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An Investment in Eternity

This issue of the RECORDER will bring to our brethren and sisters throughout the Pacific Union Conference the knowledge that we are now in the time of the year when we give special attention to the circulation of the *Signs of the Times*.

This pioneer missionary journal has been doing its work through the years. Only eternity will reveal the souls that have been won through this instrumentality. Every year there are many new members taking their places in this movement as a result of reading the *Signs*.

With such a splendid missionary resource at hand, why should not our members again earnestly address themselves to the work of circulating this missionary journal? It will require no argument to convince all regarding the value of this line of endeavor. Time, effort, and means invested in this work will give ample returns in souls won to the kingdom of God.

We sincerely trust that every church officer, minister, and conference leader, will have the fullest cooperation of all the brethren and sisters in making the utmost use of the present opportunity to extend the circulation of the *Signs*. Such work will be an investment in souls, and consequently an investment in eternity.

J. L. McELHANY.

Visiting 100,000 Homes Each Week

We are all aware that we are living in unusual times and that events are transpiring to usher in the day of God which "hasteth greatly," and we are admonished, "Let us be shod with the gospel shoes, ready to march at a moment's notice."—*Vol. 9, p. 48*. In referring to this time, the statement is made that "a power from beneath is working to bring about the last great scenes in the drama."—*Vol. 8, p. 28*. How thankful we should be that

God has not left us in darkness, but has called us to be "children of light" and has imparted to us full understanding of these dreadful times.

We are in the midst of a world of distress, and our hearts should yearn to reach those who through indifference or ignorance go on day after day with no thought of the approaching crisis, and warn them that "the end of all things is at hand." A solemn responsibility rests upon every one who has received the light of truth to make haste to do our appointed work just now, while probation lingers. In a little while it will be too late, for "already the judgments of God are abroad in the land, as seen in storms, in flood, in tempests, in earthquakes, in peril by land and by sea."—*Vol. 5, p. 136*. But we have the precious assurance that while the judgments of God are falling upon the land, the hand of God is stretched out still to save the honest in heart. "The time of God's destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who have had no opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; His hand is still stretched out to save, while the door is closed to those who would not enter."—*Id., Vol. 9, p. 97*. Do you realize that the time spoken of here is the present day and hour, and that the Lord is holding the four winds in order that these souls may hear the warning message?

The quickest way of warning these dear souls is by our message-filled literature. The General Conference Committee has designated February 5 to 19 as the time when all our churches give attention to securing clubs of the *Signs of the Times* for use in making contact with friends and neighbors in the interests of the message of truth. Last year this wonderful missionary paper visited 53,000 homes each week, and it has been the instrument in God's hands of bringing

many souls into the truth. But it should go into thousands of unentered homes during 1933, and to this end we appeal to each church and to every member in the church to plan to use this message-filled paper in a stronger way than ever before. Would it not be most cheering news to learn that the *Signs* is going into 100,000 homes in 1933, instead of 53,000? If every believer would provide one subscription for missionary purposes, the subscription list would stand at 135,000. Once more I urge that there be no delay in this important work. We have never had more favorable opportunity to spread the message than the present time. Thousands are inquiring the way of life, and God is depending upon His people to meet the inquiry and lead souls into the ark of safety before the door of mercy is closed. "We must look our work fairly in the face, and advance as fast as possible;" we must be "shod with the gospel shoes, ready to march at a moment's notice." Let us make rapid strides in the right direction for increasing the circulation of the *Signs* during the two weeks of February 5 to 19.

E. F. HACKMAN.

A Part for the Youth

One of the earliest recollections I have of church activities is the simple part the children took in the old-fashioned missionary meetings. We helped to prepare the *Signs* for mailing, as well as taking our turns in the reading of short, interesting stories contained in the papers we were sending out. These articles woven into the weekly missionary programs made the use of the papers more real to us. We were always interested in the many encouraging letters received by those who were reading themselves into more light.

Without doubt the right use of a club of this wonderful paper which so readily

appeals to all classes, accomplishes its purpose in bringing souls to a knowledge of the truth and can most certainly be made a strong factor in holding our children and young people in the church organization, as well as making them united in heart with the older members.

T. K. BATTIN.

Medical Students Use 'Signs'

We have used the Signs of the Times to good advantage in connection with the cooperative plan of the College of Medical Evangelists. At present 200 copies per week of the current issue are being used in this way, and in addition, anywhere from 100 to 200 back numbers are used each week.

We feel that great good is being accomplished by this work, since it brings the truth-laden pages of this excellent paper before a class of people who might not have opportunity to receive it in any other way. Our students are also using an average of one hundred copies of the Little Friend and about the same number of the Instructor each week.

Our faculty and student body appreciate very much the work that the Signs of the Times is doing and it is our earnest desire to see this paper fill an even greater mission than it is already filling.

E. H. RISLEY, M. D.

It Creates an Interest

We have used the Signs of the Times in the four last campaigns with very gratifying results. In Visalia, a small town of seven thousand inhabitants, 102 people were baptized and the campaign, including the expense of the building, cost the conference only between \$300 and \$400. Before the campaign began 600 copies of this paper were distributed each week for fourteen weeks.

