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## THE "SIGNS" CAFETERIA

THE MENU FOR 1928

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In the old-time restaurant the dishes were few. There was little variation or opportunity for selection. A person had either to eat the one or two somber things set before him or go without. But in our modern cafeterias the hungry man walks beside long serving tables which fairly groan with their load of appetizing foods in a hundred forms. If he does not like mashed potatoes, then here there are baked or scalloped. If he does not like vegetable soup, he may take either pea or tomato soup. If he does not care for white bread, then here are graham or whole-wheat.

The *Signs of the Times* is made on the cafeteria plan. It believes that if a good Presbyterian picks up an issue he may not be attracted to an article on baptism or the millennium, but may be interested in the state of the dead. A Methodist may care not for the article on the state of the dead, but will eagerly read our interpretation of the millennial period. A Baptist may be interested in the second coming of Christ where other subjects would not appeal to him.

Last year, 1927, we had 721 articles and editorials in the *Signs*, an average of 14½ in each issue. This assures such a boundless variety of topics in each week's paper, that no matter into whose hands it falls,—be he educated or uneducated, church member or worldling, fundamentalist or evolutionist, Protestant or Catholic,—every reader will find one or more articles which will catch his eye

and appeal to his appetite. A bait in each issue appealing to the various kinds of fishes,—that's our aim. If we don't catch them on one hook, then just over the page is another hook which will get them.

Here are a few samples of our menu for 1928 which will indicate the great variety of converting articles on the fundamentals of Seventh-day Adventism, which the *Signs* taken in this present campaign will bring to you and your friends:

A series of 15 articles on *Daniel and Revelation* by Elder John L. Shuler. A series of 25 wonderful articles on the *Sabbath Question* by Elder Carlyle B. Haynes. The *Eastern Question in the Light of Revelation 16*, a group of articles by Frederick Lee, editor of the *Chinese Signs of the Times*. *The Purpose of the Millennium*, by Elder C. K. Meyers. *An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews* by Prof. W. W. Prescott. *The Sabbath and Evolution* by George McCready Price. *What Christ Means to the Christian*, a series by Elder I. H. Evans, and another series by Sister Evans, *Gospel Triumphs in the Orient*. Ten articles on *The State of the Dead* by Elder M. L. Andreasen. *God's Plan for This World*, by Elder E. K. Slade. and *Bible Prophecies Fulfilled in the 19th and 20th Centuries*, by John L. Shuler, are two powerful series on the second coming of Christ. *The Second Coming of Christ as Seen by the Minor Prophets*

is another series by Elder J. N. Anderson. The "Ask the Doctor" Page, and "The Decalogue of Health" by Dr. Lenore Campbell will be two health features. C. K. Meyers will also contribute a series on *The Spiritual Values in the Sabbath*. *Modern Superstitions in Religion* is the title of a series by Elder E. Kotz. Prof. H. E. Giddings has given us a series of eight articles on *The Law* and Elder N. S. Ashton on *The Law and the Sabbath*. *The Millennium* is the topic Taylor G. Bunch writes on, Prof. G. F. Wolfkill on *The First Angel's Message*.

Be it understood that these are only some of the series we will run. We also will have many independent articles on the conditions in the world which fulfil

### Corrections

#### SIXTY-CENTS-A-WEEK FUND

We wish to call attention to three errors in the statement of Sixty-Cent-a-Week Funds, as published in the RECORDER of January 26. The average offering for Southeastern California Conference should read .60-89. The average offering for the Pacific Union should read .52-91. The amount short for the Pacific Union should read \$68,115.57.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS

In the comparative Statement of Sabbath School Offerings, the per capita offering for the Southern California Conference, for the year 1927, should read 33-33.

prophecy, on religious liberty, and scores of other subjects. The editorial pages will keep our readers down to the minute on this interesting and fast-moving age which soon is to witness the second coming of our Saviour.

We believe, therefore, that the *Signs of the Times* for 1928 will be a valuable help to you in reaching your non-Adventist friends and relatives. The editors daily ask God's help in making the *Signs* a paper that you will delight to use in your work for souls, and which He can abundantly bless in hastening His appearing and His kingdom.

ALONZO L. BAKER.

### The "Signs" for Follow-up Work

God has greatly blessed us in our past Harvest Ingathering effort. Over \$99,000 was raised and a good share of this money came from the business men in our cities and towns. What are we doing for this class of persons that have been so kind to us and helped us with liberal offerings? We will go back to them again in the next Harvest Ingathering effort, but what are we doing for them between these campaigns? It hardly seems fair to go to these men year after year and ask help from them, and then not do anything for them during the year to better acquaint them with the message.

