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The Spirit of Prophecy on the Subject of Tithing

Question— Who instituted the tithing system and who is the Christian's assessor?

Answer— "God, the creator of man, by instituting the plan of systematic benevolence, has made the work bear equally upon all according to their several abilities. Every one is to be his own assessor, and is left to give as he purposes in his heart." Vol. 4, p. 469.

Question— How sacred is the tithe?

Answer— "God gives man nine-tenths, while he claims one-tenth for sacred purposes, as he has given man six days for his own work, and has reserved and set apart the seventh day to himself. For, like the Sabbath, a tenth of the increase is sacred; God has reserved it for himself." Vol. 3, p. 395.

Question— Of what is the tithing system a test?

Answer— "Our heavenly Father bestows gifts and solicits a portion back, that he may test us whether we are worthy to have the gift of everlasting life." Vol. 3, p. 408.

Question— Are we at any time at liberty to borrow the tithe?

Answer— "Some have been at fault in diverting from the altar of God that which has been especially dedicated to Him. All should regard this matter in the right light. Let no one, when brought into a straight place, take money consecrated to religious purposes, and use it for his advantage, soothing his conscience by saying that he will repay it at some future time. Far better cut down the expenses to correspond with the income, to restrict the wants, and live within the means, than to use the Lord's money for secular purposes." Vol. 9, p. 247.

Question— Should an individual in debt to his fellow-men pay tithe?

Answer— "The man who has been unfortunate, and finds himself in debt, should not take the Lord's portion to cancel his debts to his fellow-men. He should consider that in these transac-

tions he is being tested, and that in reserving the Lord's portion for his own use he is robbing the Giver. He

God's Tenth

Are you reading the series of articles appearing on the front page of various recent issues of the VISITOR? The first one was written by the General Conference President, Elder C. H. Watson, entitled "Tithing a Perpetual Moral Obligation." Then followed an article entitled, "An Enlarged Evangelism Fostered by an Enlarged Tithe." The third in the series was by Elder F. H. Robbins entitled "The High Cost of Robbing God." Elder W. C. Moffett wrote on "The Blessings of Tithing" and more recently from Professor J. P. Neff's pen has appeared a most helpful article entitled "Financial Prosperity, Spiritual Prosperity, or Both." Elder W. M. Robbins writes on "Can One Afford not to Pay Tithe." In this issue Elder C. V. Leach has answered many vital questions on the subject of tithing, quoting from the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy. Some other helpful scriptural articles comprising this tithing series are soon to appear. May every article be carefully read and let all covenant with God anew to heed well the counsel given.

H. J. Detwiler.

is debtor to God for all that he has, but he becomes a double debtor when he uses the Lord's reserve fund in paying debts to human beings." Vol. 6, p. 391.

Question— What makes men poor?

Answer— "It is not returning to God His own that makes men poor; it is withholding that tends to poverty." Vol. 6, p. 449.

Question— What great responsibility rests upon men of business, farmers, mechanics, merchants, lawyers, etc.

Answer— "When men of business, farmers, mechanics, merchants, lawyers, etc., become members of the church, they become servants of Christ; and although their talents may be entirely different, their responsibility to advance the cause of God by personal effort, and with their means, is no less than that which rests upon the minister." Vol. 4, p. 469.

Question— Are we justified in withholding tithe if on some point we are out of harmony with the brethren?

Answer— "Cannot you see that it is not best under any circumstances to withhold your tithes and offerings because you are not in harmony with everything your brethren do? The tithes and offerings are not the property of any man." Tract, "Existing Evils and their Remedy" by Mrs. E. G. White, August 10, 1890.

Question— Did Sister White's knowledge of a certain unworthy minister cause her to withhold tithe?

Answer— "Unworthy ministers may receive some of the means thus raised, but dare any one, because of this, withhold from the treasury, and brave the curse of God? I dare not. I pay my tithes gladly and freely, saying, as did David, 'Of thine own have we given thee.'" Ibid., August 10, 1890.

Question— Is nine-tenths with the blessing of God worth more than tenths without it?

Answer— "An all-wise God knew best what system of benevolence would be in accordance with his providence, and has given his people directions in regard to it. It has ever proved that nine-tenths are worth

more to them than ten-tenths. Those who have thought to increase their gains by withholding from God, or by bringing him an inferior offering, — the lame, the blind, or the diseased, — have been sure to suffer loss." Vol. 3, p. 546.

Question—What responsibility does the conference president and other ministers bear in connection with promoting faithfulness in tithing?

Answer—“All branches of the work belong to the ministers. It is not God's order that some one should follow after them, and bind off their unfinished work. It is not the duty of the conference to be at the expense of employing other laborers to follow after, and pick up the stitches dropped by negligent workers. It is the duty of the president of the conference to have an oversight of the laborers and their work, and to teach them to be faithful in these things; for no church can prosper that is robbing God.” Vol. 5, p. 375.

C. V. Leach.

Voted Enthusiastically

One day when Elder Detwiler, Elder Wilkinson, and the writer, and possibly one or two others, were returning home by auto from one of our annual camp meetings, the president of the Union, Elder Detwiler, remarked after the following fashion: “I have two major burdens on my heart. In order to warn the populous cities of this Union, we must employ two specific methods or ways of doing it. I have in mind two plans: evangelizing them through our ministerial forces, and our magazines. These must be our two great factors in carrying the final message of salvation to the unsaved millions of this great Union Conference.”

I am not quoting him verbatim, but as nearly as I can recall the words he used. I have tried to convey his thought at least.

Since that time we have discussed the magazine feature of our work from several angles. At our last Committee Meeting, we passed unanimously the following recommendation:

WHEREAS, God has repeatedly and emphatically emphasized the importance of the circulation of our truth-filled magazines as a means of reaching the benighted millions of souls unredeemed;

We Therefore Recommend:

1. That each conference in the Columbia Union assume the responsibility of securing a minimum goal of permanent magazine workers in harmony with the following order:

Ohio	6	West Pa.	3
East Pa.	4	Chesapeake	3
Potomac	4	West Va.	4
New Jersey	4	Total	28

2. That the month of March be devoted to the promotion of the magazine work by conducting five large general week-end meetings in five of the major conferences of the Union.

3. That the M. V. Secretaries be requested to assist the Field Secretaries in recruiting and training young men and women to efficiently sell our magazines.

4. That each district leader and pastor be asked to support this plan by co-operating with our departmental secretaries in the selection of men and women who are suited for this important line of evangelistic service.”

Your Union goal for magazine workers is very small, I hear you say. That may be true, although it affords a nucleus — a beginning — around which we shall, under God, build a large aggressive force of workers that will give great impetus to the message in these large cities for which we have the responsibility of warning.

In accordance with the Committee action, the month of March will be devoted to the promotion of our magazines.

Rally Meetings will be conducted in five large churches, strategically located, in as many conferences, where other smaller churches may unite their efforts, for the express purpose of enlisting the services of our young people (and older ones too) primarily. There are some individuals living in remote parts of the conference who should be invited to these meetings.

It is planned that these week-end rally meetings shall begin Friday evening, running over the Sabbath and Sunday. Sunday will be employed in institute work and the week following, these recruits will be taken to the field and trained. Under careful and experienced supervision, we are persuaded that many of our youth may be trained for service and money earned by the selling of our magazines that will insure their way through school one year. Really, brethren and sisters, that is our responsibility towards our youth, isn't it?

Elder Town from the General Conference Publishing Department, Elder Elliott from the Review and Herald, Professor Neff, and the writer (and it is hoped the President of the Union) will represent the General Conference and Union. The president and his Publishing and Missionary Volunteer secretaries will represent the local conferences.

Through this organized effort, we earnestly hope and pray that a large number of our young people and sisters may take advantage of this unusual opportunity to qualify for efficient and effective service.

E. M. Fishell.

Remember February 10

“Foreign Missions” always appeal to every loyal Seventh-day Adventist in the homeland. And evidently the force of the appeal is not lessened if the “foreign missionary” work is done in the homeland. Distance should lend no enchantment.

