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WANTED: A GOOD SAMARITAN

If there ever was a time when there was need of the Good Samaritan spirit on a large scale, it is now. The "Literary Digest" in response to Mr. Hoover's appeal for \$23,000,000 for the 3,500,000 starving children in Europe, aaid:

"In these lands, swept by death and filled with tragedies too deep for tears, a sum of human suffering is being written greater perhaps than for all ages gone by. The mind grows numb and the heart sick from a constant recital of tales of such tragedy as it is difficult to believe the twentieth century could hold."

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In speaking of the long line of children waiting at the American Food Kitchens, the writer further says:

"Hollow faces and shrunken bodies so common that their real condition does not become evident until we inquire more closely, and then we find that most of them are from one to five years back in their growth. Children of eight years old have not reached the normal size of two and a half. They are just learning to stand alone. Others almost as old can not yet stand on their feet. Their arms, legs, spines, and chest are twisted and warped. The flesh and skin are shriveled ou their bones. It is surprising that life can exist there. If they can have food

they will gradually regain their health and strength, but with most of them it is a question of now or never. Starvation and tuberculosis will not wait."

Of the number of these children it is stated that "in Poland alone a million five hundred thousand such children must be cared for. In Latvia and Esthonia the people are living mostly on a diet made from potato flour, oat-flour, and sawdust. In Czecho-Slovakia, Hungary, Austria, and in other countries of central and southeastern Europe, two million more are in dire deed of food."

This appeal will doubtless touch the hearts of thousands of Americans. President-elect Harding, although a comparatively poor man, has responded with a gift of \$2,500. Doubtless many of our people will respond to this general "Child Feeding Fund."

But as the writer of the article in the "Digest" says, the neediest ones can not reach the kitchens through the cold winds and the snow barefooted and in the pitiful rags which form only a partial covering for their bodies. They must have clothes." And it is the call for clothing and shoes which the General Conference Committee has authorized the Missionary Volunteer Department to make, as was mentioned on the last

page of the "Review" of December 2.

Every Missionary Volunteer society should at once organize for collection of clothing and shoes, and older members should unite with the youth in this effort. Where there is no Missionary Volunteer society, let the Home Missionary organization take it up.

While in council together recently, the Misssonary Volunteer secretaries of the conferences in this Union planned for a vigorous promotion of this humanitarian work throughout this field. It was decided that the clothing collected, should be sent to the headquarters of each conference where it will be packed for overseas shipment via New York. All packages sent to the conference office should be prepaid. It would be appreciated, too, if some funds can be donated by societies and individvals to pay express charges on the material from the conference office to New York.

The following articles are wanted; used clothing of every kind for men, women, and children—outer garments, underware, warm headdress, and shoes. All clothing and shoes should be substantial enough for considerable wear, and must be clean and in repair.

Elder J. F. Huenergardt, formerly in charge of our work in Austria-Hungary, has been assisting a Hungarian Relief Committee in the collection and shipment of clothing to Hungary. He writes: "I am glad that something is being done for these poor suffering people, and I am sure that these clothes will do them even more good than money.....I think it would be a good thing if our brethren all over the United States were asked to send in their old clothing which they can spare for the sufferers in Europe. Times are not getting better there; conditions will even turn to the worse."

What we do must be done quickly.

JOHN C. THOMPSON.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Louisiana News

Russell A. Freed, who has had charge of the music in the efforts conducted by Elders Bunch and Meiklejohn in New Orleans for the past year, has accepted a call from the Lake Union to take up similar work in an effort to be conducted at Indianapolis, Indiana. He will leave here about December second for that city. Brother Freed made many warm friends while in this city, who shall miss him keenly, but wish him success in his new work.

Because of the cold weather, it has become necessary for Elder King to close his effort in this city for the colored people. Sixteen honest souls have already signed the covenant to keep the commandments of God, and Elder King thinks there will be many more won as a result of the strong follow-up work he is conducting.

