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"Every one said to his brother, Be of good courage." Isa. 41:6

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More Signs, More Souls

SCATTER THE LIGHT

In these opening days of 1930, as we look at the task before us of warning the world, and are especially burdened with reference to those living near us, we naturally think of ways and means of accomplishing this task. There is no better way than that of circulating the printed page. We are all grateful for the good message-filled paper, the *Signs of the Times*. The publishers of this paper are heartily in favor of cooperating with the conferences and churches in placing this excellent paper in circulation.

So as we approach the day when the special effort is to be put forth to secure subscriptions and clubs for circulation, let us all be prepared to respond heartily, praying that the Lord's blessing may rest upon the seed thus sown. Please respond to the call of the conference workers and church officers in this worthy endeavor.

Jay J. NETHERY.

DREAM CAME TRUE

A church was securing a list of names to whom they were going to send a club of *Signs* which they had ordered for missionary work. One member was impressed to hand in the name of a lady in another town. This member had just barely met this lady and the lady did not even know that she kept the Sabbath.

The *Signs* came to this home week after week, and this lady became more and more interested. Finally she accepted the third angel's message and began to keep the Sabbath, not knowing that anybody else on the earth was keeping it.

One night she had a dream. She was told to go to a certain store and that she would find two men there. The first would tell her who published the *Signs*, and the second would tell her where to find a church where people were keeping the Sabbath.

The next morning she went to this store. One man was seen within. She asked him about the *Signs*. (She did not stop because she did not see both men

at once.) He told her that this paper was published by the Seventh-day Adventists. As they talked another man came in and told her just where to find the church. You can imagine her joy when she found those of like faith.

SIX POINTS IN "SIGNS" POLICIES

1. The *Signs* endeavors to cover the doctrines taught by this people twice each year.
2. An effort is made to bring enough variety of articles in each issue to appeal to all classes.
3. Study is given to make each issue attractive by the use of apt illustrations and attractive arrangement of type.
4. The editors endeavor to make the *Signs* deeply spiritual but doctrinally virile, with a balance of spiritual and doctrinal subjects, always bearing in mind that the backbone of the *Signs* is the Seventh-day Adventist doctrines.
5. It is desired that the *Signs* be scholarly, but simple and understandable, so that the uneducated as well as the cultured may be reached.
6. The editors do not make the *Signs*. No Seventh-day Adventist paper is even half written by its editors. More than 200 writers contribute to make the *Signs*. The *Signs* is a compilation of the best writers available in the denomination.

The *Signs of the Times* is continually bringing people into the truth. May each of us do our faithful part during 1930 in its circulation.

A. C. GRIFFIN,
Kansas H. Mis. and M. V. Secretary.

LITTLE ENOUGH

Little enough are the circulation goals of the *Signs of the Times*. Think it over. A *Signs* subscription for every member, and a club for every church—let us make this our slogan. This goal should appeal to every church member in the Central Union as "little enough." The "*Signs* wins souls," and that is reason enough to interest every believer in its wide circulation. The price is well within the reach of every one, and the small amount asked is "little enough" to invest in this soul-winning agency. Think it over. Are you doing your full part to give this glorious message to your relatives and friends? A small club of *Signs* would add much to your efficiency as a co-worker with Christ and is "little enough" to ask of every member in your church.

C. T. BURROUGHS.

A CONGREGATION OF 350,000

Literature ministry is one of our greatest agencies for winning souls to Christ. Largely through our literature will the work be finished, and today, of all our evangelizing endeavors, we get the greatest results in souls with the smallest investment in money through literature. The *Signs of the Times*, during 1929, gave forty million "silent sermons" to an average list of approximately seventy thousand subscribers. Newspaper estimates—that five people read every paper—indicate that the evangelizing influence of the *Signs* compassed a congregation of 350,000 people a week. An average of two sermons a day for a minister would be a busy program, but it would take 54,795 full time ministers to preach the forty million sermons given by the *Signs* last year. And this preaching was not in vain. Many have accepted the Lord and are obeying the message for this time. Why not invest in a club of *Signs* and do your part in giving the message in 1930?

J. A. STEVENS, Gen. Conf. Sec'y,
Home Missionary Department.

A Word for the "Signs" from Our Workers

*Slogan: A "Signs" Subscription for Every Member,
and a Club for Every Church*

I am glad the time has come again to promote the *Signs of the Times*. I consider the *Times* one of our very best magazines and hope to see more of them coming into Missouri. I trust we can get a number of the magazine workers to sell the single copies, and I am sure we can get a goodly number of subscriptions also.

D. W. GAHAGAN,

Missouri Field Missionary Sec.

When talking with a family to whom we sent the *Signs*, the lady said, "I never thought anything about the Sabbath till I read that paper."

