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Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

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Elder M. L. Rice Accepts Presidency of Atlantic Union Conference

I. G. Ortner

ON the afternoon of February 2 the Atlantic Union Conference committee met to give study to the filling of the vacancy caused by the decease of Elder W. H. Heckman.

Careful and prayerful study was given to this by the committee inasmuch as it was felt that a strong man should be secured to fill this important position. After deliberate consideration the committee unanimously voted to invite Elder M. L. Rice to take the presidency of the Atlantic Union Conference.

This invitation was sent to Elder Rice immediately, and after three days we received word through the General Conference that he had accepted the call extended to him by our committee. Thus we are very much pleased to be able to announce at this time to our constituency that Elder Rice is now the president of the Atlantic Union Conference, and will no doubt plan to take up his duties in this field at an early date.

Elder Rice has been a successful worker in this denomination for many years, much of which time has been spent in executive work. Prior to 1923 he was president of the Nevada Conference. Following this he took the presidency of the Colorado Conference, where he did strong and acceptable work. Later he was called to take the presidency of the Upper Columbia Conference, where he gave acceptable service for a number of years. From the Upper Columbia Conference he was called to take the presidency of the Washington Conference, which position he held at the time our call was extended to him.

We are very happy to get a man of such long and successful experience to

take the leadership of our work in this union. Brother Rice comes to us well recommended by the General Conference and by all others who know him. He comes to us with a broad experience, having served as a college board member of three of our largest colleges for the past eighteen years, as well as having had very intimate touch in connection with our sanitarium work. We bespeak for him the hearty cooperation of all the workers in this union.



June 4, 1874

Steen Rasmussen, Home Miss. Sec.

General Conference S. D. A.

N EARLY sixty-five years have passed since the first issue of our pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times*, came from our presses. June 4, 1874, will always remain a historical date in the development of our publishing work, because of this faithful sentinel and fearless exponent of the message Seventh-day Adventists are commissioned to give to the world.

The *Signs* can truly be classified as a successful "evangelist." It preaches to the largest audience every week of any evangelist connected with the cause. But it more than preaches; it *pleads* with men and women to come to Christ and, in willing obedience to the clear teachings of the Scriptures, keep the commandments of God.

In a special sense, the *Signs* is America's prophetic weekly, and as such brings information and instruction to a larger group of people regularly upon Bible prophecy in the light of present-day events than any other periodical we publish.

Entering upon its 65th year, the *Signs* was never more attractive in appearance, and never better filled to

overflowing with "glad tidings" than it is today. We believe that as a soul winner its effectiveness is on the increase. More than 80,000 copies are printed each week. We wish it were double that number. It should be at least one copy to each believer in North America.

We are sounding today a new bugle call in behalf of a larger circulation of the *Signs*. There is unmistakable need of enlarging our borders and lengthening our cords in literature distribution, both through personal house-to-house subscription solicitation and distribution as well as through the mails.

No better financial investment in soul-winning activities can be made than by churches and individuals taking a club of the *Signs*. With a true understanding of the times in which we live, and knowing what Israel ought to do at such a time, is it too much to ask and expect that we double our efforts in the circulation of the *Signs* during the month of February and the special period set aside for the *Signs* effort?

There is still a little time of freedom and unhindered opportunity to carry on and push the yet unfinished task of getting God's last warning message before the multitudes of our land. God's people have been chosen as ambassadors for Him in the last work of salvation. "The greatest wealth of truth ever entrusted to mortals, the most solemn and fearful warnings ever sent by God to man, have been committed to them to be given to the world; and in the accomplishment of this work our publishing houses are among the most effective agencies." — "Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 138.

"The press is an instrumentality by which many are reached whom it would be impossible to reach by ministerial effort." — *Id.*, Vol. V, p. 388.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

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Works Progress Administration

TRULY the past two years have seen the Boston Temple in the actual living out of the above phraseology. Their works have been many, their progress great, and the administration an efficient one.

Two years ago the Temple had hanging over it the ever-present church debt like a pall of doom, and at every mention of the obligation, the members seemed to react to it as does one to an immovable impediment. That was two years ago. Today, twenty-four months later, the story is much different. The blocked pathway has been cleared, and incredible as it may seem, it is none the less true, that in 104 weeks the members of the Boston Temple have, through the blessing of God, completely wiped out the staggering deficit of \$13,000. Yes, the debt of nineteen years' standing no longer finds standing room within the portals of the Boston church.

While the debt program has been marching steadily to completion, the members have set somewhat of a record for themselves in the Ingathering endeavor, by reaching their goal in record time for two successive years. Indeed, that was works, works that meant long hours of constant application and untiring labor, at a given task.

Progress has not been lacking in this drive for the financial status of things, for in the prosecution of the various campaigns, the Temple has kept before it the intended plans for greater work and greater soul-saving endeavor.

In keeping with the program as scheduled, Elder Mitchell recently opened his effort in Dorchester. The meetings at the Temple are being continued by the assistant pastor. Sunday evening, January 8, Brother Sanderford and the Men's Seminar opened their meetings in Quincy.

