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have too many churches, they smile between their tears as our 5,000 young people sing, "Thy God is still the same today".



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And now we too are on the air. "Heralds of Hope", with Pastor R. L. Boothby, and our "Voice of Prophecy" will never die. Walk down our streets and lanes; cross over heavy seas; motor or fly from place to place, and you will

hear coming to you on ether waves the soothing voices which remind that "He is a wonderful, wonderful Friend". As the strains die away, grateful hearts sigh while trembling lips murmur the "Mizpah".

Above is an imperfect summary of God's doings in the British West Indies Union. Only God can write a perfect account. But hark! neighbour! Who, with Jesus and the Holy Spirit, first did the fighting way out on the front lines? Who first were insulted or invited in to pray? Who first took the spitting and the cursing? Whose feet first bled and swelled with pains and bruises? Who broke the old, yet new, Bread before the preacher came? Who, more often than their godly contemporaries, paid for their love and faith with blood? Raphael Lopez, answer from your Andean grave bed. "Aye, aye, sir; they were the colporteurs!"

God bless our colporteurs! Mercenaries and knaves may hate and despise them, magnifying their failings, but HEROES know HEROES, and together they shall shine like the stars; while, gathered round them in folds of silver, white and gold, ten thousand saints shall chant, "It was you who invited me here".

*Far called our Bookmen trail away,
And distant lands they set afire;
Lo, all the sin of yesterday
Is ashes on the Gospel pyre.
Purger of the nations, cleanse us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget.*

YES, neighbour, we are ablaze for God! The blaze, however, is not BIG enough or HOT enough. We of little British West Indies Union are not satisfied. We will never rest until our faulty hearing is perfected by an immortal touch, and we hear the cadence of His voice intoning, "Well done".

Our laymen, 300 strong, move forward and demons tremble. They preach the Word, and hundreds are loosed and sanctified. Over 20,000 precious lives adorn God's Sabbath Schools, and more than 5,000 are in the valley. 1,500 have been baptized.

While church schools and academies grow, our Junior College must turn deaf ears as the students at West Indian Training College pass the 300 enrollment mark—there is no room. And even now a new college, which plans to shelter 500 youth, is being born.

Like stars that shine after the dawn, and like venus in the evening skies, so are our cosy chapels among the hills. Scattered over the 140-mile length of Jamaica are 225 churches. Hard by their doorsteps daffodils and daisies welcome each church member and visitor.

Our Andrews Memorial Hospital and Clinic stretch forth healing hands, while doctors and nurses bid one and all, "Come and relax, the Great Physician is here".

Pastors and their Bible Instructors "keep looking up", and, although they

The President Speaks for God

The work of our Colporteurs is to go from home to home circulating Seventh-day Adventist publications, and, in the words of Mrs. White, "telling others of the light that has blessed their own souls." It naturally follows that only those whose souls have been flooded by the light and power of Heaven are qualified to sell our publications. The work of the Evangelist Colporteur is one of the highest callings of Heaven. Thousands who would never get to hear the Third Angel's Message proclaimed from the pulpit will accept it from a consecrated, God-fearing Colporteur.

God has given special instruction as to the qualifications of Elders and Deacons. Can we allow a lower standard for our Colporteurs when they are doing the highest type of ministry? Those who dedicate their lives to the selling of Seventh-day Adventist literature should feel it their duty to circulate the books "teaching the doctrines of the Bible that will prepare a people to stand in the trying times before us." *Vol. 9:61*. We must ever remember that the end is near. Probation is closing. We are not to be just book agents but true workers for God.

Our Colporteurs should be handling the books included in the Conflict of the Ages Series; namely; *The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan, Patriarchs and Prophets, Desire of Ages*, and also the *Daniel and Revelation*. Our own members must be supplied with the literature God has inspired to be written for His people. Every Seventh-day Adventist should be familiar with such books as *Early Writings, Steps to Christ, Great Controversy, Christ's Object Lessons*, and *Ministry of Healing*, as well as many others of Heaven-inspired volumes.

In some places where the members cannot afford these books, the church or mission has formed a Lending Library, thus making available to all of their members the material contained in these important books. At our camp Meetings and other special meetings the prices are to be lowered. Some have wondered if this plan is fair to the Colporteur. The following experience recorded in *Vol. 9:72* gives God's answer. At the meeting referred to, the prices had been lowered, and our own people, as well as visitors, were taking advantage of the offer.

