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DEC. 14-21

Greeting to all the Believers in Montana.

My dear Brethren and Sisters:

Another year is fast drawing to a close, and knowing that we are nearer to the end of all things earthly, by twelve months, than we were one year ago, these questions come to me: Am I nearer God in actual living? Am I wishing for the coming of my Saviour with a stronger hope than I was one year ago? If I am not, why not? Have I not greater evidence today than I had one year ago, that the Bible is true and that the prophecies of that book of God have been rapidly fulfilled?

Yes, dear Brother and Sister, the Bible is true and the prophecies are fast fulfilling, but am I abreast with it all, is the question that should concern me most. For fear that I am not, my brethren at the head of this great movement have set apart one week, known to us as the week of prayer, beginning, December 14, and reaching to December 21.

I have said that this time for seeking God in an especial way was set apart for me. Yes, that is true; but was it set apart for you? Yes, for you, dear brother and sister. I am glad that I am remembered, not only by my blessed Lord, but that those to whom he has entrusted his work remember me and my needs. And this is for you just as truly as

it is for me. Do you believe it? If so, seek the dear Lord as never before. If not, seek him until you are sure that all is well between yourself and your God. For this purpose is this week of prayer set apart and at its close let us make to the cause of our God an offering, a free will offering. The times demand it. Our connection with this great movement, demands it. Yes and our very best should be given to this work or task of finishing the gospel work in the earth. This can only be done by God's help which will be given in answer to earnest prayer. Let us pray.

Yours for service,

Geo. F. Watson



WHAT THREE DOLLARS WILL DO

The people of this denomination are characterized as a self-sacrificing people; they are also characterized as a willing people, and a missionary people. We know well that the remnant people are those who covenant with the Lord by sacrifice.

It is expected of us that we study every sensible economy, and this goes hand in hand with sacrifice. When an economical proposition comes within our reach, especially if it is a paying investment, we usually make some kind of a determined effort to invest; we even sacrifice other things which may be classed as necessities. We do these things in temporal affairs, but how much more important that we sacrifice for things which will prove of more lasting benefit.

To return to the title of our article, let us consider what \$3.00 will do. It will bring the "Review" and

the Gleaner to your home for fourteen months, sixty issues of each, or one hundred and twenty issues of two papers that every Adventist family in Montana should have. The "Review" will be sent fourteen months for the regular yearly subscription price of \$2.50, applicable to new subscribers only. The Gleaner will be sent fourteen months for the regular yearly subscription price of 50 cents, applicable both to renewals and new subscriptions.

Now is our time to study economy; now is the time to sacrifice; now is the time to make a good investment, one which will yield splendid dividends. Give it a trial. Send orders to the tract society.

W. A. Woodruff



LEST WE FORGET

By the time this article and this issue of the Gleaner reaches you, we will have only about three weeks left in which to complete our missionary activities and get ready for the new year. There is much to be accomplished in this length of time, but we can do much if we will only set ourselves with determination to the task.

The principal work confronting us now is the Harvest Ingathering campaign. We have been seriously handicapped for the past seven or eight weeks, and have been able to accomplish but very little. We might properly style this an emergency, seeing the short time in which we have to work, and the fact that we have been unable to do scarcely anything previously. Many work faster and harder, in an emergency than at any other time. If we can look upon this as an emer-

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agency call for greater activity, for concentrated, concerted action and enter the work now to stay by it faithfully for the next three weeks, I believe we may expect much to be accomplished with the Lord's rich blessings rewarding such effort.

Let us remember our goals! Let us remember that the success of this campaign will depend upon the individual effort, and the success of the individual effort will depend very largely upon the degree of faith we possess. **W. A. Woodruff**



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WEEK OF PRAYER

The dates fixed for the denominational annual week of prayer for this year are December 14 to 21. This period should be to each one all that the title suggests—a week of prayer; for it is due the Lord that we devote the period to acquainting ourselves individually more fully with him, and the only source of communication and further acquaintance is prayer and the study of his word.

It should be to us more than a week of prayer: it should be also a week of praise.

The abnormal horrors of the world war have been materially lessened. The cannonading and bursting of shells have ended for this time; hence the inhuman debauchery and slaughter, to say the least, of women and children has abated at last, after a four-year period of unparal-

leled history making. Though many of our sons, husbands, brothers, daughters, and sisters will never return to us, some of them—yes, the greater number of them—will do so.

A world pestilence, also almost but not quite a world famine, have swept the face of the earth in search of prey and many have succumbed to their ravages; but we, through the mercy of our Heavenly Father, have been and are still living monuments of his sparing mercy.

But for what purpose have we been spared to this hour, think you? "O, give thanks unto the Lord for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." This may be done in appropriate thoughts, words and acts. "O taste and see that the Lord is good." One cannot know him otherwise.

This week, this day, this hour, yes, this moment should be the time when each one will answer God's call to him to permit the indwelling Christ to conquer every unsubdued tendency in his life to take up a reproach against his neighbor, or to backbite his brother, his neighbor, or even his enemy "with his tongue;" for true Christians cannot long survive double-tongued. The blessed Jesus will subdue every such tendency that is natural to the flesh, if he is permitted to have his way with us. So we may behold, if we will, a large, and possibly in some cases an unentered, mission field in one's own heart, "Let the Saviour in;" he will cleanse from all sin.

Then, too, we should think, labor and pray, and give unstintingly of our means that God has always so bountifully given us, in the interest of that larger unsubdued heathen mission field abroad which is now ripe for the harvest, whose sheaves are soon to be garnered in by the heavenly messengers if made ready. Let us come to the Sabbath morning meeting the last Sabbath of the week of prayer and praise, December 21, 1918, prepared to give into the annual offering for foreign missions proportionately as the Lord has bestowed his bounties upon us. Let them be thank offerings indeed.

H. W. Cottrell



AN INSPIRING LETTER

A long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull all together will finish our Ingathering with credit to our confer-

ence; a reward by and by to the workers; and souls for the kingdom. As you read this inspiring letter from Sister Cady, who spent many years in foreign fields, may the love of Christ constrain you to go and do likewise.

"Newberg, Oregon,

"October 21, 1918.

"Dear Brother Lowry:

"Mr. Cady thinks I had better send another report to you of our Harvest Ingathering work, so I am glad to do so.

"Sister Emerson, an old lady who is not strong and cannot walk very much, set her goal in the first place at \$5.00. After passing that mark, she hoped to get \$10.00. Now she has over \$15.00 and I understand that she has placed her goal up to \$20.00.

"Before starting out, I thought it would be hard work this year to get \$5.00, and thought I would try to get that much. Then I hoped to reach \$10.00. Now, I have \$19.15 and I would like very much to be able to go out soliciting a few times more, so I can reach \$25.00. But I do not know how it will be, for the house in which we live has just been sold, and we must move as soon as we can find another place. That will make so much extra work that I do not know how much more time I shall be able to put into this work. I have used fifty-eight papers now.

"I have not covered all of my territory yet; and when I think how much might be realized if the whole town could be worked, I feel anxious to do all I possibly can. My second solicitor's card is almost full now. I take both cards with me, and think helps to hand them to the one I am soliciting at a certain time. Most of the offerings I receive are quarters, and a number have given me but ten cents. If they say they cannot give for this reason and for that, then I tell them I would like them to read the paper anyway, because it is both interesting and instructive, and helps us to better understand the needs of the people in heathen lands, and ten cents would cover the cost of the paper. Even after that, some who thought they could not give anything will give me a quarter, and some give but ten cents. Several have given me fifty cents, two have given a dollar, and one surprised me by giving me \$5.00. The work becomes easier the longer I engage in it, and

when I get started, I feel like keeping on and accomplishing all I possibly can. And I have had better success lately than I had at first. I do not find many that refuse. The last forenoon I was out, I spent less than two hours, made seven calls, and five of the seven solicited gave offerings amounting to \$1.50.

"Now is a good time to work when we cannot have school or meetings. Our church school teacher plans to go out soliciting to-morrow.

"I hope that our people in other places are doing well, and that our goal may be reached, so that the work may not be hindered for lack of means.

"Your sister,
 "(Mrs.) I. F. Cady."



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WEEK OF PRAYER

To the person who has watched the development of this message it is needless to say anything as to what this annual convocation in the past has done for our people. We have come to look forward to this time each year for a real spiritual feast.

That the coming week of prayer may be the best we have ever experienced as a people let us begin early to get ready for the Spirit's outpouring. To get ready means to put away sin and be where nothing, as far as we are concerned, stands between us and God or our fellow men.

After giving detailed instruction as to how we should be prepared to observe the Sabbath as its holy hours were ushered in, Vol. 6, page 356 says, "There is another work that should receive attention on the preparation day. On this day all differences between brethren, whether in the family or in the church, should be put away. Let all bitterness and wrath and malice be expelled from the soul. In a humble spirit, 'Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed!'" James 5:16.

