

Columbia Union Visitor

"THEY REHEARSED ALL THINGS THAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM"

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The New Year

"Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord." Lam. 3:40.

I cannot bear to go into the coming year just as I came out of the old one. I would fain believe each year to be a mother, and that I am born into the next one, that I may, as it were, with renewed childhood, go forward, endowed with the experience and the strength of the past. I fain would bring something better than that which I do bring to Him whom I know I love, and who knows that I love Him. I fain would bring a higher thought, a clearer purpose, a character whose essential powers are higher than mine have been. I know that I have felt the grace of God in my heart; but alas! it seems as though God's grace were but as Columbus, who touched the shore here and there, and left the vast continent within almost unexplored—certainly unsubdued and untilled. I am not content when I think of the generousities and magnanimities of which my life should perpetually speak, as a band of music speaks sweet notes, stretching them far out through the air. How is it with you? Are you content with the character which you brought out of the old year, and with which you are setting forward upon the new? Is not this a time for you to review your character and see what are its elements, how you are shaping it, what you mean by it, and what you have obtained thus far? Is it not a time for you to look into the future? No matter how old you are, it is not too late for you to learn in the school of Christ. And it is a noble ambition with which you should begin the year—not to swell your coffers, not to have more of this world's good, but to begin the year chiefly with the ambition to be more like Christ, and to have the power of God resting upon you, and to know the will of God, and so to live that whosoever meets you shall know that you have been with Christ.

Out of this spirit, what blessings will flow! Oh, if you were holier, how much happier would you be! Oh, if you were holier, how would fall down from you straightway those discontents, those cares, those frets, those ill wills, and those thousand torments which so much have snared you, and so much have marred your enjoyment in the days that are past! It is because you are not good that you are not happy. For he that dwells in the secret place of the Almighty, he that lives as in the presence of Christ, can say, "My Master hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee, so that I can boldly cry, the Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

A friend stands at the door:
In either, tight-closed hand
Hiding rich gifts, three hundred and
three score:
Waiting to strew them daily o'er the land,
Even as seed the sower.
Each drop he treads it in and passes by:
It cannot be made fruitful till it die.

Friend, come thou like a friend,
And whether bright thy face,
Or dim with clouds we cannot comprehend,
We'll hold our patient hands each in his
place,
And trust thee to the end:
Knowing thou ledest onward to those
spheres
Where there are neither days, nor
months, nor years,

SELECTED

UNION

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F. H. Robbins, Pres. - C. C. Pulver, Sec.

Missionary Volunteer Day January 17

The General Conference has decided that the services on January 17 in all our churches shall be in the interest of our Young People. Never has the church faced a greater problem than it does to

day in regard to its work in the interest of the young. The net is spread on every hand to catch the unwary. Opportunities are seen on every side that tend to draw the attention of the youth from the true objective of life. God has his plan for the young people. It takes in every one of them; not a single person has been forgotten. He wants every individual comprising this great body within the church to be trained for service in his cause. Instruction has been given the church respecting the work for the young people. Man is not to depend upon his finite wisdom in choosing the individuals to be educated; every child is to be given an opportunity for service.

The world just at this time is bidding high for the services of our young people. Unless carefully guarded the present high rate of financial remuneration offered them will bring regrets to many. Nothing should be allowed to divert the attention from the final goal of serving to save. It will take more than an ordinary observance of Missionary Volunteer Day to set the right issues before the young in a way that will arrest their attention. Upon ministers, pastors, and elders rests the responsibility, as well as upon parents and teachers. A united effort should be made to bring many persons to a decision for service in God's cause. The time demands it; God expects it; the young people greatly need it. Let every church leader give prayerful consideration to the service January 17.

A. W. Werline

Harvest Ingathering

It has been my privilege to assist in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign in the Columbia Union during the past two months. My heart was made glad as I visited some of the conferences where I had previously labored, and to meet old faces and friends is always a source of delight and encouragement.

Everywhere the work is onward, and a spirit of earnestness and willingness to rally to the work and finish the task God has given us to do is to be found.

Cities like Washington, Baltimore, Hagerstown, Wilmington, Pittsburgh, Erie, Jersey City and Philadelphia, were

Columbia Union Harvest Ingathering Nov. 30, 1919

Conference	Quota	Am't. Raised	Short	Over
Chesapeake District	\$6,250.00	\$5,823.00	\$426.20	
East Penn.	7,500.00	5,679.99	1820.01	
New Jersey	10,700.00	6,501.20	4198.80	
Ohio	7,600.00	11,140.88		\$3540.00
Virginia	16,500.00	11,646.74	4853.26	
West Penn.	4,250.00	1,533.77	2716.23	
West Va.	6,700.00	4,953.22	1746.78	
	1,866.00	1,821.90	44.10	
	\$61,366.00	49,101.50	15805.50	3540.88

visited, campaigns being put forth in all of these cities as well as smaller ones, and country territory.

