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Upward Climb in "Signs" Circulation In North Pacific Union Conference

A growing interest in the circulation of the *Signs* among the churches of the North Pacific Union is revealed by the December report for 1930. A comparative report for the past five years in this Union shows the popularity of "America's Prophetic Weekly" as the missionary paper of the Northwest.

1926	5,657	subscriptions
1927	8,952	"
1928	8,038	"
1929	10,282	"
1930	11,167	"

Year by year, as the end approaches, our faithful church members rally their forces by sending this "pioneer evangelist" to minister to the needs of from thirty-five to forty thousand people. "More *Signs* more soul" is indeed a fitting slogan for every one to remember as the campaign for 1931 is inaugurated. How fitting indeed is the expression "Evangelize with the *Signs*." At the recent Fall Council the greatest soul-winning movement of the age was launched. Elder Watson, our General Conference president, recently made the declaration, "Of all the means that we have employed in the world field for the winning of souls, it is possible that none has contributed more successfully than

the literature that has been circulated through the years."

It was Moody who said, "The world is like a sinking ship. It is our business to rescue as many as possible before the ship goes down." In this great rescue movement the *Signs* now comes to our aid. We trust that no one because of misgivings in his heart concerning the financial outlook, will do less in soul-winning. While the outlook may be forbidding it is the most favorable time to proclaim the gospel. Shall we not make 1931 the

greatest year in soul-winning evangelism by every church averaging at least "one *Signs* per member?"

E. M. OBERG,
Union Home Miss. Sec.

Do You Want to Join in The New Program For Greater Evangelism?

Our hearts are always thrilled with pleasure when we read the mission stories that tell of the wonderful working of God in the foreign lands. We also rejoice in the experiences that some of our workers are having



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in the homeland where twenty-five, thirty, and sometimes as many as seventy-five or a hundred are baptized as a result of a series of meetings; and we are glad to tell you that such efforts are being conducted in the North Pacific Union Conference. As we endeavor to carry out the plans for greater evangelism voted at the time of the Autumn Council, we have visions not only of seeing many more souls brought to a knowledge of this truth, but if all will unite in the work of saving souls we shall soon see the outpouring of the Spirit of God in greater measure than ever before, and the finishing of this message which will mean the fruition of our hopes—Christ's coming. In this matter of greater evangelism a clarion call sounds to every Seventh-day Adventist. Some of the brethren and sisters may be able to hold Bible readings with families. God has also given some talent to conduct gospel services, but while all have not received this talent, yet to every man God has given his work.

Recommendation Nine of "Resolutions on Evangelism" passed at the recent Autumn Council, reads as follows: "That every church be organized for a systematic distribution of our message-filled literature, encouraging the church members to follow up every interest thus created; and if the interest grows to the extent that the services of a conference worker are required, conference committees be urged to give such places the preference in planning for their evangelistic work."

In what better way can this be done than by a systematic distribution of the *Signs of the Times*? A letter just received from the publishers of the *Signs of the Times* relates a number of experiences which our people have

had in distributing this wonderful paper. I shall quote just two of these: (Florida) "Family of nine has recently accepted the truth as result of six months' subscription to the *Signs*." (Alberta, Canada) "Thirty-nine persons are known to have come into the truth as a result of the work with the *Signs* done by the Lacombe, Alberta church members."

We are told in the Spirit of prophecy to "Take up the work anywhere and everywhere. Do that which is the nearest you, right at your own doors. . . . When churches are revived, it is because some individual seeks earnestly for the blessing of God. He hungers and thirsts after God and asks in faith, and receives accordingly. He goes to work in earnest, feeling his great dependence upon the Lord, and souls are aroused to seek for a like blessing, and a season of refreshing falls on the hearts of men. The extensive work will not be neglected. The larger plans will be laid at the right time; but personal, individual effort and interest for your friends and neighbors will accomplish much more than can be estimated. It is for want of this kind of labor that souls for whom Christ died, are perishing."—*Gospel Workers*, pp. 336, 337.

"But few realize what can be done in reaching the people by personal, interested efforts in a wise distribution

A Greater "Signs" Ministry

What the *Signs of the Times* is doing for others in strengthening their personal evangelism, it will do for you. February 7-20 is the time appointed by the General Conference Home Missionary Department for our churches and people to arrange definitely to call upon the *Signs of the Times* to assist them in their work for souls. Present work will be renewed, and larger distribution undertaken. Will you not pray and work for the success of this great forward movement? In a vital way it relates to the strength of our laymen's evangelism program.

of our publications. Many who will not be induced to listen to the truth presented by the living preacher, will take up a tract or a paper and peruse it. . . . The papers and tracts can go where the living preacher cannot, and where, if he could go, he would have no access to the people, because of their prejudice against the truth. Few have any adequate idea of what the distribution of tracts and papers is doing. The missionary work, in circulating the publications upon present truth, is opening doors everywhere, and preparing minds to receive the truth."—*Gospel Workers*, pages 409, 410.

I trust that every Seventh-day Adventist will recognize the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" and will answer as did Isaiah of old, "Here am I; send me." Isa. 6:8.

MORRIS LUKENS.

Giving Influential Men The Message

"We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecies are fulfilling. Strange, eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven. Everything in our world is in agitation. There are wars, and rumors of wars. The nations are angry, and the time of the dead has come, that they should be judged. *Events are changing to bring about the day of God which hasteth greatly.* Only a moment of time as it were, yet remains."—*Testimonies, Volume 6, p. 41.*

The application of all this is well known. There is special need, though, that your attention be called to the fact that in this time of uncertainty and changing conditions, God expects His people to be faithful to the solemn trust He has committed into their hands. "In a special sense Seventh-day Adventist have been set in the world as watchmen and light-bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. The most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given us to proclaim to the world. The proclamation of these truths is to be our work. The world is to be warned, and God's people are to be true to the trust committed to them."—*Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 19.*

On every hand there are inquirers after truth, people searching for more light. These searchers are not confined to the great middle class, but many of them are leaders in the industrial and political life of the country. Recently I received a letter from the pastor of a large city church, telling of a mayor's interest in the truth. He writes:

"Last Monday I had an interesting experience in —. It was arranged for me to visit the mayor of the city at his home. He proved to be a very friendly man. After I made my request for mission funds, he began asking questions about our faith. At this point he took me upstairs to his private room, where, at his request, I gave him a study on five Bible truths. He was quick to see and accept the light. On his table I saw nothing but religious books, among them 'Bible Readings.' He asked me to give him a copy of the texts I had read, but I took the opportunity to direct him to 'Bible Readings,' where he found these texts and many more. He also requested that he be given regular Bible studies. Before I left he gave me \$5.00 for Harvest Ingathering."

It is most encouraging to see men of this class seeking for truth. We were told years ago that: "The message is first to be given in the highways, to men who have an active part in the world's work, to the teachers and leaders of the people. Men in business life, in high positions of trust, men with large inventive faculties and scientific insight, men of genius, teachers of the gospel, whose minds have not been called to the special truths for this time. These should be the first to hear the call."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 229.

We have not adhered strictly to this instruction. Most of our labors have been expended on the great middle class. It has been felt that the higher class was unapproachable and prejudiced, but this should not cause us to cease working for them, but rather make us determined to win them. God will hold us accountable for their souls. Think of the large number of influential men in the cities, lawyers, doctors, professors, judges, city officials, business men and many others. Shall we pass them by year

after year and make no effort to save them?

Just now we have a special opportunity to reach this class with the message. The General Conference has set aside February 7-20 as a time when all the churches should give special consideration to the missionary use of the *Signs of the Times*. Now that a stronger soul-winning movement is being launched in North America, every church should do its best to cooperate by sending the *Signs* to as many people during the coming year as their finances will allow. This is one way to effectively preach the truth in every community. Let us not measure our efforts this year by what we have done in the past, but rather let us be guided by the great responsibility resting upon us at this time to give the warning message to every soul. It costs but \$1.50 to send this messenger of truth into a home for one year, a special rate of \$1.40 being allowed where five or more are sent to different addresses. Let us not deny the bread of life to any individual who is seeking after light. Many of them will accept the message for this time. "The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God. The arguments have been presented. The seed has been sown, and NOW IT WILL SPRING FORTH

Of Vital Importance

Objectives for February 7-20: This is the time when in all our churches is planned a larger and stronger, *Signs of the Times* ministry for 1931.