"But dissatisfaction was expressed by some of our own people. One said, 'A stop must be put to this work, or our business will be spoiled.' As one brother was carrying away an armful of books, a canvasser laid his hand upon his arm,

and said, 'My brother, what are you doing with so many books?' Then I heard the voice of our Counselor saying: 'Forbid them not. This is a work that should be done. The end is near. Already much time has been lost, when these books should have been in circulation. Sell them far and near. Scatter them like the leaves of autumn. This work is to continue without the forbidings of any one. Souls are perishing out of Christ. Let them be warned of His soon appearing in the clouds of heaven.'"

The time has come when we must not permit anything to stand in the way of presenting the truth from house to house preparing a people for the coming of God. Our books and periodicals serve as a bulwark against the false theories and insinuations of doubt advanced by the enemy of souls. Many of our churches, for lack of funds, are not shepherded as they should be, and thus the door is too often left open for a wolf in sheep's clothing. Every pastor and church elder should use his influence in promoting a larger circulation of our literature, especially the writings of Mrs. E. G. White.

For the first five months of 1952 we have noticed a splendid gain in deliveries for each field within the British West Indies Union. The total gain in deliveries for this period is over £3,000. 0. 0, making a grand total of £14,156. 15.2. This is a most remarkable record and we thank God for those who have laboured so untiringly to make this report possible.

—R. W. NUMBERS, *President, British West Indies Union.*

Literature Soul-winning Advance in Inter-America

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Daniel 12:3. Our gospel colporteurs are *wise*.—they that win souls are wise. The colporteurs enter heart and soul into the subject matter of the books they present. They make a practical application of the subject, and awaken an interest in the minds and hearts of the men and women who then buy.

In the midst of his presentation, one young colporteur asked: "Does your wife like to study?" And when the husband answered in the affirmative, our colporteur stressed that this particular book would guide the man and his wife in their study. On delivering the book, the colporteur left an enrollment blank for the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence Course. As a result, the couple has already been baptized, and the man and wife, with their three beautiful daughters, are Sabbath School members.

East Jamaica colporteurs delivered 48% more SOUL-WINNING LITERATURE during the first 4 months of 1952 than during the same time a year ago. West Jamaica colporteurs delivered 19% more gospel publications during this same period of time. Brother S. M. Reid, Publishing Leader for West Jamaica, writes: "We want to see West Jamaica on FIRE for God, until the light of His Word FLAMES up everywhere, and the districts and townships cry out in concert: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

In checking over the souls won by our colporteurs who were present at our last British Guiana Institute in February, there were 58 souls won. I believe the greatest harvest of souls to come into our ranks will be in the near future. When the latter rain falls, we are told by the Spirit of Prophecy, "God will do great things for us if we will be humble and believing at His Feet. More than a thousand will be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their conviction to the reading of our publications."—*Mrs. E. G. White, in Review and Herald, November 10, 1895.*" —Charles Dirgounanan.

Brother Carnegie Serieux is a native of St. Lucia, and was a Roman Catholic by birth, but read his Bible from youth. He went to British Guiana in the year 1925 in search of gold and diamonds. He found the "pearl of great price", and made the sacrifice to obtain the same. It was while working in the hinterland of British Guiana that a colporteur sold Brother Serieux a copy of the "Hope of the Race". He studied it carefully, and was convinced of the truth. He was invited to attend one of our churches, and was baptized in the year 1942. At once, Brother Serieux enlisted as a colporteur. He has a great zeal to win souls, and during the last 10 years of his ministry he has already succeeded in winning 34 souls to Christ.

Brother Moran, of Guatemala, sold a copy of the book, "The Future World", to a family. They read with interest this

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Beginnings of our Colporteur Work

Under the zealous leadership of Stephen N. Haskel the distribution of the available literature of Seventh-day Adventists grew during the 1870s. But the introduction of the large (subscription) book work came a little later.

Mrs. White, ever alert to possibilities unexploited, wrote in 1879:

"By judicious calculation they (the publishing men) can extend the light in the sale of books and pamphlets. They can send them into thousands of families that now sit in darkness of error . . . Hundreds of men should be engaged in carrying the light all through our cities, villages, and towns." *Testimonies, Vol. 4*, page 389.

