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More Colporteurs Needed

By D. E. COLLINS

"FORWARD with increasing success" was the counsel that came to us in 1902. Again, "The character is revealed not by the occasional good deeds and occasional



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misdeeds, but by the tendency of the habitual words and acts." So it is with the literature ministry. Its success is not determined by success here or apparent failure there, but by the general trend of the movement as a whole.

Literature sales have varied somewhat from time to time, yet since the counsel of 1902 the sales have climbed from about \$3,000,000 in ten years to more than \$5,000,000 in one year.

Elder Franklin wrote that the gain for March in North America was the first in thirty-two months. Our Central Union shows a gain of 46 per cent for the first quarter of 1933 over the same period of 1932. Naturally we feel that we did our part in bringing about a gain for North America. We also show a substantial gain in soul-winning; however, we are not content. We need a large army of recruits; therefore we hope the Lord will lay a burden upon our people for service.

In this union of nine local conferences

with a population of nearly 15,000,000 there is room for 500 full-time colporteurs. The aim of the colporteur recruiting Sabbath, May 20, is to enlist at least one from each of the 457 churches in the union. I hope all will heed the statement of the servant of the Lord when she said, "Many times I have been shown that there should be a more general interest in our canvassing work." And again, "The presidents of our conferences, and others in responsible positions, have a duty to do in this matter that the different branches of the work may receive equal attention."

Elder Watson said to the publishing department men, "You need to be men of much faith and undefeatable courage in the work that is given you to do. You deserve in attempting that work, the most brotherly cooperation we can give you. Conference presidents, ministers—upon all there is a responsibility of interest and leadership in the work of God, without which it cannot succeed in these times. Plans should be laid on which all can unite. From one end of the earth to the other we should make this literature what God wants it to be. It should be made an agency that will contribute far beyond any voice that can be raised. We want that the recognition of that fact will be with you and your men all the time."

A Tremendous Challenge

By H. W. SHERRIG

THE effectiveness of literature as a soul-saving agency has never been questioned. When the first Bible was finished, seventy-five million volumes in 237 languages, penetrating the darkest corners of the world, could hardly be visualized. How few realized that from the efforts of Peter Waldo, a typical colporteur in his day, who so courageously stamped through the Piedmontese valleys with his supply of literature, would spring the Waldensian churches which through the many terrible persecutions preserved the Word of God. Again it is hard to estimate the true value of the literature ministry in the darkest days of the Revolution.

It is doubtful if our early pioneers really glimpsed the day when this denomination would publish truth-filled literature in almost 150 languages, reaching every corner of the globe. When people, not of our faith, are made acquainted with these facts, they wonder, and when told that the sales have amounted to practically \$100,000,000 during the last fifty years, they marvel.

The Central Union has a population of 14,600,000. Many of these people are seriously contemplating on what the future has in store. Never has there

been a greater opportunity to answer these questions than today. Should not this constitute a tremendous challenge to



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every one of us to see that our wealth of literature is put to work in every way possible? Last year was the greatest soul-saving year in the history of the denomination. In 1933 this result

could be doubled and even trebled if every church member would make his neighbor his responsibility. If you are already a part-time literature worker, why not celebrate the fiftieth golden anniversary of the colporteur work by putting in even more time this year? If you have never engaged in the literature ministry, why not do your share by devoting part of your time to this cause in 1933? If you are unable to take a personal part, will you not have a share in the finishing of the work with the literature by entertaining or helping our faithful colporteurs who may be working in your community?

There is a place in our literature work for every willing and consecrated worker, although definite results may not always be apparent. One man worked a whole week and sold only two little 25 cent books. He gave up and got a job. A year and one-half later, at the camp meeting a family asked for him. Four had come into the truth as a result of reading these two little books. As a Christian, it is your privilege as well as responsibility to find such people and bring them in through the reading of our message-filled literature. Let every one of our 457 churches in the Central Union join in this great soul-saving enterprise, and eternity will reveal the results of faithful service.

Colorado Conference

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The Colporteur Work in Colorado



It is a privilege to be engaged in the colporteur work in Colorado. Our colporteur records show a substantial gain in every item thus far in 1933 over 1932, and we have faith to believe that this splendid showing

will continue throughout the year. With courage, grit, and perseverance that is typical of Colorado mountain climbers, we are determined to press on and scale the peaks of success, no matter how rugged and difficult the way may be. With the help of Christ our Leader we will plant our banner on the highest point possible that hours and sales will attain,

The Lord is helping our colporteurs to find the honest in heart. Their experiences tell how God is directing them in answering the prayers of those seeking His truth. Two persons were baptized last Sabbath in one of the Denver churches as a direct result of colporteur work during the first four months of this year. A goodly number of other contacts were made, and these individuals are now taking Bible studies and attending prayer meeting and Sabbath services. We thank the Lord for His blessing and the success that has accompanied our efforts. We thank Him that so many books have gone into the homes and especially for the souls that have accepted the message as a result of our literature work.

