ally as one will often have to exercise a large measure of independence. [3]

Range of opportunity

Thus anyone interested in Bible translating and in closely related fields of service, e.g. literacy and Christian literature, there is a wide variety of openings requiring different types of ability and a wide range of special capacities. Anyone who is thinking of dedicating a life-time to this kind of work should certainly obtain the very best preparation which it is possible to acquire. Even a primitive tribe deserves the best that a missionary is able to give, and of course as one obtains more training and greater skill there are rapidly widening areas in which one can make a more and more significant contribution to the total task of the church. The old adage that "there is plenty of room at the top" holds equally true in Christian service; the better the preparation, the greater is the area of strategic service.

NEW SCROLL OF THE PSALMS DISCOVERED

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A Hebrew scroll dating from the middle of the first century A.D. was recently unrolled in Jerusalem. It was found in 1956 in one of the caves near the north end of the Dead Sea but its contents were only recently made known. It is about fourteen feet long and contains thirty-six of the canonical Psalms, as well as more than forty other Psalms. Among them is the Hebrew text of Psalm 151, known heretofore only in Greek, Latin and Syriac, but not in Hebrew. The scroll is to be edited and published under the direction of Dr. James Sanders, Visiting Professor at the American Schools of Oriental Research, Jerusalem.

The Psalms are not in the traditional "Biblical order"; some of the hitherto unknown Psalms may have been written by and for the use of the Essenes, a sect which flourished in the time of Christ but is not actually mentioned in the Bible.

A cursory check of Psalm 119 by Dr. Sanders showed that it was copied in the usual alphabetic acrostic arrangement familiar to us from the later printed Bibles. The Hebrew text of the Psalm is almost verbally in agreement with the Massoretic text.

An extensive "Preliminary Report" on the new scroll may be found in the *Bulletin of the Jerusalem School of Oriental Research,* Number 165 (February 1962), pages 11-15.

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[3] A fuller account of the function of Bible Society translation consultants will be found in an article entitled "Linguistic and Translation Consultants" by E. A. Nida in the *Bulletin* of the United Bible Societies, 3rd Quarter 1962, pp. 99-103.