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## The High Calling of Colporteur Evangelism

**N**O WORKER in the cause of God is engaged in a more promising field of Gospel endeavour than the colporteur.

The enduring service of those who in years gone by carried our literature to the homes of the people lives on today in the lives of many of the most capable and outstanding leaders of this movement, as well as in a countless number of substantial and devoted members in our churches. Elder J. L. McElhany, president of the General Conference; Elder C. H. Watson, past president of the General Conference; Elder E. F. Hackman, president of the Inter-American Division Conference, to mention only a few, are examples of the many outstanding administrators who owe their connection with this cause to the house to house evangelism of the colporteur.

The future of our colporteur work will not be unworthy of the past. There will be men and women who love the Lord constantly enlisting and consecrating themselves to the service of God in the field of large abilities to the faith as were those literature evangelism. And they will be as effectual in winning men and women of who have preceded them. Thousands of members will unite with our churches as the result of their labours. This is true because colporteur evangelism is one of God's chosen ways of reaching those whose hearts are possessed of a hidden longing to know Him and serve Him. He is acquainted with their talents and has a place for them in His plans for the days ahead. God always has men in preparation for the future needs of His work.

That is why it is so important that he who takes up this work should first of all make a consecration without reserve to God. It is no ordinary task of book and magazine selling that he is undertaking. He is to be a channel through which the Spirit of God is to flow out to the men and women he meets with converting power. When least expected God may direct him to the door of an individual or a family

By W. P. Elliott

which He has chosen and is calling to carry some special responsibility in the closing hours of probation. The eternal welfare of many souls may hang on that one call. It has happened many times in the past experience of colporteurs and it will happen again. There is a solemn privilege and sacred trust connected with being such a messenger for God, and a joy and satisfaction that cannot be equalled in any worldly service.

There are hardships too, connected with the colporteur ministry. There are times of sunshine and times of shadow; there are weary and apparently fruitless days. It is that way now and it has always been that way in any great service for God and man. It is strange to human hearts and understanding how that often the darkest day later proves to have been the most fruitful. So it pleases God to bless our sufferings for Him. The colporteur evangelist must be sustained by an unflinching faith and trust. He must go forth from day to day upheld by more than a mere purpose to win a livelihood.

Paul says, "The love of Christ constraineth us." This love is not unlike the love we feel for a person whom we know through a long and intimate, trustful fellowship. It does not count the cost, and it is the secret of a happy, unflinching service in literature evangelism. Like sacred fire it should burn incessantly on the altar of the heart. This experience is best exemplified in the mother of a family. How does it affect her? It fills her with the spirit of self-sacrifice. She becomes the life-long servant of the family. "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister, becomes her rule of life. It fixes her attitude toward every member of the home circle and toward every duty. She em-

braces with equal affection the handsome, promising, self-reliant child and the backward, unfortunate, timid one of the family. A duty may be offensive to every natural sense but love leads the true mother to see it through with a smile.

So it is with the love of Christ. It urges men on to duty, however difficult, in consecrated efforts to save men. Under its influence hardships and sacrifices mingle with happy successes to enrich the worker's fellowship with the Saviour. We should pray morning by morning that this love may possess our hearts completely. It alone can keep back the selfishness which so naturally and persistently strives for the mastery. In the words of Ellen G. White, "Love and loyalty to Christ are the springs of all true service."

This love is the first essential to the success of the colporteur evangelist and the second is closely linked with it. It is the determination to make the best possible preparation for the work and to constantly perfect one's ability to present the literature and the message attractively and appealingly. Tragedy has overtaken many a colporteur because he wouldn't go to the trouble of learning the essential selling procedures that go to make up an effectual appeal to the heart and mind of the prospect.

If any colporteur will determine to know as much about how gospel literature can be most successfully presented and sold and the heart of the prospect prepared for its message as a doctor must know about medicine, he will be just as certain of success. If with a like energy he will determine to master the best available course in basic training and will follow the same programme of continual study, refresher courses and daily reading to keep himself informed on Bible subjects and current events, he will find an equal

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## 'JUST BETWEEN US'



(A Personal Message from your  
Union President)

The God-fearing colporteur has received his orders from heaven to plant the seeds of truth beside all waters. In every highway and byway in the British West Indies Union we find these faithful and courageous servants of God pressing on in the face of apparently insurmountable obstacles that they might find the precious souls for whom Christ died. This loyal group of soldiers has been instructed by God to go into every home, rich and poor, high and low, and leave the written invitation to come to the Marriage Feast for "all things are now ready."

Angel messengers direct from the glories of Heaven, who have seen "the things that God has prepared for them that love Him" are going before these chosen servants that hearts may be prepared for the invitation to come to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

If you, dear reader, are already one of these ambassadors of God, we want you to know that you are daily remembered before the Throne of Grace. You have been called to do a very specialized line of work in these closing days. The Lord has promised you a place on His pay roll until the close of probation, but He has not promised that you will never have any trials and discouraging experiences that are a part of the refining process of every Christian.

Your success depends upon your consecration, devotion to duty, and your recognition of the high value of time. If faithful, you, with the redeemed, will be assured an honoured place around the Throne of God with many whom you have lead to Christ.

It may be you were once in the colporteur army but yielded to the weakness of the flesh and tried to find an easier path of duty. "God calls the canvassers back to their work. He calls for volunteers who will put all their energies and enlightenment into the work, helping wherever there is opportunity. The Master calls for everyone to do the part given him, according to his ability." *Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 26.