On Sabbath, February 10, comes to all of us a heaven-sent opportunity to advance foreign missionary work. This day was set apart at the Fall Council in Battle Creek by the representatives of all the conferences as a day on which the regular church offering shall be given for our foreign literature work. The editions are naturally smaller when foreign literature is printed than when English literature is put out. If, therefore, our foreign literature shall be provided for the same price, or nearly so, as the English, the publishing houses printing this literature must receive financial aid.

That the delegates at the Fall Council considered the needs of the foreign work in the homeland on the same basis as the work in foreign lands is evident from the fact that they voted that the offering February 10 should apply on the forty-cent-a-week fund. A rally in behalf of this offering, will, therefore, be a rally in behalf of your church missionary goal. In view of this we feel no hesitancy in appealing to our brethren and sisters everywhere for a liberal offering.

H. O. Olson.

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Colporteur Evangelists Institute

Charleston, February 16 - 24

God is especially calling those who have had an experience in this line of service. Much more is to be accomplished than we have yet done. We believe many new volunteers will enlist. Great victories are before us. See Volume 5, pages 396-407

News Notes

On the second Sabbath in January a rousing Sabbath school convention was held in the Huntington church with a good attendance from Charleston and Parkersburg churches. Elder J. C. Thompson, of the General Conference, was present and gave very helpful counsel. Elder and Sister Thirlwell and Sister Duffield brought over an exhibit of the goal devices and primary and kindergarten and object lesson material, all of which contributed to the practical value of the convention. The Charleston Sabbath school, under the leadership of Sister Katie Geissinger, leads the conference, making the 30c-a-week goal with the dollar on the 13th Sabbath for every quarter of this year. The various phases of the Sabbath school work were very thoroughly discussed. The sisters spread their lunch baskets in the church school room during the dinner hour, and we believe that the coming together of these groups was a source of encouragement and inspiration to all.

On the following Sabbath a Home Missionary convention was held in Parkersburg with Elder J. A. Stevens of the General Conference, and Elder E. A. Manry of the Columbia Union Conference, and Elder J. W. Hirlinger of the Wheeling district leading out in the instruction.

A nurses' training class of some thirty members was formed under the leadership of Sister Finch. Another band was organized to systematically distribute *Present Truth* and a lay Bible workers' training class was also formed. The members of the Parkersburg church are planning to carry forward a strong laymen's movement during the winter and spring.

In going over the church clerks' reports for the year, we are happy to report to our people that starting with 517 members at the beginning of the year 1933, we closed it with 632 members, or a net gain of 115. The General Conference had requested each conference in North America to make a 10% net membership gain as its goal for the year. Under the blessing of God and faithful labors of our workers and people, our net gain is 22%. There were 138 members added to our church by baptism and profession of faith during the year. One new church, Princeton, with a membership of 40 was organized during the latter part of the year by Elder O. G. Carnes. Everyone of these members were newly come to the faith, and there is still an excellent interest which Elder and Sister Carnes and Sister Jessie Welsh are following up.

Following an effort last spring, the Kanawha-Walker church was organized with a present membership of 30, six of whom were members of the old Kanawha church. In the last twelve months we have passed for the first time the 500 and 600 membership mark, and our workers are resolutely setting themselves, with the blessing of God, to reach the thousand mark, during the General Conference year of 1936.

At the present time Elder A. E. Holst is conducting a hall effort in Morgantown, and Brother L. L. Philpott is conducting a hall effort in the north end of Clarksburg. Elder D. A. Rees is conducting Sunday night meetings in a hall, binding off the interest of last summer in Huntington.

We are also happy to know that while we have taken on two internes, a leader for the book work, and a minister for the colored work, as well as a sustentation worker, through the blessing of God and the faithfulness of our people our expenses and income are balancing month by month. We are unable to give our workers a single penny for evangelistic work, and we urge our people to be faithful in the return of a faithful tithe that the work may be finished in West Virginia in the little time that is left to us.

We have churches in only ten of the fifty-five counties of West Virginia and with only a handful of workers, it is plain that the laity must rally and unite their efforts with those of our ministers to finish the work. The only way that many of these people in the hills and valleys of our state will ever be reached is through the visits of our faithful colporteurs,

and we earnestly invite any of our brethren and sisters who would like to devote part or all of their time to this soul-winning work to correspond with Brother R. S. Finch, 1455 Seventh Street, Parkersburg, W. Va.

A colporteur institute will be held in Charleston beginning Friday night February 16 continuing over the 24th. Board and room will be provided for those who attend this institute.

Now that the final word is in from the churches, we are giving the final per capita standing throughout the field in the Ingathering. Charleston carries the banner. Most of the churches exceeded the \$9 goal and only one failed to reach the General Conference goal of \$7 for the white church and \$3 for the colored. With this task behind them our workers are setting themselves to a field-wide evangelistic program.

W. C. Moffett

Final Ingathering Standing Per Capita

Charleston	\$11.50
Cumberland	\$9.26
Parkersburg	9.22
Kanawha-Walker	9.12
Huntington	9.08
Bluefield	9.03
Weirton	7.66
Morgantown	7.30
Wheeling	7.12
Clarksburg	7.05
Conference	1.91
Buckhannon	1.70
W. Va. Conference White	7.91
W. Va. Conference Colored	3.00

Approximate Sunset Times

(Eastern Standard Time)

	Feb. 2,	Feb. 9
Trenton, N. J.	5:18	5:19
Philadelphia, Pa.	5:20	5:28
Pittsburgh, Pa.	5:39	5:47
Washington, D. C.	5:27	5:35
Baltimore, Md.	5:26	5:34
Cumberland, Md.	5:34	5:42
Richmond, Va.	5:29	5:37
Parkersburg, W. Va.	5:29	5:37
Cleveland, Ohio	5:46	5:54
Columbus, Ohio	5:48	5:56
Toledo, Ohio	5:51	5:59

Fifteen Minute Service

February 3, 1934

Place of "*The Signs of the Times*"
in *Missionary Work*

February 10, 1934

.. *Welfare Work*

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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Announcement

The West Pennsylvania Colporteur Institute will be held in the Erie Church Feb. 2-10, 1934.

Address: 245 East 10th St.

Apply to your local Field Secretary.

"The Vineyard is large, and the Lord is calling for laborers." C. E. p. 33.

Pictures of a Triumphant Ingathering

"The Advent Message to All the World in This Generation." What a meaningful phrase is this! What a stupendous undertaking! A few mental photographs, familiar to most of us, will help one to see how God is working through His subjects to bring to a successful culmination this great enterprise.

Let us look first at this photograph showing a group of men sitting in the shade of an old, dilapidated, unpainted, wooden structure during the forenoon of a warm summer day. Earnestly addressing them is a young man who is using a large chart, a goal device, letters and a notebook from which he is reading interesting selections. The morning sun rising higher in the sky causes some of the men to move their positions to obtain the protection which the old building affords. The meeting is informal and each one in attendance freely enters into the discussion.

Next, we turn to a group of views which show most of these same men at home in the churches of their districts preaching, organizing and encouraging the members of their congregations to actively engage in the promotion of the great project. Other pictures show these men with different individuals from their congregations calling in the business districts of scores of cities, towns and villages, while some reveal hundreds of organized bands calling in the residential districts. The participants have now multiplied many-fold and each carries a supply of pamphlets which are given out with discretion.

With much interest we now look at a group of flashlight pictures taken at night. One of them, which is representative of many, depicts a group of young people walking in neat formation on the sidewalk of a city residen-

tial district. They are singing gospel hymns. Accompanying them are four or six persons who are calling at the homes along the route of the marching singers. Many of those met at the doors are seen to hand the callers some small object. Other snapshots reveal some of the same people from the various congregations writing letters and enclosing a pamphlet like the one's given out from door to door. Each letter makes a strong appeal to give liberally for the promotion of the great enterprise.

