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## The "Signs of the Times" and Home Religion

Every parent is desirous to see his children saved in the kingdom of God. No sacrifice is too great to be made for our boys and girls. Yet, many are pursuing a course that is leading these dear ones away from the truth. This calamity is not fully perceived, and the leading away is so gradual that very little is done about it. What causes this drawing away is stated in the Dec. 26, 1882, *Review*.

"Many Sabbath keepers neglect to take the *Review*, and some have neither the *Review* nor the *Signs*. They plead as an excuse that they cannot afford to take these papers which it is so important for them to have. But in many cases several secular papers will be found upon their tables for their children to peruse. The influence of most of the periodicals of the day is such as to render the word of God distasteful, and to destroy a relish for all useful and instructive reading. The mind assimilates that which it feeds upon. The secular papers are filled with accounts of murders, robberies, and other revolting crimes, and the mind of the reader dwells on the scenes of vice therein depicted. By indulgence, the reading of sensational or demoralizing literature becomes a habit, like the use of opium or other baleful drugs, and as a result, the minds of thousands are enfeebled, debased, and even crazed. Satan is doing more through the productions of the press to weaken the minds and corrupt the morals of all than by any other means.

"Let all reading of this character be banished from your houses, let books that are useful, instructive, and elevating, be placed in your libraries and upon your tables with the *Review* and *Herald*, our church paper, and the *Signs of the Times*, our missionary paper, and the effect upon both parents and children will be good."

Whenever one finds he is in error, the only safe thing to do is correct that error. Now in practically every one of our churches there are members who do not take the *Signs* or the *Review*. The old threadbare argument is put forth, "We can't afford it." Yet many things of less value are found in our homes. Why not, dur-

### What Is The Morning Watch?

It consists of two factors. First, reading a verse or more of Scripture. It should be committed to memory or at least grasped sufficiently to carry the thought in mind for reflection and meditation during the day. One may choose any verse of Scripture, of course; but a *Morning Watch Calendar* has been printed, which contains specially selected verses. This little calendar or booklet can be purchased from your Book and Bible House for five cents.

The second factor of the "Morning Watch" is private devotion. It is a private, personal prayer to thank the Lord for His care, and for every blessing, and to seek His guidance and help throughout the day. This is perhaps more important than the verse of Scripture.

J. P. Neff.

ing the *Signs* Campaign, secure the *Signs* for our own homes, and then, as we love our neighbors as ourselves, see to it that they are supplied also?

It may be we will never have more favorable time for doing missionary work than now. Probation's hour will end soon and whatever is done should be done quickly.

E. A. Manry

H. M. Sec'y. Col. Union Conf.

## Junior and Primary Lesson Pamphlets

Because of the fact that there are quite a number of Sabbath schools that for some time have not provided lessons for the children, the late Autumn Council authorized the Sabbath School Department to arrange for the publication of Junior and Primary Lesson Quarterlies for the benefit of those who are without lessons. We all recognize the great spiritual and educational value of the *Youth's Instructor* and *Our Little Friend* in building up the character and Christian life of our youth and children, and it is earnestly hoped that no steps shall be taken to discontinue any subscriptions to these papers, for the little *Quarterlies* are in no sense an adequate substitute for the papers, and are only provided to meet the present emergency. It is nothing short of a tragedy to deprive a young person or a child of these papers, and offer as a substitute only the Sabbath school lessons in pamphlet form.

The *Junior Lesson Quarterly* is published by the *Review* and *Herald*, Takoma Park, D. C., beginning with the second quarter of 1935.

The *Primary Lesson Quarterly* is published by the Pacific Press, Mountain View, California. The price of each *Quarterly* is five cents.

Sabbath School Department.

## Mission Organ Wanted

Anyone having an organ they would like to donate to the Azores Mission, for use in an effort soon to be held in that field, and afterwards in a church now being formed, will kindly communicate with Elder M. E. Kern, General Conference, Takoma Park, D. C., who will gladly furnish shipping instructions therefor. Necessarily, the organ should be in excellent condition before being sent to this mission field.

"SIGNS OF THE TIMES" CAMPAIGN, SABBATH, FEBRUARY 3 to 17, 1935

Elder E. P. Mansell writes that a church of forty members exists in the Maderias, and that he is hoping for as good success to come in the Azores. Almost everyone will remember this island group as being the point of arrival and departure for many trans-Atlantic flights, besides a port of call for tourist and other ships to and from southern European ports.

## Of Interest to Church Officers

Elders, Sabbath school superintendents, deacons and deaconesses have responsibilities of a very important character. While their work on behalf of the church occupies only a portion of their time, it is, in its way, just as sacred as that of the worker who gives all his time to spiritual things. An efficient church officer can do much to lighten the cares of his pastor. Efficiency in an officer of the church is largely a matter of supervised study of the problems involved, and systematic training. The Home Study Institute is offering a series of valuable lessons for church and Sabbath school officers which are replete with timely instruction. Busy men can usually cover the work of the course in about six months; but the Institute allows them a full year. The cost for tuition and books is very reasonable. The course is highly recommended by our leaders, and is giving excellent satisfaction to the growing numbers of church officers who are taking it.

For full particulars concerning this and many other interesting courses carrying full school credit that you can take in your own home, address, The Home Study Institute, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

## Liquor and Athletics

The liquor distilleries will not lag behind the tobacco interests in promising their customers everything from vitamins to virtue as a result of using their products. This campaign of false education is designed primarily to lower the standards of the youth who are potential customers that will fatten the distillers' and brewers' bankrolls.