Thus we see that the Messenger of God encourages the colporteur to remain at his post of duty. If he has grown weary in well-doing he is to come back to his appointed work.

There is still another class for whom God has a message. The ranks which have been broken, because of various reasons, must be filled by new recruits. Others and still others must join the



Our energy-filled publishing general, Pastor A. R. Haig, is well known to most everyone in the British West Indies Union. For many years he has courageously led our large army of colporteurs and has helped them to get a clearer vision of the magnitude and importance of the publishing work. His colporteurs and associates have always found in him a never failing friend and adviser. May God ever bless his efforts.

happy throng of colporteurs until God says, "It is finished."

"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 cooperate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armour on." *Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 27.

After spending six summers in the colporteur ministry as a student, I learned from personal experience the value of this type of work. It draws one so closely to God that he can hear His Master's voice and see His power. It interlocks one so intimately with his fellowmen that he can feel the throbbing heart of humanity as it reaches out after God. It brings one in touch with the rich, the poor, the educated, the ignorant, those who rejoice and those who mourn. It binds one's heart so closely to the needs of humanity that he can pray in agony for others as for his own soul. It gives men a vision of the ripened harvest, the realization that time is short. It so occupies one's time and thoughts that selfishness is cast aside.

The commandment from Heaven for each one of our colporteur evangelists is to go forward. "Under divine guidance, go forward in the work, and look to the Lord for aid. The Holy Spirit will attend you. Angels of heaven will accompany you, preparing the way." *Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 40. — R. W. NUMBERS.

## Courage in the Midst of Difficulties

Many difficulties is the lot of every colporteur and every leader in the cause of God. No sooner does the worker of God begin selling literature or preaching the Advent Message, than he meets opposition and at times persecution. It seems as though the enemy of the truth takes delight in checkmating every move the servant of God makes in seeking to advance the truth for this time.

This, after all, is not to be wondered at. The divine record explicitly declares that such will be the portion of those engaged in the sacred work of God.

"Remember the word that I said unto you: The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you." John 15:20.

In a special message for the last days, Zechariah prophesied concerning the remnant church. He sees their problems and perplexities and raises the question:

"If it be hard or difficult in the eyes of the remnant... in these days, should it also be hard or difficult in mine eyes? saith the Lord of hosts." Zech. 8:6 (margin).

To the church confronting opposition, meeting with setbacks on every hand, encountering troubles in the carrying forward of their task, the Lord assures them, that while they see perplexities, He sees none. To Him there are no problems; with Him there is no crisis. Things may look dark to our human vision, and the way may seem to be hedged up on every side. There may be no way out; it may seem at times to be hopeless seeking to battle for the right. It is at such times we need a courage born of God. We need to remember the words of the Master when He declared:

"Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." — John 16:33

Of one thing we may be sure, there are no difficulties with the Lord. Nothing is impossible to Him, (Luke 1:37). The difficulties we see are opportunities for the Lord to demonstrate His mighty power on behalf of His people.

"Jesus sees the end from the beginning. In every difficulty He has His way prepared to bring relief. Our Heavenly Father has a thousand ways to provide for us, of which we know nothing." — *Desire of Ages*, p. 330.

Let us remember also that when there is a shortage of means in the treasury, that God knows and understands the needs of His work.

"As you work for the Master, you will feel pressure for want of means, but the Lord will hear and answer your petitions for help." — *Test.*, Vol. VII, p. 244.

Let us as workers put our trust in God, the mighty God of Israel. He always causeth us to triumph in every place in His name. We are to carry forward our work with implicit trust in the Lord. We

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## "What Hath God Wrought"

It has never been the economic situation, however, but rather the angel attending the human instrument. There are two armies of angels. On one occasion, one good angel single-handed, destroyed an entire army of 185,000 men. (II Kings 19:35). When we allow one of them to accompany us nothing like failure can interpose.

Success will come in proportion to our faith and our envisioned works. (James 2:17, 18). Thousands of youth and older believers testify that they have faith but having no works to prove their claims, they merely exist, then die unwept and unsung and are soon forgotten.

The colporteurs and Sunday-colporteur-brigade workers of the British West Indies Union comprise a large and growing army of faith-and-works freighted champions of the cross. They are not afraid to work and to work hard for souls, and God is blessing their "elbow-grease" efforts with world thrilling accomplishments of faith. For this we praise the Lord with unspeakable joy.

There is no other field on earth where so many evangelists traverse and re-work so small an area with books and magazines and papers. As a result, one would hardly be far from the full truth if he said that every adult, and nearly every youth and almost all the children of Jamaica have heard about the Advent people and the Sabbath. Thousands here, trace their first conviction to the reading of our publications. Go to any one of our churches in the Union and ask for a show of hands of all who first came in contact with the Message through our literature and more than fifty per cent will raise their hands. In other words, of the 14,000 Sabbath school members, over 7,000 were introduced to the Message through the efforts of the evangelist of the printed page. We know a church in St. James where one Sunday-colporteur-brigade worker—a poor widow—brought in nearly 40 souls, five of whom are now colporteurs and the others are officers of the church in that strategic centre. We know of another company of believers where every member is a Church Colporteur Auxiliary (Brigade worker).