CLARENCE BRINLEY,

Valentine, Nebr.

I desire to send you my hearty endorsement of the *Signs of the Times* as a soul-winning agent. I sent a yearly subscription for the *Signs of the Times* to a leader of the Bible class of one of the largest churches in Hannibal, Mo., last summer. Upon visiting this lady a few weeks later, she told me she had lost all interest in reading her own church papers, as they did not contain truths for which her soul was hungering, as the *Signs* did. She would not be without it.

J. M. FLETCHER,

St. Joseph, Mo.

To appreciate fully the *Signs of the Times*, read it regularly. Previous to 1929 the *Signs* was crowded out; I was using my copies by passing them on to someone else. Looking at the bundle of unwrapped *Signs* a conviction came that they had a message for me and I resolved to read them. This weekly visitor will no longer be slighted, for it has meant more to me during this one year than all the years of the past. The *Signs* is the best ever, and it is getting better all the time. I am yours to cooperate in a wider circulation.

C. E. SHAKESPEARE,

*Field Missionary Secretary,
Colorado Conference.*

The *Signs of the Times* is a real pioneer in the truest sense of the word, and does bring souls to the knowledge of the truth.

W. F. SURBER,

Thayer, Kans.

We approach the *Signs* campaign with increased enthusiasm. It is our plan to increase our activity with this soul-winning weekly. Our slogan is, "The *Signs* to every interested family." The writer was with the Pacific Press nearly thirty years ago and always read the *Signs* before the entire edition was off the press, then sold them on the streets of Oakland, Saturday nights.

C. A. PURDOM,

Sheridan, Wyo.

The M. V. literature band of Campion Academy has been distributing *Signs* in Berthoud every Sabbath for nearly two years, and the interest awakened is so general that a tent meeting is planned there soon.

G. M. MATHEWS,

*Educational and Missionary Volunteer
Secretary, Colorado Conference.*

The *Signs* brings us a weekly survey of the events which fulfil prophecy and point to the nearness of Christ's return. It should be in every Adventist home.

G. W. CHAMBERS,

Idaho Springs, Colo.

Our church is planning to use a club of the *Signs* during the coming campaign. I believe the *Signs of the Times* is one of our best missionary journals. We are behind the campaign.

J. W. ALLISON,

Denver, Colo.

The *Signs* will help us realize that God needs every church member to help win souls, as the time is very short.

P. M. VIXIE,

*Field Missionary Secretary,
Nebraska Conference.*

I like to serve God in bringing the *Signs* to a lost human being, traveling on a road unknown to him. The *Signs* will lead him.

H. H. HUMANN,

College View, Nebr.

I find the *Signs* club an excellent way to provide a steady line of missionary endeavor for the church. The church always works with the *Signs*.

C. F. LICKY,

Rocky Ford, Colo.

The *Signs* is a messenger of such convincing power and attraction that I recommend it for use by all Missionary Volunteers in their literature distribution. It convinces and converts.

A. M. RAGSDALE,

*Educational and Missionary Volunteer
Secretary, Missouri Conference.*

In thirty words I'm asked to tell
Just why I like the *Signs* so well.

In less by one I'll gladly say,

Send the *Signs*; they win; 'twill pay.

W. K. SMITH,

St. Louis, Mo.

I had an experience while engaged in evangelistic work in one of our cities. A doctor became interested in the truth and offered to do some missionary work. He gave me \$100 to be invested in the *Signs*. Very soon afterwards the mail carriers were delivering the *Signs* to many homes. A few weeks following this, people began to inquire for the Seventh-day Adventists. Some had decided to keep the Sabbath when we called on them in their homes. I believe in the *Signs* as an effective method of winning souls.

ROSCOE T. BAER,

Pastor College View Church.

The *Signs of the Times* is winning many friends for the Advent cause, and is a real soul winner in the field of evangelism. This year should see its subscription list largely increased.

J. D. JOHNSON,

Omaha, Nebr.

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The *Signs* is an all-around, gospel-balanced, mission magazine. It enlightens and convinces the intellect, converts the heart, and forms a living contact between lost souls and a soon coming Saviour.

R. C. BAKER,
Denver, Colo.

The Boulder church distributed between nine and ten thousand *Signs* last year. We believe that the *Signs* wins souls, and we are planning for the 1930 campaign.

N. T. SUTTON,
Boulder, Colo.

We do appreciate the *Signs of the Times* as a missionary agent, bringing the truth to many thousands of readers in a most convincing and winning way. In Kansas City, Kans., the believers enjoy the message of truth it contains from week to week, and also use clubs of the *Signs* in their house-to-house visiting work among neighbors and friends.

