**A Note on Richard Nickel’s ‘Editor’s Note.’**

Richard Nickels states under ‘Editor’s Note’ that Dugger’s ‘Bible Home Instructor’ may have been preceded by the ‘Bible Students Assistant’ as early as 1871 (see attached).

The only ‘Bible Students Assistant’ is that of 1858 which is more of a SDA bent than a CoG bent, even though the SDAs weren’t officially formed by then.

Robert Coulter’s response (27 Feb 2018) to my inquiry concerning this:

"In all of my research, I never ran across a reference to the Bible Students Assistant in Church of God's literature. But it was common knowledge within the membership of the Salem Church that Andrew N. Dugger, as editor of the Bible Advocate magazine, published A Bible Reading for the Home Fireside in 1919. He credited John Nugent, his step brother, and his ministerial colleague and friend, Herbert Miles with assisting him in the compilation of the book.

"Somehow in publishing his book, he was able to obtain many of the illustrations the Seventh-day Adventist Church had used in their book titled, Bible Reading Around the Family Circle, which he used as illustrations in his book. The Adventist Church threatened to sue him for plagiarism if he did not change the name of his book. That is why it became The Bible Home Instructor.

"To my knowledge that was the only connection that Dugger's book had with the Seventh-day Adventist."   --  Robert Coulter