

and woman who wishes to work for Christ, and fills his hands with gospel weapons and his mouth with arguments for winning souls to the Saviour. Such are some of the elements of Union Missionary Colportage."

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