The testimony of outstanding athletes in popular sports such as football, baseball, tennis and boxing, should convince the youth of the necessity for abstemious living for the sake of being physically fit. In the Olympic games of 1932 the American team accumulated almost three times as many points as its nearest competitor. This was not due to

greater spirit, stamina or superior technic in training. It was due to the fact that the use of alcohol is forbidden among American athletes.

(Condensed from an article by Owen S. Parrett, M. D. appearing in the new Temperance Number of *Present Truth*, No. 74. Only 75c per 100 or \$4.75 per thousand. Scatter them everywhere. Order from your Book and Bible House.)

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## "Signs" — The Pioneer

"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 matter of great interest to the church, and should be placed in every family of believers. If they are too poor to take it, the church should, by subscription, raise the amount of the full price of the paper, and supply the destitute families. . . .

"The same course should be pursued toward the *Signs*. With slight variations, 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." Vol. IV, p. 598.

In the above paragraphs we have our marching orders for the month of February. This divine comment on the value of our pioneer missionary periodical should help us to throw our influence unreservedly to increase its circulation.

"More *Signs*, More Souls" has been a motto for years and it is even so. Every paper has in itself infinite potentialities. The more of them sent out the more results are bound to accrue.

The Lord has his hand over the literature that is in love sent forth, and sometimes those papers that seem to be wasted, accomplish great good. Take for example the *Signs* bought by a shoe cobbler. He didn't appreciate the contents and so threw it on a stack of old papers by his bench.

While placing soles on a pair of shoes he tore a sheet from this paper to eliminate the squeak. In the course of time the sole wore thin and one day the wearer noticed a piece of

paper slightly protruding. Curiosity led him to carefully remove it. To make a long story short he found that for which his heart was longing — a message from his God.

So let us sow beside all waters knowing that God will prosper and cause to bear fruit that which falls on fertile ground.

R. E. Crawford.

## "Signs" and a Sailor

Not long since, there came to our office a check for \$110.00 tithed from an absolute stranger. Investigation brought to light the influence of our literature. Several years ago a young man who was enlisted in the Navy was stationed on the West Coast. He saw a copy of the "Facing the Crisis" that had been dropped in the mud. Taking it home and reading it, he became deeply interested in the message it contained.

He subscribed for the *Signs* and has virtually read himself into the truth. When Brother W. A. Beall, our Field Missionary Secretary, called upon this young man at his present location in the East, he found that he had been under suspicion for the passing of a \$20.00 counterfeit bill. However, he was able to prove that he had cashed his \$90.00 pay check and had drawn an additional \$20.00 from the bank, purchasing a post office money order with the same. The authorities were deeply impressed by the fact that a young man would turn over all the money he had in the world in a conscientious effort to make up his back tithe in this way.

He is looking forward to baptism and to uniting with a Seventh-day Adventist church at the first opportunity. This is just another demonstration of the fact that the *Signs of the Times* does win souls to the truth. W. C. Moffett.

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That M. V. Officers' Council  
At Mt. Vernon

In harmony with plans previously arranged, our Ohio M. V. officers convened in the chapel of Mt. Vernon Academy, January 26 and 27. We are presenting a brief report of this unusual meeting, feeling assured that our people, who were not privileged to join us in counsel, would appreciate knowing something about the results accomplished.

We are happy to report that almost 90 delegates were in attendance during the entire council, representing more than 55% of our Senior and Junior society organizations in the conference. Several groups, who had previously planned to join the delegation, were counted among the missing delegates when the roll was called. We discovered later that inclement weather, and other unavoidable interruptions caused this.

Elder C. L. Bond, associate secretary of the General Conference M. V. Department, and also Prof. J. P. Neff, M. V. Secretary of the Columbia Union, were present, and directed our council discussions in most acceptable fashion toward the successful realization of all our plans for a profitable council. We were also glad to welcome Brother Krick, superintendent of the Portsmouth district, and Brother Marion Bordeau from the Cleveland district, both of whom participated in the work.

The Sabbath morning service in the Mt. Vernon church was conducted by Elder Bond, who emphasized the place our young people occupy in the setting of prophetic events. At the close of the service, Elder Robbins and others presented the interests of Educational Endowment to the congregation, and cash and pledges totaling approximately 30% of the church goal of \$400 were received.

The Sabbath afternoon hours, and also Sunday morning were devoted to a careful study of our M. V. problems and projects for Ohio during 1935. Every moment of the time was filled with helpful and enthusiastic discussions covering every phase of our young people's work, and recommendations were passed, designed to lay a substantial foundation for the work of the year.

We were especially favored by a musical treat during the early Saturday evening hours, when the school

orchestra, under the efficient direction of Brother John Haffner, and the various vocal organizations of student groups, under the leadership of Prof. H. A. Miller, entertained our visiting delegates. This part of the program provided a colorful background for the strenuous activities of our council, and was much appreciated by all who were in attendance.

We shall be glad to present more in detail concerning actions taken and recommendations passed in the council at a later time. Following the trail of this important council, we face the problems and tasks of 1935 with confidence, knowing that our Missionary Volunteers are following the leadership of a General who has never lost a battle.  
H. K. Christman.

What Can I Do to Proclaim  
the Third Angel's Message

What can I do to proclaim the third angel's message is the question that should be uppermost in the mind of every Seventh-day Adventist. The Lord has told us very definitely, through His servant, what we should be doing at this time: "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures. Missionary work — introducing our publications into families, conversing, and praying with them and for them — is a good work." "The Colporteur Evangelist," p. 80.