In spite of unemployment and political unrest, the Union and especially Jamaica and more particularly, the East Jamaica Conference, has been sowing our literature like selected grains of corn and scattering them far and near like falling leaves in Autumn. Calls keep coming in from near and remote sections for someone to come and teach the waiting multitudes. Ask them why they are so anxious and undoubtedly they will reply, "Because your lay workers and colporteurs with Bibles and books have opened our eyes to the Plan of the Ages."

THOUSANDS ARE TO ACCEPT THE MESSAGE

## The Sowing Continues Everywhere

Because no funds are available to man every conference and mission with publishing secretaries, the literature avalanche and Juggernaut have had to mark time in some places and to stand at ease in others. Just recently, the Cayman Islands Mission sent in their first report for the year. We were very happy to receive it. Thus far, there has been no report from the Salt Cays Mission; yet there, also, our literature is speaking through the bags and bags of free literature—papers and books—friends in America are sending over.

The Bahamas Mission having lost temporarily, their efficient regular colporteur, Brother B. A. Ricketts, who went up to the States on vacation, we thought that she would never reach her goal. However, in August the Burke brothers—Charles and Benjamin Burke—delivered a total of £343. 18. 0. Brother R. E. Gibson and Brother and Mrs. O. P. Jones, the publishing committee, are doing a splendid job and Brother Jones is their part-time publishing secretary.

West Jamaica Conference also moves forward. Thus far she has gone beyond her accomplishments of 1948. She has a great future and their publishing committee awaits the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

First, we thank God for what has been and is being accomplished. Next, we thank the Presses everywhere for the consecrated literature made for us by and through consecrated hands of flesh and blood also of iron and lead. How could we forget our Bible House personnel, especially those who befriend the colporteurs and dispatch the parcels and boxes of books on time and who plan and work through the night in order to make the bookman's burdens lighter. Our noble publishing committees and their stenographers, God bless them everyone. Last, but next to our Lord, we thank our noble colporteur armies whose divisions in some fields, consist of one lone colporteur and in others of 60 and over 100 strong.

Comrades all, it is five minutes to twelve. Soon the whistle will blow to cease fire and in place of the books you will receive the crown and the palm. Be patient therefore, brethren, and on, and on with the charge! —A. R. HAIG.

WANTED 50 FULL TIME MAGAZINE COLPORTEURS. APPLY NOW!

## COMPARATIVE PUBLISHING REPORT, B. W. I. UNION 1944 - 1949

Colport-	Years	eurs	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
	1944	82	80,359	£ 19,598 12 4	£11,992 12 4
	1945	118	113,422	22,123 2 10	12,391 14 6
	1946	119	114,605	24,138 16 3	13,136 16 6
	1947	101	120,874	28,863 10 3	15,446 14 1
	1948	145	130,264	31,948 2 0	16,182 7 7
	*1949	183	112,967	26,512 2 10	11,851 19 6
	Total	748	672,491	£153,184 5 6	£81,002 4 6

\*Up to July.

## COLPORTEUR REPORT SUMMARY FOR JULY, 1949

Fields	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
Bahamas	305	£ 385 0 6	£ 88 4 6
Br. Honduras	140	46 1 11	46 1 11
Caymans			NO REPORT
Salt Cays			NO REPORT
East Jamaica	8,565	2,553 4 8	623 0 9
West Jamaica	8,356	2,092 16 2	454 13 6
TOTAL	17,366	£5,077 3 3	£1,212 0 8

## Publishing Department Report of The B. W. I. Union, July, 1949

Names	Hours	Orders	Deliveries
<b>Bahamas Mission:</b>			
Burke, B. E.	175	£249 8 0	£ 59 4 0
Other Colporteurs	130	135 12 6	29 0 6
<b>British Honduras Mission:</b>			
Vasclannie, S.	140	37 16 1	37 16 1
Colporteur Brigades		8 5 10	8 5 10

### East Jamaica Conference:

Athias, Lucilda	117	28 1 0	9 18 0
Anderson, M.	147	41 18 6	4 9 0
Blake, W. E.	171	21 18 0	5 18 6
Bignall, Mrs. K.	100	6 18 0	7 14 0
Burke, Violet	115	5 13 0	1 5 0
Cousins, C. S.	139	17 3 0	20 9 6
Duncombe, Peter	161	37 17 0	16 17 0
Ferguson, A. L.	135	2 18 0	1 0 0
Gerrison, A. R.	134	38 14 0	17 8 0
James, Miss M.	110	11 3 0	12 19 0
King, J. M.	185	17 17 0	6 15 6
Moore, Gwen	153	18 17 0	4 17 9
Purville, Edna	126	35 18 6	2 0 0
Samuels, Mrs. L.	132	10 4 9	7 3 0
Thompson, Daniel	182	15 15 0	3 0 0
White, George	174	68 10 6	2 10 3
Whyte, Adina	105	22 6 0	2 11 0
Wilson, Mrs. E.	123	9 7 0	6 8 0
Wright, Rudolph	123	34 15 0	14 0 9

### Students:

Carter, Leroy	170	81 7 6	1 2 0
Dayes, Lloyd	135	67 15 9	32 9 6
Francis, A. S.	157	63 7 6	12 0
Morgan, A. A.	184	139 7 0	25 5 6
McDonald, Adele	165	75 16 6	3 15 6
Swaby, Mavis	148	174 0 0	51 0 3
Wbley, Icalyn	164	177 5 9	4 5 6
Other Colporteurs	2777	558 5 7	226 13 2
Magazine Workers	154	15 0 4	7 10 9
Brigades	188	19 16 11	33 4 10
Other Students	1669	735 8 4	89 14 6