N. J. AALBORG,
Kansas City, Kans.

The *Signs* is—

- An educator.
- Has the best information.
- Changes public opinion.
- Makes many friends and opens doors for personal labor.
- Establishes new converts.
- We are yours in this campaign.

CHEYENNE (WYO.) CHURCH.
Per E. R. Lauda.

I have found the *Signs of the Times* one of the best mediums through which we can interest the people in the present-day events and God's message for this time.

A. E. JOHNSON,
Alliance, Nebr.

I believe the *Signs of the Times* is the best "follow-up worker" that I have been able to leave with any interest where personal supervision was impossible.

G. W. TUCKER,
Norfolk, Nebr.

One of the ministers in Nebraska City stopped me on the street the other day to thank me for the *Signs* that he was receiving, and said he was preaching his Sunday sermons from it.

G. E. HUTCHES,
Nebraska City, Nebr.

In bringing before the patients of our sanitariums the truths for these times, I can think of no better plan than a liberal circulation of the *Signs of the Times*.

W. M. ANDRESS,
Chaplain Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium.

"More *Signs*, more souls." The *Signs of the Times* is an evangelistic paper, and will give the cardinal points of the message to its readers every six months. Put it into the homes of reading people.

T. H. ALLISON,
Omaha, Nebr.

I am a firm believer in the *Signs of the Times*. Our church here is already using 200 a week.

B. W. ABNEY,
St. Louis, Mo.

I, for a time, read my *Signs* and then passed it on to an interested party. Later it was my pleasure to baptize this person into this precious faith. The *Signs* awakens an interest in the minds of the people.

R. E. GRIFFIN,
Kincaid, Kans.

As a boy I carried the *Signs* to the postoffice to mail to others for Mother. Still at it.

BERT RHOADS,
Educational Superintendent.,
Kansas Conference.

A backslidden motorman bought a *Signs*, read an article by Mrs. E. G. White, was "born again," began keeping the Sabbath, and joined the nearest Seventh-day Adventist church. Remember, "More *Signs*, more souls."

F. C. CLARK,
Topeka, Kans.

The day of the Lord will not come like a thief in the night upon those who read the *Signs*.

E. L. PINGENOT,
Box 921, Greeley, Colo.

Certainly we'll boost for the *Signs*. Every minister and Bible worker should be using a club of *Signs*. The *Signs* does bring people into the truth. We plan to have a good size club for West Denver.

A. J. MEIKLEJOHN,
Denver, Colo.

All who attend a series of meetings voice their enthusiasm for the *Signs*, saying, "I read every word in it."

ALGER H. JOHNS,
Matheson, Colo.

I feel that the *Signs* should be in the hands of the neighbors of every Seventh-day Adventist. It will answer the questions being aroused in the minds of the public today by the Holy Spirit and world conditions.

C. E. GRANT,
Colorado Springs, Colo.

INCREASE IN CIRCULATION
DURING 1929

At the close of December, 1928, 1,423 *Signs* were going into the six conferences of the Central Union. This during the past year grew to an average of more than five thousand copies a week, closing the year with 4,352 copies. It may be of interest to our readers to see just where these papers were going and to note the comparison in the list at the close of 1929 with that of 1928.

Conference	1928	1929
Colorado	356	817
Inter-Mountain	56	122
Kansas	316	827
Missouri	354	512
Nebraska	262	1987
Wyoming	79	87
Central Union	1423	4352

While the increase is encouraging, yet it is very clear that with a little more intensive effort throughout the Central Union on the part of ministers, leaders, and the people, we can easily call into use many hundreds more of these silent preachers to help us carry the message this year. Every *Signs* carries the equivalent of eight sermons. Usually it is read by from two to five persons. Think of what this means in economically reaching large numbers of people through our church clubs and through circulation direct with the many, many people we can reach.

In one isolated section of an eastern conference there came a call for a minister. When that minister arrived he found eighteen people keeping the Sabbath and ready for baptism. It developed that the woman who had started this interest had received the *Signs of the Times* in her home eighteen years prior to the opening of the World War. During those years she threw the papers into the attic, but when the war broke she was impressed to go up into the attic and get them, with the result that she learned the truth and began at once to obey. Her missionary work in the neighborhood had reached many others and eighteen were with her in keeping the Sabbath when the minister finally arrived.

Shall we not during this campaign make it a special point to still further enlarge the use of the *Signs* in every conference of your union?

HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.

A club of *Signs* is a sign of missionary activity in the church.

1929 a Great Prophetic Year

FROM January 1 to December 31 the twelvemonth that has recently passed was an outstanding one in the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Surely, only the man willfully blind could not see "the sure word of prophecy" was being fulfilled and that the world had moved much closer to the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



Storms

First of all, 1929 saw a greater number of destructive storms, floods, and disastrous visitations of the wrathful elements than mankind has known in modern times. Going back over the newspapers of the year, we find that every month records a great calamity in some part of our earth, such as the devastating tidal wave in Newfoundland in November. Is not all this in accordance with God's word, which says that the world, in its latter day, shall wax old as a garment?



