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SIGNS SPREADING EVERYWHERE

DURING the year 1947 *Signs of the Times* registered an average weekly circulation of 343,000 copies a week. This is, in proportion to sponsoring constituency the lar-

gest circulation of any other Protestant weekly publication in the United States. Other publications of a similar nature sponsored by various Protestant groups have recorded distributions of similar proportions, but in every case

the membership of these organizations is many times the size of our own denominational group.

The remarkable increase in the circulation of the *Signs*—from 60,000 in 1937 to 343,000 in 1947, or a period of one decade—has naturally created many problems both of production and circulation. Indeed, those who have been intimately associated with these problems, both during the war emergency and in the days of the postwar era, have marveled at the way God has exercised a guiding Providence in every emergency. At the present moment the publishers and distributors of *Signs* are wrestling with the new and greater problems involved in fast-rising costs of materials, labor, and various other factors.

During the past year a Goss rotary press was installed and dedicated primarily to the publishing of *Signs*. This huge press occupies a space in the press room of more than 46 feet and is capable of producing more than a half million copies per week. These are all released from the press printed, folded, and pasted in one operation. In its normal operation, this press has a maximum releasing capacity of 30,000 *Signs* per hour, or approximately 500 per minute. This is only one of the items of equipment secured during the past two years that wonderfully facilitate the work with *Signs* and naturally guarantee greater dispatch in its delivery to the field.

Facing the recent enormous increase in cost, there has been of late much listing of figures and discussion of budgets to find a way to avoid any appreciable increase in the price of *Signs*. Our people may be assured that the publishers of *Signs* are constantly studying ways by which they can carry out the original vision of its founders and their bur-

As Autumn Leaves

Under the snow they lie scattered,
And waiting to nourish the earth,
The beautiful leaves of autumn,
Often thought of so little worth.
A type of printed pages,
Scattered hither, thither and yon;
Though sometimes hidden, forgotten,
Still holding a message to warn.

The Lord has bidden us "scatter."
If we faithfully do our part,
He will gather souls as harvest,
Which will surely gladden our heart.
Tho' icy snows of temptation
Seem to hide the seed for a time,
'Twill melt 'neath His loving sunshine,
And the blessed Message will shine.

We have heard of youth in high school
Getting help for themes from the *Signs*,
Clergymen finding their sermons
In its sacred, well-written lines.
Some find, at night when retiring
That it brings a message of peace;
While some pass it on to neighbors,
And thus will our numbers increase.

"More *Signs*, more souls," they all tell us;
And oh, what a joy it will be
When we enter Heaven above
And someone walks right up to me,
Saying, "I'm so very thankful
You sent me the *Signs* long ago.
It taught the way of salvation,
And showed me the way I should go."

Then be a little more faithful,
And scatter more *Signs* every year.
Let's water the seed with our prayers;
It will make our friends seem more dear.
And then—To meet them in Glory,
When trials are over down here,
As we clasp hands, have them tell us,
"Twas you who invited me here."

—Mrs. Henry A. Olsen



"Signs" Saves Souls

den of heart to make it distinctly a missionary periodical. With this thought in mind, present discussions concerning price are designed only to balance its budget and thus keep it within a reasonable financial range of our missionary-minded membership.

After careful study of costs and circulation for the coming year, it has been decided that during the coming *Signs* crusade, beginning February and continuing into the early spring, the price of single subscriptions mailed direct shall be only \$1.75 or 3½ cents per week. In addition to this, the price of five or more *Signs* in clubs to one address will be only \$1.50.

In glancing over the various items of our literature program fostered by our publishing houses, we are happy to discover that the above-mentioned increase over former years compares very favorably with many items of a similar nature. What will be the result of the publishers' generosity in maintaining this convenient price range with *Signs*, no one can tell. Certainly they have taken no small risk in making this convenient offer in view of the uncertainty of the times. However, one thing will save the day: If all our readers and all who believe in the *Signs* will rally to its support this year as never before—then we can lift the circulation to 400,000, perhaps or even half a million, and thus close the books for the coming year on the right side of the ledger.