I have found this magazine to be successful in creating an interest, holding the interest, and valuable in establishing the people in the many points of our faith.

All the events of today promise with unmistakable evidence that the coming of Jesus is very near at hand and the responsibility of warning a lost world of the meaning of these times should rest heavily upon every Seventh-day Adventist who believes our message. What could we use more efficiently in showing the world the meaning of the signs than the Signs of the Times?

ROBERT L. BOOTHBY.

Editor Appreciates the 'Signs'

Some years ago one of the members of the Santa Ana church began sending the Signs of the Times to the publisher and owner of the Santa Ana Register. Several times when I have stopped in to talk with him he has told of his appreciation of the Signs, and the way it is gotten up. One day as we were talking together he said; "A number of religious papers come to our home, but I lay them all aside until I have read the Signs of the Times. It is the best edited paper that I get. Every contributor is a specialist in his line."

Twice when Elder Baker has given temperance lectures in Santa Ana we have had this man introduce him, and both times he has told the audience that Elder Baker was editor of the Signs of the Times, and has lauded the paper very highly.

I personally consider the Signs the greatest missionary publication being issued in the world today.

N. C. PETERSEN.

"Signs" Increases in Power

The history of the Signs of the Times as a missionary paper is well known, and with the passing years it increases in power and inspiration.

In Stockton, where I have been laboring since June, one of the sisters paid for a year's subscription to the Signs and had it sent to a young man who with his wife had attended some meetings held here some years ago. After reading the paper faithfully for a year, the young man subscribed for it himself, and since has read himself and his companion into the truth. It was my privilege a few weeks ago to baptize them. They needed little instruction, accepted the Sabbath and kindred doctrines with very little persuasion, and before we asked them they expressed their desire to identify themselves with this people. They are both preparing to enter the colporteur work, as fine a team of young people as I have ever baptized.

I feel that the worth of the Signs as a soul-winning agency, cannot be shouted too loudly. And here in Stockton we are looking forward to a greater church subscription than ever before.

WILLIAM JENSEN.

Winning Souls

Through the kindness of the St. Helena Sanitarium church a club of fifty

Signs has been used in connection with our campaign in Ogden. This is in addition to the club used by the local church.

A few weeks ago it was my privilege to baptize an old lady of eighty-six years, whose first contact with us was through the Signs. This morning one of our nurse-Bible workers reported two more souls who have decided to accept the message. One of our church members has faithfully distributed the Signs in their block for a number of weeks.

We thank the Lord for the Signs. We want to express our gratitude to the Sanitarium church for their part in furnish-

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ing these papers to this dark, needy field.

W. D. FRAZEE.

A Church at Work

The Eagle Rock Church has been using a club of 125 *Signs of the Times* for use in correspondence and house-to-house work. As a result of this work, a number of people are interested. Some of these who are interested have asked for Bible studies, others have asked for the *Signs* to continue to come to them, and some are being helped to further light through missionary correspondence. We consider the *Signs* an excellent missionary paper.

I. A. FORD.

An Indispensable Helper

The *Signs of the Times* is the indispensable helper of the evangelist. Our meetings are never without its strong assistance and we only deplore the need for more copies than we can secure. Our Bible workers demand it always. If we could have all the *Signs* we could use, I am certain our harvest of well-grounded converts could be doubled.

If large sections of any city could be covered with *Signs* for from six months to a year we could then enter those sections and with very little advertising could hold a large effort and reap a big harvest. We would like to try it some day.

I can visualize a section of Los Angeles right now, one which has no church of any denomination. If the *Signs* could go in there for six months or longer a church could undoubtedly be developed. May God open the way for it!

H. M. S. RICHARDS.

A Prayerful Effort Needed

The hour has come when every Seventh-day Adventist should be deeply concerned about the salvation of his neighbors and friends. What we have failed to do in prosperous times, we must now do under less favorable circumstances.

God has given us the *Signs of the Times*, filled from cover to cover with present truth and put out in such an attractive way that people are anxious to read it. Their interest is awakened and they begin to study their Bibles to see if what they have read is true. The *Signs* continues to stir their hearts and by the aid of the Holy Spirit they surrender to God and accept the truth.

We are glad to report that, as a result

of papers that our church is sending out, a goodly number have reported that they are keeping the Sabbath. I would recommend that each church put forth a prayerful effort to get more *Signs* for 1933.

B. W. BROWN.

An Invitation

The pastor of the Park-Congregational Community church, 1802 Fairview Street, Berkeley, has asked Elder Alonzo Baker to speak in his church Sunday evening, January 29, on the subject, "Who are Seventh-day Adventists, what do they believe, and what are they doing in the world?" He has also extended an invitation to as many of our people as care to and who live in the Bay region to attend his church that evening.

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COLPORTEURS' INSTITUTE
JANUARY 26—FEBRUARY 4

Winning Precious Souls

The chief business of a conference or a church is to win souls. When we lose sight of this high aim we have utterly failed in our mission.