If all were to follow this instruc-

tion each week an appeal to get ready for the week of prayer would not be needed. We would all be prepared to enjoy and get the blessings from this season of devotion God has for us, because when mistakes were made we would immediately make them right and not wait until "preparation day" (Friday) to correct the wrong.

In looking over our lives if we find we have failed in living as instructed in this testimony shall we not now decide that with the Lord's help this shall be our experience in the future? If all do this the coming week of prayer will surely be the most precious season ever experienced by us as a people.

Living in the times we do and professing to believe we are nearing the time when probation will close surely we can't afford to fail in heeding this timely admonition.

J. W. Norwood



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HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

The Harvest Ingathering campaign for the Southern Oregon conference has been set for December 8-12. There will be only five days allotted to this campaign and we hope that every one will arrange throughout the entire conference to push this campaign as never before.

There has been much time lost in our missionary endeavors this fall from the epidemic that has been raging. We feel that we have been greatly hindered, but even yet the Lord can turn things to our good if we will only put our shoulders to the wheel and push the battle to the very gates.

During the Harvest Ingathering campaign last year we raised over nine hundred dollars, and I see no reason why we should not at least double it this year. The goal for the conference is five dollars for each member, and I am sure that each one of us by applying himself to the work can make this goal which the

General Conference has placed for us. If we do this, and then receive from the Harvest Investment fund the same that we received last year, I am sure that we shall swing out clear on our twenty-five-cent-a-week fund.

You will remember I stated in a letter just recently to each family of the Southern Oregon Conference, that we were nearly four thousand dollars short. I believe yet that this full amount can be made up if every individual will do his very best; for the angels of God, we are told, are waiting to co-operate with those who are willing to go out and work for the Master.

I hope that each church elder, deacon, and Sabbath school officer, will see that his church is well organized for service.

J. A. Rippey



HARVEST INVESTMENT FUND

Sabbath, December 14, has been set as the day on which we will gather in our Investment funds. I hope each one having raised a missionary garden, missionary chickens, or having missionary stock will dispose of that which they have raised, and all the means be brought in on this day. I am sure it will be a day of rejoicing to all our people in this conference.

Last year, you remember, we raised seven hundred dollars through this fund. I hope this year we can raise it to a thousand dollars.

I trust that all will take an active part in the gathering in of funds for the mission field, that we may fully reach our quota for missions.

J. A. Rippey



MISSIONARY CONVENTION AT EUGENE

A very interesting and profitable missionary convention was held in the Eugene church Sabbath and Sunday, November 23 and 24, at which were taken up the needs of the immediate field from the standpoint of home missionary work. Such subjects as the use of tracts, magazines, periodicals, Home Workers books, and our large subscription books were considered, with excellent attention on the part of all. Missionary correspondence, organi-

zation and reporting were also dwelt upon. We feel sure that the convention will result in a spirit of greater activity on the part of our brethren and sisters at Eugene. All seemed to feel that the end is very near and that the time has come for all to labor for others in any capacity for which they may be fitted.

Our attendance was not large on account of the weather, which was very stormy, but our book sales were exceptionally good.

Elder Rippey was present during the greater part of the convention and his help was much appreciated by the church and the writer.

O. H. Shrewsbury



NOTES

The church schools are all in session again, after the long vacation on account of the influenza.

Brother Shrewsbury stopped at the office a day en route to Grants Pass, where, with Elder Rippey, he will conduct a Home Missionary Convention.

Quite a number have been enlisted in the Home Workers' campaign and we expect a large number of these excellent little books to be placed in the homes of the people at this Christmas season.



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THE WILCOX CHURCH SCHOOL

This is a progressive school. Every time we visit it, we find some new improvement. This year ten feet of space has been put in, and a small room has been provided for library purposes. Thirty-three industrious boys and girls are doing good work under the instruction of Miss Anna Haffner. The Wilcox church has furnished several capable workers for the cause, and we are looking to this growing school for a great many more missionaries.

Anna J. Olson

SUNNYSIDE, WASH.

On account of the "flu" our missionary meetings have been closed. Although we have given away about two hundred papers, tracts and books, we have not done much in the Harvest Ingathering work.

Oh, if we could only realize what this Ingathering means to each one of us; it may mean the ingathering of souls as well as a few dollars. May we be more faithful and work till Jesus comes is my most earnest prayer.

Virginia V. Hobbs



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SOUTHERN DISTRICT

During the influenza quarantine I could only visit the families of our people, in the churches of the Southern district, organizing the Harvest Ingathering work. Since the flu ban has been lifted the churches are taking hold of the work nicely.

At Meadow Glade the Academy was quarantined ten days on the account of a case of diphtheria. This quarantine was lifted just a few days before the influenza quarantine was proclaimed, but the government authorities did not send a notice to close the Academy, so the work of the Academy has continued without any trouble from the flu. The outlook for the Academy is good.

Recently wife and I visited the church at Eden. This church is located in a secluded little valley on a small river which empties into the Columbia opposite Astoria. They have a nice church school where they can have their children free from the Sodom condition of the cities and train them to become workers in the cause of God. Last summer this little school picked and sold \$80.00 worth of berries to make out an even hundred to be added to the generous pledges of their church to our new Academy Fund. They also picked \$50.00 worth of berries to help the local church school.

I baptized one of the church school students in the beautiful little stream that runs close by their place of worship.

We visited a nice little company of our Scandinavian brethren on Puget Island about 35 miles up the Columbia from Astoria. Puget Island is one of the largest islands in the Columbia river. The island is surrounded with a dyke and has a population of about three hundred people. The inhabitants are mostly fishermen. I am glad this little company is set as a light in the busy fishing trade of the Columbia river.

Sabbath, November 23, we held a meeting with the Walnut Grove church from 10 o'clock to eleven; met with the Vancouver church at 11:30, then we drove over and had a service with the company at Fishers at 2:30 p. m. We then went on to Camas where we held a meeting at 7:30 in the evening.

These churches are of good courage and are anxious to do what they can in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

F. H. Conway

Birdie Conway



A SAFE JOURNEY

Prof. and Mrs. M. E. Cady announce the safe arrival in India of Margaret Adema whose marriage to Lindsay A. Semmens took place in Healdsburg last spring.

June 7 Mr. and Mrs. Semmens, together with Elder Fletcher, Sister Bruce, and Bro. Carl Weeks sailed for India, stopping en route at Japan, China, Singapore, and Ceylon. They report a pleasant time among the former W. W. C. students though the heat was oppressive in Singapore.

In these days of unusual "perils by sea" all will feel grateful to learn of the safe arrival of these strong young workers. The trip from China on was not without its dangers. Mrs. Semmens writes: "The boat travelled very slowly, far out of its course and with darkened lights on account of enemy boats. If I should write conditions on the boat as they actually were I fear it would be erased. All we can say is that God knows that India needs workers and so we were permitted a safe passage."

They write that it is touching to see the faces of the older workers light up as they greet them,—the new recruits.

They arrived in the midst of the hot season but they are already hard at work on the language,—studying from 6 to 8 hours a day.

They write, "Really we are happier every day that we have given our lives to India. One needs to attend only one service and see the bright shining faces of the dear boys and girls in our school to feel doubly repaid for coming. It means something for them to become Christians,—much more than to our young people in America. It means a complete change in their lives, and their faces and actions show it too. In this school the children do not have parents to sit with in meetings, yet one rarely ever sees whispering. Even little boys and girls six and seven years old sit quietly through a long service. If it is a testimony meeting they speak the same as the older ones. If an M. V. meeting all respond to the roll call with a Bible verse. Truly 'the heathen shall fear the name of the Lord.' It is a pleasure to attend services here."

Of their many young friends throughout the West they say, "We often think of this couple and that one and wish that they were here and ready to help with all their might.

"No one who has not seen the need can realize how white the harvest is. Come."



THE WORK AT THE PORTLAND SANITARIUM

While the medical branch of the work conducted by the North Pacific Union Conference has not been prominently before the churches in the field, as has the educational and evangelical work, it is nevertheless a branch of the work that is by no means negligible, and one that is doing much toward reaching the people in the Pacific Northwest, and carrying the message to them. The Spirit of Prophecy has said that the medical work should be the right arm of the message. The workers at Portland are doing their utmost, to the end that this part of the work shall not become a withered arm.

The Portland Sanitarium has more workers, under one roof, than there are in the employ of any one of the conferences in the North Pacific Union. There are at the present time sixty-two devoted Christian workers in our Union Conference sanitarium.

Several have come to a knowledge and acceptance of the truth recently, through coming to the sanitarium,

and seed has been sown in many hearts which we trust may bring forth fruit in the great harvest.