My experiences have been many and varied, offerings ranging from ten cents to one hundred dollars. While in several places I was asked to sing over the phone to certain individuals, and as a result offerings were received. I found song to be a valuable asset to this campaign not only to the outside but to our own people. From the profits of our campaign song "I must have Jesus with me", a goodly sum of twenty-five dollars was put into the treasury of the Chesapeake Conference.

While in the cities of Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia I assisted in the Sunday night public meetings and was given the opportunity of speaking of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Quite a sum was realized. One man and wife gave \$100.00, some \$10.00, \$5.00, and many \$1.00. Offerings were received on the street, on the trolley car, ticket offices, waiting rooms, business houses and residents.

One experience while in Chesapeake Conference, I would like to speak of. While walking along the railroad with Brother Pettibone we came to a tower and walked in. He made himself known and going to the telegraph machine began to tick off a message which was as follows:

"My kind sir, I am engaged in Christian work. Will you kindly open up your heart and pocket book and give me a dollar for missions?"

The man, looked at him and immediately answered, "Yes". Several more towers and ticket offices were visited with the same results, so while I sang for some of my dollars, Brother Pettibone telegraphed for his.

This truly has been a great campaign and I want to take this opportunity of thanking all who rallied to the call and were willing to go out in all kinds of weather, thus helping the Union to reach its magnificent goal of \$60,000 which we

now have every reason to believe will be reached.

T. H. Barrett,

Brother T. H. Barritt, our assistant Home Missionary Secretary, recently received encouraging news from his sister, who is a missionary in Punjab, India. She wrote that a minister of the Congregational Church was writing a book and sent to our office in Lucknow for a certain cut that he wished to use. It was sent to him with a copy of the book "Other Side of Death." The minister read the book and became so interested that he sent for more literature. He has accepted the truth and is working among his people. Elder Enoch, with whom many in this Union are acquainted, has been sent to these people to study the Bible with them. The prospects are bright for quite a number taking their stand for the truth. It pays to sacrifice a little time to go out and gather in means to send our young men and women over to the foreign fields.

"Social Plans for Missionary Volunteers."

That is the name of another new book just put out by the Missionary Volunteer Department. "O, we have needed something just like this for so long. I surely am thankful for my copy." This is one of the first messages of welcome received in its behalf. The book contains 144 pages and the chapter titles run as follows:

1. "Social to Save"
2. Social Gatherings and How to Conduct Them
3. Practical Plans for Social Gatherings
4. Games That Are Good Mixers
5. Thoughts Stimulators
6. Stunts and Races

Testimony Corner

Conducted by A. W. Werline.

The Church School

Is the church school deemed important?

"Wherever there are a few Sabbath keepers, the parents should unite in providing a place for a day-school where their children and youth can be instructed. They should employ a Christian teacher, who, as a consecrated missionary, shall educate the children in such a way as to lead them to become missionaries. Let teachers be employed who will give a thorough education in the common branches, the Bible being made the foundation and the life of all study."—Vol. VI, page 198.

"When properly conducted, church schools will be the means of lifting the standard of truth in the places where they are established; for children who are receiving a Christian education will be witnesses for Christ."—Vol. VI, p. 202,

"The work that lies nearest to our church members is to become interested in our youth, with kindness, patience, and tenderness giving them line upon line, precept upon precept. O, where are the father and mothers in Israel? There ought to be a large number who, as stewards of the grace of Christ, would feel not merely a casual interest but a special interest in the young. There ought to be many whose hearts are touched by the pitiable situation in which our youth are placed, who realize that Satan is working by every conceivable device to draw them into his net. God requires the church to arouse from its lethargy, and see what manner of service is demanded in this time of peril.

"The eyes of our brethren and sisters should be anointed with the heavenly eye-salve, that they may discern the necessities of this time. The lambs of the flock must be fed, and the Lord of heaven is looking on to see who is doing the work he desires to have done for the children and youth. The church is asleep, and does not realize the magnitude of this matter."—Vol. VI, pp. 196, 197.

7. Paper-and-Pencil Games.

8. Bible and Mission Games.

"Social Plans for Missionary Volunteers" was born of a deep, growing desire to help our young people make their social gatherings profitable; and as it goes forth on its mission, it is accompanied by the earnest prayers of all the young people's workers that it fail not in helping our young people always and everywhere to be "social to save."

OHIO

Box 8, Mount Vernon, Ohio
W. H. Heckman, Pres. H. D. Holtom, Sec.

News Notes

Time of Sunset

Sun time	Standard time	Eastern time
4.52	4.24	5.24

Missionary Volunteers, have you completed the "Testimonies" reading course? If so, you are entitled to one of the following books, "Gospel Workers," "Mount of Blessing," "Life Sketches," "Early Writings," "Christ's Object Lesson," "Education." Make your selection and notify the Missionary Volunteer Department.

What if the Visitor stopped coming to you? Do you read and appreciate it now to miss it then?