Men need the spiritual food of the gospel, and too, may need the actual bread to sustain life in the physical sense. The Temple has not been unmindful of the needs of the surrounding poor, and during the year the

welfare department, under the leadership of Brother Newman, has given food, shelter, and clothing to many of the people who daily come to our church doors. At Christmas and Thanksgiving time, Brother Newman makes a special effort to bring cheer to the poor by sending out at least one hundred baskets on each occasion. The welfare work does not stop with the cessation of the last pealing of the Christmas bells, for all during the year the Temple Welfare Society systematically ministers to the poor regardless of creed, color, or nationality.

Already the new year has begun, and the Temple Church looks forward to a year of wider service, and greater endeavor. The members are anxious to do more in the future than they have done in the past, and in this great city where reputedly men are supposed to have less heart than in the more rural sections of our country, we know that the members of the Temple have demonstrated that God has blessed His work.

Under God's guidance we face the future, peering into the days ahead confident of subsequent success.

JOHN HEGEMAN, Assistant Pastor.

New Haven Celebrates Church Debt Jubilee

"To God be the glory, great things He hath done," well expresses the theme of the celebration which took place on Sabbath, January 7, 1939, in the New Haven No. 1 church. It was truly a high day in the history of the church when it was rededicated free from the curse of debt.

It was a day that had long been waited for, for which many prayers had been offered, and much sacrifice and arduous labor bestowed. All this was realized by the consecrated and loyal devoted members of God's people, who set themselves to the almost impossible task. We give our praise and gratitude to our heavenly Father who has given us the victory.

The day of jubilee was celebrated by all-day services in the church, which was beautifully and appropriately decorated with palms, ferns, and flowers, and attended by members from all over the district and many visitors.

A very inspiring and excellent Sabbath school started the day's activities, followed by the consecration

service conducted by Elder C. L. Taylor, pastor of the South Lancaster church. It was a blessed sight to see the people gathering together and filling the church beyond its capacity. The inspiration of this service and the consecration the people made when the call was given, "Consecrate yourselves this day to the Lord," was truly uplifting and an experience long to be remembered, as the people rose as one man to consecrate and dedicate themselves to God and to finish the work. Elder J. D. Smith earnestly sought the Lord to accept this consecration.

Several special musical numbers were rendered which added to the service.

The afternoon was filled with good things. The pastor, Horace R. Beckner, welcomed the congregation, and the visitors who joined with them in their joy and thanksgiving on this special occasion. Brother William Preston reviewed the history of the church from the early beginnings as a small Bible class to the present membership of ninety-nine. A financial report of the church debt committee was given, tracing the progress of the removal of the debt from the time Elder Taylor (a former pastor), through persistent effort, aroused the believers to become debt-minded and the first real step forward was taken.

In the meantime, repairs to the church building necessitated a year's delay in further debt reduction. This did not prevent us from keeping the church debt uppermost in mind. A time was set for the finishing of this task, and the conference encouraged the members in their endeavors so that the debt and interest were paid in full by December 31, 1938. A device in the form of the church covered with shingles representing their contributions,

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bearing the slogan, "A dollar a week per member, makes this church ours by December," had been made to encourage our members in their efforts.

Brother J. E. Osterblom, our conference treasurer, presented the canceled mortgage and expressed appreciation for a task well done. At this time, with due ceremony, the mortgage was burned.

The dedication sermon was given by Elder J. D. Smith, followed by a dedication prayer offered by Elder C. L. Taylor.

While the members were busy removing the church debt, they also retrieved their Sabbath school pennant during this last quarter; they saw their Harvest Ingathering swell beyond the conference goal of \$995 to \$1,008; also the happy and successful climax of paying in full in fourteen months the \$5,000 debt and interest. Our hearts are full and we again say, "To God be the glory, great things He hath done." HORACE R. BECKNER.

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"Signs" Experiences

It is interesting to read some of the letters relating experiences in connection with the *Signs of the Times* and also the foreign magazines. A German lady living in Brooklyn wrote:

"Enclosed I am sending \$2 for the *Zeichen der Zeit* and a book entitled 'What the Future Holds.' Whoever ordered the *Zeichen der Zeit* for me the first year and delivered it so faithfully, has surely earned a great reward and has done wonderful missionary work. I have learned to love that paper and would not be without it any more, because it is written in my mother tongue and goes right to the heart. Those empty, worldly sermons of the so-called Christian churches, that contain nothing but the latest news from the daily newspapers, make mankind confused. *Zeichen der Zeit* has awakened me spiritually and made me also well. I was just preparing to invite German-speaking women and young girls to my home for Bible readings when I first received the *Zeichen der Zeit*. Now I shall go forward in this work with much more zeal than ever to spread this truth before the night falleth.

"I should like to send some of these papers to my lonely sister in Germany so that she might be convinced that there are still some real Christians in this land of gold-rush and that not all of them are materialists.

"So I want again to voice my thanks to the one who sent me this wonderful paper the

first year, and now I shall look eagerly forward to receiving it again."

We have this note also from a German: "I have the experience of Moses. I have a slow tongue, but through the *Zeichen* I have gained the knowledge that Saturday is the Sabbath of the Lord. A neighbor of mine has come to the same knowledge and values the paper very highly. I trust the Lord will give you His strength to publish His true word without fear."