☞ **A *Signs* rally in every church.**

☞ **Every church a club of *Signs*.**

☞ **Every member having the help of the *Signs* in personal work for others.**

☞ **The *Signs* to carry the message where we cannot go.**

Church leaders, members, make this your program — *Signs of the Times*, February 7-20, 1931.

AND BEAR FRUIT. The publications distributed by missionary workers have exerted their influence, yet many whose minds were impressed have been prevented from fully comprehending the truth or yielding obedience. Now the rays penetrate everywhere, the truth is seen in its clearness, and the honest children of God sever the bands which have held them. Family connections, church relations, are powerless to stay them now. Truth is more precious than all besides. Notwithstanding the agencies combined against the truth, *a large number take their stand upon the Lord's side.*"—*Great Controversy*, p. 612.

What an encouraging picture is here presented before us. Let us not be weary in well doing, but let us accept the opportunities that the coming *Signs* campaign presents to every church, and do our best to win more souls in 1931.

E. F. HACKMAN,
Associate Secretary, General Conference Home Missionary Department.

Signs Plans For 1931

As to special features and impressive presentations of truth, the *Signs of the Times* for 1931 will be made stronger than ever before.

The outstanding doctrines will be explained in various series of articles. Among these, on the Sabbath question, is a series by Elder M. L. Andresen giving the general background of God's holy Sabbath, and another by Eld. M. C. Wilcox on the Sabbath, the test of the ages. Evangelist R. L. Boothby is writing on "Jesus and the Law of God."

Elder R. F. Cottrell is the writer of the special series, like sermons from week to week, through 25 numbers beginning in May. Step by step these will cover the entire message, and with each there will be a simple Bible reading. This will give excellent study text for cottage meetings and Bible study groups.

The *Signs* will help make better Christians during 1931. Eld. I. H. Evans presents five articles on the theme, Sins that Will Keep Us Out of Heaven; Mrs. Adelaide B. Evans gives four character sketches from the book of Esther; Elder Meade MacGuire writes on Real Prayer;



THE SIGNS HELPED TO WIN 122 NEW MEMBERS

THIS fine group of Seventh-day Adventist members represents in part the 122 new converts to the truth who were baptized at Wichita, Kansas, a few months ago by Elder R. L. Boothby. During his series of meetings the greatest help he had was a club of 250 *Signs of the Times* a week, these serving him as so many Bible workers in the homes of interested persons. Elder Boothby is very enthusiastic in his praise of what the *Signs* meant to him in bringing people to the meetings, and in following up interests awakened. It was the only literature he had.

This experience can well encourage every church leader, and all our people everywhere to throw all their energies into this pres-

ent *Signs of the Times* campaign.

During February, the *Signs* and its work is coming to the attention of our people everywhere. Opportunity is given to increase personal missionary work with it through the year, to mail it to relatives and friends, and generally to increase its circulation and influence. Will you not pray and work for the success of this great missionary effort? Think of the people who, through your efforts with the *Signs*, may later on help to make up an Adventist congregation like this one.

The Lord's Spirit is working in a wonderful way, and everything in the world is staged for the *Signs* to do the greatest work in its history. J. R. FERREN.

Real Bible Study; Real Christianity; Real Service.

The *Signs* has always taken the lead in the conflict against error. In defense of Bible truth, Elder Carlyle B. Haynes writes fourteen articles on latter day delusions; Allen Walker deals in a series of articles on "The Mark of the Beast;" and Ben F. Allen and Prof. Harold W. Clark show God the Creator as opposed to the teachings of evolution.

Current events—signs of Christ's coming in the physical world, the world's drift religiously, developments week by week, and outlook for the future—will be given the best efforts of leading writers and editors. Eld. F. M. Wilcox will write on the religious outlook.

Leading doctors and dietitians are at work on some of the finest health features the *Signs* has ever given.

In "The Forum," a new department, some vital and large questions and issues will be openly discussed.

Lack of space forbids an explanation of this, and a listing of scores of features of miscellaneous character—mission's progress, general articles on live topics, and the many things that will make every issue of the *Signs* attractive and appealing and effective in the ministry of souls.

With such a program, you can be enthusiastic in throwing your energies into this February *Signs* campaign. It will give just the kind of help needed by every church in community missionary work. It is that which will help reach your distant relatives and friends in whose spiritual welfare you are interested.

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The Signs of the Times

We are told in Spirit of prophecy that the church of Christ is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. Its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. To every member of the church God has given work. Those who will take upon themselves a burden for souls and go forth with the power of God can lead the sinner to the foot of the cross where he will seek help from the Saviour.

God has given us great light and He wants us to let this light shine upon those who know nothing of this third angel's message. There is no better way to let our light shine than through the *Signs*. Many are dying spiritually because they are doing nothing for those about them who know not of Jesus. Sometimes we feel that we cannot work for the Master because we have our business to look after, but dear brethren and sisters, let us remember the greater part of the Saviour's life on earth was spent in patient toil in the little carpenter shop. Angels often visited the spot where the Saviour worked and they always found him doing His duty. He never got too busy to tell others about the kingdom of God. Let us follow the Saviour's footsteps, and while we are busy with our daily toils let us not forget those who know not the love of Jesus.

There are thousands who are going down into Christless graves each day. When the great day of God comes will we have any of these say to us, "You did not do your duty?" May the Lord help every one of us to be faithful each day and do what we can for the unsaved.

When Christ was here he told his disciples that He was not only praying for them but for them also which should believe in Him through their word. Brethren, there are many that we can help by handing them the *Signs of the Times* each week. Many are struggling with the enemy and are

calling for help. Let us all pray earnestly that the Lord will help those who are having hard battles to fight.

Jesus prayed for us, and He asked that we might be one with Him. Cannot we all unite our efforts, and be more faithful in laboring for others? With the *Signs of the Times*, and with much prayer, souls will be led to Christ. If we will all unite our efforts and go forth as one grand army, the work will soon be finished and each of us will enjoy a better Christian experience. May the Lord help us to awake and go forth with a real burden for souls.

J. W. TURNER.

Mount Ellis Academy

Tuesday, January 20, I made my first visit to Mt. Ellis Academy. We were met at the train by Prof. H. S. Hanson. By the aid of the school car we were soon on the school grounds and were made welcome by both teachers and students. Prof. Hanson and his loyal corps of teachers are doing a splendid work in the school. A good spirit prevails in the two dormitories and in the community. We feel sure the young people who are in the school are just where the Lord wants them, and we hope the parents are remembering these young people in their prayers.

Our own schools are places of refuge in these dark hours for our youth. There is nothing that should come closer to the hearts of the fathers and mothers in the Montana Conference than the salvation of our boys and girls. When the last trumpet sounds to call home the faithful of all ages, we shall all want to see the little flock that the Lord has given us respond to the call and unite with us to enter the mansions together.

The youth of today are meeting many temptations that the dear fathers and mothers in Israel did not meet, and it is a challenge to every Christian to do all in his power to encourage and help the youth in these trying hours. As we travel about in our conferences we find scores of young people attending public schools, and many of them confess they are losing ground spiritually. Surely something should be done to give help to these earnest young people. The time has

come when the Montana Conference should be praying that God will help the youth to get into our own school. Where there are now fifty students in Mt. Ellis Academy under Christian influence of teachers and students, we ought to have one hundred.

Heaven is interested in the salvation of our youth and if we as parents and leaders do our part, the angels of heaven are ready to unite with us in leading the lambs of the flock and in helping them reach the kingdom which is so near at hand. As we kneel at the family altar each day let us remember in our prayers the teachers and students of Mt. Ellis Academy. We believe that as God has used this school in the past, so He will use it in the future to prepare young men and women for work in His vineyard.

J. W. TURNER.

Our 1930 Church Goals

Havre church heads the list on mission offerings with a per capita of \$10.65 per week per members: Eight members sent \$443.00 to the mission fields on a goal of \$250.00, besides sending \$414.02 tithe.

Next comes Helena with \$1.026 per week per member. Third is Scobey with \$.874. Antelope, Stevensville, and Anaconda follow in order, with our newest church at Lonepine just getting in on \$.608 per member for each of the six weeks they were organized. They were 10 cents over their goal.

Money, money, money! Yes, as we gather and pass it on. But it is souls, souls, souls, as we think of the other end of the line where the missionary preacher and teacher and doctor can stay out there another year, giving their lives to lift Jesus up before lost men. "And I, if I be lifted up... will draw all men unto me."

