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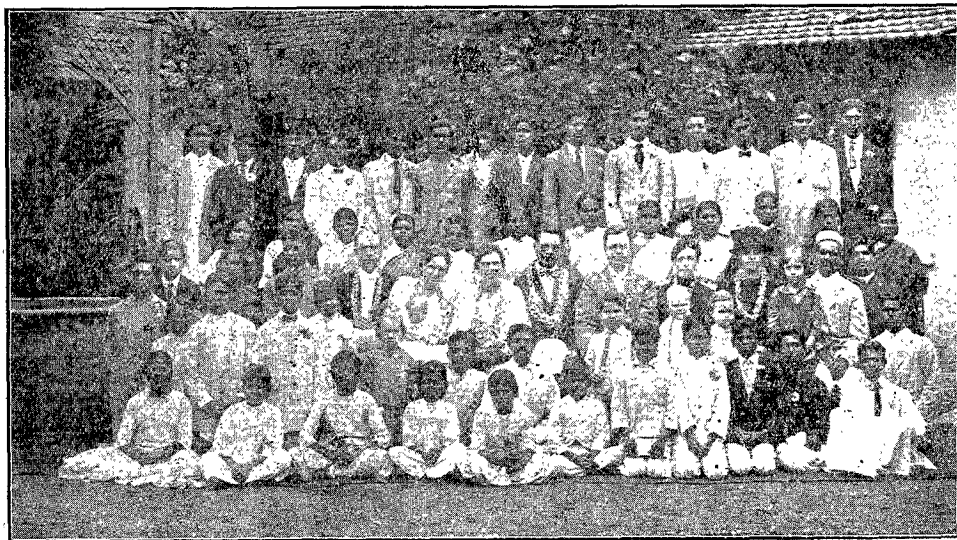
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An Invitation.

The writer would very much like to join all our workers throughout India, Burma and Ceylon in the "Morning Watch" study and prayer for 1920. While this plan was originally thought of on behalf of the young people of the denomination, the study has proved to be a great blessing to others, and many of our ministers and missionaries everywhere are following the plan. The writer can speak from personal experience of the blessing of this short, systematic, daily study of the Word. The plan embraces a well-selected text or two each day. In connection with this, all who will are encouraged to read, under the indicated dates, a set number of chapters of the Bible each day, so that the Bible will be read through in the year. If some of our workers have a different plan for reading the Bible, they may not choose to follow this feature of the "Morning Watch Calendar";

but shall we not all unite on the daily assigned texts and prayer? This united study with so many thousands of our young people and others will surely bring strength and blessing into our lives. And brethren and sisters, we do need to seek God earnestly in these days of peril. Read the chapter in "Great Controversy" again entitled "The Scriptures a Safeguard." There the statement is made that "none but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict. . . . The decisive hour is even now at hand." "We are living in the most solemn period of this world's history. We need to humble ourselves before the Lord with fasting and prayer and to meditate much upon His word." Shall we not unite to study His word more earnestly than ever before?

J. E. FULTON.



BELIEVERS AND WORKERS. BANGALORE, SOUTH INDIA.

Baptismal Service at Simla.

Recently we requested the prayers of our friends in behalf of souls who were weighing the great decision of making a full surrender to God's will. It now gives us great pleasure to report the baptism of seven persons on Sabbath September 13th. These souls are the returns for the present season's effort, and six of the seven are the direct result of the medical work. Thus is verified the statement "The medical work is the entering wedge for the Third Angel's Message." It will also be of interest to our friends that among this seven is a C. S. Colonel and his wife. Two of these newly baptized members leave very soon to enter upon a medical training course at Ludhiana.

We are now shaping plans and making our prayers for a new effort to begin at once. Preparatory to this end the Missionary Society is enlarging its scope of activity by adding another hundred "Signs" and about five thousand "Present Truth." Also by loaning the small books of the "World's Crisis" series.

Brother and Sister Melendy have just arrived from America to assist us in medical work. With this long-looked-for reinforcement we shall be in position to revive certain lines of activity which we have been obliged to omit for the past two years.

H. C. MENKEL, M. D.

Lonavla.

It is some time since we contributed anything toward "The Tidings." In spite of the heavy monsoons the work in this little station is progressing steadily.

We have a nice little meeting hall and an attendance of 20 at Sabbath School each Sabbath. The Sabbath Services too have a goodly attendance.