To all our friends we would say: "This is the time, this the opportunity, to give God's last warning message to a dying world. In this great new year of 1948 let us resolve as never before to flood America with the *Signs of the Times*."

Groping for Light

"It is my desire to learn from someone who can tell me about the Bible. I have been studying about the Sabbath and I want to know why we are not keeping it. When the Bible says plainly, 'Thus saith the Lord,' why is this not respected by Christians? Now I wish for someone who can give me the true facts; I want the whole story. Also, there is the question of baptism; what about that? I want to meet a person who knows the Bible. Do not come on Saturday for I am trying to keep that day holy."—*California*



OUR GREAT MISSIONARY PERIODICAL

L. E. LENHEIM

If we could call the roll in all of our churches for the purpose of determining how many people are baptized church members today because of the *Signs of the Times*, it would reveal an amazing figure.

The *Signs of the Times* is our greatest missionary periodical. This silent preacher has very little difficulty getting into the homes of the people. Its visits are regular and it preaches hundreds of sermons during the year. While this missionary is not a real person, yet, it accomplishes a real work in the lives of thousands of people. In our mission program we must make use of every good method to win souls. The *Signs of the Times* has long since proved its effectiveness as a leading method in the art of soul-winning. Hundreds of believers in our churches today pay faithful tribute to the *Signs of the Times* for the good work it accomplished in their lives.

As we approach another *Signs* campaign, may I appeal to all of the believers in the Lake Union Conference to make use of this fine periodical and send it to their neighbors and friends. You may not be able to visit and talk to some of your friends and acquaintances in person, but this silent minister of the Lord can be sent into the home and thus touch the hearts of many people and lead them into the Third Angel's Message.

More *Signs* in 1948 will mean more souls for the Kingdom of God.

PROPHECY SPEAKS

ONE of the greatest joys to the Christian is to have the assurance that what he does has the approval of the Most High. When we absolutely know that we are following the direction that God has mapped out for us, we need have no fears or doubts; but may have the assurance that what we do will eventually succeed.

This denomination has had a divine blueprint for every phase of its work. There is no one thing among us as a people that has been made as clear as the instruction given to us by God regarding the publishing and circulating of the *Signs of the Times* magazine.

It was in 1874 that the Lord instructed His servant to encourage the publishing of a paper that should contain the message for these last days. The object of its publication was to have a paper that could be used in the large cities of America to bring the third angel's message to millions.

The first issue was dated June 4, 1874. In 1875 the Pacific Press Publishing Company was organized, with capital stock at \$28,000. Today we look at the publishing house that began in such a small way and marvel how God has richly blessed that institution.

The following comes to us in *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. IV, beginning on p. 596:

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More "Signs"; More Souls

Local Conference Leaders Urge:

lication we call upon you to take stock in these institutions. You have nothing to fear; invest your means where it will be doing good; scatter rays of light to the darkest parts of the world. There is no such thing as failure in this work. It is your privilege and duty to do now as your brethren did when there were but few friends of the cause of truth. Take stock in our houses of publication, that you may feel that you have an interest in them."

". . . The *Review and Herald* and the *Signs of the Times* are cheap papers at the full price. The *Review* is a valuable paper; it contains matters of great interest to the church, and should be placed in every family of believers. If any 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. How much better would this plan be than throwing the poor upon the mercies of the publishing house or the tract and missionary society.

"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."

Not only has instruction been given regarding the beginnings of this periodical, but definite instruction has been given regarding the type and make-up of the periodical. Mrs. White states in regard to the *Signs of the Times*, "Our papers should not be filled with long discussions or long doctrinal arguments, which would weary the reader; but they should contain short and interesting doctrinal and practical articles."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IV, p. 599.

Today we see that this instruction is being followed, and it produces the results that it should on the reader. The interest shown by the readers of the *Signs of the Times* is due to a great extent to the short but right-to-the-point articles which it contains.

