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## PUBLISHING EVANGELISM in WEST AFRICA

By G. D. KING

Secretary, Publishing Dept. Northern European Division

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Publishing Secretary, East Nigerian Mission

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"I bought one of those from your white man", smilingly remarked a man in Lagos who is known as "Prophet King" of the Church of the Lord, as I began a canvass on THESE DAYS OF DESTINY. Then I showed him STEPS TO CHRIST. He ordered twelve copies for presenting to his church.

On delivery day I found him out, but in the evening he came to my house to get the books. Before his departure he arranged for another visit at his place—he wanted to know whether it is right for Christians to receive medical treatments—which resulted in an order for MODERN MEDICAL COUNSELOR

Again, I found him out on delivery day. This time, he was away on a seven day fasting appointment. I left a note. True to form, "The Prophet" came for his book—at midnight!

Perhaps, the members of the Lagos church stared in wonderment at me embracing a stranger in the Lord's House not long ago. The "stranger" had recognized me as the one who sold him THESE DAYS OF DESTINY way back in 1952. Since then his interest had deepened, he had taken the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course, and here he was in church. How could I resist the urge to embrace a converted soul on his way into God's true church? Pastor Adeoye is now assisting him in making arrangements with the Marine Department for Sabbath privileges.

Please pray that some day I shall embrace many more of the customers who have bought the £800 worth of books God has enabled me to place in Lagos.



R. D. Mawutor, Publishing Secretary for the Gold Coast Mission (left), meets colporteur Ampofo's best customer, a headmaster near Hohoe, Togoland, who purchased £40 worth of literature. Brother Ampofo (centre) was our champion West African colporteur in 1954. His delivery: £1,130.

## Hungry Men

By R. D. Mawutor

Publishing Secretary, Gold Coast

What our country needs in these closing days of earth's history is our truth-filled literature. Many are hungry for it. We are made conscious of this fact by our experiences in the field. There are "hungry men" all about us. True, many do not realize what they hunger for, but when they find and read our truth-laden books, their soul hunger is satisfied. Yes, the Gold Coast is full of spiritually hungry men. But who shall feed them.

Jesus said, "lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35. Those engaged in literature evangelism know this statement to be true. And they are also aware of the need for more labourers, and are praying, as Jesus told us to do, that more men will enter the harvest fields before it is too late.

Perhaps, a few colporteur experiences will illustrate my point.

Colporteur H. G. Arthur sold a GOD'S ANSWERS set of three books and one THESE

Using one of the blue priority enrolment cards provided for colporteurs by Pastor Roger Coon, V. O. P. Bible School Principal, John Daitey (left) starts another customer on the "highway to Bible Study" the Voice of Prophecy Way.





When colporteur Ladipo Joseph (in white coat) located in Oshogbo, West Nigeria, last December, he found no church there. Now he happily conducts a growing branch Sabbath school. Several other colporteurs have organized branch Sabbath schools in their isolated stations. We appreciate the "extramile" missionary work of our literature evangelists.

**DAYS OF DESTINY** to a preventive police constable in the Techiman area. When he met the man recently, the policeman ordered another **DAYS OF DESTINY** because "my senior officer has taken the first copy I bought. He loves good books like that one." After meeting the senior officer, Arthur was highly recommended to the other policemen, many of whom placed orders. "They acted as if they were going to swallow the books", Brother Arthur told me.

Our champion colporteur for 1955, I. K. Ampofo, sold many large books, including **THE DESIRE OF AGES**, **DANIEL AND REVELATION**, and **MODERN MEDICAL COUNSELOR**, to a customer who at first regarded Ampofo as only a book seller. Having read some of the books, the man later remarked to the colporteur, "I have now realized the true worth of your work. I used to look upon you with pity, for I regarded book-selling as a profitless profession for a capable young man like you. But now I can see that you are engaged in the greatest of all professions. You are working for the spiritual and physical emancipation of human beings. You have my greatest respect and affection."

While riding on the train, Colporteur Dankwah spotted a man who had ordered **THE GREAT CONTROVERSY** but whom he had been unable to locate on delivery day. The man was as happy to contact the bookman, and quickly paid for the book. Encouraged, Dankwah started showing "West African Tidings" to the passengers. One lady called,

give me one. I can't read, but I can see that that paper will help my children to grow up to be God-fearing men and women."

Yes, it is evident that there are hungry men and women in our midst. Oh, if only we had more consecrated literature evangelists to carry to them the Bread of Life. The Lord does not wait for men to become unemployed before He calls them to the colporteur work. He calls them from the plough, the factory, the office, the shop, and even from the pulpit and desk. Has He called you? If He has, I shall be happy to train you to feed the hungry men of the Gold Coast with "life sustaining food" as found in our literature.