With the Colporteurs at the Institute

H. F. Kirk, Dr. Brown, Elder Marietta and Elder Henderson assisted Brethren Shidler and Franks with the institute

Although several colporteurs who were expected to be present at the institute could not attend for various reasons, yet a good company of workers have been present during the ten days meeting held in Mt. Vernon.

Dr. Brown gave some very interesting and instructive health talks at the night meeting.

The devotional meetings held in the mornings were greatly appreciated by all. The testimonies, a few of which are given below, show with what courage these faithful workers take up the duties of the new year.

"I have greatly enjoyed the time I have spent with co-workers at this institute and have been much encouraged to go on with the work of visiting homes, searching for the precious souls that are scattered about and carry to them the last message."

"Never have I attended an institute which has given me more spiritual food than the one just closing here at Mt. Vernon. My one desire is to do more for Jesus in 1920 than in all the rest of my service for the Master."

"I want to praise the Lord for the privilege of attending this institute. It has greatly increased my spiritual growth, and has given me a greater desire to go out in the harvest field to lead souls to the cross of Christ."

"We are certainly receiving wonderful blessings at this institute for God is with us. It has been a wonderful feast to me and I determined to go forward to God's work willingly and cheerfully."

"Praise God for the spiritual help of this institute. I am determined with his help to be a more faithful servant."

"Three years out on the firing line has proven to me that without the help of God, I can do nothing. Our morning worship hour has proven a great blessing to me for it is here that we learn to have a closer walk with God."

"I am so thankful to God for giving us this institute. I can say that they are growing better for I believe this has been the best I ever enjoyed. I am encouraged to go on with a determination stronger than I have ever had before in my experience."

"The blessings of our institute has inspired in my heart a greater zeal to do a more earnest work for God."

Many of the colporteurs have had the joy of seeing souls won to the truth through their efforts during the past year. Pray that many more shall be rescued during 1920.

The Ohio colporteurs set a goal at the beginning of the year 1919 to sell \$50,000 worth of books. They sold \$61,000 worth. They have set a goal of \$75,000 for 1920. What shall the harvest be?

NEW JERSEY

200 Columbus Ave. Trenton
W. C. Moffett, Pres. E. J. Stipeck, Sec.

Two Good Days

We didn't hold the convention in Paterson from December 19 to 21 to get the churches in that city to work, but for the mutual encouragement and uplift of all who might attend. This object was accomplished. Everyone of the good number in attendance felt that they had been both spiritually and practically benefited. There was not one dull lapse in any of the meetings.

The Sabbath school work and the Young Peoples' work both received a splendid boost with one session each. Fine results are being seen in these lines in the Paterson churches. The meetings on Sabbath and Sunday afternoons were given over to an interesting consideration of the possibilities of the Home Missionary work. The big issue at present is the sale of "Epidemics." Somehow the Home Missionary work in our conference has a decisive ring wherever you find it, and Paterson is setting an excellent example.

Encouraged by the success of this convention, we are planning to hold similar ones in the other churches of the conference in the near future.

L. D. WARREN

WEST VIRGINIA

Third & Juliana Sts., Parkersburg
T. B. Westbrook, Pres. L. B. Taylor, Sec.

News Notes

Elder Westbrook spent Sabbath December 27, with the Charleston Church. Officers were elected for the new year and communion service conducted. Brother Thirlwell was present also and assisted in the service.

January 17, is Missionary Volunteer Day. The program is in the January *Church Officers' Gazette*, pages 12 and 13. You will need the new book "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work." We have a few on hand at the office. If you do not have yours, order at once.

The 1920 Missionary Volunteer Goals have been sent to all the societies. Let us buckle on the armor and make 1920 our banner year. These goals are to be presented in connection with the program on January 10. Look in the January *Gazette* on page 11.

Brother E. Ray Corder returned to the office last week from a trip through the conference in the interest of the home missionary work

"The prime message for this time is every neighbor for his neighbor; every friend for his friend; every parent for his child--the individual seeking the individual for Christ. God is calling us to action. Let us not fail." J. Wilbur Chapman

Brother Livermore, our colporteur in Fairmont, has been giving Bible studies and several people are now keeping the Sabbath. Elder Westcott expected to baptize three of them last Sabbath. A woman and a little girl, both of whom had been keeping the Sabbath for seven years, were found by Brother Livermore. As these two souls had not the privilege of being baptized before, they, too, were to be baptized with the others. Personal work for the salvation of souls pays big dividends.

Every one of our young people, who studies the 1920 *Morning Watch Calendar* with his Bible, will find gold nuggets of

truth all along the way. The beautiful calendar is ready for mailing. Distribute it freely among your acquaintances as a New Year's gift. Same old price—5 cents.

The Fairmont Church is determined that many people will receive the truth from her. November 14, that church of eighteen members, raised a club of forty-five subscriptions for the *Signs Weekly*. How many people will hear the *Signs* preacher sent from you?

The "Youths' Instructor" is indispensable in every Seventh-Day Adventist home where there is a young person. This paper will exert an influence upon your boy or girl that will reach as far as heaven. Try it and see.