Another, speaking of the Danish Norwegian paper, says: "I have received from you a few copies of the *Sendebud* and I thank you very much for it. It is in my opinion the best religious paper I have read. I have learned many things I did not know before by reading your paper."

Here is an interesting letter from a reader of the *Signs of the Times* in English:

"I like the paper so much that I have sent in my subscription for a

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year. I particularly like the Bible studies which bring out points I never thought of before. I must confess it has only been within the last couple of years that I have really thought much about the Bible and its teachings, as I took it all for granted and believed everything I was told to believe. Since I have begun to do some thinking on my own account, I can see where much new light is being thrown on life for me. . . . In looking over the last issue of the paper last night, I was wondering about the tithe. I have never practiced this method of giving, and as I don't go to any church any more for various reasons, I am somewhat at a loss where to give it. However, I am enclosing another check to help your work along, which I believe is along the right line."

In addition to the English *Signs*, the foreign periodicals are printed in the following languages: Danish Norwegian, German, Italian, Spanish, and Swedish.

Greater New York holds second place among all the conferences in North America in the use of the *Signs of the Times* magazine, and we hope that every effort will be put forth to continue this excellent work during 1939. Remember — the "*Signs* wins souls."

W. A. NELSON.

Missionary Volunteer Items

THE German Brooklyn youth recently enjoyed a very impressive investiture service when twenty-one pins were awarded, — three Master Comrades, two Comrades, several Companions, and the rest Friends. The Junior work is making rapid strides. A nature club is creating special interest. The Sunshine Band during the past year made contacts with institutions where definite impressions for Seventh-day Adventism were made. At one institution the whole school of delinquent girls and their teachers were supplied with the Morning Watch calendar.

December 24 the Ephesus youth held an investiture service when twenty-eight pins were awarded. Here we have held these services in quick succession during the last two years. Our Progressive Classes are an established feature of our youth work, and the interest is developing a fine group of leaders. Juniors are organized for hikes. Nature clubs foster acquaintance with God's creative works. A class studies doctrines and denominational history; first-aid groups are developing real practical knowledge. The society has a fine missionary report for the year.

The Eastside youth have made outstanding progress during 1938. Twenty-nine pins were awarded at their first investiture service. Their leader, Mattie Johnson, who has pioneered the Progressive Classes in this church, became a Master Comrade. She is teaching the young people many useful things. Every young person is now a busy reader of the Bible and the Reading Course.

LOUISE C. KLEUSER.

(To be continued)

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Comparative Review of Our Home Missionary Activities for 1937 and 1938

	1937	1938
Bible readings and cottage meetings	5,148	6,921
Missionary visits	16,373	21,324
Persons taken to S. S. or meetings	7,469	9,856
Persons given needed help	12,001	16,069
Treatments given	2,381	3,087
Hours of Christian Help work	28,211	40,546
Articles of clothing given to the needy	16,890	19,326
Food baskets and bouquets given	5,474	8,638
Pieces of literature distributed	184,381	240,781
Missionary letters written	5,990	8,153
Souls won largely through missionary work of lay members	25	82

While we are very thankful for the good gain shown in every one of these missionary items, especially the gain of 57 in souls won, we are sure our 1938 records do not really represent our best. For instance, with a membership of nearly 3,000, we have only averaged about 2 - 1/3 Bible readings a member, only 7 missionary visits, and less than 2 missionary letters each for the entire year. Yes, we can and should do far better in 1939.

At our recent home missionary and publishing convention in Washington, we were brought face to face with the fact that we are actually losing ground in the circulation of our message-filled literature, and that our publishing houses could easily provide twice as much literature as they do at present. In view of the world's crying need, should not this statement be a challenge to every loyal believer to double his efforts in 1939?

We have timely truth-filled tracts, magazines, and books to point the way to a brighter day; but we need far more willing hands to circulate them. The Spirit of prophecy admonishes us, "Our publishing work was established by the direction of God and under His special supervision." —*"Christian Service,"* p. 148. Also, "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory." —*Ibid.* Also, "Our publications are now sowing the

gospel seed, and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached word." —*Id.*, p. 146. And again, "Church members, awake to the importance of the circulation of our literature, and devote more time to this work. Place in the homes of the people papers, tracts, and books that will preach the gospel in several lines. There is no time to be lost." —*Id.*, p. 147. In "Testimonies," Vol. V, page 463, this warning is sounded: "The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity, she will have to do in a terrible crisis, under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances."

Nineteen hundred thirty-nine promises to be an eventful year in the world. Let us make it an outstanding year in the literature ministry. If ever the world needed the light our papers and books contain, that time is now.

In view of all this, will you help to keep our publishing house presses humming, carry the light to your neighbors by joining our LOYAL LIGHT-BEARERS LEAGUE, and promise to sell at least five of our message-filled magazines each month. Enroll by postal, stating the magazine you prefer to sell — *Liberty, Life and Health, Health, Message, Signs, or Watchman*. May we hear from you very soon?

F. BOHNER.

Notice

PLEASE note the following appointments:

- Feb. 11 Elmira and Corning, Communion
- 18 Binghamton, Endicott, Owego
- 25 Elmira and Corning

ALEXANDER HOUGHTON.

