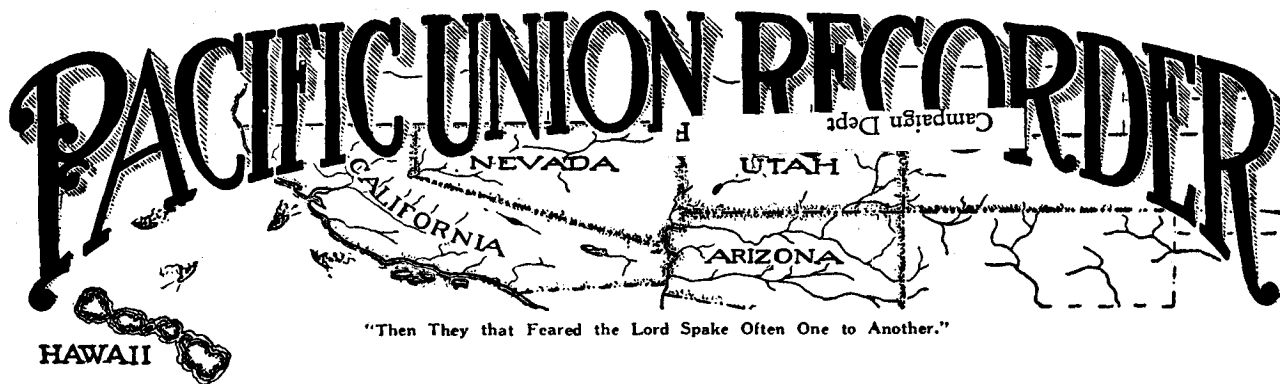


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Then They that Feared the Lord Spake Often One to Another."

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## RESOLUTIONS

### Gratitude

We the delegates to the Pacific Union Conference session, assembled at Riverside, California, this 20th day of January, 1937, do hereby express our heartfelt gratitude to the great and loving God, our Director of our cause, for His goodness, for His providential leadings, and for the guidance of His Holy Spirit during the five-year period since last we met.

We thank Him, too, for the abundant harvest of souls He has given to our evangelists, our pastors, our colporteurs, our Bible workers, and others who have labored in His vineyard. Surely He has poured out His Spirit generously upon this portion of the world field.

We thank Him that the hearts of so many of our parents have been turned toward their children, and the hearts of the children toward their parents. We thank Him that a multitude of our children and youth have been found in our schools, preparing for Christian life and service.

We thank Him for the great liberality of our dear people in the face of depression and financial reverse.

We thank our God that in love and mercy He has forgiven and covered our mistakes. We pledge ourselves wholeheartedly to deeper faith in His providences and to renewed consecration to His work in the earth. We pledge ourselves to a greater devotion in winning sinners to Christ and in giving the final message to the world that the consummation of the Christian's hope may soon be realized.

### Sympathy

WHEREAS, during the past five years, in His love and inscrutable wisdom, God has seen fit to take from us a number of our conference and institutional workers, brethren and sisters so dearly beloved and so sorely missed,

We hereby express our gratitude for the godly lives they lived and for the invaluable service they contributed to God's work in the world. Also we assure those of their families who mourn of our sincerest condolence and our deepest sympathy. We are certain that in the great day of resurrection and reunion we shall be privileged to renew our fellowship with those who have gone to their rest.

### Health

WHEREAS, the Lord has told us that "When properly conducted, the health work is an entering wedge, making a way for other truths to reach the heart," and,

WHEREAS, the Lord has said, "Much of the prejudice that prevents the truth of the third angel's message from reaching the hearts of the people, might be removed if more attention were given to health reform. When people become interested in this subject, the way is often prepared for the entrance of other truths. If they see that we are intelligent with regard to health, they will be more ready to believe that we are sound in Bible doctrines. . . . Those who proclaim the message should teach health reform also." Therefore,

We Urge, (1) That our evangelists put forth every effort to carry out this instruction, teaching the principles themselves and by using physicians and nurses when possible.

(2) That special efforts be put forth on April 3, which is Medical Missionary and Temperance day, to present this important subject in every one of our churches in the union, earnestly appealing to our people to come up onto higher ground with reference to the special light given this people.

WHEREAS, the Lord has said, "There should be more earnest effort made to enlighten the people upon the great sub-

ject of health reform. Tracts of four, eight, twelve, sixteen, and more pages, containing pointed, well-written articles on this great question should be scattered like the leaves of autumn." Therefore,

We Urge, That our evangelists, Bible workers, and church members make wider use of the health leaflets already published by *Life and Health*, and that Pacific Press take steps to secure the publication of more such literature on health topics.

### "Health" Magazine

WHEREAS, some three years ago the magazine *Health* was launched here on the Pacific Coast under the sponsorship of the union conference, the medical college and the Pacific Press, and

WHEREAS, during these years God has signally blessed this splendid exponent of rational living so that now thousands of public schools, libraries, and homes and offices of business and professional men are receiving *Health* every month; and

WHEREAS, thus far we have touched the opportunities for health education in this union conference with the tips of our fingers only; therefore,

Be It Resolved, That our conferences and institutions, our workers and laity, stand squarely behind the magazine *Health* to give it the circulation that this great union conference needs.

