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LITERATURE DAY

Surely we must all acknowledge that all our efforts in the Harvest Ingathering work have been richly blessed of God. Never have I been privileged to meet so many of our people who have told of the rich experiences they have had in finding those who are really hungry for something better. These individuals were not only willing to provide funds to help in the missions fields but were glad to get the "Watchman" telling them of the worldwide work that Seventh-day Adventists are doing.

But, have we discharged our full duty? No, I believe you will all agree that we have a God-given responsibility to follow-up each one of these interested cases with other suitable literature, and personal work wherever possible. No people have ever been so blessed with tracts, papers, magazines, pamphlets and books so suited to every possible need and condition as are this people.

We sincerely hope that there will not be a church, nor an isolated member, throughout the Southern Union that will not prayerfully study the program provided in the "Church Officer's Gazette" for Sabbath November 27. We must have more of our people who will form the connecting link between the honest inquirer and our truth-

filled literature. Our message is not only to warn, but to win.

O. R. STAINES.

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

It is always a pleasure for me to bear my testimony in behalf of our splendid missionary periodical, the "Signs of the Times Weekly." Associated with my earliest recollections of this cause were the weekly visits of this messenger of present truth. As a small boy, I distinctly remember the impressions made in our family circle by the "Signs"

It is still just as potent and effectual in bringing people to a knowledge of this blessed truth as it ever has been. The time has come for making another special effort in extending the circulation of the "Signs." We trust all will join heartily in this endeavor for we must recognize that "More Signs means more souls." Every church should have a club of "Signs" for use in their neighborhood.

The program for the fourth Sabbath missionary service for November has been especially prepared to encourage this work. Let us rally to this call.

J. L. McElhany.

Happiness is not the end of life! Character is. -- Beecher.

THE SIGNS MAGAZINE IN MISSIONARY WORK

There is perhaps no paper published by our people so well adapted to use in doing missionary work as the 'Signs of the Times." It wins souls whereever it is used, and always stirs up an interest among the people to know more of the truth. It is a missionary paper, and its purpose is to win souls to the Message. I believe our people can do no better than to use this good paper in working for their friends and neighbors, and among strangers as well. I think we should use many thousands of them in the field.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

A FINE RECORD

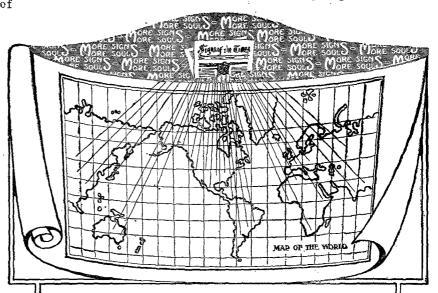
"We have a list of regular readers of the Signs of the Times here in our city, and deliver the papers to them in a systematic manner. No one who has read the second number has refused the third number. I believe the Signs of the Times to be the greatest missionary paper every published. It approaches the people in a way that is quite irresistible, and nearly all are glad to get it."

AN EXCELLENT PLAN

The excellent plan of following up the Harvest Ingathering campaign with the Weekly "Signs of the Times" has been worked with good results in many places. After the Ingathering effort was concluded in a certain town last fall, the missionary leader of the church sent us an interesting report of how the work was followed up and finished off. Note the good suggestions he made in the following message: "We somehow felt that our work was not entirely finished, and that there would be a real loss if we did not follow up the little openings made and the interests created by the Ingathering campaign. Therefore we decided to retain ouo territory arrangements and formation of bands, and to follow up the effort with the "Weekly Signs of the Times." We were confident that the "Signs" would appeal to the people, and accomplish the desired end-awaken an interest in some of them to study the truth for these times and yield to the Spirit of God. And we were not disappointed. We remembered the slogan 'More Signs means more souls,' and set to work to get more Signs to work with. These were obtained, and we went to homes in the spirit of prayer and faith. We gathered a large number of names of persons who expressed a desire to readthe weekly "Signs." Some subscribed for the paper. To others, the papers were mailed free for a time, and the expense was met by certain members of the church. Still others were supplied each week by members desiring to

make personal calls. We had gathering campaign." some very interesting experience which cannot be related in a short letter. The chief thing and the best thing to repor, is the encouraging fact that up to date we have four new families in the church because of the follow-up effort with the weekly "Signs." We plan to conduct a similiar effort after the next. In-

This experience is only another evidence that among our people everywhere, there is a growing confidence in the sculwinning power of the "Weekly Signs of the Times." They know it brings results. Thousands have been partly or wholly persuaded through reading the "Weekly Signs" sirce it



It Is Helping Our Missionaries

UR world-circulating missionary paper, the weekly Signs of the Times, continues to carry the third angel's message to an ever increasing host of interested and inquiring readers. It is helping our missionaries in far-away lands to enlighten the Englishreading natives and foreign residents.