### West Jamaica Conference:

Brown, E. L.	184	98 16 0	10 15 0
Gaynor, Mrs. E.	110	8 18 0	3 9 9
Glenn, R. L.	125	30 5 0	6 9 0
Gooden, Epsie	190	22 2 9	6 0
Guthrie, Ira	135	34 5 6	1 15 0
Hart, Mrs. H.	121	35 14 6	4 7 0
Hepburn, C. H.	185	31 13 0	12 13 9
Kent, Rudolph	137	16 12 6	6 10 6
Lawrence, V. A.	192	38 5 0	22 2 0
Maxwell, D. E.	147	17 13 0	2 12 0
McDonald, J.	144	17 7 6	5 2 3
Nesbitt, R. R.	175	48 3 0	7 6 0
Smith, Mrs. B.	128	62 18 0	1 16 0
Stewart, H.	134	13 19 0	11 1 0
Tharpe, C. H.	133	33 3 0	6 3 0
Tharpe, Noel	134	34 11 0	4 9 0
Topper, Beryl	133	26 8 0	7 4 6
Topper, Louise	119	42 9 0	16 0
Williams, M. M.	162	39 12 0	7 16 2

### Students:

Barnes, C. J.	161	50 11 3	3 7 0
Bennett, Harold	164	73 7 9	1 16 9
Colthirst, R.	136	42 8 6	3 0
Donse, H.	173	87 9 9	16 0
Henry, R. R.	178	87 14 9	3 7 9
Hill, H. W.	188	21 11 6	
Marr, Miss L. E.	102	57 11 8	
Mitchell, E.	240	115 0 9	
Murray, Miss V.	107	5 15 3	5 15 3
Nowell, Matilda	111	20 3 0	
Salmon, C.	190	26 12 0	15 0
Thomas, Clinton	155	48 3 2	
White, D. V.	131	39 6 0	1 6 0
Other Students	959	300 5 9	18 6 3
Other Colporteurs	2,587	411 17 3	255 12 0
Brigades	474	14 8 0	23 14 7

In order to be a regular colporteur men must put in at least 120 hours per month and women must put in at least 100 hours monthly.

WANTED 200 FULL TIME COLPORTEURS IN THE UNION.

## BRITISH HONDURAS MISSION

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### "A Little Child Shall Lead Them"

Stanley Morris, age 12, who is now a member of our Sabbath school in the Stann Creek Valley church became interested by studies the writer gave him regarding the Sabbath in Sunday school.

So strong is his faith, that a young man who recently arrived from Jamaica asked Stanley's father for a spot in his yard to play baseball on Saturdays because he (the young man) did not want to play games on Sunday for fear the ball might hit him in his face, but Stanley boldly refused and told him he could not play games on the Sabbath day for it is holy, so they decided to play their games on Sunday which is the first day of the week.

Stanley feels very pleased with the good work he is doing for Jesus.

—JEM PARKINS,  
Supt. of Stann Creek  
Valley Sab. School.

### Home Coming Day

The parable of the "lost sheep" is in a very special way applicable to the last Gospel Church just before Jesus comes. It shows the possibility of some wandering away from the fold (the church) and who would never be found unless someone goes in search of them. "The sheep that has strayed from the fold is the most helpless of all creatures, it must be sought for, it cannot find its way back." *Gospel Workers*, p. 183.

"Hunt up the backsliders, those who once knew what religion was, and give them the message of mercy." *Counsels on Health*, p. 533. "The Lord is giving the erring, the weak and trembling and even those who have apostatized from the truth a special call to come fully into the fold." *Life Sketches*, p. 187.

The 20th of August was a special day in the Belize Church. One hundred and forty-five letters were sent out about one week prior to the above date, inviting all the backsliders and absentees that could be remembered to a "Home Coming Day." The Sabbath School gave a lovely programme on "Home Coming." The record shows that there were fifty backsliders and absentees in attendance. The spirit of the Lord was in a special way manifested in the eleven o'clock service. When the call was made, inviting the backsliders and absentees to come forward, thus promising the Lord to try again, a crowd responded. At 4:00 p.m. the same day, the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society gave a programme inviting the prodigal home. The service was nicely attended.

Many of those who had wandered from the fold are still attending the services. It is our plan to carry on a follow-up work.

A number of the discouraged are anxious to return to the fold; but have no moral courage to launch out on their own initiative. We are told that "they are the most helpless of all creatures." What a blessing it would be if each believer in this Union would seek out even one backslider and work and pray with him or her until the individual is re-established in the fold.

Please remember us in your prayers in British Honduras. —J. N. WILLIAMS.

### Ready for Service

Elder J. N. Williams and his lone colporteur, Brother (Sydney Vasciannie of Jamaica, raised up a fine group of church colporteur auxiliaries, one of whom is now a full-time colporteur. These two colporteurs are doing a great work there and they have proved that local conferences can become home bases and send out workers who will stay put in other fields and at the same time make other colporteurs. However, resources are still untapped in British Honduras. Elder Williams is calling for a publishing secretary as well as for more colporteurs. May God bless and guide you all over there. Our presidents and their committees have been very loyal to the publishing department also. We thank God for such envisioned leaders.

Many of our colporteurs now serve in distant lands. Years ago one was publishing leader in far away Spain and Mexico. Others serve in the Bahamas, British Honduras, the Cayman Islands and in the Turks & Caicos Islands. Recently, another

veteran colporteur flew to Nassau. He is Brother J. S. King. We wish him abundant success.