Let us gather all these pictures together and study them more closely to ascertain, if possible, the purpose of all this activity. Let us identify the individuals, and locate, if possible, the scenes. That old, unpainted, wooden structure is the south wing of the main pavilion at the Conneautville campground. The time is Thursday morning, July 28. The group of men were called together by the Conference President, Elder Milton G. Conger, with a view of laying deep and broad plans for the aggressive promotion of the 1933 Harvest Ingathering Campaign. The slender young man addressing them is Elder Earl Hackman representing the General Conference Home Missionary Department. Others composing the group are Elders H. J. Detwiler, E. A. Manry, and all our conference workers. The large chart is the 1933 H. I. Goal Device, which later engaged the interest of our congregations everywhere. The letters which Elder Hackman read came from the mission fields and told of God's opening providences there and of the great need of funds with which to answer the call of those who are yet in heathen darkness.

The next group of pictures is clear to all. Elders Conger, Weber, King, Belich, Lindsay, Rowe, Belote, and Brethren Reichenbaugh, Robbins, Quackenbush, Paden, Myers and Fickling, together with a host of church officers and band leaders constitute those who were seen promoting the great projects in their respective churches and spheres.

Those views of the business districts were taken in your city, your town, your village. Your pastor together with different members of your church composed one of the many business soliciting teams, while those flashlight snap shots reveal the smiling faces of most of the young folk together with not a few of the older ones from your church who were instrumental in bringing large sums into the mission treasury through the singing band method.

That the Advent message will go to all the world in this generation,

notwithstanding difficulties, we are certain. Difficulties abounded at the time of the opening of our 1933 campaign. The world and our nation was at a very low point in the financial depression. Our West Pennsylvania farmers suffered in common with Western agriculture, and in addition, our coal mining sections were torn by strikes and rife with unemployment. Our large steel industries, centering in and around Pittsburgh, and our West Pennsylvania oil industries were suffering severely, all of which caused decidedly unfavorable soliciting conditions.

In the face of these trying conditions, conference president, committee and workers were not content to stop at the General Conference \$7 minimum individual goal. By faith, we chose to go beyond and secure Ingathering mission funds on the basis of a \$9 minimum goal. How richly God rewarded our faith and our efforts can be seen as we humbly, yet happily, report that the splendid sum of \$9,144.25 has been gathered in and already sent on to our Mission Board. Figured on our West Pennsylvania Conference \$9 per capita goal, this amount includes an overflow of nearly \$1,000. If figured on the basis of the General Conference \$7 per capita goal, this amount includes an overflow gift to our needy missions of \$2,615.25!

As we review these pictures of our '33 Ingathering Campaign, it is with a feeling of deep gratitude to God for His bountiful blessing on our united endeavors, and with sincere appreciation to the faithful leaders and loyal lay members who have so wholeheartedly and unselfishly contributed of their time, talent, and means to bring about this signal triumph.

"Now thanks be unto God, who always causeth us to triumph in Christ." (2 Cor. 2:14).

R. H. Fickling,
Conf. Home Miss. Sec'y.

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The Work in Willoughby

As a result of a tent effort that was held in Willoughby two and a half years ago, a little church of twenty-two members was organized. Brother and Sister B. F. Hannum of Cleveland were asked to take charge of this little company, and they have done very acceptable work. Under their able leadership, this little church, which has now grown to a member-

ship of twenty-eight, last year sent in nearly \$1,000 to the conference. Their bills are all settled with the Book and Bible House, and they have enough cash on hand to pay for all 1934 Sabbath School supplies in advance. This past year they have baptized five, and in a consecration service there on January 13, seven more took their stand to be on the Lord's side. Twelve of this little church read their Bible through last year, and the members present this splendid record of service for 1933:

Bible Readings	178
Missionary Visits	101
Tracts and <i>Present Truth</i> given	1829
Treatments given	92
Missionary Letters	59
Hours of Christian Help Work	447

In the past Ingathering campaign, the singing band raised \$60.00 and \$43.00 caroling before Christmas. They paid the camp meeting pledge of one of their members, and purchased the Reading Course books.

It was truly a real privilege to meet with this church, and under the blessing of God, we believe they will make even a better record in 1934.

Grant W. Hosford.

Toledo M. V. and Educational Convention

Sabbath, January 20 marked the opening event in a series of Missionary Volunteer and Educational conventions in prospect for the entire conference during the next ten weeks. It was a most interesting occasion from the opening session Friday evening until the close of the meeting Saturday evening. Representatives were present from the three churches in Toledo, Clyde, Bowling Green and Findlay. Prof. E. M. Andross, principal of the Academy, also joined in the convention work, and his help was much appreciated.

As an introductory hour the Friday evening meeting was devoted to the topic, — "A Youth's Movement for Such a Time as This." We were impressed with the fact that, just as Esther, a beautiful youth of the Israelitish race, became a real heroine for God in the crises of other days, so our youth, if properly cultured in the program which God has ordained for them, are destined to become heroes and heroines in these latter days.

In the Sabbath morning service the time was devoted to a study of the question, — "Our Homes and Our Youth in this Crucial Hour." On these two words, — "home" and "youth" hangs the destiny of the movement with which we are con-

nected. Whatever may be accomplished along reformatory lines in these days of stress and storm must, of necessity, find its base and anchorage in the homes of our people, and among the consecrated youth there.

The remaining hours of the convention were occupied in discussion and study on various phases of our youth's movement, and in formulating plans for aggressive work during the year 1934. Several recommendations were passed which we feel will contribute substantially to the work of our young people in that section.

The closing session of the convention was devoted to a careful study of

OHIO COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE

Will Be Held In
Mt. Vernon, O. Feb. 9-17, 1934

Our regular Colporteurs are requested to be here for the full time.

Others who feel the Lord is calling them to this work, and wish to attend the Institute, must first get in touch with one of the members of the following committee.

Elder C. V. Leach, Conference President.

C. H. Kelly, Secretary Treasurer.

O. C. Weller, Field Secretary

Anyone coming without previous arrangements will be expected to find room and board for themselves.

There will be no exception to these rules.

"Our Youth and the Next War," and those present heartily concurred in the plans that are being fostered among our youth to prepare them for heroic action in the event of future military emergencies. We were reminded of the fact that many of our youth were unprepared for the peculiar situations in which they were placed in the events and experiences of the World War, and felt that every necessary plan should be inaugurated to indoctrinate them with the principles of non-combatancy, and also questions related to proper Sabbath observance.

Everything combined to make this occasion most beneficial to the interests of our youth's movement in the Toledo district, and we naturally anticipate some profitable developments in that section of the conference during the year 1934.

H. K. Christman.

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Colporteur Institute

The East Pennsylvania conference colporteur institute was held in the North Philadelphia church December 29 to January 6 with an attendance of about 30 and proved to be one of the most valuable institutes we have held in East Pennsylvania.

We appreciated having the splendid help of Elder E. M. Fishell, our Union Field Secretary, during the entire ten-day period. The general instruction he gave the colporteurs each day was highly valued by all. We were favored in having Elder H. J. Detwiler, our Union Conference President, with us the first week-end. His timely message preached on the Sabbath was an inspiration to all. The strong backing Elder Detwiler gives to the colporteur ministry brings courage to every one of us. Elder W. P. Elliott of the Review and Herald spent the last three days of the Institute with us and gave a soul-stirring message on the last Sabbath of the Institute. This was Elder Elliott's first visit to our field since his connection with the publishing work, and we greatly value the good help he gave us. We always count on the good help we receive from Brother Clarence Palmer. He also spent three days with us, and his good instruction contributed much to the success of the institute.

One feature which added a great deal to the enjoyment of those in attendance was the appetizing and nourishing meals so well prepared under the direction of Mrs. J. R. Ridenour, assisted by Mrs. W. A. Higgins and Mrs. Emma Lewis. All the colporteurs were agreed on the success of this phase of their entertainment.