Pastor G. F. Enoch is holding a series on Bible Prophecies at which we have a fairly good attendance. Since these services have started a lay preacher of the M. E. Church is writing in opposition to S. D. A. doctrines in a paper called "The Voice." The following is an extract from this paper:—

"Because of the active propaganda of the movement known as "Seventh-Day Adventism", and because so little is known by Christians of the movement, it is necessary to delineate

its teachings, so utterly at variance with the teaching and tone of Scripture, in order to deliver those already snared, and to preserve any who stand in danger of being caught in Satan's wiles."

"Observance of the Jewish Sabbath insisted on.

"Sunday keeping — The mark of the Beast.

"It may be asked how it is that S. D. Adventism has held its way so long and secured so many adherents, unhesitatingly we ascribe the fact to Satanic Power, and class its followers with Christadelphians, Mormons, Christian Scientists and Dowieites."

He then comments on Sister White's visions.

Pastor G. F. Enoch is replying to these articles that are appearing in this paper called "The Voice" and it will not be long before this voice is stilled. C. E. BROWN.

Obituary.

LEECH.—Mrs. Myrtle Belle Leech, daughter of Brother and Sister Leroy Jones, of Forest Grove, Oregon, was born at Wells, Michigan, Nov. 11, 1883, and died at the Balrampur Hospital, Lucknow, India, of heart failure, Sept. 25, 1919, being thirty-six years of age. The parents of Sister Leech accepted the Present Truth while she was in her childhood, and so she early learned to know and love the Message. A large circle of friends on the Pacific Coast will remember Sister Leech. She was married to Brother Roy H. Leech, June 1903, and then they together entered on a course of medical missionary training in California. They came to India in Dec. 1908, and here she has been most active ever since in her service to her Master, for like Him she went about doing good in her ministrations for the sick and needy, and many of these poor souls will mourn the loss of a true friend. A few minutes before she died, just as life was ebbing out its last feeble throbs, she said "good bye" to Brother Leech, and also said, "tell the others good bye", meaning relatives and friends. Rev. 14:13 and Rev. 22:14 were quoted by her shortly before her death as the basis of her hope and trust, and only on the day of her death she quoted parts of Scriptures and hymns. She was ready to go, and was happy amid severe sufferings. It was truly a triumphant death. Her lifework is over and she sleeps in Jesus. On Friday evening at sunset, just as the week of toil was over, we laid our sister to rest in the Lucknow cemetery to await the voice of the Lifegiver. Pastors Fletcher, Wellman and the writer conducted the funeral services. J. E. FULTON.

Union Mission Committee Meeting.

A meeting of the Union Committee was held at Lucknow from the 18th to the 23rd of September. Brethren Fulton, Burgess, Menkel, Blue, Williams, Lowry and the writer were present. Many important matters were dealt with. Dr Menkel returned to Simla on the 22nd. The next day the remaining members of the committee, with the exception of Brother Burgess, went to Mussoorie, to look into matters connected with the proposed purchase of land there for school purposes. Brother Burgess remained in Lucknow with Brother and Sister Leech.

The Approaching Conference.

Special attention was given to plans for the conference that is to be held at the close of this year. It was felt that we should seek to make this conference first of all a time of spiritual refreshing. For this we believe all our workers throughout the field will pray and prepare. We hope to make the conference also a time when attention will be given to the special problems connected with evangelistic work as never before.

The Vernacular work.

Plans have been formed for the holding of at least one meeting daily for the discussion of questions that are pressing on our brethren who are engaged in the vernacular work. Brother G. G. Lowry has been asked to take charge of these meetings, to arrange for the subjects to be considered, to call on workers to prepare papers on the various topics, and to act as chairman in the discussions that will no doubt follow their presentation.

We extend to all our missionaries an invitation to communicate direct with Brother Lowry, at 3 Wheeler Road, Bangalore, concerning any matters connected with the vernacular work that could be taken up with profit at the conference. We know that there are many questions that are perplexing our brethren who are trying to carry the message to the people of India in the native tongues, and believe that all will value the opportunity to study this work together. There may be matters in which we have as yet no definite policy, but on which we should express ourselves

unitedly while we are together. There may be lines of effort that are being neglected to which special attention should be called. There will certainly be many things in which the brethren engaged in our rapidly expanding vernacular work will be able to give counsel from the experience gained. We appeal to all to help us make the approaching conference an occasion for a great up-building and strengthening of our vernacular work. Write your helpful suggestions to Brother Lowry as soon as you can find time, so as to assist him in making up as comprehensive a programme as possible. We do not promise the discussion of every subject suggested. That may not be practicable. No doubt also there will be many problems considered in connection with which we will find it necessary to wait for further light and leading from the Lord for a solution of them. But we do want to be wide-awake to our God given opportunities, and greatly desire to see our vernacular work given a great impetus at the coming conference.