Insects

Last year also witnessed the terrible depredations of the Mediterranean fruit fly, and the most serious inroads of other pests upon the vines, plants, and trees of the country that our farmers and orchardists can remember. Only after the destruction of millions of dollars' worth of property and the expenditure of additional millions in waging war upon them were the insects curbed in their ravages. "The insects are man's rivals for the possession of the planet," says one noted writer. And is not all this in fulfillment of such latter-day prophecies as Joel 1:2-7?



Famine

A most terrible record of famine and starvation has come to us from China. In one province alone, Shensi, 2,000,000 people died from famine last year, and nearly as many more in Kansu. One newspaper gave the famine story this heading: "Hungry, Freezing Hordes in China Turn Cannibals. Plague of Disease, Famine, Worst in History of Oriental World. Dogs, Wolves, Consume Bodies of Weary, Falling Searchers of Food." Did not Christ predict famine and pestilence as infallible signs of His soon coming? See Matthew 24:7; Luke 21:11.

Many Good Things



One of the strongest programs of timely art has been arranged for 1930. Below are, in addition, scores of independent articles with this terse description of some of the good things your relatives and neighbors need the week

STRONG EVANGELISTIC NOTE Late in the spring two evangelistic series will start in the *Signs*, one made up of twenty-five articles covering the various phases of our message just as an evangelist does in a tent meeting. This series is prepared by the evangelist of the Iowa Conference, Elder V. J. Johns. At the same time 25 Bible readings by Miss Rose Boose, one of our veteran Bible workers and director of the Bible Readers' Department of the Ministerial Commission, will be running.

DANIEL THE PROPHET The spirit of prophecy has told us that the messages of Daniel and Revelation should be kept before the people at all times. Last year the *Signs* had a series on Revelation, and this year Prof. W. W. Prescott of the General Conference has prepared 26 articles covering the message of Daniel.

TITHE The Biblical basis of the tithe, and its blessings to the tither and to the work of God in the earth, will be set forth by the General Conference Treasurer, Elder J. L. Shaw.

DISARMAMENT The significance of the London disarmament conference and all such efforts will be given in seven articles by Elder John L. Shuler, entitled "The Master Key to the World Situation."

BAPTISM It used to be that several bodies besides Seventh-day Adventists taught and upheld immersion as the

only form of baptism. But in recent months have been making weakening on this rite, and Seventh-day Adventists, through Elder J. Cottrell of the Glendale Sanitarium faculty, will give a challenging message on this important Bible truth.

THE CREATOR Astronomers' recent months have been making epochal discoveries on the size of the universe and the number of "stars." Dr. L. A. Reed, author of "Astronomy and the Bible," will give *Signs* readers a review of these finds, and will show how they all point to an omnipotent Creator.

INFIDELITY A false philosophy leading the intellectual world farther and farther away from God. L. P. Thorpe, of the faculty of Walla Walla College, describes these lines of thought, and clearly points out their dangers and fallacies.

ANGELS Even among good Christian people, we find to-day a misconception as to the true nature of the work of the angels. Elder G. D. Dingle of the Northern New England Conference has written a strong message on this important subject.

TEA AND COFFEE Increasing streams of tea and coffee are going to the throats of the world each day. Dr. A. W. Truman of the Washburn Sanitarium will tell what the poisons of theine and caffeine, are doing to the nerves of the race.



Run to and Fro

By inspiration the old prophet Daniel revealed that just before Michael should stand up, men would run to and fro, and knowledge would be increased. (Daniel 12:4.) During recent months the world has seen the unparalleled spectacle of a group of scientists at "the bottom of the world," flying over the South Pole in great airships, and talking back and forth to every part of the globe each day via wireless. The world has kept closer account of the daily program of the Byrd Expedition, so many thousands of miles away over frozen wastes, than used to be known of what was going on in the adjoining township. Who could doubt Bible prophecy in the face of such a demonstration of its accuracy?



just passed has witnessed animosities between the East and West, an incident in the entire world, and accentuation of 100,000,000 against 100,000,000. The continuation of China's revolution, as well as the over-Manchuria, are more to come. Or are twenty potent to-day.

to Come in 1930

the fifty-seven years of the *Signs of the Times* one of the series that will appear this year. In various phases of the truth. Surely as you read come, you will be impressed that five or ten of of this great missionary messenger of truth.



