"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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More Helps for Our Church Schools

School Board Record Books

Our church clerks have appropriate record books in which to preserve the church records, our church missionary secretary has record books adapted to that phase of the church work, the missionary volunteer department of our churches has record books in which to keep their work, in proper shape, our well-organized Sabbath School has its record books, and now we are glad to say that record books are prepared for the secretary and the treasurer of our church school boards so that this phase of the church work may be done "decently and in order."

"Secretary's The Record Book." It is the duty of the secretary of each church school board not only to keep the minutes of each monthly and special meeting of the board, but to forward a copy of these minutes to the educational superintendent of the conference. "Secretary's Record Book." provides duplicate sheets with carbon so that this may be done with one writing of the minutes. This record book also provides duplicate report blanks for the secretary's annual report to the superintendent, one blank to be detached and forwarded to the conference, the other to be retained in the record book.

Other convenient features are the detachable order blanks with stubs and a substantial document file in which to keep teachers' contracts, communications received from the superintendent, and other important papers and correspondence. These conveniences we are sure will be appreciated by every careful secretary.

The "Treasurer's Record Book." It is not necessary that the treasurer of the church school board be a trained bookkeeper in order to keep correctly all the accounts of his office. The record book provided for this officer combines simplicity and efficiency. The pages are specially ruled for recording all "Cash Received" and "Cash Paid Out." With this book and the "Pledge Envelope" which some conferences are now using and which will no doubt soon be adopted generally, there is no call for special receipt blanks. With these records properly kept. our General Conference statistician will soon be able to secure correct and complete financial atatistics regarding our church school work—a thing which he has never yet had and which we all greatly desire him to have. Many of us are going to be surprised and greatly encouraged when we see these figures correctly and completely put down in print. Watch for them in future. General Conference statistical reports.

Like the secretary's record book, so the treasurer's book contains duplicate report blanks for the treasurer's semi-annual reports to the educational super-intendent and a document file case for holding receipts, bills, etc. Both books contain a page of instruction to these officers regarding the proper handling of these record books.

The secretary's book is designed to last three years. The treasurers book will last about five years. The price will be announced soon. It is to be hoped that every church school board will be supplied with both these books in time so that the new school board officers elected in January, 1920, may have the benefit of their immediate use.

The Elementary Curriculum.

This manual is for our church school teachers. It takes the place of Bulletin 14, though it is much more complete, containabout 200 full It is the first step in an effort to carry into effect the actions of the Educational Council held last spring regarding the elementary work. Besides containing outlines of the various subjects for which textbooks are provided. together with many practical suggestions to the teacher, this manual gives the teacher considerable help in primary numbers, primary nature and home geography, as well as the revised outline in primary Bible. It al. so gives quite full and definite

oùtlines of work for the school in the following exercise: Music, drawing, physicial culture, pen nanship, Christian courtesy, practical hygiene, oral language, pronunciation, school gardening, supervised play, and sewing and woodwork in the grades where those subjects should be taught. No church school teacher can afford to be without this manual.

All these books may be ordered through your local church missionary secretary.

SARAH E. PECK.
For the General Conference Educational
Department.

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CONFERENCE COMPENSATION

Colporteur Institute

The Lord has told us through the Spirit of Prophecy that we should have special meetings where the workers could get together and make plans to help advance the truth. In these meetings we can gain spiritual strength and also be a help to the weaker ones in the work.

So we are planning to have an Institute here in Birmingham Feb. 8-17 for the white workers. This promises to be a splendid meeting, for we are going to have the best of help. Bro. V. O. Cole, the Union Secretary, and J. F. Wright, our Conference President, will assist and help give the instruction.

I hope those in the Conference will pray much for this meeting. Our colporteurs have done a most excellent work this past year. The Lord has gone before and blessed in a remarkable way.

There are a great many in this Conference who should be engaged in the Lord's work. Many have told me they felt impressed to take up the book work.

Now I am sure it is a dangerous thing to trample upon the Spirit of God. How shall we stand in the judgment if we fail to do our duty? Let those who the Lord has long been calling come to this meeting, and you will never regret going in a work that will tell for eternity. I read from the Testimonies these words: "God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books."

I will be glad to hear from those who are planning to come. We are going to take good care of you, give you plenty to eat and a good place to sleep. Come, but come praying, and bring a good supply of the Holy Spirit, and I am sure you will receive a blessing. Remember the date, Feb. 8-17.

