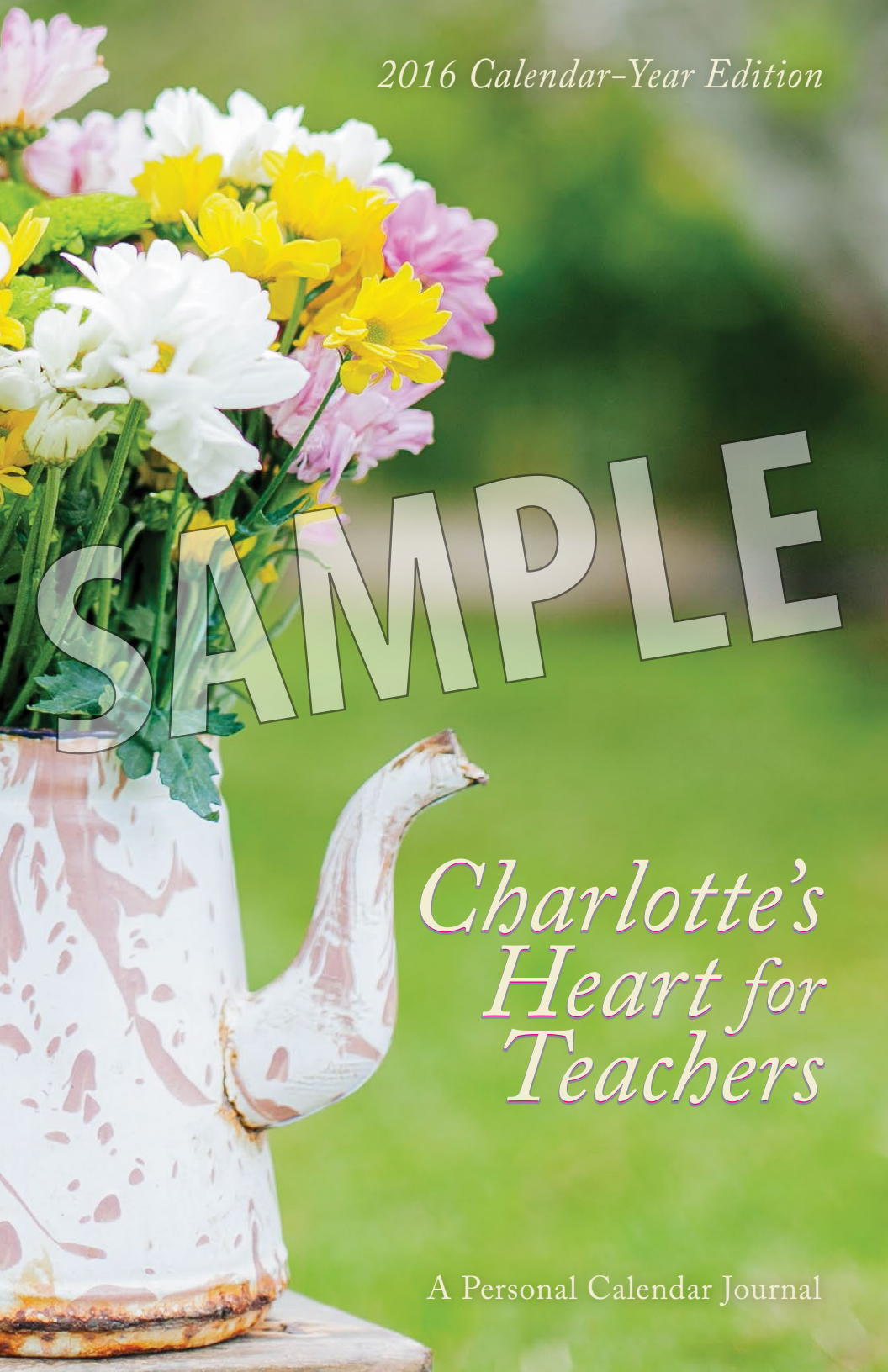
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A Personal Calendar Journal

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- Kindness
- Work
- Thanksgiving
- Humility
- Faith
- Prayer, and
- Gladness

This handy calendar will take you from January through December with encouraging articles, inspiring quotations and poetry, and plenty of room to write your personal notes.