Why would it not be a good plan for each church to send the *Signs of the Times* to just as many of these men as possible during 1928? Very few of them every attend our hall or tent efforts. If they ever get the message, we must send it to them. No periodical is better adapted for this class of people than the *Signs*. Let us send it to them during this year. By doing this, we will find that their offerings will increase year by year, and some of them will accept the message.

DADID VOTH.

### The Evangelist's Aid

The *Signs* is the evangelist's incomparable aid. With it we have the finest spiritual ammunition manufactured on earth today. No other religious workers have any such Damascus blade ready to their hands.

With every effort we use a club of the *Signs*, as many as can be effectively used.

We have a mailing list during our tabernacle effort, and make public calls for names, offering a free ten weeks' subscription. We have a small slip prepared, with the word "I subscribe" upon it. Elder C. C. Ellis, who invented this plan, then takes these "subscriptions" to the post office, and they go out by pound rates. This is for our rural interest. We then follow up the *Signs* with personal visits.

In the city, we deliver the papers personally, and each week have repeated chances to see the people. Thus the *Signs*, like a "man's gift," maketh room for us. Good Bible workers are hard to find, but good *Signs of the Times* come every week, and if I had to choose between one Bible worker and 500 or 1000 *Signs* weekly, during a large campaign, I would take the *Signs*.

Yours for "More *Signs* and More Souls."

H. M. S. RICHARDS.

### The "Signs" at the State Capital

The Sacramento church is each week using a club of 460 *Signs*, and the plan being followed is this:—

Our work in the city including that of the regular workers and that of the church members, and especially the health work, makes many and favorable acquaintances. The name and address of each person who becomes interested is carefully preserved and filed, and notations of the interest and the work done from time to time for the individual as the work proceeds.

All interested individuals are to be worked for in some way until they either are brought into the truth or lose their interest. Having a small force of workers assisting (just now there is but one worker, Miss Bertha Unruh, Bible worker, beside the pastor) it is impossible to properly care for a large list of interested people. Then, too, many do not at once reach the point where they will accept Bible lessons in the home or come to a religious lecture, as they may have been interested only in the health work.

Therefore the address of each interested party is given to the church missionary society which becomes responsible for the personal delivery each week of the *Signs of the Times*.

In this way our interested list has grown until now it requires the 460 *Signs*

to care for it. These *Signs* are used as silent Bible workers in all the homes where we have an interest. In many homes it is read by several members of the family, and some loan it to their neighbors. In this way we feel that the papers are doing a splendid work which only eternity will reveal.

In this city we carry on a continuous effort by holding Sunday evening meetings the year through. These are held in our own church, which is well located for such work. We seek always to draw our interested ones into this service as a means of completing their knowledge of the truth and leading them to take their stand. To aid in drawing the interested ones into this meeting, we each week insert into the *Signs* a little 4 x 6 stenciled invitation announcement of the subject to be given the following Sunday evening. This does not bring a large audience, but those who come are there because they are interested and know what they are coming to hear.

This also ties all of the missionary activity of the church to a common center,—the public Sunday evening service.

While we cannot say we have attained to what we desire, we can see steady progress. During 1927 there were 28 baptisms and the church was blessed by this missionary activity, as about 60 members are engaging regularly in doing this work.

I would call attention to the fact that

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the church is not taking this large club of *Signs* because some one asks them to do so, but rather because of the existence of a wide-spread interest in the city which appeals to them strongly enough so that they desire to help take care of it in this way. This large list of interested people, is, therefore, the real basis upon which this plan can be successfully carried forward.

The club has been renewed for 1928 and we expect to see more fruit than in 1927.

JULIUS GILBERT WHITE, *Pastor.*

### Her Search Rewarded

The most interesting experience I have had in my ministry came as a result of using *Signs of the Times* in a series of meetings in Boston.

There was a lady who felt deeply impressed by the Spirit of God to leave the Catholic church. She was not satisfied with its forms of worship and was unable to find peace of heart in her devotions. She did not know where to go for the truth she longed to possess. She had seen the different church ads in the daily newspaper and she thought she might be able to pick out the right place to attend in her search for truth.

She was impressed with our advertisement on "Spiritism" for she had been to a medium several times for counsel. She attended our service that Sunday night. It was so different from what she expected and the truth seemed so strange to her that she was puzzled. All her past life was filled with the teaching that the dead are alive. Now she heard that they were really dead. She thought she would attend another church in her search for truth. Looking over the ads in the paper she knew not which one to go to, so she prayed to the Lord for guidance. That night she had a dream. She saw the speaker holding up a magazine and she even saw the name of it. A voice was heard that declared, "the ones who have this paper have the truth." Her search now was to find the church where the magazine she saw in her dream was to be found. She determined to attend our church again.