Utica District Meeting

THE new Utica church building is about completed and will be consecrated to the Lord on February 25, at which time all members of the district are invited in for an all-day spiritual session. Elders Howard and Strickland will be with us, and possibly other ministers from the local and union conferences.

The address is 1427 Genesee Street. If you are a member of the Utica District, please plan to attend this good meeting. Sabbath school will start at 9:45 sharp.

LAWRENCE R. SCOTT, *Dist. Supt.*

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Be Alive — Advance

"God calls upon His people to act like living men." Dead people do not go forward; they do not accomplish anything; they do not carry a burden upon their hearts for lost souls. Dead people do not visit their friends and neighbors and call their attention to the meaning of present world events, or point out to them from the word of God that they must do something for themselves if they wish to be saved. Dead people have no feeling; they are content to have things as they are. In other words, dead people are those who are not advancing the cause of God in any definite way. They have no vision, no special work or task to carry forward; they show no special interest in the coming of the Lord, nor feel a burden to help others prepare for that great event.

Are you alive? or does the foregoing description of a dead person reveal symptoms that you have? Many are writing in to the office asking how to work for their neighbors and friends. They desire to do something but do not know the best way. Listen to what the Spirit of prophecy says: "My brethren and sisters, remember that one day you will stand before the Lord of all the earth to give an account of the deeds done in the body. Then your work will appear as it really is. . . . Do not allow anything to keep you from the work of soul saving. The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls. Will you not try it?" —*"Colporteur Evangelist,"* p. 33.

Recently I had the blessed privilege of seeing the original of Sister White's writings in the fireproof vaults of the General Conference. It was a real inspiration to me. Of course they were written with her own hand, and there seemed to surround them a sacred influence. It caused me to renew my own consecration and to determine to read and study the writings of the Spirit of prophecy more than I have; also to encourage others to read and receive the blessing that the reading of the Spirit of prophecy will bring to all.

Dear believers, the work is almost done. Do not let that day find you unprepared. If you are alive and have a

burning desire to give the message, come to the colporteur institute which will be held in Portland, Maine, March 12-22. There you may receive the training that will help you advance in soul-saving activities. Make all preparations with the field secretary before coming. Let every believer continue to pray for this branch of the Lord's work.

A. M. BARNHARDT, *Field Sec.*

A Challenge to Every Member

CHRIST said to us, "Look." But where are we to look? Upon the fields that are ready to harvest. The field that He bids you and me to look upon first is the Northern New England Conference. And what do we see? A territory about 500 miles long, with a population of 1,500,000, or about one thousand people to each Seventh-day Adventist. When our ministers look, they see about 225,000 souls for every minister in the conference. As we look farther we see eleven great counties without a single church, and others with just a small struggling church. We see five cities and hundreds of towns where not one sermon has ever been preached on our message.

As I travel through these cities and rural districts where there is not a living representative of the message, my only hope is that a colporteur has been there, or one or more of our periodicals has found its way into those homes. Living there are honest souls. Many are longing for something better, something that will give them hope. Our hearts should go out to them. It is a mighty challenge to us. Let us now begin to ask God to direct our minds to some honest-hearted people, and then follow the leading influence of His Spirit and send them the *Signs* for the coming year. If all of our people would do this, several thousand people would be warned during the next year, and surely God would bless our efforts with honest souls.

C. M. BUNKER.

Progress in Northern Maine

SUNDAY night, January 15, was an exceedingly interesting time for our work in Oakfield, Maine. Because some of the Baptist people had begun keeping the Sabbath, and so many were coming to him with questions he could not answer, the pastor invited me, in a very Christianlike exchange

of letters, to come and explain why I am a Seventh-day Adventist, while at the same service he would tell why he is a Baptist.

The church was packed, with some standing in the hall, about 200 being present.

At his request, I spoke first for about forty minutes, and, knowing he would make use of the first-day texts, I gave them quite a full explanation. This seemed rather to disconcert him, so that when he used them the effort was decidedly lacking in life. On other things, as the law and the Bible, he would make his point and then destroy it with his next remarks, getting quite nervous toward the end.

He gave opportunity for questions, and when they came in he became submerged in difficulty. He got in so deep that I arose and suggested that we close the service, for which he very fervently thanked me.

The result of this service was a very evident answer to prayer, and gives promise of increased interest in our work in Oakfield. We plead for a continuance of your prayers for the work in Maine's northernmost district.

WM. W. RICE.

ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE

News Notes

THE men's and women's glee clubs, under the direction of Miss Helen Fogelgren, presented their annual recital on Saturday evening, January 28, in the college auditorium.

As Miss Dorothy Evans, who was "Aunt Mirandy," a colored mammy down in Alabama, turned the pages in her old picture album to show Miss Mary Haysmer and William Fagal, who had just returned home from college in the North, pictures of their childhood, the pictures came to life on the stage behind them.