The 1931 goal charts have been sent to each church. Let us start out to come up to them month by month and then Harvest Ingathering will be an "overflow" to delight our faithful missionaries.

MONTANA CONFERENCE OFFICE.

"The burden of our message is not only the commandments of God, but the faith of Jesus."

Sinless Flesh?

What did you think when you studied Romans 7:13-25? Some say that is a picture of Paul before he became a Christian, while Romans 8 is his experience after knowing Jesus. Some say that before Jesus comes we must know that we have attained perfection.

Did you turn to your "Index to Writings of Mrs. E. G. White" to see what the Lord's servant says? Under the scripture index in front, under these verses are listed ten references found in seven of her books. Here is the one in "Acts of the Apostles," pages 560-561, and it is right to the point.

"So long as Satan reigns, we shall have self to subdue, besetting sins to overcome; so long as life shall last there will be no stopping place, no point which we can reach and say, I have fully attained. Sanctification is the result of lifelong obedience. None of the apostles and prophets ever claimed to be without sin. . . Let not God be dishonored by the declaration from human lips, 'I am sinless; I am holy.' Sanctified lips will never give utterance to such presumptuous words."

Use your "INDEX," If you haven't one write us. Red, limp keratol binding only, \$3.50.

MONTANA BOOK & BIBLE HOUSE.

Mt. Ellis Academy

Nice weather at Mt. Ellis still continues, we are having balmy days such as one would expect in April, which means there is not any skating at present.

The boys went to the woods Monday and brought back four loads of wood which they plan to sell to apply on their goal for song books.

Lyle Miller and Clifford Rouse are attending school this semester.

Prof. Klement left on Tuesday for Missoula. He also plans to go to Walla Walla College for an educational meeting.

Mrs. Young spoke in chapel Tuesday on advertising. We all advertise ourselves whether we want to or not. It is up to us to make our advertising count.

The academy library needs a few

more books. If any of our friends have some they would like to have used we would appreciate them. Books on history, literature, and Bible commentaries are the most needed. Just send them to Mt. Ellis Academy.

Little Donna Lee has come to live with the Callantine family.- She arrived Jan. 27.

The girls are very busy these days getting ready for the program which they are giving Jan. 31. We wish that all our GLEANER friends could be here. But if you would like to help to buy the new song books just send in your money in care of the girls. It will be appreciated even if the campaign has closed.

Christian Home Day

February 7th has been set aside as Christian Home Day. We have reached the time when parents may well search out the needs and problems in their homes, and turn themselves to their children in accordance with the Elijah message. It is a fact that many of our boys and girls, young men and young women are drifting out of the church, away from God, and the truth. The question is: Are they our boys and girls? And if not, will they be in a few years from this? We ought not to have this loss. Can we afford to lose the children in our home churches?

"From every Christian home a holy light should shine forth. Love should be revealed in action. It should flow out in all home intercourse, showing itself in thoughtful kindness, in gentle, unselfish courtesy. There are homes where this principle is carried out,—homes where God is worshipped, and truest love reigns. From these homes, morning and evening prayer ascends to God as sweet incense, and His mercies and blessings descend upon the suppliants like the morning dew.

"A well-ordered Christian household is a powerful argument in favor of the reality of the Christian religion,—an argument that the infidel cannot gainsay. All can see that there is an influence at work in the family that affects the children, and that the God of Abraham is with them."—P. P., p. 144.

"The mission of the home extends beyond its own members. The Christian home is to be an object lesson,

illustrating the excellence of the true principles of life. Such an illustration will be a power for good in the world. Far more powerful than any sermon that can be preached is the influence of a true home upon human hearts and lives. As the youth go out from such a home, the lessons they have learned are imparted. Nobler principles of life are introduced into other households, and an uplifting influence works in the community."—C. H., p. 352.

"The restoration and uplifting of humanity begins in the home. The work of parents underlies every other. Society is composed of families, and is what the heads of families make it. Out of the heart are 'the issues of life,' and the heart of the community, of the church, and of the nation, is the household. The well-being of society, the success of the church, the prosperity of the nation, depend upon home influence."—Id., p. 349

Parents, you are your children's first teachers. You work upon plastic material, and the impressions you make upon their physical, mental, and moral natures affect the character of those children, not only for time, but for eternity.

May God richly bless the fathers and mothers as they endeavor to hold up Christian standards in the homes.
H. C. KLEMENT.

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Is It Important?

A large number of persons have come to a knowledge of the message through reading, among whom are men and women who are today engaged in proclaiming the truth for this time in a public way. This leads me to ask, Is not the circulation of our literature important? The results in many instances show that it is, and that even a small effort repays many fold. If you, dear reader, knew that loaning a book to a neighbor would bring him and his family into the truth and that one of his sons would spend thirty years in the work as a successful minister and

soul-winner, would you not make an effort to loan your neighbor the book? Would it be important, in your judgment, to do so? And would it pay? The writer personally knows of one such case.

If you knew that a year's subscription to the *Signs of the Times* would bring your friend and his family into the truth, would you feel repaid? Assuredly you would. Possibly you have relatives out of the ark, and you have wondered how they could be reached. Perhaps they are isolated where the message is not publicly proclaimed. Do you not think it important to send them the *Signs*? How will they hear the message unless someone sends them reading matter? Then there are those who you know are somewhat biased, and you feel that they must be approached with great tact and wisdom, and you are seeking some method or way to reach them. You need not look farther than the *Signs of the Times*, as this journal is one of the very best things put out by this denomination, and you need not hesitate to send it to anyone in any walk of life. Please note the special offer made for this year's campaign which is soon to begin. May the Lord bless our people as they seek to save the souls of their fellow men. Will you, dear reader, have a share in this work?

W. A. GOSMER.

Notes of Progress

Elder Sharpe reports another class ready for baptism at Boise, where he and Mrs. Sharpe have been laboring since last fall. Gradually, the membership is being built up. Death, removals, and apostasy, have made inroads in the last few years, and the work that is being done is very much needed. Boise has always responded more or less to efforts put forth for souls in the last few years, but never more so than now.

The writer has recently delivered three health lectures at the Caldwell church. The first lecture dealt with the scientific aspect of a fleshless diet, as compared with a meat diet. The second dealt with the original plan of God for the human family as relates to diet, as based upon the Bible and the Testimonies, in view of the fact that we are looking for trans-

lation day. We are told that flesh eating will cease to be the diet of those who are finally translated. The third lecture was concerned with the cause of degenerative diseases of the liver, kidneys, and circulatory system. The fact that these diseases are responsible for over fifty per cent of all deaths in recent years should cause us to take alarm, and search for the cause. One great contributing factor in producing kidney disease is a heavy protein diet, together with a preponderance of an acidifying diet over an alkaline diet. The response to these lectures was very gratifying. The Christain help band, under the leadership of Mrs. F. E. Stratton, at once took up the work of conducting classes in health cookery. About sixty people attended the first session which dealt with the making of bread. Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Boothby were the instructors for the day. The society will meet twice a week to study the question of foods and cookery. We wish these ladies abundant success in this noble endeavor, and hope that much lasting good will result in this revival of health reform.

The *Signs* campaign will soon be here, and we earnestly hope that our people in Idaho will take advantage of the special rates offered, and send subscriptions to friends and relatives. The *Signs* is especially adapted to this kind of missionary work, and is surely an acceptable preacher of righteousness.

When the writer was a boy, foreign missionary work among our people was in its infancy. However, I planted a "missionary garden" to raise funds for missions. The money realized from the products of this garden was a cause of rejoicing to my boyish heart, and I felt greatly blessed in the little venture. Many a boy and girl in our day can be likewise successful in raising money for our needy mission fields. A few more years and the work will be finished in the earth. How about the Sabbath school Investment fund this year? Gardens, crops, chickens, calves, turkeys, buffalo nickels, pennies, etc., all will count, and we shall not be any poorer.

Men stand aghast at the awful war preparations going on in the world just now. All is unrest and ferment among the nations, and the most fear-

ful war ever waged seems very close at hand. The great East is awakening to its possibilities, and feels constrained to throw off the white man's yoke. The Mohammedan world is busily plotting against the Christianity of the West, and is preparing for the day of final conflict at Armageddon. In our own land, want and suffering, and grinding poverty, dwell alongside the palaces of the overly rich. Starvation and want in a land of overproduction and consequent low prices is a unique situation. We are in the last days. The question that transcends all others at this time is, Are we getting ready for the day of God? Are we praying for the reception of the Holy Spirit and the latter rain?

