

TEACHER REACTION

Valuable to Teachers

I am writing regarding the October-November (1986) issue. I want to say that I liked the layout, I liked the captions, I liked the pictures, and most of all, I liked the articles. It is an excellent example of what an educational magazine should contain. I will not write of one article, as I read them all with great interest and found helpful ideas in each one. I found the articles to be of a nature to be valuable to teachers on a day-to-day basis as they confront various problems in their classrooms. Keep up the good work and keep this level of excellence coming.

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Ruckus or Ripples?

In the News Notes section (October-November) under the heading, "A School Funding Ruckus in Newfoundland," you have allowed some inaccuracies in fact and impression to be presented. To begin with, the present discussions in Newfoundland would more properly be titled "Ripples on the Newfoundland Educational Teacup."

The second inaccuracy is that the state provides total funding for the schools. This is not so. While the government does subsidize the schools, our school system receives approximately 20 percent of our budget, other than teachers' salaries, from the Newfoundland Mission. An additional significant percentage is derived from locally raised funds. Other churches also contribute to their school systems.

Why should not the school boards have a powerful influence over school policies? They have the responsibility for running the schools.

In Newfoundland, the churches traditionally provided education in the communities. The church has

been central to community life here probably longer than in other parts of North America. It is a relatively poor region. The government opted to give financial assistance to the systems that were already in place rather than creating a system of public schools.

The news item suggests that great changes are imminent. At a recent superintendents' meeting, it was clear that while some changes are inevitable and necessary, they will come by cooperative evolution, not revolution.

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Couldn't Have Said It Better

Just a note to say how much I appreciate the excellent work you are doing with THE JOURNAL OF ADVENTIST EDUCATION. I read each copy very thoroughly and am always blessed. This last October-November issue contained an article by Daniel Flinn, "A Word Fitly Spoken," which couldn't have said it better: students tend to live up to what we expect of them.

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Better Than Ever

During my many years in education, I have seldom yielded to the impulse to write a letter to the editor. However, after reading the October-November issue, I could not resist dropping you a note.

I want you to know that I always read the JOURNAL, and I think that it is better than ever—practical, up-to-date, highly professional—you are doing a good job.

Keep up the good work.

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Attractive and Instructive

Some time ago I received a copy of THE JOURNAL OF ADVENTIST EDUCATION. I found it very attractive and instructive.

As director of education for the Adventist academies of the West Puerto Rican Conference, I would like very much to subscribe to the JOURNAL.

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Enjoyable Experience

The October-November issue of the JOURNAL was so good I read it straight through without stopping!

How wonderful not to be confronted with the theses and dissertations of candidates for graduate degrees!

The new format and graphics are excellent. The issue has been a real pleasure to read, an enjoyable experience.

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Super Issue

I just had to write you a note of appreciation for the October-November issue of the JOURNAL. Obviously I was interested in reading the article by Dorothy Watts as this project was done in our conference; but as I went from article to article they were all of high quality and so very useful to teachers. Thank you for this super issue.

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