Two of our colporteurs, Brethren Levi Davidson and Edson Brown, are under appointment by the General Conference to go to West Africa. Well may we sing—*Per cruce[m] ad Lucem*—"After the sacrifice flashes the light."

On September 20 our Union Publishing Secretary flew to Nassau, Bahamas, to take personally, the thanks of the Union to the loyal workers there. Elder R. E. Gibson and Brother O. Jones are doing a fine work with the few colporteurs there. May many more join their ranks.

Is Jamaica destined to supply other parts of the world with some of their best colporteurs? Before me are many requests by our colporteurs offering to pay their own way to other fields. Can this be a sign of the end? May the Lord help us to put their zeal, faith, and talents to work.

Our faithful publishing men are doing a great work under God. They are truly modern Nehemiahs, guiding men and women and with them building up God's walls in the hearts of His chosen ones.

Special mention must be made of Pastor W. U. Campbell and Pastors J. C. Culpepper and E. E. Franklin for organizing and conducting the greatest Institute ever held in Jamaica. Although Pastor Campbell had to take a year off for post-graduate work, yet the literature movement in the East Conference has bounded forward under the leadership of his Timothy—Brother Ivan Benson—nobly assisted by Brother Clyde Nebblett who is the veteran and pioneer evangelist to the Turks and Caicos Islands. Their office right-hand is Miss Vinette Walker, one of the most devoted workers the publishing department has ever been adorned with.

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British Honduras Church Colporteur Auxiliaries ready for action.

## EAST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

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### Tidings from the East

With deep appreciation to God for the scores who have responded to the message, we borrow the words from inspiration recorded by Samuel, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

The Community Bible Centre, the North Street Temple, has never ceased its programme of evangelism, but during the months of March and April a more aggressive programme was launched. As a result more than one hundred decisions have been made for the message.

The evening of the last baptism will long be remembered. This service attracted a larger audience than has been witnessed for many years on a similar occasion. There was hardly standing room in this large temple, while many others peered through the doors and windows. After a short message based on the fruits of repentance, thirty candidates were buried in the watery grave. The choir provided appropriate music which added to the deep solemnity that pervaded the entire service. After the last candidate was baptized, the pastor made an appeal to those who were still in the valley of decision to step forward and cast in their lot with the people of God. As a result nearly twenty persons responded by coming forward and kneeling at the altar, thus surrendering themselves to Christ.

Many other baptismal services have been performed all over East Jamaica Conference, the largest of which have been held in Hope Bay and Trench Town where 27 and 19 respectively were baptized. Most of our district pastors are now tied up in evangelistic efforts which is an indication that they are living up to their watchword "Evangelize."

September 4 marked the beginning of a series of conferences on Stewardship and Evangelism to be held in every district of the East Jamaica Conference. This first conference was held in the new church building at Port Maria. Besides the officers and ministers of the local conference were Pastors R. W. Numbers, C. O. Franz and their wives. Trucks brought members from the various churches in large numbers, filling the building to its utmost while others crowded in by the main door and on the outside. The devotional hour was taken by Elder Franz who emphasized the need of Christ's power in the church. During the rest of the morning and early afternoon emphasis was placed on faithfulness in returning to God His own and the value of a soul. Like the wine of the marriage feast of Canaan, the Union president crowned the day's proceedings with his message on preparation to meet our Lord. Surely this should be the pervading thought of every believer in this great advent movement.



Our Colporteur Unit in East Jamaica.

Pastor A. C. Stockhausen, Home Missionary Secretary of the Conference, has been visiting in the various districts in connection with the Lay Preachers' work. A convention for the lay preachers in the St. Andrew district proved very beneficial to those who attended.

Actual cash received in the Conference Treasury for Harvest Ingathering to date (September 8) is £2044-11-3. Surely the Lord is in this movement and to Him be the glory.

The Youth movement in the East Jamaica Conference is going steadily forward. Already scores have completed the various courses outlined for Progressive Class work, and hundreds are working hard toward completion. Forty-one of our Missionary Volunteers attended the Youth Camp, representing all but one district of the conference.

The colporteur work is going by leaps and bounds. Special mention must be made of the student colporteurs. To date they have delivered approximately £900-0-0. Our aim for the summer is a scholarship or a fraction for every student. We hope and pray that it will be realized.

A farewell function was held at the home of Pastor and Mrs. M. G. Nembhard of 26 Ashbury Avenue, Vineyard Town on the evening of September 6 in honour of Colporteurs L. H. Davidson and J. S. King who responded to calls to labour in the Gold Coast, Africa, and Nassau, Bahamas, respectively. Our prayers go with these two young men as they leave their homeland.

Pomp and splendor marked the opening of the new Hammond Electric Organ recently installed in the North Street Temple Church on Sunday, August 21, 1949, at 4:30 p.m. The ceremony was chaired by Pastor M. G. Nembhard,

minister in charge. Besides His Worship the Mayor who unlocked the organ and who in his speech emphasized the good work being done in the community by the S. D. A. organization, were members of the local clergy and dignitaries of the Union which included Pastors R. W. Numbers, C. O. Franz, H. D. Colburn, E. E. Parchment, and their wives. Among the other distinguished visitors who took part were Mr. C. O. Franz, Sr., of the U. S. A. who read the Scripture reading and Dr. J. Shone, newly appointed physician at the Andrew's Memorial Hospital, who gave the address. Mesdames Numbers and Colburn unveiled the organ and Elder C. O. Franz, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the British West Indies Union Mission, through whose instrumentality the organ was procured, turned on the main switch. The North Street church choir and leading local artists supplied rich vocal and instrumental music which made the 2000 odd persons present, representing various sections of the island and community, long for the time to come when they will hear the angels sing and join with the heavenly choir in praise and adoration of their Creator and Redeemer.