Africa Elder B. M. Heald, one of conference officials in Africa, traveled 10,000 miles in the last months of 1929 over "the Dark Continent" in the interests of our mission. In three illustrated articles, "Black Ink," "Thinking Black," and "The Dawn," he tells of heathenism's strongholds and of the coming of the gospel message.

Troy of the California Conference, out of the true experiences of individuals he is personally acquainted with, gives "The Confession of a Hypocrite," "The Confession of a Backslider," "The Confession of a Man Who Put His Job Ahead of God," etc. Truly spiritual and uplifting.

Christ's Two of our contributors, **Living** Elder Frederick Wright of the Indiana Conference and Elder E. Hancock of the South Texas Conference, each have given the *Signs* strong articles on the greatness of the second advent of our Lord.

MACHINE MAD Thinkers are predicting that the very machines this age prides itself so much in, will some day turn and rend us. "Our Machine Age: For Weal or Woe," is the title of a series by Merlin Neff of the Western Washington Conference.

New Birth "Except a man be born again," said the Master, "he cannot see the kingdom of God." Elder Allen Walker of the Alabama Conference, in eight articles tells of the new birth and what a new man does.

THE SABBATH Elder A. R. Ogden, of the Antillean Union, sets forth the key doctrine of the Sabbath.

Missing Links The evolutionists are in a turmoil among themselves over the revolutionary pronouncement of some of their leaders discarded theories. Elder F. D. Nichols, in *Review and Herald*, in four articles on "The Missing Links Still Missing," tells of these new significant developments.

IMMORTALITY The consistent Bible teaching on the state of the dead and immortality only in Christ is portrayed by Elder L. K. Dickson, of the Greater New York Conference.

Confessions Not the low type of confessions the world knows of, but Evangelist Owen

Now, brethren and sisters, after reading this wonderful line-up of articles, surely you will want the *Signs* to read in your own home during the coming year, and will determine to send a large number of them to those about you who have not the light of the advent hope. Avail yourself of the opportunity to subscribe during the *Signs* Campaign, February 9-22.

Rumors of Wars

ist also declared that rumors and rumors of wars would mark the days of this old world's history. The year 1929 was a bitter outbreak of wars and rumors of wars in the Holy Land and Arabs in the Holy Land with ominous significance. It saw the revival of the old world's history. It saw the revival of India's 325,000,000 chronicled the convulsions of civil war and revolution between Russia and China and the beginning of the end of the world.



Peace and Safety

The year 1929 marked the very climax of the peace-and-safety cry, for last year Premier MacDonald and President Hoover had their memorable visit. Plans were then laid for the epochal disarmament conference now in progress in London. The world everywhere is crying, "Peace and safety," just as the Scriptures predicted. (1 Thessalonians 5:1-3.) But at the same time there are 25,000,000 soldiers enrolled in the armies of the world, and every nation, save Germany, is spending more money on preparation for war than ever before in the history of the world. And the net result of all the disarmament conferences in the first decade after the World War was only to divert money from an obsolete weapon

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of warfare to one that kills more effectually. All this constitutes a remarkable fulfillment of prophecies predicting much peace talk and great war preparation in the days immediately preceding Armageddon.



Deadly Wound Healing

One of the most startling fulfillments of divine prophecy in all modern times took place last year when the temporal power of the Papacy was restored, and the Pope took his place in the world as a king again.

Already Catholicism is showing a most aggressive spirit throughout the world, and is confidently planning for greater domination. February 11, 1929, will go down in the history of fulfilling prophecy as the most significant date since October 22, 1844.



"This Gospel"

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall

the end come." Matthew 24:14. Not since the day of Pentecost, when every man heard in his own tongue, has the gospel gone so fast as in the last year, for Seventh-day Adventists have added a new language every five and a half days! Oftener than once a week a new tribe hearing "the third angel's message" for the first time! How wonderful and how thrilling, and how assuring that the work of gospel promulgation is soon to reach its climax in the second coming of Jesus!

What About You?

AND now, what about you and your neighbors? As the world has been moving so rapidly toward the close of probation, have you been preparing your own life and character for that solemn time? Have you been warning your unbelieving friends and relatives so that they may be with you in the kingdom of God? If you did not do your utmost last year in soul saving, 1930 is before you, and in measure you can redeem the lost opportunities by faithfulness this year. And in your missionary program don't forget to make liberal use of that great prophetic expositor, the *Signs of the Times*. It is the journal that brings every week a fresh, virile message on the fulfillment of prophecy in the world about us. It is a paper that is interesting scores in our message every week in all parts of the world. It is

JUST THE PAPER FOR SUCH AN AGE AS THIS.

Missouri Conference

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND WORKERS' AND ELDERS' MEETINGS

Beginning on Monday night, the 13th, a meeting of the conference committee was held at the conference office at Clinton. This was followed on Tuesday afternoon by a workers' and elders' meeting, which continued till Wednesday evening. Elder Jay J. Nethery, Elder C. T. Burroughs, and Professor C. W. Marsh were present at these meetings, and their counsel and help were greatly appreciated.