A group of girls they had once known, the women's glee club, sang "Sweet Mis' Mary," and "Hear the Wind A' Blowin'." Some boys, the men's glee club, sang "Gonna Shout all over God's Heaven," and "A Rockin' in the Wind." A solo by Fred Collins, "I's Tired;" a duet, "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny," sung by Miss Dorothy Evans and William Fagal; and "Me and My Little Banjo,"

rendered by a ladies' trio composed of Miss Virginia Rittenhouse, Mrs. Mayfred Lauer, and Miss Jennie Lee Rice, were additional attractions. To conclude the program the glee clubs combined to sing "Lindy Lou" and "Old Folks at Home."

The college division of the South Lancaster church met with the other members in the church building on Sabbath, January 28, when they attended the Sabbath school and home missionary rally conducted there by Elder George Butler.

David Irwin, Arctic explorer, whose lone trek across the top of the world excited the interest of newspaper readers four years ago, when he reached the outposts of civilization at Baker Lake Village near Hudson Bay, after a six months' trip during which he had not seen a single human being in that frozen Arctic waste, spoke to a capacity audience in the college auditorium on Saturday evening, February 4. His listeners were hushed as this intrepid explorer told in a very informal manner the thrilling story of his 3,600 mile trip from Nome, Alaska, to Churchill, on Hudson Bay. For two and one half years he traveled alone — meeting occasionally friendly Eskimo families with whom he lived quite intimately. Mr. Irwin showed many excellent motion pictures of the Eskimo people and of animal life in the frozen North, which he had secured at great personal hazard.

Honor Roll — First Semester, 1939

Highest Honors

Robert Tyler

Honors

Lorraine Burke

Branson Chrispens

Rupert Craig

Stanley Farley

Ivy Larsen

Orval Patchett

Mrs. Grace Van Sanford

Ruth Williams

Honorable Mention

Wilbur Atwood

Lucy Beers

Courtland Chase

Erwin Cowan

Ellen Dandurand

Thelma Durrell

Lois Ruth Eldridge

William Fagal

Georgene Furnival

Fred Gihlein

Mrs. Alwyne Hanscom

Miriam Harold

Ruth Hawkins

Mary Haysmer
Paul Hoar
John Knipschild
Ralph Lamont
Eva Longway
Dorothy Liese
David MacIntyre
Joseph Medeiros
Lilly Mooshian
Irene Mudgett
Dorothy Musick
Ivan Peacock
Robert Reynolds
Virginia Rittenhouse

Academy Honor Roll

High Honors

Carol Mary Brewer

Honors

Lois Lucile Heiser

Honorable Mention

Ruth Elkins

Miriam Hartman

Helmi Immonen

Elmer Miles

John Morris

Levi Norheim

Marjorie Norlund

Margaret York

OBITUARY NOTICES

Correction

OUR attention has been called to errors in the obituary notice of Sister Etta Isabelle Johnson, which was in the GLEANER of January 11. The date of her birth should have been given as September 16, instead of October 16, 1863. Also her father's name was given as Warren Langdon, whereas his name was Warren Landon. We regret these errors. — EDITOR.

WATSON.—Thomas Dean Watson was born April 11, 1923, in Deseronto, Ontario, Canada; and died December 4, 1938 in the Genessee Hospital, Rochester, N. Y. The son of Sister Eva M. Annas of the Rochester church, Thomas was a good boy of high ideals and firm principles. Attesting to his upright character were the large number of students and teachers from the East High School who attended the services conducted by the writer at the Trott Funeral Home. We laid Thomas to rest in the quiet West Webster cemetery, believing that the bright promises of the resurrection morning will soon be fulfilled.

THEODORE CARCICH.

DIBBLE.—Leo A. Dibble was born in 1860 in Clarendon, N. Y., and died January 5, 1939, at his daughter's home in Batavia, N. Y. Although Mr. Dibble never joined the church, he accepted the Sabbath truth through the labors of former workers in Batavia and kept the day of God faithfully until his death. Services were conducted by the writer before a large gathering of friends and relatives, and interment was made in the Holly Cemetery.

We extend our sincere sympathy to our bereaved Sister Merta Dibble and the daughter, Mrs. John Witrucek, bidding them to trust in God in their hour of sorrow.

THEODORE CARCICH.



HECKMAN. — William Henry Heckman was born January 17, 1869, at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and died December 27, 1938, in Beyrouth, Syria, after an acute illness of only three days.

Elder Heckman received his education at Battle Creek College in Battle Creek, Michigan, after which he became pastor of the S. D. Adventist Tabernacle there. Through the long years of a successful ministerial career, he was president of several local conferences, and then for twelve years the president of the Southeastern Union Conference. Two years ago last June Elder Heckman accepted the presidency of the Atlantic Union Conference, and moved here with Sister Heckman and bought a pretty home on Bolton Road. They were happy and comfortably settled, when Elder Heckman left for a tour of several months to Europe and our mission stations in the Near East, expecting to be away about six months.

His letters to his wife were cheerful, saying he was having a fine trip, describing his visits to Marseilles, Naples, Cairo, Alexandria, and his last letter stated he was about to start for Damascus. He did not mention to his wife the fact that due to the rough seas at this time of year he was not having too easy a time. He had always sought to spare her every anxiety.