But, she wrote: "Men suited to this work undertake it, but some injudicious minister will flatter them that their gift should be employed in the desk instead of simply in the work of the colporteur. Thus this work is belittled. They are influenced to get a license to preach; and the very ones who might have been trained to make good missionaries to visit families at their homes and talk and pray with them are caught up to make poor ministers." —*Ibid.*, p. 390.

God put an impediment in the speech of one of these promising young men, that unjudicious flatterers might not steal him away; and by his agency God created the great work of colportage in the Seventh-day Adventist ranks.

A Successful Colporteur

George King, a young Canadian, came down to Michigan, U.S.A., in the late 1870s, and soon expressed a desire to enter the ministry. He did not appear to James White, however, a very promising candidate, and so Elder White got Brother Godsmark to take him out on his farm, nine miles from Battle Creek. Still young King wanted to preach. Said Brother Godsmark to him, "Now, George, we'll test this out. I'll call a meeting of the church, and you try preaching. But if you fail, my boy, you must give up this idea of preaching." Perhaps, over-conscious of this ominous sentence, George dismally failed.

But then Brother Godsmark said to him, "George, if you can't preach, you can spread the message in another way. Take this supply of literature from my stock, and go out and sell it." The literature consisted of tracts and pamphlets, about all the list of publications then available. The next morning the family pityingly watched George trudge away on the road with his pack of literature. But when he came back, before the next Sabbath, pity would have been wasted, for

his face was radiant; he had sold all his stock. The second week he did likewise, and he joyfully said to himself, "Well, if I can't preach, I can sell papers and tracts."

Soon he added the little health literature then available. He had good success with this. This, however, was not enough for him. He thought, "With this health literature I am swinging only the 'Right arm' of the message. Let me get the main body to work! Give me good, large-size, well-illustrated, well-bound books on the heart of the message, and I am sure I can sell them."

At that time about the only books of respectable size were Mrs. White's four volumes of *The Spirit of Prophecy*, the four-runners of her *Conflict of the Ages Series*, tracing the history of God's dealings with men from the creation to the second coming; and Uriah Smith's two books, *Thoughts on Daniel* and *Thoughts on Revelation*, which showed the fulfillment in history of the prophecies and confidently accepted their predictions for the future.

At the General Conference of 1880, in Battle Creek, George King appeared with Uriah Smith's *Thoughts* under his arm, stopping nearly every man he could make to stand for a minute, and presenting these two books, 5 by 8 inches, firmly pressed together in one hand. He talked eagerly and convincingly of what the Lord would do through a colporteur if these books were brought out as one, enlarged, illustrated, and attractively bound in cloth or leather. George King would not be hushed or inveigled into other lines of work. No one was going to make him into a preacher, or a doctor, or a printer, or anything but a colporteur. If only he had a book! A book that he could sell! A book that he could be righteously proud to take to the public. "Make me a book!"

In the end he prevailed. The spirit of adventure was aroused in George Butler, then president of the General Conference, and in the men of the *Review* and *Herald*. They put two books together; they enlarged the page; they employed the artistry of the time to make the pictures of great Babylon, the hard-riding Saracens and Turks, and the beasts of the prophets' visions; and they bound them in blue and green and fine-twined linen, and sheepskin, and morocco, with marbled or gilt edges. It was a revolution in the art and press and bindery departments of the publishing house. And
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Faith and Achievement Versus Doubt and Fear

Faith invites: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, . . ." Matthew 23:19. When that command is obeyed we achieve for God more than we anticipated. Doubt hesitates and his victims are slaves cowering with chains of fear.

Those who are afraid to die never make active Christians. While they are entangled with the affairs of this life the enemy advances and captures the high grounds of their thinking and transforms them into Sanballats or spiritless Samsons.

Let us review positively the benefits one may derive from taking part wholeheartedly in a colporteur brigade unit.

He is drawn closer to God; he learns to meet men and discovers that humanity is the nearest semblance to a loving Heavenly Father, for others he is willing to do, to dare much, and even to die. He becomes eager to tell; he resolves to sell, and he succeeds and wonders why he was once afraid. Souls informed by books and magazines he sold then accept the truth. The average hard working brigadier earns more per day than his daily wage was before. To this there are few exceptions. This is also true if he develops, as many do, into a successful regular, full-time colporteur.