That Sunday night we called for names and holding up one of the monthly *Signs* we told the people what the magazine contained and promised to send this prophetic weekly to all who would

sign the card and give us their address. This sister looked in amazement and thanked God, for she was looking at the very magazine she had seen in her dream. She told us this story and it was not long before she was rejoicing in the truth. Her husband was very bitter at her for leaving the Catholic church and threatened to kill her. She suffered persecution at his hand, yet remained faithful. In spite of her father's threat to kill her if she joined our church, it was my privilege to baptize her daughter just before I left Boston. Truly the *Signs* does win souls and in every effort we are thankful for the great help the *Signs* gives us in winning souls.

R. S. FRIES.

### It Won Me

The old gentleman was planting fruit trees in the yard of my friend this Sunday morning. At the time I was not a Christian, and had no intention of ever being one. Furthermore I had little knowledge of the Bible. In the lightness of my youth I asked, "What is that guy doing working on Sunday?" They answered, "He is a Seventh-day Adventist, and keeps Saturday for Sunday." I replied, "That guy is crazy." The scripture had said of me, "But these speak evil of those things which they know not." Jude 10.

During the world war, while I was on the desert mining, one of our twenty-five-cent books came to my attention. For the first time I was made to feel really serious. At this point (and space will not permit me to tell how) several monthly *Signs of the Times* magazines, a number of years old were given me. These I devoured. Then I subscribed. Thus was started my study of the Bible, guided by my reading of the *Signs of the Times*. I was keeping the Sabbath, paying tithe, and in a general way understood considerable of our doctrines before I came in contact with a single Adventist. I question if I was given more than a half dozen lengthy Bible studies before I was baptized. The *Signs of the Times* had made me ready.

Next I found myself wonderfully happy, and drafted in the army. That others might share in my joy I began sending out six-month and yearly subscriptions to the *Signs of the Times*

to my relatives and friends. In the course of a few months eighty-two subscriptions were sent in. Since then, in northern California two families have accepted the truth in one tent effort. These were first interested in the truth by the *Signs of the Times* I sent them.

In one of our evangelistic campaigns the state of the dead, and the immortality of the soul seemed difficult to be understood by a number of our most promising attendants. The *Signs of the Times* just then had a very good article on the subject, in which some clever points were made. This article was passed around, and in every instance where it was used the people were confirmed in the truth of the doctrine.

The *Signs of the Times* brings results. I know what it did for me. A relative once said to me, after I had been converted, "I didn't think that God would ever be able to convert you." But bless Him, He did, and one of the chief agents used by Him in the work was the *Signs of the Times*. Now in the language of my friend, I "Keep Saturday for Sunday."

Thousands are waiting, their souls are thirsty, and Jesus is coming soon. These will take hold of this blessed message, and find the joy of the Lord just as many of us have done. Let us speed this good messenger, the *Signs of the Times*, and scatter it as the leaves of autumn, that God may gather and save; that the work be finished, and that our Lord and Savior may come.

B. R. SPEAR.

### The Worker's Tools

A successful workman must be well equipped for his work. First of all comes a personal preparation. He needs to be educated and skilled in the particular craft in which he is engaged, but however skilled he may be, he needs good tools if he is to be a successful workman. The man who hews the timber may have great skill, but if his axe is dull, he is just about a worthless workman, so it is with the carpenter. The mechanic may have wonderful knowledge of machinery but without the proper tools he is inefficient, and so it is with all lines of work.

God says we are His workmen. Every member of the Church is called to be a worker. We read in Volume 5, page

371, "The work of saving souls is the highest and noblest ever intrusted to mortal man." And again in Volume 7, page 52, "The conversion of souls to God is the greatest, the noblest work in which human beings can have a part." The Lord said of old "Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets." Hosea 6:5.

The timber of the world must be hewed and fitted for the kingdom of heaven. This is the highest order of work. Yes, we need personal fitness and skill. That comes first. But the tools:

This work calls for successful workmen. The Lord has given His church wonderful facilities. Among the many we can mention, our literature is the sharpest and best tool. It is something everyone can use, and use successfully. As evangelists and Bible workers in the field, how we have enjoyed using the *Signs!* As churches and companies and isolated members, how happy we have been with that instrument in our hands *Signs of the Times!* as we have worked and prayed for our neighbors. Really, brethren, it is an axe that will hew and fit the timber for a better world than this. We have seen many proofs of this. We have seen many men and women lifted out of the lowest pits of sin by the use of the *Signs of the Times*. We have heard the expression, "More *Signs*, More Souls." It is a true saying. Let us use more *Signs* and win more souls. Let us work systematically with this wonderful paper in our neighborhoods and "so much more as we see the day approaching."

ADOLPH JOHNSON.

EVER ISOLATED MEMBER,  
EVERY COMPANY, AND EVERY  
CHURCH SHOULD HAVE A  
CLUB OF *SIGNS* FOR MISSIONARY  
PURPOSES.

### Signs

People traveling the highways of the country are always looking for signs to direct them. These signs are placed at such frequent intervals that those who wish to do so can find the way.