### Health Food Work

WHEREAS, we are instructed that "The subject of health reform is a great subject, an important subject, and this missionary work is to be carried into the highways and byways of life"; that "the health question is as closely connected with the message as the arm is with the body;" and "the health food business should be regarded as God's gift to His people"; and

WHEREAS, in places where this instruction has been faithfully followed great blessing has come to the cause, both

in spiritual and material gains, placing our work in a more favorable light before the public; and

WHEREAS, in such places the carrying on of the health food work has been the means of stimulating the practice of healthful living by our own people; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Union Conference Committee during the term just closed has perfected arrangements to launch a health food department within this union conference, receiving from the Australasian Division Conference a liberal gift of means graciously given for this purpose, as well as the transfer of leading men from their organization to assist us in the formation and conduct of the health food work in this territory; therefore,

*Be It Resolved*, that we express our support of these actions of the Pacific Union Conference Committee, and further,

That we pledge ourselves to take up anew this neglected branch of our work in this field and urge upon our people their hearty support of this endeavor to elevate the principles of healthful living amongst us, and to shed abroad the blessed light of health reform that has been bestowed upon our people through the gift of the Spirit of prophecy.

#### Gratitude to Australasia

WHEREAS, our brethren of the Australasian Union Conference and of the Sanitarium Health Food Company of Australasia have been so exceedingly generous to the Pacific Union Conference in sending us nearly 17,000 pounds Australian currency to help start our projected Health Food Company here, and

WHEREAS, this spring they are also sending us Brethren George T. Chapman and A. A. Sprengle who are experts in health food production and sale,

Therefore, we, the entire delegation to the Pacific Union Conference session, do hereby express our sincerest appreciation to our brethren across the seas for this unparalleled generosity. We pray God that their gifts of money and men shall enable us to start a great health food work here, and that God will graciously bless us in this endeavor, and further

We pledge to our brethren in Australasia our best efforts in fulfilling the trust and confidence they have placed in us.

#### Temperance Quarterly

WHEREAS, the youth within the church and without are today faced with the greatest flood of alcoholic beverages our land has ever seen, and whereas the menace of tobacco and habit-forming drugs is increasingly with us, and

WHEREAS, we believe there is a dire need of a stronger and a more constant anti-alcohol, anti-nicotine, and anti-narcotic educational program among the youth of the land, as one means to this end

*We Recommend*, that the publishing house in our union, the Pacific Press, give consideration to the launching of an inexpensive temperance quarterly periodical which shall set forth attractively, persuasively, and scientifically the facts and arguments for abstinence from the popular poisons which are destroying the bodies and souls of so many millions of youth and adults alike. Furthermore,

*We Recommend*, that all our church workers throughout the union conference be urged to make prominent in their church work the subject of temperance education, reviving the use of the total abstinence pledge; and furthermore

*We Recommend*, that our schools be requested to make a definite place in their curricula for temperance education both from a scientific and moral viewpoint.

#### Religious Liberty

WHEREAS, we are living in times of revolutionary changes in human affairs when old standards of life and conduct are being freely cast aside and the foundations of constitutional government are being either discarded or gravely endangered by the encroachments of radical movements of every shade and complexion, and

WHEREAS, many of these movements in our land carry on their propaganda under the guise of loyalty to the constitution but would in the end subvert its immortal principles of freedom and liberty, yet deceiving many good people into unwise cooperation and activity in these subversive programs, therefore

*Resolved*, that we, the delegates of the Pacific Union Conference assembled in executive session, reaffirm our loyalty to the government of the United States as founded upon the indestructible principles of the American Constitution, and further that we warn all our workers and people concerning the danger of being deceived by these seemingly well-intentioned movements for human betterment, urging them to look for guidance to their leaders before lending their influence to any of these programs.

And further that all our people be counselled to inform themselves concerning the principles of religious and civil freedom by becoming subscribers to the

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magazine *Liberty* which is the denominational exponent of these great truths.

#### Publishing Work

Believing it to be in the order of divine Providence that the seven million judgment bound souls within the Pacific Union Conference should receive the message due the world today, and believing that "the message of that other angel of Revelation 18" will largely be accomplished through our publishing work,

*We Therefore Recommend*,

(1) That immediate steps be taken to enlist cooperation on the part of our conference leaders and workers that a large corps of colporteurs be trained to the end that a 25 per cent gain in literature sales can be achieved in 1937.

(2) *Whereas*, there is a great need of a better follow-up plan in caring for interested persons found by our colporteurs, therefore,

*We Recommend* that the names of such individuals be turned over to some suitable organization for follow-up work.

(3) *Whereas*, a great loss has been sustained through failure to keep a record of the soul winning activities of our colporteur-evangelists, therefore

*We Recommend* that blanks be provided for recording such activities.