A Greek philosopher warned, "Man know thyself." More Adventist youth have discovered their true worth and have enjoyed social and scholastic privileges primarily because they stepped out by faith, using the selling of literature as the means to many glorious beginnings both in this life and in the life hereafter. Yes neighbour, try the colporteur brigade work and let God promote you where He wills—to financial independence; to educational opportunities; to association with some of the best in the land for material and spiritual benefits; to other lines of service—the ministry, the Bible work full time colporteur evangelism, and at last to heaven. Be wise, neighbour, have faith and become fearless and fight. God will surely exalt you much sooner than you think. Others have done it; you can do it too!

"Lead on, O King Eternal,
We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might."

—ERNEST SHURTLEFF.



COLPORTEUR EVANGELISTS OF BAHAMAS MISSION

An Inspiring Testimony

"Behold, the days come, . . . that . . . I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." Jeremiah 16:14-16. Please note that the fishers and hunters will be MANY—not a few. Who are these fishers and hunters that the Lord will call for the finishing of the work?

We read in the little book, *Colporteur Evangelist*, page 31, "Canvasser-evangelists are needed to hunt and fish for souls . . . Going out two and two, canvassers can reach a class that cannot be reached by meetings." Again we read in *Testimonies Vol. 5*, page 405, "The canvassing work is God's means of reaching many that would not otherwise be impressed with the truth."

The canvassing work is, therefore, far more important than many have regarded it. The canvasser, though not ordained, is as truly a minister of the Gospel as those who have been ordained, and so, "He should be familiar with the work of God, and have words at his command to unfold the precious truth, and to show the great value of the pure reading matter he carries . . . for his manner of presenting the truth may decide the destiny of a soul *Vol. 5*, page 405.

Have you heard God's call to be one of His fishers or hunters for souls? And have you responded? You may be the instrument of winning some soul who in turn may win many hundreds, who will one day be stars in your crown.

The writer was won by one of these

and I hope to be introduced to him in Heaven. May God's richest blessing attend those who are doing this noble work.

—A. C. STOCKHAUSEN.....
H.M. and S.S. Secretary,
British West Indies Union.

Memories of My Work in Inter-America

The people of Inter America, the land of my adoption, hold a tender place in my heart. Some of the happiest years of my life were spent working with and for the people of the West Indies. How can I ever forget the beautiful mountains, bays, rivers, flowers, etc., of those island fields? But what stands out in my memory most of all is the beautiful character and devoted lives of God's people in Inter-America. Their willingness to give of their means, as well as their talents and strength for the advancement of the Cause of God, always brought courage and inspiration to my soul. My memories go back to the great missionary spirit of the Adventist believers in the West Indies, their desire to spend and be spent in the service of the Master.

Naturally I think of the schools, sanitariums, church buildings, union and local conference offices, the publishing house in Cristobal; yes, buildings and lands are necessary in carrying forward the work of God. But again I repeat, the intangibles, the spirit of God's people, mean more than all the material resources of the denomination. A church remains strong and progressive only as its members remember and maintain the spirit of the founding fathers. The believers of Inter-America have that spirit, and they

must maintain it.

How could I ever forget my friends in the West Indies, especially those connected with the publishing work? Pastors J. C. Culpepper and A. R. Haig, together with the local secretaries and colporteurs, have accomplished much for God in the literature ministry. We thank God for past victories and attainments, but the future holds even greater things in store for us. The greatest days for soul winning in every department of the church are just before us. In a little while Jesus our blessed Redeemer will return, and may we each have many sheaves to place at His feet.

—D. A. McADAMS, *Pub. Secretary,*
General Conference.

A Bookman Speaks for His Comrades

Following in the trail of Prince Emmanuel, shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace, binding on the shining shield of Faith, and wielding our new two-edged sword—the Word of God, we, the undaunted bookmen of the Bahamas, have gone forth into the midst of the fray. We are fighting on the land; we are fighting across the bar and out into the sea. We are flying to the out islands; we attack while riding on the mountainous waves. Yes, we are going at His Command, and, thank God, it is not in vain. The time bombs are anchored in their strategic places, and already the forts of the enemy are crumbling while the new day dawns. Men are learning that "God is love;" let God be praised!

We would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, of our troubles which come to us in the Bahamas. We are often pressed out of measure and taxed above our strength, inasmuch, that we sometimes despair even of our lives. Truly, we accept the sentence of death with joy, so that we should not trust in ourselves but in God, who raiseth the dead and giveth power to the faint.