The dedicatory service which followed at 7:30 was preceded by a short organ recital by Dr. Shone. Pastor M. G. Nembhard told of the various "red seas" encountered in the getting of the organ, but how God opened the way step by step. The theme of the address given by Elder Numbers, president of the British West Indies Union Mission was that while we dedicate the organ to the honour and glory of God, we should also dedicate our lives to Him for use in His service. The large congregation joined with Elder E. E. Parchment as he presented to God the Hammond Electric Organ to be used to His name's honour and glory.

## WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

W. S. NATION, President.  
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### A Message from West Jamaica

Only eternity will reveal the magnitude of your loving, self-sacrificing service in going from house to house scattering the printed page. There are many who are searching with prayers and tears for further light. The messenger of the Lord said: "I saw them holding papers and tracts in one hand, and the Bible in the other, while their cheeks were wet with tears; and bowing before God in earnest, humble prayer, to be guided into all truth, the very thing He was doing for them before they called upon Him. And when the truth was received in their hearts and they saw the harmonious chain of truth, the Bible was to them a new book; they hugged it to their hearts with grateful joy, while their countenances were all aglow with happiness and holy joy."

Just think of it, noble colporteurs, that it is through your untiring zeal over those rough roads, through the heat of the day, suffering hunger and every sacrifice known to man, that these precious souls have an opportunity of this last warning message.

You ask, what will be our reward? Let the Psalmist David reply, "Gather my saints together unto me, those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice." Psalm 50:5.

Do not forget that we also experience some of the heavenly joy here on earth. This is a personal experience. While a student at the West Indian Training College I sold a copy of "Our Day in the Light of Prophecy" to a certain gentleman. By reading the book his wife saw the truth and longed to accept it, but was afraid to ask her husband permission to go to church on the Sabbath. Finally she wrote him a letter on the fly leaf of the book. He saw it and gave her permission. Sometime after this two visitors came to the college one Sabbath. It so happened that I spoke for the eleven o'clock service that day. Immediately after the service

the gentleman came and spoke to me asking if I knew him. Then he told me of the book he had bought from me and of the experience I have related. He also added that one year after his wife accepted the truth he also joined her and then they were both baptized together. Can you imagine the joy that filled my heart that Sabbath?

Beloved ministers of the printed page, the work will soon be finished. Do all you can to circulate the books that the Lord has said should be sown throughout the world. Do your best to place them in the homes of as many as possible.

Today the call still comes to us from the Saviour, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" May you be ready to respond like Isaiah, "Here am I, send me."

— W. S. NATION.

### News Item

Sunday, September 4, was an outstanding day in the history of the Newell Seventh-day Adventist Church when eleven souls were buried with their Master in baptism. One of these precious souls was an old lady of 97 summers. When told by her friends that she would die if she went under the water her words were, "Let me be buried with my Saviour and He will take care of the results". She further expressed herself as willing to answer the death call if that should be the Master's will.

Hundreds of people gathered to witness the ceremony which was performed by Pastors W. S. Nation and E. E. Parchment assisted by the deacons and deaconesses of the church.

After the baptism, Pastor Nation made a call to those who were willing to be buried with their Lord in the next baptism which will take place before the close of 1949 and 16 persons raised their hands signifying their intention to go forward in the next baptism.

The members of the Newell church have worked hard in the gathering of these souls and are greatly encouraged as they see how the Lord blessed their labours.

— E. E. PARCHMENT.

### APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Knowing that the time is short, and that we must hasten in the finishing of the work, and believing that the colporteur work is one of the most effective agencies in winning people to the truth, I hereby promise to make this work a subject of special prayer and to answer, "Here am I," if the Lord calls.

I shall be pleased to talk with you about the work. My interest is in:—

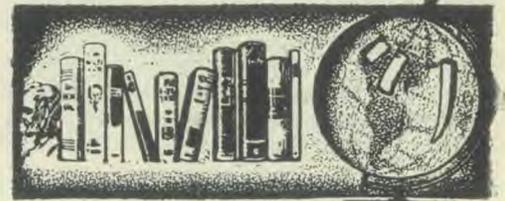
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## Educational Dept.

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### The Essential in Education

"The future of society will be determined by the youth of today. Satan is making earnest, persevering efforts to corrupt the mind and debase the character of every young person; and, shall we who have more experience stand by as mere spectators, and see him accomplish his purpose without hindrance? Let us stand at our post as minute-men to work for these youth, and through the help of God hold them back from the pit of destruction. In the parable, while men slept, the enemy sowed tares; and while you, brethren and sisters, are unconscious of his work, he is gathering an army of youth under his banner, and he exults, for through them he carries on his warfare against God." *F. E.*, p. 20.

"As a church, as individuals, if we would stand clear in the judgment, we must make more liberal efforts for the training of our young people that they may be better fitted for the various branches of the great work committed to our hands. We should lay wise plans in order that the ingenious minds of those who have talents may be strengthened and disciplined and polished after the highest order, that the work of Christ may not be hindered for lack of skillful labourers who will do their work with earnestness and fidelity." *C. T.*, pp. 42, 43.