#### "Win One" Movement

WHEREAS, the speedy proclamation of the Advent message to all the world in this generation depends to a large extent upon the active and intelligent co-

# "Win One" with the "Signs"

## Will I Be A Soul-Winner in 1937?

I am always glad to say a good word concerning the soul-winning ability of the *Signs*, for it is truly doing a wonderful work, and scores and hundreds of people have been won to the truth through its ministry. The *Signs* needs no further word from me or anyone else to demonstrate its soul-winning effectiveness. It has already proved that. Our biggest problem is not to prove that the *Signs* can win souls, but what can we do to impress our church members with their responsibility to SEND this message-filled periodical to their friends and neighbors?

I am persuaded that there is altogether too much unconcern in our churches over lost souls. Where do we find men and women weeping over those who are lost? Do we see men wrestling with God in prayer for the unsaved? How many prayer meeting hours are really spent in earnest prayer for souls who are wandering in the valley of indecision? What we all need is a deep passion for lost souls. Of Jesus it is written, "He came to seek and to save that which was lost." That was His life's work, and finally He yielded up His precious life on Calvary's cross that He might save men. Witness the burden of the Apostle Paul, "I say the truth in Christ, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, that I have a great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh." Matthew Henry said, "I would think it a greater happiness to win one soul for Christ than to gain mountains of gold and silver for myself." And Brainerd, a man hardened in service and suffering for Christ, said, "I cared not where or how I lived or what hardships I went through, if only I could win souls to Christ. While I was asleep, I dreamed of these things; when I waked, my first thought was of this great work."

I believe the time has come when we should earnestly search our hearts to see if we have this burden for souls. Dear believers, shall we not approach the *Signs* campaign with a new determination to do our best to bring this saving message to every honest-hearted soul? If each

member will make out a list of the interested people you know in your own community, and send them the *Signs* during 1937, and then pray and work for those souls during the year, I believe God will give you souls for the sacrifice. Hear the words of the Lord, "If thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way . . . his blood will I require at thine hand."—Ezekiel 33:8.

E. F. HACKMAN.

## An Entire Family Won

Some humble but earnest and persistent member of one of our larger churches in a large Pacific Coast city, without any fanfare or blare of trumpets, decided that God expected her to pass on to others, as best she could, a knowledge of the soul-saving truth that had brought real joy to her own life. She concluded that she could afford to supply a very few copies of the *Signs of the Times* to a few families in her neighborhood, confident that the truth would be presented thus in a better and more efficient and attractive way than her short experience made possible.

Accordingly, she took her club and went faithfully and most regularly from house to house in the district she had selected. She worked quietly. Even those receiving the papers each week did not know who left them. She could not tell just which seed, if any, the Spirit of God was watering, but she made her regular rounds just the same, rain or shine.

The father in one family became interested in the picture and accompanying article on the front cover of one issue and read the article. His interest increased so that he read more in that issue and he discerned that he had found something decidedly different from the literature of the church he was attending and of which he was an officer.

Subsequent issues were read by himself and other members of his family. They marvelled and were deeply stirred by the new truths they read but since Bible texts were used freely to reinforce every argument, and neither their pastor nor friends could show from the Bible any convincing contradictions, their hearts were stirred.

At this point they received printed invitations to attend evangelistic meetings conducted by our workers. The Spirit of God helped them to see some connection between what they had read and the meetings being advertised so the whole family attended. The result was that every member was baptized and today the father is a respected elder in our large city church and every member of the family is an earnest, devoted working member, determined to pass on to others that which had come to them.

The *Signs of the Times* certainly is an instrument in God's hand to prepare hearts for the message through the living preacher.

GEO. R. E. McNAY.

## The "Signs" as a Soul Winner

Our age has become magazine minded. On the magazine racks one beholds digests of all kinds, and literature of every character. In the libraries we see the good and the bad. With such a situation facing this generation how important that we place before the world a clean-cut, a wholesome piece of literature like the *Signs of the Times*. On every trans-Pacific steamer entering and departing the port at Honolulu we place the *Signs of the Times*. In our public libraries we are having this magazine entered. As a result there are thousands who have opportunity to come in touch with the message.

Through the radio in the Islands we come in touch with some of the finest people, to whom we are mailing this paper. Without question it is having a soul-saving influence upon the lives of the readers.

You ask, "Do you know of any specific instances where souls have been won through this agency?" Our only answer is most emphatically, "Yes." Would space permit we could recite many instances. There are many souls rejoicing in this third angel's message as a result of the weekly visit of this paper. While no one agency is entirely responsible for the complete conversion of a soul, yet this one magazine has a telling effect in establishing people in the truth. We are using a large number of these and God is richly blessing their ministry in the Hawaiian Islands.