## Publishing Evangelism in West Africa

(Continued from page 1.)

It is now a historical fact that this vision has been miraculously fulfilled and that our publishing work is indeed spreading out into all the world "like streams of light". With about fifty publishing houses printing the message in something like two hundred languages, the printed page is reaching out into almost every country under the sun. Wonderful results have been achieved and thousands have been led to a knowledge of the Truth through this God-given ministry.

This is also a fulfilment of the prophetic word outlining the accomplishments to be expected from our publishing programme.

"The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelising ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 61.

In West Africa the establishment and development of our publishing work has already made a great contribution in the strengthening and up-building of God's work in this important and interesting field. We can indeed be thankful for the splendid **ADVENT PRESS** and growing work which this institution is fostering. A great forward move in literature evangelism was made with the launching of the splendid periodical "West African Tidings."

Now is the time for every believer to take hold of this wonderful opportunity of spreading the Advent Message through the printed page. If every church will accept a definite responsibility of placing this periodical in the homes of the people, we shall see in West Africa a great forward move in publishing evangelism.

May God richly bless every church and every member as you go forward in this witnessing work through the printed page.

## Wonders in the Field

By D. L. Chappell

Publishing Secretary, West African Union

Seeing the chapter heading "Alcohol and Tobacco" in our health book, a policeman told colporteur Dankwah to stop. He took the book, and laid his pen down, and put his finger in his mouth. There was silence for ten minutes while the men read. "Come Corporal", the policeman called, looking up finally from the book. "You are writing a charge against some one, aren't you? Stop. Come and see the charge that this bookman has made against us for killing ourselves with these two great poisons. We have been arrested by Mr. Dankwah, the true policeman of God." Both men paid cash for books and each promised never to use alcohol or tobacco again.

Brother Nwabilor, one of the new colporteurs in East Nigeria, was pleasantly surprised to hear a lady customer say at the conclusion of his canvass, "Your voice is sweeter than song". She was delighted with GOD'S ANSWERS and placed an order.

Although a worker at the Advent Press, Brother D'Alphoncio still finds time to do personal missionary work the colporteur way. Recently he canvassed a minister at a mission station. The preacher was definitely prejudiced and refused to order the book. Seeing some of the teachers playing tennis, he asked permission to canvass them. The minister said that they were not interested in religious books; they were only teaching for the mission for the money. Ignoring the attitude of the minister, D'alphoncio visited the teachers any way and found one of them deeply interested in THESE DAYS OF DESTINY. Later, the teacher praised the book in these words: "Your book is really inspiring and educative." By the way, the minister has been dismissed.

Perhaps, all colporteurs are tempted to pass by certain prospects. Colporteur Agyemang learned that it pays to see every one. He had neglected to call at a rubber plantation. Finally he did—on his return from a dis-

couraging delivery trip—and look several orders in that office, the chief clerk buying three books! "This experience taught me that God has truth-seeking people everywhere and that, He expects me to reach every one in my territory," Brother Agyemang concluded.

Our colporteurs often meet former Adventists and, of course, try to win them back to the church. Colporteur Onumadu in Benin found Mr. Israel Awaya, a former teacher for the Mission, working in the office of a transport company. Through visits and selling him books, Onumadu succeeded in arranging for Brother Awaya to keep Sabbath. He is now preparing to be baptized.

An illiterate woman heard colporteur Joseph giving a canvass for GOD'S ANSWERS. Before he had finished, she called out, "I have found the book which is to lead my children and me to eternal life." She obtained the book and when the colporteur visited her. She was having the older child read to her. The family is keeping the Sabbath.

"Remember me?" asked a man of colporteur Arthur when they met in church. While Arthur was trying to recall the stranger's face, the man continued, "You have saved my life. Just over a year ago, I bought a Bible containing Brother Richard's help from you. Through reading those studies I learned the truth. Today I am a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I thank you very much." Arthur and his convert rejoiced greatly that day.

A young man purchased *Manual of Bible Doctrines* from Brother Arthur. His uncle



Representing "The men behind the scenes" in our Publishing Department, Gold Coast Mission's Book and Bible House Manager, C. Boye-Doe, brings his account book up-to-date. We value highly the important work that he and Brother Nwabia in East Nigeria are doing to keep the men in the field supplied with gospel ammunition. Other office men play a part in our literature ministry, too.

studied the book and united with the church. The young man is still trying to arrange for Sabbath privileges with the Sanitary Department so that he can be baptised.

"Did you attend church yesterday?" Colporteur Dankwah had a man ask his friend while they were waiting to catch a lorry. "No, I didn't" replied the second man. "Well you missed a great sermon. The pastor brought in a paper called "West African Tidings". His whole sermon was taken from it, and I tell you, it was the best sermon he ever preached." The sermon was about gambling. Both men gladly bought copies of the journal as well as ordering books when they learned that Dankwah was the agent for "West African Tidings".