W. A. GOSMER.

Gem State Academy News

How about it, reader, would you like to hear a little about our school? We are just now at the beginning of a new year and a new semester. Our hopes are high and we are coming right along with our school work. Jan. 21 found us with our half year subjects completed and ready for some new ones. These were introduced with few conflicts. Each class had a change in its program, and all but the sophomores had a change in books. The freshmen class of girls have completed cooking and are taking up sewing. The juniors have church history and Testimonies given the half year following bookkeeping. For the seniors who took bookkeeping and have had church history, botany is being taught. Along with the few changes and new lines of work we have started practice on the cantata "Saul," which will be given about the close of the school year. Perhaps our practice periods are tiresome and irritating to listen to, but just wait until the time comes for the final.

To keep perfect attention in classes, the music room has been changed from the dormitory back to its former place—the studio. While in the dorm the music produced such a melodious tone that it almost caused an echo from some of the class rooms, especially while the classes were in session.

Mrs. Grubbs, our music teacher, has a lively group of music students. They are at present decorating the chapel

in preparation for a recital Saturday night.

Last Saturday afternoon a few members of the M. V. society met with the Eagle Young People, and gave a program on music.

The academy board met at the academy this week and discussed the problem of managing the school farm this coming spring and summer.

One of the sophomore girls, Helen Fedler, was taken to the hospital at Nampa Jan. 29, and operated on for appendicitis. Her parents traveled all night in an open car to be with her.

PAUL ALDERSON.

On Saturday night, Jan. 24, the home economics class of G. S. A. entertained the school by giving a program. They told some of the things learned in class. After a piano duet by Mrs. Grubbs and Hazel Cooper, Madaliene Harris gave a reading entitled "Elijah Brown." Elijah died from eating too much fried food. Before Madaliene had finished, five girls, Louise Allen, Hazel Cooper, Lorena Feris, Irene and Helen Fedler came up on the platform. After talking about "fats" they discussed sleep, teeth, eating, breakfast, and drinking. Irene showed six posters proving that drinking milk, eating fruits and vegetables is better than using cosmetics.

The next group of girls—Florence Goodman, Hazel Cooper, Violet Padgett, Virginia Torrance, Jeanne Harder, and Eva Shaw, discussed household hints, telling the best methods for removing stains, how to frost cakes, and garnishing foods. At the close one of the girls gave this quotation, "Thoroughness is the twin brother of honesty. Carelessness, slipshodness and lack of thoroughness are crimes against self and against humanity. Anything that is worth doing at all is worth doing well."

The last part of the program was entitled, "The Home Economics Class has a Reunion." The girls appeared in uniform, aprons and headbands. After discussing such subjects as salads, desserts, breads, and cereals, they disagreed as to the use of pepper, mustard, and vinegar. The hostess, Louise Allen, telephoned their instructor, Mrs. Cummings, and she came over and read convincing answers to their questions, using the text book and "Ministry of Healing." It was shown

it is best to deny the appetite and eat right foods, thus serving Jesus by properly caring for the body.

In closing all sang, "It Pays to Serve Jesus."

LOUISE ALLEN.
EVA SHAW.

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Without A Peer

When it comes to our message, I find our people are interested in two things. First, they want to see the truth circulated and made known to others. Second, they want to see results—something accomplished for the money spent and the efforts put forth.

In a very unique way the *Signs* meets both of these requirements. From the standpoint of circulating the truth it stands without a peer. Its pages are devoted to clear cut, well written articles on a balanced program of presentation that attracts the great reading public. Its editorials are timely. The illustrations are well chosen and emphasize the truth. Regardless of the type of man or mind to whom the paper is presented, one need not make any apologies.

As to the results, the splendid record of this paper—covering about a half century—is well known. The *Signs* is not in the experimental stage. Many years ago it established itself as a distinct soul winning agency, and on this platform it has been adding to that record scores and scores of people every year.

The Upper Columbia Conference during 1930 clearly demonstrated to the world what it thinks about the *Signs*. The *Signs* has been circulated in this field for many years, but instead of the interest on the part of our people waning with the passing of time, it seems to have been deepened, for 1930 witnessed a larger number of papers going into this territory than in any former year. Just what the results will be from the hundreds of copies of this paper going into the homes of the people, only eternity will reveal.

What shall be our program for 1931? Shall we rest with the record of last year, or shall we endeavor to go a step further and bring the truth to more homes through this splendid paper? The slogan "More *Signs* More Souls" is no myth. It is the truth. If we send out more papers this year, we may rightfully expect more souls to accept the truth. We are counting upon our people to support our *Signs* program in a stronger way than ever. These times of depression demand the greatest possible economy in carrying our message, and I believe the printed page answers that demand.

M. L. RICE.

Y. V. A. Newsettes

Professor and Mrs. Ackerman are the proud parents of a baby girl, Lois Mae.

Bernice Hartman is very seriously ill at her home in Yakima.

Semester exams are over. With what a sigh of relief we say it! As a fitting climax to our first semester's work, the dormitory students entertained the outside students with a banquet. Between courses we were entertained with after-dinner speeches and a program broadcast from a nearby room by the "Voice of Yakima Valley Academy."

We welcome Leona Wagner and Lloyd Beddoe who are commencing the second semester's work. We are sorry to lose Lorene Schoepflin from our student body.

"Signs" and Evangelism

One of the great missionary opportunities of the year is just ahead. February 7-20 is the time when our churches and members everywhere are encouraged to enter into plans for a larger *Signs of the Times* ministry. Your prayers, your faith, your vision, and your consecration will help in making this a successful occasion. Many persons have been won to the truth through the *Signs* as a result of the work planned a year ago. This year there is still a greater work to do.

Those attending the workers' convention in College Place this week were: Elder and Mrs. Thompson, Prof. Hubbs, and Prof. Homann.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lusk, Miss Vivian Nichols and Mr. Bill Merkel were visitors at the academy over the week-end. Brother Lusk gave an interesting talk at Missionary Volunteer meeting.

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Breaks Down Prejudice

We have reached the time of another *Signs* campaign in our churches. I do not need to take space to tell you of the benefits that come in the use of the *Signs of the Times* among our friends and neighbors. Where the paper is distributed systematically we find prejudice is broken down, people become interested in the work that we are doing, and they are more inclined to help in different lines of work as they know more what we believe, and are interested in the truth for this time. Many of the subscriptions are expiring at this time and we shall want to renew our club to be used this year. Material has been sent out to all our churches and we trust that our brethren and sisters will do what they can not only to subscribe for a paper for themselves, but also for papers to give to their friends and neighbors.

We are planning meetings in different districts. In fact, four meetings are now in progress or will be in just a little time, and some of these papers can be used in connection with these efforts. So I trust that the brethren and sisters in the Washington Conference will do everything possible to circulate this paper among their friends this coming year.

Yours for a successful *Signs* campaign.

E. L. NEFF.

"A kind, courteous Christian is the most powerful argument that can be produced in favor of Christianity."

News Notes

Elder Neff spent the week-end at Port Townsend and Nordland. He states that several have begun keeping the Sabbath and are attending the regular church services as a result of the meetings held in Port Townsend. Others are still interested and Elder Tupper expects to begin a meeting in close proximity to Port Townsend in the near future so as to be able to keep in touch with the interested people in the city and at the same time conduct another evangelistic effort.

A letter from Elder Sargeant states that he began a series of meetings a little way out of Snohomish. The brethren and sisters in Snohomish and Everett are assisting in this meeting. The attendance is quite good and the same ones attend quite regularly. We are hoping for a number in this place who will be glad to walk in the way of the Lord's commandments.

Brother Raymond Hempel is planning to begin meetings in a school house east of Centralia in the neighborhood of Solkum. We have a company of believers in this neighborhood and we trust that these meetings will bring in additional members so that in the very near future a church may be organized there. We ask an interest in the prayers of our brethren and sisters for these workers that the Lord will give wisdom that they may know how to present the truth so that souls may be won to this message.

Elders M. N. Campbell and J. J. Reiswig were visitors in the Washington Conference from Wednesday until Sabbath. They were in counsel with Brother Inouye regarding the Japanese work and also with the brethren in the Scandinavian department.

We are glad to report that Elder C. J. Cole has begun a series of meetings at Harper, Washington. We trust that a number of believers will be added to our little church there as a result of these meetings.