C. S. PROUT.

# Our "Signs" Goal in the Pacific Union, 26,600

## Greater Heights for 1937

"Words cannot express how I feel about the *Signs of the Times*. All I can say is that I wish everyone in the world could receive it, and would read it. I am not a member of your church, but I am trying to keep the Sabbath and follow Jesus, although my family are strongly against the Adventist religion. . . . The *Signs* has been a wonderful blessing to me and a great help, and I want you to know how much I thank God for making it possible for me to receive it."

Expressions of appreciation like this, and words of thankfulness for the *Signs* written by people seeking for truth, have multiplied during the year just closed. How they should encourage us as we approach the annual time for renewing the *Signs* work and pressing on with new vigor and enthusiasm. Pausing for a moment to review, we find a splendid gain in circulation was made during 1936, an increase of 9,000 copies a week as compared with 1935. This means the *Signs* is reaching 9,000 more non-Adventist homes. Then you go back and note the climb from 1933 with its 47,000 *Signs* a week; 1934 with 58,000; 1935 with 63,000; and on to 1936 with 72,000. A wonderfully encouraging record, isn't it?

Now for another forward move. A conviction has been deepening in the hearts and minds of many of our missionary leaders, and they are holding out the hope of reaching 100,000 homes with the *Signs* during 1937. One hundred thousand homes a week with the *Signs*! Doesn't the thought stimulate? The Lord said to Israel: "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough; turn you northward." Some are feeling that we have compassed the less than a hundred thousand *Signs* a week mountain long enough, and that the hour has struck for a very definite forward movement. At the recent council of home missionary secretaries held in Hinsdale, Illinois, this was very seriously considered. It is believed that our people are ready and will wholeheartedly welcome the opportunity for larger plans for work with the *Signs of the Times*.

In this "Supreme crisis hour of the world's history" surely the Lord designs that the *Signs of the Times* with its clear messages of truth shall bring the light to many thousands of people. In the great "win one" movement taking

possession of our hearts and calling for greater activities, we should call to our assistance the *Signs of the Times*. It is not merely a saying that "More *Signs* mean More Souls," but through the years it has become a reality that is everywhere recognized. May the Lord bless in our proving this again during 1937, and in a much larger way than ever before, as we reach one hundred thousand families each week with the *Signs of the Times*.

J. R. FERREN.

## Ten Thousand Copies

It is very evident that our brethren and sisters in the Southern California Conference do not need prolonged arguments to convince them that the *Signs of the Times* is a good paper. From the *Signs* circulation report for November, I notice that in 1935 the *Signs* had a circulation in the Southern California Conference of 5,246, and at the end of November, 1936, it had increased in circulation to 6,752. This is an indication that our brethren and sisters believe in the *Signs of the Times*, and that their interest in this silent messenger is increasing from year to year.

As we think of the seriousness of the time in which we are living, and of the things that are happening every day in all the world which fulfill prophecy and tell us that the coming of Jesus is drawing nearer, it should stir each of us who believe in the message to do even more than we have done in the past to give this timely, up-to-date, truth-filled messenger a wider circulation than ever before. We now have a membership exceeding 8,000, and we hope that during 1937 we will average at least one subscription for every member. Really, I feel that we should have a circulation in our conference of over 10,000 copies.

At our workers' and church officers' meetings on Sunday, January 3, we made SOUL-WINNING the goal above every other goal in our conference for 1937. To this end the workers and church officers dedicated themselves. We hope to enlist every member in this great soul-winning program, and we believe that the *Signs of the Times* is one of the best means that God has given us to assist in this work.

We solemnly believe that we should make use of every agency at our command to quickly finish the work; such as the radio, tabernacle and tent efforts,

cottage meetings and Bible readings by the laity; a wider circulation of our truth-filled literature by our colporteurs and members of our churches.

The *Signs* has won thousands of people to this message, and we believe more firmly than ever before in the slogan, MORE "SIGNS," MORE SOULS.

DAVID VOTH.

## A Privilege to Cooperate

"You are a Seventh-day Adventist? I am glad to meet you. Somebody is sending me the *Signs of the Times*. I believe you folks have the truth."

How encouraging such a greeting is to the oft-rebuffed visitor, especially in In-gathering work. In our latest campaign I met several *Signs* readers who were glad to give good donations.

Many pages might be written about the wonderful part this paper is playing in bringing souls to Christ and leading Christians into the present truth. There is no question as to what the *Signs* has done and is doing. Rather, the question is, "What part am I going to have in the saving work being done with the *Signs*?"

There was never a time when the events taking place in every corner of the earth were so minutely recorded, so widely disseminated as they are now. Knowledge has been increased. God has done His part in bringing the world happenings within sight of all. It is our privilege now to cooperate with Him in making known what these things mean, and He has put into our hands the material. Read one copy, any copy of the *Signs* and you will agree that there is no better instrument formed for this type of work.

"Time marches on." It always has, but the events marking its relentless course were never so dramatically recorded, made so plainly visible as they are today. Where they are marching to, how much longer they will keep on, no human wisdom can tell. God alone can answer, and He has made known to His servants, and while millions do not care, some are inquiring.