We solicit the prayers and cooperation of the conference workers, church officers, and laymen of the Colorado Conference.

P. E. SHAKESPEARE.

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Importance of the Literature Ministry



I BELIEVE every true Seventh-day Adventist should and does realize the great importance of the literature ministry. If any fail to see its importance, let me quote these few words spoken by the servant of

God: "The great and wonderful work of the last gospel message is to be carried on now as it has never been before. The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals. The third angel's message is to be given through this medium and through the living teacher. Let every human intelligence who professes the name of Christ testify, 'The end of all things is at hand. Prepare to meet thy God.' Christ calls for young men and women who will volunteer to carry the truth to the world."

One colporteur wrote this touching experience: "Wednesday morning I prayed especially for the Lord to lead me to some sinsick soul; and in the afternoon I met a young mother who was having some trouble, and wanted to know more

about God and His great love. I talked to her about giving her life to Him. She ordered a book and told me to stop next morning. I did so and she had told a friend of hers about my work, and she wanted to meet me. She also gave me an order, and the two have promised to come to church." I pray God will work upon both their hearts, and that this branch of God's work may go forward with increasing success.

L. P. KNECHT.

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Bright Prospects

THE prospects for literature work in Kansas are "as bright as the promises of God." He will effect a triumph in His work through those who are diligent and faithful. A vast field lies before us in this conference.



The call is coming to many men and women in Kansas to take up this unfinished work. A year ago quite an army of workers entered the field, many of them being only summer workers. During the winter months not much work has been done. But there is a substantial number of our members in the conference who are ready to join the ranks as training and supervision can be given.

A colporteur institute has just been held for regulars and for academy students. We are glad to report a good interest. Several of the students, including young men and women and at least

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one of the faculty, have definite plans to go out in the field when school closes. There are also several of the Union College students already arranging to work in Kansas.

In spite of the fact that for four consecutive years economical conditions have become more critical in the western two-thirds of the state, with added difficulties developing this year in the wheat area, we believe Kansas will go ahead of last year in literature distribution. Kansas colporteurs will be glad to learn that they can count on A. K. Phillips to help them in their work as soon as the school season closes.

E. H. MEYERS.

A Definite Message

WE read, "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Ps. 68:11. This text is given in a setting to apply at the time of the coming of Christ, according to verse 17. The proclamation of the gospel then has a distinctive place in the literature and printing matter of the last-day message. True to this prophecy, we today live in an age when the human mind is given to reading. Though times have changed and money is scarce, nevertheless the world continues publishing and the people keep on reading. Therefore, "The wider the circulation of our publications, the greater will be the demand for our books that make plan the scriptures of truth."—*Vol. 4, p. 392.*

"Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people."—*Vol. 6, p. 315.*

"Our publications should go everywhere."—*Vol. 9, p. 62.*

Many a soul today rejoices in the message because some faithful colporteur brought a book to his door. The message in the printed page has a definite place in warning the world of the end. May this work never cease, and may this jubilee year revive the selling of books, tracts, and magazines beyond anything we have ever done before.

Every soul born into the third angel's message must have a definite part in giving the truth. May not your work be the going from house to house with the printed page?

C. S. WIEST.

Announcement

ON Sunday night, May 14, Elder N. J. Aalborg plans to begin a series of meetings at Chanute in the open-air auditorium at the City Park. Services will be held each evening. A cordial invita-

tion is extended to neighboring churches to attend these meetings, which will be known as the Bible Chautaugua.

Minnesota Conference

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Work of the Highest Order



TRUE colporteur work is not merely a process of selling, but is missionary work of the highest order, as illustrated by the following experiences of some of the Minnesota colporteurs:

"I called at one home; and while giving my canvass the husband said, 'All the signs of today prove that the end is near, and the Bible says that Saturday is the Sabbath. We do not want any literature unless it is S. D. A. literature.' They ordered the book in spite of the fact that they are in hard circumstances."