The institute was managed very capably by Brother J. R. Ridenour, our conference field secretary, and his assistant, Brother W. A. Higgins, who gave their best service by assisting the colporteurs in every way possible and by bringing in new recruits. The efficient service rendered by Brother Bruce Gernet in the Book and Bible House adds greatly to the strengthening of our book work. The colporteurs all appreciate the good service they are receiving from the Book and Bible House and know that they can count on having 100 per cent cooperation from Brother Gernet.

Brother A. E. King, our conference secretary-treasurer, always stands ready to assist and cooperate in every way he can to promote the colporteur ministry.

With the blessing of God on our book work and the splendid spirit of cooperation on the part of our ministers and conference committee as well as the faithful men and women who are doing the work, it has been possible for East Pennsylvania to make the good records that have been realized in the past years. At the close of the institute our colporteurs returned to their fields with an inspiration to do greater work for the year 1934. W. M. Robbins

Harrisburg Colored Church

We are happy to send in the first news from the Harrisburg Colored church, which was organized this past year. Sunday, January 7, we held a baptismal service, in which ten candidates were received into the church, making a total of twenty-one members for our church. Elder J. E. Cox performed the rite, and we all had a glorious time. We have worked hard during the past year to reach our goals and rejoice that under the blessing of God we reached our Harvest Ingathering goal. We are happy to have in our midst, as fellow-laborers, Elder and Sister Sebastian. We ask the prayers of all that God will continue to help us here in our work.

David Warner.

NEW JERSEY

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News Notes

The Conference has just closed its books for 1933, and we are thankful to report that notwithstanding the depression, the conference operated within its income and shows a slight gain for the year. The final figures in Ingathering just in, show that New Jersey has a surplus over its General Conference goal of nearly \$6,000. This is a wonderful record for the churches of the conference, with the Hackensack church leading with the miraculous figure of \$30.06 per capita. As soon as a complete statement has been made up, a complete report will appear in another issue of the VISITOR.

We are happy to report that the conference raised a little more than .43c per capita per week, showing a good surplus over our General Conference Mission goal of .40c per week

per member. We are thankful for the strong part that New Jersey is having in promoting the General mission program.

The tithe for December, notwithstanding the exceedingly stormy weather that prevented so many from attending church service the last Sabbath, was the largest tithe per month for the past two months.

We are also glad to report that New Jersey led the Union in total *Signs* circulation for 1933. This is true also of our *Watchman* circulation. New Jersey was second in the Union to Ohio in the total circulation of *Life and Health*. This conference was third in the Union in the total amount of all literature delivered, and fifth in the entire Review and Herald Territory. All the members and the workers unite in rendering praise to God for His wonderful working power in the midst of perplexities.

The conference committee met at the Trenton office Thursday, January 18, and at that time voted the following evangelistic efforts: Elder St. John at Perth Amboy. Associated with this effort are to be Brother and Sister Shaw. Elder Wagner at Englewood; Elder Oswald at Rockaway; Elder Yakush at Jersey City; Brother Bufano, an effort for the Italians in North Jersey; Elder Gauker at Bridgeton; Elder Norton, an effort in his district, perhaps at Swedesboro; Brother Holt is to be associated with Elder Norton; Brother Nagy, an effort for the Hungarians at Perth Amboy; Elder Nerlund an effort for the Swedish at Arlington; Elder Newmyer will continue the many Bible studies that he has in his district. Work will be planned for Elder Penner as soon as he is able to again carry his work.

The following churches show an increase of tithe for 1933 over 1932.

Paterson English	\$567.00
Hackensack	136.00
Passaic	1.00
Jersey City No. 2	42.00
Rockaway	274.00
Paterson German	173.00
Montclair	55.00
Jersey City Swedish	186.00
Burlington English	212.00
Jericho	22.00
Vineland	83.00
Newark Colored	247.00
Camden Colored	71.00
Englewood	8.00
Conference church	244.00

Three districts show a gain, with Elder Newmyer leading, then Elder Wagner and Brother Holt.

The largest per capita tithe for its members is held by the Italian church with a per capita of \$86.70. It must

be remembered, too, that this church was not organized until May of last year. The Hackensack church has next to the largest per capita with \$64.03. The Jersey City Colored church shows a small loss, but still leads Brother Wagner's district with a per capita of \$42.02.

Twenty-three churches reached and exceeded the 40c-a-week per member goal, with Elder Newmyer's district leading with .673c per week per member. Elder Penner's district is second with .60c a week per member, and Brother Holt third with .502c.

The following districts reached the 40c-a-week goal; Elder Newmyer, Elder Penner, Brother Holt, Elder Oswald .485c, Ender Nerlund .481, Elder St. John .442.

Churches that reached the 40c-a-week fund outside of the districts reported are, the Italian .581, Bridgeton .482, Jericho. 437, Williamstown .433, Camden .428.

Three of our colored churches reached their General Conference goal of .30c-a-week per member, — Burlington .389, Jersey City .345, Newark .306.

Many other churches nearly reached their full per capita goal, and all had a large part in bringing our total for missions to \$39,667.48. We are truly grateful to the Lord for a sacrificing membership that labors so earnestly toward doing its full part for the finishing of the work in the fields beyond. W. A. Nelson.

CHESAPEAKE

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News Notes

It was indeed a shock to the members of the office family, a little more than a week ago, to learn that Elder F. H. Robbins, President of the Chesapeake Conference, had received an urgent call to take the Presidency of the Ohio Conference at once. The Chesapeake Conference Committee met Thursday, January 12, and due to the urgency of the call, released Elder Robbins, inviting Elder Detwiler to act as temporary President of Chesapeake for a short period of time, or until a permanent President can be elected. We are sure the members of our constituency will miss Elder Robbins, but their prayers will follow him as he labors in Ohio.

We welcome Elder Detwiler to our conference, and feel that his leadership will be appreciated by all.

THE LITERATURE MINISTRY

"This is the work the Lord would have His people do at this time." C. E. p. 5.

Week Ending January 20, 1934

E. M. Fishell, Union Field Secretary

THE EAST PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

J. R. Ridenour, Field Missionary Secretary

Name	Place	Book	Hr.	Orders	Del'd.
Jos. Ledoni, Ardmore		OD	55	131.00	6.55
A. Cucinotta, Ardmore		OD	47	38.75	2.50
P. C. Winley, Philadelphia		BR	46	36.25	17.00
W. G. Becker, Shanersville		PP	43	64.25	62.75
C. W. Lorenz, Chambersburg		BR	41	64.00	102.50
Eliz. Winston, Philadelphia		BR	41	12.75	10.55
I. H. Johnson, Cumberland Co.		GC	40	37.00	11.50
J. E. Jones, Lake Ariel		BR	40	34.75	7.75
Martin Walde, Philadelphia		BR	40	33.25	
D. Warner, Philadelphia		BR	40	25.50	.75
Miss Palmore, Philadelphia		Mag	40	10.70	10.70
H. M. Minier, Bradford Co.		WCS	40	7.00	7.25
Emmett Smith, Sayre		BR	38	19.75	.25
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		DR	36	38.75	35.50
Maria Martin, Reading		WCS	35	19.75	3.50
H. P. Calvert, Enola		GC	35	10.50	4.75
H. Butterfield, Sayre		BR	33	30.50	
E. Achenbach, Bangor		RJ	27	38.00	.75
W. H. Smith, Reading		BTS	26	11.00	14.60
I. H. Anderson, Bristol		BR	24	37.25	1.00
Henry Gilfert, Sayre		RJ	19	3.50	.25
L. G. Price, Darby		BR	15	19.00	
Dorothy Gilfert, Sayre		RJ	15	6.75	3.50
J. E. Smith, Philadelphia		RJ	15	8.25	
Mrs. J. Collier, Philadelphia		GC	10	8.75	
Daisy Murray, Norristown		OD	6	.65	.40
E. W. Rush, Allentown		BR	3	17.25	
*J. E. Jones, Lake Ariel		GC	35	17.25	3.75
*Martin Walde, Philadelphia		BR	40	9.50	
Pattie Robinson, Philadelphia		WCS	11	2.75	2.75
Totals, 30 colporteurs					
940 \$794.35 \$310.80					