The English Work.

Our English work plays a most important part in our effort as a whole. There is no doubt "a great door and effectual" is open to us in this country in the preaching of the Message in our mother tongue, and in this we have a great advantage over some other mission fields. What can we do to further extend our English work? What can be done to facilitate the development of labourers for this work from within our own field? What steps can be taken to foster the spiritual life of our English Churches, and make them a greater power in witnessing for Christ?

The brethren have asked the writer to lead out in such of the conference meetings as are set aside for the consideration of the English work. I will be glad to receive suggestions from any of the brethren, and especially from those who are engaged in the English work, as to how we can make the most of the conference meetings devoted to the consideration of this work.

Our Departmental Work.

It is probable that an hour will be appointed for daily meetings in connection

with the various departments. These meetings will be held simultaneously. There will also be departmental interests that will be given consideration in the full sessions of the conference. We will be glad to receive suggestions from the field regarding these meetings and questions that should be considered in them. These suggestions should be sent to the secretaries of the departments concerned, who have been asked to prepare a programme for these meetings.

Sister E. E. Bruce and Sister E. M. Meleen have been asked to take charge of the meetings for the children and young people.

Brother E. B. Hare has been asked to act as musical conductor.

Brother F. O. Raymond has been asked to take charge of the catering.

The Aurangabad Work.

Brethren W. H. McHenry and S. O. Martin met with our committee, to discuss the future of the work at Aurangabad. A cordial invitation was extended to these brethren to connect with the work of our mission. Brother McHenry will continue to labour at Aurangabad. We have arranged for the support of the Marathi evangelists who have taken hold of the truth there, and will also give some assistance in the support of students, until the time comes that we can do something more definite than we have yet undertaken in the way of conducting a training school for our Marathi young people.

Our committee also decided to purchase the land at Aurangabad, some eight or ten acres, so that the money with which it was originally bought can be sent back to the donors in America. This land we have found to be in an excellent position as a centre for mission work in that district. A large well has been dug and an abundant supply of water has been found, which is a very valuable asset in that dry district. The supply of water ensures the ready saleability of the property should we not wish to hold it permanently. The matter of building there at some future date will be referred to the General Conference Committee. The missionaries are at present living in the native city, the government having commandeered the quarters in which they were stationed in the cantonments.

Brother Martin was invited to connect with our work in North India, as his

knowledge of Urdu seemed to make that advisable. This call was very pleasing to Brother Martin so far as the field and language are concerned. He feels however that it will be necessary for him first to return to America. We trust that should this prove necessary it will not be long before Brother Martin will be able to rejoin us in the work in India.

The meeting in which Brethren McHenry and Martin were welcomed as fellow labourers and formally invited to join us in preaching this last message was a very touching one. The hand of the Lord has been seen in bringing these brethren to the knowledge of the truth, and we rejoice in the work He has done.

Requests to the General Conference.

It was decided to draw up a memorial to the General Conference on the subject of the need of speeding up the sending of reinforcements to India. Often times a goodly number of additional families are provided for in our annual budgets, but the year goes by with many of the budget provisions unused. We are appealing to the General Conference to remedy this. With this in view we are asking the brethren to arrange well ahead for the supply of at least twenty additional families for the South Asiatic field at the beginning of 1921 for evangelistic work, this number not to be encroached on by any calls for administrative, office, or departmental workers. This memorial will appear in the next issue of the "Tidings", and we feel sure will be read with interest and appreciation by all our workers.

But it is felt that something must be done also to appeal to the home board for more immediate help than that referred to in the memorial. The General Conference Committee is to hold its autumn council at Boulder, Colorado, from the 8th to the 22nd October. At this meeting the 1920 budgets for all the mission fields will be considered. Brother Fulton is planning to send the following cablegram to reach Brother Daniells about the beginning of the meeting:— "Opportunities here unprecedented. Force entirely inadequate. India pleads allowance full budget, unflinching despatch every family early 1920". This message of course refers to our 1920 budget, which will then be under consideration. We confidently expect that the brethren will

make an earnest effort to do all for India that we have asked, and this will mean, we hope, a large accession of strength to our working force next year.