"I handed my prospectus to a Catholic relative who knows that I am a Seventh-day Adventist. She looked it over carefully and after asking the price, gave me an order. Of course I was happy to place an Adventist book in that home. A Presbyterian minister told me he approved very much of the fine work Adventists are doing. A Lutheran minister ordered by book, and is comparing it with the Bible. He says he will recommend it to his people if he finds it compares favorably. Faithful time will bring us success regardless of unemployment or any other obstacle."

"I met a business man who was discouraged because he could find no minister who would tell him the truth about the Bible and the other side of death. I gave him a short study on this question, and he said, 'That's it, and God will finally set up a kingdom on this earth, but I can't find a church that teaches that.' I told him of our church, and he said he would attend; and he seemed very much pleased as he bought a *Watchman*."

God is calling men to participate in this work so that we may share in the happiness and joy it brings to one's soul in service for others. May you get in contact with that dynamic power from on high, and then get in contact with the writer for territory.

J. M. JACKSON.

The Colporteur Ministry

SOME things cannot be substituted! An attempt at substitution may be tried, but with no success. Thus it is with the colporteur ministry—it cannot be substituted. There are some individuals who can be reached no other way. By the colporteur the truth of God is carried throughout the land, even into the nooks and crevices where other means of spreading the gospel utterly fail. Like the seeds carried on the breeze and deposited everywhere, so the seeds of truth are scattered by them. The *Northern European Promoter* recently cited an instance where one book, "Our Day in the Light of Prophecy," had been sold to a shoemaker in a Polish village, and through its light an interest of more than two hundred has awakened. Many of these individuals ripened into true followers of God. An interesting experience is told by Elder J. B. Nelson, of Old Mexico. He states that an American colporteur sold a subscription of one of our Spanish papers to a shoe cobbler. This man bound the twelve numbers together, and for fifteen years studied from them and used them among his friends to win others to the message. The following paragraph sketches the happenings of these fifteen years:

"As I fingered over the soiled and worn pages of the old magazines, noting how some were literally dropping to pieces from much use, and as he told me how many of his brothers and sisters and neighbors had accepted the truth from his teachings, and how many nights he had preached from these old pages while his little shop was filled to its capacity and other eager listeners stood outside, my heart was full of praise to God for the mighty power He has given to our printed message, and the high honor we mortals are given to have a part in its circulation. How I wondered who that lonely colporteur, away from home in a foreign land, could have been who had visited this cobbler in this out-of-way village, and how I wished that he might have been present to hear and see the harvest from his faithful sowing!"

Indeed, there is no substitution for the colporteur ministry. It is efficient and successful. It is to be one of the last means of labor to cease. It will be with us to the end. May those who both can and will, join in this excellent branch of self-supporting, soul-saving work.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Camp Meeting

ONLY six weeks remain before we will be opening our camp meeting at Anoka.

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSAR

UP UNTIL the year 1882 not a single subscription book setting forth the doctrines of the Bible as held by Seventh-day Adventists had been sold outside the denomination. The colporteur organization as we now have it, and the work of selling our books through colporteurs from house to house, were unknown. Literature sales from the beginning of the movement to that date had totaled only about \$200,000. The publications were given away, not sold.

In 1879 instruction came through the servant of the Lord to establish a house-to-house selling work with our books. As at every such time when an advance step is to be taken God prepares a man willing to undertake the task, so it was then. Brother George A. King offered his service. He was not only willing, but he had such a conviction regarding the need of doing this work that he implored the leading brethren to prepare the books and let him take hold of the work of circulating them. He was sure of success. This was at a General Conference meeting held in December, 1881. In response to his earnest plea, the two small books, "Thoughts on Daniel," and "Thoughts on Revelation," were united in one volume. Brother King became personally responsible financially for the first edition of five hundred copies, finished and bound.

First INSTRUCTION

Testimony, 1879

"**SOME** things of grave importance have not been receiving due attention at our offices of publication. Men in responsible positions should have worked up plans whereby our books could be circulated, and not lie on shelves, falling dead from the press. Our people are behind the times, and are not following the opening providences of God. . . . The power of the press with all its advantages is in their hands. By judicious calculation they can extend the light in the sale of books and pamphlets. They can send them into thousands of families that now sit in the darkness of error."

Elders J. N. Loughborough and W. C. White were among the few who encouraged him in launching this colporteur movement that has since become such a mighty factor in the promulgation of the truth the world around.

Success attended the sale of this first subscription book. It was evident that God was in the program. Others soon joined Brother King, and the work made progress. This was the beginning. As suggested, during the thirty preceding years the sales of all publications were less than \$200,000. During the fifty-year period since, which we review in this Golden Anniversary year, the total sales have been more than \$96,000,000.