THE WEST PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

F. D. Myers, Field Missionary Secretary

Name	Place	Book	Hr.	Orders	Del'd.
Chas. Key, Mercer		BR	44	171.00	
U. Bracy, Mercer		GC	41	67.00	2.45
G. Buttermore, Franklin		OD	40	16.25	4.50
C. Dornburg, Knoxville		DR	40	42.75	
Chas. Peters, Brentwood		PP	35	8.60	5.15
Lloyd Adams, E. McKeesport		HP	33	11.50	.50
J. E. Gould, Brentwood		PP	30	6.50	1.05
Nancie Harris, Leechdale		BR	30	27.25	3.75
L. Mallory, Pittsburgh		BR	30	15.50	4.00
T. Pangborn, Greenville		ES	25	25.75	12.00
Mrs. Griffin, Pittsburgh		DR	21	3.50	3.50
Lillian Johnson, Pittsburgh		BR	20	26.00	
Julia Adams, McDonald		WCS	15	11.00	4.50
D. S. Reid, Yatesboro		OD	14	8.25	3.75
Alice Garrett, Pittsburgh		DR	13	15.50	
Chas. Coy, Pittsburgh		DR	10	7.00	
MAGAZINES					
F. D. Adams, Revloc		LH	33	11.25	8.55
Eleanor Penny, Pittsburgh		"W"	10	1.60	1.60
G. Gackenheimer, Pittsburgh		"W"	20	4.50	4.50
*C. Dornburg, Pittsburg		DR	120	150.00	
*J. E. Gould, Brentwood			42	.30	1.15
*C. Dornburg, Pittsburgh		DR	40	43.50	
*J. E. Gould, Brentwood		Misc	33	6.40	3.15
J. E. Gould, Brentwood		Misc	33	10.91	1.41
*T. Pangborn, Greenville		ES	33	16.50	4.50
*J. E. Gould, Brentwood		Misc	28	4.87	.50
Chas. Peters, Brentwood			25	4.00	
Totals, 27 colporteurs					
858 \$717.18 \$70.51					
*Back Reports					

THE NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE

Geo. H. Carter, Field Missionary Secretary

Name	Place	Book	Hr.	Orders	Del'd.
M. A. Moseley, Jersey City		Mag	42	26.50	26.50
S. Pauly, Kenilworth		RJ	36	24.00	10.00
Miss W. Widmer, Passaic Co.		BTS	33	52.50	
S. Madzia, Elizabeth		Misc	25		18.15
R. Williams, Juliustown		RJ	24	11.25	
H. Coburn, Newark		OD	22	26.25	1.00
R. Handy, Newark		OD	20	24.25	1.50
Mrs. D. Harris, Orange		Mag	20	4.90	4.90
L. Perkins, Pleasantville		BTS	16	24.25	1.00
Mrs. E. Gibbs, Westfield		Mag	16	4.80	4.80
R. Williams, Burlington Co.		RJ	16	13.85	
M. Meirhofer, Jersey City		GC	13	8.25	10.75
Miss B. Katcher, Essex Co.		Mag	12	5.00	5.00
Mrs. E. Demmler, Irvington		BTS	6	3.00	1.00
Miss E. Katcher, Essex Co.		Misc	11	5.00	9.25
Mrs. J. Jansen, Phillipsburg		Misc		1.65	1.90
Mrs. A. Smalley, Newark		Misc		3.85	3.85
Totals, 17 colporteurs					
312 \$239.30 \$99.60					
*Back Reports					

THE POTOMAC CONFERENCE

F. E. Thumwood, Field Missionary Secretary

Name	Place	Book	Hr.	Orders	Del'd.
H. Crocetti, Lynchburg		WCS	40	37.50	37.50
G. N. Downes, Newport News		BR	40	29.55	20.55
Mr. D. S. Effs, Portsmouth		BR	37	27.00	
Agnes Ford, Staunton		GC	30	8.25	1.50
*Mrs. R. Simms, Washington		BR	28	20.25	18.75
Allen Hayes, Deanwood Hts.		BR	25	13.75	
Mary Fountain, Richmond		BR	25	25.50	1.50
Hester Davis, Richmond		WCS	24	6.00	1.50
Abigail Saunders, Cedar Hts.		BR	18	6.00	4.00
Mrs. R. Simms, Washington		BR	17	5.25	.75
Onie Henderson, Takoma Park		PS	15	18.00	6.00
Mr. E. E. Cavers, Washington		GC	12	9.05	1.05
Wm. B. Stokes, Washington		BR	11	8.00	15.50
S. J. Barbour, Alexandria		BR	10	14.00	.75
Brs. H. L. Ellis, Richmond		BTS	8	7.00	7.00
Totals, 15 colporteurs					
340 \$235.10 \$116.35					
*Back Reports					

THE OHIO CONFERENCE

O. C. Weller, Field Missionary Secretary

Name	Place	Book	Hr.	Orders	Del'd.
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati		PK	44	44.00	16.50
S. E. Curry, Hamilton Co.		GC	52	51.45	18.20
C. McCambell, Barberton		SCC	42	36.00	7.85
J. S. Randolph, Barberton		DR	42	13.50	5.50
H. S. Baskerville, Cleveland		Mag	20	5.00	5.00
John Booth, Portsmouth		OD	32	3.00	13.00
Mrs. W. S. DeLany,		WCS	4	5.00	5.00
Mrs. F. C. Gee, Cincinnati		Mag	30	18.30	18.30
Fred Hannah, Columbus		SCC	39	6.00	6.00
H. C. Kaster, Mansfield		BR	40	26.80	6.30
T. C. Kellew, Wauseon		BR	20	2.25	.50
B. Pride, Youngstown		DR	24	18.00	
Edith Smith, Springfield		Mag	19	5.00	5.00
Ray Stevenson, Springfield		Mag	19	2.70	2.70
David Washington, Toledo		DR	14	3.00	4.00
Totals, 15 colporteurs					
430 \$240.00 \$111.65					

THE WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

R. S. Finch, Field Missionary Secretary

Name	Place	Book	Hr.	Orders	Del'd.
G. E. Missbaugh, Logan		DR	20	58.00	
Mrs. O. S. Harrell, Beckly		Mag		13.60	13.60
Virginia Simons, Parkersburg		SCC	24	3.00	4.75
Totals, 3 colporteurs					
44 \$74.60 \$18.35					

ADVERTISEMENTS

All advertising is to be submitted through local conference offices, accompanied by cash in convenient form. Rates are one cent per word per insertion, with minimum of twenty-five cents for each insertion.

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We were happy to have Mrs. Thorn of the Baltimore No. 1 church visit the office on January 12. It was a pleasure to note the earnest way in which she is entering upon the Home Missionary work in that church.

Mrs. Mencken, of the first church of Baltimore, visited the office on January 11, 1934, accompanied by her daughter Virginia. We invite these folks to return, and trust many others of the constituency will feel free to call at any time.

For those who may not know it, the conference telephone number is GILMOR 3840. We no longer have a phone on the Catonsville exchange.

POTOMAC

J. W. MacNeil, Pres. E. F. Willett, Sec-Treas.
411 Cedar St., Takoma Park, D. C.
Phone Georgia 1256

News Notes

Elder J. W. MacNeil plans for four church conventions to be held in our conference between now and the end of February. The first of these just closed at Lynchburg. The second church convention will be held in Richmond February 9, 10, and 11. To this meeting the members of Ford, Yale and Petersburg churches are invited. February 16, 17, and 18 the Newport News and Portsmouth churches will join the Norfolk church for the third of this series of meetings. The last meeting will be held in Stanley, February 23, 24, and 25, and to this meeting the following churches are invited: Stanley, Rileyville, New Market, Staunton, Winchester, and Berryville. Our isolated believers in these various sections of the state are also invited, and it is hoped that many of them will be privileged to attend. In Richmond and Norfolk the workers present will divide their time between the white and colored churches. A full program has been prepared for all of these conventions, and we trust that our people will begin at once to lay plans to attend the meeting nearest them. Church officers are especially invited to be present, for the many and varied activities of the church will be discussed at length and thus the meeting will not only be of the inspirational type, but instructive as well.