Brother A. A. Walter, one of our lay brethren, is conducting a series of meetings on Whidby Island, and we pray that the Lord will bless the efforts being put forth to reach souls at this place.

We Are in The "Signs" Business

A few months ago it was the privilege of the writer to observe a sign which greatly impressed him. It was in a Hoquiam Sign Company's window. It read thus: "Tell the World with Signs." Of course, I know that the author of this sign was anxious to increase his business in getting more folks on his list as patrons, but I see in this a fine slogan for the *Signs of the Times*.

Why cannot we Christians tell the world with *Signs*. America's great prophetic weekly, coming as it does each week, fifty weeks of the year, on all the various subjects of present truth, constitutes a mighty fine sign board to place before the eyes of the world. The *Signs of the Times* is not so much paper and printer's ink, it is a consecrated paper. Christian men, filled with the spirit of God, are the authors of its columns. Its subjects are appealing to the eye. The *Signs* makes truth interesting, plain, and gripping. If you could see all the hands of the people who have come into this truth through reading their way into it by the *Signs of the Times*, you would behold a very impressive scene.

Yes, let us tell the world with *Signs*. Let the *Signs* tell them that not Sunday but Saturday is the Sabbath of Jehovah. Let the *Signs* tell them that their loved ones who have died are not in heaven but are awaiting the resurrection when we shall all go to heaven together. The *Signs* will tell them that the greatest battle of the world is Armageddon when the greatest forces shall meet in armed conflict. Tell them with the *Signs* that Spiritualism will help to lead the forces of men in this last mighty battle. Let us tell them through the *Signs* that the greatest event of all history is just around the corner.

As the world cries out: "Watchman, what of the night," let us tell them that the great dawn of eternal day is at hand. Your responsibility and mine is to tell the world with *Signs*. The question is directed to us today the same as it was directed by Christ to the Jews: "What sign shewest thou them that we may see and believe thee? What dost thou work?" Christ made the message of heaven so plain

to the people of His day that they stood before God without excuse. As watchmen of heaven, we are to tell the things which we have seen.

Through the prophet of God we are told of the great events that are soon to take place here in the world. The world knows little of these events, but we know. We have these truths made so plain in the columns of the *Signs* and our business and responsibility is to tell the world with *Signs*.

And for price, surely the price is right. In large church clubs coming to one address where the total order averages one per member, you can get the *Signs* at one dollar a copy. For one to four copies mailed direct to one address for one year, you pay at the rate of \$1.40 per copy, while for five or more mailed direct to the address of any member, you pay \$1.25 for each subscription.

May God bless you, dear reader, in doing your part by your neighbors and friends in this great gospel spreading effort that is now on, by placing this wonderful paper in the hands of the reading public.

ALVA G. WALKER,
Home Missionary Sec.

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A Modern Caleb

One of our pastors sends in this interesting sequel regarding the success of his church in the past Ingathering campaign. It is the echo of all those churches that really try. We are withholding the name of the author of this brief essay on success and also the name of the church referred to, but he is one of the ministers of our conference whom we always count on when we expect to see things go over the top.

With this brief explanation we give the quotation in full:

"Of a truth, Lord, the ways were very difficult and the roads verily were rough, and giants were all along the way. And, Lord, we were faint of heart as we saw this walled city of ———— and we knew that we be not able to go up against the people for they are very terrible, and for peace, Lord, we had great bitterness.

"And then, Lord, Thou didst say, Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, and church of ————, which are called by the name of Israel, I have declared

it from the beginning, that the wealth of the Gentiles men shall bring unto thee.

"Therefore, hear ye now and see those of you who sigh and cry for all the inactivity of My people, and say unto them, O house of Jacob, and church of _____, it can be done.

"And lo, certain ones of the congregation of Israel, in the fulness of time began with the Lord to declare 'It can be done'. And verily they did cast contempt upon the giants in the way; and they were not faint of heart; and in the strength and power of the Lord of hosts, they sought the sons of strangers, and the Gentiles, and they did gather the shekels of the uncircumcised in heart, until victory crowned their efforts, and they came bringing the riches of the Gentiles, and praising God, testifying that they that be with us are more than they that be with them."

WASH. CON. HOME MISS. DEPART.

Book News of New Books

With today's mail we are sending out a portion of our supply of catalogs for 1931, and expect to mail the balance of them in a few days. We hope to send one to each family, but if we miss you just drop us a card and we will see that a catalog is sent to you at once.

We find many new books listed in this new catalog which will make it well worth your while to look your copy over carefully as soon as you receive it. May we also suggest that after you have looked it through to lay it up where it will be convenient for future reference. It is not merely a "list of books," but it is a catalog of arms and ammunition for the Christian warrior. Note carefully the arrangement that you may find readily whatever you may need. The general book list is arranged alphabetically. The lists of tracts begin on page 85. M. V. and other Reading Courses are listed on page 98. Foreign books are listed from page 106 and onward. Even our periodicals, such as *Review and Herald*, and *Signs of the Times* find a place on the new catalog. You will find them on pages 101, 102, and 103.

Last but not least, if for any reason you find it necessary to correspond with another Bible House or confer-

ence office you will find their addresses beginning on page 155 of this catalog.

WASH. BOOK & BIBLE HOUSE.

Breaking Home Ties

At the time of the World's Fair in Chicago there was a picture called "Breaking Home Ties" which attracted much attention. It represented a youth of fifteen or sixteen, evidently leaving home for the first time. At the center of the picture was a boy standing in a living room with the family making ready for his departure. The mother stood with her hands on his shoulders gazing into his eyes with love and anxiety. The pathos of the picture was not the mother's anguish but the face of the boy which showed that he was unprepared for the great outside world and its pitfalls. Earnest and loving as the mother seemed to be she had not developed in her son the standards of right and wrong, and in the moment of parting, she realized that fact.

In contrast to this picture is the experience told of a young man about to leave for his first year in college. His mother, the last night before he was to leave home, began talking to him about the dangers which he would encounter in his new college life. Taking her face between his hands, he said: "*Mother, if I haven't learned how to resist temptation before now, I am hopeless.*"

There is need in the development of youth to help them to sense their own responsibility for their actions beginning at a very early age. "When a human being has attained the realization that his life is what he makes it, he has reached the highest standard of right and wrong."

"Those who make it their object so to educate their pupils that they may see and feel that the power lies in themselves to make men and women of firm principle, qualified for any position in life, are the most useful and permanently successful teachers. Their work may not show to the very best advantage to careless observers, and their labors may not be valued as highly as are those of the teacher who holds the minds and wills of his scholars by absolute authority; but the future lives of the pupils will show

the fruits of the better plan of education."—*C. T., page 76.*

The principles which should govern teachers are equally applicable to parents for who can say that a successful parent is not also a successful teacher as well.

HORACE E. WEAVER.

Like The Schools Of The Prophets

When the place became too small for the sons of the prophets in olden days, the record says they implored the prophet to go with them as they took their axes and travelled down to the Jordan to hew down timbers for a new building.

The same story is being enacted out at Auburn Academy. The boys are beginning to cut down trees that they will later run through our saw mill for lumber to be used in the boy's dormitory. We expect to get all our lumber from our own timber and cut the rough and the finish lumber at the school. All our doors, our window sash and frames will be made in our own shop. Practically all the work will be done by students.

We have about \$3700.00 on hand and must have \$5000.00 on hand before we start the actual building.

Surely there are some readers of the GLEANER, and members of the conference who can help us with substantial offerings and thus encourage the faculty and the students in this most worthy project.

If you are interested in our plan and wish to encourage us won't you please drop a line to the principal.

ALBERT GREEN.

Auburn Academy News Notes

Our school is still growing, as shown by the new students who keep coming. The latest arrivals are Wallace Ince from Spokane, Nellie Ingersoll from the Bellingham district, and Emerson and Velma Scott from the Port Angeles district. The latter part of this week two more are coming from Olympia and two from Seattle. Our academic enrollment is now 146, and total enrollment including the church school is over 200.

Elder McConaughy paid us a visit

last week. It was during the semester examinations so he could not occupy much of the time in chapel, but it was all enjoyed and we hope he will come again. Exams were over and by the kind permission of the faculty all those who wanted to, gathered in the dining room Thursday night in place of study period. After a varied program sandwiches and cocoa were served.

Work is progressing in the shop. The last of our work is an order for one hundred wooden wheelbarrow frames.