Much time was spent at the beginning of the year in knocking out the enemy's strongholds on the out islands where the Gospel minister has not yet reached. Many attacks were made on some strongly fortified points, and every one has been highly successful, at times even surprising the warriors themselves. Taking part in these expeditions are Veterans King, Burke, Vasciannie and the writer. When the task was too hard for one, we would bind ourselves into twos, and with our faces like flint we conquered. Praise His name

We were blessed with the forming of an Auxiliary unit comprised of Sisters Violet Burke and Reid of Jamaica, and



VETERAN COLPORTEUR

C. H. HEPBURN & MRS. HEPBURN

Sister S. E. Walker of Barbados. Already, they are in the midst of the fight and have broken the enemy's line in many places. God bless our noble women.

Veteran Vasciannie, with his unique method of delivering, has taken the lead and is determined to lead not only in sales but in souls.

Veteran J. S. King, the pioneer of our group to the Bahamas, is making his attack on the city, and the enemy is falling back in disorder and shame.

Colporteur Burke cannot be intimidated; his battle cry is "Go Forward." He visited two of the out islands, and as a result he has three Bible classes formed.

It is the writer's privilege to be associated with these noble warriors, doing his part to hasten the coming of the King of Kings. Our battle hymn is:

"Onward with Jesus, our Captain before us,

What though the battle be bitter and long.

Shoulder to shoulder, faltering never,
Onward we go till the victory appear,
Following Jesus, our noble example,
Ready to live or die for the right."

Today we march against the enemy of God and man. To our comrades fighting on the other fronts, we give our word—"The line shall not break where we stand."

—C. H. HEPBURN.

A Miracle Calls For Action

Inspiration declares that from sources we least expect will come VOICES urging us forward. The British West Indies Union is one of these sources. In the files of our two Jamaica Conferences are literally scores, if not hundreds, of applicants desirous of taking up the canvassing work—as full-time, part-time, or student-colporteurs. They are willing to sell books, and they are eager to sell MAGAZINES.

It is a common experience for us, as workers, to visit churches and to have believers tell us that they applied for entrance to the book work years ago and never received an answer. Today a Publishing Secretary told me that almost every week applications come in. Naturally, you may be led to assume that this experience is an accident, or the result of the islands unemployment, but you would be mistaken. This urge on the part of scores of our Jamaican youth is born of an "understanding of the times." These youth are the sons and daughters of Issachar—urging forward the Publishing Department of the Advent world.

Must this mighty and miraculous appeal of God to His church go unheeded? Here we do not have the territory, time or strength to harness this Niagra of godly volunteers. We confess that we are compelled to ignore most of them, and yet, psychologically, we feel we must sound the recruiting bell constantly. Scores smile or laugh at us. "You gentlemen are joking," they honestly declare. And we have no answer. Lord, how long, how long?

Suggestive Remedy.—Let us send two to the Salt Cays district. For forty years the islanders there have been calling for the Printed Bread. Colporteur H. N. Moore of East Jamaica is now under appointment to go there.

President R. E. Gibson, who is also the Publishing Department Secretary for the Bahamas, is doing his best, but a full half-time Publishing man who knows his job is needed there to arouse the Bahamian youth to action. The government is warning that no more foreigners are to come in to sell books. The few colporteurs there at present doing a glorious job are Jamaicans. The Cayman Islands district now has Colporteur Headly, a modern George King, we hope. And may not a few of our workers be also used among the English speaking communities of Central America? Are there no more needy villiages in Africa? May it not be that the good work now being done in West Africa by Publishing Sec-

retaries Davidson and Brown is another voice of thunder urging us forward?

Embarrassing. A number of Jamaican colporteurs are vanishing like ships in the night, and when we ask after them no one can answer or will reply, until we hear that two dropped out of the sky in British Guiana, another in Barbados, some in Great Britain, and not a few in the great U.S.A. as students. Arise, ye leaders, and do something; the hour is later than before.

—A. R. H.

You Must Work.

You may be wholehearted in your consecration

—But you must work.

You may pray earnestly

—But you must work.

You may be vibrant with enthusiasm

—But you must work.

You may have a burning passion for souls

—But you must work.

You may be personally acquainted with Jesus

—But you must work.