Arriving in Beyrouth, he confided to young Brother Keough there of a pain and general sickness and discomfort. Brother Keough urged him to see a doctor at once; he took him to the American University Hospital, and had the American doctor in charge of that large institution look after him. The latter examined him and discovered a condition which had made silent inroads upon his health for a long time with no more warnings of its presence than a persistent lack of appetite, which Elder Heckman did not take very seriously, always insisting that he was all right, and asking others not to be concerned about it.

At first Doctor Miller of the American University Hospital thought there should be

no immediate developments, but knowing Elder Heckman could not live many months, the doctor advised him to return home just as quickly as possible, upon recovering from what he thought might be a temporary sickness. Arrangements were all made by our brethren for him to go by plane from Beyrouth to Naples, there to catch a large Italian steamer for New York on Tuesday, the 27th of December. However, instead of rallying, Brother Heckman suddenly sank, on Sunday night previous to this date, into a much weakened state, and by Monday night was unconscious. He died Tuesday night, the very day the doctor had hoped he would be well enough to take the airplane for Naples.

Everything that modern science and faithful nursing could do for him was done, but in vain to stay the downward course of his strength.

Elder Heckman is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna McKinnon Heckman, to whom he was married in Casnovia, Michigan, August 6, 1895; by a brother, John G. Heckman, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and by two sisters, the Misses Gertrude and Sina Heckman, also of Grand Rapids.

Elder Heckman was loved and highly respected by all who knew him. He was a tender and devoted husband. He had refused, some nine years ago, to take this trip to the Asian mission stations when the General Conference invited him to do so, because of his wife's poor health. To her our deepest sympathy is extended in this hour of grief. A wide circle of friends here in the conference and the college, of which he was chairman of the board, as well as in the South Lancaster church, mourn his passing. He will long be remembered as the originator of the "Win One" movement, which has resulted in bringing many souls into the truth. We cannot know now why this blow fell so swiftly, but we know he was a devoted servant of God, and that our Father doeth all things well. It must have been in love and mercy that his time of suffering from an incurable malady was cut short. He was a brave man, and his greatest concern was ever to spare his wife all strain and anxiety. If he could have chosen his way of departure, we cannot but believe he would have wished to go with a short illness rather than a long-drawn-out time of grief for her. It is tragic that it should have come when he was so far away from home, and our hearts go out to her in the sorrow that must ever be hers that she could not be with him to comfort his dying hours.

Frequently Elder Heckman used to quote the following lines. Some have wondered if to him they were prophetic of his own impending end:

"I do not know beneath what sky
Nor on what seas shall be thy fate;
I only know it shall be high,
I only know it shall be great."

The funeral service was conducted in the South Lancaster church by Elder H. J. Detwiler, president of the Columbia Union Conference, assisted by Elders M. N. Campbell, W. A. Nelson, W. H. Howard, C. M. Bunker, J. D. Smith, and C. L. Taylor. M. S. G. Eric Jones sang two of Elder Heckman's favorite hymns. The many beautiful floral tributes indicated the esteem in which Elder Heckman was held. Interment was in the Eastwood Cemetery in Lancaster. C. L. TAYLOR.

OUR LITERATURE EVANGELISTS

"In every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42

J. F. Kent, F. M. Secretary

Week Ending January 28, 1939

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND				
A. M. Barnhardt, F. M. Sec.				
	Bk.	Hrs.	Val.	Del.
Vera Putney	BR	30	28 00	2 00
H. B. Colburn	BLP	25	6 00	2 00
H. A. Woodward	FC	23		68 56
Dorothy Overton	BR		1 40	1 40
Wilma Peterson	LH	17	11 70	11 70
Persis Glidden	LH	17	13 00	13 00
Arlene Cookson	LH	13	8 50	8 50
Virginia Thurber	LH	10	8 80	8 80
Alby Paul	W		3 75	3 75
Mrs. E. Waterhouse	LH		5 00	5 00
Merlene Legare	LH		5 00	5 00
Mrs. Pierce	LH		1 00	1 00
Gladys Moore	L		6 00	6 00
Mrs. F. Barnes	LH		1 00	1 00
Mrs. Fred Smith	LH		1 00	1 00
Mrs. Daisy Lee	LH		1 00	1 00
Mrs. N. B. Lowe	W		1 00	1 00
Misc. Sales	L		15 00	15 00
18 Colporteurs		135	117 15	155 71

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND				
I. M. Evans, F. M. Sec.				
**Dale Johnson	Mag		76 00	76 00
**Albert Forlander	Misc		87 00	87 00
C. H. Walters	BR	37	28 25	25
Donald Kenyon	FC	37	3 75	
N. H. Stevens	BR	36	27 75	1 50
J. A. Jarry	GC	35	18 00	1 75
I. M. Evans	Mag	33	12 50	62 50
Samuel Lombard	OD	23	12 25	22 00
Francis Frattaroli	OD	22	40 35	1 00
W. H. Gray	PP	20	34 25	25
Thomas Lucas	FC	18	3 75	1 00
John Coulson	PC	14	22 00	41 25
Felix Elicerio	PP	7	6 75	13 50
*J. A. Jarry	GC	4		5 00
Harvey Huggins	HR			8 00
Mrs. May Briggs	Mag	30	39 15	39 15
Mrs. Edith Waters	Mag	19	17 00	17 00
Gertrude White	Mag	17	12 90	12 90
Mrs. R. Mathewson	Mag	15	16 05	16 05
Viola Clark	Mag	13	12 70	12 70
Mrs. E. Howland	Mag	12	10 50	10 50
Mrs. Earl Clark	Mag	10	10 00	10 00
Celina Germaine	Mag	8	5 80	5 80
Mrs. W. C. Knight	Mag	6	4 50	4 50
*Celina Germaine	Mag	3	5 80	5 80
Mrs. Seymour	Mag		4 90	4 90
Mrs. A. Truman	Mag		27 50	27 50
25 Colporteurs		419	539 40	487 80