In the Central California Conference we hope to make 1933 an out-standing year in soul saving. We would suggest that all our churches organize at once for a great forward movement. We believe the *Signs of the Times* is wonderfully adapted for such a work. Every paper contains a variety of articles. We are living in a time when startling events are taking place every day and the *Signs* interprets these events in the light of the Bible.

We must let the people know what is coming. The end is right upon us. If every member would take at least six houses and visit them week by week with the *Signs* for a period of at least three months we would see splendid results.

Let us go forth unitedly, praying for the aid of the Holy Spirit in reaching honest souls with the message.

DAVID VOTH.

News Items

We were glad to welcome to our office on Wednesday, January 18, Brother A. C. Larson, assistant manager of the St. Helena Sanitarium, and Brother Wal-

ter Bobst, chief accountant.

During the past week the Book and Bible House has sold several sets of the Senior and Junior Reading Course books for the year 1933.

Attention: Have you sent in your Census Blanks to the Missionary Volunteer Department of the conference. If not, do so at once.

Now Don't Forget

We are still in the first month of the new year,—a good time not only to make good resolutions, but also to take an inventory. One year ago you ordered the *Review*, and your subscription has either expired or will soon expire. If you have already renewed your subscription, well and good; but if not, why not take advantage of the monthly plan if you cannot afford to pay for the whole year in one payment?

NOW DON'T FORGET. It is too important a matter to forget.

C. J. RITCHIE.

Church Officers Meeting

According to previous plans the Church Officers' Meeting was held in the Fresno church on Sunday, January 15, beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning and continuing until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, with an intermission during the noon hour for lunch.

We were happy to see all the churches that had been invited to this meeting represented by the church officers. There were about ninety church officers from the various churches at this meeting and all took a deep interest in the discussions. The outstanding topic in this meeting was "Greater Evangelism" or "Soul-Winning."

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Send the Messenger

How often we have wished that we might send a minister or Bible worker to visit relatives, friends, or acquaintances and give them our message!

We may do so, for there is a preacher-Bible worker who is anxious to do just that, call at any home and give our message. He is unusual in his versatility,

he gives strikingly impressive studies on a multitude of subjects. He always has the very latest information, and he presents it in a concise and easily comprehended manner. This preacher is well-known for his willingness to go anywhere, and go *each week*. His name, as you know, is the *Signs of the Times*, and he would like nothing better than to visit 100,000 homes each week of 1933.

We are confident that Nevada-Utah, as always, will do its share to speed our preacher on his way to many homes that need his message.

The Result

Without doubt we are all interested to know just how we came out in our 1932 Ingathering. On account of the year-end rush, we have delayed to tell you until now. In spite of our united and persistent effort, we fell about \$300 short of our conference goal. The exact figures are \$3,890.50, an average of \$9.31 per member for the conference. \$26.29 came in too late to be included in this amount. Also, on account of bank failures, \$253.06 of the \$3,890.50 has not come in; so that the actual cash we were able to send on is \$3,637.44. It is hoped that we shall yet obtain in full what is held in closed banks.

We thank the dear Lord for this good amount. It represents consecrated sacrificing effort on the part of all of us. Truly, the Lord has been with us in these trying stressful times. The influence of our efforts during this campaign has been far greater than during any previous one.

We have been enabled right in the midst of the Ingathering campaign, to establish three Nickel Lunches for the unemployed. These are still functioning strongly with growing public favor, feeding on an average of around 125 needy persons daily. Many good contacts are being made in and by these places, and much literature is being circulated. Our workers in these places are constantly endeavoring to minister to the souls as well as the bodies of those who come, for men's hearts are hungry also in these dire times. Some are taking Bible studies. Let us pray unitedly that much good may result from the endeavors in these places.

It is difficult to express the appreciation we feel for the loyal support and devoted effort our dear people over the conference have given throughout the past year. May the joy and the satisfaction of our endeavors during 1932 drive

us on into still greater ministry during the year before us.

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The "Signs" Wins Souls

"I am receiving a paper called the *Signs of the Times*," stated a lady to one of our colporteurs who was endeavoring to interest her in one of our truth-filled books, having just mentioned the signs of the times in which we are living. In a few minutes an order was taken, not only for the book but also for a year's subscription for that wonderful paper, the *Signs of the Times*. It gives me great pleasure to tell you that before the year's subscription had expired this good woman had read herself into the truth and is now rejoicing in God's message for today.

A *Signs of the Times* placed in the hands of an individual may, under the blessing of the Lord, be the means of bringing that soul to the Lord Jesus Christ. How many are today rejoicing in the light of God's truth as a result of reading this splendid missionary paper! And we know from past experiences that the more *Signs* circulated the more souls saved.

M. LUKENS.

Missionary Volunteer Conventions

The attention of all Missionary Volunteers is called to the week of district conventions to be held February 4-11. Professor H. T. Elliott, General Conference M. V. secretary, and Elder F. G. Ashbaugh, Union Conference M. V. secretary, will be present at these conventions. All senior and junior Missionary Volunteers and church members are invited to attend these convention meetings.