The *Signs of the Times* is one of our important publications, and its distribution will result in the message being proclaimed to many. In the *Signs* is found the truth for this time and generation. The general attractiveness of the paper appeals to every class. Many have accepted the truth through reading this timely publication.

The *Signs* has been used for the last sixty years, in the State of Ohio, as a soul-winning agency. In 1933, in the State of Ohio, there were 860 subscriptions to the *Signs*; in 1934, 1647, with forty-two churches taking part in the promotion of this paper. Our aim this year, is to place a club of the *Signs* in every church. Promotion literature is now being mailed to all the church officers, giving suggestive club goals.

We are inviting Elder W. W. Eastman, who was connected with the Publishing Department of the General Conference, to spend ten days visiting our churches in the State of Ohio, in the interest of the *Signs* promotion. He will begin his work, February 26. We bespeak for him a

hearty welcome in all of our churches. For many years, Elder Eastman did strong and valuable work in the Publishing Department of the General Conference, and we are happy to have his help in this campaign.

The conference field district leaders will be notified of the places where Brother Eastman will visit. We are requesting that the campaign be taken up in the churches not visited by Brother Eastman, or by conference leaders, so that every church will hear about the campaign and do its duty in increasing the distribution of, and subscriptions for, the *Signs of the Times* during the present year.

F. H. Robbins.

Another Endowment Effort  
Launched

During the last few days we have been receiving excellent reports from various points of the compass in old Ohio telling about the events of the opening Sabbath of our Educational Endowment campaign for 1935. Due to the pressure of other matters, a few of the churches found it necessary to postpone the opening day for a brief period, but wherever the matter was presented to our churches, we have been happy to learn about a most enthusiastic response.

In the apportionment of suggestive financial goals for the entire conference an assignment of \$1000 was given to our Senior M. V. Societies, and \$350 to the Church schools. The entire delegation at the M. V. Officer's Council registered itself enthusiastically on this matter in the following recommendation,—

Voted: a. That the M. V. Societies in the Ohio Conference participate actively in the Educational Endowment program for 1935

b. That we adopt the suggestive goal of \$1350 for the conference M. V. societies as apportioned among the various units.

This is a very logical decision in view of the fact that our young people in the home churches are the primary beneficiaries of the Endowment fund as they plan for their education in our schools. Every officer felt a sincere conviction that all our young people, therefore, should participate actively in the plans for reaching the desired financial objective of \$5,000 this year.

As we enter actively into the plans for this year we feel to urge all our people to participate in this sacrificial spirit, and thus endeavor to provide a sheltering educational influence for our tempted youth in these days of peril that have come upon the world.

H. K. Christman.

## NEW JERSEY

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### North Plainfield Academy

Our school year is more than half over. As we look back over the fleeting months just past we feel that we have everything to be thankful for. The Lord has been very good to our school. There has been no serious illness nor accident; no serious disciplinary troubles. Tuition has been coming in better than ever before, and bills are paid up to date, thanks to the efficiency of our good business manager, Brother Blinn, and our matron, Sister Blinn. There has been a steady growth in the size of our scholastic honor roll. Opportunities for girls to work in the homes are more than we can fill. No teacher has lost one day of school because of illness. Why should we not feel grateful to Providence as we take this inventory?

We were happily surprised to have Professor Neff step in during our chapel period last week, and spend two days with us. This was his first visit this year. He spoke at the Young People's meeting, and the following day at the church service.

Our Honor Roll for the first semester is as follows: High Honor (all A's): Paul Carlisle, Dorothea Muncey, Cecil Davis, Emma Gensel, and Sybil Taylor. Honor (nothing below B): Earl Personius, Amy Lillie, Clara Cooper, Anna Parker, Helen Rue, Olive Cruickshank, Catherine Steeves, Gertrude Burke, Rhoda Stiles, Ruth Meyer, Jessie McKnight.

In the new Merit System started with the new year, we find Dorothea Muncey leading with over 400 merits and no de-merits, with Earl Personius second, with over 300 merits and no de-merits. These have been earned by high grades, Progressive Class work, non-violation of school rules, and other honors.

This Saturday night (January 26) the Senior class has its annual formal party. For this purpose two adjoining school rooms are being cleared, the hardwood floors re-shelacked and waxed, and the whole transformed into two cozy parlors. Besides the faculty, each Senior invites one special friend. A program of entertainment

and refreshments is planned by the class.

The day of the heavy snowfall following the conference examination, students and teachers piled out into the drifts and enjoyed an exhilarating half hour of snowball fighting.

N. P. A. has had many visitors during this first half year, including friends and relatives of students and teachers, Union Conference and General Conference workers, and other interested parties. Among the former students who have visited us were: George Barkman, Louise McDonough, Norman Curl, Donald Weber, Verla St. John, Adrian Boyer, Doris Whatley, and former teachers, Miss Jean Wingate and Raven Dodge. We are more than glad to have these visitors come.

With the recent admission of Miss Louise Meyer, the Senior class now has eight members. Cecil Davis has just been announced as the Valedictorian. This has been a real accomplishment for, not only does he take more than full work but he works every penny of his way, and good grades have come to him only through hard and persistent study.

Albert N. Shafer.

### News Notes

Regional Conventions are planned for the officers of the churches of the New Jersey Conference as follows:

*Newark English Church*, Friday evening, February 15, 7:30, and all day Sabbath, February 16. All the officers of the churches in Jersey City, Newark, Plainfield and Perth Amboy are invited to be present.

*Paterson English Church*, Friday evening, March 1st, 7:30, to March 3, — for the officers of the churches of Elder Newmyer's district.