We feel to praise the Lord for his wonderful healing power that has been manifest during the prevailing epidemic which has proven fatal to so many. While the majority of our nurses have been ill, in no case has it been fatal among our workers, and among all these cases not one has developed into pneumonia, or reached a critical stage.

Among our patients we have seen instances of the healing power of God, that are to us wonderful sources of encouragement and strength. Patients have come to us in such a condition that their physicians had given them up to die. The prayers of our workers have been asked for, and we have earnestly sought the help of the Lord that these sufferers might be restored. In a miraculous way, it has seemed, they have recovered, and are praising the Lord for deliverance from what seemed certain death.

The sanitarium is overcrowded with patients. We have been obliged to put as many as five patients in one room. It has been a severe strain on the workers, but not one word of complaint has been heard. All are simply doing their utmost to relieve the suffering and sickness that is so prevalent.

The training school for nurses has been considerably extended during the past year. We now have thirty-three devoted young women in training as missionary nurses.

With the heavy patronage that we have had recently, it has been a difficult matter to provide living accommodations. We have taken over two large residences adjacent to the sanitarium, and most of the nurses are now comfortably situated. A real home for our nurses is now probably our most pressing need.

By providing these accommodations for nurses outside the institution, and crowding the offices into smaller quarters, we have been able to greatly increase the number of rooms for patients. A year ago we were equipped to care for not more than forty-five to fifty patients, and the average number of patients was about thirty-five. We now have accommodations for eighty-one patients, and are regularly caring for from seventy to seventy-five.

The financial outlook at the sani-

tarium is encouraging. Most of the debt has been wiped out. The buildings and equipment have been repaired and improved so that everything is in first class working order. The cash collections for the first ten months of 1918 are greater by 76 per cent than they were for the same period last year. The collections for October, 1918, are the greatest by over a thousand dollars that the institution has ever seen in any one month and exceed those of October last year by 114 per cent.

During the ten months ending October 31, 1917, there were 783 patients registered. During the same period this year 1157 have entered. These figures include only those patients who have taken rooms in the institution, and do not include those who have come for treatments or minor surgery only.

We feel to thank the Lord for the blessings that are attending the work at Portland. R. W. Nelson



ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY RUSSIANS SAVED

The following interesting story is taken from a letter from Elder E. W. Farnsworth:

"About the time of the 1913 General Conference, I visited my brothers in Sonningdale, Saskatchewan. We learned there was a large Russian settlement not far from where they lived. When we returned to California we told the young people of the Berkeley church we would like to unite with them in purchasing some literature in the Russian language. My brothers had agreed to circulate it among the people. We sent to College View and ordered \$10.00 worth of tracts which were sent.

"My brothers were faithful in their part of the work. Soon there was much talk among the Russians on the Sabbath and other topics. They began to visit my brothers, and though they could not understand one another, they referred to the Bible which each had in their own language. They did what they could, and prayed that God would do the rest.

"In a short time eight or ten began to observe the Sabbath, and it was felt that they should have help. Bro. Babienco began to labor there. The interest was greatly enlarged, and others took their stand for the truth.

Though Brother Babienco was called away for a time the interest did not subside but rather increased all the time.

"After a time opposition set in, and men did what they could to overthrow the truth, but they did not succeed. Brother Babienco returned. Several sermons were preached against the truth which he reviewed. As a result twelve or fifteen more began to keep the Sabbath. Some of the leading men in the colony told their minister that as Babienco had the people with him, and also had the truth, he had better turn over the key of the church and let him have it all, but this he did not think best to do."

"Some months later the Sabbath-keepers began to build a church. When I visited them last year the house was nearly finished. It would seat about one hundred people. They thought they were building amply large for all who would come to their meetings, but before the close of the year they could not seat all who were keeping the Sabbath.

"My brother writes that there are now about one hundred and sixty keeping the Sabbath, mostly adults. Over twenty of their young people have been attending the Academy at Battleford, so it became necessary to have a Russian department. Quite a number have attended the school that were not Sabbath-keepers, and these have all been converted, and on returning to their homes have influenced their parents and other members of their families to accept the truth. Quite a number of these live in an adjoining neighborhood, and they propose to organize another church. So the work goes on, and we trust the end is not yet.

"From what did this harvest of souls come. The story is a simple one and being repeated in many parts of the country. Some one saw the field was ready for seed. A few dollars' worth of literature was purchased and sent. Others did faithful work in circulating it, a minister came and put forth an earnest effort, and the result is one hundred and sixty souls keeping the Sabbath.

"Is not this experience enough to inspire any soul with enthusiasm to repeat the experiment again and again? Do you blame us that we feel we have at least a small interest in every soul that has begun to keep the Sabbath there? Do you

blame us if we tell you that every soul won is a source of joy and pleasure, deeper, deeper, purer, and more lasting than anything that earth can give? Such experiences make life worth living."

The moral—"Go thou and do likewise."



OUR DAY OF OPPORTUNITY

The ever-rising tide of immigration has been stayed to a large extent on account of the great war. Many believe that as soon as the conflict is over, the tide will rise higher than ever. But think of the vast multitude of strangers already within our gates. One person out of every seven in the United States was born outside our borders. Statisticians tell us that we have today 16,500,000 people of foreign birth, and nearly all of them are from Europe.

"The great majority of these who come from eastern and southern Europe never knew religious freedom. The Bible was not an open book to them. In the providences of God these people have come to our very doors,—and for what?—That they may have opportunity to hear the message." S. P.

Not many of us can go to other lands with the great message for these last days, but God has arranged things so that many of the people of these lands are coming within our reach that we may give them the light. To-day we are all surrounded with foreign neighbors, not alone from Europe but from the oriental lands as well. What are we doing for them?

An interesting paragraph from a letter written by one of our sisters suggests a simple and effective method that all can use in seeking to pass on the message to those about us, she writes:

"There are about six or eight Chinese living near us, and since we are on friendly terms with them we think it is a good time to interest them in the message. Two of them came down the other Sunday evening and brought a big piece of pork and some cigars (which were returned with thanks), also some candy, nuts, and firecrackers for the children. They sat and talked quite a little while with us. We now need some Chinese literature."

An order for Chinese tracts was enclosed with this sister's letter. How

thankful we should be that inexpensive literature containing this glorious truth has been prepared for so many nationalities. How simple and easy it is to perform this kind of service when we are really interested in the welfare of these souls that are so precious to God as are our own.

Brothers and sisters, we profess to be believers of Christ, but Christ knew no distinction of race or color. We are slow to follow his example. Far down in our hearts we do not love the ignorant, foreigner, we do not welcome him as a brother. And yet, "Have we not all one Father? Hath not God created us?"

"Every man is sacred in God's sight; therefore he who despiseth man despiseth God. He who loves not man loves not God." We should be Christian enough and large-hearted enough to overlook the strange manners and habits of living which are so foreign to our customs and which violate our ideas of culture and refinement; for these things are superficial. It is the real man and the real woman behind these peculiar characteristics that we should seek. And having found them, we should deal with them in a friendly and sympathetic fashion, instead of looking upon them as mere animals. They have hopes, ambitions, desires, aspirations, souls, just as we have.

May the Lord deepen our sense of responsibility for those about us, of whatever nationality, and let us remember that because we have been made the depositories of his truth for this time we are in debt to any and all who do not share in the blessings of that truth. **Ernest Lloyd**



HOW TO WORK FOR THE JEWS

It is apparent that as the Jewish people become acquainted with the Seventh-day Adventists, their bitter prejudice against the Christian religion weakens, and they look more favorably upon the Messiahship of Jesus. If our people will remember that when they approach the Jewish people they should meet them in a friendly way they will do much towards reaching their hearts.

When you first approach the son of Abraham, ask him if he is a Jew or an Israelite. If he looks at you somewhat suspiciously, as if wondering why you ask him that question, tell him: "The reason I ask you this question is because I understand that

the Jewish people are taught to observe the seventh day of the week for the Sabbath. I am not a Jew; I am a Gentile; but I observe the seventh day for the Sabbath. I keep it from Friday night sunset till Saturday night sunset. I keep it according to the Bible." Then add: "Do you believe the Sabbath?" He will then probably say: "I never heard of Gentiles keeping the Sabbath. Are there many who observe this day?" Answer: "O, yes; we have thousands and tens of thousands who believe the same. We are called Seventh-day Adventists. Have you ever heard of this people?" He will doubtless reply, "No, I never have."

"You will be interested to know also that as a people we do not believe in eating swine flesh. This, too, we believe from the Bible. We do not think that a person who accepts the Bible as the word of God has any right to eat any of the unclean foods which God forbade Israel to use. Our people are particular about this. Do you also know that we believe the tithe which God told Moses should be the portion of Aaron and his sons for the work which they were to do in connection with the sanctuary, should be returned to God in these days also? Our denomination teaches that it is obligatory upon us to return this tenth to the Lord."