Following each meeting will be a thirty-minute officers' council. All Missionary Volunteer officers and their assistants should plan to attend the meetings and officers' councils. Come prepared to present the problems, activities, and plans of your society.

The schedule of convention appointments follows:

Sabbath, February 4, Pacific Union College, including Sanitarium and St. Helena.

Sunday, February 5, 7:30 P. M., Santa Rosa church, including Sebastopol, Healdsburg, Sonoma, Ukiah.

Monday, February 6, 7:30 P. M., Vallejo church, including Napa, Martinez, and Benicia.

Tuesday, February 7, 7:30 P. M., Chico church, including Orland, Paradise, and Almond Grove.

Wednesday, February 8, 7:30 P. M., Gridley church, including Oroville and Yuba City.

Thursday, February 9, 7:30 P. M., Sacramento church, including Auburn, Roseville, and Woodland.

Friday, February 10, 7:30 P. M., Lodi Academy, including Lodi English, Lodi German, Stockton, and Manteca.

Sabbath, February 11, 11:00 A. M., and 3:00 P. M., Oakland church, including Berkeley, Market Street, Fruitvale.

We plan to visit our schools during the day time, as far as possible.

A. C. NELSON.

Harvest Ingathering Report

The Harvest Ingathering campaign brought in \$26,273.07. Thirteen churches made their \$10.00-per member goal or more. Arcata, Byron, Fort Bragg, Hayward, Italian, Martinez, Napa, Oakland, Paradise, Petaluma, Smith River, San Anselmo, and Vallejo retain or receive for the first time the conference pennant given for service and having reached the full \$10.00 per member goal. No doubt some of the churches falling below the General Conference goal worked just as hard as some reaching the goal. To all we extend our heartfelt thanks for the untiring cooperation. It was feared that the large Oakland church would not attain its goal, but the tenacity of the pastor and the unflagging energies of its members brought this large church over the line in time with the goal posts left behind. Many interested persons were found. We look to the 1933 campaign with determination and confidence.

Newsgrams

The final figures for 1932 have been received from the treasurer and these give occasion for rejoicing, as well as serious thought. The total mission funds for the nine months the conference operated in the reorganized field is \$81,195.72, or an average of \$0.393 per week per member. The total tithe for the nine months

was \$110,333.53, an average of \$21.65 per member for this time. Truly each one is thankful for the part he has had in making these amounts possible and we know the Lord has blessed our faithful members. Both Elder Lukens and Brother Mattison express their appreciation. Shall we not each be more faithful during 1933 in returning to the Lord His portion?

The first of a series of week-end regional church officers' meetings was held at Chico, January 14 and 15. Brother Mattison, Elders Bradley and Haynes, and Professor Nelson were the conference workers who attended this meeting. A good attendance from the nearby churches is reported and deeply spiritual services, our brethren having brought their local problems and entered heartily into the study of the same. The next in an extended series of meetings was held at Lodi, January 21 and 22, followed by one in the Oakland church, January 28, and 29, and others to be announced later. The nearby churches are invited to attend these meetings, and share in the discussions and blessings.

Mention has been made of the self-supporting work that is being done at San Anselmo. Our brethren there are about to begin a series of meetings for which they ask the earnest prayers of God's people. The workers are feeling keenly the need of some song books and a stereopticon lantern. "Songs of Zion" will be the book used. If there are those who have copies of this book which they would donate; or a stereopticon machine which they would lend or give, or who can otherwise assist in securing these supplies, please write to Brother E. A. Crane, 1002 Butterfield Road, San Anselmo, California. Your help will be very greatly appreciated.

Elders Schaffner and Bradley are holding a two-weeks' revival effort with the Chico church and following this effort, they will hold a similar service with the Gridley church. This is a continuation of the series of revival services which it is planned will reach the entire conference.

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A Sure Soul-Winner

In these ominous hours our loyal members stand ready to support any soul-

winning plan which brings results. From the many testimonials which come in from those reading the *Signs of the Times*, we know this periodical is reaching thousands of hungry hearts with this last gospel message. We have many in this conference who are Adventists today because of the silent ministry of the *Signs of the Times*. We should have greater numbers of the magazine mailed out or given away week by week.

The *Signs of the Times* Campaign, February 5 to 19, will afford us splendid opportunity to check up to know just how many *Signs* each church is taking, and how many more should be taken.

Let each one of us take hold of this opportunity with enthusiasm and confidence, because this weekly magazine brings souls into this truth. We can well afford to invest in a club of these papers, and mail them, or have them mailed to our relatives and friends. God will bless us results.

C. S. PROUT.

Colporteur Institute

A very successful colporteur convention has recently been held at Loma Linda. It has been a real blessing to our church to have this loyal band of self-supporting workers among us. The institute lasted from December 29 to January 8. Elder Prout spoke the first Sabbath and Elder McElhany spoke the closing Sabbath. Their messages were much appreciated. Brother J. H. Cochran and Brother R. E. Bowles of the Pacific Press rendered valuable assistance.