*Bridgeton Church*, Friday evening, 7:30, March 8 and 9, — for the officers of Elder Gauker's district, and Brother Shaw's district.

*Trenton Church*, Friday evening, 7:30, March 15 and 16, — for the officers of Elder Norton's district and for the churches at Trenton, Asbury Park, New Brunswick, Burlington and Mount Holly.

Every church officer is invited to attend the convention designated for his church. The plan is for the officers to go to their homes following the service Friday night and then return for the convention on the Sabbath. Those attending the convention

are requested to bring their own lunch.

To help enable us to meet our responsibility of reaching the multitudes here in the New Jersey Conference, we are inviting the members of our churches to raise an evangelistic fund by the Penny-A-Meal Method. Attractive containers have been secured, and we are inviting each family, or single individual whose family is not in the truth, to take one of these containers and deposit therein a penny a meal to make available a special fund for evangelism. No family will miss a penny given at meal time for this purpose. It will mean only three cents a day per family, yet if every family, or single individual whose family is not in the truth, gave three cents a day, in the course of a year we would receive, here in New Jersey, through this source alone, over \$13,000.00. This fund will be used exclusively for evangelism. Just think what could be carried on with such an amount! We believe that every member of our churches will be glad to cooperate in such a plan to build up an evangelistic fund.

The plan is to turn in the coin boxes at the close of each quarter to the treasurer of the local church and receive again the container.

This isn't a very large or elaborate plan but, with every one cooperating, and with the blessing of the Lord, a penny a meal will be blessed, as were the loaves and fishes, in giving the message to the multitudes of New Jersey.

Dr. B. G. Wilkinson met with the Trenton church, and Elder E. A. Manry with the Jersey City No. 1 church last Sabbath. We appreciate the visits of these two Union brethren to our field.

Elder Eastman will visit a number of churches in New Jersey from February 7 to 13, giving a stereopticon lecture in each church. Elder Eastman's schedule is as follows:

Newark Colored church, February 7.

Jersey City No. 1 church, Friday evening, February 8.

Newark English church, Sabbath morning, February 9.

Paterson English church, Sabbath afternoon, February 9.

Rockaway church, Sunday evening, February 10.

Bridgeton church, Monday evening, February 11.

**REMEMBER THE TEMPERANCE PROGRAM, SABBATH, FEBRUARY 23, 1935**

Vineland church, Tuesday evening, February 12.

Trenton church, Wednesday evening, February 13.

Members of adjoining churches are invited to be present.

A Young People's Convention will be held at the Trenton church, Friday evening, February 8, and all day Sabbath, February 9. Elder and Mrs. Bond, of the General Conference, will be present. Elder Bond will give the main addresses.

Young people from all the surrounding churches are invited not only for Friday night, but for the services all day Sabbath. Let us make this rally a milestone in the Christian experience of our youth in the Trenton district. All are cordially invited to be present.

### "More 'Signs' — More Souls"

The coming of another *Signs of the Times* Campaign should be welcomed by the members of the New Jersey Conference as another opportunity of increasing our missionary activity in behalf of our home field.

In New Jersey we have one Seventh-day Adventist for every 2,004 individuals, and it seems entirely appropriate with each one of our personal fields composed of 2,004 individuals that we should use far more literature than we are now using.

The *Signs of the Times*, the oldest of our missionary periodicals, is still the leader in its field. Its editorial policy is such that it presents week by week, up-to-the-minute articles on the fulfillment of prophecy as witnessed in our generation.

In the New Jersey Conference we are now using less than half the number of *Signs* that we should use. Surely, recognizing the responsibility resting upon us, each one should take at least one subscription during this campaign. Let this one subscription be a minimum, and then let us see that the papers are distributed week by week that we may realize tangible results from the seed sown.

In our Ingathering Campaign just closed we have turned in a large surplus to the General Conference for mission fields. Let us now put forth real effort in behalf of our home field. We are counting on every church to reach at least one subscription for each member. We must have more souls during 1935. To this end let us have more *Signs* distributed.

R. J. Christian.

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA

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### "The Signs of the Times"

"Today the signs of the times declare that we are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Everything in our world is in agitation . . . The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and women of all classes, have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about us. They are watching the relations that exist among the nations. They observe the intensity that is taking possession of every earthly element, and they recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place,—that the world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis." *Prophets and Kings*, pp. 536, 537.

The only true explanation of these agitating events is in the Bible. The classes of men and women referred to in the above paragraph should have their attention directed to the light the Scripture is shedding on these perplexing events and relationships of nations of today which are causing the hearts of many to fail. One of the best and most dignified means God has provided for us to do this is through the *Signs of the Times*. People are educated to read papers and magazines, but very few have the habit of reading the Bible, and are not likely to read it unless their attention is directed to it by a living witness or a message in a paper or magazine. Every week this journal comes forth with a fresh message from the Bible, written in a simple, dignified style, giving the news of the world in the light of unfolding Bible prophecy.

Every honest-hearted observer of rapidly changing world events will be eager to read its message when the paper is wisely and tactfully presented to him. They will be to him as refreshing water in a thirsty land or a spring in a desert. We have every reason to believe that the class of people mentioned in the first paragraph of this article are honestly seeking light which the Lord has entrusted to us. We shall be held accountable if we withhold it.