You may be thoroughly prepared

—But you must work.

You may be sincerity personified

—But you must work.

You may be as tactful as Paul

—But you must work.

You may have the courage of Joshua

—But you must work.

If you have all these qualifications

—Still you must work.

Don't sit down and take what comes—go after it!

Resolve that you will be a more successful worker!

—Selected.

Veterans of the Past, We salute You

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:17.

Dear veterans, you have handed the Advent torch to us; "the line shall not break." We resolve with you that the colporteur circle will not be broken by and by.

Besides the active army we think of three other colporteur groups: those who have fallen asleep; those who have retired; and those who did their bit, but for one reason or another, turned or were called to other lines of service. No other groups of workers share more fully in the David-and-Jonathan-like friendship than our colporteurs. When death strikes naturally or tragically, we, who are left wear sombre faces and we make new resolutions. When shame stains our former colporteur name we are embarrassed and ashamed like members of an honourable family. When, because of ill health or age, our fellow commandos drop out of the line, we engage the enemy lightly, we gladly step

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Peeping Through the Crevice Reveals Open Fields for Extensive Magazine Sowing

God has been the chief Publishing Secretary of the work in Jamaica. The rise and progress of the work in this island has been marvellous. Over the past four years, particularly, outstanding evidences of Omnipotent leading have been seen in an almost sudden and alarming rise of sales. Thank God, Sabbath schools have been organized, souls have been won, churches have been raised up and young men and women have been graduated from the West Indian Training College and other colleges abroad as a result of the Publishing work.

Among the literature distributed by the colporteurs are books (large and small) Bibles and magazines. However, magazines have not been distributed on a very large scale; perhaps the idea might have been entertained that lack of cities do not savour consistent magazine distribution. Maybe, there are other reasons too, but would you like to know that the little effort that has been made to improve this phase of the work has been blessed?

Now, the hand of faith has brought us to peep through this little crevice of achievement and, lo! as we look through, we behold a fruitful field of unlimited possibilities. Its flourishing boughs beckon to our colporteurs, to our Brigade members, to our young people and our adult members to come.

You ask, dear reader, what there is about selling and reading magazines that is so interesting. Here are a few interesting facts:

The Price is now Reduced. You can now obtain one year's subscription of the LIFE & HEALTH magazines for 21/- instead of 24/-, minus a liberal discount to Seventh-day Adventists!

The Opportunities are Unparalleled. Every subscriber or representative of LIFE & HEALTH, MESSAGE, or OUR TIMES, becomes a member of a world league which has a membership of over ten thousand. Your membership entitles you to have your question on health or religion answered free of cost at any time.

The Subject Matter Improved. In the LIFE & HEALTH magazine, which is a health journal, you obtain some of the most current medical findings; for example, in the July issue it was stated that a woman receiving a tiny dose of estrogenic hormones for only a small fraction of her life would have only the remotest possibility of developing cancer. More-

over, brethren, the editor has been acclaimed by the American Bureau of Health as the best medical writer in the United States.

As for the MESSAGE and OUR TIMES, which are religious journals, they should be read and distributed by every seventh-day Adventist. Daily meditations, discussions on doctrinal issues, and the privilege of having your questions answered are some of the benefits that you will obtain.

They Make You Feel the World's Pulse. Here are magazines that tell what conditions are like among the nations, so you can stay here in Jamaica and feel the throbs of the world as they really are religiously, socially, medically and politically.

There is a stir in West Jamaica, there is a shaking among our members, there is a moving forward and a steady advancement; and many have already sent in their orders for these magazines. Newell, Montego Bay, May Pen and Newport are among these churches. There is a kindling of fire in West Jamaica and a little blaze, and soon there will be a conflagration, for many young men and women have begun to sell magazines to get scholarships to the Kingsway High School or the West Indian Training College. Adult members are also getting in rank.

Do you want to write and make your arrangements now? Soon we shall peep no more through this small crevice of achievement but shall enter upon the open field of accomplishment; for, with the church well informed and the youth well trained, God's church shall move forward and reap the harvest for His advent.

—S. M. REID, *Pub. Secretary,*
West Jamaica Conference.

Beginnings of Our Colporteur Work

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then they said to George King, "Here you are! Now go out and make good your promise to sell these books."