The Signs office is constantly receiving appeals for small and large clubs of the Signs of the Times. Some of our churches in the homeland are counting it a privilege to share in the maintenance of clubs now going to foreign lands. Workers in Africa, South America, China, Japan, the West Indies, and the Philippines are requesting clabs of the Signs. Will your church help in this excellent work? The rates on clubs going to any foreign field are the same as to any church in the homeland.

Plan to Increase Your Regular Church Club and to Send Five or Ten Copies to a Foreign Missionary

SIGNS-DAY NOVEMBER 27

was first sent forth on its divinely appointed mission to win souls.

If the "Signs Weekly" club going to your church is not large enough to supply samples to members desirous of helping in the follow-up effort, the Pacific Press will send free a few sample copies of one issue of the "Signs" for your company to use in such work among the homes. These papers must be ordered in the regular way, through the Tract Societies.

WHY CIRCULATE THE SIGNS WEEKLY?

The Signs Weekly never loses sight of its mission—to warn in clarion tones a world that is plunging to ruin. Yet, more than merely to warn, its mission is to win, to be all things to all men and all classes that if by any means it may save some from the wreck. And this the Signs is doing.

The Signs Weekly is a prophetic commentary on such current events as are clearly harbingers of the impending crash of all things terrestrial. It sets forth the inward meaning of earth's outward troubles, and presents a dependable resume of world affairs as they enter the field of prophecy.

The Signs Weekly recognizes the fact that to appeal to world-lings we must establish a point of contact a place of meeting for our mutual interests, from which platform to lead on to our objective,—thus warmly giving moral support to every genuine reform movement that is free from political entanglements.

The Signs Weekly possesses a scope and variety of contents so as to appeal to all classes, official, educational, business,

and agricultural, together with the student group, as well as the great mass of those who tread the less conspicuous walks of life

The Signs Weekly approaches questions sympathetically and discusses problems that absorb or distress with a view to leading the reader on to the true solution-God's solution; to the true remedy-God's remedy. It offers baim for bleeding It provides food for the soul. It explains the secret of happy Christian living. makes simple and attractive Christ's abundant power to save. It stands for the fundamental principles of God's revealed truth and proclaims them in no uncertain language.

The Signs Weekly is a minister of experience. It has seen forty-six years of faithful, untiring service. Week after week it has sounded out the Third Angel's Message for nearly a half century in simple, kindly, convincing logic. Its saving influence belts the globe. Thousands have been led to Christ through the ministry of its columns. And others are coming.

The Signs Weekly is being prepared by the editors with the sole purpose in mind to make it an effective instrument in the hands of our people for the winning of relatives and friends to Christ and His kingdom. Do you want your loved ones and friends to know what is coming on the earth? Certainly. Keep the Signs going to them. It pays to circulate the Signs—and pray.

UNUSUAL WALL PAPER

In the western part of Pennsylvania lives a sister who has

been a faithful member of the church for some years. Her husband opposed her connection with our people, but, like many other sisters in such an experience, she has watched and prayed and kept sweet. Her faithfulness has been rewarded. It seems that the husband had a habit of standing between the kitchen stove and the wall each morning to warm himself. One day the wife felt impressed to pin a copy of the Signs of the Times on the wall opposite the spot where he was accustomed to stand. Almost unconsciously he began to read its paragraphs. Later she put up another copy, and as time passed his interest in the paper grew. Today he is happy in the faith with his wife.

The weekly Signs is a good witness, and wherever you put it,—on the wall, in the mail, the paper rack, or on the table,it speaks effectively. The one object of the Signs is to give God's message for the times just as fully, as clearly, as strongly, yet as sweetly, and convincingly, and persuasively, as it is possible to give it. This paper is prepared with the object of helping our brethren and sisters throughout the field to give the message effectively. It ought to go to every relative, friend, and neighbor of ours who has not yet accepted the light of truth.