Many of the colporteurs are

finding it difficult to make their delivery because of the reduction in the price of cotton, cane and rice. Everyone seems to be anxious to receive the books, but have not the money to pay for them. The colporteurs are of good courage, and are putting their trust in the One who is able to deliver them. Remember these workers before the Throne of Grace.

The success of the Harvest Ingathering campaign has been greater than we dared to hope for, and every one is confident that with continued cooperation such as we have received thus far. Louisiana will easily reach her goal by the first of the year. Thanksgiving day was a general field day for New Or-" leans Church No. 1, in which all who were able, took part. At the end of the week, it was found that over \$260.00 had been gathered in, making that week the most successful thus far in the campaign for this Church.

Brother H. W. Sellars, who has given up the canvassing work for the past two months. is again in active service. During the past week, he has been This canvassing in Jena, La. city has been worked before, but nevertheless there are still some hungry souls there. Brother Sellars began canvassing a man who said he was not interested in any Adventist literature, as his wife had about gone crazy over it. After talking to the man a while, they walked to the house and he gave his wife a canvass in the presence of her husband, securing an order and one dollar in advance payment and his dinner. May this lady stand firm for what she knows to be the Truth, is our earnest prayer.



News Items

Elder Cole and myself visited the Fountain Head School last Sabbath. We found an excellent spirit prevailing among the teachers and students, and trust that the Lord may bless them in their work there.

Sister C. N. Neil, while canvassing in Gallatin, met with an Italian lady who was anxious for some religious literature and who could not read English, so this sister told her that she would get her something she could read, and told her about "His Glorious Appearing" in the Italian language, so without any trouble took her order.

We are very much pleased in seeing our colporteurs' faithful wives helping to keep up their courage. Sister H. G. Miller has been spending some time in the field, also Brother Beck writes that his wife has joined him in the good work. Sister Mae Keele plans on joining her husband in the work as soon as her health will permit.

Brother R. J. Hyatt is still the happiest man in Tennessee and reports some very interesting experiences in delivering his books and finding people who are interested in the truth.

Brother Rayford says "that his courage in the colporteur work was never better." One of the strongest features of success is courage. Lord Palmerston was once speaking to a famons French statesman on the comparative merits of soldiers. "French European soldiers are the bravest in the world ' proclaimed the Frenchman. "Our's are not the bravest in the world" replied Lord Palmerston, "But they are brave for a quarter of an hour longer than any others." It is that extra quarter of an hour that tells.

At the campmeeting last year I heard a man say that he want. ed to be an expert colporteur, not an ex-colporteur, nor a "pert" colporteur, but an "expert."

Dear brethren and sisters:

This article is written so that you may know that God has not forgotten His people. I shall relate to you just a few recent experiences that may be of interest to you. I received a letter from a lady just a few days ago, to whom I delivered a book, in which she said that her book had not been at home since the second day she received it.

Several days ago, as I was on the train en route from Boliver, Tennessee-where I had been to make a delivery-to my present destination, the porter in passing through the train noticed my books and ask if I was selling books. I told him that I was and immediately handed him a "Bible Readings" in the half-leather He then wanted to binding. to know if I would be back that way again, which I advised him that I would not, and he then asked me to take his name and address acd when I was in Jackson again to make it convenient to stop by and see him. However, just before getting off the train he came back and purchased from me a cloth binding "Bible Readings" and paid for same also, with a promise to read it.

Let us be courageous and remember that we are not promised wealth, but bread and water and with food and raiment let us therewith be content.

LOUIS RAYFORD.

The January "Signs"

Hope in God's providences, faith in His guiding hand, and spiritual preparedness for the thousand and one crises that will confront us in the year 1921, is the seasonal theme of the January "Signs Magazine." Two articles center around this message:

"The Message of the New Year,"—by Grace Adele Pierce. An invitation to leave the sordid and material things of life and to live with Christ in heavenly places.

"The Promises of 1921,"-by W. G. Wirth. The developments we may look for during the next twelve months in the religious, the industrial, the international spheres.

"The Devil's Opiate, A Second Probation."—by K. M. Adams. Because the doctrine of a second probation is so widely believed, millions are deferring their acceptance of Christ until too late.