On Life's highway God has provided us with signs that clearly point the right way to His great summerland of rest. But what if they are placed so far apart that but few of the multitude in passing will ever see them?

The paper, *Signs of the Times*, is a guide that has been provided for all who are looking for the right way. But what good will it do unless it is placed where it can be seen and read by the multitude? It is our work to scatter the *Signs* and place them before those who are looking for the light.

A year ago we started out to secure 500 *Signs* for Utah's population of over 500,000. We did not quite succeed. That is not much like the leaves of Autumn. Shall we not during 1928 increase the circulation of the *Signs* in Utah to 1,000 copies, or one for every 500 population? I appeal to all our people in the Utah Mission to help in this endeavor. "More *Signs*, More Souls."

J. A. NEILSEN.

### Efficient and Inexpensive

The *Signs of the Times* is one of the greatest soul-saving influences in the ranks of Seventh-day Adventists. It is valuable because it goes where the living preacher cannot go. It never argues with people, but silently bears witness to the truth, shooting arrows of conviction into the hearts of its readers.

The *Signs* is not only an efficient instrument in the hands of the Lord, but it is an inexpensive one. For a dollar and a half, fifty of these truth-filled messengers will enter a given home, and will teach, in these visits, every phase of the third angel's message. Of course the living teacher must follow up the work; but what a mighty helper this magazine is in preparing the way! Then when the way is prepared and the new convert is baptized, what a wonderful companion to leave in the home of the inexperienced young believer! Those who read the message are the ones who remain faithful, as a rule, while the non-readers very often fall by the wayside. It is my conviction, therefore, that the *Signs* should be in every Seventh-day Adventist home along with the *Review*. It is certain that an agency that will make converts will be a great factor in holding them.

My mother accepted this truth through a series of Bible readings, and immediately became a subscriber to the *Signs*. It was through reading this paper that the rest of the family became interested in, and accepted, the faith.

In my evangelistic work I use the *Signs* a great deal, because I have found it effective. By offering it free to all

who will sign an address card, the evangelist can secure many names for his personal visitation. Between the evangelist, the Bible worker and the *Signs of the Times*, every willing heart ought to be led to see and accept the third angel's message.

Every church should supply the workers in their midst with as large a club of *Signs* as they can use to advantage, if they wish the work to prosper. We are using a club here in our tabernacle effort at the present time. The people are anxious to get it, and read it with interest all of which is a source of encouragement to us.

R. G. SCHAFFNER.

### The "Signs at Work"

Missionary activity in San Francisco has been greatly stimulated by our *Signs of the Times* campaign that has been in progress for the past few months. The need was seen for a systematic work with the *Signs* that would be somewhat permanent in nature,—a work that might continue until the Lord should come.

We began by selecting as workers, individuals whose life and personality bespoke the true spirit of Adventism. We felt that the personal contact of a live, consecrated believer would accomplish more in connection with the *Signs* than the *Signs* could possibly do from a cold subscription list.

These workers took a block of territory, and systematically called at each home, and personally handed the paper, with a bright, courteous greeting to each householder. No papers were placed in the mail box or under the door. A faithful record was kept of each paper delivered. The workers were instructed in class as to just how they were to approach the door, and carefully drilled as to their greeting and conversation, and check up in regard to their dress and appearance.

After leaving several papers, they were instructed to inquire concerning certain articles, gradually became acquainted with the people, and learn something about them and their ideas and religious views. Then after having delivered eight papers, we told the people that we believed the Lord was coming soon, and we had a great work to do,—a whole world to warn; and that we could not bring any more papers, but that if they were definitely interested in the messages

of the *Signs*, we would be glad to send them a Bible worker. The workers were to definitely determine by pointed questions their attitude in regard to some of the important doctrines expounded by the *Signs* writers.

The workers were limited to ten papers each, because we wanted them to carry a definite year-round load. With too large a number they might become discouraged.

All the workers were to be very business-like and brief, and to impress the people that they were on a great mission, and had no time to lose. They were not to argue with the people, and were only to give Bible readings to those who were deeply interested in specific subjects.

We soon found that the people began to look for the coming of the *Signs*. If our workers were a day late, they would remark that "we were afraid that you had missed us this week," or wonder if some of the boys in the neighborhood had taken the paper.

The first great result we have seen in the spiritual life brought into the church, and the spirit of consecration brought about by contact with lost men and women, and the prospect of persons desiring Bible readings, and some of these give great promise of accepting the message. One mother and two children are attending Sabbath school.

One name was turned in for Bible readings, and when the Bible worker called she tried to deny any request for Bible studies, but when asked about receiving the *Signs*, she invited the worker in, and said she was interested in the book of Ephesians. After but two studies together, this lady can hardly wait for the return of the Bible worker each week.