In sending out the *Signs of the Times* we may be assured that the approval of Heaven attends its ministry. The past success is only an example of what God can do in the future. Let us help to circulate it, and minister the Word to others. H. K. HALLADAY

THE SILENT POWER OF SIGNS

MANY a good sales talk has been spoiled because the salesman talked too much. The same principle holds true in a verbal presentation of our message to others. I know of a certain believer who at one sitting presented "The Judgment," "The 2300 Days," and "Hell Fire" to an interested man. Needless to say, we have not seen the man since. Why? The believer talked and argued too long.

There is great power in silence, and the *Signs* is a silent persuader of truth. Its attractive cover page, its striking editorials, and its balanced topical arrangement are so presented as to make the deepest impression upon the reader. The subscriber to the *Signs* is introduced to all the doctrines of Seventh-day Adventists without arousing the subscriber's bitter antagonism or prejudice. The subscriber may not agree with the *Signs*, and he may argue to himself about some article he read in the *Signs*, but one thing is certain—the magazine does not argue back. It just goes on repeating the positive truth regardless how much the reader may differ in his views or opinions. In time the reader's views and opinions are silently shaped to agree with the Seventh-day Adventist viewpoint, and many times the reader not only mentally accepts the message of the *Signs*, but openly professes it in his life.

This is illustrated in the experience of a Roman Catholic gentleman who picked up a torn page of the *Signs* on a New York City street, read its contents, subscribed for the magazine, ordered other books advertised on its pages, and read himself into the message. When the Seventh-day Adventist minister found this man, he found him and twelve others keeping the Sabbath. The entire group was baptized. The Roman Catholic became a Seventh-day Adventist minister.

I know that there is a silent power in the *Signs*, because one of the above-mentioned group interested the writer in reading the *Signs*, and he too became a Seventh-day Adventist and, in time, a minister of the gospel.

Why not make up a large list of relatives, friends and neighbors and send them a year's subscription to the *Signs*? IT WINS SOULS! T. CARCICH

MAKING A REAL INVESTMENT

ONE of the problems confronting mankind today is where to invest their money with ample security and the greatest possible returns or earnings. In determining security, many factors must be considered. The past record of the company is examined. The prospects of the future are analyzed. Of great importance is the character and integrity of the man or men heading the business. All these factors expanded into many avenues of detail are scrutinized by those contemplating paying money into a business with a desire that their funds be safely and properly invested.

Men usually do not invest in a business expecting to receive immediate returns. They are looking forward to a day when those funds will pay a dividend and they will be rewarded for the investment they have made. Many times they are disappointed in their hopes.

What greater business is there on earth than the business of saving souls? It is headed by none other than the Ruler of the universe Himself: "For God so loved the world that He gave." For six thousand years it has been in operation and the future is certain of success.

Not only are there immediate dividends in the joy and satisfaction that come to one in having a part in this greatest of all businesses, but its future dividends are declared to be an hundredfold and in addition everlasting life. See Matthew 19:29.

"More *Signs*, more souls" has been a slogan we have heard for many years. Truly the *Signs* has done a wonderful work and by investing in its distribution we are investing in the work of saving souls.

With increase of costs on every hand it is not surprising to find that it has become necessary to increase the subscription price to the following rates: *Single subscriptions*,.....\$2.00 per sub. *In clubs of five or more sent to single addresses*,..... 1.75 per sub. *In a church club where it is delivered by the individual*, 1.50 per sub.

Even with these necessary increases, investing in a club of *Signs* is a safe, sound, and profitable investment.

F. W. SCHNEPPER

Send Out "Signs"

SYSTEMATIC USE OF THE SIGNS

NEXT to the *Review and Herald* the *Signs of the Times* is the most important missionary journal printed and circulated by us as a denomination. Since its appearance in the field of religious literature a little over seventy years ago it has steadily increased in interest and circulation. In this weekly visitor can be found a correct interpretation of current events; it is the only doctrinal missionary journal for which an annual campaign is systematically conducted in our churches. In it the reader will find a clear expression of the teachings of the church, and so convincing is this silent messenger that a large number of its readers are today walking in the light of Present Truth. The symbol S.S.S. (*Signs Saves Souls*) could well be applied to it.