THE TALLY

It isn't the job we intended to do
Or the labor we've just begun
That puts us right on the ledger sheet,
It's the work we have really done.

Our credit is built upon things we do, Our debit on things we shirk,

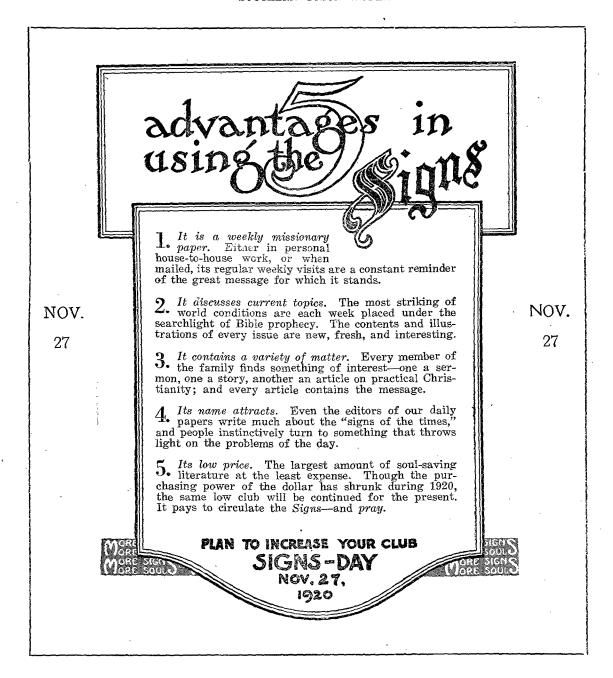
The man who totals the biggest plus Isthe man who completes his work.

Good intentions do not pay bills; It's easy enough to plan.

To wish is the play of an office boy.

To do is the job of a man.

-Richard Lord in the Curtis Flyleaf



THE WORLD'S NEED

It is truly gratifying to observe that many earnest, truth-loving men and women, not yet connected with us, appreciate the literature our denomination is giving to the world. A letter from a stranger in Iowa was received at the Signs office the other day that illustrates the point. It follows:

"With no desire to flatter, but

wishing to speak a word of encouragement, I am writing to say that in this age when the public press is so absorbed in matters trivial and worldly, it is a comfort to turn to your paper, the Signs of the Times, that seems to transcend all others in clear, concise statements of Bible truth, and in supplying food for the hungry souls of men.

"There is a thirst in the hearts of some for the pure, undefiled water of life. No words of men can take the place of God's Word—no beauty of style, no figures of rhetoric. When the soul is hungry it wants God.

"The world is perishing. It is a seething ferment of turbulent passions and human waywardness. It needs an outspoken public press that diffuses light and knowledge. It needs nessengers infused with courage and inspired with sacred truth.

No voice is as sweet as the voice of God, and no hope so inspiring as the hope of the Gospel.

"I am glad that you have no space in your paper for the petty, trifling, paltry happenings, which, I am sorry to say, engage the attention of so many of the religious papers. Enclosed you will find \$5.00 to aid in the work of the 'Signs Co-operation Corner.'"

Thus the Signs Weekly is making impressions that win friends for the Cause. Day and night, week in and week out, this 'silent preacher' faithfully proclaims the message for the hour. It will teach the Truth to your friends and neighbors, and teach it effectively, when you cannot always go to them in person. Plan to give it larger opportunity to represent you in your home missionary efforts.

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi Doings

The low price of cotton is beginning to cause a high wave of tension here in the office, we suffer with those in the field who are being hindered because of the depression in the cotton market.

Bro.F.W.Schmehl has just returned to the office for a few days, after a strenuous summer with the boys in the field. He will be found at his desk the remainder of the week, catching up with his correspondence and office work.

The memory verse cards for the next quarter are now ready and should be ordered at once to insure your getting them in time. So many Sabbath Schools are disappointed because their order reaches us after publishers supply is exhausted. Order early. Elder Elliot has been visiting the churches at Amory and Quitman the past week in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work. He plans to attend a board meeting of the Southern Junior College before returning to Jackson.