There is every evidence that when our campaign starts, a rich harvest of souls will be reaped as a result of prejudice broken down, and interests created by this systematic *Signs* distribution, besides many of our church members being awakened and definitely harnessed in team work with the Master for finishing the work.

We are using 3,000 *Signs* each week in connection with our work.

PAUL SCOGGINS.

Every isolated member should subscribe for a club of *Signs* for missionary work.

## California

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### Heard at the Church officers' Convention

"God leads no backward movement."

Surely the following figures indicate that God is leading the colporteur movement:

Colporteur sales, 1927	\$29,651.32
Colporteur sales, 1926	\$11,301.99

\$18,349.53

Ninety per cent of students who attend our denominational schools remain true to the message. Ninety per cent of Seventh-day Adventist students who attend the schools of the world leave the message. These statistics should arouse the officers of every church that does not have all of its youth within the fold of Christian Education.

Canvasser Cott, working in San Francisco, sold ten books one evening recently. From seven to ten o'clock in the evening is a most favorable time to sell our truth-filled literature. Try it and see.

The tithe for 1927 shows an increase of \$5,809.60 over 1926.

The mission offerings for 1927 show an increase of \$3,834.92 over the previous year. The following churches passed their sixty-cent-a-week goal; Burlingame Byron, Calistoga, Central, Fort Bragg, King City, Los Gatos, Napa, Palo Alto, Redwood City, Richmond, Sanitarium Soquel, Sunnyvale, Vacaville, Willits. Among these are some of our largest churches as well as some of the smallest and medium-sized, which indicates that the goal can be reached regardless of the size of membership.

The officers of the churches which had reached the goal were asked how it was done, and here are some of the replies: "We tried to reach the quota every week." "Many of us were trained from childhood to be faithful in giving to missions." We just depended upon God's blessing, and He did it." "Personal example and appeal seemed to help our members." "We kept the matter before the church." "We began in January so

did not have any shortage to make up in December."

Sabbath morning Elder O. A. Tait preached a stirring sermon on the signs of Christ's coming. It is not enough for us to believe that the end is near. Our business is to get ready and help others to get ready.

The plan of devoting the first Sabbath service in each month to Home Missionary work was enthusiastically discussed. This is a plan which comes to us from the General Conference, and workers or church elders should no more feel free to devote this hour to something other than home missionary work than they should feel free to take the Sabbath school hour for something other than the Sabbath school. The full Sabbath school time is to be sacredly guarded, so also should the first Sabbath home missionary hour be sacredly guarded.

The weekly ten-minute home missionary period, after the close of the full Sabbath-school program but just before the closing song, was also discussed. Words of appreciation of this plan were expressed by many. The churches now using this time for the promotion of missionary work and receiving reports are showing marked progress.

A responsibility rests upon ministers and church officers to encourage and lead the YOUTH in service for God.

### Missionary Volunteers

Rain cannot stop the Oakland young people from going to cheer their friends at the County Hospital. This was fully demonstrated on the last Sabbath of the old year when at least twenty-five of the Oakland young people went there to bring sunshine and good tidings to those who are less fortunate than themselves. They were joined at the hospital by a group from the Berkeley Missionary Volunteer society.

As the two hundred eighty-seven papers were passed out, many remarks were made that lead us to believe that we do not realize the good that is being accomplished by this work. One lady said that she enjoys reading the papers, and often memorizes selections from them. She also said: "I love to lie and think about the things I have learned when it is too dark to read or my eyes are too

tired." As we passed out of one ward one dear old lady asked me why we did not come oftener, saying that a month is such a very, very, long time to wait.

Are you longing to work for the Master,

Yet waiting for something to do?

Do you fancy the future is holding

Some wonderful mission for you?

Well, while you are waiting, the moments

Are rapidly passing away.

O, friends, awake from your dreaming;

Do something for Jesus today. (Adapted)

HILDA PEARSON.

### Central California

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### From the Field

Our churches have throughly appreciated the thrilling story of Elder Babenco's labors in Manchuria and Mongolia as he has related them. It helps us to appreciate the power of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and the courage, bravery, and sacrifice of our missionaries.

A Home Missionary Convention was conducted by Elders Huenergardt, Voth, and other conference workers in the Merced Church, January 26—29. A further report of this convention will appear in a later issue of the RECORDER.

Our conference office is undergoing a thorough inside repair and renovation. It has been very difficult to give the field proper service, due to the confusion, and we hereby express our regrets for any undue delays.

The Fresno Tabernacle is still forging ahead with increasing interest. Last week the Sanctuary scene was presented, showing a reproduction in the exact size of the Altar of Incense, Tables of Shew Bread, and the Seven Golden Candlesticks lighted with electric lights in the first apartment, with the curtain separating the two apartments and the Ark containing the two tables on which were inscribed the Commandments, Aaron's pot of manna, the covering cherubs, etc. in the second apartment. This service was instructive and impressive to both believer and non-believer. The fourth baptismal class is now in training.

