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## THE VALUE OF COLPORTAGE WORK IN CONNECTION WITH PASTORAL WORK.

Dear Dr. Bow—

Permit me to say a few words through the *Mission Monthly* on the value of colportage work in connection with pastoral work. After the limited experience of one year as pastor-colporteur I believe that the work in connection with pastoral work is too valuable to the glorious cause to which our Lord and Saviour had called us to advance to be neglected or lightly thought of.

1st. The value of colportage work in connection with pastoral work is in the personal work a man can or will do as a colporteur. The command is to go. "Go ye into all the world." "Go ye into the by-ways and hedges." Not only to your church and preach two or three sermons a month, not go to the church and wait for them to come to hear you preach, but go preach the gospel to them in their homes. Did not our blessed Master go into their homes? Did He not preach or teach the great truths to Mary and Martha in their home? (Luke 10:38, 39.)

The great truths Christ taught to Nicodemus, were they not taught in a home? Did not Christ go into the by-ways and hedges? Did not Peter and Paul and the other apostles go into the homes and by-ways and hedges, or did they do all their preaching and teaching in the churches? No, the Master said to them, go, and they went. Does he not say to us, go? Then let us go. There are many down-trodden souls waiting for some of God's ministers to come to them with the glad tidings of great joy; there are many sinners that are so deep in sin that they think that "no one careth for my soul." They are ashamed to come to the house of God; they feel they are too mean; they are only waiting for the kind invitation. Come! "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." Sympathy is what they want. Love, love, love, is what the outcasts of God's Kingdom want, and we can manifest more love, more sympathy in fifteen minutes of personal conversation in a home than in any other way. "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only," says the Apostle James. To do we must go. Christ said to Peter and Andrew, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." To catch fish we go, and if they do not bite at one place we go to another, and if we know where there is a pool with fish in it we are sure to go there. To catch men we must go.

Are there not many homes around the churches where we are pastors with sinners in them—

Then let us go to those homes. For I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. Your humble servant has fourteen in his mind now who claim through his going to them brought them to the house of God, and they gave their hearts to Him. Five others who confessed Him in their homes and one on the by-way who afterwards united with Baptist churches. I am almost sure if I had not done colportage work those people would never have been reached by me. I have been in homes where there has not been a preacher for years.

2nd. The value of colportage

take a good tract or book and meditate upon them. Our people are liberal people and when they are convinced on the great question of missions, especially foreign missions, they will give more and more of their time and means to the work God has called us Baptists to do.

Again, you might find some of the homes you visit, if you visit all, without the Bible, and perhaps some of your own members. Some say they are not Christians if they have not the Bible in their homes. I am not so sure about that. I am sure if you never get the Word of God to them some

are led astray by reading some trashy love story. Don't say they will not buy good books. Good people buy trashy literature because it is carried to them, and they will buy good books if you will carry them to them. They cannot buy them in the country stores, and I am sure that God's Holy Spirit will attend His Word whether it is brought to man on paper, on slabs of stone, or lips of man.

In conclusion I will give you a few items of colportage work. I closed a year with one of my churches the last Sunday in June. I made 124 visits, sold \$69.65 worth of literature, found four homes without the Bible, had 34 additions, 25 by baptism, 9 by letter. The church had not had any services of any kind for a year before. God saw fit to send me there. I feel sure that through this personal work, and the literature put in the homes, God has used me to His honor. To Him be all the glory.

Your brother,

W. A. M. WOOD.

Sulphur Fork Association.

## BELLEVUE.

This is our newest and one of our most important and promising missions. Bellevue is a small city lying on the banks of the Ohio River opposite Cincinnati, between Newport and Dayton. Population about 7,000. We began the work there last April. Organized a church with 34 members. The membership has doubled. Baptisms are frequent. The pastor, Rev. T. E. Johnson, is, we think, the right man for the work. They have a heroic little band. They are struggling now to buy a lot in the best part of town and then they must build. The State and Home Boards are aiding in the work by helping to sustain the preaching of the gospel, and we must aid them in building.

The Secretary spent part of a day and night with the pastor on this field the past week. Preached to an attentive, appreciative congregation. We rejoice greatly in the prospects of this work.

Repentance was the first subject upon which the Redeemer dwelt, and it was the last which with His departing breath He commended to the earnestness of His disciples. He begins His mission crying, "Repent." He ends it by saying to His successors, the apostles, "Preach repentance and remission of sins among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."