The Mothers' Society of the Sligo church, under the leadership of Sister Jacques, at a recent meeting presented the plan of getting ten subscriptions to the *Home and School* magazine and thus earning a new globe for one of the rooms in the training school. The ten subscriptions were received and

the children of the intermediate room, under the supervision of their teacher Miss Louise Stuart, raised the \$3.00 in cash toward the globe, and soon they will be the recipients of this wonderful globe given by the publishers of the *Home and School* magazine. We are glad that more and more of our people are reading the *Home and School* magazine. The price is only \$1.00 per year, and it is the only magazine published by the denomination dealing entirely with problems of the home and school.

Elder MacNeil spent a few days with the Kilmarnock church last week and on Sabbath, January 20, he spoke to the members of the Arlington church Brother Dennison, the worthy elder of the Arlington church reports that at a recent business meeting, the church voted to double their membership in 1934. Their membership now is 46 and they hope at the end of the year to report 92. The members are busy distributing *Present Truth* and conducting Bible studies, and we believe the Lord will bless their efforts to the extent of their faith in Him to make possible the goal they have set for themselves this year.

Sabbath, January 20, Elder and Mrs. S. A. Wellman and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Sorensen visited the Vienna church. This church, too, is very active in giving out *Present Truth*, and as a result they have more requests for Bible readings than they are well able to fill from their own immediate membership.

Advertisements

FARM NEAR TAKOMA PARK

Six and three-fourths acres, about four cleared, balance in timber. Good well, 23 thousand feet new lumber but well seasoned ready for building purposes, a most healthful location. Located three and a half miles from Washington Missionary College on state road which is now under repair. Has a hundred grape vines and some peach trees. A splendid little farm and can be made into a very valuable piece of property by a little labor. In the track of large developments. Will subdivide and sell with lumber for a house. Price of place as it is. two thousand dollars. Half down. Write C. B. Hamm, Silver Spring, Md., R. F. D. No. 2.

MEN WANTED for Health Bakery routes. Must be conscientious and able to build up route on commission basis. Apply, Sales manager, Sanatose Products Co., 11 Benton Ave., Middletown, N. Y.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN wants position as housekeeper in Christian home. References exchanged. Write Housekeeper care of Editor, Columbia Union Visitor, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

PRINTERS—Mt. Vernon Academy would like to get in touch immediately with any who have had printing experience or are linotype operators. State fully, in first letter, full details of experience, age, family and present circumstances. Address: Paul C. Cardey, Mt. Vernon Academy, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

WANTED:—To rent furnished farm near church school if possible, and wishing to assist in self-supporting evangelistic work. Write to R. S. Schoonard, Pemberton, Ohio.

Washington Missionary College Corporation, Biennial Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the next biennial meeting of the Washington Missionary College Corporation will be held at Washington Missionary College, Takoma Park, Maryland at 10:30 A. M., March 5, 1934. The object of the meeting is to elect trustees and to attend to other matters which should properly come before the membership of the association. The members of this corporation consist of the executive committee of the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the executive committee of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, executive committees in the territory of the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the resident members of the General Conference Committee, the Board of Directors of Washington Missionary College, the faculty of Washington Missionary College, and three other members at large, chosen by the other members.

R. L. Walin, Sec'y. to the Board.

ATTENTION, PLEASE

We wish to again call your attention to the absolute necessity for sending us, directly, and before making the actual change, notice of any changes in address which you may desire. It almost invariably results in our having to pay at least four cents for each change made by the postal authorities. This expense, in the grand total, is a heavy burden on us. Will you not cooperate with us in avoiding this extra expense, and in getting the *Visitor* to you promptly and regularly?

"Signs of the Times" -- The Prophetic Weekly

Our Pioneer Literature Minister

This coming June will round out a full sixty years of pioneer missionary service for the *Signs of the Times*. What a wonderful soul-winning service it has rendered in so many parts of the world. I met the first Sabbath-keeper in the Guianas — a sister, who found the message of truth in a copy of the *Signs of the Times* which was in a bundle of literature thrown on the dock by a ship's officer. The first Sabbath-keeper on the island of Jamaica also testified to the work of the *Signs* in leading her into the message. Thus it is in many parts of the world. And still the *Signs* is carrying on — a stronger and more able literature minister than ever before. It is going into many thousands of homes, dispelling unbelief and shedding the glorious light of God's love into many hearts.

Do you have loved ones who are unsaved? Are there neighbors to whom you should give the message of life? Is the salvation of your friends a responsibility which you must face? Then let the *Signs of the Times* serve as a never failing helper in your labor of love. Invest in a club of *Signs*, and receive rich dividends of joy in the winning of souls.

J. A. Stevens.

Sec'y. Gen. Con. Home Miss. Dept.

Working Together

We have been told in the "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 9, p. 221. "If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world." The time is opportune for God's people to reach out after souls. Less than fifty per cent of the population of this country attend church regularly, and among many who do attend there is a longing to have a closer walk with God. Evidences of the soon coming of our Master are on every side. For the past few weeks the newspapers have been filled with accounts of happenings, so much out of the ordinary, as to even cause the man in the street to ask "What do these things mean?"

February 3 to 17 has been set aside for the promotion of the *Signs of the Times*. During this time the *Signs* should be presented in every church in this union. This journal has proven

its right to be called "America's Prophetic Weekly." It helps all to understand the Bible better, and to see how the passing events have been foretold by holy men of God who were guided by the Holy Ghost. The discouraged are drawn closer to God by its appealing articles.

Surely every church member can unite heartily in a campaign that will result in a club of *Signs* for every church in the union. Not a church member should be without this periodical and every member should use these papers in missionary work. Remember that just now we are in the "little time of peace" and that soon "strife, war, and bloodshed, with famine and pestilence, will rage everywhere." Now is our time to work, for the night will come when no man can work.

As a part of 1934's missionary program let all take an active interest in the promotion of the *Signs*. Past records prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that "The *Signs* do win souls to the truth."

E. A. Manry.

Home Miss. Sec'y. Col. Union. Conf.

Our Prophetic Weekly

1934 is with us. That it will be a year of intense activity in every field is the opinion of all. World leaders in the political, financial, social and religious world are filled with intense eagerness for the future. In the offing are momentous events that chill the hearts of the most optimistic. Nations are fast losing their peace consciousness. The din of war preparation well nigh drowns out the peace cries of those thousands who are vainly striving to avoid another war, war that, to quote from a recent address of Secretary of State Hull, is "nothing less than murder and assassination."

While the picture is dark and forboding thank God it has never been brighter for the children of God than now. This mighty hour is that toward which prophet and apostle looked forward with longing heart. The hour of deliverance is well nigh here. Brethren and Sisters, we need to thank God for what our eyes see and our ears hear; doubt and uncertainty should give way to courage and faith, and a heavenly determination to press onward for victory. We are told, "The angel of mercy is folding her wings, ready to depart. Already

the Lord's restraining power is being withdrawn from the earth—The Lord is soon to cut short His work and put an end to sin."—"Testimonies for the Church"—Vol. 8, p. 49.

"While the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the 'latter rain,' or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come to give power to the loud voice of the third angel."—"Early Writings," pp. 85, 86.

"The agencies of evil are combining their forces, and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 9, p. 11.

"God and Christ, and the heavenly angels, are working with intense activity to hold in check the fierceness of Satan's wrath, that God's plans may not be thwarted. . . . Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning to universal action."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 7, p. 14.

This summoning to universal action is now taking place. The year 1933 was a good one for this cause. Victory was ours. God blessed. In His providence the *Signs of the Times* has been established as our "Prophetic Weekly." Never have we faced a year with greater possibilities in soul-winning endeavor. Many honest in heart are searching for light. Brethren and Sisters, to us has been committed the light that will penetrate this "gross darkness" that has settled down upon the world, and surely we must be good stewards in this crisis hour.