The perils of the last days are upon us, and a trial is before the young, which they have not anticipated.—*Vol. I, p. 269.*

Our book sales for 1919 will be approximately \$60,000, which will almost equal the amount sold the two years previous.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

4738 York Road, Philadelphia, Pa.
D. A. Parsons, Pres. W. B. Mohr, Sec.

News Notes

Elder R. Calderone, the Italian minister from Chicago, and Brother M. Longo, who have charge of the Italian work in Philadelphia, report very favorably the result of their Sunday night meetings. Although laboring under many difficulties caused by prejudiced people and Catholic priests, there has been an interest created and about six have decided to keep the Sabbath and between thirty and forty are now interested and will be visited further by Brother Longo, as Brother Calderone has closed the Sunday evening services and will return to Chicago. The work among these people seems very hard and the brethren need the prayers of God's people to carry on the message as it should be.

If you know of any member who does not get the *Visitor*, send their name and address, also the name of the church of which they are a member, to the Tract Society. We want every Seventh-Day Adventist home in East Pennsylvania to have the *Visitor*.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

812 Washington Loan & Trust Bldg.
E. Harter, Pres. E. L. Workman, Sec.

The Capitol Hill Church demonstrated their purpose for the coming year by over-subscribing their quota on the 100,000 Signs goal within a few minutes after the matter was presented. Recently some of the ladies of the Dorcas Society have collected and sent to the suffering little children of Europe 1,000 articles of clothing. Among the articles were forty-seven pairs of shoes. This class of missionary work is certainly worthy of consideration and there may be those, who are not in Europe or some country far away, who could be greatly encouraged by material assistance.

VIRGINIA

12 W. Main St., Richmond

J. A. LELAND, Pres. W. H. JONES, Sec.

From the President

Good progress is being made in the new building at the Shenandoah Valley Academy and the students are doing good work in their studies. It is interesting to note the interest the Ministerial Band is taking in their work. We have been able to secure a small motor to run the washing machine and ironer, and arrangements were made to set off a part of the cannery to be used for the wash room until the new building is ready when we expect to put the laundry into the basement.

I spent the greater part of the Week of Prayer with the Stanley Church. We had some good meetings, and we are glad to note that in Stanley there seems to be a spirit, as in other churches also, to get away from the past and take a place alongside of the churches that are in the advance movement of the Lord's work. We thank the dear Lord for these signs of life from above.

On Friday night and Sabbath it was my privilege to meet with the church at Lynchburg. Here Brother E. H. Dye had a class of three persons waiting for baptism. On Sunday afternoon we went to the Christian Church, who had kindly granted us the use of their baptistry, and these souls were buried with their Lord in baptism.

Encouraging reports are coming in from all over the conference and we feel that the time is here when we

are to "look up and lift our heads for your redemption draweth nigh."

J. A. LELAND.

Colporteur Work in Virginia

Brother E. L. Williams has made another 100% delivery. He reports \$464.00. This brother began work the last of February this year and for the first eight months he had sold over \$4,200.00. As a result of his work one family has accepted the truth and are members of the church. The man is planning to attend our institute January 19 to 29 and help win others to Christ by placing our good books in their homes.

For the past several months Brother and Sister Conwell have been working in Alleghany Co., and have placed hundreds of our books in the homes of the people. These books have begun to stir up the prejudice of the ministers. One of them advertised in the paper that he would speak on Adventism, and in this sermon he denounced Seventh-Day Adventists and classed them with Spiritualism and Russelism as one and all had about the same pernicious teachings. They write;

"The church was crowded, so through the sermons and the newspapers the whole city has heard about it, but God can make good come out of evil. It is his own dear precious truth I am helping to spread, so he can take care of it."

In another place the minister visited every home in the neighborhood and warned the people against taking the book, but they delivered all except one. "For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth." They still have one more delivery to make in this neighborhood so we would ask your prayers in their behalf.

We are glad to welcome to our conference Brother and Sister Kurz of New York and Brother G. R. Simerly of Tennessee to our little army of workers. May the blessings of God attend them is our prayer.

Remember the date of the institute and training school — January 19 - 29 at Richmond. We will be glad to give you all the particulars upon request. Dr. Brown, the Union Conference Medical Secretary, will be with us and give instruction and demonstrations in first aid. We believe this will be one of the best and largest attended institutes ever held in the state.

F. E. HANKINS.

"Soul from thy casement look, and thou shalt see
How He persists to knock and wait for thee."

News Notes

Do not forget to order your *Morning Watch Calendar*. This little booklet will prove a great blessing to you if used throughout the year.

The junior members of the Richmond Church School No. 2 have taken orders for 260 copies of the *Morning Watch Calendar*. The children of this school have purchased a work bench and think it is the finest piece of furniture in the school room.