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Journal Notes

January

Gentle Reminders

Prayer Requests

Books I Am Reading

January 2016

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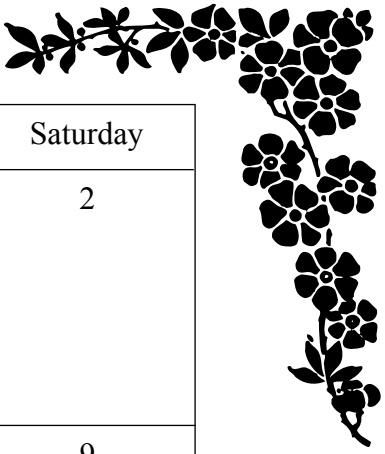

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Charlotte's Heart for Teachers

For years young women from all over England would live with, eat with, laugh with, work with, and learn from Charlotte Mason. Charlotte believed that these teachers-in-training came to her, not just to learn to teach, but to learn to live.

And when they graduated from her two-year course, she gave each one a gift: a book, of course. But perhaps the contents of that book are different from what you might expect. It was not a book of methods or practical techniques for classroom management. It was not a work on child development or a treasury of planning tips. No, Charlotte gave each graduate a book titled *The Cloud of Witness*—a collection of daily inspirational Scripture, poetry, and quotations centered around character traits that Charlotte wanted her teachers to continue to grow in.

You see, Charlotte realized that being a good teacher is as much about who you are as about what you know or what you do. She firmly believed that one-third of a child's education is the atmosphere in which the child is learning and living. That atmosphere is comprised of the ideas that rule the teacher's or parent's life. A teacher who emulates virtuous character traits will create a worthy atmosphere for her students to absorb.

"To 'endeavour ourselves' to the daily effort of education, to live and act, think and speak before the children, so that

they shall be hourly the better for all that *we are*, is harder, no doubt, than to make one enormous sacrifice" (Vol. 5, p. 156).

Charlotte also wanted the children to grow in good habits, themselves. Teachers who have beautiful character traits and habits consistently before their minds and hearts will be better prepared to focus on those good habits with their students.

Yes, Charlotte wanted her teachers to hold to a high academic standard, but she wisely understood that academics were not the only influence in a child's education as a whole person. A teacher who is a living example of good character will motivate her students to put forth the effort to cultivate those habits for themselves.

So Charlotte's heart was to give her teachers daily encouragement from the words of great writers and teachers—encouragement that would nourish their minds and spirits with beautiful ideas, reinforce primary Biblical truths, and equip them for the day-to-day work of shaping young lives.

This year let's focus on Charlotte's heart for teachers and continue to work on our own habits and character, for those are what can affect our attitudes toward teaching, toward learning, toward our students—toward life—as nothing else can.

Each month you'll find an article that highlights some of Charlotte Mason's thoughts on a particular character trait. Each week you will see a quote, poem, or Scripture passage taken from *The Cloud of Witness* selections or from Charlotte's writings. I hope you'll take them to heart, for they reflect Charlotte's heart for you.

January

Be, what you would make others!—Amiel

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27 • SUNDAY

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28 • MONDAY

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29 • TUESDAY

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31 • THURSDAY

1 • FRIDAY *New Year's Day*

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January

Like to the sunshine,—gladdening, brightening all,
Quiet as dew, which no man heareth fall,—
So let thine influence be! —*E. M. L. G.*

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January

Thy Condition is but the stuff thou art to shape that same Ideal out of. —*Carlyle*

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January

Ideals are the very soul of Life. —*Westcott*

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18 • MONDAY *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

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January

The vision of the Ideal guards monotony of Work from becoming monotony of Life.—*Westcott*

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