While the *Signs of the Times* is being handled by nearly all our churches with some degree of success, it has been proven that far greater success has been accomplished through a systematic use of this paper. By the term systematic use I mean *a regular and well planned course of distribution, in a field or territory well prepared, by a society or group of persons well trained for such a work*, and whose objective is the saving of souls. In places where there are organized churches or companies, the church should be divided into bands; each band should be placed under competent leadership; and it would be well to have a general leader over all the bands, whose duty would be to supervise, instruct, and with words of encouragement see that the work is being done according to plan. This general leader could be the leader of the church home missionary society, if he or she is competent and has the time to put into the work.

In places where there is no such organization a similar work can be done by members designated to the task.

While engaged in this systematic house-to-house work, the worker should endeavor to secure regular subscribers to this valuable journal. It is well to be able to say that you have placed a copy of *Signs* in every home, but it would be much better if by your personal efforts every home in the territory assigned to you would become a regular reader of *Signs* by subscribing for it annually, biennially, or quin-

quennially. The *Signs* subscription list should be greatly increased. If every worker would go forth with this as his aim, think of the long list of new readers who would be enjoying the rich feast offered by *Signs* to those who peruse its pages. Think, too, of the hundreds, if not thousands of souls who might embrace the Third Angel's Message and join our ranks, and with us prepare for that grand and glorious event—the Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May this be the main objective of every missionary worker as we launch out in the 1948 *Signs* campaign.

J. GERSHOM DASENT



OUR NEIGHBORS AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATES

THE apostle Paul stated that he was debtor to all men. If we are to accomplish that same relationship in our work for the Master we have an obligation to discharge to our neighbors and business associates which is far from complete in the responsibility we have of spreading the Advent message. The *Signs* makes friends and wins souls. It also increases Ingathering offerings and acquaints people with our message more fully than we can do in personal contact. It is a business man's paper. It is also prepared for neighbors who wish to sit leisurely in the evening and read. Many a Seventh-day Adventist in our churches today can point to the *Signs of the Times* as the first contact with this cause. Let us give it wide circulation this year.

G. E. HUTCHES

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NEWS NOTES

WE were happy to have a new church school added to our Wisconsin roster on January 19. This school opened at Columbus with ten students in attendance, and Miss Marjorie Danielson as teacher. The school is well equipped and has good playground facilities. We expect greater things at Columbus.

Elder F. M. Larsen of Waupaca, Elder F. A. Sackett of Wausau, Brother H. Bohr of Richland Center, and Brother D. Schiffbauer of Baraboo, spent a few days here in Madison during the week of January 18-25 to attend some of Elder Eckenroth's meetings.

Dr. B. P. Ingersoll of Adams, Wisconsin, stopped in at the office on January 22. We are always happy to have visitors at the office.

The cold weather has hampered the construction work at the new academy. We trust that those who failed to be present at church on the third Sabbath of January because of cold weather, will remember to make a double contribution to the Academy fund on the third Sabbath in February. We want to keep the money coming in so that when the weather conditions improve we can go forward rapidly with construction work.

District Meetings for February: Church officers meetings will be held during the month of February as follows:

- Section 1—Meeting with Elder F. W. Schnepfer and Mr. R. G. Burchfield
 - February 21—Bethel
 - February 28—Green Bay
- Section 2—Meeting with Elder G. F. Ruf and Mr. L. G. Wartok
 - February 21—Richland Center
 - February 28—Baraboo
- Section 3—Meeting with Elder J. F. Knipschild
 - February 21—Milwaukee Central
 - February 28—Elder Ludwig's district

Mr. W. C. Whitten spent Friday, January 16, with Arnold Janke helping him with his canvassing, speaking at the church service in Oxford on Sabbath. He reports a good attendance even though it was 26° to 30° below zero. He spent Sabbath, January 24, at Oakland and Fort Atkinson.

Make Friends the "Signs" Way

Miss Lee Sackett spent Sabbath in Merrill and Wausau following a week of working with some of the colporteurs; Arno Schneider and Dennis Parshall of Merrill; Mrs. August Hirsch of Tomahawk; and Orville Small of Clearwater Lake.