The Jew by this time will have his interest aroused. He is likely to ask if you are a Christian, a Jew, or a mixture. If he has never heard of our people, and has never come in contact with them, he will ply you with many questions. You must tell him that what this people believe where you live is exactly the same that they believe wherever they are to be found, and this is in every part of the world.

Tell the Jew that you believe all the Bible. Do not talk to him about missions or missionary work; for the idea of missions is repulsive. He believes that a missionary is a man or woman who seeks to pervert the word of God,—a person who is hateful to the Jews, and who would do the Jews harm.

If he asks you whether you believe in the New Testament, tell him that since you believe all that Moses and the prophets wrote, you must believe the New Testament. Jeremiah said that God would make a New Covenant or New Testament with Israel and with Judah. See

Jeremiah 31:31-34. Since God's word cannot fail, how can you believe God and not believe the New Testament?

The Jew will doubtless question you about Christ. If possible avoid controversy. Ask him if he does not believe in the Messiah. Tell him that you also believe in the Messiah, and are a thorough believer in all that was given in the law of Moses, and therefore you must accept the truth that a Messiah is to come.

He will probably ask you if you have any books or reading matter that would give him further information. Then it is that you want to tell him you have a magazine or tracts published by this people, and these will give him what information he desires.

I wish to insert what was written a few days ago by a good sister who sells many of our magazines to the Jews.

"I love the Jewish people and want to do them all the good I can, and I am sure that the Lord can help me and open the way. . . . I find that the less talking I do, the better I sell the magazine. I let the book talk for itself. I ask them to look at it, and usually they will buy." This, I believe, is good advice.

Should you have any questions or should the Jews ask you questions that do not seem clear to you, the writer will be glad to render you any assistance he can. Be free to write to the undersigned to South Lancaster, Massachusetts. Be sure to do what you can to interest the Jewish people in this truth.

F. C. Gilbert
Sec'y Jewish Dep't.



"ADOPTING" ARMENIAN ORPHANS—IMPORTANT NOTICE

Our Armenian and Syrian Relief campaign which is now at its height, includes a plan whereby societies or individuals may assume the responsibility of supporting one or more orphans now starving in Bible lands. Fearing that the details of the "adoption plan may not have been made sufficiently clear, we wish to explain it briefly that it may be understood by all.

Five dollars a month or sixty dollars a year will support an orphan. Any society which agrees to "adopt" one of these children for one year,—that is promises to furnish means for

its support,—should secure an Adoption Agreement from the local Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary. This Agreement should be filled in with the exception of the line for the Secretary's signature, which line should be left blank for the name of our General Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary. When the society sends in its first monthly payment of five dollars to the conference treasurer, then the Adoption Agreement should be sent to the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department, Takoma Park, D. C., where it will be signed by the general secretary, and returned to the local society, together with a beautiful picture of little Shushan, an Armenian orphan.

Now let us sum up these points:

1. Adoption Agreements will be furnished by the Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

2. Upon the payment to the conference treasurer of the first \$5.00, the Adoption Agreement should be sent to the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary who will obtain the general secretary's signature.

3. When signed, the Agreement will be returned to the society, together with a beautiful picture of little Shushan, an Armenian orphan.

4. Each month five dollars should be sent to the conference treasurer until sixty dollars has been paid in. If preferred, the whole amount may be paid at one time.

5. Remember, do not send money direct to the Relief Committee in New York City, but to your conference treasurer, that it may pass through the regular channels. This is important.

6. All money sent in for this Relief Work should be marked "Armenian and Syrian Relief."

Let every society do its level best to help meet the need among the starving in Western Asia. "By 'need' we mean merely what is required to save from death those who are in a condition of abject want. Multitudes are perishing daily, all of whom might be saved were resources adequate." Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Can we fail to do our part? **Ella Iden**



100,000, AT LEAST!

The good news has come that al-

ready 60,000 1919 Morning Watch Calendars have been sold this year; and there is still a month till New Year's. This surprising sale is no doubt due very largely to the beautiful cover picture of Christ in the Garden, which alone is worth the price of the Calendar. But let us not forget that while the cover is inspiring, the contents of the Calendar will be even more so, which is another good reason why you want a copy.

Although 60,000 copies is a splendid sale, it isn't nearly large enough. 100,000 is the least we should think of circulating, and "we can do it if we will." It is a blessed kind of missionary work to place such a booklet as the 1919 Morning Watch Calendar in the hands of as many individuals as possible. Let us remember that.

There are many ways of helping to circulate the Calendar. Here are a few of them:

Buy a copy yourself, and use it.

Recommend it to all your friends.

Encourage every one in the Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer society to have one of his own.

Use dozens of them in hospital and jail work.

Send them to the isolated, as New Year's presents.

Give them to friends not of our faith.

If we go about this Morning Watch Calendar campaign as systematically and earnestly as we do about other kinds of missionary endeavor, results will follow. Will you do your part to help to circulate that other forty thousand?

M. V. D.



ARE YOUR BANKS FILLING, MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS?

These beautiful autumn days when "the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock," when the harvest time has given us a wealth of good things to store away in barn and cellar for the winter days ahead, are we thinking, I wonder, of those who do not have such blessings—who, in fact, have not even a crust of bread to keep them from starvation? Are we doing all we can—and a little more—to relieve their awful need?

"What is that little round box in the center of the table?" asked a visitor of his hostess the other day, as he was enjoying the excellent din-

ner which she had prepared. Can you guess what it was? An Armenian Relief bank, of course. It is needless to say that the guest gladly dropped a coin into it when he learned its purpose. And how about your Relief Fund? Is your bank filling too? Do you keep it on the table or in some other conspicuous place where you will be reminded often to drop in a thank offering for your blessings? To give of our abundance is the very least we can do to show our gratitude.

Our Armenian Relief Campaign, begun October 5, by action of the General Conference Committee is to last until Christmas. And the whole church is asked to join us in this effort. The initial offering taken up the day the campaign program was presented was **just a beginning**, and the real test of your interest in those starving in Bible lands will be shown by the sacrifices you make day by day as the campaign progresses.

And we hope the Juniors, too, are busy saving for Armenia. How many boys and girls succeeded in filling a stamp book before Thanksgiving? That represents \$2.50 saved for those starving children across the water. And they are not only starving, but without garments to keep them comfortable. One of the relief workers, in speaking of the expected arrival of another lot of orphans, says: "There is another squad coming along soon, and for them I have to buy clothes. They haven't a scrap of clothes that can be put back on them after they have had their first bath. A bunch of rags around their hips, and a piece of gunny sack over their shoulders or heads is all they have." Can you imagine such destitution?

It will be a fine idea to have all the banks brought in at one time, and the offering counted. The best way to open these banks is to cut them in two with a penknife, as they are made of cardboard with the exception of the top and bottom. This is really the only satisfactory way to get at their contents. When counted, turn the money over to the church treasurer, marked "Armenian and Syrian Relief." Do not send it to the address printed on the bank.

Let all societies see that the results of their efforts are carefully reported when the society report is sent in at the close of the quarter.

Ella Iden

THE MORNING WATCH CALENDAR

"Isn't it beautiful!" so many exclaim when they catch their first glimpse of the new 1918 Morning Watch calendar. And really, it is beautiful without and within. The texts this year have been selected from the New Testament and deal with the all-important subject of Christian living. They are full of spiritual food.

The front cover of the calendar is,—well, you must see it for yourself to appreciate its beauty. It pictures our Saviour as he kneels in the garden of Gethsemane, while underneath the picture are the simple words, "Consider Him."

One cannot look upon that face so full of love and sorrow without thinking of the price he paid for our redemption; and then comes the thought, "What a wonderful Saviour! I must serve him better."

What is it that we all need most? Is it not closer fellowship with God? Then let us during the coming year "take time to be holy." Let us keep a daily tryst with the Master, using as an aid to the maintenance of the prayer life this beautiful Morning Watch calendar with its inspiring texts from the Word, and its pictured message of love.

Your tract society will be glad to fill your orders. Help to circulate as many calendars as possible. And the price? In spite of the fact that the cost of nearly everything has doubled, and even tripled in some cases, the Morning Watch calendar still sells for the same price, five cents. Let us circulate 100,000 this year.

Ella Iden



A NEW LEAFLET

Did you get it written, and was it mailed?—that letter you were planning to send to the friend whom you thought should have the stirring messages appearing in the "Signs of the Times." Wonder if we could help you a little with your missionary correspondence work. Now that the long fall evenings are here, and longer winter ones are coming, there is a little more time, you know, for writing to relatives and friends. And really every one of us ought to be doing more of this kind of missionary service. Don't you think so?