Brother A. C. Solomon, our champion magazine colporteur has had numerous inspiring experiences while selling "West African Tidings" in Accra. He has sold over 3,000 copies of this message-filled magazine!

While there is no end to the "wonders in the field of literature evangelism" there is a limit to the space allowed for this article, therefore we must stop here, but not before inviting you to join the colporteur ministry so that you too, may experience some of these "wonders" of soul saving service.



D. L. Chappell, West African Union Publishing Secretary, smiles his deep appreciation for the earnest efforts put forth by our Nigerian Training College student colporteurs. With a delivery of £96 in just two months, Brother Felix Chime topped the student colporteur list for 1955. The grand delivery for three vacation periods amounted to £1,014. We are told that experience in the literature ministry is invaluable training for young men who are to work for God.

## What God Hath Wrought!

It is most inspiring to note the marked way in which God has blessed the literature ministry in West Africa. We would like to share that inspiration with you by giving a summary of the deliveries for the past few years.

1950	4,222	17	6
1951	7,279	4	2
1952	12,923	7	5
1953	12,479	0	5
1954	16,542	16	3
1955 (six months)	8,383	0	6
Total for period	61,830	6	3

This grand total is divided among our seven missions as follows:

East Nigeria	13,403	10	7
Gold Coast	42,251	6	10
Ivory Coast	2,848	1	3
Liberia	495	2	10
North Nigeria			None
(Some of East Nigeria colporteurs work in North Nigeria territory)			
Sierra Leone	478	11	9
West Nigeria	2,353	13	0

The three colporteurs in West Nigeria and the four men in the Ivory Coast have done exceedingly well, considering that they have

had no local publishing secretary to assist them. The high sales reported in the Ivory Coast have been made during the past two years, while those in West Nigeria were made over a four year period.

Above we have shown "What God hath wrought" for the publishing work in West Africa as a department. We would like to close by mentioning what He has accomplished through some of our individual colporteur evangelists. Here is a list of our two dozen experts for 1955 and the amount of their delivery:

I. K. Ampofo £1,130; B. A. Twum-Antwi £811; J. K. Dankwah £698; J. A. Quarten £673; C. A. Clerk £672; Vincent Glover £576; E. L. Brown £523; John Daitey £522; Jacob Gbessen £502; Paul Emelogu £457; Danso Agyei £456; George Vaysse £380; Hope Oriaku £375; S. O. Onuiri £361; George Assagou £358; Samuel Offori £352; T. M. Ochingwa £346; David Odai £342; N. E. Owuala £309; W. O. Duko-Boateng £300; John Zakka £290; Dabla Mensah £282; E. K. Baffour £282; and Ladipo Joseph £271.

We thank God for such men and for the noble work they are doing under His special guidance and blessing. Truly, God hath

wonderfully wrought in behalf of the literature ministry in West Africa, and we joyfully praise His name.

D. L. Chappell.

## Tithing—Key to Colporteurs Success

By I. A. Mwachuku  
Kano Colporteur

Tithing is one of the keys of true success in literature evangelism. I know by experience. It unlocks the hearts of men and points out the right way to successful dealings both with God and men. It inspires the heart to do the right and shun the wrong. Faithfulness in tithing makes one wax strong in spirit and flesh to obey the Lord in other matters, bringing in its trail unmeasured blessings.

When I began canvassing in 1954, I was put to test on this point. I felt that with my meager income as a beginner, tithing was too big a burden. Using the money in a way to bring improvements, as I thought, I still faced disappointment after disappointment. One day, the statement in Malachi 3 about robbing God came forcefully to my mind. That night I shut my doors and windows and poured out my heart and its need to Christ. There I realized that I had failed to use one of the main keys of success—faithfulness in tithing.

Since that memorable night, I have experienced the deep satisfaction that comes to a faithful tither—even if he is a colporteur with an uncertain monthly income. Today I am highly pleased with my God and I am

working under favourable relationship with my customers, thanks to my discovery of the tithing key to success.