"One Chance in a Hundred Million,"—by G. W. Rine. A most unusual consideration of the infallibility and accurateness of Bible prophecy. A good article for your neighbor who isn't quite sure about the reliability of the Bible.

"Evolution As Seen Through the Microscope,"—by H. G. Franks. Light, snow, dust, yes even germs, testify that chance is not their maker.

"God and True Science Inseparable,"—by G. M. Price.

"The Simple Truth About the Immortality Question,"—by W. P. Pierce.

"Before the Judgment Bar Of God,"—by R. S. Fries.

"The Grab-All Spirit Still Rampant,"—by A. S. Maxwell.

"Is the Time of Christ's Coming a Secret,"—by F.A. Spearing.

"The Joys of Christianity." —by I. H. Evans.

"The Rent Veil," by W. A. Westworth.

"Scholarship and the Bible," —by Ernest Lloyd.

"The Doctrine That Makes Infidels,"-by R. F. Farley.

"Cleaning Up the Musses of Life," by S. A. Nagel.

The January "Signs Magazine" contains 34,800 words of substantial and interesting reading matter. This is more material than appears in many of the small books that are selling at 50 cents. And the "Signs Magazine" not only gives quanity, but quality, for it is.

A Magazine With A Message.

"Come Unto Me," A Dainty Gift Book

The book of poems, "Come Unto Me," just issued by the Pacific Press, is a beautiful little volume. Miss Grace Adele Pierce, its author, has been prominent in literary circles-national and international-for years. The late Bishop Vincent. founder of the Chautauqua, said her works "yield the pleasant aroma of a human heart that has companioned with nature, felt the spell of art, experienced the joys and sorrows of life and found rest in God." Her experience of accepting the blessed truth has still further enriched her life and writings. The sweet invitation of the Master, "Come unto Me," runs through this collection of poems. Artistically bound and illustrated. Price sixty-five cents at your Tract Society office. Use it as a gift book.

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PERILOUS TIMES

(Continued from last week.)

of a few months, fifteen million people perished in the great epidemic of the Spanish Influenza, which is one per cent of the earths population.

These mighty signs, the like of which the world has never seen, have been precursors of the day of God. These have followed each other in quick succession in exact fulfillment of the predictions of the ancient prophets and of our Lord's prophecy in the twenty-fourth of Matthew.

The startling events of the past few years are full of meaning to the student of prophecy. They are evident signs of the speedy dissolution of all things earthly and the coming of the Son of Man.

It is not always in the wind, earthquake or fire, that the voice of the day of the Lord is heard. At times the still small voice is more effectual in awakening the conscience of man. Just now there appears to be a calm following the stormy years of the past. The times are uneventful, and the world seems to be trying to find its way back to peace and tranquillity. It may be that this is the little time of apparent peace just before the final crisis which will throw the whole world into confusion, with strife, war, bloodshed, with famine and pestilence raging everywhere. This time of comparative peace and quietness may be the most dangerous and depressing to the church of God. It is obviously intended,

however, by God to be the time of greatest zeal and activity and unwanted power on the part of the church in diffusing the light of the Third Angel's Message.

Hamilton Holt, the editor of the "Independent," has recently said "The world is very evil. The times are waxing late; the day has indeed come, not the day of victory looked for by the Germans, or the day of vengeance anticipated by the French, but a day of darkness, for all in which men stumble because they cannot see which way to go, and buffets one another because they cannot distinguish friend from foe."

F. B. Meyers, in his latest book, asks this significant question, "To whom shall we go at this time of world-weariness? Men have tried every system of human government, every phase of human philosophy, everv form of religious cult. Like a restless sleeper. they have tossed restlessly on their beds and beneath their coverlets; but the one is shorter than a man can stretch himself on it, and the other narrower than a man can wrap himself in it. 'Many there be which say, who will show us any good?' Suicide is said to be on the increase. Immorality and the laxity of the marriage tie suggest the wane of love, and hope, and faith. The clouds of revolution and searching trial are hurrying up the sky. Ancient landmarks are being swallowed by the advancing tides of change. This is the predicted hour of trial-'the hour which is to come upon the whole inhabited world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.' To whom shall we go?