How best may we answer their questionings? One of the simpler methods is the printed page.

To my mind, no literature meets the need so liberally, delivers the message so thoroughly, introduces itself so tactfully as the *Signs of the Times*. G. B. HAINING.

# LET US DO SOMETHING

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A CLARION CALL TO ADVANCE WITH THE "SIGNS" IN 1937



ROLLING at intervals over the great oceans of the world are gigantic, foam-capped waves, forced up by mysterious, subterranean forces till they overthrow their fellows and, sweeping magnificently on, challenge the captain of every ship in their path, testing the nerve and the skill of all, enveloping the unwary, strengthening the brave, and bringing new hope to stranded barks awaiting a rising tide.

Over the seas of life sweep crises of equal moment. Forces, long pent up, are suddenly released and, hurtling forward over the affairs of men, change the course of history. The weak, the unready, the fearful, are submerged, but those with heart and courage see in the swiftly changing scene Time's fresh opportunity, a new call to struggle and victory.

Such crises and their aftermath can be traced through all the annals of man, and it is no exaggeration to say that another, and perhaps the greatest of all, is crashing upon our consciousness today.

Everybody knows it. They may not understand what it means, or what will follow it, but they certainly are aware that an hour of terrific import has arrived.

So much is changing, swiftly changing. "The wheels of destiny are moving fast." Old standards have been thrown down, and a thousand others upraised by frenzied hands and clamoring voices. Fearful forces have been released by godless

minds, and placed with careless madness in the hands of the massed millions of mankind. The dogs of war have been fed again with blood, and every day they bite a little farther through the chains that hold them in control.

Such an hour as this, so tense, so tremendous, in its potentialities for evil—and for good—brings its challenge to every living soul. It is a challenge which none can escape, and to all whose hearts are "toward God" it thunders as a divine alarm.

It is an hour when we must everyone play the man. The task He has assigned to us as His interpreters of the times, His ambassadors of grace, His witnesses for the cross, cannot and must not be shirked. A spectacle for men and angels, we hold the center of the stage—and we must not fail.

With the opening of 1937 comes a fresh phase of our opportunity. Whatever our failures in the past we have a chance to obliterate them with glorious achievements in the new year.

Our witness in days gone by may have been feeble, our labor marred by self-interest, our enthusiasm dampened by the cares of this life and the deceitfulness of riches—but today, surely today this can and must be changed, and the whole army of God move on in unity of heart and purpose to accomplish its divine mission.

All along the line, in every phase of the work, a new spirit of devotion and consecration must operate. New and

larger objectives must be envisaged—not for the passing glory of men's approbation, but because the magnitude of the task demands it.

It would be a sin, a crime against high heaven, to move forward into 1937 determined to do just what we have done before,—merely to hold our own. In an hour such as this—on the very eve of the world's supreme crisis—we are to attempt the greatest things for God in our history.

Therefore let us lay larger plans.

Let us set before ourselves goals so high that they touch the tops of the everlasting hills and glow with the glory of God.

Let us rouse from our worldly slumbers, from our smug self-satisfaction, and set out afresh to do something great for the Lord.

Yes, indeed, in 1937 LET US DO SOMETHING SPLENDID!

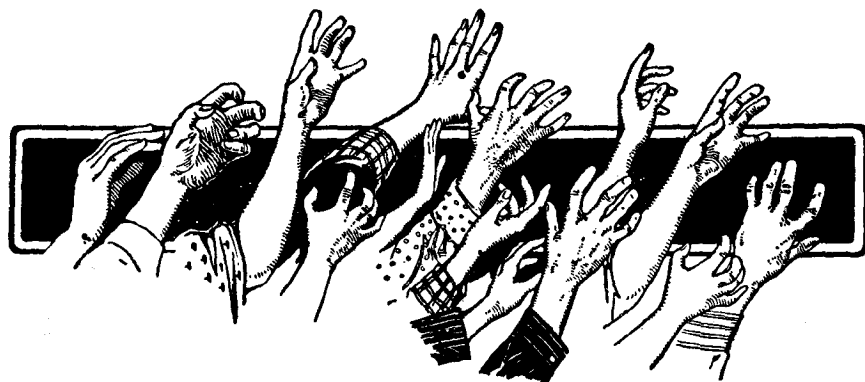
And what more fruitful avenue for our spiritual energies than the distribution of the *Signs*, that grand old interpreter of world events which in clarion tones tells the message the world needs?

Can we not do something splendid with this powerful missionary journal this year?

We want to do that at the office. We want to make the *Signs* more easy to read—that is why we have enlarged the type. We want to make it appeal more readily to this modern age—that is why we are slightly changing the make-up. We want it to go forth more redolent with the love of God, free of all nationalism, all politics,—and to this end we plan to watch every sentence with jealous care.

Yet all that can be done within the four walls of a publishing house, all the labor of love of editors, artists, proof-readers, and printers, is valueless without the enthusiastic co-operation of a willing membership.