"God's purpose for the children growing up beside our hearths is wider, deeper, higher, than our restricted vision has comprehended. From the humblest lot those whom He has seen faithful have in time past been called to witness for Him in the worldliest, highest places. And many a lad today, growing up as did Daniel in his Judean home, studying God's word and His works, and learning the lessons of faithful service, will yet stand in legislative assemblies, in halls of justice, or in royal courts as a witness for the King of Kings." *Ed.* p. 262.

Nothing is of greater importance than youth education. The Lord's counsel comes to us again, "The work that liest nearest to our church member is to become interested in our youth... There ought to be a large number who as stewards of the grace of Christ would feel not merely a casual interest but a special interest in the young. There ought to be many whose hearts are touched by the pitiable situation in which our youth are placed, who realize that Satan is working by every conceivable device to draw them into his net. God

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Some of our West Jamaica Colporteur Warriors.

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requires the church to arouse from its lethargy and see what manner of service is demanded in this time of peril."

The need today is for straight thinking on the part of our young people. They have grave issues to decide, solutions to find for unsolved problems. They are blazing trails for the first time; they are meeting strange philosophies, strange influences. In the highest sense, the work of redemption are one; for in education, as in redemption, other foundation can no man lay than that is laid which is Jesus Christ.

This college under God is planted to prepare boys and girls with skill to meet the problems with which they must deal. All the problems have a spiritual angle, a moral aspect, and a deeper meaning than is ordinarily attributed to them by people who are thinking of no future beyond this life or service to perform. We want young women who want to take the pre-nursing course, the secretarial course, and the normal course. We want young men who want to be ministers, educational leaders, publishing leaders, and accountants. I feel confident that the youth of this Union will not shirk their responsibility in preparing themselves for the great unfinished task that lies before them.

Our young people are to be God's messengers in the impending crisis. Our schools are ordained of God to prepare them for their part in this work. May we appeal to our young people to avail themselves of this opportunity of gaining an education. If we can be of any help to you, feel free to write to the president of the West Indian Training College.

— B. G. BUTHERUS.

**THERE IS MORE POWER IN OUR LITERATURE THAN IN ALL THE ATOMIC BOMBS MAN CAN MAKE.**

## "The Gospel to All the World"

The Lord has told us that the last warning message will go to all the world in this generation. We wonder sometimes what methods the Lord is going to employ to accomplish this. We are glad that we are living in the days when we can see the unfolding of His all-wise and mighty plans in the fulfilment of His prophecy.

Today the Lord is using many of the inventions of men to sound the gospel throughout the world. The radio has been a mighty factor in the spreading of the Third Angel's Message. John said that the time would come when the message would go with the speed of angels. We do not know the rapidity with which the angels fly but we do know, however, that through the radio the entire world has been linked up, as it were, within speaking distance.

In connection with our broadcasting of the message, we have established Radio Bible schools. We have one of these schools right here in Mandeville, Jamaica. This school, ever since its inception, has been kept busy sending out and receiving the gospel-filled lessons. To date, we have enrolled 52,113 students. Think of it, brethren, over 52,000 have had the privilege of studying this message right in their homes! It will be of great interest to the reader to know that of this number, 3,518 believe that the Seventh-day is God's holy Sabbath day, and over 2,000 of these are desirous of being baptized as our Master was. Nearly 500 have been baptized already and have joined the church. I am quite sure that there are yet hundreds that we have not heard from and that in time to come they will link up themselves with God's chosen people.

We thank God for the radio and the Radio Bible School that are doing so much for the furtherance of the gospel in the

earth. This, however, has not been without financial obligations and with our various missionary activities, we find it hard to get the wherewithal to continue this good work. Surely, it must not be closed down for lack of funds, and the Inter-American Division along with the Union and Conferences, have set aside Sabbath, October 8, as the day when a special offering will be taken in all our churches. This offering will be used to assist in the carrying on of this most important work. We feel sure that we can depend on you for a very special and liberal offering on that day, not forgetting the admonition of our Master, "Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

Soon, dear believers, our offering will not be needed and it is only what we have deposited in the bank of Heaven that will bring us the dividend which we all crave and that is the reward of the cheerful giver. So, let each one "lay by him in store" a good offering for Sabbath, October 8. Have a part, loved ones, in the Radio Bible School that is doing so much for the sounding of the gospel and the saving of souls throughout the British West Indies Union and other parts of the world!

— E. E. PARCHMENT.

## Brigade Leaders What Are We Waiting for?

God is ready. He reminds us through the Spirit of Prophecy, that one of the greatest evangelizing agencies is our literature. He says further, that a thousand a year, verily, even three thousand and more will be converted in one day, the most of whom will trace their first conviction to the reading of our books, magazines and tracts. *R. & H.*, Nov. 10, 1895.

### The Churches' Greatest Needs

In the light of the above, the churches' greatest needs are:—

1. A deeper envisioned experience.
2. A realization that this is the last generation and there shall be no other.
3. That all believers including our workers should devote some time each day or each week to the selling and to the free distribution of our books and papers. Those silent messengers declare the truth night and day without stopping to breathe, eat and drink; they are never weary; midnight is as pleasant and opportune as morn. They never get disgusted or angry. Curse them and they refuse to frown; burn them and their voices become clearer and the printed word becomes raised and appear larger as they pay the supreme price.