The brethren of the Pacific Press have made every concession to us in this "Signs Rally." It is up to us to improve the opportunity that is presented. The price is right, and the time is ripe; action is needed. The full cooperation of every member is desired. Isolated members should send their subscriptions to the Book and Bible House, and that without delay. Church Missionary Committees should study and plan the missionary program for their respective churches. They will do well to lay strong, aggressive plans for a larger *Signs* circulation. The *Signs* wins souls. Read this entire "*Signs Special*" and then act.



Ellen G. White

The SIGNS A PRE



James White



Uriah Smith



J. N. Andrews



J. H. Waggoner

FROM the day of its establishing, June 4, 1874, down through the sixty years of its history, the *Signs of the Times* has been known as "the pioneer missionary paper" of this denomination. It has justly merited this title too, for ever since Elder James White, the founding editor, handed out the first page of copy, right on through the editorships of Elders Uriah Smith, J. N. Andrews, J. H. Waggoner, S. N. Haskell, A. T. Jones, C. F. Bollman, M. C. Wilcox, and A. O. Tait, every editor, and every one of the thousands of contributors, have had but one supreme object,—to win men and women everywhere to the gospel of Jesus Christ as held by Seventh-day Adventists. That their efforts have been most fruitful will be seen in the kingdom of God when literally tens of thousands will testify that this great missionary weekly was a leading factor in bringing them this truth. We know this to be true, for in an endless stream come letters from all parts of the world telling of souls won to this message through the *Signs*.

What is the plan behind the *Signs* that makes it such an effective soul winner?

As Timely as the Newspaper

When Elder and Mrs. White chose the name, "*Signs of the Times*," for the new journal, they had in mind that it would always stand as an interpreter of world events in the light of those prophecies that foretell the end of the age. Thus, from the very first issue, the *Signs* has featured the things going on in the world that fit into the prophetic mold. This is one of the primary reasons why the *Signs* has always been such an interesting and attractive paper, every week it has something to say about current happenings in the world, pointing out their prophetic import. Everywhere people watch for it eagerly as the postman or the missionary worker brings it on its regular visits.

Many a man has read in his newspaper about the rumblings of war in the Orient and has turned to his wife saying, "Mary, I wonder what the *Signs* will tell us next week about the Bible meaning of all this commotion among Russia and Japan and China." Or perhaps the wife is reading

a digest of the pope's latest encyclical, and remarks, "John, I can hardly wait for the mailman to bring the *Signs*, for I want to know what this letter of the pope's really means."

This timeliness of the *Signs* is what enables it to win its way into thousands of homes where a heavy doctrinal discussion alone would not be appreciated. It skillfully leads people into Bible study through attracting them in a weekly discussion of current events and prophecy. That is the reason "The *Signs* is the Paper for the Times."

As Varied as a Cafeteria

The *Signs* is a cafeteria of truth. Suppose you went into a cafeteria and they had only one article of food to serve you, and you did not like that one thing! You prefer a cafeteria because you have a choice among the several *entrées*, among the salads, among the desserts. Because of the variety set before you, you are sure to find something to please your taste. Just so with the *Signs*. In each week's issue are eight or ten articles on a great variety of topics, besides several editorials. If you send the *Signs* for a year to your Methodist brother, he is sure to find something in each copy to interest him. If a number were placed in his hands wholly devoted to the Sabbath question, he might spurn it: for perhaps he is prejudiced on that topic. But when he picks up the *Signs*, he finds an article on health in which he is interested, or one on the present economic crisis which comes close home to him, or one on Spiritism of which he has heard much, or an article on mission triumphs in India. There is something in each issue to catch the eye of almost every type of reader; and once he becomes interested in one article, he reads on into the next, and in a few weeks is reading the paper from cover to cover. Thus, a varied-topic missionary paper attracts and holds men of every mind.

A Balanced Menu

Physicians tell us we should carefully balance our menu to get the proper proportions of fats, proteins, and carbohydrates. Those who make up the *Signs*

are just as scientific in balancing the menu of truth served the 150,000 readers. They plan not to give an overdose of prophecy, or state of the law, or Sabbath in any one issue. For example, the aim is to have one short article on current affairs in each number. An article on health and health reform from one of our physicians, dietitians, or nurses is also planned each week.

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This is going to be a great year in the "*Signs*" history, for we have such a host of strong articles for our columns. I. NICHOL writes a series on the Sabbath question. C. B. HAYNES writes on "Great Day of the Lord." This will be the second coming, the millennium judgment, the destruction of this world, and the creation of a new. S. A. RUSSELL has sent us 20 articles which are a valuable report of a series of evangelistic lectures recently given covering the points of our truth. W. H. BRANSON, the author of eight articles on that keystone, "The Sanctuary—What It Is, What It Is Not." F. A. SPEARHEAD, veteran worker in England, contributes articles on "Man's Nature and Destiny." On prophecy we have three wonderful series. W. A. SPICER writes on "Israel's Nations and Ancient Prophecies." VUILLEUMIER, veteran editor, on "The Book of Daniel—Its Message to the 20th Century." M. L. RICE discusses "Jesus in Bible Prophecy" in a group of brief articles.

The Question Corner, one of the popular features ever run by the "*Signs*" will be continued weekly by W. G. WILCOX.

Spiritual food will be found in "Christian Experience as Taught by Paul to the Romans," by W. P. McLENNAN, and "The Bread of Life," a study of some of the great texts of the Bible, by WILCOX.

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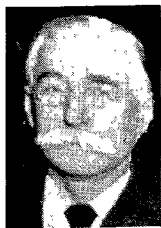
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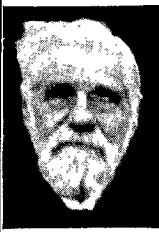
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Signs believes that our views on which constitute "the right arm of the message." The editors plan on one or more strongly spiritual articles in each issue. The readers of the *Signs* do not have the impression that Seventh-day Adventists are mere doctrinal religionists, along with doctrine they get many articles on Christian experience and Christian living. The editors also plan

to cover our main doctrines, such as the Sabbath, man's nature and destiny, the second coming, etc., at least *twice every year*. Articles on the home, on the defense of the Bible against its foes, on foreign mission experience, etc., are generously sprinkled in. Practically every issue has a poem or two, for "poetry is God's language." Bible readings and short Bible studies are featured betimes.

so it goes the world around. All this makes the *Signs* authoritative and appealing, and makes it indeed "The World's Prophetic Weekly."

Appeals Through Eye Gate

The *Signs* is a very attractive paper so far as illustration and typography are concerned. Every week some 150 photographs from the largest picture companies in America are sent to the desk of the editor of the *Signs*. From these he chooses the most timely and interesting for the columns of this missionary paper. This is a picture age. People will look at pictures and read their captions who are not interested in long articles on religion. Therefore, the publishers of the *Signs* spend several thousands of dollars each year on photographs and art work. Their lay-out men are experts in type arrangement and illustration, so that the *Signs* has always had a high reputation along this line. The *Signs* is good to look at, and therefore has a strong reader attraction.

The Cheapest Missionary Paper

The *Signs of the Times* is the least expensive missionary medium in the denomination. Remember that it is a weekly, and has sixteen large pages. Considered from the number of articles that a year's subscription affords, or the number of pages of material offered, or from any other similar angle, the *Signs* gives more for the money. Each weekly issue of the *Signs* has almost as much reading matter as does one of our popular 25-cent "Crisis Books." A year's subscription to the *Signs* gives as much reading matter as is found in all six volumes,—"The Great Controversy," "Daniel and the Revelation," "Bible Readings," "Our Day in the Light of Prophecy," "The Return of Jesus," and "Bible Footlights." The colporteur would sell these books for more than \$20, and the very lowest price to our own people would be more than \$10, yet the *Signs* comes now in church clubs at only \$1.15, and as low as \$1.00 in larger quantities in U. S. A. "The *Signs* Gives More."

Use the *Signs* to reach your relatives, friends, and neighbors in 1934.