The Senior Missionary Volunteer Society of Ford have completed their Standard of Attainment course. This is the first class of Virginia to receive certificates.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

R. S. Lindsay, Pres. J. S. Neeley, Sec.

News Notes

Six members of the Indiana Church with Brother Manry spent about three hours in the Harvest Ingathering work last Sunday. When they had counted up all their money each one rejoiced when he found that the total amounted to \$31.52. If each one of the members in the conference had been faithful in the Harvest Ingathering work this year, instead of having \$7,000 we could just as easily have had \$14,000. Let us make a New Year's resolution that during the next Harvest Ingathering we will not bury our talent.

Brethren Manry and Neely canvassed part of the business section of Indiana and in four hours' time collected \$31.50.

The Pittsburg No. 1 Church gave \$220.00 as a Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. The primary department alone raised over \$75.00. One of the boys solicited \$12.00 as his share, and a little girl \$5.00.

Complete the Training Course

Those who have been taking the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course, are now ready for the closing exercise of the year's work. How satisfying it is to exert one's power to accomplish something to see it through to the end, and to win evidence of having accomplished it. Only growing teachers are live teachers. Each year must find the true teacher with keener enthusiasm, renewed purposes, and deeper devotion to this most sacred of all trusts.

Those who have read the textbooks are now asked to write a few paragraphs based upon the subjects studied. This is not a rigid examination, but a proof of your having studied the year's course. On page 2 of the December number of the *Sabbath School Worker* ten questions are offered, five on each book, which will furnish topics for your paper. These questions are given so that there may be uniformity of subjects. It is always preferable to use pen and ink. Write on one side of the paper, taking care to make your writing as legible as possible. No restrictions regarding the use of textbooks in preparing your paper are made so long as as quotation marks are used when the words of the text are copied verbatim.

Mail your paper to your conference Sabbath school secretary, who will examine the paper and send to you a certificate issued by the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference, showing that you have completed the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course for the current year.

General Conference Sabbath School Department.

From The "Signs" Editor

Who is there that knows the Lord Jesus Christ, and who has experienced the forgiveness of sin, and who has in his soul the indescribable blessed hope of the soon coming Saviour, that would be willing to exchange this wealth of belief and experience for anything, yes, for anything, that this world has to offer?

The *Signs of the Times*, both in its Editorial Department, and its business offices, has but one great purpose, and that is to make known through its columns this glorious salvation through Christ and this soul inspiring hope of his soon coming.

The world is all in a ferment of strife, and men are filled with distress, with darkness, and despair; but when our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ brings His salvation into the life and inspires the soul

with the knowledge and the belief of His soon coming, all of this darkness and gloom is dissolved, and our lives are literally flooded with joy.

This great salvation and glorious hope will bless another soul the same as it has ours, and the very principles of our faith call upon us to act with earnest faithfulness as we pass forward the good news to others. It is the one supreme passion of the publishers of the *Signs of the Times* to have its columns vibrant with the doctrines, with the precepts, with the warnings, and with the prophecies of our divine Lord as committed to us in his sacred Book. We are endeavoring to present all these themes in the clear sympathetic light that is shining from the cross of calvary.

But the success of the paper is only half achieved when it is well prepared and printed. Those who hand it on to others have even a greater work to perform than the publishers. Has the message contained in the *Signs of the Times* brought light and blessing and joy into your own soul? Do you rejoice in the salvation of Jesus our Saviour? Then, pass the good word along with all earnestness and haste. More *Signs* going out means more souls coming in.

Is Jesus Real To You?

is the title of a new leaflet just off the press. Have you seen it? Every Missionary Volunteer Society should have at least one copy to use in the program for January 24. Why should not every Missionary Volunteer obtain a quantity to use in missionary work? Order from your tract society. It is Missionary Volunteer Leaflet Series No. 69.

The Life Boat For 1920

During the year 1920 there will be published in *The Life Boat* under the title, "Footprints of Faith", the remarkable story of the wonderful providences and experiences connected with the founding and maintaining of the Hinsdale Sanitarium and the Life Boat work. The "Story of Hinsdale" alone is so interesting that it is usually read at one sitting. The personal experiences of Dr. David Paulson, founder of the Hinsdale work and editor of *The Life Boat* magazine for fifteen years are so closely connected with the story of the work that much of his own life history will be woven into it.

The first chapter of this series of articles will be published in the January number, giving Dr. Paulson's early struggle in getting an education.

Don't fail to subscribe. Only \$1.00 for one year. Address, *The Life Boat*, Hinsdale, Ill., or your local tract society.

The Plans for 1920

The Sabbath School Worker's Training Course begins March 1. The general plan is quite similar to that of former years. Two books have been selected as textbooks. The outline which serves as a guide in the study will be published in the *Worker*. The course may be taken entirely as a home study, or it may also be used as a basis for training-class work in connection with the teachers' meetings.

THE TEXTBOOKS

The first book to be used is the little volume, "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work." While this is not new, yet we never can outgrow it. It has now been four years since this book was used in the Training Course, and we feel that we can unitedly study it again with great profit. Greater care than ever before is being taken in the arrangement of the topics for this study and in the supplementary matter provided. No officer or teacher should need to be urged to study this book. We cannot expect the blessing of the Lord to attend our work if we regard with careless indifference the instruction given concerning it in the spirit of prophecy. The suggestions and admonitions given in this little book, if heeded, will make every school effective in soul-saving.