In the workers' and elders' meetings the churches were represented by the following named people: Ava, F. H. Hahn; Clinton English, F. M. Walter; Columbia, Ed. Allen; Jefferson City, Mrs. A. P. Wetzel; Kingsville, Ed. Wiswell; Sabula, J. J. Sutton; Wellsville, E. E. Updyke; Appleton City, Elder L. W. Terry; Joplin, Geo. Stacey; Kansas City Memorial, Elder G. R. West; Kansas City Beacon Light, T. M. Fountain; Poplar Bluff, W. H. Niswonger and G. P. Loy; St. Louis Berean, Elder B. W. Abney; St. Louis Central, Elder W. K. Smith and Theo. Spanos; St. Joseph, Elder J. M. Fletcher; Springfield, Elder K. R. Haughey.

It will be seen from this list that sixteen churches were represented by eighteen brethren, nine of whom were laymen and the other nine were regular conference workers. While we were glad for this number of representatives, we are sure that had it not been for the very unfavorable spell of weather that came just at the time, there would have been quite a number more of our local church elders present, for a number of others had written that they were intending to come.

A very excellent and interesting meeting was held, and various important phases of church work and conference plans for the new year were discussed, of which we would mention briefly the following:

Many of our churches have adopted the General Conference plan of observing the fifteen minute service at the close of the Sabbath school, using the Sabbath school formation for the securing of home missionary reports and for promoting the various home missionary activities. As a result of the discussion and the instruc-

tion given, all the church leaders agreed to adopt the plan which is working so successfully in those churches that have adopted it. Any of our church leaders who were not present may receive full instruction on how this service is conducted by writing to Mrs. M. J. Whitsett, who is acting as home missionary secretary for the conference.

The evangelistic work was strongly stressed, and plans are being laid for as strong an evangelistic program for 1930 as our funds and number of workers will permit. Elder G. R. West is continuing his effort in the Masonic Hall in Kansas City. Elder T. M. Fountain is holding Sunday night meetings for the colored people in Kansas City. Elder W. K. Smith will soon open up meetings for the public in the church in St. Louis; Elder B. W. Abney will do the same for the colored people, and Elder K. R. Haughey will soon hold public meetings in Springfield in the church. Brother G. P. Loy is holding services for the public in the church at Poplar Bluff. Brother Geo. Stacey is about to open up a series of meetings in Webb City in a hall. Arrangements have been made for Brother A. M. Ragsdale to hold a six weeks' series of meetings in the church at Jefferson City, and the writer is planning to hold a series of meetings for the public in the conference office assembly room, which has just been completed. These are efforts for the winter and spring. During the summer it is being planned to hold four or five tent efforts. All our people should pray for God's blessing on these efforts.

Our colporteur work received enthusiastic consideration. Special efforts are to be put forth to place a strong corps of student colporteurs in the field during the coming summer. We invite all our young people who are attending school this winter to canvass in Missouri next summer. Also we are encouraging our regular colporteurs to recanvass their territory, thus becoming resident colporteurs. It has been demonstrated that this plan has many advantages over the usual plan of constantly canvassing in new territory. Brother W. A. Burton, our veteran colporteur, has been demonstrating this plan in the Flat River section with splendid results. As he recanvasses his territory, the people become acquainted with him, and they develop confidence in him and this makes his work easier. Many others could do likewise.

Special emphasis was given to our foreign mission program, and every church leader present agreed that his

church ought to show definite progress in mission offerings this coming year. Plans were studied for especially increasing the Sabbath school offerings, also for increasing the Sabbath school membership and attendance. If our churches that were not represented at this meeting will cooperate in these suggestions, we should reach the thirty-cent-a-week goal in the Sabbath schools for the whole conference during 1930.

In order to hold as many tent efforts as we are planning on this summer we shall have to buy several new preaching tents, which will cost several hundred dollars. It was clearly seen in our meetings that our evangelistic program should be strengthened in a number of ways, and this will require some extra financial assistance. It was therefore agreed by all the church leaders to take up a special evangelistic offering in the churches on the third Sabbath of each month for an evangelistic fund. Church leaders who were not present will take notice of this, we hope, and cooperate in this plan. If everyone will do so and not forget it, we should receive a substantial sum the coming year for work in our own conference.

Other important topics were considered, but we will consider them in another article. In closing this article, we especially appeal to our church elders who were not present at this meeting to cooperate as fully as possible with the suggestions set forth in the above paragraphs. Let us make 1930 the most successful and progressive of any year in our conference history.