George King took the first copy that came from the press, and without ever leaving the building he cornered a young man named Webb Reavis, gave him a canvass—and sold the book. (That by way of demonstration.) Then he went out to the public, and the first edition speedily disappeared.

This, in the year 1881, was the beginning of the subscription book business, which now reaches annually into millions, and which with other literature has spread over the face of the world the light of the last gospel message.

—ARTHUR W. SPALDINGS.

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book and expressed their desire to learn more of the truth. Brother Moran studied with them in their home. By the fourth night they had invited the husband's brother and wife, and two others, thus making a nice group of six persons. Immediately, the man and wife began making plans for baptism and just four months later took the sacred step, which formed the first group of Adventists in that section. Today these young people are rejoicing with us in the blessed hope of the second coming of Jesus. And the two Sierra brothers have joined the valient force of colporteurs in Guatemala.

In 1951 there were 59 people attending Sabbath School as a result of colporteur contacts in Canada. Twenty-five have been baptized, and 23 others are ready for baptism. The Canadian colporteurs set goals to see 255 souls baptized as a result of their work during 1952.

*"From Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand,
Where Africa's sunny fountains
Roll down their golden sands,
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain."*

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—J. C. CULPEPPER, *Pub. Secretary,*
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Fifty young people and one hundred boys and girls wanted to sell books or magazines in order to earn scholarships to your church school, Kingsway High School, West Indian Training College, or to any of our colleges in America, England, and Canada! Scholarship winners receive more than half of what they sell. You will be amazed at the liberal inducements offered. Write to your conference publishing department immediately for the "Scholarship Plan" and Student Contract Form, etc., etc.

Cut out the enrollment blank in the VISITOR or just write saying that you desire to win one or more scholarships to Kingsway High School or West Indian Training College, etc., and sign your name, e.g.

John Do-or-Die.
Mary Never-Give-Up.

Good Counsel

Many of the readers of the VISITOR have applied to their conference for permission to enter the colporteur work and have not succeeded. Some of them never even received a letter of acknowledgement. Never mind, that has been due to the fact that the work of God is always bigger than the men leading out, and is growing faster than we can keep up with it. Here is good advice; keep on knocking at the door of opportunity and it will surely open. Do not give up after one or two trials; there is a third trial, at least, that you must make. Remember there is always room at the top, boys, there is always room at the top.

—A. R. H.

The Testimony of our Student Colporteurs

Advent Youth of the Union, remember that "a task without a vision is drudgery; a vision without a task is a dream, but a vision along with the task is the hope of the world."

Of this stupendous truth, we, the student-colporteurs of the West Indian Training College, are quite cognizant; therefore, we consecrate and dedicate our lives to the envisioned task, and not to a salary. Emoluments exert no magnetic influence upon us. Our first desire finds satisfaction in how much we give, and not in how much we get. "God shall be first in everything."

There is no question in our minds as to the accuracy of the revelation given to Mrs. E. G. White. God told her that "The canvassing work properly conducted is missionary work of the highest order." *C.E.*, p. 5. It is because we have grasped the truth of this inspired statement that we go forward again this summer to blaze a new trail for God in leading humanity home by "The way of the cross." Our swords are the printed page, sharpened and polished by the Holy Spirit, and placed in our hands by envisioned men of God.

We are not ignorant of the trials, besetments, temptations and difficulties awaiting us, but because He that is with us is greater far than those that be against us, we are determined that, under God, there shall be no Alps! No compromise! No retreat! It shall be victory or death!

The reports of the regular colporteurs each month reveal the astounding fact that Jamaica is still virgin for a larger

Enlistment Blank

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 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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circulation of our literature. Sixty years or more have borne the weight of glory accompanying the scattering of the printed page, yet every year there is equal or even more earnest yearning and longing for the sacred truths contained in our literature. So, under God, we are determined to play our part in the fulfillment of the prophecy of Revelation 18:1. We will help to belt the globe with eternal beams of light streaming from divinely appointed books, tracts, and magazines.

In such "an age on ages telling," when sin has become a science, vice, a virtue, and crime is condoned; when man is befuddled and bewildered, dazed and deluded; it is time for God's true Bookmen to impress the hearts of men with the days in which we are living—the momentous hour when all must speak the truth sincerely, and their wrongs in truth confess. When men wonder, we must answer with "The Products of the Press." Yes, in this atomic age when men's hearts are failing them for fear, demagogues of democracy, doctors of diplomacy and parliamentary practitioners table their panaceas with the hope of arriving at a solution or some "cure-all" with which to heal this sin-sick world of its maladies. But, alack, and alas, their efforts prove futile as man continues to rush headlong, bent on overbalancing the world as it totters on the brink of civilization.