The second book is entitled "Stewardship and Missions," by Charles A. Cook. This book is a departure from the ordinary line of study in a training course, but it gives a burning message for these days. One member of the General Conference Committee read it through at a single sitting, and declared it to be the best book of its kind that he had ever read. Others of our leading men have read it, and commend it most highly. The book is well arranged for study, and each chapter closes with an excellent set of questions focusing attention upon the important points of the text.

We truly believe that we have never offered a more practical, and valuable course of study, and we would urgently press the duty of taking this

COLPORTEURS' REPORTS

NAME	Place	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL.
Ohio, One Week Ending Dec. 26, 1919								
C. Carter, Wood Co.		BR	43	12	59 00	5 10	64 10	385 05
E. Chamberlin, Summit Co.		CK	49	12	37 50		37 50	
Geo. Harvey, Stark Co.		BR	29	6	18 50		18 50	86 50
Myrtle McPeak, Columbus		OD	41	21	62 50	17 15	79 65	20 00
S. L. Stopher, Cleveland		BR	50	32	125 00	40 50	165 50	
Mrs. C. H. Wolcott, Toledo		OD	5					14 25
Totals	6 Colporteurs		217	83	302 50	62 75	365 25	505 80
New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending Dec. 26, 1919								
George Blinn, Trenton		HM	36	9	24 00		24 00	194 00
J. W. Jenssen, Paterson		BR	19	2	10 00	23 85	33 85	25 10
Eather Lull, Chiselhurst			22			7 75	7 75	8 80
F. A. Buchanan, Camden		BR	38	23	115 50	9 80	125 30	179 80
G. S. Hoffman, Paulsboro		BR	27	25	114 00	5 50	120 25	5 50
I. W. Rodgers, Trenton		OD	23	6	15 00	13 50	28 50	
J. Zimmerly, Lumberton		DR	24	18	84 00	4 00	88 00	1 75
Fred Zimmerly		DR	60	23	120 00	6 75	126 75	21 75
M. L. Bringham, Newton		DR	18	12	52 00	3 50	55 50	7 50
Anna G. Hopkins, Little Falls		CD	10	1	2 50	2 10	4 60	5 60
A. Hansen, Sussex		OD	23	16	52 00	11 75	63 75	6 75
N. R. Pond, Passaic			8			20 20	20 20	20 20
E. G. Wrigley, Paterson		OD	27	25	117 50		117 50	10 00
Totals	13 Colporteurs		362	174	706 50	108 70	815 20	496 75
East Pennsylvania, One Week Ending Dec. 26, 1919								
S. Diehl, Northumberland		OD	28					28 90
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.		BR	26	9	45 00	2 25	47 25	
E. J. Kesselmeier, Chester Co.		BR	18					269 00
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		BR	27	18	112 50	2 65	115 15	33 15
J. M. Reighiler, Franklin Co.		FR	19	9	43 50	3 15	46 65	102 95
Mrs. Frank Smith, Tioga Co.		PG	8	5	22 50		22 50	
J. G. Willett, Cumberland Co.		OD	1					11 00
Totals	7 Colporteurs		127	41	223 50	8 05	231 55	343 00
West Pennsylvania, One Week Ending Dec. 26, 1919								
G. Missbaugh, Butler Co.		DR	24	31	153 50	52 20	205 70	
Archie Brownlee, Pittsburg		PFF	41		62 50	36 20	98 70	59 15
D. Pritts, Beaver Co.		BR	15	18	81 00	8 40	89 40	17 50
E. H. Grapp, State College		BR	26	17	81 00	3 40	84 40	9 00
H. Read, Pittsburg		OD	24	8	20 00	12 35	32 35	
Harry G. Lee, Mifflin Co.		OD				26 10	26 10	201 05
Abijah Dunn, Pittsburg		OD	5	2	5 00		5 00	1 85
Geo. McKnight, Rochester		OD	10	1	2 50		2 50	79 30
John LeRoy, Indiana Co.		BR	31					166 54
Mrs. H. Johnson, Swissvale		OD	5					50 50
Mrs. Millie Smith, Pittsburg		OD	7					5 00
Totals	11 Colporteurs		188	77	405 50	183 65	544 15	589 89
Chesapeake, One Week Ending Dec. 26, 1919								
E. J. Heller, Annapolis, Md.		OD	5					9 00
Lillian Robinson, Baltimore		BR	18	11	51 00	1 80	52 80	9 10
Ada B. Thomas, Wilmington		CK	10	5	11 50	1 25	12 75	1 25
Totals	3 Colporteurs		34	16	62 50	3 05	65 55	19 35
Virginia, One Week Ending Dec. 26, 1919								
G. R. Simerly, Russell Co.		BR	34	18	89 00	10 40	99 40	10 40
L. W. Kurz,		OD						95 00
R. McGhee, Roanoke Co.		OD						70 00
Elizabeth White, Norfolk		OD	19	20	56 00	5 50	61 50	
J. H. Ware, Rappahannock Co.		OD	48					24 00
Total	5 Colporteurs		101	38	145 00	15 90	160 90	420 40
Grand total	45 Colporteurs				Value 2182 60		Deliveries 2375 19	

Course upon all who are holding responsible positions in the Sabbath school.