Like Sunday-Night Meetings

Remember, the *Signs* is a *weekly paper*. When you send it to your friends, it is just like taking them out to a series of Sunday-night sermons. It comes frequently enough so they do not lose interest and forget the connection. A weekly magazine has a tremendous habit-forming power, it soon becomes part of the weekly routine. Another great advantage is that a weekly journal is ideal for the running of articles in serial form. A contributor can cover six different phases of the Sabbath question in six weeks. This allows the reader gradually to be built up in the truth in naturally successive steps, just as he would hear it from one of our evangelists should he attend a tent meeting.

World-Wide Staff of Contributors

For many years the *Signs* has been carefully building up a great staff of contributors, world-wide in distribution. The *Signs* has regular correspondents in all the principal countries of the world who keep the readers of the paper in close touch with developments everywhere. Pick up almost any issue, and you will find writers listed from England, or France, or Africa, or Brazil, or India, or China, or Japan, or Argentina, or the Philippines, or Central America, or the Islands of the South Seas. Let a momentous event take place in London, and Elder Arthur S. Maxwell has an article on the way to the *Signs* in a few hours. When Japan and Russia move close to war in Manchuria, Elders Frederick Lee or E. R. Thiele or Alfonso Anderson have an article on the next boat for the *Signs*. While a revolution is going on in Brazil, Elder Berger Johnson sits at his typewriter grinding out a special contribution for the *Signs*. And

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finds, by DR. MOLLEURUS COULOUS. FREDERICK LEE of China writes on "Present World Developments What the Bible Says About Them." AND LOASBY of India writes on "Buddhism, Mohammedanism, Hinduism, Idolatry in the Light of Christianity." ODOM of Spain writes on "The Sabbath From Christ to the Council of Laodicea." H. W. CLARK discusses "Science Revealed in the Bible."

one of the most noteworthy series ever to appear in a Seventh-day Adventist periodical will be by GEORGE McCREADY on "Geology Proves the Flood and Proves Evolution." This is new material recently gathered by Professor Price. This series will be ideal for your minister or your friend who believes in evolution. This great defense of the Bible is needed in our skeptical age.

Now please bear in mind that these are a few of the serials that will run through the "Signs" in 1934. We have said nothing of the hundreds of timely single articles that will appear in addition to the regular editorial features such as "Gleams of Prophetic Light," "The World Outlook," "News Gleanings," etc. Every line in the "Signs" is written for the purpose of attracting souls to Seventh-day Adventism and to Christ. Expected evangelists and soul winners give their best to the "Signs." This is the reason that "More 'Signs' Going Out Means More Souls Coming In."

Yearly Campaign for a larger SIGNS Circulation

May God give us a breadth of vision, and a depth of spiritual experience that will literally compel us to go out in search of lost souls; and if you cannot go, then send the *Signs*; or better yet, send the *Signs* and then go. "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." This is the mighty hour.

R. J. Christian,

Home Missionary Secretary New Jersey Conference.

"Signs" Wins Souls

There are three very important reasons why the members in Ohio should use many *Signs* in 1934.

First, the year 1934 is expected to be fraught with the greatest events in history, and the *Signs* will keep the readers posted weekly. The publishers have listed a wonderful line of subjects that are pertinent to our times, and every Seventh-day Adventist family should have one copy for its own posting on the message in the light of world events.

Second, the long list of names of interested persons found in the Ingathering campaign needs attention. The *Signs* will bring such 800 sermons in 1934 for only \$1.00, in clubs. You can preach that number as you do your daily work if you send the *Signs*.

Third, there is a much longer list of names from our Home Bible Study League work. With the blessing of God as seen in 600 new believers, in several new churches, in three dark counties turned white, in ten new Sabbath Schools in 1933, we should be more determined to keep the good work going in 1934.

That the *Signs* has an influence for good upon many is proved every day according to letters received. We can't print many. Look at these:

"I am especially interested in your excellent paper. Enclosed is \$1.00 for which I wish you would send me a supply of the number dealing with 'Shall We Repeal the 18th Amendment?'"—Monroe St., Toledo, Ohio.

"For several years we have been members of your magazine family, and we are pleased to say there is NO MAGAZINE that enters our home that is more enjoyed than the *Signs of the Times*. I am planning to review, before a body of men, soon, the article in the February number. Have you a picture of the great image described in the dream? If so please mail one, with the bill."—Bank President, Fostoria, Ohio.

"Can you tell me where I can get the Adventist paper, *The Signs of the Times*? I haven't seen it for twenty or twenty-five years and would like to

read again the Adventist teaching regarding the world conditions."

We might go on with scores of them, but space forbids. There never was a greater demand for the *Signs*, and we have never had such low prices and favorable conditions before. Your missionary officers have the information on the special prices, clubs and privileges never granted before. Place your order at your Book and Bible House through the Home Missionary secretary of your church. A club in every church and a *Signs* in every Adventist home is the 1934 slogan. The *Signs* Wins Souls.

George Butler.

H. M. Sec'y., Ohio Conf.

Circulate More "Signs"

It is significant that *Signs of the Times* is one of the leading periodicals published by Seventh-day Adventists. It has a unique place in proclaiming the Everlasting Gospel message every week to thousands of people in the various parts of the world. It presents certain phases of the message more effectively than any other paper and also accomplishes a work that cannot be done by the living preacher. Every article is a sermon on some current event foretold in prophecy to be a sign to this generation that the coming of Christ is near at hand and that "troublesome times are right upon us." It behoves every Seventh-day Adventist to give this paper the largest circulation possible that men and women who are seeking for light may be given a chance to understand world conditions and to be prepared to meet Jesus when He comes. The leading men of the affairs of the world especially should have this paper; for they do not understand the problems with which they have to deal. This is made plain in "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 9, p. 13. It reads thus: "There are not many even among educators and statesmen who comprehend the causes that underlie the present state of society. Those who hold the reigns of government are not able to solve the problems of moral corruption, poverty, pauperism, and increase in crime. They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis."

The *Signs of the Times* directs the reader to the word of God, the only source of revealed wisdom and knowledge. "If men would give more heed to the teachings of God's word they would find a solution to the problems that perplex them. "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 9, p. 13.

J. C. Holland.

The "Sings" Prepares People

Following the camp meeting last year, at Parkersburg, the meetings were continued for three weeks because of the wide-spread interest. On the night that we spoke on the "Mark of the Beast," two ladies were present who gave very close attention and approval. Before the meetings were over they were keeping the Sabbath. We felt a bit concerned as to the permanency of their stand when they had attended so few meetings. Following a Bible study, we tendered to the husband of one of the ladies a copy of *Signs of the Times*. She immediately informed us that they had been reading the *Signs* for several years, which had been sent them by some friend. This was a great relief to our minds, as we found that the ladies were quite established in the points of our faith.

We had just received a letter today from a brother in Wardensville, who had accepted the truth without any contact with our people, who writes that he has been reading the *Signs* for the last twenty years, and he has been paying tithes for a considerable time directly to the conference office. We believe that every church should be using a club of the *Signs*. No better way can be found of interesting and establishing people in the truth.

W. C. Moffett.

Pres. W. Va. Conference.

Repeating the Message

The angel, who always accompanied Mrs. E. G. White in her visions, said many, many times, as in vision she was viewing the wretched condition of the world:

"Repeat the message, repeat the message. Tell My people to repeat the message; and the power of God will witness to the message in a remarkable manner."—"Testimonies to the Church," Vol. 9, page 98.

I was leafing through a bound copy of some old *Reviews*, recently, and found this statement:

"When divine power is combined with human effort, the work will spread like fire in the stubble. God will employ agencies whose origin man will be unable to discern." *Review and Herald*, December 15, 1885.

I like that promise, for I firmly believe that everyone who is seeking light will be brought to the light by some means. What better way than by reading the *Signs of the Times*. Let us attempt great things for God, in the circulation of this periodical.

R. E. Crawford

H. M. Sec'y., Chesapeake Conf.