Looking Backward and Forward

May the celebration of this Golden Anniversary impress us with what God has wrought in the publishing of the truth during these fifty years of our colporteur work. Shall we not take courage as we review it? And shall we not make it a time when we shall look forward to the great unfinished task that calls for renewed consecration, and for renewed determination now to place books in the homes of the people? Shall we not pray for the vision and the spirit that took hold of Brother King in those early days, realizing that to-day the call is just as definite, and the promises just as clear as to what our truth-filled books will accomplish?

The Purpose of This Anniversary

1. To render thanks. How fitting that on the Sabbath day set apart for the observance of this Golden Anniversary we review the promises of Psalm 126, and render thanks.

2. To make special prayer. "That the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified," is reason for prayer, as urged in 2 Thessalonians 3:1. Such a prayer should be going up to God for our colporteurs. Never has the enemy of all truth been more active; never have conditions called for divine help as they do now. With the more difficult conditions, there are opportunities that are unparalleled for the winning of souls.

3. To extend the call for more laborers. "Send forth laborers." Matthew 9:38. The grain is fully ripe, and more



Plans for the GOLDEN Anniversary Pacific Pro

"**WHEREAS**, The year 1932 the inception of our colporteur opportunity to give this work .

"**WHEREAS**, The spirit of ministry is to 'go forward with
"We therefore recommend, set apart as the Golden Colpor

"2. That on this day we rev
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gelistic agency;

"3. That the definite goal o
the recruiting objective in each

faithful *book* laborers are needed during this harvest time.

Effective Ministry of Our Colporteurs

In these days of distress, uncertainty, and perplexity, our colporteurs are ministering to thousands of persons, who are anxiously inquiring, and "waiting only to be gathered in."—"The Acts of the Apostles," page 109. There is no class of workers in our organization that is doing such work as our colporteurs,—going from house to house, and seeking out individually the hundreds and thousands of persons who would pass by hall or tent or church where the message for the hour is preached. This is verified by the daily experiences of these faithful workers, a few of which are here given:

f COLPORTEUR WORK

VERSARY WORK



D. W. REAVIS
First Purchaser

SARY Adopted at the Meeting

the fiftieth anniversary since
the year 1883 offers an unusual
solicity; and

states that this house-to-house
access;—

Sabbath of May 20, 1933, be
all our churches;

gram to be provided, the pros-
gress of this soul-saving evan-

colporteur for each church be made

Fourteen Were There

In one of our large cities there were
presently present at the first meeting in
an evangelistic series fourteen persons
who had purchased "Bible Readings"
from a colporteur. This worker, incidentally,
was himself a convert to the truth
through the influence of a book he had
purchased from a colporteur.

Many Waiting (Los Angeles, April 1)
"In one week Brother T (a colporteur)
interested seven in taking Bible studies,"
field missionary secretary reports. "A
lady called upon had company, had no
Bible, and said she didn't have time to
listen. The colporteur sold her a Bible.
When he introduced a book, mentioning
at the time the recent earthquake, and

was given the privilege of demonstrating
the book with her company present. He
sold a copy each of 'The Great Contro-
versy' and 'Daniel and the Revelation';
and the husband, who came in during the
demonstration, insisted on receiving the
Bible studies offered."

A New Sabbath School

Listen to this story of a new Sabbath
school in St. Louis, Missouri, as told by
R. G. Campbell, field secretary, in a let-
ter written April 6:

"Last Sabbath one of our colporteurs,
together with the Sabbath school secre-
tary of our conference, organized a little
Sabbath school in a solid Catholic sec-
tion of St. Louis, with eighteen members,
as the result of the work of just one col-
porteur since the beginning of the year.
He stated in his letter that he expects be-
tween thirty and forty to attend this
coming week. As soon as this Sabbath
school is functioning properly, he plans
to move on to another territory, to work
where he will undoubtedly be able to
raise up another company. The people
are very anxious for the message these
days, and are glad for any help they can
get along this line."

Angels Are Preparing the Way (See Volume 9, pages 46, 47)

Experience after experience given in-
dicates that the Lord is impressing peo-
ple through dreams, and is appealing to
them in very striking ways.

To illustrate, one colporteur recently
had this experience:

"A lady canceled her order because
she stated that her husband had lost his
job. She said, however, that if she ob-
tained the money she would write me to
send the book. A few days after that I
went by her house and she called me,
requesting me to bring the book. She
then told me that she had had a dream,
and in her dream somebody told her that
she should and must have that book.
This is the reason that she took it. The
Lord has a hand in His work."