*Week ending January 21

**Two months

GREATER NEW YORK				
R. G. Campbell, F. M. Sec.				
**E. Lee	Helps	142	28 80	28 80
*O. Dunn	HP	48	84 00	8 80
*S. Bowen	PP	47	76 45	8 75
J. Douglas	HP	46	47 60	15 40
Y. Wimberly	GC	42	19 45	90
B. Penn	PP	42	23 00	2 55
R. Robinson	DA	40	63 75	9 00
A. Robinson	DA	40	46 15	13 80
G. Sprott	GC	38	46 60	11 55
S. Palmer	GC	35	19 75	3 45
S. Simons	BR	32	39 50	2 40
L. Collins	GC	30	22 50	6 85

W. Gaskin	HP	30	16 55	2 05
E. Hughes	GC	29	35 75	7 55
G. Lacondre	BTS	28	2 30	55
J. Harris	HW	26	1 90	3 65
C. Conners	HW	24	22 85	4 95
*S. Joseph	BR	24	4 75	10 00
D. Hammond	HP	24	25	8 00
J. Coates	GC	20		1 50
D. Sessums	BL	19	11 80	5 30
L. Bramwell	Misc	18	6 00	6 00
E. Roberts	FC	17	10 75	4 45
A. Prince	PP	16	20 50	11 50
W. Ore	BR	13	9 15	40
E. Downing	GC	12	21 50	2 85
A. Lawrence	GC	10	26 75	25
V. Paul	HW	8	5 70	5 70
C. Gonzalez	GC	7	4 72	4 72
S. Tate	Misc	7	2 50	2 50
J. Coleman	FC	4	10 05	30
A. Valentine	HW	4	8 40	4 90
*M. French	HW	3	1 25	4 45
A. Livingston	GC	2	50	50
M. Coleman	Mag	35	2 40	2 40
*M. Cozzens	Mag	27	17 10	17 10
G. Miller	Mag	26	4 40	4 40
Br. & Sr. Murray	Mag	21	30 20	30 20
H. Wood	Mag	20	3 90	3 90
D. Western	Mag	17	8 35	8 35
L. Oberschlake	Mag	15	12 50	12 50
M. Countryman	Mag	9	9 90	9 90
E. Paulien	Mag	8	10 80	10 80
F. Fabian	Mag	8	4 50	4 50
G. Chapman	Mag	7	3 00	3 00
F. Atwood	Mag		20 30	20 30
R. Fodor	Mag		12 00	12 00
C. Kimball	Mag		3 35	3 35
48 Colporteurs		1120	884 17	347 02
*Report for two weeks				
**Report for one month				
91 Colporteurs		1674	1540 72	990 53

Sanitarium News Notes

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room on the first floor. The damage has been estimated at \$650. Within a few minutes after this deluge, which sent in an automatic alarm, the fire departments of the neighboring towns surrounded our institution ready to aid in a possible crisis. We were thankful that this was not necessary.

The Young People's Missionary Volunteer meeting of January 20 was devoted to the work of the American Bible Society. Fifty slides were shown illustrating the work of this organization in translating and distributing the Holy Scriptures into 1,008 languages. An exhibition of twenty-six cards showing pages of the Bible in different languages was on display in the chapel. Particularly interesting is the card showing Bible verses printed in raised type for the blind.

George Cornforth, our dietitian, has received word that James Hahn, graduate of the course in cookery in 1938, is located at the Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital, Illinois, where he will assist Daniel Kerr, a former worker at our institution. Carl Griesman, graduate of '37, is employed as head cook at the White Memorial Hospital, California. His brother, Fred, is now a member of Mr. Cornforth's class, and he expects a third brother to enter the course next year.

Some of us prefer to obtain our vitamin A from some other source than cod liver oil. Carrots are rich in this vitamin which helps to protect us from colds. By drinking carrot juice one can get much more vitamin than can be consumed by eating carrots, because one can easily drink the juice from a pound of carrots but could not so easily eat a pound of carrots. Moreover, carrot juice gives vitamin C also, while cod liver oil causes the body to eliminate vitamin C. Consequently, the members of the sanitarium family are drinking quantities of carrot juice.

A new gas tube view box which gives a much more satisfactory illumination of the films, was recently purchased for the X-ray department.

