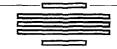
## Medical Inspection

It is highly important that we have a better system of schools throughout this Union. While much progress has been made in the past, for which we are thankful, yet our task of maintaining a sufficient number of first-class schools is only begun.

Before we can have a better kind of intermediate school we must, have a better kind of primary school. The one is dependent on the other. No system of schools is of maximum strength as long as there is a poorly developed kind in the system.

One method of having better schools is to have a better class of students in attendance. We do not mean by this that we need a different class, but we want those who are now in attendance to become stronger, healthier and more fit. We want to send out from our schools students who are not only spiritually and mentally fit, but physically as well. To obtain the former we must have the latter. A pure and well trained mind cannot exist in a diseased and ill trained bodv.

To help gain this objective, Dr. Martinson, of Chattanooga, and I recently made a tour of the church and mission schools throughout the scuthern part of the Union. At each school every student was given a thorough physical examination. His eyes



and ears were tested, his heart examined, and his teeth and tonsils looked at. A record was made of each student's condition, one copy of which is filed in the office of the conference superintendent and the other copy left with the teacher.

Surprising things were found among the children, both white and colored, surprising in many cases to the parents and even to the children themselves. In one case, the student was totally blind in one eye and did not know it, as the other eye was unusually strong. Other cases were where the children could not hear a watch tick, held close to the ear, when they should have heard it at a distance of twenty inches. Some pupils had very bad tonsils, enlarged and diseased.

The effect on the child of having a marked physical defect is usually to make him slow, dull and sluggish in his school work, and oftentimes in his play. Because of this a student drops behind his fellows in his work, and consequently often earns the reputation of not being very bright. As a matter of fact this pupil may be just as bright and alert naturally and trying just as hard or harder than the others, but he has more to overcome,

for he is constantly working under a handicap.

Our recent physical examinations were for the purpose of pointing out the handicaps and recommending the methods of removal. We did not have the time to do follow-up work ourselves, but left that to be carried out at the discretion of the parents. At each school the parents were invited to comewith their children, so that they might see for themselves when anything was wrong with the children. At some schools we held special meetings with the parents and adults. This enabled the doctor to speak more at length on how we all can live more healthily and have better bodies.

In order to make our work as personal as possible and to realize the greatest results, each parent was advised by a letter of the condition of his boy or girl who is attending one of our church schools, and invited to co-operate with us in having a more healthy group of students and a better school. All of the teachers showed a marked interest in the medical inspection work, and have been of much assistance in carrying out our plans.

In some places we consulted with the public school and health officials in regard to our work. All of them agreed that medical inspection is a fine thing, and something they are looking forward to as being adopted in the public schools eventually. Some of the public officials commended us for leading the State in this work; and one city health officer asked for a copy of our record blank to use as a model for a blank the board of health were trying to work out.

This medical examination work has only been started. We hope to make it a part of the yearly school program, and soon to have the help to do the follow-up work ourselves. Such a plan, when it is fully operative, will do as much as any other one thing in turning out from our elementary schools a fit class of students.

JOHN C. THOMPSON.

### Advance in Club Prices of Signs Weekly

Among the numerous changes in prices recommended at the Boulder Council was that of the Signs weekly in clubs. New prices were to go into effect Jan. 1, 1920. Due, however, to the Signs campaign, which has been waged so vigorously during the month of December, the publishers deemed it inadvisable to put the new prices into effect until the orders resulting from the campaign were placed, consequently the advance prices will not take effect until February 1, 1920.

#### The New Prices Are As Follows

Clubs of 5 or more to one address, one year, each \$1.10.

Clubs of 5 or more to one address, six months, each 65c.

Clubs of 5 or more to one address, three months, each 50c.

Clubs of 5 or more to different addresses, one year, each, \$1.25.

Clubs of 5 or more to different addresses, 6 months, each 75c.

There is no change in the single subscription price, which remains \$1.50 per year.

# "What is That in Thine Hand?"

"What is that in thine hand?" the Lord asked when Moses tried to excuse himself from doing the missionary work to which he had been called. And Moses said: "A rod." What could that rod have to do with the subject before them? This probably was merely the rod he had been using out on the plains of Midian while watching the flocks of Jethro. Only a rod. That was all.

"Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh?" Moses had asked the Lord when the plan for his great missionary enterprise was first laid before him. Then he went on explaining to the Lord why he could not go. He was sure the people would not believe him. But the Lord promised to look after that part of the enterprise. Then he told the Lord that he could not talk. He was slow of speech. Of course, that would be a great drawback in pleading the cause of a downtrodden people in the courts of Pharaoh. But the Lord knew all about it and in His plan made provision for this deficiency.

And then when Moses ceased making excuses, the Lord sent him to work with that same rod. A simple tool, you say; worthless it would seem in the great work outlined for Moses to do. Still Moses took the rod as the Lord commanded and went to work. But there had been a change in Moses and in the rod. Moses had given himself and his rod to the Lord. And when he went down into Egypt, it was with "the rod of God in his hand." Ex. 4:20.

"The divine command given to Moses," says "Patriarchs and Prophets," "found him self-distrustful, slow of speech, and timid. He was overwhelmed with

a sense of his incapacity to be a mouthpiece for God to Israel. But having once accepted the work, he entered upon it with his whole heart, putting all of his trust in the Lord. The greatness of his mission called into exercise the best powers of his mind. God blessed his ready obedience, and he became eloquent, hopeful, self-possessed. and well fitted for the greatest work ever given to man. This is an example of what God does to strengthen the character of those who trust Him fully, and give themselves unreservedly to His commands."

Young friend, "What is that in thine hand?" O, no, your hands are not empty, You can live a life that will draw others to Christ; and you can pray. "And the earnest effectual prayer of the righteous man availeth much." You can speak a word for the Master in the social meeting, and when among those who know Him not; you can pass out papers and tracts; perhaps you can carry God's message in song to others, or give Bible readings, or nurse the sick. Every talent counts in the Master's service.

Never say, "O, what I can do doesn't amount to anything." The little lad had only a lunch basket in his hand. He might have said, "O, this is nothing for that crowd." But when it was consecrated to the Master, it became a feast for thousands. Young friend, "What is that in thine hand?" Give it to the Master. Give Him your time, your talents; let Him direct you daily in your work. That is all He asks. He will look after the results.

Someone passed out a tract,

a very simple piece of missionary work; but God used it as a mighty rod for working miracles, first on hearts at home, and then on heathen hearts in far-off India. It sent Dr. Scudder and his wife to India. Mrs. Scudder gave thirty years of service; Dr. Scudder thirty-six. In about thirty members of that family gave their lives to soulwinning work in the Gibraltar of heathenism. And this great "Scudder movement" can all be traced back to a little tract that someone left in the doctor's office.

"What is that in thine hand?"
Give it to the Master! Let us
give him our all for service.
Let us give Him our best, not our
bit, during 1920.

M.E.

### New Bound Volumes of Present Truth

All of the issues of Present Truth, in print, from 1 to 48 (40 numbers in all), have been securely bound in manila covers, and are now ready to mail at 50c each. This was the price of the first bound volume which contained only 31 papers.

This new bound volume contains 40 of the most essential connected, message topics, in serial form, covering all of the principal fundimentals of The Great Three-Fold Message.

It has 160 large pages,  $9\frac{3}{4}$ x 14½ inches, giving in topical form a complete, interrelated presestation of 40 leading message subjects. It will be an exceptionally economical, yet substantial form, for the preservation of these rare issues and for reference, study, and loaning. It will be impossible to get so much attractive missionary matter forming an essential part of, and associated with, the Third Angel's Message. Price only 50c, postpaid.

### Meeting at Huntsville

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Constituency of Oakwood Junior College will be held in the Chapel on Oakwood Campus, Huntsville, Alabama, February 5-8, 1920. The first meeting is called for 8 p.m., February 5, and all Constituency members should be present at that time. The above constituency consists of the Union Committees of the Southern and Southeastern Union Conferences, the Mission Committees of the same, and the faculty of Oakwood Junior College. At these meetings a Board will be elected for the ensuing year, and plans for the furtherance of the work in the above institution discussed, with such other business as may properly come before the session at that time.

S. E. WIGHT, Pres.

J. I. BEARDSLEY, Sec.

### KENTUCKY

CONFERENCE

Room 621 Crutcher and Starks Building Louisville, Kentucky.