J. R. STATON.

Fire Destroys Our Home

On December 1st our home was almost completely destroyed by fire. To meet a previous appointment I left home at 12: 15 p.m., reaching the main part of the city, seven blocks from home, when the fire alarm was turned in. Feeling anxious about the fire, although having no thought of my personal loss, I inquired concerning the district of the fire. I was told it was on Annapolis Ave., between Seventh and Eighth streets, the vicinity of our home. With the thought of helping my neighbor in distress, I returned home hurriedly, having been gone but about 25 minutes, to see our home wrapt in flames and all the contents burned. The fire started from a defective flue between the ceiling and the roof of the building. The loss of our library and an organ wife brought from Canada we regret more than any other. The library was made up of carefully selected books, both by wife and myself, covering a period of fifteen years. We lost all of our wearing apparel, except a few undergarments.

All things we do not urderstand, but humbly submit to Him who sees the end from the beginning and doeth all things well. The people of our neighborhood have been very kind to us, willing to help us in any way possible to compensate our loss. Before the firemen had the fire under control, a number came and offered us a home or to assist us in any way. These kind friends have made our burden lighter, and may God reward them abundantly.

It might be God saw this would be a means of bringing the people into sympathy with the Truth. If this be true, we are willing to have it so, and to suffer the temporal loss if by doing so we might save some. We pray God to help us learn the lesson He has in this experience. We have no words of murmuring or complaining. In contrition we bow in submission, asking for His providential guidance.

M. L. WILSON.

KENTUCKY GONFERENCE INFORMATION CONFERENCE

Room 621 Crutcher and Starks Building Louisville, Kentucky.

Office Mail Bag

Elder Keate and other workers who visited churches during the Week of Prayer report indications of a real spiritual benefit being realized by many.

Bro. F. E. Worrell of Madison, Tenn., was a recent caller at the office, having been in the city for a few days in the interests of the Treatment Rooms which have recently been opened here.

Winter canvassing pays if you are to judge it by recent reports sent in by Brethren Hick-

man and Hughes. The former worked 21 hours, taking 50 orders, amounting to \$218, and the latter in 22 hours secured 44 orders, amounting to \$182.50.

Sunday afternoon four students, men of mature years and colporteur experience, from Emmanuel Missionary College, arrived in Kentucky with the expectation of spending three or four weeks selling our good books. Bro. Edward Whittier was one of the quartette. We are glad to welcome these men to our field.

A special delivery letter from another E. M. C. student pleads for the privilege of selling books in Kentucky during the holiday season. Invitation to come has been extended to him also.

Bro. Lee Crutcher and family have returned from Iowa, where they have been visiting Sister Crutcher's parents. Crutcher will take up colporteur work at once.

Bro. Lee Page reports that Sister Page has gone to a hospital for meeical attention. We trust she will get the desired help and make a speedy recovery to health.

"Astronomy and the Bible" is a new book worthy of your consideration. Ιt sells for \$1.50. This is an inspiring book, written by L. A. Reed.

BURTON CASTLE

Results of Colporteur Work

I found a man very much interested in the truth. I went into his home twice and found "Bible Readings" and the Bible near him. He was sick with rheumatism. He said "Bible Readings" was a grand book, and that it made the tithing so plain. I asked him about the Sabbath. "Oh," he said, "that is plain enough for anybody." He sent for his minister to come and see him and told the minister that he was hungry. The minister asked: "Are you really hungry?" and he told him he was "awful" hungry. Seeing that the minister was puzzled over his statement, he explained himself by saying that he was not hungry for food, but for some one to teach him the truth and not "think-so's." This man belongs to the Methodist church, but he said they could not satisfy him with their shouting and going up to the altar, and second works of grace, and all such teachings. He says he is real hungry and wants a minister to expound the way more fully.

R. W. HARRIS.

Oil and truth are bound to come to the top sometime.

Treading The Self Same Way ROBERT HARE

Treading the self same way In drudgery day by day, The heart may learn to sigh When love would glorify Each task in duties plan And bid us play the man Treading the self same way Love can both sing and pray!

Sighing will give no power: It lights no darkened hour, Inspires no sinking heart To act a nobler part: It breathes no psalm divine Into your life or mine!— Treading the self same way Love can both sing and pray!