Elder G. F. Ruf and Mr. L. G. Wartzok conducted a meeting for the Home Missionary and Sabbath School officers in the Milwaukee Central church. Elder Ruf spent Sabbath morning at Sheboygan. In the evening they attended the evangelistic service held by Elder Eckenroth.

INVINCIBLE M.V.'s

THERE were no fair-weather Christians Sabbath, January 17 at Green Bay. Even though the thermometer registered at 25 degrees below zero, nevertheless loyal Missionary Volunteers from Elders Dunn, Bee, Larson and Kaiser's districts filled the 300 seats of the beautiful Green Bay church to hear Elder D. W. Hunter speak at the 11:00 o'clock hour.

The Bethel Academy double mixed quartet presented beautiful sermonettes in song at the 2:30 hour, under the direction of Miss Louise Larmon, academy music director. The 4:30 vesper hour featured special music by the various M. V. societies present.

At 5:00 P.M. Green Bay's radio audience was treated to a special interview of Elder Hunter by station WLUX on the question of India.

The beautiful Fort Howard school gym was the meeting place for the Saturday evening festivities, at which time a new constructive denominational history game was unveiled and enthusiastically enjoyed.

"GO YE THEREFORE"

"Go ye therefore and, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost." Matt. 28:19. Believing this divine commission, on Thursday evening, November 6, we began a series of evangelistic meetings in a Methodist church in the town of Union Center which has a population of about two hundred. We have held meetings every Thursday evening for about nine weeks. About twenty-five were present on the first night and the interest has been constantly growing. At our last meeting we had about forty to forty-five present. An appeal was made for all those who would try with God's help to keep all of the ten commandments. Everyone present



Five Church Elders Full-time Colporteurs

WISCONSIN can boast of five church elders that are engaged full time in colporteur work. They are from left to right, G. E. Jordan, Appleton church, Walter Nasvall, Superior church, W. H. Wohlers, Wyocena church, Henry Hansen, Racine church and Richard Blessing, Raymond church.

We are proud of these brethren that are able to assume church leadership and also let their light shine among those in darkness as they go from home to home talking heart to heart with the people day by day. The Wisconsin Conference appreciates very much the good work being accomplished by this group of church elders.

The colporteur work is going forward in spite of the cold weather of sub zero temperatures. A few of the

reports for week of Jan. 11-17 follow:

	Hours	Deliveries
Orville Small	33	\$267.05
Mrs. A. Hirsch	28	212.30
Mrs. C. T. Hosler.....	20	162.75
Mrs. Don Hanson.....	20	125.30
G. E. Jordan	33	122.70
Richard Blessing	36	120.55

Several of the workers were on the sick list last week. Let us remember the colporteurs in our prayers day by day, that they will find the honest in heart and enjoy the blessings of good health while seeking them.

Anyone wishing particulars regarding the colporteur work may feel free to correspond with the writer and you will be under no obligation for the information desired. Write to Box 512, Madison, Wisconsin.

W. C. WHITTEN

responded by standing. It was made quite clear in this lecture that the seventh day is the Sabbath, and is the fourth commandment of the Decalogue. We felt that this was a real victory, for a number of officers and members from the Methodist church, which have been attending these meetings regularly, stood.

These meetings are the direct result of laymen's work. Mrs. Carrie Eno,

of La Fargé, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hahn, of Elroy are responsible for these meetings. At a Methodist Young People's Meeting, Mrs. Eno was asked to give a Bible Study. She had not planned to give a study but when asked, she whispered a prayer to her Heavenly Father for aid, and was impressed to give them a study on "Heaven." The next week she continued her study on "Heaven."

Send the "Signs" Where You Cannot Go

Before each meeting Mr. Hahn would go to his friends, relatives and neighbors and invite them to come to the meetings. The interest became larger and larger and those present were so impressed by the studies that the lay members felt that a minister should be called in to lead out. I was contacted and immediately began a series of evangelistic meetings.