The Rainier Vista campaign has been officially closed after a long drawn out battle. The Democrats won by the mere margin of 35 cents, very close competition being run all the time. The two sides went over the staff goal of 600 subs. Individual honors went to Reginald DeVice, Benny daSilva, Velma Kearn, and Lucile Bowers.

Last Saturday night Dr. Percy Scott of Seattle gave a lecture on astronomy which was very much enjoyed by all who attended. Before the lecture Mrs. Scott favored us with two vocal selections.

Elder Campbell and Elder Reiswig are with us for the week-end.

Seattle, Washington

At the beginning of the year 1930, the Scandinavian and the English churches in the northwestern part of the city of Seattle were united, with a membership of sixty-five. During the year, seven received letters to unite with churches in other places and one member was lost by death. Four were received into the church, three by baptism and one by letter, so we began the year 1931 with sixty members.

During the year God has greatly blessed us with union, love, and liberality. I have just audited the treasurer's and missionary secretary's books and found them accurately kept. The tithe for the year was \$2,658.32, which is \$40.89 per member. The foreign mission offerings amounted to \$2,530.27, which is 74.8 cents per member per week. Of this, however, \$780.00 was Harvest Ingathering, which is \$12.00 per member. Besides this the church paid \$312.00 to the Seattle Junior Academy building, and \$460.00

for the operating of the church school, \$175.00 to the fund for the poor, and \$273.49 for literature. All this, with a number of items under the name church expense, for all purposes for the Lord's work, amounts to \$6,610.12, which averages more than \$100.00 per member. Knowing to some extent the financial condition of the members, I consider this a miracle of grace, for which we all praise God.

The annual report of missionary work by the church is as follows: Average number of members reporting, 34; average number prayer lists, 20; missionary visits, 1915; Bible readings or meetings held, 374; hours of Christian help work, 780; value of food given away, \$104.30; number articles of clothing given away, 197; bouquets given away, 165; papers given away, 6,687; tracts given away, 747; books sold or given away, 690; missionary letters written, 279; Harvest Ingathering papers used, 1000.

L. JOHNSON.



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**An Evangelist For
Every Church Supported
By Every Member**

Our shortage in income last year makes it necessary for us to cut our working force of laborers; yet we plan for our conference this year the biggest soul-winning program, we believe, that has ever been launched in our field, enlisting every member.

In some ways our financial crisis has proved a great blessing. It has given us a vision of what our laymembers can do in soul-winning work. The average evangelist preaches from 250 to 300 sermons a year on this truth. This would average about two or three series of meetings. Can you imagine what it would mean to a soul-winning program to have every member supporting ministers that can preach more sermons than any evangelist we have ever had in the Oregon Conference?

My name for the *Signs* weekly is

"*Signs* Evangelist." Every week he preaches from six to eight sermons on this truth in the language of the best evangelists of this denomination.

The first two Sabbaths in February every church in our conference will be visited by a minister, promoting the work of "*Evangelist Signs*" in our field, whose salary for the whole year of 1931 is only \$1.00. Do you believe it is too much to ask every member to be responsible for this preacher's salary? He will preach for every member who pays \$1.00 on an average of more than one sermon each day of the year. Who can evaluate the good that will be done in this field and the interest that will be awakened through his efforts which a conference worker can follow up.

We appeal to our members to respond to the call, and we believe that this year will prove to be the greatest soul-winning program effort that we have ever put forth.

The price of the salary quoted above means of course that the *Signs* must be received through clubs of not less than twenty-five. To one single individual or family the rate is \$1.50 a year, and may be sent to any address you may desire.

Let us hope that Oregon Conference will average one subscription per member throughout the field.

OREGON CONFERENCE S. D. A.
I. J. WOODMAN.



An Important Date

February 7 to 20 has been set aside as the time for the promotion of our *Signs* work and we are urging every member to have a definite part in this great program. The swing of this denomination is towards evangelism and there is not a better agency than the *Signs* to bring people to the truth. If we have the cooperation of our churches and members we bespeak for this coming effort even a greater degree of interest.

A number of very fine experiences from the *Signs* have come in recently. Elder Comer of Salem reports that two families through reading the *Signs* for years are now attending church and Sabbath school. Another group is interested as a result of reading the *Signs*. We will not relate any more experiences just now, but suffice to say the number of souls baptized

during 1931 will depend upon the number of *Signs* that our churches use in systematically following up the great tract distribution campaign which we are now in.

We know that we can count upon every member doing his part when the *Signs* is presented in his church. We thank you for your cooperation in the past.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT,
L. E. ESTEB, Sec.

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Laurelwood Academy News Notes

One of the most unique programs that we have had this year was that by which Professor Westermeyer's birthday was commemorated. It took place on the first regular student volunteer day; so, while our principal knew that something was "in the air," the exact nature of the feature was a complete surprise to him.

Mabel Eastridge read a biography beginning with early infancy, facts for which having been obtained from Mrs. Westermeyer. As each important period in the life story was reached, a scene typical of it was enacted by students. "Ginger" Graham was a quaint little mother who took little Harry (Junior) to school for the first time. John Oliver must have been very observant of bashful country boys starting in at the academy, for his impersonation of H. E. W. at that stage of life was realistic and amusing in the extreme. But what must have been the surprise (and happy memories recalled) of the hero of the occasion when his wedding day was brought in review, with Frances Versteeg in white satin and trailing veil representing the newly made Mrs. Westermeyer and Leland Oakes "the lucky man." Then when the principal of Laurelwood Academy in 1931 came upon the scene, imagine the professor's reaction at seeing his own hat and ulster walking across the platform covering the lank form of Leland Oakes, whose height had made him eligible for the part.

At the conclusion, the students presented the guest of honor with an auto robe to go in that new De Soto. The new semester brings with it elections and resulting new officers in the various organizations. The M.

V. society comes first on the list with Roland Nielson, leader; Wesley Haffner, associate leader; Elmer Wild, assistant leader; Darle Huntington, secretary; Irene Schierman, assistant secretary; faculty adviser, Mr. Witzel.

The new organization of Student Volunteers, instituted to divide the heavy load of responsibilities with the Missionary Volunteers, has as its leader Wesley Haffner; associate leader, Nell Hughes; assistant leader, Roland Nielson; secretary, Stanley Thames; treasurer, John Oliver; Elder Becraft, advisor.

The Beuna Vista Culture Club has elected Nell Hughes as president for the next semester, Gladys Beusekamp as vice-president, Vina Bidgood as secretary, and Willetta Knapp as treasurer.

The Hellenian Club is having such a lively political campaign that its officers have not yet been selected.

The ministerial band has been reorganized with twenty members. They have chosen as leader, Manford Rennings; assistant leader, Elmer Wild; secretary, Eugene King; assistant secretary, Melvin Nelson. There promises to be enough talent to go around all the neighboring churches.

Most of the prayer bands have new leadership. That work will fall this semester on the shoulders of Martha Shrewsbury, Virginia Graham, Pearl Cox, Gladys Beusekamp, Harold Christie, Clark Allen, Fred Hardin, and Archie Gilbert. However, they are to have assistants, who are also to be big brothers and sisters to the rest of the students. They are Frances Versteeg, Ilda Carpenter, Vina Bidgood, Darle Huntington, Roland Nielson, Wesley Haffner, John Musgrave, and Manford Rennings.

We have never felt more sorry at losing a student than we did when Mabel Eastridge revealed the fact that she would have to go home. The senior class feel the loss of a cheerful and charming personality from their group, and a leader and indefatigable worker from their "thin red line" of soldiers. We are glad that Mabel left with a brave spirit and a determination to return to finish her course next year.

The members of the typewriting class are very pleased over the in-

stallation of new machines. Even with so many required subjects on the curriculum this department has grown until some have to take their work in the afternoon.

Although we are so fortunate in having the benefit of good music all the time, that we still appreciate our advantages in this respect was evidenced by the large attendance at the recital the Hansen sisters gave in the chapel last Saturday night. We always endeavor to get a seat from which the piano keyboard is in full view. The marvelous dexterity of Miss Mildred Hansen's fingers is a study in the poetry of motion.

The thrilling exploits of Admiral Byrd in the Antarctic regions were eagerly watched (on the screen) on Sunday evening, and the proceeds of the evening's entertainment served the purpose of equipping the gym with the finest basketball obtainable, as well as some minor items.