The splendid instruction given by Elder Remsen, our Union Conference field missionary secretary, was greatly appreciated by all. The regular attendance at the institute averaged sixty. Twenty new people made application to enter the colporteur work. Thirty regular colporteurs left for their field of labor with new courage to press forward in the noble work of spreading our truth-filled literature.

Brother Kent and Brother and Sister Johnson, our local conference workers, worked untiringly to make the institute a success, and a deep spirit of earnestness and consecration was manifested throughout all the meetings. Let our churches and people throughout our conference pray earnestly for the success of these men and women as they go from door to door making known God's saving grace.

H. H. HICKS.

Only One Lost

The Master had one hundred sheep.

He must have counted them for he knew the number. He could call them all by name. Ninety-nine were in the fold—only one was missing. He started at once to search for the missing one.

How about your Sabbath school? Are there missing members? Have you counted the church members that should belong to the Sabbath school fold? Have you a complete list of all the members? You can secure one from the church clerk. How many of the church members are missing? In some Sabbath schools only one out of every four church members is enrolled in the Sabbath school. Will you not start to search at once? Will you continue to look until you have found the last one?

J. A. NEILSEN.

Tucson, Arizona

We are glad to report the results of the meeting held in Tucson, Arizona, by Evangelist John E. Ford and his associates; Elder H. P. Gray, Mrs. John E. Ford, Mrs. Ruth Swanson, Brother William Williamson, and Elder B. R. Spear, pastor of the Tucson church.

The meeting began on September 18 and closed December 18. From the beginning a deep interest was manifested. The attendance held up remarkably well considering we had to move from our tabernacle, which the court ordered taken down, to another section of the city. The lectures were well advertised and attracted a desirable class of people. One gentleman and his family drove fifty miles to meeting. He read in the newspaper that we were obliged to take down the tabernacle. He said, "these people must have God's message and the devil does not want the people to hear it." So he drove to Tucson to investigate. The result was that he, his wife, and their children accepted the message and are rejoicing in the truth today.

Truly God blessed the work in Tucson. Ninety-four were baptized and taken into the church. A spirit of cooperation existed among the members. They were faithful each week in handing out the invitation cards and in attending night after night and in helping in the choir.

We believe the members there were greatly encouraged and pleased with the results. Elder B. R. Spear remains to follow up the interest. Pray for the work there that God will keep faithful to Him those who have taken their stand, and will add many more.

H. P. GRAY.

Notes

E. G. Truitt, F. H. Raley and Elder Prout attended an Arizona Academy Board Meeting in Phoenix last week. The financial condition of the school is in a healthy state. The brethren were encouraged over the improvements made.

A constituency meeting for Arizona churches in and about Phoenix is being called for February 19 to consider reconstruction of the Academy Constitution and By-laws.

Elder Ford's meetings in Phoenix are being well attended. There seems to be an excellent spirit of cooperation on the part of all.

The Tucson church has started a medical clinic under the leadership of Elder Spear. Sister Vaught and others from the church are doing the social service work. Dr. Marguerite Williams is giving of her time and services to the sick and needy. We believe the Lord will bless this phase of the program in Tucson.

The church is greatly perplexed over the meeting quarters. The present church is entirely inadequate to accommodate the membership. Elder Spear is leading forth courageously believing God will help solve the problem.

Mr. and Mrs. Audra Tillman from San Diego are going to help Elder Spear in Tucson.

Brother Carlos Robaina reports a large interest among the Mexican people in Calexico. Several are waiting baptism.

Elder Sage's meetings in El Centro are well attended. The opening night the tabernacle was filled.

The following interesting report has just reached us from the Rialto church. It is only another evidence of the splendid work of soul-saving that has resulted from the careful use of the *Signs*.

"I greatly appreciated the club of *Signs* that you sent me last year. They were all carefully given to interested people, and as a result of the work done last year, we have sixteen rejoicing in the truth. . . . I will be glad indeed to accept your offer of the *Signs* you have on hand. Also can use the bundle each week that you desire to send."

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"Signs of the Times"

This missionary, soul-winning agency, the *Signs of the Times*, was established by direction of God, through His servant.

It has justified its existence many, many times over, in souls won and in its preaching of the third angel's message in many parts of the earth. It is the peer, doubtless, of any publication gotten out on the truths committed to this people. For:

It is a weekly paper.

It is diversified in its presentation of the truth.

It attracts to its columns the best writers.

Its make-up and general appearance are appealing.

Its work, under divine guidance over the years, has won to its side heavenly blessings, so that an atmosphere of spirituality and evangelism pervades its every copy.

No greater individual work for the Lord in literature lines can be undertaken or carried out than to secure and distribute personally or through the mails just as many subscriptions to the *Signs of the Times* as can possibly be paid for. Eternity alone will reveal the result of such an endeavor.