In a Catholic Home (Northern California, March)

"I canvassed a woman in a Catholic
home, who said that she had seen the
same book and the very same pictures in

a dream. She called her mother-in-law,
and told her to listen while I went on
with the canvass. When I had finished,
she said: 'You are the same man I saw
in a dream, and have the same book.' I
told her that to me this indicated that
the Lord wanted her to have the book.
She gave me her order."

All Studying the Bible

"Miss Q. is in this business to win
souls, and claims the promise that the
Lord will impress hearts. On calling to
see a woman who is piecing a quilt for
her in payment for 'Daniel and the Rev-
elation,' she and Sister G. who accom-
panied her, were invited in, and, to their
surprise, found five other women whom
they had canvassed previously—Nazar-
ene, Quaker, Methodist, and Jewish,—all
studying the Bible together. Our sisters
entered into the study, and proved very
helpful in explaining some of the uncer-
tain points. Miss Q. led in prayer. Later
Mrs. G. met the leader of the little com-
pany again, and was told that our sisters'
visit was not in vain, that the ladies were
deeply impressed, and wished further
help at their next meeting. Let us pray
for these honest hearts.

"These two colporteurs sold twelve
large books last week and plenty of helps,
and received \$22.50 in cash in deposits
and for books delivered."

First ACTION

Resolution Passed in 1880 by the
General Conference

**"WHEREAS, The spirit of proph-
ecy has spoken directly upon the
value of systematic and efficient
efforts to spread the truth by the
circulation of our publications;
therefore,**

**"Resolved, That we recommend
the employment of judicious per-
sons by our state conferences to act
as colporteurs, who shall receive a
license from the State Conference
Committees to labor in that ca-
pacity."**

**Work and pray for the success of
the anniversary service to be held
May 20, 1933.**

— SABBATH, MAY 20, 1933

Minnesota Camp Meeting

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June 22 to July 2 is the date set for the Minnesota gathering, and we are posting this notice early so that our people may know the specific time and arrange their plans so as to be with us in united worship. Each passing year reveals to us more numerous evidences of the nearness of the end. Certainly the time is not far distant when our annual meetings will be an impossible thing. While opportunity yet remains, we trust that our people will join with us this year in this period of consecration and religious service.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

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Giving the Message to Missouri

M is for the Message of mercy our colporteurs are carrying.

I is for the Interest taken by the loyal members of our conference.

S is for Souls sought for and won by our faithful colporteurs.

S is for Salvation and the Saving power of Christ in every book.

O is for Others we are working to save, Others we hope will join our ranks.

U is for Unity; without it we could not stand.

R is for Righteousness, the character of our Saviour we hold before the people.

I is for Invitation we cordially extend to any and all who wish to become soul-winning literature evangelists.

Our regular colporteur force numbers 33, including seven *Watchman* workers and a leader for the magazine workers, also a colored assistant. We have ten students who will join our forces during the summer months. Several new persons will be started in the field between now and the time the students come into the field. We have been working on the company plan, and find it is a great advantage to have the colporteurs grouped, the major part of our work being centered around the two big cities, Saint Louis and Kansas City, which have proved very fruitful in both sales and souls. Besides these two large cities we have fourteen other cities and 114 counties where the need is just as great, but



we have not the men to send to them. We have ten homes where colporteurs can live with our believers and their room and board will be furnished them free. Surely this is an opportunity, and I hope many will hear the Macedonian call and come over and help us.

R. G. CAMPBELL.

A Fitting Anniversary Celebration

THERE are two phases to the colporteur work: the financial and the soul-saving. I believe that above everything else the soul-saving phase of our work should be emphasized above every other feature of it. We are told that "the canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order."—*Vol. 6, p. 313*. Eternity alone will reveal the large number who will be saved in the kingdom as the result of purchasing and reading our literature. Today our faithful colporteurs who are trudging from door to door day after day in all kinds of weather, are doubtless doing more to prepare this old world for the loud cry of the third angel than they have any idea of. So there is no question about the importance of the book work from the standpoint of soul-saving.

