'" —"Testimonies," Vol. VI, pp. 332, 333.

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Every believer is called upon to do his part.

CALL OF GOD TO A LIFE WORK

"Look upon the fields." John 4:35.

When God requests His people to look He has something striking and interesting to show them.

When He asked Abraham to lift up his eyes and look from where he was (to take his eyes and heart off the things of this world), He directed his attention to the eternal world and the home of the saved. There Abraham's conception of his life duties, and the relation of the work of God to the affairs of this life, and world, were forever fixed. He saw his work in the light of that better country and gave himself to God and to His cause for life. No obstacle was so high that it obscured his vision of that heavenly land. In God's presence and service he found his chief joy.

Shall we not swing around into Abraham's position, and look away from where we are and get a glimpse of the same blessed land, only much nearer at hand? Shall we not see our work in the light of the soon-coming of Christ, and so work and pray? The task is not ours, but God's, and there are no Alps with Him. Our eyes are upon Him.

May our dear fellow-laborers in the Publishing Department take courage and push on in the circulation of the best literature in the world. When the bugle sounds the final note, "It is done," shall we not all be out on the soul-winning line. "Underneath are the ever-lasting arms; Lo, I am with you always." Resting our faith upon these beautiful promises, let us resolve to give to God our service for life.

C. B. STEPHENSON.

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