Miss Nannie May Smith, who has successfully developed and carried forward the Educational, Sabbath School and Y.P.M.V. departments of our Conference for the last three years, left Friday morning for Atlanta, Ga., where she will connect with that Conference in the same capacity. We sincerely regret the loss we sustain in being compelled to give up Miss Smith, and our prayers and best wishes follow her into her new field of labor.

Prof. Staines, who is visiting the churches in our State in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, will meet with the Jackson Church tomorrow evening. We will be glad to have him with us once more.

Miss Mary Welch, our former Jackson church school teacher, is spending a few days this week with friends at Jackson. We are grateful to see her so improved in health after her serious illness.

The Jackson colored church on the corner of Rose and Pascagoula Sts., is progressing nicely. Every effort is being put forth to complete it before winter reaches us in earnest, two more carpenters from Tennessee being added this week to the already large company of workers.

Bro. L. S. Melendy who has been connected with Bro. Bunch in his effort at Meridian, made us a short call at the office Monday evening en route to his work at Shreveport, La.

Our church school teachers will

no doubt hail with delight the new book entitled "Applied Art" by Pedro J. Lemos, covering artinstruction for grades one to eight, academic grades included. W. E. Howell of the General department highly recommends this work, and feels that it comes in answer to a long recognized need in our church schools. The retail price is \$6, which is very reasonable when one considers the cost of materials and the care which has been taken to compile this book.

We are glad to give the Hattiesburg church the honor of being the first church in the Conference to reach and go over its goal. Miss FloraSavelle, their church school teacher, reports that the school has raised \$60.00 in the present drive for mission funds, which is really remarkable. We wish we could send in the same kind of a report for every church and church school in the Conference.

Eld. F. S. Keitts was an office caller this afternoon on his way to Meridian in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work for the colored. He reports success attending those engaged in this work in the different churches already visited.

The Jackson Church set aside last Wednesday for a special drive for the raising of Harvest Ingathering funds. Those who were able to go out brought back a good report of both funds and experiences and altogether \$103.00 was raised. All were so enthusiastic over the result of one day's united effort that the following Wednesday was decided upon for another field day. We hope that in our next "News -Letter" we will be able to report a successful day and the Jackson church beyond her goal.

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT

FOR SOUTHERN UNION CONFERENCE FOR WEEKS ENDING OCT. 30 & NOV. 6

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Name	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Deliv	
J E Foley	51	9	28 00	294 00	
J C Goodner	69	14	151 00	150 50	
B F Harmon	25	26	133 00	5 50	
Paul Hughes 3wks	72	62	196 50	3 00	
Bibles				26 15	
COLORED					
R J Cook	101			194 00	
Totals	318	111	508 50	479 15	

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Mrs Voy Blair lwk	20			56 50
H H Guffey	89	4	12 00	51 00
Claud Hughes	19		12 00	58 50
Wm E Bickett	67	34	208 50	86 00
Jeff Hickman lwk	30	2 8	173 75	12 50
R F Hickman twk	60	46	265 00	
C D Minnis 3wks	92	56	335 00	180 7 5
Lee Page	35	22	77 00	
J W Rowe	28	5	30 50	3 00
COLORED				
Ada Fort Iwk	17	5	30 10	18 60
Wm Martin	95	17	89 25	62 25
Thomas Stafford	42	24	135 00	19 50
Totals	594	243	1368 10	159 85

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R N Kerr		50	11	33	50	46	00
Mrs R W I	Babylon	.8	6	22	00	6	50
R W Baby	lon .	24	2	7	50	57	00
Amine Per	ndas	4	1	5	50	55	00
John Harz	man	17				88	50

L B Spear	41	26	136 50	11 59
W C Causey	20	21	117 00	
Wm Waton	41	16	84 00	13 00
J B Hardy	17	14	83 50	
E L Hunt	5	11	64 50	
COLORED				
T S Longware	123			535 00
A Sawyer	110			345 25
Totals	557	187	933 00	1433 45

TENNESSEE	RIVER	CON	IFER	ENC	E	
H T Forsythe	75	26	73	50	337	00
H G Miller	76	11	34	00	73	00
W N Smith	60	23	134	00		
Wm J Keele	19	7	45	50	40	50
Mary Hinds	61	27	92	00	5	00
Mollie Hurdle	30	19	21	50	13	55
COLORED						
Louis Rayford	56	7	15	00	372	00
Virgie Wilson	41	36	131	00		
G E Jenkins	51				90	00
Bibles			_6	50	11	10
Totals	469	146	595	00	905	00

FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 30.