G. A. ROBERTS.

Dedication of the Medical Missionary Unit at Santa Monica

Sabbath, January 7, was the day chosen for the dedication of the beautiful home at 363 Seventeenth Street, Santa Monica, which is to serve as the home for the nurses of this new medical unit. The workers were happily surprised at the large number who gathered at 4:30 in the afternoon. The Sawtelle and Santa Monica churches were well represented, besides friends from Long Beach and from Glendale.

As a most appropriate opening number, Dr. Marvel Beem sang "My Task." Elder G. A. Roberts gave an earnest message setting forth the scope and power of medical evangelism as a divine agency in finishing the work. Elder G. B. Starr, long a staunch apostle of medical missionary work, offered the prayer of dedication. Elder F. W. Paap, Mrs. M. Cott, and Elder F. R. Cottrell each made appropriate remarks.

A surprise number on the program occurred when Elder Starr made an appeal for a contribution to assist in the initial expenses of the home, and in a few moments \$68.00 was given. The meeting closed with confidence that God had been very near in rich blessing.

On the following day an electric

washer was "loaned" to the workers' family. Monday night the Bible Training Class met and more than a score of earnest men and women enrolled to study the art of soul-winning.

On Wednesday morning Miss Lucy Winegar, dietitian from the Glendale Sanitarium, arrived at the beautiful cooking auditorium of the Southern Counties Gas Company, expecting at that early hour to find but a mere handful of housewives. To her astonishment and delight she was greeted by about one hundred twenty-five eager listeners. The lesson presented was highly appreciated.

All these phases of medical missionary evangelism are making contacts for personal ministry, some of which we trust will mean trophies for the kingdom of God. One poor soul to whom we have already ministered voices her appreciation again and again in the words: "It's too good to be true! It's too good to be true!"

R. F. COTTRELL.

Evangelism, the Keynote

Since Christ is our "perfect and holy example, given for us to imitate" it is our duty to endeavor to copy this example, even though we are told that "We cannot equal the pattern." Too, Elder Roberts brought out in his devotional study to the workers and officers on January 15, new fields should be entered. This is good for the worker, as well as for those labored for.

In a short symposium by the several evangelists, the thought was emphasized strongly that each church member should do personal work, also how will the statement in Volume 9, page 126, "Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God" be fulfilled, in the shortness of time before us.

Elder Remsen reported that replies to a questionnaire sent to the colporteurs in the Pacific Union revealed some interesting facts. Only half the colporteurs replied, but they reported 547 people interested in the truth, 266 of whom are taking Bible studies. The colporteurs had prayer with fully three-fourth of the people they visited.

Brethren Oswald and Lower also emphasized the value of personal interviews.

We were privileged to have Brother J. R. Ferren, of the Pacific Press, in attendance at this meeting. He spoke of the coming *Signs* campaign, and of the welcome this paper receives in many homes. A goal of one *Signs* a member

is surely none too large for our people to reach.

When it is known that 85 per cent of the conversions come at the age of 10—14 years, it is no small wonder that "Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people." Brethren Lucas and Avery spoke in behalf of Christian Education, also leaving the thought that school boards should meet often. As Brother Burwell said, "Get the church pro-education," then the work of the school is no task at all.

Elder Snyder gave the present status of the beer law in Congress, and encouraged all to send in their petitions, and to give our senators and representatives a lift in their fight to oppose the law.

Elders Richards, Seat, and Cales briefly told their experience with the medical missionary work in connection with their efforts, and how they are convinced that it is the best means of breaking down prejudice. Dr. G. K. Abbott stated that the work is a benefit to the institutional workers' personal experience. "Encourage all to take a part in work for their fellow men, and see if the breath of life will not quickly return to these churches." This was followed by short encouraging reports from Elders Paap and Cottrell of the work of their medical missionary centers in Long Beach and Santa Monica respectively.

Elder Ruble and Miss Leland spoke on behalf of the young people, of their project in Africa for this year, of how the youth should be fitted to bear responsibilities, and that they should be encouraged, not discouraged. The little children can be helped spiritually by the pastors encouraging them to join baptismal classes, so they may be taught our doctrines.

The Temperance question is still alive, and there is much opportunity for our people to educate the public as to its benefits. Brother Eric Covert gave helpful suggestions along the line of our educational and civic responsibility as citizens.

We were happy to have Elder J. L. Shaw, treasurer of the General Conference, and Dr. P. T. Magan, president of the College of Medical Evangelists, speak in the evening. Elder Shaw first spoke on the importance of having access to the Spirit of Prophecy, as expressed in Vol. 4, p. 390: "The volumes of Spirit of Prophecy, and also the Testimonies, should be introduced into every Sabbath-keeping family, and the brethren should know their value and be urged to read

them." Doctor Magan told how important it is for our people to read these volumes at this time that the loud cry is just before us. He added that the book "Early Writings" in the epitome of all the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy.

While the cause is not dependent upon our money, yet the Lord wants to develop in us the spirit of liberality, for there is a relationship between liberality and spirituality. Elder Shaw called attention to the tithe as being a spiritual subject. Note the following: "No church can prosper that is robbing God. The spiritual dearth in our churches is frequently the result of an alarming prevalence of selfishness."—Vol. 5, p. 375.