The Woman's Mission Society of the First church, Lexington, has taken Rev. Rev. Thomas Murrell, of Clay county, as their missionary, and pledge him \$5 per month to aid in his support.



EVANGELIST G. W. ARGABRITE.

Bro. Argabrite has been employed by the State Board to do evangelistic work. It is expected that a large part of his time will be given to mission fields, and yet the Board does not expect him to confine himself to the mission churches. Other churches and pastors in need of his labors can secure his services.

He is an efficient preacher, a sweet singer, with many qualifications for the work to which he

has been called. Let the pastors write him at once arranging for his services. Don't wait until you are ready and then expect him to come at your call.

We hope God will greatly bless the labors of our State Evangelist, and that our Baptist people will give him their sympathy, prayers and co-operation. He is worthy of your confidence and support.

work in connection with pastoral work in indoctrinating our people. No pastor will ever know the amount of good done along this line. There are so many of our dear people and others who do not understand the great Bible doctrines. If you doubt this go and visit your membership and ask them, do they truly believe in close communion, immersion by a proper administrator, the heathen lost without the gospel, &c., &c. Then sell them one or two good books or tracts our people are putting out, and I am sure your church will grow stronger as they become more united on these questions. A person can

way or another they will never be. Many children are not reading the Bible because they have not got it in their homes.

To illustrate: I asked a little fellow if he ever read the Bible, and he said: "Bro. Wood, I cannot read what I have not got." God holds the parents accountable for this gross neglect, and He will hold us accountable to a certain extent.

3rd. The value of colportage work in connection with pastoral work is seen. By keeping the people from reading trashy literature. Many boys run away from home from the effects of reading ten cent novels, and many girls

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your paper means your time has  
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to renew. Help carry the work.

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"Mission Monthly," the "Foreign  
Mission Journal," and the "Home  
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C. V. Dawes has entered upon  
the work as Corbin and Barbour-  
vill with bright prospects.

Rev. J. A. Heilig becomes pas-  
tor at 36th and Grand Ave., in-  
stead of A. J. Foster.

Rev. W. C. Wood takes the work  
at Preston St. Mission — the work  
conducted for several years by  
Rev. S. W. Brumfield.

Rev. C. S. Ellis has taken hold  
as pastor at Lancaster. Pastor  
and people are mutually pleased  
and the outlook is hopeful.

Some of our colporters, em-  
ployed by our District and State  
Boards are doing little or noth-  
ing. Let us hear from you,  
brother.

Rev. B. R. Noel has three  
churches, one in each of three as-  
sociations. He is doing a splen-  
did work, and his people are devel-  
oping in missionary zeal.

Thirty-nine District Associa-  
tions meet during the month of  
September. Thirteen of them  
within four days. What kind of  
a Secretary could reach all these?

Rev. E. L. Craig, one of our  
most efficient colporters, has been  
employed by Union Association as  
missionary evangelist and colport-  
er. I hear good reports from his  
work.

Rev. Amos Stout, our long-  
tried and true friend, is on his field at  
Morehead, and is trying to ar-  
range to open mission work at

Salt Lick, four miles distant on  
the C. & O.

Bro. J. W. Edwards, who has  
done such valuable service as mis-  
sionary in South District Asso-  
ciation, has had an increase in  
salary an petition of the District  
Board.

**LIVINGSTON.**

This mission is about eighteen  
months old. Bro. F. P. Gates  
went on the field February, 1903.  
The membership has increased  
more than 500 per cent. They  
have completed a splendid house  
(aided some by our Board), and  
the church house is to be dedi-  
cated July 31st free of debt. The  
Livingston saints are a noble  
working band. Much is due to  
the pastor and his better half, aid-  
ed by their three children.

**HAZELWOOD**

Is the name of one of our mis-  
sions in West Kentucky, where  
Rev. J. W. Stewart is pastor. It  
is also the name of one of our  
mission stations in the suburbs of  
Louisville, where the Rev. Chas.  
B. Althoff is pastor. This mis-  
sion was talked of and some inef-  
fectual attempts were made to in-  
augurate the work here, but just  
one year ago, under the leadership  
of Bro. Althoff, a small church  
was organized. The enthusiasm,  
the sacrifices and the success of  
the little band has been inspiring.  
They have built and almost paid  
for a splendid house and are in-  
deed a light and an example in  
the community. It is said the  
women of the church really car-  
ried bricks for the foundation.