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C R Cannada	45			125	00
J L Waller	43			200	50
Geo E McGee	40	26	140 50		
Archie Nelson	16			30	00
Mrs Ida Harrell	9			6	00
COLORED					
A A Johnson	51			51	50
J H Patterson 2wks	76	8	40 00		
RIS Thomson	35			49	00
E S Scales	18			25	00
L H Connolly	6			43	50
Eric Francis	10			21	50
Totals	349	34	180 50	552	00

ALABAMA CONFERENCE STREET

Alabama News Notes

Brother Norman Waters is now located in Birmingham where he will do colporteur work.

Elder Wright has returned from the Fall Council. After spending a few days at the office he will visit some of the churches. Brethren Burroughs and Staton were callers at the office this week to look after their reports.

Brother C. R. Waters has just returned from Albany, Ala., where he has been erecting a tabernacle for Elder Denslow. The workers there will open another effort Sunday night the 7th. Remember this effort in prayer.

A few days ago Carl Holland and his brother finished up their deliveries in good shape. They are visiting their folks at home and then will return to Ooltewah to attend school this winter.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign is going nicely. Does your name appear on the "Honor Roll" yet? If not, endeavor to raise your goal of \$10.00 ere the next report is made up. Let us push this work to the limit.

Elder Wilson states that the interest in Pensacola remains good and his Sunday night meetings are well attended, even though a number of other

churches there are conducting revivals. We are pleased to see the work moving so nicely down there.

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Mr. Carl Holland was a pleasant caller at the office the past week. He was on his way to the Southern Junior College.

The Birmingham church No. 1 is making good progress in the Harvest Ingathering. They hope to finish up this month, thus reaching their \$2000.00 goal.

Bro. Burroughs is making a tour among the following churches in behalf of the Harvest Ingathering: Gadsden, Anniston, Mobile, Silverville and Pensacola.

Eld. J F. Wright in, company with Bro. Burroughs, spent Sabbath and Sunday, Nov. 12 14 with the Oakwood school.

Some interesting meetings were conducted and plans laid for their Harvest Ingathering campaign. Their goal is \$1000. Let us pray that they will reach it.

The Birmingham church No. 1 were delighted to have Prof. John Thompson with them last Sabbath, the 13th.

Have you your \$10.00 yet for the Harvest Ingathering? If not, please go out after it at once. Remember that we plead with every member to do a full part this year.

Eld.Wright has been called to Ooltewah to attend a board meeting November 16—17, after which he returns to Birmingham to spend Sabbath, the 20th, with the colored church.

We are sorry to report that Brother John Mitchell, Elder Denslow's assistant, has been on the sick list a few days. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Sister Jessie Mayberry, our Bible worker in Decatur, who was recently hit by an automobile is slowly gaining her health and strength.

Bro. B.C. Marshall is enjoying his short vacation and will soon return to the office with renewed vigor to take up his duties again.

We received a check from Sister Rogers at Gilbertown for \$43.00 for Harvest Ingathering and also one fou \$40.00 from Sister C. W. Jones. These are two isolated sisters but they are certainly doing well in the Harvest Ingathering.

Brother Clayton McNeill called at the office Tuesday, the 26th, on his way to Oolt wah. Brother McNeill has been canvassing in Mobile County and has delivered over \$3,500 worth of Bible Readings in that county. He plans on attending school this year and being back in the colporteur work next summer.

Death of Mrs. L. C. Little

Sister L. C. Little was one of the pioneer workers that responded to the call to come South. Brother and Sister Little came to Alabama about twenty years ago' locating at Citronnelle, in the western part of Mobile county. Later they moved to Tolemanville, a suburb of Mobile where they were living at the time of her death. They were among the first if not charter members of the Mobile church and for a number of vears Bro. Little was the local elder. She rests from her labors but her works follow and I am sure that in the glad reunion there will be some who will be there as the fruits of her labors.