A supplementary request is being sent to the mission board for funds for a girls' dormitory and additional school-room accommodation at the Nazareth station next year.

The General Conference arranged last year to send us an additional lady nurse for Simla. Miss Edith Crooks was appointed, but has not yet been able to come. We are repeating our request for this additional worker, as the demands of the work on the ladies' side in the Simla institution are rapidly increasing.

General Items.

Indian and Burmese delegates for the Union Mission session were appointed, twenty-eight in number.

It was decided to authorise the addition of another standard (the eleventh) to the work of the South India Training School, Bangalore.

The opening of a school in the Telugu field in 1920, to provide work up to the 7th standard, was approved.

A decision was reached with regard to the course to be followed in the re-establishment of the English school (Annfield). Additional funds were voted, and arrangements made for a general call on our people throughout India to subscribe so that this school can be suitably equipped and placed on a satisfactory basis of operation. Our plans for the development of this school will be set before our people more fully in the near future.

It was voted to purchase additional land at Lasalgaon at no great cost. This purchase is necessary in order to protect our present property there, as it refers to an acre or so of land between the bungalow and the railway line that was not previously available.

Provision was made for the erection of additional quarters for our Christian teachers at the Chelusain station, Garhwal. The larger number of Christian teachers promises better results from this school. The extension of one of the boys dormitories at a cost of Rs. 200/- was also approved.

The enlargement of the Lucknow chapel (the central room at the Union Mission

office) was arranged for. This will be necessary to provide for the English effort to be conducted in this city by Brother C. M. Scanlon.

The lease of "Mar Lodge" at Mussoorie for our Treatment room work was approved. Our lease of "Grey Castle" has expired, and the place has been sold over our heads. "Mar Lodge" is a very fine property, just a few minutes walk from the Mall, in which respect it will afford a great improvement on "Grey Castle." A lease has been secured that will protect our work from being further disturbed by another removal.

The need of a properly drawn up baptismal certificate was pointed out. Brother G. G. Lowry was asked to draft a form such as he thought would be suitable for use in the vernacular. This he has done, and steps will be taken to have the certificates printed in the various languages in which we are working.

The building of an additional dormitory for the growing school for the Karens at Kamamaung was approved.

The Health Food Work.

During the last couple of years our health food work has been making satisfactory progress. Starting with a debt of Rs. 1000/- owing to the Union Mission, the business has in that time paid off its indebtedness, put in several hundred rupees worth of improvements, and run about Rs. 2000/- to the good besides. This makes an improvement of about Rs. 3500/- on its former standing. This will be a means of encouragement to Brother Regle, who has had charge of the business during that time, and to those associated with him.

The Union Mission Committee feels that plans should be laid for much larger developments in connection with our health food work. In the first place it is felt that we need a better factory, up-to-date machinery, and a factory manager who has had experience in the manufacture of the health foods. It has been decided to ask Brother W. H. Smith, for years a member of our Bombay church, to take up work in connection with our health food factory. We had a talk with Brother Smith prior to his departure for England with regard to this work, and he expressed his willingness to accept the plans we had in mind. This will not mean that Brother Smith will take

up work immediately in India, but we hope to make arrangements for him to connect with one of our larger factories elsewhere, so that he can get experience for a year or two preparatory to the opening up of factory work on a larger scale in this country. Brother Smith has a good knowledge of machinery, and this will naturally help him in taking up the new line of work.

The brethren have also decided to make some improvements at once in the present factory. For instance an up-to-date Grano mill will be installed as soon as it can be procured.

Local Finances.

The Union Mission treasurer placed before the committee a statement showing the income and expenditure of local funds since the adoption of the policy of local responsibility for the support of certain lines of work. It will be remembered that beginning with 1918 we undertook to support from our own funds our Indian and Anglo-Indian evangelical, clerical and medical workers. We were so far successful in carrying this burden that we volunteered to add the support of our educational work beginning with January 1919. The treasurer's report showed that for the eighteen months that have elapsed since this policy went into operation, from January 1, 1918 to June 30, 1919, we have more than held our own, and that we are in a position to plan for a steady and substantial extension of the work.