We have no way of knowing just

how many will be enlightened and saved by reading the *Signs of the Times*; but we do know a great many have already been led to give their hearts to God and their lives to His service as a result of reading its message. Just yesterday a wife of one of our strongest and most spiritual local elders told me it was through the *Signs of the Times* that she learned of the blessed hope of Christ's soon return and the Sabbath truth. The paper was sent to her father's home two years before she became interested enough in the paper to read it. Her experience should encourage us to continue to send the paper even though we do not see results the first year. The apostle Paul assures us that our labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Cor. 15:58. If we could know of the good accomplished last year through this one medium—the *Signs*—we would be inspired to increase our efforts a hundredfold. So let us accept the word of the Lord that our "labour is not in vain" and put forth every possible effort to increase our labours for Him by placing more *Signs* in the homes of the people than we have ever done before.

According to the message sent to this people through the Spirit of prophecy, the *Review and Herald* and the *Signs of the Times* occupy places of equal importance: "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." Vol. IV, p. 598.

The place where they are to do their specific work is: first, in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist; second, in the homes of friends, neighbors, and enemies of Seventh-day Adventists. Every member of the church should read the *Signs* in order to keep himself informed as to the development of events and unfolding prophecy, and the heart glowing with the love of the truth so he will be able to help others. Unbelievers should read it so they will be led to Christ and unite with the Lord's remnant people, that they too may be saved in the day of God's wrath.

Last year, according to our records, less than half of the churches in the East Pennsylvania Conference were receiving a club of *Signs* for themselves or for missionary work. I believe the Lord wants this condition changed. Vol. IV, p. 598.

REMEMBER THE TEMPERANCE PROGRAM, SABBATH, FEBRUARY 23, 1935

The Pacific Press Publishing Association is sending a club free during the month of January to all the churches that are not already getting clubs, that they may become acquainted with the *Signs* as it is at the present and see its value as a soul-winning agency. We hope these papers are being read and will prove a blessing to the homes where they are sent.

We are making an earnest appeal to every church in the East Pennsylvania Conference that received a club of *Signs* in 1934, to renew it and if possible increase it. This is to be a year of advance along every line of missionary endeavor. In view of the solemn days before us it behooves us to put forth unusual efforts to circulate more literature of every kind this year than we did last year. To the churches that did not receive a club of *Signs* last year, we appeal to you not to rest satisfied until your church is receiving a club even though it is small. However, some of the churches that at present have none, should be getting a large club. The Lord will richly bless the churches that obey Him in this matter during the *Signs* Campaign which will be February 3 to 17. If the pastors local elders, missionary leaders, and church boards will pray earnestly to God for the Holy Spirit to guide them in this campaign, their efforts will be crowned with success in every church and God will be glorified.

J. C. Holland,

### Lake Ariel Academy

New classes have been formed in the following subjects for the second semester — Spirit of prophecy, American Government, Physiology and Typewriting.

A new member has been added to the Faculty. Miss Anna Beck has taken up the work dropped by Mrs. Gernet when she was called into Civil Service duty. Miss Beck is acting as Preceptress, Registrar and Librarian.

A recent meeting of the French Club was opened by repeating the Sabbath school memory verse in French. Then the president, August Siegel, read a story about the social customs of the country whose language they are learning. The secretary's report of the last meeting was then read in French. After the club had learned to sing the French version of the "Rosary," it was dismissed.

Sabbath, January 12, found the newly elected Superintendent of Lake Ariel Sabbath school, Mrs. Pickard, leading in person. Several innova-

tions pointed to still more interesting and profitable programs in the future. One of these was the orchestra, in its embryo stage as yet, but functioning nevertheless. It greatly helped to enliven the musical portion of the program.

The new goal device for this quarter will register attendance and daily lesson study in terms of progressiveness of spirit, providing an aeroplane in which 100 per cent classes may ride; an automobile for those from 90-99; a stagecoach for classes from 80-89; and showing classes so low as 70-79 per cent as pedestrians. If it should prove necessary, the superintendent promises that a wheel-chair will be provided for any class that may fall below 70 per cent. All join her, however, in the hope that there will be no invalid classes to need wheeling.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickard, Jennie Swartz, Carolyn Stalker and Paul Grove visited Mrs. Lockwood, in Waymart, and sang some hymns to cheer her. Mrs. Lockwood has been very ill for some time, and the news of her death came to the students on Sabbath, when Elder Pickard was called to conduct the funeral.

### The "Signs of the Times" and Evangelism

It is our practice annually to initiate campaigns for circulating the *Signs of the Times* and encouraging churches and individual members to take the clubs for missionary work. This plan has been a success and scores of souls have been brought into the truth through the distribution of the *Signs of the Times*.

There is no better way of getting the truth into the homes of the people than by the promotion of the *Signs*, and it should be in every Seventh-day Adventist home, for surely our people need the timely information that is published weekly in the columns of this good paper. Not only does the reader of the *Signs of the Times* learn of the rapid fulfillment of Bible predictions in these last days, but his heart is filled with courage and greater love for truth.

The Ministerial Convention that was recently held in Philadelphia has brought an inspiration to us all. It has given our ministers a greater vision of evangelism. The ministers in the East Pennsylvania Conference are all planning for evangelistic efforts and to begin as soon as possible. While we are determined to make the most of every opportunity by the way of evangelism in 1935,

shall we not avail ourselves of the privilege we now have of placing hundreds of the *Signs of the Times* in the homes of the people, which can be done by using the club rates. This valuable paper will bring souls into the truth.

In the "Colporteur Evangelist," page 110, we find the following statement: "The last gospel message has been timed for a reading generation. The church is to awake to a new realization of the power of the gospel through the printed page. We have been asleep, as it were, regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well prepared literature." W. M. Robbins.