### Office Mail Bag

Elder S. E. Wight attended the Elders' meeting in Louisville last week. Elder Buhalts and Professor Staines were also in attendance. The instruction given by these Union Conference brethren was highly appreciated by all.

The following Elders were present at the recent meeting: George Taylor, from Belcher; C. W. Vermillion, Ford; E. C. Shoemaker, Grove; Harry U. Jacobs. Stanford; F. T. Jacobs, Hartford; R. Y. Howard, Covington; and the Elders from the Louisville churches.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The Conference and Tract Society office

will be closed from January 28 to February 1, on account of the Southern Union Conference meeting to be held in Nashville, Tenn. Colporteurs and others should give careful heed to this notice in order that they may not be disappointed in having their orders filled.

Brother Lee Crutcher is moving his family to Mt. Sterling and he will do colporteur work in that locality.

Bro. Edward Whittier, spokesman for the quartette of colporteurs from Emmanuel Missionary College, says: "Pass the good word on to all that we are of good courage." If you will notice their reports you will see "there's a reason."

BURTON CASTLE.

### Colored Colporteurs' Institute

The above Institute was held at the Chestnut Street Church, Louisville, Ky., from December 28 to January 3, and was the most interesting meeting of its kind held for our people in this State.

Brother V.O. Cole, Field Missionary Secretary of the Southern Union Conference, was in charge. He endeavored to make the Institute instructive, interesting and helpful to those in attendance. He was assisted by Bro. W. H. Moore, the local Field Secretary, and the writer.

The Bible studies conducted by Elder R. I. Keate at 9 a.m., and the lectures on simple treatment given by Prof. O. R. Staines each evening of the Institute were helpful not only to the colporteurs but to the entire church.

Nine canvassers were present, who set their goal for 1920 at \$26,000. They are all of good courage, and are confident that under God they will reach the goal.

J. G. DASENT.

# Chestnut Street S. D. A. Church

During the year 1919 the Chestnut Street Church, of which I was considered pastor, has enjoyed a reasonable portion of success, spiritually, numerically and financially, for which we are thankful to God. Our spiritual growth is marked by the willingness of our people to serve in any station they may be called to, with meekness and love.

At the beginning of the year it was with difficulty that we succeeded in getting the talented part of our membership to accept any responsibility, while with others there prevailed, to some extent, an inclination to overestimate their ability to serve, but a wonderful change has taken place, and "the people have a mind to work," and in an intelligent manner are giving the message. This is due largely to the plain teaching they have been receiving from the desk, in their homes, and also the very instructive institute conducted by Mrs. Keate, and the unity which exists between minister, officers and members. During 1919, 22 have been added to our church, and two at Shelby Street, making a total of 24. The greater number were received by baptism. These new converts are true and faithful. There are about six others reported to be keeping the Sabbath, but are not yet ready for church mem-

Onr tithes and offerings have exceeded all past years. The treasurer's books show that our tithe for 1919 amounted to \$3115 and over \$1162 offering to foreign missions, which is many

## Colporteurs' Report Southern Union

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## Dates for Colporteur Institutes

Alabama	White	February 8-17
Mississippi	Colored	February 18 27
Louisiana	White	February 29-March 9
Tennessee River	White	March 10 19
Louisiana	Colored	April 2-11

## ference for Week Ending January 10

# Summary of the Colporteur Work in the Southern Union Conference for the Month of December, 1919

Conference	Agents	Hours	Orders	Value	Value deliveries
Mississippi	16	737	203	\$4834.65	\$34,816.25
Kentucky	16	1207	989	4317.40	2,551.65
Alabama	13	632	248	1750.25	17,265.74
Louisiana	16	1234	207	917.55	4,031.75
Tennessee River	10	841	371	1367.25	1,271.80
Total	71	4651	2018	13,187.60	59,937.19

The increase in sales, and also in deliveries over the corresponding month of last year, is quite large, but as a full report for the entire year will soon be rendered at the Bookmen's Convention, to be held at Nashville, it makes it unnecessary to go into details now. Each local conference has done well, and the report will be a good one. This will be read January 26th.