We have used no handbills or newspaper advertising. The only advertising we have had is that of the lay members who invite their friends. Mr. Hahn brings from one to two carloads of folks each week. God is blessing our effort in a wonderful way. Yet without the aid of our lay brethren we could not succeed. We are thankful for their good work, earnest prayers and excellent co-operation.

We are told in the Spirit of Prophecy that in the last days God's Holy Spirit will be poured out freely and many will give their hearts to the Lord. We believe that these meetings are an evidence of what the mighty power of God's Holy Ghost can do. Please pray for these meetings as we launch into the great Sabbath truth.

D. W. SCHIFFBAUER

ILLINOIS

Theodore Carcich - - President
J. B. Frank - - - Sec.-Treas.

Box 29, Brookfield, Illinois

FIRE PRECAUTIONS

DURING the past few weeks we have experienced two serious fires in the Illinois Conference. The first one in Danville completely gutted the inside of the church. The second one, at Du Quoin, razed the school building to the ground. Both these constitute serious losses not only to the congregations involved, but also to the entire conference constituency. At present it is difficult to ascertain the exact cause of the fires, but from all appearances, they can be traced to either defective wiring, overheating or faulty heating installation.

In view of these two fires I would caution our church boards to carefully inspect their church wiring and heating installations. Due care should also be taken to see that the proper individuals operate the heating apparatus. In this cold weather it is very easy to overheat a furnace and cause a fire. It

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would be a good thing for each church board to carefully study its insurance policies and make sure that the amount of insurance carried covers any loss which may occur. I surely hope that all our church boards will attend to these matters at their earliest convenience.

T. CARCICH

VOICE OF PROPHECY PROGRAMS IN ILLINOIS

THE Voice of Prophecy radio program is now received through ten stations in Illinois. A listing of the transcriptions is as follows:

	Station	Kc.	Local Time
Bloomington	WJBC	1230	9:00 a.m.
Chicago	WAIT	820	10:30 a.m.
Galesburg	WGIL	1400	9:30 a.m.
Harrisburg	WEBQ	1240	8:15 p.m.
Herrin	WJPF	1340	9:30 a.m.
Mattoon	WLBH	1170	9:30 a.m.
Moline	WQUA	1230	9:30 a.m.
Pekin	WSIV	1140	8:30 a.m.
Rockford	WROK	1440	9:00 a.m.
Springfield	WCVS	1450	10:00 a.m.

Our people are urged to invite guests and gather around the radio to listen to the inspiring messages spoken and sung on the Voice of Prophecy radio program.

A BROADVIEW PRIVILEGE

Broadview students attending the LaGrange Sunday Evening Club recently enjoyed a very interesting lecture given by Thor Heyerdahl, noted



BROADVIEW ACADEMY
LaGrange, Illinois

SOLICITS

THE
THOUGHTFUL
REVERENT
EAGER

STUDENT

ethnologist, who planned the famous expedition of the raft "Kon-Tiki."

Their one-hundred-one-day trip took them four thousand two hundred miles westward from Peru, South America, to the Islands of Polynesia. This scientifically planned trip, made on a forty-foot raft similar to the ones probably made by the Polynesian Islanders fourteen hundred years ago, was made by a crew of six men. The equipment and food these brave men used was identical to materials available to these primitive Indians.

LOCAL ELDERS' INSTITUTES

Chicago Area

Sabbath, February 14, 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Italian S.D.A. Church, 736 S. Francisco Ave., Chicago

Southern Area

Sabbath, February 21, 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Mattoon S.D.A. Church, 2120 DeWitt Avenue, Mattoon

All local elders are invited to attend their respective institute as guest of the Illinois Conference. Sabbath lunch will be served by the local Dorcas Societies.

—Theodore Carcich

MICHIGAN

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TO GOD BE THE GLORY

THE goal of every church is the saving of souls in the kingdom of God. When we lose sight of this goal we no longer have the right to be called the sons of God or to claim to belong to the Christian family. Christ bids us "Feed my lambs." For this purpose God gave us the blueprint of Christian education. And for this cause the church schools of the Seventh-day Ad-

Be Neighborly: Give the "Signs"

ventist denomination were established.