From a financial standpoint there are very few who have ever made a large income of this work, although those who have worked faithfully and prayerfully have usually been able to get along quite comfortably from a financial standpoint. At the present time, I suppose the book work is going harder than it has for a number of years, and yet our reports in Missouri show that the value of sales per hour thus far this month have been right around seventy cents. By exercising care in the taking of orders so as to insure good deliveries, our colporteurs who are faithful in putting in good time have the possibility of earning as much as they probably

would at any other line of employment at the present time; and with so many out of employment, it appears as though the privilege of engaging in the sale of our soul-saving literature is really a god-send to our people who are willing to work and be faithful.

The year 1933 is the Golden Jubilee year for the colporteur work in this denomination. Fifty years ago our subscription book work had its beginning, and in recognition of this anniversary an effort is being made to place in the field as many colporteurs as there are churches in each of the conferences. In the Missouri Conference we have forty-one churches, and according to reports, we have about thirty-two colporteurs who are reporting quite regularly at the present time. It should not be a very difficult task for Missouri to reach this goal of one colporteur for each church in the conference, and we hope that there will be a number upon whom the Lord will lay a burden to take up this soul-saving work in the near future.

H. C. HARTWELL.

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Result of Seedsowing



ONE of our believers related the following experience to me: Several years ago, before he knew anything of this message, he became acquainted with a humble colporteur who tried to sell him a book. He looked it over and discovered that he had the same book; so he did not buy another. At a later meeting with this same

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 29, 1933

	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, <i>Field Missionary Secretary</i>							
J. W. Allen	HP	39	11	60.50	7.00	67.50	1.75
W. A. Burton	DR	37	14	50.50	9.50	60.00	.50
Harry Duff	OD	38	1	2.50	7.00	9.50	1.00
Sallie Holmes	DR	13	4	16.00	7.25	23.25	2.75
Georgia J. Kemp	HP	20	2	11.00	---	11.00	---
Alex Kohltfarber	OT	30	---	---	1.25	1.25	.75
Willie Anna Reid	HP	6	1	5.50	---	5.50	---
Arthur Richards	DR	23	3	9.75	.25	10.00	.25
John Sessor	BR	12	2	9.00	---	9.00	---
Ruby Sexton	DR	8	---	---	---	---	---
Mrs. A. Snyder	RJ	36	9	30.00	---	30.00	13.00
W. L. Vickers	RJ, BPS	53	10	39.00	4.25	43.25	1.50
Mrs. J. W. Gardner	Mag.	29	---	---	13.40	13.40	13.40
Mrs. Orphia Klaus	Mag.	26	---	---	3.20	3.20	3.20
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag.	23	---	---	14.90	14.90	14.90