What then is the solution? Wherein lies any hope for the future? What is

the next great drama to be acted on the stage of this world's history?

The solution is Jesus. The hope is in accepting Him today, while He pleads as our Mediator and Saviour, so that when He appears as our Judge in the next great drama of His coming, our names will be found written and retained in the Lamb's Book of Life.

We go forth this summer with the one and selfsame burden of publishing this message until it wakes men from their worldly dreaming and wins them for the building up of the Church militant and for the glory of the Church triumphant.

Youth not yet in College, join the great Colporteur Army of the Union and thus begin your ministry before God sends you to school. By selling you may win a generous scholarship and many souls to the Kingdom of God. Join in TODAY. Sign up NOW!

We solicit the incessant prayers of our brethren as we go forth.

—HERMAN DOUSE, *President,*
Colporteur Club, W.I.T.C.

"Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the word with determined energy that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the Isle of Patmos."

—MRS. E. C. WHITE.

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A Student Colporteur of the Kingsway High School Bridging the Walls of the Citadel

Enter the city. Search diligently for a student of dauntless courage. By day or by night, search the city with torch or candle light for that student with boundless enthusiasm—meaningful passion to do that which is right. He is fearless and unconcerned about the crowd. He meets oppositions with a heroic look blended with a smile of peace. He walks even "with death unafraid." Burden bearing cannot dwarf the sincerity of his friendship. His successful and rich experiences form a bright flame which renews his courage to "Press on", come what may. Such is the typical student-colporteur of the Kingsway High School. To him, a vision without a task is a mystical, meaningless dream, a smoke screen of talk without action. A task without a vision is drudgery. "A vision with a task", says he, "makes you a man, my son." This is his philosophy.

The student-colporteur watches for the opportunity of service as a governor does for his king and country. The Advent Message must ring clear and loud



WON BY A BOOK

in the hearts and ears of men, women and children; the people must be warned and Satan must be disarmed. Expenses must be paid; therefore, he works early and late. This blood-and-fire fight, combined with prayer, keeps the student on the trail.

A true student Bookman refuses to work for a name. He looks beyond to the gates of God, and by faith beholds his prospects marching in. He thinks also of others about whom he reads: "What greater and more abundant legacy could have been bequeathed to posterity than the rich heirloom of a noble ancestor?" They know that fame is transient, but a good name is an asset.

He is one of those students who helped to sell, during the summer of 1949, £1840. 12. 3; 1950, £1191. 18. 11; 1951, £1,800 7 3, making a total of £4,832 18 5

worth of truth-filled literature. You see, his programme is well organised. He works on Sundays; he capitalises on public holidays, and never fails to work at least one hour each day after school is out. During school vacation he is again in the big drive. Each year he is certain of his £15.0. 0, for a Kingsway scholarship. His board and lodging expenses are paid; his social and spiritual sides strengthened; and, sure enough, he is grade-conscious, too!

The writer holds that the student is not a genius but rather genuine in his ideas. He feels that he has taken the right aim and pulls the trigger in order to reach his objectives. He always maintains the bulldozer-principle towards opposition; then, with a grind of the teeth, he makes the diver's plunge to the bottom of every proposition, fearing no foe nor blushing for friends. He is free and forceful from homes to offices, factories to farms, from streets to stores—meeting the people with the twinkle of love in his eyes and a mellow smile upon his cheeks.

Youth of Jamaica, behold a typical student-colporteur of the Kingsway High School. He is sure to win in the divine attempt; namely, warning, witnessing and winning for God. You, Friend O'Min, can do the same.

—A. A. MORGAN, *Asst. Pub. Secretary, East Jamaica Conference.*

Veterans of the Past, We Salute You (Continued from page 5.)

forward into the breach. In the crimson deeps of our souls we resolve never to break the line. May God bless and keep you, veteran warriors. We pledge to take the fight to the enemy; all we ask are your prayers and your tears. The way has been easier because you went before. Enjoy your closing years.

"The sunset side of life is surely best,
Behind the hard, long climb
Soon home, and rest."

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Five months work up to May 1952.