In duty's constant round True blessings may be found; When love anoints the shrine Life's toil becomes divine; And toiling hands forget The burden and the fret-Treading the self same way Love will both sing and pray!

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Come Over and Help Us

So much has been said and written about the possibilities of the canvassing work, but we have come to the time when we need not write about the possibilities of the work. God has shown us during the past year that His hand is directing in the finishing of His work in the earth. Manv of the brethren and a few of the sisters have responded to the call for laborers, and God has richly blessed them in their effort, and you can hear them praising God for His love to fallen humanity and their joy in having a part in carrying the printed page.

Many people wish to know the times in which we live. There are honest hearts everywhere, and is it not our duty to warn the people who grope in darkness? But it appears to me that many of our faith do not half understand where we are living, or they would heed the calls that have been given. I thank God that He has increased our number of laborers. But O, dear friends, the harvest is over-ripe and some of the golden grain is wasting. Can you not see souls perishing everywhere? Are you going to continue to let your neighbors go down to a Christless grave? God has entrusted this people with the most solemn and far-reaching message that has ever been given to mankind, and is today of much more importance than anything else upon the earth.

The Lord is calling, Awake! Awake! Surely if we do not heed this call—the last call—we shall delay the Lord's coming, and waiting much longer will cause the oil to be consumed in many vessels and lights to go out in darkness. This call is to

everyone who knows the truth, not only to the men, but to our women, and young ladies especially, for the Lord says, "The women who publish the tidings are a great host." (Revised Version) Ps. 68:11.

Where is this great host today? Never was there a time that our women were needed in the work as now. How are we going to warn the cities and towns and many places in the country? This is the work that women can do. We are living in the crisis, and God is finishing the work. Dear sister, are you not going to be with that great host?

"The women as well as men can take their place in the work at this crisis, and the Lord will work through them. If they are imbued with a sense of their duty, and labor under the influence of the Spirit of God, they will have just the self-possession required for this time. The Savior will reflect upon these selfsacrificing women the light of His countenance, and this will give them a power that will exceed that of men. They can do in families a work that men cannot do, a work that reaches the inner life. They can come close to the heart of those whom men cannot reach. Their work is needed. Discreet and humble women can do a good work in explaining the truth to the people in their houses. The word of God thus explained will do its leavening work, and through its influence whole families will be converted.

"Whether you are rich or poor, great or humble, God calls you into active service for Him. It will be, by doing with your might what your hands find to do that you will develop talent and aptitude for the work. And it is by neglecting your daily opportunities that you become fruit-

less and withered. This is why there are so many fruitless trees in the garden of the Lord.

"With earnestness and sincerity they are to tell men of the unsearchable riches and the immortal treasure of heaven. They are to be filled with the Holy Spirit. They are to repeat heaven's offers of peace and pardon. They are to point to the gates of the city of God, saying, 'Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city." Vol. 9, pp. 128-30; Rev. 22:14.

Let every one examine himself and herself. The call is, Come over and help us. Will you answer the call? In your own closet and on your knees before God, deal in absolute honesty with your own self, for that is the only safe way to take or make this examination successful. For Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5. O, will you not pray for this spirit of love to breathe into your heart love for souls and lessons of love's sacrifices, and into your ears lessons of consecration, until you are in deed, heart and life companions of Christ? Then, and not till then. can it be said of His proposed followers, "Ye are the light-bearers of the world." And oh, what a blessing it will be to be found giving meat in due season when Jesus comes, to hear those sweet words from the lips of our Saviour, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will make thee ruler over F. W. SCHMEHL many." Jackson, Miss., Dec. 7, 1919.

"To abolish ignorance by knowledge,
To eradicate vice by virtue.

To displace disease by health, To dispel darkness by light."

The February Signs Magazine

The Signs Magazine is brimful of interesting and truth-telling articles for February. Five contributions center about that truth that is fundamental to the Third Angel's Message, freedom in matters of conscience and religion. The year 1920 marks the three hundredth year since the Pilgrims landed on a "stern and rock-bound coast" to plant the standard of liberty, especially religious liberty, on a soil that was not contaminated with the germs of oppression, hence the publishers of the Signs deemed this a good time to sound aloud the tocsin of freedom of conscience. And it is a most appropiate message for the time too,

Charles S. Longacre in "National Reformers In Action" writes up the recent Third World's Christian Citizenship Conference in a way that shows that the National Reform Association is alive and is doing a thriving business in convincing leaders of thought that the only way out of present world difficulties is to legislate Christ and His commandments into the funof the land. damental law Some things in this article will surprise even Seventh-day Adventists who have long looked for Sunday legislation.