Pussy willows, violets and even English daisies are being gathered by students whom the gorgeous spring weather is inducing to spend a goodly portion of their time outdoors. We are hoping that the weather will continue to treat us so kindly for the balmy atmosphere is most agreeable, and is also helping out in the snap campaign for the annual.

JEANNETTE WORTH.

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A Worthy Endeavor

Another year has sped quickly past, and we are approaching the time set apart by the General Conference for another *Signs* promotion effort. The date set is February 7-20. Truly events that are occurring all over the world furnish subject material for articles on practically every line of truth, bringing in the fulfillment of prophecy, showing that we are rapidly nearing the end, when all those who expect to be saved must hasten to make their calling and election sure.

If this endeavor were just merely to secure subscriptions or send out a club of papers, we would not be spending our time and energy promoting it, but when we stop to think of the hundreds, yea, thousands of people today who are rejoicing in the truth as a result of the literature which has been circulated by this people, it should be a great inducement for us to continue the good work, thus helping not only to warn the world, but to reach the honest in heart with the message which means eternal life.

We surely hope that the churches of the Southern Oregon Conference, as well as the isolated individuals, will take a lively interest in this coming promotion effort. Every church should use a club of at least one per church member, and as many more as possible, to be given to those individuals who are either interested or might become interested in the special truths for this time. We hope that all the church councils will take the matter under advisement right away, with the local elders, district leaders, and church missionary secretaries and will get behind the plan at once to make this year's record at least what it was last year and as much more as possible. Where a club averages at least one copy per church member, with a minimum club order of 25, all sent to one address, the subscription rate would be \$1.00 per copy.

We hope that the churches in Southern Oregon will do their part in helping to warn the people in this part of the vineyard, and the *Signs* is a good medium by which to do it, and we hope that these clubs will be followed up by the prayers of our people and by personal visitation, that we may see souls rejoice in the kingdom as a result of the effort put forth.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

When The Holy Spirit Will Be Given

When we think of the world task before us, it is stupendous. To think that God has laid upon the shoulders of the little handful of members composing the remnant church the responsibility of carrying the gospel to all the world in a single generation, is a staggering proposition and were we left to our own human strength and

material resources, our courage would utterly fail us. But when we remember the promise that God will "finish the work and cut it short in righteousness," all we need to do is to do the best we can, offering ourselves in service to the Lord day by day, believing that He will in His own time and way, pour out His spirit upon the world in such a measure that a quick work will be wrought.

We should not fold our hands, however, and complacently wait, but should send up our prayers most earnestly to God for the outpouring of His spirit in the latter rain, which will give power to the third angel's message, to bring conviction to the hearts of sinners, as the message is proclaimed. Speaking of the time when the latter rain will be poured out, Sister White has said:

"Every truly converted soul will be intensely desirous to bring others from the darkness of error into the marvelous light of the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The great outpouring of the Spirit of God, which lightens the whole earth with his glory, will not come until we have an enlightened people that know by experience what it means to be laborers together with God. When we have entire, whole-hearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of his Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God."—*Review and Herald, July 21, 1896.*

"When the churches become living, working churches, the Holy Spirit will be given in answer to their sincere request. Then the truth of God's word will be regarded with new interest, and will be explored as if it were a revelation just from the courts above. Every declaration of inspiration concerning Christ will take hold of the inmost soul of those who love Him. Envy, jealousy, evil-surmising will cease. The Bible will be regarded as a charter from heaven. Its study will absorb the mind, and its truths will feast the soul. The promises of God now repeated as if the soul had never tasted of his love, will then glow upon the altar of the heart, and fall in burning words from the lips of the messengers of God. They will then plead with souls with an earnestness

that cannot be repulsed. Then the windows of heaven will be opened for the showers of the latter rain. The followers of Christ will be united in love."—*Review and Herald, Feb. 25, 1890.*

Now, brethren and sisters, should we not, during this period of evangelism, launched at the Fall Council, offer ourselves to God for service and determine by His grace, that we will go forth to labor in house to house distribution of tracts, using the *Present Truth* and circulating the *Signs* together with small books, and personal visitation, expecting God to pour out his spirit as we go forth setting our goal for at least one soul per church member for 1931? May the Lord help us to do our best and expect great things from heaven as we launch out into service from day to day.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

Wedding Bells

At noon Friday, January 23, at the home of Brother and Sister Wyant, near Medford, Oregon, a wedding was solemnized that united Hazel Ida Marie Wyant to Ellsworth William McComman in holy bonds of matrimony. Many friends and relatives were present who extended hearty congratulations, after which refreshments were served. May their honeymoon continue into the city of God planted in the New Earth.

T. M. LANGBERG.

Business Depression A Benefit To The "Signs" Campaign

In the BULLETIN of one of the large Methodist churches of the city they quote from an article written by Roger W. Babson as follows:

"Is it not a great economic waste to have millions of people idle? To this question I frankly answer: 'If the only values are material—that is, if commodities are America's only need—then unemployment and financial failures are solely economic losses. If, however, spiritual and intellectual values are also of great importance, then it must be recognized that business depressions have their usefulness and fulfill an important economic function."

"I personally hold the latter belief and feel that rainy days have their usefulness as well as sunny days. When men are making money they are likely to lose their faith, forget their God, and become more or less pagans, the churches become neglected, personal prayers are dropped, and man feels self-sufficient without the need of the Bible, the church, or meditation. These are the conditions which America has witnessed during the last few years. But when depressions come we look to the higher and better things. Not only do men develop spiritually during such periods but they also develop mentally."

The *Signs*, therefore, fits into this period. So let us keep up our personal program with this greatest of all soul-winning agencies, and increase our *Signs* club rather than decrease our efforts, "for such a time as this."

S. J. ABEGG.

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Change in The French Signs of The Times

The *Signs of the Times* in the French language has been printed at Oshawa, Ontario as a monthly magazine, but after careful deliberation it has been thought best to change it to a quarterly. It will now be published four times a year, being printed within the first month of each quarter.

The time of expiration will be moved forward on all subscriptions now on our records, so that the subscriber will secure as many magazines as he would have received had it continued as a monthly.

The new subscription is as follows:
Single yearly subscription 35 cents
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separate addresses, each 25 cents
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one number, each 5 cents

This reduction in the subscription price will enable more of our people to use the French *Signs* in missionary work.

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"There is only one path that leads from darkness upward to the light until it touches the throne of God,—the path of faith."

OBITUARIES

Flower.—On the fourth day of March, 1853, the same day Franklin Pierce was inaugurated President of the United States, Margaret Emeline Fatterson was born on a small farm near Sweetwater, Tenn. She went to rest at her home in College Place, Wash., the afternoon of Dec. 15, 1930, at the age of 77 years, 9 months, and 11 days. Sister Flower was the second eldest of five children.

At the outbreak of the Civil War her father, whose sympathies were with the Northern cause, moved his family to Iowa. Soon after the close of the war the family journeyed westward to Kansas where they took up a homestead at the present site of Rose, Kansas.

She received her education in the public schools and at the Kansas State Normal at Emporia, and subsequently taught school for fifteen years.

On the twenty-fourth of April, 1884, she was married to James Henry Flower, a native of Vermont. They made their home on a stock farm in Woodson County, residing there until 1901.

About one year after her marriage, Elders Barton and Page held a series of meetings in the country schoolhouse near her home and Sister Flower with several others was convinced of the truth of the third angel's message. At the close of the meetings she and a few others were baptized and became charter members of a little church organized near Buffalo, Kansas. The little group remained faithful and held regular Sabbath services in the schoolhouse. Sister Flower was an enthusiastic leader in the little church and her home was always open to the ministers and colporteurs who used to stay there while laboring in that vicinity. The five children of Brother and Sister Flower were born at their home in southeastern Kansas.

Because of Brother Flower's failing health in 1901 it was thought advisable to move West. After considering the advantages of several locations, they decided to come to College Place where their children could have the opportunity of a Christian education. The family home has been here since that time, and the children have received a large portion of their education in Walla Walla College.

Previous to the time Sister Flower's health failed she was very active in church and Sabbath school work. She was church clerk for some time and nearly always taught a class in some department of the Sabbath school. Possessed of the natural qualifications of a nurse she spent much time caring for the sick who needed help, many times sitting up all night and always giving spiritual comfort as well as physical.

Her hospitality was well known to all who knew her and both rich and poor always received a warm welcome in her heart and home.