## Colporteur Report

JANUARY — JUNE, 1955

Colporteurs	Hours	Deliveries
<b>East Nigerian Mission: S. A. Ihemeje, P.D.S.</b>		£178 8 6
Achor, M. N. Y.	1,180	85 2 6
Agomo, M. W.	763	239 3 0
Akwalaka, I. O.	780	291 7 0
Emelogu, P. O.	785	142 18 0
Etufugh, R. N.	623	194 16 6
Nwachuku, I. A.	747	93 10 0
Njoku, C. U.	683	373 16 9
Ochingwa, T. M.	1,137	144 5 0
Onumadu, E. A.	704	283 11 0
Onuir, S. O.	916	248 17 3
Owualu, N. E.	950	273 1 6
Ubani, A. A.	898	455 5 2
Miscellaneous	2,773	3,004 1 8
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,939</b>	

<b>Gold Coast Mission: R. D. Mawutor, P.D.S.</b>		
Agyemang, E. T.	1,229	303 9 0
Ampofo, I. K.	607	551 15 7
Bonsu, G. Q.	693	90 11 3
Clerk, C. A.	964	292 0 6
Daitey, J. A.	1,001	280 6 3
Dankwah, J. K.	795	197 9 3
Mensah, W. G.	810	99 17 9
Quarten, J. A.	848	202 4 6
Miscellaneous	5,324	1,663 10 3
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,271</b>	<b>3,681 4 4</b>

<b>Ivory Coast Mission: G. M. Ellstrom, P.D.S.</b>		
Amadou, Ba	92	41 1 2
Assagou, Georges	322	107 3 10
Gbessin, Jacob	554	226 12 9
Vaysse, Georges	388	310 9 1
Zakka, Jean	571	248 8 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>933 15 0</b>

<b>Liberian Mission. C. D. Henri, P.D.S.</b>		
Miscellaneous	118	153 16 9

<b>West Nigerian Mission: S. Gustavsson, P.D.S.</b>		
Joseph, Ladipo	921	153 16 6
Oriaku, Hope	905	238 2 0
Oshundele, E. O.	819	48 12 0
Miscellaneous	1,145	169 12 3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,790</b>	<b>610 2 9</b>

Union Total end of June, 1955:	31,045	£8,383 0 6
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Only those who worked 100 hours or more are listed by name.

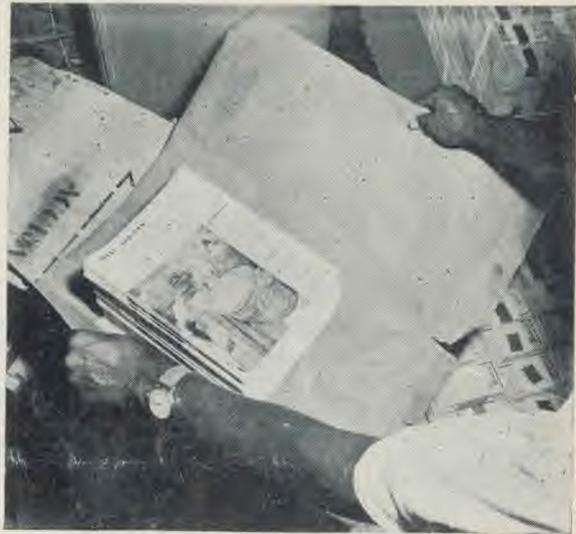
D. L. Chappell, Publishing Secretary for West African Union, carefully balances himself on a bicycle taxi in Nigeria during his visit with the colporteurs there in May. Travelling by plane, train, car, African transport lorry, ferry, bicycle, and foot he covered nearly 2,000 miles on his five-week trek from Accra.



### The Call

I heard His call in the morning,  
 On the quiet restful tide;  
 Of heathen souls abeckoning  
 From across great waters wide.  
 Just to still the raging tempest  
 In some other troubled breast,  
 Ere I returned that evening  
 To God's quietude of rest.

Why should I elect to tarry  
 In a life of tranquil ease,  
 When footprints on the sands of time  
 Settle man's eternities?  
 The shades of night were deepening  
 From the twilight's afterglow,  
 When I heard myself repeating;  
 "Yes, my Lord, I'll go, I'll go."  
 —Harry Silbaugh



A new issue of "West African Tidings", published by the Advent Press, Accra, Gold Coast, being shipped to the fields.

## God's Call to You

Have you heard God's call to service in the morning? What has been your answer in the evening's twilight? According to His promise, He will continue to call men to the literature ministry until the close of probationary time. Has He called you yet? STOP, BE STILL, AND LISTEN FOR THAT STILL SMALL VOICE. You may be pleasantly surprised to hear it say "Go ye into the vineyard and work, and whatsoever is right, I will pay you." what will your response be? May God grant you courage to answer as did Mr. Silbaugh: "Yes, my Lord, I'll go, I'll go." DECIDE TODAY TO SHARE YOUR FAITH THE COLPORTEUR WAY.

For further information about the colporteur ministry, please write to or contact in person the publishing department secretary or president of your mission.

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## The Call to Discipleship

By John Daitey  
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Some two thousand years ago, our Lord prophesied "this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness, and then shall the end come." The Problem, today as it was then, is who will He use to fulfil this remarkable prediction? He started His gospel truth going to the world by ordaining twelve disciples—Men who were willing to GO. He will complete the task with the same type of men. Are you one of them? Are you willing to Go to your neighbours with the glad tidings of salvation as presented in our evangelistic literature?