Robert S. Fries in "A Blue Law Revival" tells of the struggle that Philadelphia is going through in regard to Sunday games in the city park. The statements of the clergymen who are forcing the matter sound like those of the Spanish Inquisitors.

Andrew C. Gilbert in "Seeing America Through Prophecy's Telescope" recites the prophecy of the 13th of Revelation and points to its fulfillment in a conclusive and convincing way, yet in a manner that cannot create predjudice and mistrust of our motives.

K. C. Russel in "Smudging Liberty's Torch" tells the story of the long struggle for religious liberty and the dangers that threaten it.

William M. Healey in "How Shall We Treat Our Neighbors?" applies Christ's command "Love thy neighbor as thyself" to the matter of coercing the conscience of him who disagrees with us in religion.

Beside these five articles all to one point, the magazine contains eight contributions on other phases of truth.

George W. Rine in "Capital Punishment, The Only Penalty For Sin," presents the truth of the annihilation of sinners in a new way, one that cannot but appeal to every man of a logical mind. This article is worthy of the widest circulation possible.

Benjamin C. Wilkinson in "Where Are Our Boys Going?" portrays vividly the course that the juveniles of the nation are pursuing and the responsibility of parents in home-keeping.

Charles C. Lewis in "Literary Beauties of The Bible" answers another phase of the question, "Of what worth is the Bible?"

George B. Thompson in "Natural Law Shatters Before The Man On His Knees" continues his beautiful series on the value and power of prayer.

Meade MacGuire in "I Am Not Ashamed" tells some simple and touching stories of the power of the Gospel in remaking men.

Horace G. Franks in "The Far Eastern Question," writes of the state of affairs in the Far East in relation to the prophecy of Revelation 16. Arthur G. Spalding in "Sons of Genius" continues his delineation of "The Kingdom of Love."

William G. Wirth in "Diagnosing World Conditions," capitulates world affairs in brief and then points to the remedy, Christ's appearing. You can readily see that the Signs Magazine for February is no exception to the standard of A Magazine With a Message, for any article of the thirteen that make up the paper will appeal to the man not of our faith, and will satisfy the soul of every Seventh-day Adventist.

Help give the February issue a large circulation.

The Life Boat for 1920

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During the year 1920 there will be published in The Life Boat under the title "Footprints of Faith" the remarkable story of the wonderful providence and experiences connected with the founding and maintaining of the Hinsdale Sanitarium and 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 is published in the January number, giving Doctor Paulson's early struggle in getting an education.

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First Meeting

The first meeting of the Quadrennial Session of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the chapel of the Southern Publishing Association at Nashville, Tenn., January 26, 1920, at 10 a.m. Officers will be elected for the ensuing term and all business relative to the Conference will be transacted at this time.

Each local conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization and an additional delegate for each one hundred members or fraction thereof.

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The first meeting of the Sixth Regular Session of the Southern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists is called to meet in the chapel of the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tennessee, Tuesday, January 27th, at 10 a.m., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and the transaction of such business

as is deemed advisable by said Association.

The delegates of the Southern Union Conference, unincorporated, are the delegates of this Association.

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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-stirring 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.

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My Husband

Where is the boy I'd like to see? Out with the printed page. He's not a youth of tender years, Nor is he stooped with age.

Where is the man I call my own? Out on the firing line.

He's out in rain and heat and cold,

And when the weather's fine.

Where is he who shall hear "Well done,"

If true at any cost?
Going from door to door today,
Laboring for the lost.

Mrs. Cora H. Smith.

Present Truth for 1920

Beginning January 1st Present Truth will be published semimonthly. 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 therefore, when completed at the close of 1920, will be made up of 24 up-to-date numbers dealing with those subjects thought to be the most essential in giving a clear, connected presentation of the full message. This year, therefore, will be an exceptionally good year for 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 in subscription form, and these subscriptions should begin now. 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 with the first issue. The old numbers will be continued until their subjects are printed in the new numbers.

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