A new leaflet, "Missionary Correspondence with the "Signs of the

Times," contains inspiration and help on letter writing. A supply of this leaflet has been passed on to each tract society office, and from there will reach the church missionary secretaries. If you have not received a copy, inquire of your church missionary secretary; or if isolated, send a post card to your tract society office, if you are interested in reaching people through the mails. It is a very effective method. The leaflet is free on request.

OBITUARIES

Bennett—Wilford Benjamin Bennett was born December 7, 1917, and died of pneumonia at Ridgefield, Wash., Nov. 17, 1918. We laid him to rest until the Life-giver comes. Scriptures were read and a few remarks made by the writer.

A. J. Stover

Hellis—Ruth Legine Hellis was born at Portland, Oregon, Dec. 15, 1906 and died at Portland Nov. 5, 1918, aged 11 years, 10 months and 21 days. Death was caused by Spanish influenza. She leaves to mourn their loss a mother, two brothers, and five sisters.

L. K. Dickson

Hutson—Idell Hutson, daughter of Brother and Sister John Hutson, was born in Hood River, Oregon, August 21, 1909, and died in that place October 29, 1918. She was a loving child, faithful in Sabbath school and home, and leaves father, mother, sister and two brothers to mourn their loss and prepare to meet her when Jesus comes.

Albert Carey

Chamberlain—Vivian Louise Chamberlain was born at St. Maries, Idaho, Nov. 27, 1917, and died at St. Maries, Idaho, Nov. 4, 1918. She leaves to mourn their loss a father and mother. Her bright cheery little face will indeed be missed in the home; but we laid her to rest with full assurance that she will be called forth among the blessed at the first resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken from 2 Kings 4:26, also Ps. 127:2,3.

R. A. Libby

Allee—Lizzie Louise Allee, aged 43 years, was born at Garden Grove, Iowa and died of pneumonia at her home at Orchard Avenue, Wash. Oct. 26, leaving her husband and four daughters to mourn the loss of a loving wife and mother. She was always a Seventh-day Adventist. She was a member of the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho church, and was faithful to the end. The funeral services were held at the Spokane Bridge cemetery, where she was laid to rest, to await the call of the Life-giver.

R. H. Martin

Cox—Cornelius Eugene Cox was born March 29, 1916, and died in Bellingham, Wash., November 10, 1918. His mother

died last spring leaving a large family, and in order that this little one might receive a mother's care and attention his father placed him in the home of Brother and Sister R. D. Boget, who soon learned to love him as their own. His illness was very brief—only two days—death being caused by inter-politis meningitis. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Isa. 40 :1, and we laid him to rest beside his mother in the Sumas cemetery.

J. W. Boynton

Evans—Stevens E. Evans died at his home in Eagle, Idaho November 2, 1918 of pneumonia, following a relapse of Spanish influenza. He was born in Epswitch, Dakota, March 25, 1890. Brother Evans accepted the truth several years ago in the face of bitter opposition, and has been loyal. He suffered much from bodily ailments. A wife, one child, a mother and two brothers are left to mourn their loss. He was 28 years, 7 months and 7 days old. Services were conducted at the cemetery only, in harmony with the rules of the State Board of Health in this time of Spanish influenza epidemic.

C. S. Prout

Broder—Orville Roland Broder was born at La Conner, Wash., Sept. 3, 1895, and died in Seattle, Wash., Nov. 5 from Spanish influenza. Brother Broder had spent his boyhood days at Friday Harbor, Wash. While he was not a member of our church, yet for about two years he has taken a firm stand for the truth, and has made many sacrifices for its principles. It was his purpose to receive the ordinance of baptism and unite with the body at his very earliest convenience. We believe that he died in full assurance of having a part in the first resurrection. A short service was held at the grave in Washella cemetery, by the writer.

J. F. Piper

Carlson—John F. Carlson was born in Stockholm, Sweden, Mar. 10, 1843, and died at his home in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Nov. 4, 1918. After coming to this country he and his wife accepted present truth and were its faithful advocates till death claimed them as its victims. Sister Carlson died about four years ago. He leaves to mourn their loss one brother, two daughters and two grand children. Brother Carlson was a very devoted Christian and we feel confident is prepared to meet the Saviour on that blissful morning of the resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Hosea 13:14.

R. A. Libby

Schiffner—Arthur J. Schiffner was born November 29, 1902 in Seattle, Wash., and died in Portland, Ore., Oct. 31, 1918, aged 15 years, 11 months and 2 days. When a small boy his parents moved to Walla Walla where they still reside. The last of August Arthur went to Portland to work and toward the last of October he became a victim of influenza and died of pneumonia. He leaves to mourn a father, mother, three brothers, three sisters,

other relatives and many friends. He was reconciled to God and died in hope of the first resurrection. The funeral was conducted by the writer at the Walla Walla Oddfellows Cemetery, assisted by singers from College Place. He is resting, sleeping, "until the day break, and the shadows flee away."

W. H. Thurston

Hellis—Osborn Hellis was born in Denmark, June 11, 1876 and died in Portland, Oregon, of Spanish influenza Nov. 11, 1918 aged 42 years, 5 months. Dec. 15, 1900 he was married to Kirstine Jensen and in 1903 they together emigrated to America. To this union were born eight children, six girls and two boys. Since coming to this country Bro. and Sister Hellis have resided in Oregon where Bro. Hellis found work plentiful in his trade as a carpenter. He was a faithful Seventh-day Adventist and was bringing up his children to love and obey the Lord when the hand of death in the recent epidemic took him suddenly away. There are left to mourn their loss, yet not without hope, a beloved wife, two sons, and five daughters.

L. K. Dickson

Calkins—Frank Calkins was born in Minnesota, Oct. 12, 1861 and died of dropsy in Portland, Oregon Nov. 12, 1918, at the age of 57 years and one month. Bro. Calkins spent his early years in Minnesota, but later went to Iowa where he resided just prior to coming to Portland, Oregon. He has been a resident of Portland for the past fourteen years and for that length of time has rejoiced in present truth, and been a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. His was a simple but faithful life looking for the soon coming of his Lord and Master. He leaves to mourn their loss a beloved wife, five daughters, one brother, and two sisters. The bereaved were comforted in the assurance of meeting Bro. Calkins in the first resurrection.

L. K. Dickson

Branson—Margaret Mattie Branson, aged ten years, seven months, and fifteen days succumbed November 18, 1918 to pneumonia following an attack of influenza, at Lewiston, Idaho. Little Margaret was a member of the Sabbath school, and the last Sabbath we were permitted to hold service she stood up and bore her testimony for him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me." During her illness she found comfort in repeating the memory verses of her Sabbath school lessons. We laid her to rest after a brief service at the cemetery, November 19, 1918. The family look forward to the glad reunion when the Life-giver comes.

Mrs. C. J. Cole

Baughman—Lynn Baughman, aged 20 years, died from pneumonia following an attack of influenza. He had received an appointment as messenger on the express train between Lewiston and Spokane. He was taken sick at Spokane and compelled to go to the hospital. The body was laid to rest in Lewiston, after a few brief re-

marks at the cemetery. His mother and grandmother (Sister Phillips) greatly appreciate the kindly administration tendered Lynn during the last hours of his sickness, by Doctor Yarnell and wife of Spokane. He was tenderly disposed toward the truth, and was held in high esteem among those that knew him. The floral tributes were beautiful. C. J. Cole

Merrill—Daniel Merrill, the youngest son of Brother and Sister J. E. Merrill, was born Oct. 16, 1912 at Seattle, Wash., and died at the Portland Sanitarium Nov. 7, 1918, after a short illness of influenza. His father, mother, four brothers, and other relatives with their friends sorrow, but "not as others which have no hope." Mrs. Merrill, a sister of Irene Holt who is well known at Walla Walla College, was unable to attend the funeral because of her illness of influenza; however, her condition is reported as improving. Brother and Sister Merrill, formerly of Seattle, and Granger, Wash., came to Portland during the spring of 1918, where Brother Merrill is employed at the Haynes-Foster Baking Company. After a few comforting words were spoken, bringing to our minds again the hope of the resurrection and the great gathering day, little Daniel was laid to rest in the beautiful Mt. Scott cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver. E. H. Emerson

Jenson—With the last tones of the bugle sounding "Taps" the body of Melvin Jenson was laid to rest in the Conrad cemetery. Melvin J. Jenson was born in Stark county, North Dakota, December 21, 1896. He, with his parents, moved to Kalispell in 1911 and settled down on Helena Flats until his call to serve his country came on September 6, 1918. He was sent to Camp Lewis and three weeks later was transferred to Fort Stevens, Oregon. The day after his arrival at Fort Stevens he was operated upon for adenoids and seemed to be recovering when adenoid fever set in, resulting in bronchial pneumonia, which caused his death two weeks later, on October 21, 1918.