I am thrilled when I realize that I am a disciple of Christ—one of the men who GO daily to the people with the printed page. Jesus called me to the colporteur discipleship, in 1953, and I am happy to report that He has used me to call two other men to the same fellowship. They are colporteurs E. T. Agyemang and J. Ohimeng.

The colporteur fellowship is not a closed fellowship; you, too, may share its manifold blessings. Be a disciple the literature way.

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Lagos Colporteur

"I bought one of those from your white man", smilingly remarked a man in Lagos who is known as "Prophet King" of the Church of the Lord, as I began a canvass on THESE DAYS OF DESTINY. Then I showed him STEPS TO CHRIST. He ordered twelve copies for presenting to his church.

On delivery day I found him out, but in the evening he came to my house to get the books. Before his departure he arranged for another visit at his place—he wanted to know whether it is right for Christians to receive medical treatments—which resulted in an order for MODERN MEDICAL COUNSELOR.

Again, I found him out on delivery day. This time, he was away on a seven day fasting appointment. I left a note. True to form, "The Prophet" came for his book—at midnight!

Perhaps, the members of the Lagos church stared in wonderment at me embracing a stranger in the Lord's House not long ago. The "stranger" had recognized me as the one who sold him THESE DAYS OF DESTINY way back in 1952. Since then his interest had deepened, he had taken the Voice of Prophecy Bible Course, and here he was in church. How could I resist the urge to embrace a converted soul on his way into God's true church? Pastor Adeoye is now assisting him in making arrangements with the Marine Department for Sabbath privileges.

Please pray that some day I shall embrace many more of the customers who have bought the £800 worth of books God has enabled me to place in Lagos.



R. D. Mawutor, Publishing Secretary for the Gold Coast Mission (left), meets colporteur Ampofo's best customer, a headmaster near Hohoe, Togoland, who purchased £40 worth of literature. Brother Ampofo (centre) was our champion West African colporteur in 1954. His delivery: £1,130.

## Hungry Men

By R. D. Mawutor

Publishing Secretary, Gold Coast

What our country needs in these closing days of earth's history is our truth-filled literature. Many are hungry for it. We are made conscious of this fact by our experiences in the field. There are "hungry men" all about us. True, many do not realize what they hunger for, but when they find and read our truth-laden books, their soul hunger is satisfied. Yes, the Gold Coast is full of spiritually hungry men. But who shall feed them.

Jesus said, "lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35. Those engaged in literature evangelism know this statement to be true. And they are also aware of the need for more labourers, and are praying, as Jesus told us to do, that more men will enter the harvest fields before it is too late.

Perhaps, a few colporteur experiences will illustrate my point.

Colporteur H. G. Arthur sold a GOD'S ANSWERS set of three books and one THESE

Using one of the blue priority enrolment cards provided for colporteurs by Pastor Roger Coon, V. O. P. Bible School Principal, John Daitey (left) starts another customer on the "highway to Bible Study" the Voice of Prophecy Way.





When colporteur Ladipo Joseph (in white coat) located in Oshogbo, West Nigeria, last December, he found no church there. Now he happily conducts a growing branch Sabbath school. Several other colporteurs have organized branch Sabbath schools in their isolated stations. We appreciate the "extra-mile" missionary work of our literature evangelists.

DAYS OF DESTINY to a preventive police constable in the Techiman area. When he met the man recently, the policeman ordered another DAYS OF DESTINY because "my senior officer has taken the first copy I bought. He loves good books like that one." After meeting the senior officer, Arthur was highly recommended to the other policemen, many of whom placed orders. "They acted as if they were going to swallow the books", Brother Arthur told me.

Our champion colporteur for 1955, I. K. Ampofo, sold many large books, including THE DESIRE OF AGES, DANIEL AND REVELATION, and MODERN MEDICAL COUNSELOR, to a customer who at first regarded Ampofo as only a book seller. Having read some of the books, the man later remarked to the colporteur, "I have now realized the true worth of your work. I used to look upon you with pity, for I regarded book-selling as a profitless profession for a capable young man like you. But now I can see that you are engaged in the greatest of all professions. You are working for the spiritual and physical emancipation of human beings. You have my greatest respect and affection."

While riding on the train, Colporteur Dankwah spotted a man who had ordered THE GREAT CONTROVERSY but whom he had been unable to locate on delivery day. The man was as happy to contact the bookman, and quickly paid for the book. Encouraged, Dankwah started showing "West African Tidings" to the passengers. One lady called,

give me one. I can't read, but I can see that that paper will help my children to grow up to be God-fearing men and women."