EDNA EDEBURN.

BOOK AND MAGAZINE REPORT

Two Weeks Ending Jan. 13, 1933:

Colporteur	Book	Hours	Value
<i>Nevada-Utah—</i>			
<i>W. G. Herndon, Field Miss. Sec.</i>			
Mrs. M. E. Anderson	P. S.	166	\$ 171.75
C. A. Andreasen	P. S.	16	19.50
Henry Baerg	D. R.	34	11.00
Mary Baseman	P. S.	131	153.00
Mrs. W. P. Murphy	P. S.	15	13.50
E. C. Neumann	D. R.	62	45.50
Elda Neumann	O. D.	79	45.00
Betty Player	P. S.		6.00
G. W. Winn	G. C.	24	62.00
9 Colporteurs		527	\$ 526.75
<i>Northern California—</i>			
<i>A. E. Barnes, Field Miss. Sec.</i>			
J. J. DeFehr	C. E.	51	\$ 39.50
Otto Eggers	H. P.	80	66.50
M. K. Graham	H. P.	30	36.75
H. R. Koehn	H. P.	44	70.50
A. Lammerding	B. R.	33	71.00
R. J. Rader	H. P.	62	29.75
Georgia Rader	H. P.	47	70.75
M. A. Reese	H. P.	52	44.75
8 Colporteurs		399	\$ 429.50
<i>Southern California—</i>			
<i>W. West, Field Miss. Sec.</i>			
Lucille Austin	H. P.	2	\$ 3.00
A. M. Cott	Misc.	31	42.25
Floyd Denney		12	10.10
Mrs. O. Eggers	P. S.	12	6.50
C. W. Gardner	G. C.	41	6.00
E. McGriff	B. R.	13	16.50
R. K. McReynolds	B. R.		54.75
L. M. Nelson	G. C.	22	21.10
Mr. and Mrs. Smisor	B. R.	28	3.00
Minnie Spell	B. R.	24	5.75
R. J. Thomas	G. C.	43	57.10
A. P. Welsh	B. R.	40	27.00
<i>Magazines—</i>			
Mrs. M. Francl			43.00
Mrs. Ada Jenkins			36.40
A. E. Krahn			34.00
Lillie McJunkin			36.52
Mrs. J. B. Slinker			4.15
V. Venturelli			2.20
Lena Voth			5.00
20 Colporteurs		268	\$ 414.32
Totals—37 Colporteurs		1,194	\$1,370.57

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Reference from the conference president must accompany requests for advertising space in the RECORDER where individuals are not known personally 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 man, unencumbered, to work on poultry ranch for room, board, and small wages; also middle-aged woman, in good health to help do light work in family of two, for a good home. Adventist preferred in both cases. Mrs. Henriksen, 10956 Penrose Ave., Roscoe, Calif.

WANTED.—Auto mechanic and salesman. Jobe B. Lukens, 1349 Main St., Red Bluff, Calif.

PSYLLIUM.—Best quality at new low price. Natural non-drug laxative. Safe, effective, non-habit forming. Supplies bulk and lubrication. Super-cleaned Blond, from original Battle Creek cleaners and refiners; free from all dirt and grit. 5 pounds \$1.60; 25 pounds \$7.50; prepaid west of Miss. River. HILKREST, Takoma Park, D. C. 26-36

FOR SALE OR TRADE for clear house and lot. 15 acres near Corona, 5 miles from So. Calif. Jr. College. Rich Soil. House. Good well and pump. Value \$12,000, incumbrance \$2,400. Owner, 415 E. Holt Ave., Pomona. Phone 1526. 26-3r

FOR EXCHANGE.—45 acres alfalfa and general ranch, two miles from Lancaster. Two wells that flow part of year. Electric pumping system, tile water line. House, barn, chicken house, yards, orchard. School bus, rural mail. Clear, taxes paid. Want smaller place, clear. Owner, Box 642, Lancaster, Calif.

PARTY WITH HEAVY TRUCKING EQUIPMENT wanted for hauling and marketing 500 to 1,000 cords of wood from 30 miles north of here, on a basis of finding compensation in returns from above \$2.50 and \$3.00 the cord. E. J. Ward, 759 East Grand Ave., Escondido, Calif. 26-2t

A. A. (GUS) HARRISON is now associated with A. C. Fillback Burbank Undertaking Co., 152 Palm Ave., Burbank. Phone Burbank 51. Residence phone Douglas 4487. 24-3t

THE LE CHEMINANT MORTUARY, 911 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., is now under the management of Bruce E. Failing and L. B. Hildebrand. Special discount to our brethren of the S. D. A. church. Our place is new and modern in every respect. Our prices are as low as the lowest; our quality is as good as the best. Ambulance service day and night. Phone PROspect 2629. 25-3t

QUIET, PRIVATE HOME in the hills for old people or invalids. Rest and nursing for people not feeling just right. Terms reasonable. Delightful scenery. Laura C. Burnley, M. D., 5419 Bushnell Way, Los Angeles, Calif. 25--2t

Here in One Week

In a few more days the entire Pacific Union Conference is turning its attention to the circulation of the *Signs*.