Melvin was highly respected in the community in which he lived and his death is mourned by many friends and relatives. Major Finch gave him the following tribute:

"Melvin Jenson was one of our best men; a good soldier, quick to obey orders, and a good example to other men. His death is regrettable."

He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church of Kalispell, and lived a consistent Christian life. It is a blessing for friends and relatives to feel confident that he will come forth at the first resurrection. It is such faithful and true Christians that are called "Great in the Kingdom of heaven." Services at grave by Paul Iverson.

Present Truth No. 35, "Armageddon," is a revision of No. 27, and

reissued November 1. It deals with this important subject and the coming of the Lord in a most impressive way, yet in keeping with the sensitiveness of the times. It proclaims the burning message of the soon coming King in a way that is most irresistible.

THE POPULAR IDEA

Many of the Conference Committees and the workers in the Conferences are beginning to realize the importance of systematic efforts by the churches with Present Truth. To illustrate the usual sentiment, as far as we can judge, we quote the following from a letter received by Present Truth from one of our eastern Home Missionary Secretaries, under date October 15th:

"While sitting with our conference committee a few days ago, they asked me what my plans were after we reach our goal with the Harvest Ingathering, which we hope to reach by November 2. I replied that my plans were to get our people busy with Present Truth as a leader to be followed up with other reading matter, and in giving Bible readings and doing other city work. They were of one mind that that was the thing to do."

Systematic efforts with Present Truth serve two all important purposes: First, in bringing people to a knowledge of the truth in the shortest possible time and with the least outlay of means and effort; and, Second, the bringing into the church a new inspiration and creating a 20th century missionary spirit. All other desirable results follow.

We talk of "the old time missionary spirit," but that while good in its day, will never meet the requirements of the present time. Let's talk in the future more of the ideal 20th century missionary spirit—the spirit that will bring the "glad day."

The Present Truth

CHRISTMAS GIVING—AND WHAT TO GIVE

It is hardly necessary to remind you that we are rapidly approaching the popular giving season of the year. While we as a people do not regard the Christmas festival as does the world at large, yet, as you know, there is no period of the year when

the spirit of giving is so prevalent as then, and it is our privilege to take advantage of the opportunity to scatter our attractively prepared literature.

Here is a good message from an interesting article on making Christmas gifts: "The first Christmas gift was God's gift of his son to the human family. The wise men presented gifts to the infant Saviour as was fitting that they should do. This was the first Christmas giving on the part of men. How much better to follow the example of the wise men than to make our gifts to those who, perhaps, have no need of them, obeying the mere dictates of worldly custom. While the Saviour is not visible on earth today yet we can make a Christian offering to him just as truly as did the wise men. We can do this by giving to advance the work which the Master committed to this world to accomplish, and which He is carrying forward to certain victory."

This is the time for old and young to assist in placing our good literature in the hands of their friends and acquaintances, and all whom they can reach. We can do this at a small expenditure of money. And what more appropriate present could we make to anyone than a good piece of interesting and profitable reading? At this time of the year when the spirit of giving is in the air, what an opportune time for us to place the great message in some attractively printed form in their hands.

Now, dear friends, we wish to suggest a year's subscription to the "Signs Magazine" as a gift worth while. Have you seen a copy of the December issue? Please secure one and notice the article on the inside of the back cover, telling something of what the editors purpose to give people during 1919. The influence of such a gift as a subscription to the "Signs Magazine" would reach through the entire year, yes, and perhaps through eternity.

We are just sending the tract society offices some neat little Christmas greeting cards upon which is printed a few words stating that the "Signs of the Times" is being sent as a gift, and a space where you can write in your own name. These cards will be passed on to the local church missionary secretaries. Be sure to get one or more to use in gift-making this year.

THE BIBLE YEAR

"I found," said one of our sisters a few weeks ago, "that my prodigious reading of the newspapers was destroying my love for Bible reading, so I decided that I must make a change." She had been in the habit of spending a great deal of time each day on the daily papers, and neglecting to take time for the word of God; then all at once she awoke to the realization that she was actually coming to the place where it was a task to sit down and enjoy reading a few chapters from the Bible, and that it was difficult to keep her mind on what she was reading.

Perhaps many have experienced the same trouble. We must put the study of God's word first in our lives, if we expect to grow spiritually. And in order to accomplish anything of lasting value, one should have some systematic plan of daily study. "If a man does not know to what port he is steering, no wind is favorable to him." It is the lack of a definite plan that causes so many to drift along without receiving any real help from the Scriptures.

The Bible Year, which is the systematic reading of the Bible through by course, is an excellent plan to insure daily reading. While this plan has been called the Bible Year, and was launched with the idea of encouraging people to complete the reading of the entire Bible in 365 days, it is in harmony with the plan to allow those who have already begun to read the Bible through, but have never succeeded, to begin where they left off and complete the unfinished task. And those who are already in the habit of reading the Bible through each year, will surely wish to do so again during 1919, for as the end draws near, it is even more necessary that we become very familiar with the word of God.

Are there not a large number who will take up the Bible reading course this year? It may mean that you will be obliged to cut short the reading of the daily paper, or put less time on magazines and books, but it will be a sacrifice well worth the making, and God will bless you for it.

The Bible assignments for each day are found in the back of the 1919 Morning Watch Calendar. They are also found in our new

Bible Year book, written by Mrs. Evans, and published by the Missionary Volunteer Department a few months ago. This little Bible Year book contains a great fund of valuable information about the Bible. Its notes and outlines will help to make the systematic reading of the Bible very helpful and instructive. The price of the book is 65 cents. Why not procure a copy at once, and plan to begin the New Year by reading it in connection with the Bible during 1919.

All who wish to enroll in the Bible Year Reading Course, send name and address to the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary. No doubt many of you have said, "I will read the Bible through when I have time;" but the time has never seemed to come. Do not put it off any longer. Stop drifting! Start doing! This is something worth while.

Ella Iden



NEW PUBLICATION NOW READY

There are more than 250,000 Finns in the United States. 33,000 of these live in the North Pacific Union Conference, especially in the states of Oregon, Washington, and Montana.

Very little has been done to bring these people the message. The Finns are an intellectual, sturdy and liberty-loving race. Many make no profession of Christianity while others are very devoted to their religion. The Baptists have several churches among them.

We have a very fair supply of Finnish literature. Until very recently all of this came from Finland at rather irregular intervals. While the war was on it became more and more difficult to get any supplies from Europe at all. For this reason, our own publishing house in this country, the International Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association at Brookfield, Illinois, has been giving careful study and consideration to the needs of this great and promising field. Several tracts have thus recently been published.

More important than this, however, is an action recently taken to publish a Finnish magazine which, however, will not appear regularly unless the demand should later warrant it being made a regular quarterly magazine. This special issue is

now ready. In appearance and size it resembles our other foreign magazines, (24 pages and cover). It is also worthy of note that part of the manuscript for this magazine was carried to us by the air route.

Among the special articles in this first number we might mention the following: "The Inspiration of the Bible," "Luther and the Reformation," "God Writing History (Daniel II)," "Selfishness and Pride," "Cash or Credit." Its title "The Light of Truth" will especially appeal to the Finns. The cover is all that can be desired; and eighteen beautiful illustrations, three of which are full page, will surely make it a good seller. All who have Finnish neighbors and friends should order a quantity of this special magazine at once.

Prices are as follows: Five to forty-five copies, eight cents each; fifty or more copies, seven cents each. Send in your order now through your tract society.

Pacific Press Publishing Assn.



ADOPT THE EDISON METHOD

When Mr. Edison has to say, "I don't know" he asks himself, "Why don't I know?" and then something happens. He sets himself to work obtaining the desired knowledge. He does not mean to be overtaken twice in the same way.

Would it not be an excellent plan for all Missionary Volunteers to adopt the Edison method in all matters of importance? How many of them can explain present events in the light of Bible prophecy? The other day one of our Missionary Volunteers met a friend who was puzzled about the terrible calamities that are sweeping over the world. "What can these things mean?" she said. This Missionary Volunteer had felt she understood "these things" pretty well, but suddenly she awoke to the sad fact that she was utterly helpless to explain them to others. She could not even point out to this distressed friend the pathway to peace.

What would you have done had you been in her place? Are you prepared to seize all such opportunities? Are you sure that you know what the Bible teaches? Are you sure that you know how God has led and prospered our denomination? You need this information for your-

self. Others need it, and God is counting on your being ready to give it to them, for you are his helping hand.