"To whom shall we go when our souls have suddenly awoke to the majesty of the Eternal Presence, which are hidden by the glare of pleasure, but emerge in hours of loneliness, change, sorrow and loss?

"To whom shall we go when in the light of the great white throne we suddenly find that snow-water can never cleanse hearts and consciences, on which sin has laid its defiling hand?

"To whom shall we go when one by one the lights which we have trusted die out in the sky, and neither sun nor stars shine for many days, and no small tempest lies upon the distraught soul, which hears the breakers dashing on an unknown shore?

"To whom shall we go in the loneliness of age, in the pains of mortal sickness, in the hour of death, in the day of account, amid the splendor of a holiness which angels cannot face, and

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"There can be but one answer to these searching questions. We must go to God with deep confession and humility and zealously repent of our lack of deep love for souls that our Lord has said we should possess, for our cold formal prayers in a time like this when we should be weeping between the porch and the altar, saying, 'Spare thy people Lord, and give not thy heritage to reproach.' We should be men upon whom God can depend when burdens are to be borne, men who have fought and conquered in the battle with self: men and women who have definitely decided to walk in every ray of light, and to do nothing in any line that will displease God. Then we may go to God in confidence and ask him for power to pull down the strongholds of sin, and to work victory and deliverance in the lives of men.

"The Lord lives and reigns. Soon He will arise in majesty to shake terribly the earth. A special message is now to be borne, a message that will pierce the spiritual darkness and convict 'Haste thee, and convert souls. flee for thy life,' is the call to be given to those dwelling in sin. We must now be terribly in earnest. We have not a moment to spend in criticism and accusation. Let those who have done this in the past fall on their knees in prayer, and let them beware how they put their words and their plans in the place of God's words and God's plans.

"We have no time for dwelling on matters that are of no importance. Our time should be given to proclaiming the last message of mercy to a guilty world. Men are needed who move under the inspiration of the Spirit of God. The sermons

preached by some of our ministers will have to be much more powerful than they are now, or many backsliders will carry a tame, pointless message, which lulls people to sleep. Every discourse should be given under a sense of the awful judgments soon to fall on the world. The message of truth is to be proclaimed by lips touched with a live coal from the divine altar.

"My heart is filled with anguish when I think of the tame messages borne by some of our ministers, when they have a message of life and death to bear. The ministers are asleep; the laymembers are asleep; and a world is perishing in sin. May God help His people to arouse and walk and work as men and women on the borders of the eternal world. Soon an awful surprise is coming upon the inhabitants of the world. Suddenly, with power and great glory. Christ will come. Then there will be no time to prepare to meet Him. Now is the time for us to give the warning message." Vol. 8, pp. 36,37.

"Throughout our churches there is to be a re-conversion and re-consecration to service. Shall we not in our work in the future and in gatherings that we hold, be of one accord? Shall we not wrestle with God in prayer, asking for the Holy Spirit to come into every heart? The presence of Christ, manifest among us, would cure the leprosy of unbelief that made our work so weak and inefficient. We need the breath of the divine life breathed into us. We are to be channels through which the Lord can send light and grace to the world. Backsliders are to be reclaimed. We are to put away our sins, by confession and repentance, humbling our proud hearts before God. Floods of

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spiritual power are to be poured forth upon those prepared to receive it." Vol. 8, p. 46.

R. D. QUINN.

THE IMMIGRANT

Elder V. O. Punches, Field Secretary of the General Conference Bureau of Home Missions, will visit the following churches in our Union on the dates designated, and give his stereopticon lecture "On the Trail of the Immigrant." We believe all our people will very much appreciate the information he will give us, and we will also be glad to render any help and encouragement we can, in connection with our visits:

Dec. 3 and 4, Louisville, Kentucky.

Dec. 5, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dec. 6. Jackson, Mississippi.