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SABBATH SCHOOL NOTES

Many and interesting were the various investment plans among our Sabbath school members for 1929, and the splendid returns are unmistakable evidence of God's blessing upon them. One little cripple boy in College View invested 75 cents in a sitting of eggs from which ten chickens were hatched, and he sold them for \$1.00 each.

Brother N. Scarbrough, of Omaha Third, tells of one member and wife, with a laundry business, who dedicated 25 cents from each new customer received,

and stated that they enjoyed a tremendous increase in their business.

In Kearney one little boy sold \$5.00 worth of potatoes from just a few he had planted for the Investment fund. A little girl there cleaned the school house, for which she received 10 cents a day, and gave one month's earnings to the Investment fund.

In Culbertson one little boy sold the No Tobacco *Little Friend*, another the eggs laid in certain nests, and another a pig that his father had thought would die and gave to him when it was little. He gave it to the Lord and by much patience and care was successful in raising it, and was happy to receive \$10 for his Investment offering from the sale of it.

Sister Viola Haas, of Ord, dedicated the rent received from her "Pink Room" during the summer and received \$40. And so these interesting experiences could be multiplied into a lengthy list. Many of our faithful farmers who have given acres of wheat and corn testify that God has more than made up for such gifts by adding His blessing to their crops. The total Investment offerings for 1929 were \$2,022.96, for which we are truly thankful and express our appreciation to our loyal members who have made such an offering possible.

We are very sorry that Alliance, Hemingford, Lamar, McCook, and Tekamah lost their pennants by the past quarter's record. Each of these schools, with the exception of Lamar, had considerably

above their weekly per capita of 30 cents, but failed to reach the thirteenth Sabbath goal. The two goals can be reached with the same amount of offerings if we will bear this in mind and work to this end. We are happy to welcome North Platte, Wilsonville, and Grand Island back to our pennant list for the present quarter, and trust that they may remain so during the entire year.

I have just recently enjoyed visits with the Beaver City, Wilsonville, Bartley, McCook, and Culbertson Sabbath schools. During the winter months many of the members in these schools, as well as the majority of our schools, meet under great difficulties and oftentimes are hindered altogether from meeting on account of bad roads. But they are loyally and courageously pressing forward under these adverse circumstances to hold up the standards of their schools.

MRS. E. A. TAYLOR.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 18, 1930

Colporteur	Book	Hours	Helps	Value	Deliveries
*KANSAS:					
V. Anderson	OD	52	15.50	54.00	86.70
G. L. Daniels	BR	36		11.00	
A. Dennis	BR	40	7.25	47.25	
J. Essig	BR	50		14.00	
J. C. Heller	OD	24	4.00	10.00	21.75
A. F. Harder	BR	45	17.95	66.45	26.25
W. E. Helt	PP	33	3.75	36.15	15.50
A. E. Mayes	BR	63	5.50	11.00	114.50
R. E. Mitchell	BR	21	3.50	3.50	52.50
B. Morlong	BR	45	30.00	75.50	321.00
J. T. North	GC	17	4.00	10.50	86.00
Mrs. Payne	HW	31		16.00	62.50
R. B. Sheets	BR				219.90
Mable Sheets	OD				36.50
M. W. Shidler		124		46.50	182.00
L. Tilton		30		15.00	84.00
Total		584	91.45	416.85	1309.10
KANSAS:					
V. Anderson	OD	21	11.00	34.00	4.00
E. H. Crow	BR	23		12.50	
G. L. Daniels	PP	3	6.00	11.50	
A. Dennis	PP	31		16.50	
J. C. Heller	OD				13.00
W. E. Helt	PP	39	12.75	53.25	8.50
C. A. Jones	BR, BP	40	27.70	70.20	70.20
C. R. Miller	BR	41	6.00	61.00	
J. T. North	GC	50	1.25	71.25	
R. B. Sheets	BR	23	7.40	79.40	5.25
M. W. Shidler		30	27.50	66.00	113.50
Total		301	99.60	475.60	214.45
MISSOURI:					
E. C. Aaby	OD	25	4.25	22.25	23.25
† C. E. Dwyer	PP	39	8.25	24.75	12.75
Bert Griffin	BR	18	3.25	14.25	2.00
† R. W. Hinton	GC	17	1.75	7.25	5.75
Mrs. E. L. Jones	BR	3	1.00	6.50	
S. A. Minear	PP	31	4.10	20.60	7.35
Mrs. E. Placial	HP	7	1.50	17.50	
Willieanna Reid	HP	1	1.00	7.50	
Wm. Thomas	RJ	10	3.00	15.00	
H. H. White	RJ	6	3.00	12.00	
Total		157	31.10	147.60	51.10
Grand total		1042	222.15	1040.05	1574.65
*Two weeks ending December 28, 1929					
†Two weeks					

TWO IMPORTANT PAPERS

The "Review" and the "Signs"

The *Review* and *Herald* and the *Signs* of the *Times* are cheap papers at the full price. The *Review* is a valuable paper; it contains matters of great interest to the church, and should be placed in every family of believers. . . .