Miss Louisa A. Whitney-Little was born in Indiana in 1849. In her early life she accepted Christ and united with the Baptist

In 1876 she was church. married to L.C. Little, and to this happy union there were born seven children, only three of them are now living. Their home is in Nebraska and for some reason word did not reach them of the mother's death and they were not present at the funeral. In 1877 Brother and Sister Little heard the call of the great three-fold message and became loyal members of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Her death was very sudden, due to heart failure brought on by acute indigestion. she was seventy years of age, yet active and strong for one of her years. Words of comfort were spoken from the one hundred and sixteenth psalm and the sixteenth verse. It is a blessed thought that she rests in the "Blessed Hope" and soon the Life giver will come to call the sleeping saints from their dusty beds. The funeral was conducted by the writer in the Mobile church Sabbach, October 16th. There were present a large number of friends who expressed their love. confidence and appreciation of herfaithful christian life. Her voice will no longer be heard but the fragrant influence of her life still lives.

M.L. WILSON.

Ford, Kentucky

Sabbath, October 30th, the Ford church had the privilege of hearing Brother Guy Dail. He preached at the church Sabbath morning. In the afternoon he gave an interesting talk of the work in Europe. Meeting in the afternoon was held at the home of Brother Vermillion. Sister Jeffries, of Winchester, accompanied him.

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Union Conference News Notes

Elders J. L. McElhany, O.R. Staines, and V. O. Cole, returned from the Fall Council Sunday night, October 31. They report an interesting and profitable of The Thirteenth Sabbath Offsession.

Mr. F. L. Harrison spent a few days after the meeting at Indianapolis visiting relatives and returned to the office Friday, Nov. 5.

Prof. John C. Thompson visited schools in Kentucky recently.

Eld. S. E. Wight, of College View, Nebraska, fromerly president of the Southern Union Conference, was a visitor at the off-We were very ice recently. glad to see Elder Wight, and to know that he still has a deep interest in the Southland.

Miss Anna Knight made several calls at the office this week. She leaves November 4 for Huntsville, Alabama in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work.

Collegedale News

Sunday, November 14, 1920.

All listened with interest to the report from the Fall Council, given by Elder Heckman at the Y. P. M. V. meeting last Sabbath. He told us of the wonderful progress of the message, and of the plans that are being laid to hasten the work.

The basket factory, which has been moved down from Knoxville, is now in operation. This is a great aid in solving the problem of work for our girls. We certainly appreciate the kindness of Brother Bailey and

REMEMBER

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Do your part.

The Week of Prayer-December 11-18.

The Annual Offering for Missions-December 18. Make it a large one.

ering-December 25. A Christmas gift through the Sabbath Schools for Missions.

A Dollar NOW is worth MORE than Ten LATER on.

others, in giving us the use of this machinery.

You should see the U. S. flag that floats in the breeze at the S. J. C. It's a beautiful new flag, six by ten feet in size.

Αt the chapel hour last Wednesday, Elder B. P. Hoffman, superintendent of our work in Japan, told us something of the conditions under which our missionaries have to work. Among other things, he spoke of the necessity for comfortable living accomodations forthe missionaries, in order that they might keep in health

and be able to accomplish the greatest good.

News of the Reeves Sanitarium being destroyed by fire early yesterday merning has been received. All the patients were taken from the building in time, so that no one was injured. This will mean a serious inconvenience and loss to the work there, and we extend our sympathy.

A South Carolina sister says:

"It was some time in Februarv of this year that I gave a copy of the weekly Signs of the Times to a lady I met in a Catholic infirmary. I had a good talk with her regarding the times in which we live. She invited me to visit with her in her home. I did so, and found her interested in the Bible and a believer in prayer. Later, I was sent for by this lady, to pray at the bedside of her sick husband. The Great Physician went with me. The old gentleman recovered and they believe it was prayer that saved his life. At this time, I met the son-inlaw of the old couple. He, too, became interested. On July 24 he was baptized into the faith, and is one of our best young members. His wife is studying the message now. The old people I believe will join us. Does it pay? Yes, a thousandfold. I have been faithful in giving out the papers among hospitals, and I am sure other souls will be in the kingdom because of the Signs."

The busy man has few idle visitors; to the boiling pot the flies come not -Benjamin Franklin.