

REPORT OF BAPTIST PUBLISHING HOUSE

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The year 1936 has been one of marked improvement. We have been blessed in this publishing work in many ways. The Lord has made us happy in the consciousness of his presence with us to help us in our struggles.

There was a noticeable increase in the amount of literature sent out, which grew from quarter to quarter throughout the year. In fact, we almost reached the volume of literature published and distributed during the best year of our history. True, we published very few tracts during the year. This kind of work should not be neglected, since our workers depend upon us largely for literature for free distribution, and it grieves us at heart when we have to write them telling them we have not been able to publish such literature to supply them.

Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. literature. During the year we edited and published 82,900 quarterlies for use in our Sunday schools and B. Y. P. U's. Besides this we published 510,300 leaflets and picture cards for the same purpose. We also edited and published 1,394,200 Sunday school papers. This made a total of 1,987,400 pieces of literature for Sunday schools and B. Y. P. U's. A grand total of 14,165,000 pages, an increase over the previous year of more than 4,000,000 pages. It rejoices our hearts greatly that we are able to make this showing. We have begun again the publication of our quarterly for the B. Y. P. U. This was greatly missed through the years of depression. A goodly number of Sunday schools of other denominations use our literature, because, they say, it is orthodox.

Books. After many years, we have been able to publish a hymn book. The first edition was 1500 copies of the music edition and 10,000 of the word edition. This was greatly needed, and while the initial cost was great, the demand during the first year has justified the outlay. Besides we printed an edition of 6,800 copies of the Gospel of Luke, a booklet of dialogues, recitations and songs ap-

propriate for Mother's Day, a similar book for Christmas programs and other books, making a total of 24,400 books of 4,463,040 pages. Adding this to the pages of Sunday school literature mentioned above, we printed almost 20,000,000 pages of propaganda literature during 1936. This is an enormous increase over last year. We have a number of books in manuscript that have been approved for publication, when it may be possible to do so.

Workers. Herein are we painfully deficient. With the help of one native worker the writer has carried the burdens of the management and editorial work. This is too heavy a burden for two persons to try to carry. They cannot do their best work, when there is no time for careful revision of what has been written. The work has been heavy yet we are happy in this God-given task, and as we face the future it is with brighter hopes than for several years past.

Equipment. Early in the year we replaced our old antiquated folding machine with a new automatic folder which has been a great time and labor saver. In October we installed another Kelly automatic press, which gives us as fine

equipment in so far as presses and folding machines are concerned as could be desired. We are paying for this replacement machinery from the proceeds of commercial work done. In no instance are we neglecting the literature in order to purchase machinery.

Outlook. For the new year before us, we are planning to reestablish our denominational magazine which was suspended in 1931 and which we have not been able to publish during the intervening years. Our B. Y. P. U. quarterly, the publication of which for a number of years was suspended, but was renewed early in the present year is seemingly in greater demand than ever before in its history. We plan also to make some kind of an exchange whereby we may have better linotype equipment. The future is promising. Better financial conditions prevail in Latin America, and this is favorable for this work. Orders for our literature have come in earlier than usual, so we can foresee at the close of 1936 at least as good a year for 1937 as the present one has been. We praise God and take courage to press forward.

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