V. O. Cole.

### The Broken Telegraph Pole

In Baltimore one Sunday morn-, ing as the people were going to church, a telegraph pole large and strong and round, looking as stalwart as any other in the line, suddenly did a strange thing. Without any warning, like a strong man struck down by an unseen bullet, the pole groaned, and then, with a snapping, tearing, grinding sound, the upper portion fell to the street, leaving about twenty-five feet standing. The people looked on and wondered. A crowd soon gathered, marveling at what should have caused such a catastrophe. There was no hurricane, not even a brisk breeze, and surely not enough to sever such a pole as that, which had weathered so many storms.

Just then a small boy began to climb the stump that was left to investigate. When he reached the top, he found that right where the pole had broken was a scooped out place where a pair of woodpeckers had cut out their nest,

and there in the nest was a poor little woodpecker, frightened half to death Unnoticed, but steadily, stroke after stroke, the birds had dug their way back into the heart of the telegraph pole until they sapped its strength.

Sometimes a man comes crash ing down in the city. His outer life has seemed strong and round and respectable. People have beleaved in him and trusted in him, but he suddenly comes down in his ruin. The whole world marvels at it; but, after a little it is discovered that some secret sin had eaten into his heart, and the strength of the man's life was gone, though he looked to the world as strong as ever.—Sel.

Those planning to attend the Constituency meeting at Oakwood Junior College, February 5-8, will please bring with them bedding, as the school will not be able to supply this for all who are expected to attend.

J. I. Beardsley.

"Things are moving so fast nowadays that people who say it can't be done are interrupted by some one doing it."

dollars more than the goal that was set for us. Our last Thirteenth Sabbath offering amounted to \$107. Besides over \$1500 has been raised for home purposes.

With the opening of 1920 comes decided changes in our work, not only in this city, but in the entire State. Brother Edgar S. Jordan has recently been invited to connect with the work in this conference, and to take charge of the Chestnut Street Church. Dr. C. A. Howard, who has been connected with the conference during the past year, is to take charge of the work in Lexington, thus relieving Elder F. S. Keitts for the Mississippi Conference. Brother G. A. Pinkard is temporarily located at Bowling Green. The writer has been asked to take up evangelistic work in the State. He will open his spring campaign at Shelbyville, and may continue there until time for the campmeeting, which will take place in Louisville the latter part of June. Remember us in your prayers.

J. G. DASENT.

### ATTENTION, PLEASE

The brethren at the Signs office wish to cooperate with you in your missionary efforts with the Weekly Signs, and will change addresses every three months if you desire to substitute names. This will enable you to reach four different parties through the year with one subscription, at the old club rate of \$1.15. No charges for changing addresses. Remember that the club prices advance February 1. Order at once, if you have not done so, and take advantage of the old rates.

# TENNESSE RIVER

### Itemized Report of Funds Paid to the Conference During 1919

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Conf. Churches	Men	n. Tithes	Har, Ing.	S. S.	Missions	*Local	xGeneral	Total
Ashland City	6	\$219.39	\$ 5.45	\$25.22	\$35.10	\$	\$ 8.50	\$293.66
Bon Acqua	37	1484.38	7.21	185.19	134.22		7.00	1818.00
Bordeaux	24	597.86	53.5 <b>2</b>	113.76	55.05	25.00	58.04	903.23
Fountain.								
Head	59	2948.07	47.53	196.39	225.41	1.35	72.50	3491.25
Goodlettsville	e 20	305.85	28,98	48.85	1117.39	49.50	39.07	1589.64
Hazel	30	2809.26	193.94	127.14	267.37	50.00	35.75	3483.46
Hurstburg	11	105.79	8.15	13 31	12.50	10.00	1.25	151.00
Jackson	17	561.12	65.96	68.92	80.67	55 <b>.0</b> 0	11.63	843.31
Kingsfield	32	228.28	9.19	49.00	49.95		7.50	343.92
Lawrencebur	g18	334.87	13.65	28.50	45.05		1.00	423.07
Leach	44	427.80		31.81	55.47	10.00	2.22	527.30
Madison	27	3568.21	211.20	48.30	697.48			4525.19
Memphis	97	4112,27	217.16	418.85	665.49	35.00	25.40	5474.17
Nashville :	234	10703.19	1245.02	824.06	1310.73	596.05	86.60	14765.65
Paducah	24	689.76	29.00	102.60	91.88	15.00		928.24
Springville	26	434.64	42.77	33.55	413.77	10,00	15 <b>.</b> 55	950.28
Trezevant	10	508.17	5.00	23.78	29.83			5 <b>66.</b> 78
Conf. Church	61	2424.90	73.53	95.29	2110 70	3.00	13.70	4721.12
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Jackson	26	\$437.33	\$68.47	\$93.63	\$58.96	\$	\$	\$658 39
Memphis	94	2019.17	184.99	212.35	256,71	1.94	46.45	2721.61
Nashville	82	1491,65	121,26	142.54	226.03	7,20	26.59	2015.27
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\*Funds used in local Conference not reported in other columns.