Yes, it is evident that there are hungry men and women in our midst. Oh, if only we had more consecrated literature evangelists to carry to them the Bread of Life. The Lord does not wait for men to become unemployed before He calls them to the colporteur work. He calls them from the plough, the factory, the office, the shop, and even from the pulpit and desk. Has He called you? If He has, I shall be happy to train you to feed the hungry men of the Gold Coast with "life sustaining food" as found in our literature.

## Publishing Evangelism in West Africa

(Continued from page 1.)

It is now a historical fact that this vision has been miraculously fulfilled and that our publishing work is indeed spreading out into all the world "like streams of light". With about fifty publishing houses printing the message in something like two hundred languages, the printed page is reaching out into almost every country under the sun. Wonderful results have been achieved and thousands have been led to a knowledge of the Truth through this God-given ministry.

This is also a fulfilment of the prophetic word outlining the accomplishments to be expected from our publishing programme.

"The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelising ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 61.

In West Africa the establishment and development of our publishing work has already made a great contribution in the strengthening and up-building of God's work in this important and interesting field. We can indeed be thankful for the splendid ADVENT PRESS and growing work which this institution is fostering. A great forward move in literature evangelism was made with the launching of the splendid periodical "West African Tidings."

Now is the time for every believer to take hold of this wonderful opportunity of spreading the Advent Message through the printed page. If every church will accept a definite responsibility of placing this periodical in the homes of the people, we shall see in West Africa a great forward move in publishing evangelism.

May God richly bless every church and every member as you go forward in this witnessing work through the printed page.

## Wonders in the Field

By D. L. Chappell

Publishing Secretary, West African Union

Seeing the chapter heading "Alcohol and Tobacco" in our health book, a policeman told colporteur Dankwah to stop. He took the book, and laid his pen down, and put his finger in his mouth. There was silence for ten minutes while the men read. "Come Corporal", the policeman called, looking up finally from the book. "You are writing a charge against some one, aren't you? Stop. Come and see the charge that this bookman has made against us for killing ourselves with these two great poisons. We have been arrested by Mr. Dankwah, the true policeman of God." Both men paid cash for books and each promised never to use alcohol or tobacco again.

Brother Nwabilor, one of the new colporteurs in East Nigeria, was pleasantly surprised to hear a lady customer say at the conclusion of his canvass, "Your voice is sweeter than song". She was delighted with GOD'S ANSWERS and placed an order.

Although a worker at the Advent Press, Brother D'Alphoncio still finds time to do personal missionary work the colporteur way. Recently he canvassed a minister at a mission station. The preacher was definitely prejudiced and refused to order the book. Seeing some of the teachers playing tennis, he asked permission to canvass them. The minister said that they were not interested in religious books; they were only teaching for the mission for the money. Ignoring the attitude of the minister, D'alphoncio visited the teachers any way and found one of them deeply interested in THESE DAYS OF DESTINY. Later, the teacher praised the book in these words: "Your book is really inspiring and educative." By the way, the minister has been dismissed.

Perhaps, all colporteurs are tempted to pass by certain prospects. Colporteur Agyemang learned that it pays to see every one. He had neglected to call at a rubber plantation. Finally he did—on his return from a dis-

couraging delivery trip—and took several orders in that office, the chief clerk buying three books! "This experience taught me that God has truth-seeking people everywhere and that, He expects me to reach every one in my territory," Brother Agyemang concluded.

Our colporteurs often meet former Adventists and, of course, try to win them back to the church. Colporteur Onumadu in Benin found Mr. Israel Awaya, a former teacher for the Mission, working in the office of a transport company. Through visits and selling him books, Onumadu succeeded in arranging for Brother Awaya to keep Sabbath. He is now preparing to be baptized.

An illiterate woman heard colporteur Joseph giving a canvass for GOD'S ANSWERS. Before he had finished, she called out, "I have found the book which is to lead my children and me to eternal life." She obtained the book and when the colporteur visited her. She was having the older child read to her. The family is keeping the Sabbath.

"Remember me?" asked a man of colporteur Arthur when they met in church. While Arthur was trying to recall the stranger's face, the man continued, "You have saved my life. Just over a year ago, I bought a Bible containing Brother Richard's help from you. Through reading those studies I learned the truth. Today I am a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. I thank you very much." Arthur and his convert rejoiced greatly that day.

A young man purchased *Manual of Bible Doctrines* from Brother Arthur. His uncle




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Representing "The men behind the scenes" in our Publishing Department, Gold Coast Mission's Book and Bible House Manager, C. Boye-Doe, brings his account book up-to-date. We value highly the important work that he and Brother Nwabia in East Nigeria are doing to keep the men in the field supplied with gospel ammunition. Other office men play a part in our literature ministry, too.

studied the book and united with the church. The young man is still trying to arrange for Sabbath privileges with the Sanitary Department so that he can be baptised.