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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### A Refreshing Experience

A few days ago one of our West Pennsylvania conference workers, in company with a colporteur, entered a clothing store in the city of McKeesport, with the object of buying a hat. It was not long before our worker engaged the Jewish proprietor in conversation on a religious topic. When the man learned that he was talking to a Seventh-day Adventist he became intensely interested, and spoke very highly of our people. Upon inquiring as to where this son of Abraham obtained such a favorable opinion of, and an acquaintanceship with, doctrines held by Seventh-day Adventists, he replied that he is a regular and interested reader of the *Signs of the Times* which is placed weekly in the reading racks of the public library of that city. Undoubtedly some faithful member of our church subscribed for this periodical, which goes directly from the publishers to the library, and is not fully aware that it is so highly appreciated. Little do we comprehend the extent of the influence or the ultimate results of our publications.

Many, many souls have been won to the Lord and His truth through this heavenly-inspired and God-given instrumentality. Each year sees new members added to our ranks who have directly or indirectly been brought to accept this message through reading the *Signs of the Times*. It is said that the constant dripping of water in time wears away the stone. Likewise the regular reading of the messages of truth melts hearts prejudiced by ignorance.

The latest report from our publishers indicates that we have a total

# THE LITERATURE MINISTRY

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

Week Ending January 26, 1935

E. M. Fishell, Union Field Secretary

## THE EAST PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

J. R. Ridenour, Field Missionary Secretary.					
Name	Place	Book	Hr.	Orders	Del'd.
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		BR	41	44.45	23.85
C. W. Lorenze, Pine Grove		BR	40	44.00	
I. H. Johnson, Carlisle		GC	40	17.75	14.25
J. M. Hoffman, Allentown		HP	36	48.00	60.00
W. F. Manbeck, Reading		OD	31	12.25	12.25
A. C. Dreas, N. Hampton Co.		PP	24	31.25	1.25
M. Comer, Harrisburg		RJ	20	15.00	
Estella Dean, Harrisburg		RJ	20	15.00	
H. F. Bankes, Owl Creek		GC	16	5.50	
E. S. Achenbach, Easton		PP	14	.50	.50
J. E. Smith, S. Philadelphia		RJ	13	4.00	4.25
L. G. Price, E. Lansdowne		BR	8	7.50	.25
Mrs. E. W. Rush, Bethlehem		BR	6	6.85	3.10
E. W. Rush, Bethlehem		BR	4	.10	7.60
*Mrs. W. James, Berks Co.		BR	26		14.05
*L. G. Price, Amblur		BR	14	2.10	4.85
*Elmer Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		GC	6	5.00	1.00

### MAGAZINE WORKERS

Marie Martin, Berks Co.	Mag	29	16.30	16.30
Jos. Ledoni, Philadelphia	Mag	25	36.65	36.65
Miss Palmore, Philadelphia	Mag	20	12.00	12.00
Leona Soper, Mansfield	Mag	16	5.30	5.30
Wm. E. Phelps, Philadelphia	Mag	16	22.50	22.50
M. Bartholomew	Mag	11	5.90	5.90
Mrs. M. Bartholomew	Mag	11	5.80	5.80
B. A. Hawk, Easton	Mag	10	8.20	8.20
Mrs. Achenbach, Easton	Mag	8	3.30	3.30
Mrs. Phelps, Philadelphia	Mag	4	3.75	3.75
Laura Daniels, Philadelphia	Mag	3	1.50	1.50
*Dorothy Gilfert, Berks Co.	Mag	45	28.30	28.30
*Marie Martin, Berks Co.	Mag	34	12.90	12.90

\*Back Reports

Totals, 30 Colporteurs      595    \$464.65    \$309.60

## THE WEST PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

F. D. Myers, Field Missionary Secretary

Ulysses Bracy, Ford City	GC	41	56.25	4.10
Lillian Johnson, Avalon	HR	34	30.15	11.70
Charlie Key, Armstrong	BR	33	53.00	
Bertha Griffin, Kittanning	DR	29	25.10	3.50
G. Buttermore, Franklin	OD	24	25.05	3.05
Charles Peters, Brentwood	OD	17	5.60	4.60
Ruth Smith, Erie	Misc	16	3.00	3.00
Alice Garrett, Pittsburgh	HR	15	6.70	3.00
George McKnight, DuBois	OD	11	.25	.25
R. R. Haight, Warren	PP	10	10.00	10.00
Roy Freleigh, Erie	OD	10	3.25	3.25
Maggie Jackson, Washington	DR	10	3.50	11.35
C. Irving, Pittsburgh	HR	6	6.70	
L. Mallory, Pittsburgh	BR	6		3.35
S. Lakatosh, Barnesboro	RJ	6	.75	.50

### MAGAZINE WORKERS

I. E. Gould, Sharon	Mag	22	14.40	14.40
Walter Arties, Beltzhoover	Mag	22	2.20	2.20
Carrie Young, Pittsburgh	Mag	15	1.80	1.80
E. Lutz, Pittsburgh	Mag	10	10.00	10.00
Daisy Mellon, Oil City	Mag	10	5.00	5.00
Garnelle Rager, Johnstown	Mag	10	3.40	3.40
Pauline Jackson, Pittsburgh	Mag	10	2.00	2.00
Mrs. P. Dran, Pittsburgh	Mag	2	1.60	1.60
Elinor Dran, E. McKeesport	Mag	2	.50	.50

### BACK REPORTS

Ruth Smith, Erie	Mag	12	6.00	6.00
E. Lutz, Pittsburgh	Mag	10	10.00	10.00
E. Lutz, Pittsburgh	Mag	10	10.00	10.00
Garnelle Rager, Johnstown	Mag	8	2.55	2.55