xFunds used outside local Conference not reported in other columns.

"Missions" contains Sabbath School and Harvest Ingathering as well as mission funds for first seven months of year.

F. L. HARRISON, Treas.

### Tennessee River News Items

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Those sending in orders to the Tract Society should accompany their order with cash, as the Tract Society is operating on a cash basis, except to its regular accredited colporteurs. By accompanying the orders with cash this will save some delay in your order, as we will be unable to fill orders that are not accompanied by cash.

Those desiring a new catalog of publications, address a card to the office and we will be glad to forward the same to you. We quote the following from a letter just received from Sister Mabel Caradine, treasurer of the Jackson No. 1 Church:

"This is just a word of explanation concerning Mrs. Cox. During the campmeeting she heard the sermon on the Sabbath by Elder McComas and became interested. Bro. Keele studied with her and she and her little girl were baptized and joined our church. The little girl's name is Lily Bell Cox. She is twelve or thirteen years old and is now at Fountain Head at school."

During the latter part of 1919 Sister Cox paid in a large tithe.

### ALABAMA

CONFERENCE 10

### Alabama News Notes

Very encouraging reports come to us from the Birmingham colored church. The records show that 78 have been baptized during 1919, and from the treasurer's report we glean the following facts: Tithe, \$2,135.58 compared with \$823.15 for 1918. The Annual offering and the Harvest Ingathering also show a good increase, and the Sabbath School offering more than doubles the previous year. The membership now is 121. We certainly appreciate the good work that Elder Lawrence is doing in this city. Brother and Sister R. B. Rowe are now located at Attalla, where they will sell "Daniel and Revelation and "Coming King" until our Institute.

### Something to Remember

Don't forget that we are going to hold a Colporteurs' Institute here in Birmingham February 8-17 for the white colporteurs.

Don't forget to pray for this meeting. Don't forget that the world needs this great message, and now is the time to give it to them.

We believe that we are living in the last days, and we are sure that the Lord wants us to remember His work.

### Obituary

WILSON—Mary Louise DeGrey was born in Minnesota Dec. 5, 1873. She was married to Geo. D. Wilson in New Orleans, La., September 3, 1895, and to them were born six children, four of whom are living. July, 1905, she was baptized into present truth and became a member of the New Orleans Church. She fell asleep with a hope of a part in the first resurrection.

T. G. BUNCH

## Missionary Volunteer News Notes

Two societies in East Pennsylvania Conference made one-half of the entire Missionary Volunteer financial goal.

The New Jersey young people raised one-half of the entire financial goal of the Columbia Union Missionary Volunteers.

Some of the conference Missionary Volunteer secretaries are now laying definite plans to have the Junior work continue through the summer months.

The Manitoba Conference has commenced to publish a monthly mimeographed "M. V. News" sheet.

Vice-president of the Georgia Conference writes: "It would have done your heart good to see the way our young people took hold of the Harvest Ingathering here in Atlanta. The results that these young people got in this work has given us all a new vision of the possibilities of gathering the wealth of the Gentiles in for our work."

The work in the Australasian Union Conference is growing rapidly, and the time is not far distant when the biggest local conference in the Union Conference will be not a home conference, but a foreign conference, namely, Fiji, where the natives are taking hold of the truth by the hundreds. The conference there has trebled its member-A few years ago the Misship. sionary Volunteers of Australia raised the money for the purchase of the boat, Melanesia, to ply among the islands of the South Seas. There are still one thousand islands unentered by either our message or the gosple. Thousands of the people are still nude cannibals and head hunters.

A little company of young people in West Pennsylvania went out one day and sold \$36 worth of "World Peace."