"The same course should be pursued toward the *Signs*. This paper has been increasing in interest and in moral worth as a pioneer sheet since its establishment. These periodicals are one in interest. They are two instrumentalities in the great field to do their specific work in disseminating light in this day of God's preparation. All should engage just as earnestly to build up the one as the other. —"Testimonies," Vol. 4 p. 598.

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WANTED.—A married man to work on farm. E. W. Wren, Kincaid, Kans. 4

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IN A CLASS BY ITSELF

A very familiar motto to Seventh-day Adventists is *More Signs, More Souls.* This motto is either true or false. Does the circulating of the *Signs* bring people into our message, or is this simply a sweet sounding phrase? There is only one answer that can be given—Yes. In this splendid motto of four words, the word *more* is used twice. If the circulating of the *Signs* brings people into the truth, the *more Signs* we circulate, the *more souls* will be won.

We have many lines of missionary endeavor that we promote. We have different publications that we circulate. This is all done for the purpose of bringing a knowledge of our truth to the people and establishing them in the third angel's message. Results are what we want for our work. When it comes to getting definite, lasting returns, I think the *Signs* stands in a class all by itself. Not only does the *Signs* win souls, but it wins *more souls*. Experience leads me to believe that for the same investment and work the *Signs* will win *more souls* than any other investment and effort that can be put forth.

If, during 1930, you want to invest your dollars in a soul-winning campaign that will bring you *more* returns, then put your money in the *Signs of the Times*. The *Signs* is a paper that is appreciated by its readers. I would not attempt to give the impression that every person who reads the *Signs* will accept the message. Not all who hear the word preached accept the truth. But it is a fact, however, that many of those who read the *Signs* come into the truth; and where we find people who read this paper, even though they do not step over the line, the *Signs* does make warm friends and brings our people into favorable light.

If you have never experienced the thrill that comes to one who has sent the *Signs* to a family and then learned that they have accepted the message, I would

suggest that you send several subscriptions to friends or loved ones, and then with a prayer to God, watch for results. I am sure you will not be disappointed. Remember, "More Signs, More Souls."
 M. L. RICE.

WAITING FOR A VISIT

He spake a parable, "Behold, a sower went forth to sow." Faithfully, perseveringly, and prayerfully he kept at his task. He knew there were birds to steal away some of the seed. He saw the hard ground, unbroken. He beheld the stony ground with its scant footing for a plant's roots. He beheld the ground covered

THE "SIGNS" AS YOUR MISSIONARY PAPER

1. It is a weekly proposition. A recent canvass of the field by correspondents reveals ten to one in favor of a weekly missionary organ.
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with the up-springing thistles and he knew how hard it was for good seed to grow among thistles, but beneath all this he saw the patches here and there of good ground, and looked forward to the harvest.

This parable is for our time. The seed is the word of God; by faithful, diligent, prayerful missionary work, the placing of gospel-filled literature into the hands of the people, the kindly deed and the giving of Bible studies will produce a harvest. Much may be lost but there will be a harvest! Over and over again this has been demonstrated in our churches in Nebraska. Sister R. W. Little writes of a certain lady whom she had often visited and who enjoyed receiving our literature and has always been a contributor in the

Harvest Ingathering. She says: "She has several of Sister White's books, etc.; she really loves the third angel's message, and we have such nice visits whenever I go out there. This fall she said to me, when I got there, 'Well, well! I thought you had forgotten me! You didn't get around last spring, did you? I kept looking and looking for you. I was sick for some time and I looked and looked.' She meant the Big Week and I didn't do anything with the Big Week books last spring; just turned in my share of the money. Just think, some soul was looking for me!"

And there are other souls who are looking, looking, for some one to visit them and bring to them the hope that is contained in our gospel-filled literature. So I sincerely hope that each church and every member will plan systematically to place literature, the *Signs* or *Present Truth* or our small books, into the homes of as many people as possible.

In talking with Brother Christensen, of Arcadia, he said, "I have been taking a club of *Signs* the past year, and you know, Brother Hay, I think that every one that I have been giving the *Signs* to, with possibly one exception, has become so interested that they are anxious to subscribe themselves now." And then he expressed the hope that they might have some meetings to follow up the interest.

"Behold, a sower went forth to sow." He that sowed the good seed is the Son of man, but He asks every loyal believer to be a co-worker with Him in the sowing of the seed.

ROY E. HAY.

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5 or more to one address, 6 months, each65
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