The report showed, however, that while our tithe receipts showed a most gratifying increase, this is not found proportionately reflected in the increase of our offerings. For instance our last annual offering showed a decrease of almost 30 per cent as compared with the preceding one. The Sabbath school offerings do not show a very marked increase over the preceding year. The Harvest Ingathering, on the other hand, just about doubled last year's receipts.

We are largely dependent on these three offerings for the support of our educational work. The medical work is already in a position to pay its own expenses, the receipts, even in our Indian dispensaries, being sufficient to cover the cost of medical supplies and of the Indian workers employed. We are planning for a steady forward movement in our educational work in all

parts of the field, in every language in which we are working, and it will be necessary for us to support this with a steady increase in all our offerings. We are confident that this increase will be realised, for why should not our offerings increase at least proportionately with our tithe? We believe the increase will be greater, as the situation is placed before our people throughout the field. There are great possibilities for instance in the Harvest Ingathering work, that were not by any means exhausted by the doubling of the collections in the last effort.

We are requesting the General Conference to approve of the appointment of a worker of experience to foster the general interests of our Sabbath school and Home Missionary work under the re-organization that is to be effected next January. The primary aim in this will be the improvement of methods, efficiency, and spiritual results in our Sabbath schools and churches. A strong effort is to be made to provide a uniform and specially prepared course of Sabbath school lessons in all the native tongues, making the notes and helps as complete as possible, so as to afford our vernacular schools many of the advantages now enjoyed by the English schools. An indirect result, however, of this additional help in our general work, we expect will be a steady increase in the offerings received from our Sabbath schools and churches and from the Harvest Ingathering.

It must be encouraging to all our people in India and Burma to know that so large a work is now being supported by the funds locally received. In addition to this we pay a tithe of our Union Mission tithe to the General Conference, and our 13th Sabbath offerings in the Sabbath schools are given to such enterprises in different parts of the world as are selected by the General Conference.

Distribution of Labour.

Brother and Sister Earle R. Reynolds, who were to sail from San Francisco on the 27th September, are appointed to the Gujerati field. This field has been waiting now a long time, and the brethren have felt recently that the first suitable family available should be appointed there.

Brother and Sister Arthur E. Nelson, who come to India by the same boat with the family above mentioned, are appointed to

North India, where Brother Nelson will take charge of the vernacular literature work.

Brother and Sister Theodore R. Flaiz, expected to sail from Seattle on the 12th October, are appointed to the Telugu field, and will probably locate at Narasapur, in the Godaveri Delta, where we already have a growing and promising work.

Brother and Sister J. M. Comer sailing from San Francisco on the 16th October, are to locate at Colombo. This advance move has been definitely planned on ever since the departure of Brother Comer to America, and although we are likely to have great difficulty in keeping the English work going during the next year or so in the centres where it is already started, we still feel that there must be no departure from the plan to open up work in Colombo. We have long talked of sending a missionary to work in the island of Ceylon, and rejoice that there is now the prospect that that field will soon be entered.

Miss Appleton, of Australia, has been asked to connect with the South India mission, her definite work to be settled after arrival in the field. We have not yet received word as to when Sister Appleton will sail from Australia, but expect it will be in the very near future.

A call is being sent to the General Conference for Miss Edyth Ayers to return to India for the work in Bengal.

Brother T. W. Asprey has been invited to assist in the work of the Union mission treasury department. This addition to the treasury staff is made necessary by a combination of circumstances. We are planning for the publishing house to be operated as an entirely separate enterprise. This change will be brought about on the arrival of our publishing manager and factory superintendent toward the end of this year. The treasury department, while it will be relieved of the tract society business will have a good deal of additional work to handle as a result of the contemplated re-organisation. This is bound to increase the work and complicate the book-keeping, as it is not proposed at the outset to set up separate treasuries in the Union missions that are to be organised. Another consideration is that Brother Williams will be going on furlough next April. In order to cope with the work of the department

next year the help of another assistant is considered essential.

Brother Asprey has been helping with the oversight of our building enterprises, and his transfer to Lucknow, will mean that some other provision will have to be made for the building work.

Brethren R. A. Hubley and R. A. Thrift have been appointed members of the Bombay mission committee.

Brother A. Asirvatham has been appointed a member of the South India mission committee.

Missionary licenses have been granted to Brother and Sister Melendy.

During the meeting there was a spirit of unity and co-operation and we believe that with the Lord's blessing the work done will tell for the permanent up-building of the cause. God is going before us in the work, and we may confidently expect great things from Him as we draw near the time when all is to be finished quickly.