Totals, 24 colporteurs      411    \$298.75    \$131.10

## THE WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

N. S. Marriot, Keyser	Helps	37	23.96	8.96
A. R. Cain, Logan	DR	30	43.00	
Chas. Wurschum, Wheeling	OD	11	4.25	3.75

Totals, 3 colporteurs      78    \$71.21    \$12.71

## THE OHIO CONFERENCE

O. C. Weller, Field Missionary Secretary

Name	Place	Book	Hr.	Orders	Del'd.
C. H. Paul, Cincinnati		HR	47	41.00	4.00
S. E. Curry, Hamilton Co.		GC	47	38.40	30.15
C. McCampbell, Akron		SCC	43	25.25	16.25
Roy Stone, Cleveland		HR	41	38.00	8.90
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati			40	40.75	18.50
J. L. Johnson, Dayton		BR	40	23.00	
H. C. Kaste, Steubenville		BR	38	51.60	3.30
H. S. Baskerville, Cleveland		OD	31	35.65	.55
Loren Ward, Springfield			30	2.40	.90
Mrs. A. Arnold, Cincinnati		HR	26	15.00	
John Booth, Youngstown		OD	23	19.25	2.50
Mrs. Hampton, Cleveland		HR	19	6.00	
John Hanawalt, Chilliiothe		BR	15	14.25	
A. G. Stewart, Cleveland		PP	15	4.75	.25
J. J. Nelson, Cleveland			10	1.00	2.70
Howard Harter		BR			14.25
Mike Sandors		Misc	39	24.00	24.00
Josephine Hoel, Cincinnati		Mag	30	9.00	9.00
Mrs. F. Gee, Jr., Cincinnati		Mag	29	21.70	21.70
Masie Heise, Columbus		Mag	19	13.10	13.10
Mrs. E. Feltnr, Hamilton		Mag	18	5.20	5.20
Mrs. M. Dunning, Hamilton		Mag	17	5.00	5.00
A. P. Brewer, Dayton		Mag	16	5.00	5.00
Mrs. L. Dunlap, Cleveland		Mag	16	6.00	6.00
Mrs. M. Dunning, Hamilton		Mag	12	6.30	6.30
C. Vaughn, Cleveland		Mag	10	3.00	3.00
Clara Redifer, Youngstown		Mag	10	5.80	5.80
Part-Time Workers, Toledo			27	49.81	49.81

Totals      710    \$510.21    \$257.06

## THE POTOMAC CONFERENCE

F. E. Thumwood, Field Missionary Secretary

E. E. Gavers, Portsmouth	BR	45	30.50	12.75
E. H. Craig, Roanoke	BR	38	47.25	
Thos. Seward, Harrisonburg	BTS	35	29.75	2.35
Mrs. M. E. Mitchell, Wash.	BR	27	46.75	11.00
Allen Hayes, Washington	HR	22	8.40	2.75
Mrs. Alice Kenney, Wash.	HR	17	2.00	2.00
Mrs. L. B. Lawrence, Norfolk	HR	16	28.50	
Miss M. Ford, Norfolk	HR	15	25.00	
Mrs. Alice Kosh, Washington	HR	15	20.00	
R. J. Brown, Washington	DR	15	4.75	
Annie Myles, Washington	BR	13	16.00	
Mrs. B. Henson, Washington	HR	11	8.00	
Mrs. L. Lewis, Washington	HR	10	7.25	5.10
Mrs. S. J. Barbour, Wash.	HP	10	6.50	6.75
A Worker, Lynchburg			57.00	57.00

### Back Reports:

Hester Davis, Richmond	HR	36	87.50	
H. C. Wilcox, Norfolk	BPS	36	19.00	5.50
J. M. Harris, Washington	HR	32	3.50	9.00
Mrs. R. Simms, Washington	BR	23	16.25	8.00
Thos. Seward, Harrisonburg	BTS	13	10.50	7.45
Mrs. J. G. Wolfinger, Richm'n	BR	3	31.50	25.25
Mrs. M. E. Anderson, Wash.	Misc		12.50	14.00

### MAGAZINES:

Mrs. J. Anderson		20	16.00	16.00
Lucy Johnson		10	2.30	2.30
Mrs. Hirst		3	1.00	1.00

Totals      465    \$537.70    \$188.20

## THE NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE

Geo. H. Carter, Field Missionary Secretary

R. Greutert, Phillipsburg	RJ	26	18.25	
H. Voorhees, Phillipsburg	OD	21	21.50	1.00
F. Zimmerly, Trenton	OD	20	32.50	1.75
F. Frankel, Newark	Misc	18	4.20	5.90
Mrs. Meierhofer, Jersey City	RJ	16	2.65	17.35
Mrs. S. Monk, Bridgeton	HR	4	6.00	
Mrs. L. Perkins, Pleasantville	BTS	1	2.25	2.25
Mrs. Jenssen, Phillipsburg	Misc		2.00	10.25

### MAGAZINE WORKERS

Mrs. E. Plath, Elizabeth	Mag	20	8.00	8.00
Mrs. A. Smalley, Newark	Mag	4	5.10	5.10

Totals, 10 colporteurs      130    \$102.45    \$51.60

of 384 copies of the *Signs of the Times* coming each week into the West Pennsylvania Conference territory. This is an increase of over 170% as compared with last year's list, and indicates that about twenty thousand copies of this soul-winning journal entered this field in the twelve-month period. But we are not satisfied! Heaven forbid! We must do better in this year of 1935. The unwarned multitudes within our conference territory are beckoning us onward. Truth-filled periodicals offer a partial solution to the great problem of heralding this precious message. Every member, leader and worker can be disseminating the light through the printed page.