In a very special and a very personal way the success of the *Signs* depends on YOU. The more personal interest you can give to the *Signs*, the wider will be its sphere of influence, the sooner will its ultimate purpose be achieved.



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By Arthur S. Maxwell

It is a shame that the circulation of this great journal should be only 80,000 copies per issue. It should be at least half a million. The goal that has been set for this season's campaign—100,000—can only be regarded as a minimum.

But can we ever hope to do the really splendid thing and reach half a million copies per issue? I believe we can.

The present figures mean that there must be tens of thousands of Seventh-day Adventists who never receive a copy of the *Signs* either for themselves or for their friends.

If every member in this country took a single copy for himself alone, that would bring the circulation up at once to over 130,000.

But if every member took six copies—one for himself and five for the evangelization of his friends and neighbors, the dazzling goal would be achieved overnight.

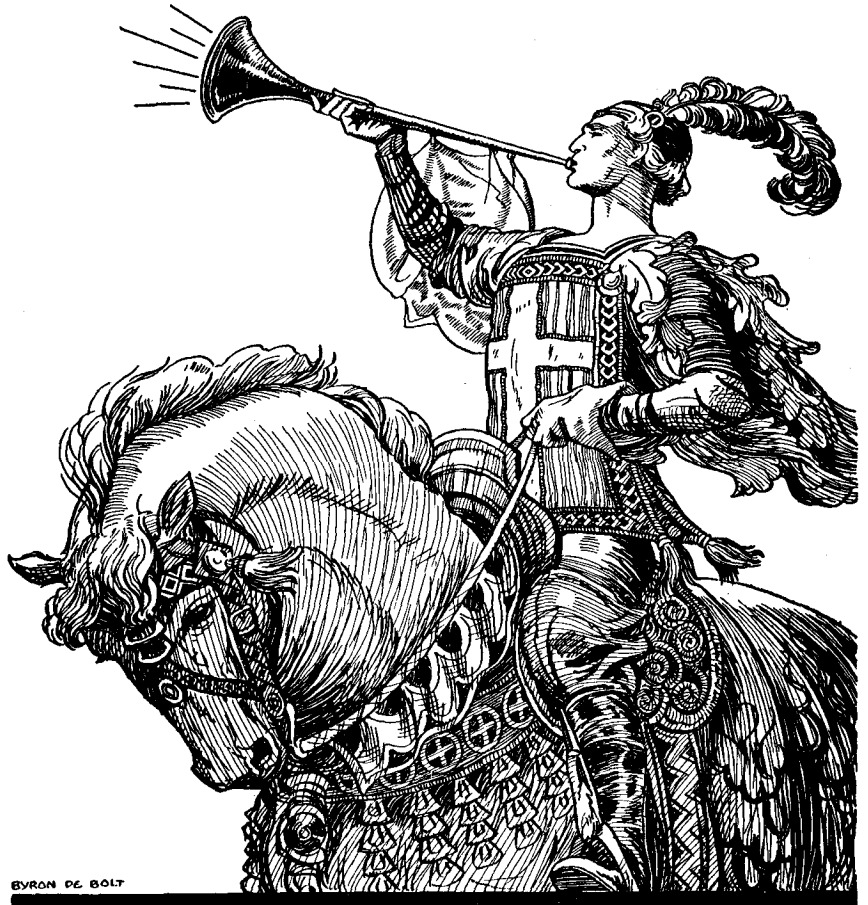
No, it is not impossible. The circulation of the *Signs* can be put where it should be, on a level with the greatest religious magazines in the world. The hour demands it. God expects it. The machinery is all set to this end—and the most important cog in it is YOU.

What can you do to help? What should you do? Just maintain what you have been doing? Certainly you will do that, we know. Better still, add to it, double it, maybe treble it.

Catch a vision of the times, and see what Israel ought to do.

Hear the sound of the trumpet, and gird up your loins for the fight.

As the children of Israel waited tremblingly by the Red Sea, hemmed in by the mountains and pursued by their foes, fac-



ing indeed the most critical moment in their march to the Promised Land, Moses, with commendable though mistaken piety, cried out to them: "*Stand still*, and see the salvation of the Lord." Exodus 14:13.

Swiftly came the divine correction from the pillar of fire:

"Speak unto the children of Israel, that they *go forward*." Verse 15.

There is a time to stand still and a time to go forward, a time to pray and a time to work.

Israel obeyed, the sea parted, and they marched through to victory and freedom. Had they folded their hands in the crisis,

they would have been overwhelmed. They moved forward with God, and were delivered.

To such an hour have we come; and once more as threatening clouds roll up from every horizon, the voice of the Lord calls down to His waiting people: "Go forward and finish My work."

To such a call as this we cannot remain indifferent. Our future as a people and as individuals depends upon our response.

What shall it be?

Friends, let us go on with God.

Let us do something splendid for Him in 1937.