Jess Williamson	Mag.	2	3.60	3.60	3.60
Total		395	57	233.75	71.60 305.35 56.60
COLORADO: P. E. Shakespeare, Field Missionary Secretary					
Henry Butler	CW	12	3.00	3.00	.50
H. L. Canfield	BR	64	9	31.50	11.00 42.00 15.00
Ernest Harper	HP	44	3	16.50	2.75 19.25 .25
Mrs. P. Jenkins	BR	37	5	24.00	18.25 42.25 2.25
Mrs. S. McGrew	HW	20	1	2.00	3.25 5.25 5.50
H. R. Prentice	HW	44	13	42.00	18.00 60.00 5.00
Albert Priest	HP	30	10	5.75	5.75 .25
Mrs. Wm. Worrow	HW	11	1.00	1.00	1.00
Mrs. Willett	HW	18	2.25	2.25	2.00
Karl Simon	Mag.	25	10.00	10.00	10.00
Mrs. Spoden	Mag.	15	4.10	4.10	4.10
Mrs. Draney	Mag.	1.60	1.60	1.60	
Miss Halvorsen	Mag.	2.50	2.50	2.50	
Mrs. Berry	Mag.	12.00	12.00	12.00	
Mrs. Swena	Mag.	4.00	4.00	4.00	
Daisy Jones	Mag.	10.35	10.35	10.35	
Jacob Reuber	Mag.	11	4.30	4.30	
Misc. Mag. Sales		11.20	11.20	11.20	
Denver Jr. Academy		3.50	3.50	3.50	
Total		331	41	172.00	121.50 293.50 95.30
IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary					
Nathan Coffin	RJ	42	11	36.00	14.00 50.00
Raymond Hircock	OT	40	8	23.00	10.00 33.00 .50
G. A. Shelton	BR	39	5	26.00	5.00 31.00 14.00
W. R. Archbold	RJ	34	6	21.00	8.25 29.25
J. W. Simon	RJ	39	5	15.00	15.00 30.00 .75
Florence Maurath	RJ	40	7	21.00	7.85 28.85 1.10
Elmer Cox	OD	39	7	19.25	7.20 26.45 28.45
Mrs. A. Snovel	BR	23	3	15.00	.25 15.25 6.25
H. G. Biggers	Misc.	36	11.50	11.50	4.50
Elva G. Wilcox	GC	28	1	4.50	4.25 8.75 10.00
Robert Garber	RJ	12	1	3.00	3.00 6.00 3.50
Mrs. D. Donnell	Crisis	4	4.00	4.00	4.00
Total		376	54	183.75	90.30 274.05 73.05
MINNESOTA: J. M. Jackson, Field Missionary Secretary					
*B. O. Engen	GC	18	25.47	25.47	65.17
H. A. Hanson	BR	36	3	13.50	11.50 25.00 7.00
Mrs. J. Bohdan	BR	37	2.00	2.00	1.50
Ada Schornstein	RJ	35	8	27.00	8.25 35.25 4.75
Karl A. Evenson	BR	5.50	5.50	31.00	
P. M. Vixie	HW	28	5	15.00	6.00 21.00 1.00
Mrs. L. Ludvigson	RJ	20	3	9.00	7.25 16.25 .85
Mrs. E. E. Netteburg	23	6.80	6.80	7.95	
Ray T. Kroll	Mics.	15	5.75	5.75	5.75
F. W. Lequier	RJ	11	3.50	3.50	3.50
Hazel M. Johnson	RJ	10	4.00	4.00	
Lillian E. Merten	GC	8	3.75	3.75	
Miss C. E. Powers	Mag.	40	10.00	10.00	10.00
Mrs. Viola Boehrig	Mag.	32	13.30	13.30	13.30
Leah Strand	Mag.	22	9.60	9.60	9.60
Clare G. Rust	Mag.	22	8.30	8.30	8.30
Mrs. Ida Johnson	Mag.	5	1.00	1.00	1.00
Total		362	19	64.50	131.97 196.47 167.17
NEBRASKA: R. J. Roy, Field Missionary Secretary					
*Mrs. Alice Jenks	Mag.	17	9.05	9.05	9.05
Abel Larson	RJ	33	6.50	6.50	2.25
John Ogren	OD	33	3	7.50	1.75 9.25 .50
*Rhoda Pedersen	RJ	57	10	21.00	12.35 33.35 8.80
C. A. Pence	20	1.60	1.60	1.60	
G. R. Starr	Misc.	25	1.40	1.40	1.40
Lucille Wallace	RJ	59	1	4.00	4.75 8.75 .80
Total		243	14	50.36	30.90 81.26 24.40
KANSAS: E. H. Meyers, Field Missionary Secretary					
Corrine Barker	Crisis	2.50	1.00	3.50	
*A. F. Harder	BR	66	3	13.50	4.50 18.00
H. D. Jeffries	GC	29	3	8.25	.50 8.75
R. S. Moore	BR	12			
Total		107	6	24.25	6.00 30.25
WYOMING: Henry Preston, Field Missionary Secretary					
*Orpha Edgerson	Mag.	10	4.00	4.00	4.00
M. Pitchford	DR	15.00	15.00	15.00	
Miscellaneous	DR	6.00	6.00	6.00	
Miscellaneous	DR	13	4	15.50	3.75 19.25 15.25
Total		23	4	15.50	3.75 19.25 40.25
Grand Total		1,836	195	744.11	456.02 1,200.13 456.77
*Two Weeks.					

colporteur, the conversation turned to religious questions again. The colporteur again stirred up the interest of his friend, who determined to go home and read for himself. He read his book, which was "Daniel and Revelation," and soon he was a baptized member of the church. Since then this brother has gone out canvassing. When he came to me yesterday, it was to find out what he could do in the literature ministry this summer.

How well this illustrates the text, "Sow thy seed: . . . for thou knowest not whither shall prosper, either this or that." Dear reader, are you, who know that Jesus is coming very soon, obeying the command to sow the seed? If not, how shall you answer in the judgment day? Will you not be sure that nothing you can do is withheld? God calls for strong men and women today. Are you one of them? R. J. Roy.

No. Dakota Conference

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Striving for the Mark



WHEN Philip Brooks wrote: "Sad will be the day for any man when he becomes contented with the thoughts he is thinking, and the deeds he is doing, —where there is not forever beating at the doors

of his soul some great desire to do something larger, which he knows that he was meant and made to do," he voiced a solemn truth. It is well for men and women to have high ideals because they will be elevated as they strive to reach these ideals. From the pen of inspiration we read: "Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children." The statement, "God has yet to demonstrate before the universe what He can accomplish with one fully surrendered soul," presents a challenge which should arouse our people to more fervent spiritual activity. A vision of the importance of the work in which we are engaged as a denomination is needed by our people as never before. With that vision will come accomplishment and a realization that man's greatest success lies in the elimination of self in service for others.