February 5-19 is the date that has been designated for this campaign.

The *Signs* lies very near the heart of every Seventh-day Adventist, for it is the paper that has brought many of our friends and relatives into the message. We are confident that 1933 is to be the best year in soul-winning. The *Signs* is so well adapted to the soul-winning campaign. It is our pioneer missionary paper. Let us all unite and do our very best to raise as large a club as is possible in each church so we can take the *Signs* to thousands of families.

The opportunities have never been as good as they are today for the spreading of the message. It would be too bad if we failed to do our best at a time when there are so many people everywhere longing for light. We must do everything in our power to save lost souls.

T. L. OSWALD.

The Simple Gospel

In every issue of the *Signs*, usually on page fourteen, there appears the name of the paper in a large heading, and below it the regular subscription rate card. Just between, in very small type, are these words: "Advocating a return to the simple gospel of Christ, and a preparation for His imminent second appearing."

Two letters received within the past week impress the fact that there are people who are looking for just this kind of a message. One of these letters is from a woman in Wisconsin. "Does the Seventh-day Adventist Church teach the Bible in accordance with the *Signs of the Times*?" she asks. "If so, would you advise us to join a church of that kind? Are there any other churches organized that advocate a return to the simple gospel of Christ and a preparation for His imminent second appearing? We have two little boys, and I would like very much to start them in the true Christian religion. We used to attend the Lutheran church, but after I read books published by the International Bible Students' Association, and several copies of *Present Truth* and the *Signs of the Times*, I see the Bible in a different light. We haven't attended any church for a long time."

The other letter comes from a reader of the *Signs* in Wilmington, North Caro-

* "FOR THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD" *

* "The message of truth is to go to all nations, tongues, and people; its publications. . . are to be scattered abroad like the leaves of autumn."—*Vol. 4, p. 79.*

* "Our publications are now sowing the gospel seed, and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached word. Whole churches have been raised up as the result of their circulation. In this work every disciple of Christ can act a part."—*Review & Herald, June 10, 1880.*

* "Among the members of our churches there should be more house-to-house labor . . . in distributing literature."—*Vol. 9, p. 127.*

* "God calls upon His people to act like living men, and not be indolent, sluggish, and indifferent. We must carry the publications to the people and urge them to accept."—*Southern Watchman, April 25, 1905.*

* "Satan is busy in this department of his work, scattering literature which is debasing the morals and poisoning the minds of the young. Infidel publications are scattered broadcast throughout the land. Why should not every member of the church be as deeply interested in sending forth publications that will elevate the minds of the people, and bring the truth directly before them? These papers . . . are for the light of the world, and have often been instrumental in converting souls."—*Review & Herald, June 10, 1880.*

* "Let literature be distributed judiciously on the trains, in the street, on the great ships that ply the sea, and through the mails."—*Gospel Workers, p. 353.*

* "There are many places in which the voice of the minister cannot be heard, places which can be reached only by publications. . . Our literature is to be distributed everywhere. The truth is to be sown beside all waters; for we know not which shall prosper, this or that. In our erring judgment we may think it unwise to give literature to the very ones who would accept the truth most readily."—*Southern Watchman, Jan. 5, 1904.*

lina. She says: "As to your paper, I have become very much interested in those things which you advocate, namely: 'Advocating a return to the simple gospel of Christ, and a preparation for His imminent second appearing.' Then, too, the copy which was sent to me by some friend was burning with information concerning the Prohibition law. I have taken much interest in reading every item in it." Then this lady suggested that she would like to include the *Signs* with other good periodicals for which she is taking subscriptions.

Truly it is encouraging to find that a return to "the simple gospel of Christ" is appealing to people these days, and that a knowledge of how to prepare "for His imminent second appearing" is in demand.

J. R. FERREN.

Sunset Table

Friday, January 27

Arlington	5:14
Fresno	5:17
Lodi	5:21
Los Angeles	5:17
Oakland	5:26
San Diego	5:19
Phoenix, Ariz.	5:55
Reno, Nev.	5:12
Salt Lake City, Utah	5:39

Notice

We are receiving inquiries as to the authenticity of appeals being received from individuals in Sierra Leone, West Africa, for assistance in obtaining food, clothing, and house rent. In some way unknown to us they are obtaining very accurately the names and addresses of our church members throughout the United States.

Some years ago the appeal was for Bibles. Other denominations were solicited, which may be the case now. Through the daily papers the public was cautioned against any response being made to such solicitations. The Bibles when received were sold for personal gain.

There is much need for assistance in behalf of those of our churches in this land, and for the support of our general mission work, and in contributing to these heavy calls at the present time we are able to determine the source of the appeal and its merits.

GENERAL CONF. S. D. A.

"An active missionary spirit should characterize its [the church's] individual members."