"Did you attend church yesterday?" Colporteur Dankwah hard a man ask his friend while they were waiting to catch a lorry. "No, I didn't" replied the second man. "Well you missed a great sermon. The pastor brought in a paper called "West African Tidings". His whole sermon was taken from it, and I tell you, it was the best sermon he ever preached." The sermon was about gambling. Both men gladly bought copies of the journal as well as ordering books when they learned that Dankwah was the agent for "West African Tidings".

Brother A. C. Solomon, our champion magazine colporteur has had numerous inspiring experiences while selling "West African Tidings" in Accra. He has sold over 3,000 copies of this message-filled magazine!

While there is no end to the "wonders in the field of literature evangelism" there is a limit to the space allowed for this article, therefore we must stop here, but not before inviting you to join the colporteur ministry so that you too, may experience some of these "wonders" of soul saving service.

## What God Hath Wrought!

It is most inspiring to note the marked way in which God has blessed the literature ministry in West Africa. We would like to share that inspiration with you by giving a summary of the deliveries for the past few years.

1950	4,222	17	6
1951	7,279	4	2
1952	12,923	7	5
1953	12,479	0	5
1954	16,542	16	3
1955 (six months)	8,383	0	6
Total for period	61,830	6	3

This grand total is divided among our seven missions as follows:

East Nigeria	13,403	10	7
Gold Coast	42,251	6	10
Ivory Coast	2,848	1	3
Liberia	495	2	10
North Nigeria			None
(Some of East Nigeria colporteurs work in North Nigeria territory)			
Sierra Leone	478	11	9
West Nigeria	2,353	13	0

The three colporteurs in West Nigeria and the four men in the Ivory Coast have done exceedingly well, considering that they have



D. L. Chappell, West African Union Publishing Secretary, smiles his deep appreciation for the earnest efforts put forth by our Nigerian Training College student colporteurs. With a delivery of £96 in just two months, Brother Felix Chime topped the student colporteur list for 1955. The grand delivery for three vacation periods amounted to £1,014. We are told that experience in the literature ministry is invaluable training for young men who are to work for God.

had no local publishing secretary to assist them. The high sales reported in the Ivory Coast have been made during the past two years, while those in West Nigeria were made over a four year period.

Above we have shown "What God hath wrought" for the publishing work in West Africa as a department. We would like to close by mentioning what He has accomplished through some of our individual colporteur evangelists. Here is a list of our two dozen experts for 1955 and the amount of their delivery:

I. K. Ampofo £1,130; B. A. Twum-Antwi £811; J. K. Dankwah £698; J. A. Quarten £673; C. A. Clerk £672; Vincent Glover £576; E. L. Brown £523; John Daitey £522; Jacob Gbessen £502; Paul Emelogu £457; Danso Agyei £456; George Vaysse £380; Hope Oriaku £375; S. O. Onuiri £361; George Assagou £358; Samuel Offori £352; T. M. Ochingwa £346; David Odai £342; N. E. Owuala £309; W. O. Duko-Boateng £300; John Zakka £290; Dabla Mensah £282; E. K. Baffour £282; and Ladipo Joseph £271.

We thank God for such men and for the noble work they are doing under His special guidance and blessing. Truly, God hath

wonderfully wrought in behalf of the literature ministry in West Africa, and we joyfully praise His name.

D. L. Chappell.

## Tithing—Key to Colporteurs Success

By I. A. Mwachuku  
Kano Colporteur

Tithing is one of the keys of true success in literature evangelism. I know by experience. It unlocks the hearts of men and points out the right way to successful dealings both with God and men. It inspires the heart to do the right and shun the wrong. Faithfulness in tithing makes one wax strong in spirit and flesh to obey the Lord in other matters, bringing in its trail unmeasured blessings.

When I began canvassing in 1954, I was put to test on this point. I felt that with my meager income as a beginner, tithing was too big a burden. Using the money in a way to bring improvements, as I thought, I still faced disappointment after disappointment. One day, the statement in Malachi 3 about robbing God came forcefully to my mind. That night I shut my doors and windows and poured out my heart and its need to Christ. There I realized that I had failed to use one of the main keys of success—faithfulness in tithing.

Since that memorable night, I have experienced the deep satisfaction that comes to a faithful tither—even if he is a colporteur with an uncertain monthly income. Today I am highly pleased with my God and I am

working under favourable relationship with my customers, thanks to my discovery of the tithing key to success.