*Church Colporteur Auxiliaries to the Rescue*

"The brigade promotion is of God." *Vol. IX, p. 126.*

It is the result of divine revelation. It had to be and must grow the world over if the work must close with the Loud Cry

## The High Calling of Colporteur Evangelism

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and growing satisfaction in his profession. There is no limit to the blessings which God will bestow upon "the workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

We all like to do the things we have learned to do skillfully and well. The more skillful a carpenter or cabinet maker becomes, the more pleasure he finds in his work. The greater the ability of the engineer to handle his powerful engine with skill under all sorts of circumstances, the greater is his thrill of satisfaction in his chosen career. And that is the way it is with the colporteur. As he increases his knowledge of the best way to approach every situation and the different individuals he meets in his work; as he gains poise through a thorough knowledge of his literature, the message it carries, and its application to human needs, his contentment and interest in his chosen calling will increase.

It is this interest and happiness in his work that constitutes the most effectual call to regularity in hours of service. Someone has well said, "The ship that will not answer to the rudder will sooner or later answer to the rock." And the colporteur who fails to answer to the need to become well informed about his work and to work at it full days and regularly is just as likely to face tragedy as the ship that will not obey the rudder. As we have heard another say, "Knowledge feeds the roots of understanding and understanding brings devotion, courage and joy in service."

One time Sister White wrote, "Night after night I am standing before the people, urging them to be wide awake and to take up the circulation of our literature." God is calling again today. Why not say, "Here am I Lord, send me." "Where there is no active service for others, love wanes and faith grows dim." (E. G. W.). "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs: heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together." We do not understand *suffer* as here used to mean physical suffering primarily. Rather, it refers to sharing the anxiety of the Saviour for lost humanity and working together with Him to save men. It is a condition upon which the promise of our inheritance is based.

If He is speaking to your heart today, inviting you to enter the literature ministry, we would urge you to accept. He is inviting you into a closer fellowship with Him. He is opening a way before you to join Him in a search for souls. As you step forward in faith and with complete consecration He accepts responsibility for your success. This intimate fellowship with the Saviour will make the eternal inheritance seem brighter and more attractive as the days go by.

## Courage in the Midst of Difficulties

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are not to become discouraged, nor are we to let opposition and perplexities baffle us; we are to go forward in faith, keeping consecrated to our Master, and by faith in Him we shall win through to victory.

It is not the purpose of God that workers be overwhelmed by the burdens of the work, nor does He desire them to worry about the outcome.

Men in positions of responsibility are in danger of becoming crushed under the many burdens that they bear, but the Lord does not press on any one burdens too heavy to be borne. He estimates every weight before He allows it to rest upon the hearts of those who are labourers together with Him. To every one of His workers our loving Heavenly Father says, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee."—*Vol. VII, p. 297.*

How good it is to know that we have a burden bearer, one who will carry every load whether great or small. Let us remember also the divine message of Isaiah, the prophet of ancient days, when he declared concerning Jesus that: "The Government shall be upon His shoulder."

I have italicized the pronoun "His." This is worthy of notice. The burden of the work is on "His" shoulder. He carries it; we are helpers together with Him.

Let us learn to trust Him more, to surrender our lives and also our plans to Him. Then to our hearts comes the assuring words:

"Through most wonderful working of Divine providence, mountains of difficulty will be removed, and cast into the sea. . . . Onward and still onward the work will advance, until the whole earth shall have been warned; and then shall the end come."—

—W. E. READ.

## Ready for Service

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The West Jamaica Conference has also had a banner year. Her sons and daughters are being ably led by Elder B. E. Hurst assisted by Brother Joe Fletcher and Miss Annie Parchment. Elder Hurst is not afraid of work and he loves his colporteurs.

## Brigade Leaders

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in a burst of blazing glory. "Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening to them the word of God," says the inspired record. But where are these hundreds and thousands today? They are scattered all over the world in our churches and are waiting on leadership to set them to the task—the mightiest task. Leaders, are we enlightened as to the need? Are we ready? The flock will follow in service only as far as we are willing to lead them.

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### Blessings of the Auxiliary Colporteur Plan

1. It keeps the church alive through missionary dynamic effort.

2. It keeps the Message "continually before the people."

3. It wins souls. We traced the sale of one magazine in South America and found that 250 souls were won through its influence and resultant inspiration to the enlightened.

4. It makes our believers financially independent in proportion to their faith and their labour.

5. It prevents us from being obligated to the world for employment.

6. If we are not too lazy, proud or timid to win souls the literature way, and if we pay an honest tithe, we are surprised with financial results.

7. As a brigade worker, we discover latent talents, and start our ambitions pulsating with a new tempo. Grandmothers, mothers, brothers and sisters, and fathers earn scholarships for their children whereby they may enter college without the parents having to sell or mortgage their few lots or acres or to sell the last remaining cows.

Believers in the Union and of the world, especially leaders, this is the hour to strike. Let not the stones cry out any longer. What are we waiting for?

—A. R. HAIG.

## Honour To Whom Honour Is Due

In this Publishing Centenary year with the arms of our hearts draped and with bowed heads, we remember the sleeping pioneer colporteurs of America and also of our land who followed after, laying the ground work for the mighty efforts and achievements of our present army of heroes with books. May they rest from their labours—their works do follow them.

And to you offsprings of such noble men and women, Jamaica and her sister fields of the West Indies say, "We love you though unknown and hope to meet you beyond the stars in the vernal gardens of God."