While working with one of our col-

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D. D. REES EDITOR

Colporteur Work in the Central Union

THE year 1933 marks the fiftieth year of our publishing work, which is making known the soon coming of Christ, and is doing much to prepare a people and make them ready. It is hoped that we can celebrate this fiftieth year as a Year of Jubilee. In olden times when the Year of Jubilee came around, it was a happy and joyous time; slaves received their freedom. I am sure it can be so today if more of our good books could be put in the hands of the people, and they could be made to realize the speedy coming of our Saviour.

It is most inspiring to see in the reports of our colporteurs from the conferences throughout the Central Union, even amidst this time of depression and shortage of money, such a splendid increase in sales. Then, too, we have reason to thank God for the consecrated men and women who are devoting their entire time in selling our books. The fact that our books are being sold now even more than last year is an evidence that God is preparing the hearts of the people to secure this information, for when people buy books in these times they buy them for the message they contain rather than from the influence of salesmanship.

We are beginning to witness the fulfilment of the expression from the servant of the Lord, that "that other angel" spoken of in the Apocalypse was to unite with the three angels in preparing the people of earth for the soon-coming Saviour, and that it was to be largely fulfilled through our publishing work.

Has not God been speaking to your heart that you ought to be spending your time and talent in distributing our truth-laden literature? If you are interested and desire to enter the colporteur work, correspond with your field secretary or your conference president. But do not delay, for more than four months of 1933 are in the past.

The Lord is blessing the faithful colporteurs in their service of sacrifice; but we are looking for still more consecrated men and women who will spend their time in visiting the homes of the people and give them the opportunity of securing the books that will help them to understand the times in which we live.

J. F. PIPER.

North Dakota Department

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porteurs last week in a county where they have not had a crop for nearly four years, I sold \$26 worth of books in 14 hours with substantial down payments. People are anxious to read our literature. Happily, there are many who are planning to engage in this important work in North Dakota this year. Some have already started. A promising year beckons God's literature ministers to the Wild Rose State.

C. A. EDWARDS.

So. Dakota Conference

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"My Brother's Keeper"



YOUR neighbor is one whom you see in need. The Good Samaritan found such a man and he gave freely unto him that which he had. What has God given to you to be used in His service? The Good

Samaritan will hear some day these words, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom: . . . inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." But woe unto the priest and the Levite who passed by on the other side.

In the state of South Dakota there are many who are lame and blind, and abiding in death. The light which you have will keep them from Christless graves. "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it." Jesus said unto His disciples, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." When we follow Jesus we must go in the way of service. There is no short cut to the kingdom of God.

South Dakota, with 69 counties and only two regular colporteurs, is certainly one of the most needy fields in the Central Union. Prospects are looking very good for the canvassing work here this summer. Sales per hour always rank among the highest in the union. I just spent a few days working in the country and I find that books can be sold there as readily as in town. What we need today is not new methods, but men who

are filled with the love of God and are willing to spend their lives in service for others.

You may ask, "How can I best serve my Master?" The answer is found in the Spirit of Prophecy. The colporteur work is one of the best and quickest ways of getting the last warning message before the people, for "there is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing."

M. A. WYMAN.

Our Duty

SCATTERING our truth like the "leaves of autumn" certainly must mean that many more "Bible Readings" and every other copy of our literature should be placed in the homes in South Dakota and in all our sister conferences. Shall we not cease to talk of unemployment with God's work challenging us?

GORDEN OSS.

Wyoming Mission

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Hunters for Souls



"BEHOLD, . . . I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." Jer. 16:16. It sounds like a prophecy for May, 1933, and for the

state of Wyoming.

The prospects for the colporteur work here this summer cheer us greatly. Four new colporteurs have just recently signed up for territory and several others consider starting a little later. They are going out to hunt from every Rocky Mountain, from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks the precious souls for whom Christ died.

These hunters for souls have indicated that they know that God has sent for them. We have a group of men and women sent for by God to hunt for souls by means of Gospel literature.

Everyone whom the Lord sends for He sends forth. And that makes all the difference in the world! Colporteurs who know that they are sent forth of God to hunt for souls are the colporteurs that sell and deliver books.

H. E. PRESTON.