**A MOUNTAIN TRIP.**

On the morning of the 7th of  
July I started for Eastern Ken-  
tucky, reaching Jackson, 94 miles  
east of Lexington, the same even-  
ing. Here a large congregation  
assembled to whom we preached.  
The work here is simply marvel-  
ous. We have a beautiful brick  
house costing nearly \$5,000, more  
than half of the cost being paid  
by William Combs, recently de-  
ceased.

Bro. R. L. Baker began his pas-  
torate here last January, since  
which time they have received 64  
members, 48 of whom came in up-  
on profession of faith and baptism.  
They have by far the largest Sun-  
day school, prayer meeting and  
congregation in the town. I think  
every member of the church is  
working and giving. They are  
struggling to put the finishing  
touches on the church building,  
and to liquidate an indebtedness  
of about \$350. When this is done  
the church will be able to employ  
a man for full time, with less aid  
from the board than we now give  
for half time. This little band  
has made many sacrifices and we  
must help them through with the  
debt on the house. Oh that we  
could convince our pastors and  
churches of the necessity of the  
Church Building Fund.

Friday we went by way of Can-  
nel City and Caney to Salyers-  
ville. Sometimes the team stalled  
in the mud, sometimes the passen-

gers all got out fearing the wagon  
would turn over, and sometimes  
we had to walk up mountains—  
well, I won't say how high, lest  
you think I am joking.

We reached Salyersville, county  
seat of Magoffin county, about sun-  
set.

Rev. L. F. Caudill, one of our  
splendid mountain-preachers, lives  
here and is the county clerk. We  
had sent an appointment but we  
have not yet heard of the appoint-  
ment of Bro. Caudill. The rain  
poured in torrents and we were  
content to remain at the hotel.  
We have no church in this town.  
The United Baptists have a small  
organization here. Population  
about 250, and very little enter-  
prise.

Saturday morning being inform-  
ed by our landlord that there was  
no way to reach Paintsville ex-  
cept to hire a conveyance, we ar-  
ranged, under his direction, for a  
wagon and paid double price for  
it, and learned after we reached  
Paintsville that there was a regu-  
lar hack line running that road,  
and the fare was exactly half  
what we paid. This is the first  
time a mountain man has ever  
tried to gouge us.

At Paintsville we found Pastor  
Charles Martin busy and happy,  
decidedly the most popular preach-  
er in the town. We preached here  
Saturday night, and as other per-  
sons had an appointment for a  
funeral service at the Baptist  
church Sunday morning (the party  
had been buried several  
months), we went to Denver, 7  
miles distant, where Martin is al-  
so pastor. Returning, Bro. Baker  
preached Sunday night. We re-  
mained and aided Bro. Martin in  
the ordination of three deacons,  
preaching day and night till Tues-  
day night, Baker and Bow alter-  
nating. The work here is pros-  
pering and the outlook is hope-  
ful. We have both Martin and  
Henry Daniel employed for full  
time in this county. The next  
point was Inez, the county seat of  
Martin county, but we failed to  
make connection and missed this  
appointment. Bro. M. Patrick is  
our missionary here, employed for  
full time, and is doing a splen-  
did work. We failed to see him.  
All these men are in the Big San-  
dy Valley.

Next we reached Catlettsburg,  
where Pastor Wm. McMillan has  
recently taken hold with much  
promise. We had a delightful  
visit in the Bishop's home and  
enjoyed speaking to his people.  
They have a splendid church build-  
ing and are taking steps for the  
immediate erection of a parson-  
age. Bro. McMillan is the right  
man in the right place.

Our next point was Olive Hill,  
in Carter county, forty miles west  
of Ashland. Here we have a he-  
roic little band under the leader-  
ship of Pastor J. R. Reynolds.  
This work was begun by Dr. L. P.  
V. Williams. Bro. Reynolds be-  
came pastor a few months ago.  
They have secured a good lot and  
are building a splendid house.  
The main auditorium is 40x30 ft.,  
with a lecture room 20x20. They  
will owe nearly \$1,000 when the  
building is completed and they

must be aided in paying for the  
house. The churches of Bracken  
Association will surely come to  
the aid of this church as they  
have none of them given anything  
yet to the Building Fund.  
I preached at Olive Hill Thurs-  
day night to an attentive and  
appreciative congregation. Took  
the 5:35 train next morning for  
Farmers. Here we found breth-  
ren Amos Stout and Dr. L. P. V.  
Williams in a fight for local op-  
tion. They had with them scores  
of women and children from More-  
head. There was singing, speak-  
ing and recitations. The writer  
gladly lending his aid. When the  
puffs closed, largely more than  
two-thirds had voted right and  
there was great rejoicing.