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO PARENTS

The parents in every church should read these books. Much is given in "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work" on the relation of parents to the Sabbath school work. May not the united study of this instruction by parents and teachers result in a united effort for the salvation of the children and youth among us? Come now, parents and teachers, let us "reason together," find out what the Lord would have us do, undertake the work in faith, and claim the promised blessing that our work shall be effective.

The book "Stewardship and Missions" should be in every home. It might well be recognized and obeyed by everyone who would do all that he can in this closing work. The Home Department members are especially invited to join the regular schools in this study.

The books should be ordered at once so that they may be in your hands by March 1, the time when the course is to begin. A good beginning is half the battle. Do not excuse yourself from this work. Do not be behind others in starting. Let us move forward together.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

"Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," price, in cloth, 40 cents; leather, 75 cents.

"Stewardship and Missions," price 35 cents.

The Sabbath School Worker, two or more copies to one address, price 60 cents; single subscriptions, 75 cents.

The Review and Herald Association has arranged to carry a large stock of "Stewardship and Missions," and the branch houses will doubtless carry a smaller supply.

A Letter From Our M. V. Field Secretary

November 30, 1919,

Prof. C. L. Taylor,
Dear Brother;

After looking for your book "Outline Studies from the Testimonies" I am glad to recommend it. It is evident that a great deal of labor and pains have been expended to make this a helpful book for topical study of the "Testimonies". I am sure all of our people, both old and young, could use it with profit.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed] Meade MacGuire.

This book may be ordered from your tract society. Price \$1.00 postpaid.

Present Truth For 1920

Beginning January 1, *Present Truth* will be published semi monthly. This change in frequency of issue is made in order to bring out, during the year, as many as possible of the most important subjects of the message. This new series, when completed at the close of 1920, will be made up of twenty-four up-to-date numbers dealing with those subjects thought to be the most essential in giving a clear, connected presentation of the full message. The coming year, therefore, will be an exceptionally good year for the systematic circulation of *Present Truth*.

A Great Opportunity

There being a new issue every two weeks, sparkling with the latest and the best gems of message thought newly and impressively illustrated, it will be a golden opportunity, to make it very effective in subscription form, and in personal, systematic distribution. There ought to be millions of this new series used by our members the coming year in subscription form, and these subscriptions should begin the first of the year. There can be no doubt about the power and influence of this new series placed personally in the homes of the people as the papers come fresh from the press twice a month. The best time to begin is the first of January with the first issue. The old number will be continued until their subjects are printed in the new number.

New Prices

The subscription prices will be, 25 cents domestic, and 50 cents foreign. (24 number.) The constantly increasing cost of labor and material, force the following slight advance in prices of copies in bulk;

1-25 copies 1 cent each; 50 copies 40 cents; 100 copies 75 cents; 1000 copies \$9.00

O Lord, I pray
Wilt make my life both strong and clean;
Make me to see
He best serves Thee
Who lives aright the life unseen,
The tempter near,
Let me not fear,
But bravely stand 'gainst all that's wrong;
Of grief and care
Give me my share,
And with them strength to sing a song,
And when at eve
My tasks I leave
And watch the low descending sun;

As life's twilight
Fades into night,
Let me but hear Thy glad "Well done."
Exchange

Following Up the Ingathering Work With The Signs

The excellent plan of following up the Harvest Ingathering campaign with the weekly Signs of the Times has been worked with good results in a number of places. After the ingathering effort was completed in a certain town last autumn, the missionary leader of the church sent us the following interesting report:

"We somehow felt that our work was not entirely finished, and that there would be a real loss if we did not follow up the little openings made and the interests created by the Ingathering campaign. Therefore, we decided to retain our territory arrangement and the formation of bands, and to follow up the effort with the weekly Signs. We were confident that the Signs weekly would appeal to the people and accomplish the desired end—awaken an interest in some of them to study the truth for these times and yield to the Spirit of God. And we were not disappointed. We remembered the slogan, **More Signs means More Souls** and set to work to get more Signs to work with. These were obtained, and we went to the homes in the spirit of prayer and faith. We gathered a large number of names of persons who expressed a desire to read the Signs weekly. Some subscribed for the paper. To others, the paper was mailed free for a time, and the expense was met by certain members of the church. Still others were supplied each week by members desiring to make personal calls. We had some very interesting experiences, which, of course, cannot be related in a short letter. The chief thing, and the best thing to report, is the encouraging fact that up to date, we have four new families in the church because of the follow-up effort with the weekly Signs.

We plan to conduct a similar effort after the next Ingathering campaign."