## Colporteur Report

JANUARY — JUNE, 1955

Colporteurs	Hours	Deliveries
<b>Easi Nigerian Mission: S. A. IHEMEJE, P.D.S.</b>		
Achor, M. N. Y.	1,180	£178 8 6
Agomo, M. W.	763	85 2 6
Akwalaka, I. O.	780	239 3 0
Emelogu, P. O.	785	291 7 0
Etufugh, R. N.	623	142 18 0
Nwachuku, I. A.	747	194 16 6
Njoku, C. U.	683	93 10 0
Ochingwa, T. M.	1,137	373 16 9
Onumadu, E. A.	704	144 5 0
Onuiri, S. O.	916	283 11 0
Owualu, N. E.	950	248 17 3
Ubani, A. A.	898	273 1 6
Miscellaneous	2,773	455 5 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,939</b>	<b>3,004 1 8</b>

<b>Gold Coast Mission: R. D. MAWUTOR, P.D.S.</b>		
Agyemang, E. T.	1,229	303 9 0
Ampofo, I. K.	607	551 15 7
Bonsu, G. Q.	693	90 11 3
Clerk, C. A.	964	292 0 6
Daitey, J. A.	1,001	280 6 3
Dankwah, J. K.	795	197 9 3
Mensah, W. G.	810	99 17 9
Quarten, J. A.	848	202 4 6
Miscellaneous	5,324	1,663 10 3
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,271</b>	<b>3,681 4 4</b>

<b>Ivory Coast Mission: G. M. ELLSTROM, P.D.S.</b>		
Amadou, Ba	92	41 1 2
Assagou, Georges	322	107 3 10
Gbessin, Jacob	554	226 12 9
Vaysse, Georges	388	310 9 1
Zakka, Jean	571	248 8 2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>933 15 0</b>

<b>Liberian Mission: C. D. HENRI, P.D.S.</b>		
Miscellaneous	118	153 16 9

<b>West Nigerian Mission: S. GUSTAVSSON, P.D.S.</b>		
Joseph, Ladipo	921	153 16 6
Oriaku, Hope	905	238 2 0
Oshundele, E. O.	819	48 12 0
Miscellaneous	1,145	169 12 3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,790</b>	<b>610 2 9</b>

Union Total end of June, 1955:	31,045	£8,383 0 6
Union Total end of June, 1954:	25,546	7,262 1 10
Increase thus far in 1955:	5,499	£1,120 18 8

Only those who worked 100 hours or more are listed by name.

D. L. Chappell, Publishing Secretary for West African Union, carefully balances himself on a bicycle taxi in Nigeria during his visit with the colporteurs there in May. Travelling by plane, train, car, African transport lorry, ferry, bicycle, and foot he covered nearly 2,000 miles on his five-week trek from Accra.



## The Call

I heard His call in the morning,  
 On the quiet restful tide;  
 Of heathen souls abeckoning  
 From across great waters wide.  
 Just to still the raging tempest  
 In some other troubled breast,  
 Ere I returned that evening  
 To God's quietude of rest.

Why should I elect to tarry  
 In a life of tranquil ease,  
 When footprints on the sands of time  
 Settle man's eternities?  
 The shades of night were deepening  
 From the twilight's afterglow,  
 When I heard myself repeating;  
 "Yes, my Lord, I'll go, I'll go."  
 —Harry Silbaugh



A new issue of "West African Tidings", published by the Advent Press, Accra, Gold Coast, being shipped to the fields.

## God's Call to You

Have you heard God's call to service in the morning? What has been your answer in the evening's twilight? According to His promise, He will continue to call men to the literature ministry until the close of probationary time. Has He called you yet? STOP, BE STILL, AND LISTEN FOR THAT STILL SMALL VOICE. You may be pleasantly surprised to hear it say "Go ye into the vineyard and work, and whatsoever is right, I will pay you." what will your response be? May God grant you courage to answer as did Mr. Silbaugh: "Yes, my Lord, I'll go, I'll go." DECIDE TODAY TO SHARE YOUR FAITH THE COLPORTEUR WAY.

For further information about the colporteur ministry, please write to or contact in person the publishing department secretary or president of your mission.

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## The Call to Discipleship

By John Daitey  
 Gold Coast Colporteur

Some two thousand years ago, our Lord prophesied "this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness, and then shall the end come." The Problem, today as it was then, is who will He use to fulfil this remarkable prediction? He started His gospel truth going to the world by ordaining twelve disciples—Men who were willing to GO. He will complete the task with the same type of men. Are you one of them? Are you willing to Go to your neighbours with the glad tidings of salvation as presented in our evangelistic literature?

I am thrilled when I realize that I am a disciple of Christ—one of the men who GO daily to the people with the printed page. Jesus called me to the colporteur discipleship in 1953, and I am happy to report that He has used me to call two other men to the same fellowship. They are colporteurs E. T. Agyemang and J. Ohimeng.

The colporteur fellowship is not a closed fellowship; you, too, may share its manifold blessings. Be a disciple the literature way.