In order to take a concrete example of what following the blueprint of Christian education will do for any church, let us cite the experience of a church group which for the last two years has had 100% attendance of their own children in their own church school.

This church opened their first church school in 1934 with an enrollment of 9 children. There were 53 members in that church that year. The church building was an old dwelling which would hold no more than 50 or 60 people. School was held in the same room. Wooden benches which were used for pews on the Sabbath were turned around and used as recitation benches during the week. But the church began to grow. The church was located in a small town of 600 population. After the church had prayed persistently for two years that a Christian doctor might be sent to help break down prejudice, God answered their prayers. The church and school continued to grow although very often there was a question as to where they could obtain the pupils. Even greater faith was required in finding the financial means with which to maintain the school. But God always provided both after the members determined to step out in faith, as did the Israelites at the Red Sea.

After four years the number of pupils was increased and the demand for the ninth and tenth grades became so great that another forward step was taken. Two teachers were hired and a new school building was started in order to provide the necessary room. However, for one and one-half years those two faithful teachers taught side by side in the old remodeled dwelling which was still used as a church while the new building was being constructed. Several families had moved into the community in order to have their children in church school.

In February of the year 1939, the school was moved to the new building. Later that same year, when the chapel in the basement was finished, the church itself was comfortably housed. More Adventist families kept moving into nearby areas, even at great sacrifice in order to take advantage of the facilities for Christian education for their children. Pupils came from nearby churches. The school rooms became full and finally overcrowded. The organization of another church school in a nearby church in 1945 helped to relieve the congestion. Some non-Adventist families living in the community saw the truths revealed in God's Word and joined the church. Their children were sent to the little church school.

The new year of 1948 finds the school with an enrollment of fifty-eight pupils and three teachers in three class rooms. A third teacher has been added because of the overcrowded conditions. Once more the chapel is overcrowded for church services and so a new building has been started. Yes, it is the long desired house of worship. All have been called upon to step out in faith again and arise and build for the Lord.

But, you say, you were going to tell us how you reached your goal of 100% of your own children in your own church school. May I say simply,—by prayer and faith. Yes, each of the past two years it seemed as though the goal of 100% attendance would be missed by one or two families. But prayer has changed things, and God has answered our prayers. How do we maintain our school financially? By each one sacrificing. Our first mission field should be in our own home and in our own church. The souls of our children are not more precious in the sight of God than are those in far away India or Africa, but they should be to us, for God holds us accountable first of all for those lambs which He has entrusted to our care.

If you wish to see God's work finished in the world, in your state, in your community, in your church and in your hearts, then sacrifice until you can say, "My lambs are in the fold of Christian education." We cannot stop there. We must work until we can, with the blessing of the Lord, say, "My lambs are all workers together with God for the finishing of His work on this earth." We may not cease to work and to sacrifice until our Lord says to us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." "God's work was begun in sacrifice and will be finished in sacrifice. "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also."

This is a report of the growth of our

No. 6 of TITHE SERIES

"Every church member should feel under obligation to consecrate his tithe to God."—*Test.*, Vol. V, p. 481.

"Every man, woman, and youth may become a treasurer for the Lord, and may be an agent to meet the demands upon the treasury."—*Test.*, Vol. III, p. 389.

own Gobles church and church school as told by Dr. R. W. Spalding, the elder of the church.