Then why not adopt the Edison method? Do not be overtaken twice in the same way. Remember the Standard of Attainment examinations will be a help in testing your knowledge of these important subjects. **THE DECEMBER QUESTIONS ARE NOW READY.** Begin today to review these subjects and get ready for the December test. Have you the Standard of Attainment Manual? That will help you in your review work. You can obtain it from your tract society. (The Senior Standard of Attainment Manual is 50 cents, the Junior 6 cents.)

Come join us in the December test. Become a member of Attainment before 1918 closes. Will you?

M. V. Department



A SHUT-IN'S PRAYER

By Alice Cornish Pearson

Shut in alone, God's ear is bending
To hear my prayer to heaven ascending;

For his straying children everywhere,
And quickening grace, this week of prayer.

The earth is filled with consternation,
With war, and strife, in every nation;

There is no refuge anywhere,
Save in our God, who answers prayer.

My own dear precious lambs are straying,

I hear them cry, so I am praying
For Christ to rescue them, and hold;
And bring them safely to the fold.
I try in vain, I cannot reach them,
From early youth I've sought to teach them

To listen to the Shepherd's voice;

And make his sheltered fold their choice.

Their trouble came from disobeying,
And oh, my darling ones are straying;

And so my voice is heard on high—

Lord save them quickly ere they die.
'Tis dark and chill, and growing colder;

The prowling wolves are growing bolder;

Oh God, there is no time to spare—
Unite us in this week of prayer.

In Jesus' name alone we're seeking,
The harvest of the earth His reaping;

This time of trouble shall not cease
'Til Thy return, oh Prince of Peace.
While millions in the world are dying,

And every soul Thy word is trying;
We cling to it; and cry as one—
Come quickly, Oh Lord Jesus Come!
Ft. Steilacoom, Wash.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS WORTH WHILE

The glad holiday season is just before us, bringing with it the spirit of gift-giving. It is a blessed spirit, when rightly exercised; but there is danger, if we are not careful, of our spending money for gifts which are of no service in any way, which are really a dead loss. Thousands of dollars will be worse than wasted this Christmas in buying useless trinkets which do no one any good.

In speaking of the buying of Christmas gifts, Sister White wrote in the "Review" of December 11, 1879, "Let the presents you shall make be of that order which will shed beams of light upon the pathway to heaven."

Among the gifts for which money can safely be expended are good books. The children and young people need suitable reading "which will afford amusement and recreation, and at the same time not demoralize the mind or weary the body." Most children and young people are bound to read, and if books are not selected for them, they will choose for themselves. Very often the choice made is anything but a wise one.

May we suggest that of all good books for the children and youth, none can excel the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course books? They have been selected with the greatest care, and were chosen because they are interesting, instructive, and suited to the ages of those for whom they were selected. There are three sets of books: the primary, junior, and senior. An entire set, or one or more volumes selected from a set, will make a gift truly worth while. The books are as follows:

Senior: "Makers of South America," 60 cents; "Making Good," 60

cents; "The Days of June," 50 cents; "The Story of Prophets and Kings," \$1.50; club price, postpaid, \$3.00.

Junior: "The White Queen of Okoyong," \$1.00; "Early Writings," 75 cents; "The Land of the Golden Man," 50 cents; "Outdoors, Indoors, and Up the Chimney," 75 cents; club price, postpaid, \$2.65.

Primary: "Little Stories for Little People," 85 cents.

Ella Iden



A CALL TO ALL

The General Conference Committee has asked the entire church to join with the young people in contributing to the Armenian and Syrian relief fund. The leaders of our work feel that we should respond to the urgent calls for help in this time of the world's distress, while at the same time not decreasing our gifts to the gospel work, the finishing of which is to bring an end to all sorrow and suffering.

We believe that our young people have been doing well. I have just learned of a society with only twenty members that has set its goal to adopt five orphans, \$300. And, now with the extension of the effort until Christmas, and the joining in of all the members of the church, we shall surely be able to save many lives that would otherwise be lost.

See other articles in this paper and in the "Review." Send to your conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary for the Armenian banks, saving stamp books, and adoption agreements.

M. E. Kern



POINTED EXTRACTS

"Great benefits would come to the cause of God in the regions beyond if faithful efforts were put forth in behalf of the cities of America. Among the foreigners of various nationalities, who would accept the truth, there are some who might soon be fitted to labor among those of their own native land. Many would return to the places from which they came, that they might win their friends to the truth. They would search out their kinsfolk and neighbors, and communicate to them a knowledge of the third angel's message." E. G. White.

"Save America and you save the world. Through immigration the

United States is in a unique sense the most foreign country and the greatest mission field on the globe. 'All peoples that on earth do dwell' have here their representatives, gathered by a divine ordering within easy reach of the gospel. Through them the world may be warned in turn. Every foreigner converted in America becomes directly or indirectly a missionary agent abroad, spreading knowledge of the truth among his kindred and tribe. The greatness of the opportunity is the measure of the obligation. God's message to this nation has been thus interpreted: 'Here are all these people; I have taken them from overcrowded countries where they were living and sent them to you, that you may mass your forces and lend a hand to save them.' No such opportunity ever came to a nation before." Aliens or Americans.

"Those in responsibility must now plan wisely to proclaim the third angel's message to the hundreds of thousands of foreigners in the cities of America. God desires his servants to do their full duty toward the unwarned inhabitants of the cities, and especially toward those who have come to these cities from various nations of the earth. Many of the foreigners are here in the providence of God, that they may have opportunity to hear the truth for this time, and receive a preparation that will fit them to turn to their own lands as bearers of precious light shining direct from the throne of God." E. G. White.

A GIFT FOR MISSIONS

I will give for missions my old seven-foot, eight-day clock, (wheels of wood, save one) a good time piece and ornamental, and worth one hundred dollars.

Upon receipt of notice from the North Pacific Union Gleaner that such a sum has been received for the above purpose, I will promptly and carefully box and ship the clock, f.o.b. to the address given. Reference: State Bank of Goldendale.

R. G. Watson,
Goldendale, Wash.

"Even if the whole world seems to forsake you, go right on; you owe it to yourself."

Walla Walla College

Editors: Ann Haussler and Londona Corbett

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

This College page has in the past been an object of much discussion I have been told, and I doubt not the truthfulness of the statement, that some few who have edited these columns in the past have considered themselves and their paper as rivals to the "Collegian." Now I think that such ideas are, at the best, very presumptuous, and what is more when I take thought of the matter I can see no ground for such feelings. The "Collegian" is read by every student of the College, while the majority of the students do not read these pages, probably will not see this article; but to you, the great number of former students and warm hearted friends of Walla Walla College, there are things here that may seem good.

These past experiences have brought about a deplorable condition. Many of you who have been students or who have not had an opportunity to attend or even visit W. W. C. are not aware that we have a College paper. Now I am sure that you should not only know that we do have one, but that you should have a copy of it every month. The Gleaner is very good in its way but it cannot give to you that complete idea of college life that is obtainable only through the "Collegian." The notion you receive through the Gleaner I hope is very acceptable, but it must needs be lacking in quantity; but if you will subscribe to the "Collegian" immediately there will be in your mind and heart by next fall a whole and determined notion to attend Walla Walla College next year. Why? Because it is in its columns that the environment and advancement of college life are seen. Every year the "Collegian" is better. Every copy is better than the one that came before. This can mean only one thing—the student body is advancing, for it is from the best of the talent and humor found in our midst that the various articles are carefully chosen. And so I

say to you, who are looking for progress along any line—spiritual, mental, or physical—our College is calling to you. It is to your advantage to answer that call.

Read the Gleaner; keep in touch with our activities.

Read the "Collegian;" be moved by the great underlying motives of our school.

L. C.

THE CRACKS OF TIME

"How can you do it? I am carrying only twelve hours of work while you have fifteen and still you find time to do a great deal of outside reading besides your required course, as was shown in your talk the other morning. And besides you are working your way through school while I have all the money I need. How do you do it?"

The answer was suggestive: "I have to take care of the odd minutes. You would be surprised to find how much reading one can do just by using the "cracks of time."

This young man had learned one of the secrets of life. "The cracks of time," The odd minutes, the time spent on the car, and on the way to school seem so insignificant that many students take no account of them. They do not realize that much can be accomplished in these "cracks of time" thus spent. God has given us time and it is our duty to use every moment allotted us.

Have you ever stopped to figure out what you are losing by letting ten minutes a day slip away from you? If not, then take notice. By losing ten minutes a day, you lose sixty-one hours a year. In the course of two years you have squandered enough time to have mastered a three hour subject for one semester.

As members of the "Remnant Church," we ought to spur on towards the goal set before us, but in order to do this we must utilize every moment. If we cannot read while walking to and from school,

we ought to be thinking about our work and laying plans for the remainder of the day or perhaps the week. By so doing, at least two things will be accomplished: the habit of planning and organizing our work, and the spiritual benefits derived from the mental activity.