W. W. FLETCHER.

There certainly does seem to be something about India which makes folk want to return to it. A letter recently received in the office from Dr. Olive Ingersoll tells of a longing to get back to India again, and of the hope that her two children may ultimately come out as workers in this Cause.

We were interested to read in the same letter of Dr. and Sister V. L. Mann who had been visiting at Madison Sanitarium, where the Drs. Ingersoll are now labouring.

Bombay Treatment Rooms.

"Our receipts for last month were a hundred rupees over the month before, and for this month we have already (18th September) passed last month's figure."

G. F. Enoch.

"I am still wrestling with this difficult language, but seem to be making some headway. The acquiring of one of these languages is such a task that it is encouraging when you can reach that point when you see that you are really making progress."

T. R. Flaiz.

"After many months of anxious delay we have finally received information which makes quite definite our departure from the United States late in September. We have both permits and passports in hand, and are now free to leave. Our repeated delays have been great disappointments to us, and we are now looking with great anticipation to our work in your field.

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— NOTES —

Sister J. E. Fulton is expected to arrive in Calcutta from Rangoon about the 10th of October.

Pastor L. J. Burgess has been suffering from fever for some days, at Lucknow, but we are glad to report that he is now making steady improvement.

The report of the work done at the mission committee meeting published in this issue is quite lengthy, but will be found to be full of interesting information.

Brother and Sister Melendy, with their little daughter, have arrived in Simla, and are taking up their work in the treatment rooms there. We extend to them a very cordial welcome to the work in this field.

Doctor Olive Smith has spent some time in Lucknow recently, having been called here by request in connection with the illness of Sister Leech. The doctor has been able to help several of our workers healthwise during her stay here.

Brother F. J. Butler was in the Lucknow hospital for some time. His case is thought to be a mild attack of enteric fever. While discharged from the hospital he has been ordered rest for a fortnight or so. He is now in Mussoorie completing his hill-leave, which was interrupted when he was there before because of the illness of others at the Union office.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of one of our missionaries, Sister R. H. Leech. Sister Leech was brought to Lucknow on the 14th September and admitted to the Balrampur hospital, the altitude at Simla, where she was first taken, having proved unfavourable to her case. After a long struggle our Sister passed peacefully away on the evening of the 25th September, the cause of death being heart-failure. We extend sincere sympathy to Brother Leech in this very sad and heavy loss, which is not only a loss to him personally, but to the cause of our mission in this land.

We regret to learn of the serious illness of Sister Nina Belchambers, who has been teaching in the "Annfield School". Sister Belchambers is now in the Cottage Hospital, Mussoorie, and was making satisfactory progress according to recent reports.

Brethren W. H. McHenry and S. O. Martin have written up a statement setting forth their reasons for accepting the present truth. This statement is being published in tract form by our Lucknow press. The brethren are intending to send a large number of copies to their former friends and supporters in the Church of Christ in America. Copies of the statement may be secured by ordering from the Lucknow office. The price is one anna a copy.

The Christian Educator for 1919-1920

With the September number, the *Educator* begins the second decade of its life. For ten years this journal has been the faithful exponent of the principles of Christian education. These principles form a very essential part of the Third Angel's Message, and every Seventh-day Adventist, to be fully abreast with the advancement of this message of truth, needs to understand clearly the relation of this phase of the message to the finishing of God's work in the earth.

"Reconstruction" is the watchword of the hour, and while the *Educator* has always stood for educational reform, it is the aim of the editors that this shall be emphatically true the coming year. No time or effort will be spared in any way to make the *Educator* a source of encouragement and practical help to its readers.

Who Should Read the Educator.

Our college and academy teachers, our normal teachers and students, our church school teachers, the members of our church school boards and Parent Teacher Association, parents of children under school age, as well as our union educational secretaries and conference superintendents, in fact all who are interested in the education of workers to carry this gospel of the kingdom to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people should find much that is worth while in the *Educator*.

If you are not especially interested in the education of our children and youth, the editors of the *Educator* would like to talk with you once each month throughout this next school year, for they want you, too, to share in the blessing that comes through a knowledge of these, eternal principles of truth. They want you with themselves to appreciate more fully the rich asset that this denomination has in the boys and girls who are growing up in your midst.

With the September number the *Educator* will be restored from a 24-page monthly to a 32-page monthly; but the price will be the same, \$1.00 a year.

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