Preached at Farmers Friday  
night to a good audience. Visited  
Salt Lick, a thriving town four  
miles west of Farmers, where we  
are trying to establish a mission.  
From thence home.

J. G. Bow, Cor. Sec.

**LATONIA.**

Our church has been greatly re-  
vived during a meeting that  
closed to-day (July 3. Bro. Lay-  
ton Maddox assisted in the meet-  
ing. He is a very clear and force-  
ful speaker. Bro. Maddox is a  
new man in North Bend Associa-  
tion. He entered upon his work  
a short time ago, and is doing a  
great work for the Master. Twen-  
ty-five were added to our mem-  
bership, backsliders were reclaim-  
ed, and the church left much bet-  
ter prepared for work in the fu-  
ture. As a result of the meeting  
we organized a B. Y. P. U. with  
fifty members. May the Lord  
bless Bro. Maddox in his work  
among us in North Bend.

C. A. EARL.

Make Christ your most constant  
companion. Be more under His  
influence. Five minutes spent in  
the companionship of Christ ev-  
ery morning—ay, two minutes, if  
it is face to face and heart to  
heart—will change the whole day,  
will make every thought and feel-  
ing different, will enable us to do  
things for His benefit that we  
would not have done for anyone.  
And the supreme and the sole se-  
cret of a sanctified nature and  
a Christian character and life, is  
to be ever with Christ and reflect-  
ing Him—catching His nature,  
His mind and spirit, insensibly  
and unconsciously, by mere prox-  
imity and contagion. — Henry  
Drummond.

**JACKSON.**

Glorious day on 17th. We had  
four additions, baptised five and  
observed the Lord's Supper.

R. L. BAKER.

Most people would succeed in  
small things if they were not trou-  
bled by great ambitions. — Long-  
fellow.

The Lord gets his best soldiers out of  
the highlands of affliction.—Spurgeon.

Nothing ages like laziness.—Bulwer.

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tion, Broadway church, per T. J. Humphreys, \$70; S. B. T. Seminary, per E. P. J. Garrott, \$5.00; Long Run Association, Parkland church, per T. B. Hamilton, \$40; Total for June, \$844.71.

**JULY RECEIPTS TO DATE.**

Book Fund, per J. I. Rambo, \$30.45; Book Fund, per J. L. Adkins, \$4.79; Long Run Association, Walnut St. church, per J. G. Bow, \$6; Blood River Ass'n., Murray church, per H. B. Taylor, \$15; Ohio River Ass'n., per J. S. Henry, \$50; Long Run Ass'n., Logan St. church, per R. G. Fallis, \$18.34; Little River Ass'n., per R. W. Morehead, \$8.75; Bethel Association, per J. F. Garrett, \$291.22; Long Run Ass'n., Walnut St. ch., per D. S. Nall, \$5; Shelby County Ass'n., Clay Village church, W. M. Soc., for J. L. Adkins, per Mrs. T. A. Smith, \$37.50; Book Fund, per W. A. M. Wood, \$10.75; South District Association, Forks Dix River church, per T. H. Coleman, \$30; Booneville Ass'n., Riverside church, per Jas. Roberts, \$2.44; North Bend Association, per C. W. Daniel, \$25.33; Long Run Ass'n., Beechland ch., per Mrs. Belle Mooreman, \$1.61; S. B. T. Seminary, per E. P. J. Garrott, \$11; Long Run Association, Salem church, per Miss Madona Miller, \$11.36; East Lynn Ass'n., per J. T. McFarland, \$47.84; Long Run Ass'n., per Isaac T. Woodson, \$129.97; Book Fund, per W. A. M. Wood, \$16.35; Franklin Ass'n., Forks Elkhorn ch., per J. R. Sampey, \$5; North Bend Ass'n., Hickory Grove ch., per N. L. Moffett, \$5.50; Bracken Ass'n., Farmer's church S. S., per Mrs. M. J. Moore, \$3.75; Bracken Ass'n., Olive Hill ch., per Claude Wilson, \$1; South District Ass'n., Doctor's Fork ch., per T. H. Coleman, \$5.70; Rockcastle Association, Livingston church, per Mrs. Geo. Pope, \$3.43; Book Fund, per E. L. Craig, \$13.85; Simpson Association, per J. H. Covington, \$14.81; West Kentucky Ass'n., Clinton church, per Don Singleary, \$33.74; Ohio River Association, per J. S. Henry, \$50.

**DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.**

Time and Place of Meeting 1904.

- Simpson — Providence Church, Aug. 2.
- Blackford — Roseville, Aug. 3.
- Bracken — Maysville, Aug. 3.
- Bethel — Auburn, Aug. 9.
- Daviess County — Bethlehem church, Aug. 9.
- Liberty — Salem Church, Aug. 10.
- Logan Co. — Bethlehem Church, Aug. 16.
- South Kentucky — Rocky Ford, Casey Co., Aug. 16.
- Shelby Co. — Burk's Branch Ch., Aug. 18.
- Green River — Beaver Dam Ch., Aug. 20.
- Gasper River — Carter's Creek Church, Aug. 23.
- Landmark — Oak Creek Church, September 23.
- South District — Harrodsburg, Aug. 23.
- Barren River — Panchess Camp Church, Aug. 24.
- Campbell Co. — Alexandria, Aug. 24.



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pin, \$5; Book Fund, per John M. Smith, \$23.75; Campbell Co. Association, Newport ch., per L. R. Clark, \$30; Long Run Associa-

Ohio River — Deer Creek, Aug. 24.  
 Cumberland River—Waynesburg, Aug. 30.  
 Ohio Co. — Bells Run Church, Aug. 30.  
 Tate's Creek — Liberty Church, Aug. 30.  
 Breckenridge — Goshen Church, Aug. 31.  
 Ten Mile — Ten Mile Church, Napoleon, Aug. 31.  
 Baptist — Lawrenceburg, Sep. 1.  
 East Concord — Pineville, Sep. 1.  
 Upper Cumberland — Upper Wallen's Creek, Sep. 1.  
 Central — Mackville, Sep. 6.  
 Elkhorn — South Elkhorn Ch., Sep. 6.  
 Rockcastle — Livingston Church, Sep. 6.  
 Union — Falmouth, Sep. 6.  
 Bay's Fork — Antioch Church, Sumner Co., Tenn., Sep. 7.  
 Greenup — Louisa, Sep. 7.  
 Long Run, Pleasant Grove Ch., Sep. 7.  
 Lynn — Three Forks of Bacon Creek Church, Sep. 7.  
 Owen — Caney Fork Ch., Sep. 7.  
 South Cumberland River — Zion Church., ten mile from Burnside, Sep. 7.  
 Booneville — Riverside Church, Sep. 9.  
 Greenville — Union Church, Breathitt Co., Sep. 9.  
 Stockton's Valley — Clear Fork Ch., near Albany, Sep. 10.  
 Boone's Creek, Kidville Church, Sep. 13.  
 Freedom — Albany, Sep. 13.  
 Crittenden — Grassy Run, Sep. 14.  
 Nelson — Rolling Fork Church, Sep. 14.  
 Russell's Creek—East Fork Ch., Metcalf Co., Sep. 14.  
 Sulphur Fork — Sligo Church, Sep. 14.  
 Warren — Pleasant Grove Ch., Sep. 14.  
 Irvine — Pleasant Point Church, Clay Co., Sep. 16.  
 Lynn Camp — Iddian Creek Ch., Sep. 16.  
 Second North Concord— Mt. Zion Ch., Caintown, Sep. 16.  
 East Lynn — Liberty Church, Green Co., Sep. 21.  
 Salem — Brandenburg, Sep. 22.  
 Goose Creek — Paynes, Knox Co., Sep. 23.  
 South Union — Pleasant Hill, Whitley Co., Sep. 23.  
 Three Forks — Hazard, Sep. 23.  
 East Union — Boston Church, Lot, Sep. 27.  
 Concord — New Liberty, Sep. 28.  
 Edmondson — Brownsville, Sep. 28.  
 Goshen — Caneyville, Sep. 28.  
 Severn's Valley — Middle Creek, Ch., Sep. 28.  
 South Concord — Fellowship Ch., Sep. 30.  
 Laurel River Association— September 30. Slate Lick Church.  
 Little River — Oak Grove Church, Trigg Co., Oct. 4.  
 Little Bethel — New Prospect Church, Oct. 5.  
 North Bend — Beaver Lick Ch., Oct. 5.  
 West Kentucky — Columbus, Oct. 5.  
 Clover Bottom — Clear Creek, Bockcastle Co., Oct. 7.  
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