God seeks the busy person, the one who has learned to use every moment to the best advantage. Therefore, let us who are God's chosen people strive to use the "cracks of time."

Olaf A. Skau



GETTING BEHIND

The human race has been afflicted by various diseases from time to time. Some are contagious while others are the result of transgressing the laws of nature. Diseases are found not only in the physical man but in the mental man as well. Doubtless more victims are found among students than in any other class. The diseases found among students are contagious and yet natural results. It is difficult to define them and still more difficult to treat them.

The particular ailment I wish to discuss at this time is, "Getting behind." It is found to be very prevalent among students in the high school and college departments of the present educational system. Many students have had their ambition and hope wrecked by this terror to student life and yet failed to recognize its evil results. If the student becomes directly exposed to "getting behind" he is almost sure to take it. Usually the ones who become affected are the ones who take the least care in regard to meddling with it. The gradual drowsy feeling that creeps over the patient fails to awaken him to a full realization of his conditions. In many cases the disease is allowed to run its full course of eighteen weeks and then shock ensues. Very few recover from this form of the disease, while others who are warned by their physician at the end of the first six weeks may recuperate under very helpful conditions.

Not unlike many of its kin diseases, "Getting behind" is very contagious. It often spreads from one class room to another and sometimes it is found in abundance where the condition is favorable.

Some instructors are deeply concerned that their students do not fall victims to "Getting behind," while others fail to discern the real danger resulting from it. In fact there are some instructors who are actual helpers of "Getting behind." By this I mean the teachers who assign such long lessons that they are convinced themselves that the class can not cover the amount assigned. On the other hand is the careless student who does not care whether he gets behind or not. From this I would conclude that the teacher is the most able physician to treat "Getting behind." Failing to record daily grades and making up for them at examination time is a very favorable condition to the disease. It seems to me that recording daily grades and eliminating examinations would be a gauge mask to prevent the disease from spreading.

The matter of treatment is of prime importance, for its early symptoms are dealt with rigidly, and like most other diseases it will yield readily. Doubtless the best place to find early symptoms is in the note book. It is very important that sanitary measures be taken at once. Late experiments go to show that vaccination is of value in preventing contagious diseases from spreading and also preventing individuals from taking the disease, so I would advocate an early vaccination consisting of sixty minutes of "Keep Up."

Herman Sittner



NOTES

Remember, fortunes never smiles on a grouch.

Miss Tessie Goulard is able to be back in school after a slight attack of influenza.

John Haynal, a former student, is confined to his home because of an attack of influenza.

Thanksgiving day was observed in the Home by a big dinner and a very interesting entertainment.

The student-teachers of the Normal Department have started their practice teaching in the Normal Training School.

The Misses Florence and Anna Jacobson, who have been ill with influenza, have returned to their home to convalesce.

What have you done toward your pledge for the \$50,000 fund? Now is a good time to start work on it.

Mr. Clifford Flaiz, a former student of the college and who has been very ill in the Sanitarium, is slowly recovering.

Word was received from Portland Sabbath that Frances Hernas, who graduated from the academic department last year, is very low.

All preparations for the Harvest Ingathering which had been laid, have been postponed indefinitely on account of the influenza epidemic.

Albion Piper is unable to attend his classes on account of an attack of influenza. We hope to see his pleasant face among us soon, however.

William Kendall writes from Pacific Union College that they have about thirty cases of influenza there. The school has not been closed as yet, however.

Harold Broder arrived last week from Seattle where he has been since the closing ban first went into effect. We were sorry to hear that his brother died of influenza while he was there.

The influenza will soon be as proverbial as poverty, for verily it doth seem that the "flu" we have with us always. Mr. Sittner and Mr. LeMarquand were reported to be ill from its effects Sabbath.

Miss Lettie Osborn, one of the normal teachers, took about twenty-five of her boys and girls out for a hay-wagon excursion Sunday. They took their lunch and had an enjoyable time at Whitman monument.

I would that I might live in such an way that others might be helped by what they saw; that deeds, not words, might be the guide that leads men to love their God. I would, and if I pray the prayer of faith, I shall.

The Young People's Society has been organized into bands with the following membership: Leader's band, 14; sunshine band, 27; mail-

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AN IMPORTANT RESOLUTION

The following resolution concerning the Harvest Ingathering campaign was passed by the General Conference Home Missionary convention which was held at College View, Neb., Nov. 25-28:

WHEREAS, Our 1918 Harvest Ingathering Campaign to raise \$250,000.00 for missions has been greatly hindered by the influenza epidemic, and other causes; and

WHEREAS, Unless a strong united effort be made at once to enlist the co-operation of every believer in this important task, irreparable loss will be sustained, and the treasury which is being taxed to the limit, will be further hindered in meeting ever increasing demands made upon it,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we do hereby set our hearts as one man to the finishing of this great campaign:

(a) By enlisting all our forces for another big final Harvest Ingathering drive for one full week, making December 7-14 the time wherever possible.

(b) That we ask every church, company, and believer to make up the \$5.00 goal, at least, during this time.

(c) That every effort possible be made to use wisely the full complement of papers on hand.

A SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHING

The \$50,000 Educational Fund was successfully launched in College Place last week. A most enthusiastic meeting with the students Nov. 21, started the Fund. In a few minutes cards to the amount of more than \$8000 were signed by students and faculty.

This fund is threefold in its purpose: It provides our quota for the Southern Junior College, Ooltewah, Tenn.; it also is to furnish our college at Walla Walla with a new

auditorium, more dormitory room, enlarged library, and will also render assistance to the industrial departments of the college.

Our college is already overcrowded, and there are 500 young men and women in this Union of high school and college age who are not in our schools. The Lord is already turning their minds this way. We must provide room for them.

The urgent necessity for this is the great task awaiting us out in mission fields. We must take this message to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. It will take thousands of consecrated, trained young men and women to accomplish this. The hour has now struck for us to arise and prepare our school to train without delay the great army of young people required for the finishing of this work.

A very interesting fact in connection with the splendid response of the students and faculty, is that this meeting was held on the fourth day of school after it had been closed for a time on account of influenza. Surely this influenza experience has not seriously affected either the attendance or morale of the school.

The response on the part of the students was hearty and spontaneous. This same spirit was continued through the meeting with the English church on Sabbath. In a few minutes \$6000 more was subscribed. In this service more than 300 young people arose as one man in consecrating themselves to God to go anywhere he should call them. If this spirit continues through the churches of the entire Union the fund will soon go far "over the top."

On account of a funeral service we were not able to meet all of the brethren and sisters of the German church. Pray for the success of our campaign.

Geo. F. Enoch

\$50,000 FUND NOVEMBER 23, 1918

Students and Faculty College Place Church.....	\$4300
Students and Faculty of Other Churches.....	4480
Total Students and Faculty...	8780
College Place Church English...	5695
College Place Church German...	625
Other Upper Columbia Conference Churches.....	300
Total.....	\$15,400

\$50,000 FUND BY CONFERENCES NOVEMBER 23, 1918

Upper Columbia.....	\$12,975
Western Oregon.....	1050
Western Washington.....	565

Montana.....	285
Southern Oregon.....	150
Southern Idaho.....	145
Miscellaneous.....	180
Canada.....	50
Total.....	\$15,400



GENERAL CONFERENCE HOME MISSIONARY CONVENTION

A General Conference Home Missionary convention was opened in the church at College View, Nebraska, on the 25th of November. The first roll-call showed that there were present, aside from a number of General and Union Conference and publishing house men, eleven of the twelve union conference home missionary secretaries in the United States. Presidents and secretaries of many of the near-by conferences were also present. All seemed to bring to the convention a spirit of courage coupled with a determination to make the convention, not a place for recreation or a time for entertainment, but a time for regular systematic work looking toward the accomplishment of a work heretofore only lightly touched.

The opening address was given on the evening of the 25th by Elder Daniells on "The Call and Opportunity for Personal Soul-saving Service." Elder Daniells gave emphasis to the policy of letting 'man's great need of salvation be the loudest call to the Christian to put forth definite service.' It was stated that, 'the question in the mind of every Christian as he meets humanity should be, "Are those people saved or are they lost?"'

Everywhere people are asking for an explanation of things going on about them and many are actually changing their lives as a result of the study they are giving to these things. People of every nationality in the cities and in the country places and in all stations in life are being shaken out of their old commercial, political and religious ruts and are open to the reception and practice of new and modern ideas. This condition brings opportunities by the thousands to the Christian to put his religion into practice. The great question is, "How long shall these opportunities wait?" It seems apparent that they must wait until our people in the churches get a vision of man's great need of salvation and organize themselves for definite service. How long shall they wait?

W. C. Raley