We now have a good supply of "Studies in Ephesians" at the office. It is in-

deed a helpful little book in studying the Sabbath school lessons this present quarter. It retails for 35 cents. ORDER NOW.

Is there a home that does not have the Home Missionary Calendar hanging on the walls? If so, do not fail to order one NOW. They are very attractive this year.

Last Sunday night Elder Lindsay assisted by Elders Howe, Grauer, and Borowdale, commenced a meeting in Taft in a theatre in the very center of the city. A report from there states that there was a good attendance the first night and that all started off nicely. A number of brethren and sisters from the Shafter and Wasco churches were present to lend encouragement by their presence. The choir made up from these different churches did excellent work. There were about 70 or 80 in the choir and orchestra. Brother Abe Taves of Shafter is leading out in the music and singing. We appreciate very much the help of these faithful brethren and sisters and we know that in the final day of rewards they will share with the others who are leading out in this meeting.

Elder E. L. Neff attended the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Press last Monday. He reports a very interesting meeting and the reports from the Home office as well as the branches showed splendid progress. The Press is not only doing a large work in publishing literature for the home land but is vitally interested in establishing publishing houses in other lands. This year in the Big Week Fiji will share in the benefits derived from the sale of our literature. It is really interesting to note how the message is going in these places where a few years ago we had but few believers. The work is growing and now demands that publishing houses be built. Surely mission work pays. Let us remember our missionaries from the very beginning of this year and do all that we can to swell our offerings for this mission work.

The more *Signs* we distribute, the more souls we will win.

Do not fail to read the articles by our evangelists and other workers in this number of the RECORDER.

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### Teachers' Institute

The first institute for our teachers ever conducted in the Nevada Conference was held in Reno January 21 and 22. Heretofore our teachers have always gone to another conference for such special training. In view of the increased number of schools, it was felt that it would make for efficiency as well as economy to have our teachers meet in convention right on the ground where their problems must be encountered. Teachers were in attendance from Standish, Reno, Winnemucca, Fallon, and Mount Whitney.

We were glad to have Prof. H. G. Lucas, educational secretary of the Pacific Union, with us. His timely counsel was valuable. Brother H. Maxwell Peak, our local educational superintendent, had charge of the institute.

The teachers returned to their schools with renewed zeal and a better understanding of their sacred work in teaching and training the boys and girls for the Kingdom, and for service in the Master's vineyard.

J. H. MCEACHERN.

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### A New Effort

On Sunday evening, February 5, a series of evangelistic meetings will begin in San Bernardino, by Elder R. S. Fries. A large, newly refinished store building at 441 Third Street, in the heart of the business district has been leased for the meetings, and will be known as "The Bible Palace." Services will be held every night in the week excepting Monday evening. Health lectures are planned as a prominent feature every Tuesday evening.

It is earnestly requested that the churches in the vicinity of San Bernardino will support this effort in every way possible. Musical instruments and vocal talent are desired for the evening services. Large windows in the front

of the building will aid in placing unique advertising before the public.

As these services start, it is asked that the prayers of God's people be especially directed toward this effort in San Bernardino, that from the work begun there a harvest of souls may spring forth.

MERLIN L. NEFF.

**Southern California**

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3131 Pasadena Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

**Sales**

This is the largest amount of literature that has ever been sold in this conference in a single year. We trust the Lord will greatly bless the seed that has been sown and that there will be a rich harvest of souls as a result of the faithful efforts in scattering the printed page by our workers, colporteurs, and lay members.

	Retail Value 1927	Retail Value 1926	Gain or Loss
Subscription .....	\$19,609.44	\$19,750.14	\$ 140.60 L
Trade .....	13,703.01	14,771.44	1,068.43 L
Educational .....	3,352.06	3,510.74	158.68 G
Tracts .....	1,699.70	1,518.81	180.89 G
Magazines .....	11,663.42	8,161.06	3,502.36 G
Periodicals .....	22,526.49	21,696.71	829.78 G
Bibles .....	3,004.01	2,942.77	61.24 G
	75,558.13	72,351.67	3,206.46 G
Relief Books .....	3,100.00	1,600.00	1,500.00 G
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>\$78,658.13</b>	<b>\$73,951.67</b>	<b>\$ 4,706.46 G</b>
<i>Net Sales</i>			
	1927	1926	Gain
	\$50,701.28	\$48,057.02	\$ 2,644.26

Relief books are not included in net sales.

"More Signs More Souls."

**Advertisements**

**SPECIAL NOTICE—TERMS**

Reference from the conference president must accompany requests for advertising space in the RECORDER where individuals are not personally known to the RECORDER.