Let's put the "Signs" in 100,000 homes in 1937  
MORE "SIGNS"—MORE SOULS

operation of our church members in a well organized soul winning endeavor,

*We Recommend*, (1) That every believer be encouraged to join in a worldwide "Win One" movement by maintaining a definite prayer list, and by personal, soul winning efforts seek to win at least one soul to Christ in 1937.

(2) That we appeal to our ministry to assist in marshalling our lay forces for attaining this worthy objective.

(3) That in the missionary service held in our churches on the first Sabbath of each month some time be given to continued promotion to make this plan effective.

#### Missions Extension Fund, 1937

WHEREAS, the Missions Extension plan was definitely called into operation by the inspired instruction given to guide the remnant church in the evangelization of the world; and whereas the Mission Extension Fund has been the means of building, equipping and assisting nearly 400 different mission projects, such as printing plants, dispensaries, and schools, which are now carrying on extensive work in the mission fields; therefore

*We Recommend* (1) That the Missions Extension Fund plan be continued in our Union during 1937, and be promoted in harmony with the policies followed in recent campaigns.

(2) That we appeal to all conference workers and lay members to dedicate a day's income to the Missions Extension Fund Offering, and also to engage in the sale of literature as time and opportunity afford.

(3) That our people who may not be receiving a salary, and therefore cannot comply with the request for a "day's income," be encouraged to raise their Missions Extension Fund Offering through the sale of small books and magazines, it being understood that each member shall be personally responsible for the literature he desires to sell.

#### Sabbath School

WHEREAS, the Sabbath school has demonstrated its soul-winning influence in the work of this denomination, and

WHEREAS, in confirming believers in the message and making them faithful to its teachings the Sabbath school is unsurpassed in its influence, and

WHEREAS, the Sabbath school produces over 50 per cent of all our foreign missions income through the contributions of the members in regular attendance, and

WHEREAS, the report of the Union Conference Sabbath School Department

reveals the serious fact that nearly 9,000 of our church members are not enrolled as members of our Sabbath schools, therefore

*Resolved*, that the second quarter of the year 1937 be designated as "Sabbath School Recruiting Quarter," with the last Sabbath in March, which is the thirteenth Sabbath of the first quarter, set apart as "Rally Day," and that all of our churches throughout the union be asked to devote all the services of this day to the interest of the Sabbath School Department, conducting also an afternoon meeting wherever possible.

#### Missionary Volunteer

1. INASMUCH as 1937 marks the 30th anniversary of the organization of the Missionary Volunteer Department, we therefore accept the challenge this presents to us of renewed consecration and activity in behalf of our youth.

*We Therefore Recommend* a great forward movement for youth this year, and that increased efforts be made to train Missionary Volunteer leadership by fostering the Master Comrade work, the League of Evangelism, frequent rallies and conventions, the Study and Service League, the Bible Year, and other young people's activities.

2. In view of the vital need of Junior leadership we recommend that each church faithfully follow the General Conference recommendation that a Junior Missionary Volunteer superintendent be elected when other church officers are.

3. Since the Missionary Volunteer society and organization has been a great blessing to our youth, we most earnestly invite evangelists in their campaigns to cooperate with this department in promoting and protecting these societies during their campaigns.

4. INASMUCH as our Missionary Volunteer membership is constantly increasing, making necessary more labor, more contacts, more sermons, than in the past to do the same quality of work, and further, since moral conditions make this work increasingly difficult,

*We Therefore Recommend*, that the General Conference recommendations of a full-time Missionary Volunteer secretary for large conferences be carried out in this union in order to evangelize and save the thousands of youth in our churches.

#### Bible Training Class

WHEREAS, the study of the doctrinal points of the message forms the basis of our Sabbath school lessons for the next six quarters, thus furnishing one

of the greatest opportunities which have come to this people in the proclamation of the message, and

WHEREAS, we are instructed that what "is needed now for the upbuilding of our churches is the nice work of wise laborers to discern and develop talent in the church," and

WHEREAS, we are told that "in laboring where there are already some in the faith, the minister should at first seek not so much to convert unbelievers, as to train the church members for acceptable cooperation" . . . "and greater success will attend his efforts," therefore

*We Recommend*, that every minister engaged in pastoral or district work in the Pacific Union Conference be urged to take immediate steps to organize a Bible training class in every church over which he has jurisdiction in order to secure the greatest possible results from the denominational study of the Sabbath school lessons.

#### Lay Preachers

WHEREAS, our church buildings have been erected at so great an expense for soul winning purposes, and in view of the fact that in many of our church buildings no evening meetings are now being held for non-members, therefore

*We Recommend*, (1) That our district leaders and pastors be encouraged to hold evangelistic meetings in the church, and that our people be encouraged to support these meetings by their presence, and by inviting their neighbors and friends to attend, and

(2) That where district leaders or pastors are unable to carry out this program in the churches, and where there are consecrated, experienced laymen capable of conducting evangelistic meetings for the public, that we encourage the conducting of such meetings by the laymen under the direction and counsel of the conference worker in charge of the church in question.