The young people of South Africa set for their goal for 1919 the erection of a hospital at the Solusi Mission. Never before had they reached their goal in one year, but this year they had reached their goal by the end of the third quarter, and began at once on their 1920 goal of two hundred pounds for the payment of the salary of the superintendent of the Belgian Congo Mission.

The Missionary Volunteer work is onward in Korea. Last spring twenty-one students passed in the Bible Doctrines examination for Standard of Attainment with an average of 89 per cent. A census of the young people is being taken. They are publishing both the Junior and Senior Standard of Attainment Manual in the Korean.

A Union Missionary Volunteer Secretary writes concerning the new book "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work:" "It is a fine work. That first chapter on the history of the Missionary Volunteer work has helped me very much to have a clear understanding of the developments of this department. The book is well written, handily subdivided and easy of comprehension by the young people. I shall do all I can to give the book a wide circulation in this field."

# The Man Who Changed His Residence

From the Life Boat

Many years ago there was an undesirable man who lived in a very undesirable place. He could not get along with his own family, so he left them and went out and lived in the graveyard. The longer he dwelt there the more undesirable he became, until he was known throughout the country as a very dangerous character.

One day the Man of Galilee came to his shore; after an interview with the Master of earth, sea and sky, the legion of devils departed out of his life and entered into the herd of swine, who ran violently down the hill and were destroyed in the lake. So this man after one brief interview with Jesus changed his residence from the dreary tombs to his former city and his own fireside, and his disposition was changed from the surly, ill-natured, gravelike character to the disciple of Jesus Christ, bearing the good news of Salvation and publishing "throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him." Luke 8:39.

If you are carrying around with you the remnants of a grave-yard disposition, why not change your residence from the tombs to the center of Poverty Row in the City of Great Need and begin to proclaim the good news of Salvation? An interview with Jesus will bring the change.

STUDY AT HOME-"There's a way." Lincoln found it, so can you. The Fireside Correspondence School will show you how. Write today for our catalogue for 1920. C. C. Lewis. Principal, Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D.C.

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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.

S. E. WIGHT, President.

G. H. CURTIS, Treas. Sec'y.

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 of-

ficers 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.

S. E. Wight, President. G. H. Curtis, Sec'y-Treas.



Sunday, Jan. 18,

On Sabbath morning there is an unusual stir around the Southern Junior College, for every one is anxious to arrive promptly on time at Sabbath School. One reason for this is the fact that each Sabbath a different scene in connection with the Mission church over in Africa and the transformation that the Gospel brings in the lives of the natives is represented on the sand table in front of the Chapel. Our goal in offerings each Sabbath is \$40.00, and we have gone beyond this goal the three Sabbaths now past. We feel confident that we shall be able to reach this goal throughout the quarter.

Bro. H. A. Shreve expects to have his cottage completed sufficiently to move into it sometime this week. No doubt he will find it much more comfortable than living in a tent, as he is now doing.

On account of her health, Miss Ora Hagerman returned home a few days ago. We are sorry to lose Miss Hagerman from among us.

This past week the carpenters have been busy putting in the staircase in the girls' dormitory. This greatly improves the appearance of the halls.

### A Splendid Example

One of our ministers visited a church on a recent Sabbath in the interest of the Signs Weekly campaign. Following the missionary meeting, and the raising of a club of papers for neighborhood work, a company of fourteen adults were baptized into the faith.

It was learned that six out of the fourteen received their first knowledge of the Third Angel's Message through the Signs of the Times, and were thus led to a thorough study of the truth.

One of these new believers ordered a personal club of 25 Signs, and another 50 copies, for use among neighbors, friends, relatives. They thus set an excellent example in missionary effort before older believers, and reminded some of their "first works." What a great thing it would be if every one of us returned to our first love in the faith and did "the first works" in the spirit that moved us after our baptismal vows. What a mighty impetus would be given the Advent movement if every member would heed the Master's council as given in the fifth verse of the second chapter of Revelation! do not, we shall lose our crown. But we must do so, brother, sister, for the sake of souls all around us, for Christ's sake, and for our own soul's sake. And as we carry out His instruction. by His enabling power, there will come into our lives a joy and a satisfaction that many of us have not known for a long time. Let us do it, and make of 1920 the best year in our Christian experience.