This experience is only another evidence that among our people everywhere there is a growing confidence in the soul-winning power of the Signs weekly. They know it brings results. Thousands have been partly or wholly persuaded through reading the Signs weekly, since it was first sent forth on its divinely-appointed mission to win souls.

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Wall Calendar for S. D. A. Homes

Many expressions have come to our office indicating a desire on the part of our people to be furnished with a wall calendar, on which the Sabbath would appear in its proper place in the week. In harmony with this desire on the part of our people, and carrying out the recommendation of the General Conference Council held in Boulder, Colo., a few weeks ago, we have prepared such a calendar, which is now in the hands of the publishers and we shall be ready to fill orders at an early date.

Special Features of the Calendar

1. Size 12 x 18 inches.
2. Days of week in good sized type which can be readily seen across a large room.
3. Sabbath indicated by shaded type at the end of the week.
4. Prayer and Missionary meetings indicated by shaded type.
5. Annual Offerings and Special Campaign Day properly indicated.
6. The Home Missionary Program month by month throughout the year is appropriately illustrated on each page of the calendar. Some of these illustrations have been especially prepared for this calendar.
7. The front cover of the calendar is in three-colors; other pages two-colors.

Several other features, such as the sunset period, special mission fields for consideration and prayer at family worship, and S. D. A. statistics, will be found helpful and interesting.

We have to date, before any announcement has been made in our papers other than the publication of the recommendation of the Fall Council, received orders for more than 7000 copies. We are getting out a 15,000 edition.

Hardly Seem Right

It will hardly seem right for any S. D. A. Home to be without one of these calendars. One of our brethren in California just recently wrote an appeal for a good S. D. A. home calendar, stating that he believed it would greatly aid in promoting missionary activity. We believe so, too.

Order through your tract society. The price is only 25 cents.

C. V. LEACH.

Card Of Thanks

We take this occasion to thank the field for the wonderful response that has come since the announcement of a 48 page magazine. We believe we have entered a new era in our magazine work.

As one official has expressed it, "I am glad you are to publish a 25 cent magazine. I believe the magazine colporteur who handles the new *Watchman* will be able to sell just as many at the price of 25 cents as at the old price of 15 cents, and perhaps more, as it will be more attractive and more valuable than ever in giving the message."

The new February issue will contain sixteen soul-winning articles, besides four special departments of editorial comment; and will be extensively and beautifully illustrated. Please send your orders direct to the tract society. The new prices are 25 cents per copy; 5 to 45 copies, 11 cents each; 50 or more copies, 10 cents each.

SOUTHERN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION

Advertisements

Approved advertisements will be published in the VISITOR at the rate of twenty-five cents for twenty words or less, and one cent for each additional word. A charge of twenty-five per cent of the cost, if not less than ten cents, will be made for each insertion after the first. Cash and reference must accompany copy or all advertisements.

Wanted:—On a farm a boy between 12 and 16 years old; public and Sabbath school privileges. Apply to Solomon Brown, Fleetwood, Pa.

WANTED — Immediately, because of failing health, a Seventh-Day Adventist man for general work on small farm. Good place and home for one who cannot stand heavy work. Address Ira M. Rickett, Sullivan, Ohio.

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Notice

If you have any local church news or report of work done that you would like to be published in the *Visitor*, please send it to your conference office. Any general article will be gladly accepted by the editor and given space in the paper when possible. We thank those who have kindly contributed during the past year and trust we shall hear from them again.

Colporteurs, watch this space next week!

"For Backsliders Only"

is now out in leaflet form. Those who read this heart to heart appeal in the *Review* a few months ago doubtless will be very glad to learn that it can now be obtained in leaflet form. The Missionary Volunteer Society program for February 14 refers to this leaflet. But aside from this, many societies will want to use hundreds in their missionary work. Order from your tract society today. It is Missionary Volunteer Leaflet Series, No. 68.

45 Years Ago

--And still accomplishing its soul-saving work

"The *Signs of the Times* is our missionary paper. It is doing its work everywhere, and is opening the way for the truth to be more fully presented. This paper has been made a blessing to very many souls. All should show the deepest interest to have it a spiritual messenger, full of life, and plain, practical truth. In the Christian world there are many starving for the bread of life. The *Signs of the Times*, laden with rich food, is a feast to many of these who are not of our faith.

"Our brethren do not all see and realize the importance of this paper. If they did, they would feel greater personal interest to make it intensely interesting, and then to circulate it everywhere. All who have a part to act in the preparation of matter for this pioneer sheet are engaged in a sacred work, and they should be connected with God; they should be pure in heart and life. God can work with them and give them wisdom, that they may become intelligent in the knowledge of the truth. God sees the motive of each worker, and will impart His grace in rich measure in accordance with the spirit in which the labor is done. The silent preacher, enriched with precious matter, should go forth on the wings of prayer, mingled with faith, that it may do its appointed work in shedding the light of truth upon those who are in darkness of error."

--Mrs. E. G. White