Dec. 7, Meridian, Mississippi.

Dec. 8, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Dec. 9, 10 and 11, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dec. 12, Mobile, Alabama.

Dec. 13. Pensacola, Florida.

Dec. 14, Birmingham, Alabama.

Dec. 15. Oakwood Junior College.

Dec. 16, Southern Junior College.

Dec. 17 and 18, Nashville, Tennessee.

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"Every thing in the universe calls upon those who know the truth to consecrate themselves uhreservedly to the proclamation of the truth as it has been made known to them in the third angel's message."

"Temptation changes its form, but is always present, because our natural human desires are always present."

LEAN HARD

Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He shall sustain thee. Ps. 55:22.

Child of my love, lean hard, And let me feel the pressure of thy care; I know thy burden, child, I shaped it; Poised it in mine own hand, made no proportion In its weight to thine unaided strength: For even as I laid it on, I said. I shall be near, and while she leans on me, This burden shall be mine, not hers; So shall I keep my child within the circling arms Of my own love. Here lay it down, nor fear To impose it on a shoulder which upholds The government of worlds. Yet closer come; Thou art not near enough; I would embrace thy care So I might feel my child reposing on my breast. Thou lovest me? I knew it. Doubt not then; But, loving me, lean hard.

Cast all your care upon Him; for He careth for you. I Pet. 5:7

Institute Suggestive Dates

December 15-24 Tennessee River (colored)	
December 30—January 8 Mississippi (white)	
January 9–18 Alabama (white)	
January 19–28 Alabama (colored)	
January 19-28 Mississippi (colored)	
January 31-Febuary 6 Bookman's Convention at Nash-	
ville for the Southern Union.	
February 9-18 Kentucky (white)	
February 19-28 Kentucky (colored)	
March 1-9 Tennessee River (white)	
March 11-20 Louisiana (colored)	
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God Has A Place For You.

I have been thinking of writing a few lines to the WORK-ER for several days. Many of the members of this Conference are wondering how the book work is going during these unsettled times, when cotton, peanuts, rice and sugar are bringing such a small price.

Well, our colporteurs have met with many hard things this fall, they have heard every kind of an excuse that could be made. Yet during all these hard times we have made progress and our work has gone on very well. Some of our colporteurs have delivered over \$3,000.00 worth of books in counties where it looked like everything was against them. These colporteurs have found precious souls who wanted to know the Truth and prayed with them and explained the Bible to them and left one of our good books in their home. We have had the privilege of talking to many this summer who were discouraged and ready to give up. As we told them about Jesus and His soon coming it brought courage and peace to their souls

A good number of our boys and girls have earned a scholarship and are back at school preparing so they can do a greater work for the Lord.

As I think of the colporteur work and what it is doing, I think of it as God's appointed way of bringing men and women into the Truth, and one of the best ways of hastening the day when Jesus can come. When our colporteurs go out and place the printed page into the homes of the people it waters their own soul. It gives them an experi-

ence that makes them stronger workers for the Lord. If you have never done this work you have no idea what a blessing you have been missing.

I have heard many of our colporteurs this fall say that they were blessed so much more than the people they worked for, that is, in a financial way. The people they were working for had all their money tied up in some kind of a crop and could not sell it, yet under these conditions our workers went right on with their work. You see the Lord has a special care and protection over those who are doing His work. The trials that we have prepare

It is not what men eat, but what they digest, that makes them strong;..... nor what men read but what they remember, that makes them learned; and not what we profess, but what we practise that makes us Christians.—Bacon.

us for greater trials, the work that we do, helps others to see the same Truth and become workers.

On the other hand we have had some few men and women who have failed in the colporteur work and they have given up and gone home and quit. Now, dear readers, I have watched those who have given up the Lord's work and studied the cause a great deal. There is a reason. Many of them are just out to make a living, some think it will be an easy way to earn some money. They do not love souls as they should. I have known a few men in my time who got

deeper in debt every year they canvassed and these same colporteurs never paid one cent of tithe to my knowledge. There are others who did not live up to the health principles and they failed. When men and women fail in the colporteur work there is a reason and the cause is always with them. How can we succeed when we are living out of harmony with this great message.