Her interest in Christian education was not limited to her own family. Other young people were frequently given a home to enable them to attend school. Her health failed about ten years ago and one cause of her breakdown was overwork for others.

Shortly before Sister Flower passed away, the

children who were present were telling her what a wonderful mother she was and how much they appreciated all she had done for them, and her reply was, "Don't talk about me, talk about Jesus." Her last admonition to her family was, "Be faithful to the end when we'll all meet and be together again."

Although she was called to endure the most intense suffering her mind was keen and active to the last. A close neighbor who had called often on her, made this statement to one of the daughters, "I always enjoyed calling on your mother, her mind was so active and her thoughts so deep."

Those left to mourn the loss of their mother are: Herbert P. Flower, of Sacramento, California; Doctor Harry J. Flower, of Milton, Oregon; Mrs. Kittie M. Langdon, of College Place; Dr. Keith C. Flower, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Wilda F. Lang, of Oakland, California. She also leaves two sisters, one brother, five grandchildren, four nieces, and five nephews. Sister Flower was laid away in Mt. Hope cemetery at College Place, where she rests in Jesus to await the call of His voice in the glorious resurrection hour.

F. B. Jensen.

Newbill.—Julia Ann Newbill was born in Des Moines, Iowa, February 5, 1849. She crossed the plains with her grandparents in 1865 settling near Dayton, Oregon. She was united in marriage to Benjamin H. Newbill April 14, 1868, at Dallas, Oregon. To this union were born one son and five daughters: E. H. Newbill, of Spokane; Mrs. Margaret Barton, of Chico, California; Mrs. Arthur Clevenger, of McMinnville; Miss Mary Newbill, of McMinnville; Mrs. Ora Lackey, of Spokane; and Mrs. Nellie Downs, of Chico, California. Besides her husband and children, she is survived by twenty-two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She passed away at her home in McMinnville on December 27, 1930. Our sister was a faithful Seventh-day Adventist for thirty-six years.

George F. Watson.

Penn.—Mrs. Maud Hopp-Penn was born in Bridgeport, Washington, June 3, 1899; and passed away Dec. 15, 1930. She lived at Bridgeport until the time of her marriage to Mr. Swan Penn eight years ago. From that time she made her home in Seattle until but a few months before her death, when she was brought to the home of her parents to spend her remaining days. Four years ago she gave her heart to the Lord and united with the North Seattle church and remained true to her Saviour until death. She is survived by her husband, two children, father and mother, five sisters and three brothers.

O. E. Schnepfer.

Sturgill.—Mrs. Lydia Sturgill died at Baker, Oregon, Jan. 1, 1931. She was born at Columbus, Ohio, April 1, 1846, and moved with her parents to Milan, Miss., in 1860. On 1861, she was married to George B. Sturgill, now deceased. In 1865, the couple settled in Wingville, Oregon. Mrs. Sturgill has lived in Baker county ever since. She was affiliated with the M. E. Church South, at Wingville, in 1865. Twenty-five years later, she became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. She was the mother of nine children, six of whom survive. They are J. J. Sturgill, Lena Cranston, Iona M. Sparks, J. C. Sturgill, Madison Stur-

gill, and R. T. Sturgill, all of Baker. There are twenty-two grandchildren, and nineteen great-grandchildren. Sister Sturgill was an earnest Christian during her entire life, and her prayers ascended on behalf of her children, which included her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had the satisfaction of seeing four of her grandchildren directly connected with the work of the message so dear to her. They are: Miss Enid Sparks, Walla Walla College; Mrs. Win Osborn Shankel, Spion Kop Mission College, South Africa; Mrs. Inez Osborn Archer, Columbia Academy; Mrs. Letty Osborn Johnson, who teaches at Loma Linda, Calif. The funeral services were conducted by the writer in the M. E. Church, the pastor assisting.

W. A. Gosmer.

Ammundson.—Ole Ammundson was born October 12, 1889, in Broton, Minn., and died on December 15, 1930. He was married to Miss Albertina Hansen who died a year and a half later. He was later married to Miss Hilma Anderson. He accepted the third angel's message a few years ago while living at Mapleton, Ore. He later moved to Ryderwood, Wash. He is survived by his wife and five children.

J. M. Cole.



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For One Week Ending January 24, 1931						
G. B. CollettMag.	19			11.70	11.70	11.70
W. C. ChristensenB.P.	43	2		3.75	3.75	7.25
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Totals	236	2	2	94.20	111.20	70.20

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J. MuchmoreH.P.	13					
Myra NelsonMag.				2.00	2.00	
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C. W Cass (2 wks.)O.T.	80	11		10.00	57.00	
Mrs. C. HarbourH.M.	14				7.75	7.75
Ornin LockeO.T.	30	11		1.75	48.75	.75
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Totals	156	25		12.75	137.50	10.50

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Appointments

Elders J. A. Stevens of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, and Ernest Lloyd of the Pacific Press, together with Elder E. M. Oberg, union home missionary secretary, are meeting appointments in our field in the interest of the *Signs* campaign. The first five days of the month were spent in the Southern Oregon, Oregon, and Washington conferences. Elder Lloyd will be in Portland Friday and Sabbath, the 6th and 7th, and Elder Stevens will be at College Place, at which time a convention will be held. Both will attend the Home Missionary Council to be held at College Place the 8th and 9th. Elder Stevens will be in Spokane Wednesday, the 11th; Tacoma, Thursday, the 12th; Seattle, Friday and Sabbath, the 13th and 14th.

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Week-end Convention

A week-end home missionary convention was held in the Walla Walla church the past week by Elder F. A. Detamore, home missionary secretary of the Upper Columbia Conference, assisted by Elder D. S. Kime. The church exceeded its quota of one *Signs* per member, ordered more than two hundred sets of the Home Study Bible League, and a good sized class in "How to Give Bible Studies," was organized. We shall look for good missionary reports from the Walla Walla church the coming year.

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"Whatever position in life we may occupy, whatever our business, we must be humble enough to feel our need of help; we must lean implicitly on the teachings of God's word, acknowledge his providence in all things, and be faithful in pouring out our souls in prayer."

A Unique Experience

A self-supporting worker in the island of Barbados undertook a very difficult field with no facilities with which to work except his love for, and knowledge of, the message coupled with plenty of "used literature." He writes: "My wife and I spent some three months distributing literature but seeing no results decided the time had not come for that field to be worked. Just then one to whom a paper had been given asked us to explain an article written by W. W. Prescott. This developed a cottage meeting. This place soon was too small to hold the crowd so I asked the pastor of the only church in the place for the use of his building. After six weeks of meetings thirteen persons are ready for baptism and thirty-eight are interested. What could not otherwise be done was accomplished by the silent messenger. We are not

getting as much of the literature as we could use. We can use any of the papers you can send us."

Perhaps you could not write or explain an article like the one mentioned, but you have the papers containing many of them, so why not unload your shelves in favor of those who cannot purchase the new? Do not send them to me, but inclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope for an address to which they may be sent. Preserve this paper so that you may be reminded that no package should weigh more than four pounds, six ounces, well wrapped in plenty of strong paper, addressed in ink and near your return address should be written the words "Used Periodicals." The postage is but eight cents a pound. The result,—souls enlightened and prepared for the kingdom.

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The Bakery Department

Do you suppose I can work part or all of my way through school? Is it really true that a person can go to school without a flushed bank account? These are two of the many questions that confront our business manager, F. W. Peterson. At times these questions seem to perplex him, but then again when he recalls the different industries of our college, a broad pleasant smile comes over his face and he states that you can have work to the extent of \$50, \$75, or \$150 and attend school.

One of the principles on which our school is founded is "Work your own way through school." Yes, it is possible. The bakery has been doing its share the past number of years. This year we have ten boys working part or all of their way through school. The bakery has been considerably enlarged this past year. It has been possible to purchase two new trucks which make it possible to give more

efficient delivery service to the customers.

In addition to the complete line of bakery goods, the department manufactures savory nut loaf and nut meat. This phase, known as the College Health Food Company, furnishes additional financial help to the boys of our college.

The entire work of the bakery is carried on by those who are engaged in school work. The department has proved that it is possible to operate entirely by student help with a substantial profit for enlarging its operations.

The manager is indebted to the Dixie Bakery Company of Portland for their sales distribution methods. These methods are being used in our sales program in Walla Walla. Mr. Haynes, the president of the Dixie Bakery, took special interest in outlining successful methods for the Walla Walla College Bakery Department.

J. R. SLOOP.