Advertising rate: 50 words or less, first insertion, \$1.00. Each additional insertion, if run consecutively, 50 cents. No advertisement will be accepted unless cash accompanies the same. Real estate advertisements acceptable only when referring to a specific property, and only one property.

WANTED.—A good Christian home for a boy eight years of age, willing and eager to learn. Easy to control, has a good disposition. Mother having a hard time and no father to care for the little fellow. Desire country surroundings and good school privileges. Write Elder J. E. Fulton, Box 146, Glendale, Calif., for further particulars. 24-3t

FOR SALE.—Near Glendale Sanitarium and

near academy, four-room, newly painted and papered house, all modern. Lot 50 x 150, highly improved. Lawn, flowers, shrubs, fruit trees and grape vines. All street work in and paid. Price \$3100, cash or terms. Address Owner, 1214 Stanley Ave., Glendale, Calif. 24-3t.

STEREOPTICON, 2,000 message slides, 150 partition slide boxes, curtain and curtain roller, for sale at a bargain. Address D. D. Fitch, 1434 E. California Ave., Glendale, Calif. 25-3t.

OLIVES, FRUIT, NUTS, HONEY.—Olives in pint, quart, and No. 10 cans, prices low. Dried fruit in 25 lb. boxes or cloth bags, as follows: In 10 lb. lots one cent extra per lb. Sweet prunes, \$1.50, peaches, sulphured a little, \$2.00, black or white figs, \$1.75, green Gage plums, pitted, \$2.00, Seedless raisins, \$2.00. Natural or brown rice, 9c. Honey, 10 lbs., \$1.25; 60 lbs., \$6.00. Olive oil, No. 10 cans, 5/6 gal., \$2.50. Walnuts, 22c. Satisfaction guaranteed. A. E. Crist, Chico, Calif. 25-3t.

RAZOR BLADES HALF PRICE.—Cheaper than resharpening old blades. "Velvet Edge" blades for Gillette, Every-ready, Durham-Duplex, Auto-strop, Gem. No cheap foreign blades, but American made, from finest steel. Five for 35 cents, 20 for \$1.00. The only blade sold with a money-back guarantee. Jaygeewhy Sales Co., Turlock, Calif. 25-2t.

NOTICE.—Brother and Sister R. V. Scheidler are conducting funeral parlors at 2029 Pasadena Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. Any of our people needing such service will find it beneficial, not only to themselves, but also to Brother and Sister Scheidler to get in touch with them. They are members of the Lincoln Park church. Their office telephone is CApiTol 0011, the residence is CApiTol 0035. 25-2t.

SANITARIUM for tubercular patients at an elevation of 2500 feet. Open-air cabins and sunny rooms. Loma Linda diet and treatments. Address Orchard View Sanitarium, 408 Hofer St., Banning, Calif. P. O. Box 772. 26-3t.

FOR SALE.—New, five-unit bungalow court. Hardwood floors, modern built-in features. Garage, 40 ft. wide each. Rent \$30.00, always full. Six blocks from business district, Riverside. Twenty minutes to Loma Linda, small capital will handle. Ella Barr, 221 East Sixth St., Riverside, Calif. 26-2t.

**NOTICE**

FOR SALE.—20 acres of fine land in peach orchard located one-half mile from Loma Linda Sanitarium and Medical College campus, known as Buena Vista Park Subdivision. Will sell in one, two, or five acre lots. Excellent water for domestic and irrigation purposes. Five miles from cities of Redlands and San Bernardino. Reason for selling is to place money in the new Sanitarium building. Prices and terms on application. Address Loma Linda Sanitarium, G. H. Curtis, Manager. 25-3t.

**Obituaries**

(We regret the omissions in the obituary of Mrs. George I. Butler as given in the RECORDER of January 12. We give the corrected obituary below.)

BUTLER.—Elisabeth Jane Work was born in Porterville, Pa., Oct. 18, 1845; and died Dec. 30, 1927, at Modesto, Calif.

Her parents moved to the state of Iowa when she was but a child. The father met his death as a soldier in the Civil War and left the burden of a family of seven children and an invalid mother upon Elisabeth and her brother, the two oldest children. She taught public school, using her energy and money in caring for the family; until Jan. 4, 1872 when she was married to Prof. W. C. Grainger.

In 1875, Professor Grainger came to California to engage in teaching, she coming the following year. In Mendocino Co., where they settled they met a sheep herder by the name of La Rue, who afterward became the

first Seventh-day Adventist missionary to China, through him and the efforts of Elder William Healy they received the message being given by Seventh-day Adventists.