I just wish I knew of some way of putting an appeal to our people that would cause them to go into the Lord's work and go at it in the right way so the Lord could help them when they come up against difficult times like the present. This work must be done and the Lord is going to have workers that are true to duty as the needle is to the pole, to work for Him.

Dear readers, as you read these lines, I hope you will be impressed to work for the Lord, go to Him in prayer and ask Him to direct you in the line of work He wants you to do for Him. As you consider this if the Lord impresses you with the colporteur work let me hear from you. We will do all we can to help you succeed and I am sure you will never regret working for the Master. J. R. STATON.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Institute for the white colporteurs will be held in Clan. ton, Alabama, January 9—19. We will have the best of help to make the meeting a success and profitable. We have some very important things to talk over and I hope that none will say that they do not need the meeting. Now is the time to plan to come. Let me hear from you so we can make plans to care for you while at the meeting.

J. R. STATON.

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UNION CONFERENCE NEWS NOTES

Brother M. F. Knox left Nashville Wednesday evening for Washington, D. C. on business.

Elder McElhany and Brother Harrison were at Ooltewah Thursday and Friday.

Elder O. R. Staines went to Madison, Wednesday evening, December 1, and helped them plan for their Harvest Ingathering field day.

A very important session of the Union Conference Committee was held in Nashville. Nov. 30. Measures effecting the future of our work in this field were given serious consideration.

Elder C. J. Buhalts attended the meeting of the committee. spending a couple of days at his home in Nashville.

Elder O. R. Staines returned to the office Tuesday after having spent a few days at Collegedale and Oakwood with the book exhibit. While at each school he also gave them an account of some of the experiences our peo-

ple are having throughout the Union in the Harvest Ingathering work, He reports that both of these schools have been doing excellent work in their campaigns. The goal at Collegedale was \$1,000 and they already have in hand about \$1400, and are expecting to reach \$2000 before they are through. Oakwood's goal is \$1000, and in the one field day that they have had they have raised almost one-half of it and fully expect to go over the top.

REMEMBER The Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Do your part. The Week of Prayer-December 11-18. The Annual Offering for Missions-December 18. Make it a large one. The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering-December 25. A Christmas gift through the Sabbath Schools for Missions. A Dollar NOW is worth MORE than Ten LATER on.

Collegedale News Sunday, December 5, 1920.

A stereopticon lecture on "A Trip Through Cannibal Islands' was given last Thursday night by Elder McElhany. The terrible effects of sir, and the great need of the people of those islands for the gospel of Christ, stirred our hearts to a renewed consecration for the work before us.

Several members of the School Board met at Collegedale last Thursday, to study different phases of the work here. Those present were Elders Heckman and McElhany, Brethren Tucker.

Abernathy, Thompson, and Harrison.

We are glad to report that Elder Beherns' condition is much improved. We are indeed grateful that God has heard and answered the earnest prayers in his behalf.

At the Y.P.M.V. meeting. Professors Tucker and Thompson told us of some of the plans for advancement in the young people's work, emphasizing the value of the Morning Watch, the Stardard of Attainment, and the Bible Year, to those who are preparing for a place in the Lord's work.

Miss Nannie Mae Smith spent the week-end at the college, visiting heribrother Jere, who is attending school.

Miss Eliza Warner visited friends at S. J. C. over Sabbath.

Professor Johnston spent a few days at the Oakwood Junior College last week. We were glad to see him back last Friday.

The canvassing work was brought to the attention of those interested in that line of work, by the visit of Brother R. R. Brocks, Field Secretary of the Tennessee River Conference. We're always glad to have these leaders in the colporteur work visit our school.

The pleasures of the senses pass quickly; those of the heart become sorrows, but those of the mind are ever with us, even to the end of our journey. -Spanish Proverb.

We never know the true value of friends. While they live we are too sensitive of their faults: when we have lost them, we only see their virtues. -J. C. and A. W. Hare.