An appeal is hereby made, and the opportunity for each member to respond is forthcoming in the *Signs of the Times* Campaign, February 3 to 17, inclusive. Our objective is to have every member subscribe for at least one friend or acquaintance.

Each pastor, each church missionary leader and secretary is being asked to urge you to subscribe for at least one annual subscription for the *SIGNS*. Won't you help them?

The regular price is \$1.50 for a single subscription, but during the period of the campaign it has been reduced to \$1.25. A still lower price of \$1.00 per year is obtainable during the period of the campaign if taken through a club. To secure this price the church club subscriptions must equal or exceed one half of the entire church membership, and the papers will be sent to one address for distribution each Sabbath at the church.

If you've invested before, invest as much or more in the *SIGNS* this year. If you've never invested before, don't let this soul-winning opportunity pass unimproved.

R. H. Fickling

## Obituaries

**LANDES:-** D. A. The members of the West Virginia Conference will be made sad to learn of the death of Brother D. A. Landes. He fell asleep at his home near Riverton, Pendleton Co., November 30, 1934, aged eighty-four years. For many years has been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, and has held up the light of truth in no uncertain way in his beloved county. Many times he has attended our annual camp meeting. He was present at our 1934 camp meeting,

held at Parkersburg, West Virginia.

He was the son of the late Jesse and Christena Kimble Landes, and was united in marriage with Miss America Rebecca Dolly, to which union six children survive, namely: Mrs. D. W. Thompson Parsons; Mrs. I. C. Smith; O. W. Landes; Mrs. Pent Lawrence; C. J. Landes, all of the Riverton community, and Miss Zella S. Landes, who lives at the family homestead.

Brother Landes was greatly beloved in the county where he held the office of county surveyor at the home of his death. In this capacity he has served the county, during various administrations, for half a century. At the time of his death he was duly elected County Surveyor in Pendleton County. The following statement from the County paper indicates the high esteem with which Brother Landes was held by his neighbors and friends of his home county. "With affection and tenderness we speak of how well Mr. Landes walked and rode horseback for a man of his years; how he loved life and lived it with a keen interest and appreciation.

"As the editor suggested last week, he went about his duties of County Surveyor in recent months. In his office he was both efficient and trustworthy through about fifty years of service.

"He was vitally interested in the betterment of society and had a great deal of experience with the U. S. Department of Mails while securing mail service for his neighbors, as well as other routes. He was perhaps the first to carry the mail from Moorfield, W. Va., to Crabottom, Va. The route ran by way of the South Branch of the Potomac and the North Fork of the South Branch. This trip he made on horseback each week. This pioneer service was of inestimable value to our section.

"Many people came to Mr. Landes for counsel in matters of history, land and law. While on his sick bed he spoke of his unfinished map of the county and of the things he must attend to when he returned to Franklin. To him life meant busy, intelligent living. May the going of this good old man challenge us to a broader understanding and appreciation of our duties and the consecration of our homes."

The article in the Press also stated that, "With his Christian friends and family he was constantly discussing the life and work of Christ and His coming again." The writer in recent conversation with Brother Landes was approached time and again in the interest of the giving the three-fold message to Pendleton County. He was very anxious for an evangelistic effort to be conducted in the county seat of Franklin. He carried a great burden for that section and longed to see the day when all the residents might have opportunity to know the truth as it is in Jesus. Brother Landes was laid to rest in the family cemetery by the side of his faithful wife whose memory he greatly and constantly revered. He loved to tell the story of how his wife first accepted the truth and then how,

by her consistent Christian living, she was laid to rest with the bright hope was the cause of his taking his stand with the Advent people. He was laid to rest with the bright hope of a part in the first resurrection.

**BARKER:-** Baby Geraldine, was born in Hamilton Ohio, Aug. 19, 1933, and died Oct. 19, 1934.

She leaves a father and mother, two brothers and two sisters to mourn their loss.

A sweet little blossom saved for the Kingdom of God. She was laid to rest in the Greenwood Cemetery.

W. F. Schwartz

**DAVIES:-** Laura Trunk, was born in 1869 and died at Atlantic City, N. J., December 21, 1934, aged seventy-five years. Sister Davies accepted the truth about thirty-five years ago, and remained a faithful member till her death.

Following the death of her first husband our sister was united in marriage with Thomas John Davies in 1903, they being highly respected members of our church in Mount Vernon, Ohio, for many years before they came to New Jersey last year.

Brother Davies, one son, four daughters and four step-children, besides many friends, mourn her departure. Funeral services were held in the Bridgeton, N. J., Seventh-day Adventist church, where Sister Davies held membership for ten years. Interment took place in the beautiful Overbrook Cemetery.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. H. G. Gauker.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

**WANTED:** Tenant Farmer about fifty years old. R. M. Johnson, 46 W. Hoster St., Columbus, O.

## Approximate Sunset Times (Eastern Standard Time)

	Feb. 8	Feb. 15
Trenton, N. J.	5:24	5:32
Philadelphia, Pa.	5:26	5:34
Pittsburgh, Pa.	5:46	5:54
Baltimore, Md.	5:34	5:43
Cumberland, Md.	5:39	5:47
Washington, D. C.	5:37	5:45
Richmond, Va.	5:34	5:42
Parkersburg, W. Va.	5:51	5:59
Cleveland, Ohio	5:52	5:00
Columbus, Ohio	5:56	6:04
Toledo, Ohio	5:58	6:06

## Fifteen Minute Service

February 9, 1935

Welfare and Dorcas Society Work

February 16, 1935

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