In 1882, yielding to the solicitation of Mrs. E. G. White, they became members of the first faculty of the Healdsburg College. They continued their connection with the college over twelve years. The most of this time he was its president. After spending some time working for the Japanese in San Francisco, Professor Grainger went to Japan as missionary in the year 1896, Mrs. Grainger joining him in his work the following year. On October 30, 1899, her husband died. It was a very trying time for her as she was sick at the time, and in a strange land, among people of a strange tongue. She rallied and continued to work for the people that she had learned to love, until 1901 when she returned to America. She settled in Healdsburg, Calif. and conducted an orphanage for some time. The children became endeared to her and she was loath to give them up. One of the boys stayed with her until she died.

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## Pacific Union Conference S. D. A Directory

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## Can Laymen Deliver Sermons?

Within the bosom of every loyal Seventh-day Adventist is burning a desire to tell others of this wonderful Message. This fervor is often dampened by the fact that he does not feel able to accomplish this work, and as a consequence many are standing idly by in the market place, doing nothing. We have a plan to present whereby every layman in this denomination can actually deliver to his fellowmen more than four hundred sermons a year, or an average of thirty-three sermons a month, besides disseminating much other valuable truth.

### HOW CAN THIS BE DONE?

It is quite accurately estimated that during the year 1927 each issue of the *Signs of the Times* contained on the average of eight sermons, prepared by our best ministers and evangelists, and there were fifty issues for the year, or four hundred sermons for the year with each subscription. If one sent out a single subscription for 1927 to another he actually delivered to that one through this medium four hundred sermons. Think of what the results might have been had the individual sent out clubs of this silent preacher.

### TESTIMONIALS ATTEST TO RESULTS

This silent way of spreading the Message does not always seem to accomplish results satisfactory to the worker, because he is not able to hear the testimony of those who are reading the paper, nevertheless the leaven is working in a miraculous way. As I ponder the mass of testimonials of appreciation before me

from all parts of the world, and realize that space will not permit passing much of it on, it seems distressing. Letters from ministers of other denominations, mayors, business men, educators and many others, besides testimonials from foreign lands as to what is being achieved by this silent preacher, it is indeed inspiring.

A brief mention of one or two will be helpful. One missionary secretary writes, "A Methodist minister came to our meeting and I began to take him the *Signs*. He is a gray-haired man, broken in health, afflicted with asthma, but loves the Lord. Very much to the surprise of our worker, he had been receiving the *Signs* for two months. He came and announced the fact that he believed in the second coming of Christ, state of the dead, immersion, vegetarianism, and other kindred truths. He said, "This magazine, *The Signs of the Times*, has brought me wonderful light." He plans to unite with us by baptism in a few weeks."

Another writes, "Seventeen years ago Mrs. Blank received a small package wrapped in a page of the *Signs*. As she unwrapped it she happened (?) to notice an article on The State of the Dead. She read it and accepted the light it contained. She turned the page over and read about the Sabbath truth, this she believed and accepted. Then she hoped in some way to find the people who printed that paper, after long inquiring she found this people and has united with us."

So the testimonies go, yet over all there is One who keeps a watching eye, and marks to the record of some faithful layman a soul won to this truth by sending out this paper. How appealing that every layman can actually have a part in winning souls this way.

We are especially anxious that this year the campaign be enthusiastically promoted by pastors, evangelists, and church elders, and all together let's raise the largest subscription list ever.

C. S. PROUT,

Assoc. Home Miss. Sec'y Gen. Conf.

In a recent issue of the RECORDER an article called attention to the fact that in a certain section of Africa \$5.00 would keep a boy in school for nine months, or would pay a teacher's salary

The intent of the writer was to show by comparison, the needs in the field

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not to invite specific contributions. We believe that it is always best to place funds at the disposal of the officers appointed to care for them, without specifications as to their use. The workers in the field can regulate expenditures in a balanced way, not turning too much to one item to the loss of others.

We also believe that it is best for all offerings to missions to be sent through the regular channels, in other words, through the local church treasurer.

The second semester of this year begins February 1, 1928, at Southern California Junior College. Students who wish to enter for the last half of this school year should write to the school at once. The address is Southern California Junior College, Arlington, California.

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In 1907 she was united in marriage to Elder George I. Butler at Nashville, Tenn. He was president of the Southern Union Conference at that time. When Elder Butler retired from his arduous labors they settled in Bowling Green, Fla., living there until 1917, when failing health compelled her to come north. In April, 1818, they both attended the General Conference at San Francisco. After the Conference they went to Healdsburg to visit old friends, where Elder Butler was taken sick and died July 30, 1918. After going back to Florida for a short time she returned to Modesto, Calif., in 1920 and made her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Burden. Since that time she has been a member of the Salida church. Her life has been one of service and sacrifice, and strong faith in her God. Her enduring faith and strong confidence in God is a source of great comfort to those who are left to mourn, a daughter, Mrs. W. D. Burden, the foster son, Albert, and three grandsons, also one brother and two sisters.

The funeral services were conducted by Elder W. C. White and the writer, and she was laid to rest in the Modesto cemetery.

A. R. SANDBORN.