Are you doing as much for the children in your church? Are you training them to be steadfast in the truth? Study to see if a church school cannot be started in your midst. D. V. COWIN

NEWS NOTES

ELDER J. L. Shuler's campaign in Detroit ended December 31 and he has carried on through the month of January in helping to organize and plan for the spring campaign under the direction of Elder J. J. Williamson. We greatly appreciate Elder Shuler's courageous and careful leadership and plan-

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SUNSET TABLE

February 13, 1948

Indianapolis	C 5:18	Springfield	C 5:32
Chicago	C 5:20	Detroit	E 6:02
Madison	C 5:26	Lansing	E 6:06
	C Central Time		E Eastern Time

"Signs of the Times," the World's Prophetic Weekly



EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE

A Signs-Conscious Student Body

At E.M.C., *Signs of the Times* holds a very real place in the experience of nearly every student. For several years the College Literature Association has been carrying on a program of literature evangelism, through which thousands have been reached with the gospel message, and a number have been baptized and joined to God's people. The peak of this work was reached a year ago, when 10,000 *Signs of the Times* were mailed out weekly to homes all over the union where student colporteurs and others had visited, either selling our truth-filled books, or interesting the people in our message by their example and conversation.

The result of this work is many fold. The message is brought to the attention of tens of thousands in the field, and hundreds of young people are actively engaged in missionary work at the college. This work is bearing fruit in souls, and is strengthening the spiritual fibre of the student who participates in it. Eternity alone will reveal the extent of this influence.

No small amount of work is involved in such an effort. Each weekend three meetings are held for wrapping, addressing and mailing these precious pages of truth. On Friday evening,

scores of young people meet from 6:15 until Vespers to wrap and stamp. During the second church service many of the senior church members meet for addressing. Again at 3:00 P.M. a large group gathers to finish addressing and sort for mailing. Altogether, perhaps two hundred individuals take part in each week's work. During the course of a school year many hundreds more have some part in bringing the message to others through the *Signs* work.

While a magnificent work has been done and is being continued, it is anticipated that an even greater work along this line will be done in the future. What a mighty work might be done by an army of consecrated youth from our schools going forth as evangelistic colporteurs during the summer months—yes, to sell our literature, but more particularly to act as missionaries bringing the truth for our time to the people, and interesting them in it by their godly appearance, always taking advantage of every opportunity to lay a foundation for follow-up work. These young people would search diligently for hungry souls, keep a record of their names and addresses, to be used as a mailing list for literature when they return to school in the fall. Such a mailing list, worked carefully with literature, followed up with correspondence, Bible studies and personal contacts, would bear souls for the kingdom.

It is not difficult to visualize a youth movement for evangelism along this line that would rival the most effective efforts, not only in economy, but in souls reached and saved. Nor is it beyond reason to believe that such a movement, spreading to other schools and young people's societies all over the country, might act as one of the chief means of sounding the "loud cry," and of finishing the work.

Pray for the *Signs* work at E.M.C. and at other schools where the same work is being done. Pray that the Lord's blessing might follow each page of truth, that men's hearts might be touched and that souls might be saved.

FRANK E. SWEARINGEN

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

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ning. Many souls rejoice in the message as a result of the Detroit campaign. Increased attendance in the Williamson campaign is being reported from week to week. They are holding Sunday night meetings in the Cathedral Hall of the Masonic Temple.

Nearly every church in the upper part of Lower Peninsula was represented at the regional meeting held at Petoskey, Sabbath, January 24. One of the interesting features of the afternoon meeting was the number of children present. While the advanced departments were holding their sessions about thirty juniors were entertained with Bible stories and mission experiences by Elder W. P. Atwood. The conference workers present were G. E. Hutches, S. M. McCormick, J. C. Miklos, Neil Litchfield, L. H. Sickles, S. J. Hornyak, W. P. Atwood, J. S. Jameson, H. H. Crandell, and Miss Jennie De Young. Elder H. K. Halladay will join the group of workers of the Michigan Conference in the convention at Grand Rapids.

Elder Eric B. Hare of the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference spent a couple of days in the conference office with Elder M. F. Grau January 26 and 27.

More "Signs" More Souls

Wherever you go,
From here to the poles,
Statistics will show
More *Signs* means more souls.

Men reap as they sow;
'Tis in their controls;
Each harvest will show
More *Signs* means more souls.

Raise higher your sight;
Set higher your goals.
Soon cometh the night—
More *Signs* means more souls.

I'm sure when we view
The heavenly scrolls,
We'll find this was true—
MORE *Signs* MEANT MORE SOULS!
—Adlai Albert Esteb
From *Driftwood*

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