Every day there are new developments in every line of work and this is especially true of the medical profession. In surgical work the aim always is to make the operating room as safe for the patient as possible. In order to lessen his actual operating time, Doctor Haysmer is working out a new technique following the ideas of a Doctor Lawrence of New York City who has reduced his operating time by half with the use of the method which we are adopting. The longer a patient must be anesthetized, the greater the risk, and to cut the operating time down is to improve the efficiency of the surgery; therefore we are very much pleased with the possibilities that our new system holds for our future surgical patients.

Two incidents of interest have occurred in our maternity department recently. Our obstetrician, Dr. H. S. Brown, attended the birth of a baby girl who was born at the 13th hour on the 13th day of January, and is the 13th child in the family. Doctor Brown also reports the unusual birth of a baby with two teeth already in prominence.

NEW ENGLAND SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL

News Notes

Miss EVA LONGWAY, student at Atlantic Union College, and daughter of Elder E. L. Longway, China, underwent surgery Monday, January 23. Miss Longway is making good progress.

Mrs. Elizabeth Utchman, of Townsend, Massachusetts, is receiving treatment in our medical department.

Frank Burgess, our chief engineer, has resigned and is now located at the McLean Hospital, Waverley. K. J. Bailey, of Mt. Washington, Ohio, has joined the corps of workers in our power plant.

Miss Edna MacDougall has returned to our staff after several months' absence spent at her home in Canada where she has been nursing her sisters who are ill.

The recent sudden cold wave brought calamity to the Browning Memorial section of our sanitarium in the way of a burst sprinkler pipe on the fourth floor, which allowed a great volume of water to pour forth under pressure in a veritable flood. This soon seeped through the floors, ruining the ceilings on third and second floor hallways, and penetrated to the dining
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Wedding

Miss MILDRED C. WOOD, graduate of the class of '31 of Atlantic Union College, became the bride of Charles Percy Harris, at a quiet ceremony in the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Harris, of Nashville, Tennessee, January 24, 1939. The service was performed by Elder C. V. Anderson, president of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

A program of nuptial music was given preceding the reading of the marriage vows. Mrs. Raymond Randolph Osborne, daughter of the groom, sang, "The Sweetest Story;" John Paul Jones, son of Elder J. K. Jones, played, "O Promise Me" on the saxophone; and Robert Mills, of Chicago, Illinois, accountant at the Southern Publishing Association, sang, "Till the Sands of the Desert Grow Cold." Miss La Vanne Hazelton was the accompanist.

The bride's gown was of royal blue velvet, and she carried white gardenias.

Miss Juanita Pipkin, the bride's only

attendant, wore black velvet and carried talisman roses.

The bride was given in marriage by Dr. A. J. Harris, of Nashville, who served in the absence of the bride's father.

John Glenn, of Nashville, was the best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris will make their home in Nashville.

The Red Man

In many different sections over the North American field, we find a renewed interest among the Indians in responding to the gospel call. The white man has been negligent in bringing to the red man the good tidings of salvation. Surely we should now redeem the time.

Please inform us of any Indian interests that you may know about. We shall be glad to hear from you. Do you contemplate missionary work during 1939 among the Indians in your vicinity? Now is the opportune time. Let us work "while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

H. D. CASEBEER, *Secretary,*
North American Indian Department,
223 North Sinclair Avenue,
Glendale, California.

Card of Thanks

I wish by this means to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy that have come to me from friends far and near during the time of my great sorrow. It is impossible to make personal response to each one. However, I wish to assure all that your expressions of love and sympathy have been a great source of comfort to me.

MRS. W. H. HECKMAN.

With the Union Workers

THE funeral of Elder W. H. Heckman, who died in Beyrouth, Syria, December 27, 1938, was held from the Seventh-day Adventist church in South Lancaster on February 2, 1939. A large number of friends, especially laborers associated with Elder Heckman, were in attendance from all the conferences of the union. Elder H. J. Detwiler, president of the Columbia Union Conference, and Elder M. N. Campbell, vice president for the North American

Division, had charge of the services; they were assisted by the presidents of the local conferences of the union and Elder C. L. Taylor, the pastor of the local church. The members of the faculty of the college and academy and the students attended the funeral in a body. Fuller details are given in the obituary appearing in this issue.

On February 3, Mrs. W. H. Heckman, accompanied by her sister and brother-in-law, Elder and Mrs. R. I. Keate, left for Atlanta, Georgia, where she expects to make her future home with Elder and Mrs. Keate and her other sister, Mrs. Margaret Smith.

Elder E. A. vonPohle was the speaker at the Everett church last Sabbath. The preceding Sabbath he spoke at the Stoneham church.

Brother J. F. Kent spoke at the Amesbury church last Sabbath. On Sunday afternoon he left for the New England Sanitarium, where he will assist in the Southern New England colporteur institute which is to be held there from February 5-14.

Elder R. G. Strickland accompanied Elder C. M. Bunker to Montpelier, Vermont, last week, where they appeared before the general committee of the legislature in the interest of religious liberty.

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Sunset Table

(Standard Time)

Feb. 10 Feb. 17

New York City	5:24	5:32
Union Springs, N. Y.	5:29	5:40
Rochester, N. H.	5:10	5:18
So. Lancaster, Mass.	5:11	5:18

Add 1 minute for each 13 miles west. Subtract 1 minute for each 13 miles east.