#### Educational

1. WHEREAS, The present day social conditions have drifted so far from the standards held by Seventh-day Adventists, and

WHEREAS, the training that our youth receive in outside schools does not prepare them for true Christian living or Christian service, therefore

*We Recommend*, (a) That all our workers put forth a most earnest effort to see that all our children and youth have the opportunities of Christian education in one of our schools.

(b) That all our churches accept the responsibility placed upon them by the

Spirit of prophecy to have every youth in one of these cities of refuge.

2. WHEREAS, There is a great dearth of trained, Christian teachers for our elementary schools, and

WHEREAS, these schools are the very foundation of our entire educational system, therefore

*We Recommend*, That all our field workers and educators urge and encourage many of our most promising young people to enter the teacher-training work to prepare for this line of endeavor.

#### "Signs of the Times"

WHEREAS, in our great program of evangelism the opportunities for explaining the meaning of present world conditions are multiplying on every hand; and

WHEREAS, the *Signs of the Times*, with its expositions of prophecy and studies on every phase of Bible truth is having a mighty influence throughout the world, therefore

*Be It Resolved*, (1) That we express our appreciation for the wonderful work of our churches in this union in the average weekly distribution of some 20,000 copies of the *Signs of the Times* during the past five years;

(2) That as conference leaders, pastors, and workers, we continue to work for a still larger distribution of the *Signs of the Times*;

(3) That this year 1937 we join our home missionary leadership in plans to reach at least 26,600 non-Adventist families with the *Signs*; and that we include on our mailing lists thousands of business, professional, and other men and women of influence who should be receiving the *Signs of the Times* from week to week.

#### Home Foreign

WHEREAS, the Spirit of prophecy states that "in our own country there are thousands of all nations, and tongues, and peoples having no knowledge of the Bible and its sacred teachings, and God's hand was in their coming to America, that they might be brought under the enlightening influence of the truth revealed in His word, and become partakers of His saving faith." Therefore

*We Recommend*, (1) That plans be laid by the union and local conferences for a more aggressive evangelism among the many foreign-speaking people in our midst, by encouraging and supporting the foreign workers in their public efforts.

(2) That our believers be encouraged to engage in a systematic distribution of our foreign literature.

(3) That earnest efforts be made to establish and maintain church schools in our foreign language churches throughout the field.

WHEREAS, there are several hundred thousand Spanish speaking people in this union conference, and whereas there are multiplied evidences that among these people are many who are anxiously longing for a knowledge of the truths of the gospel,

*We Recommend*, that the Union and local conferences give special and sympathetic consideration to the needs of this, the largest single foreign language group in our midst, and that aggressive missionary endeavor for these people be put forth through the following means:

(1) Through greater circulation of Spanish literature by colporteurs and home missionary workers;

(2) Through the employment, wherever possible, of more ministerial workers for the Spanish; and

(3) Through the use of the radio.

*We Also Recommend*, that in view of the large number of children growing up in our Mexican churches without the blessings provided by the church school, and in view of the inability of our Mexican believers financially to provide these schools without help, that consideration be given to this very urgent need, and if possible, some plan be devised by our union committee to assist in the promotion of primary school work for these Spanish-speaking children.

#### Appreciation

We, the delegates to the Pacific Union Conference session at Riverside, do hereby express unanimously our heartfelt appreciation of the cordiality of the city of Riverside during our ten-day stay here. To Mayor William Evans and his associates on the Common Council, and to the Chamber of Commerce, we wish to say that we greatly appreciate their invitation to come here and their efforts to make us welcome and happy after we arrived.

To Rev. Mr. Ellis, the pastor of the Congregational church, and to his membership, we wish to say that we have mightily enjoyed the use of their fine church edifice and prize the brotherly spirit back of all their generosity to us.

To the newspapers of Riverside, the *Enterprise* and the *Press*, we hereby express our sincerest thanks for the generous news and editorial space they have given us. They have helped to make our session a success and we appreciate it.

#### Home Missionary Department

Nearly five years have passed since it was my privilege to connect with the Pacific Union Conference as secretary of the Home Missionary Department.

The work in the department has been very pleasant because those who, in the course of years, had previously carried this work so efficiently had built so strongly a living, working organization, already producing most splendid results; and I have had the privilege of entering into their labors. Christ's words in John 4:37, 38, are very applicable here: "And herein is that true, one soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor; other men labored and ye are entered into their labor."

That which has been done in the department during the past five years has been through the already trained and consecrated leadership of church officers, with the hearty cooperation of Union and local conference officials, and home missionary secretaries, pastors, and the ready response of children, youth, and adults of the church. This report is yours, the result of your labors.

We are glad for this privilege of presenting to you some facts and figures showing the very cheering progress made by the Laymen's Movement during the last five years. This five-year period has been marked by a steady growth in the army of lay workers, and also an encouraging growth in soul winning efficiency. The laity have heartily united with the conference workers in carrying on a successful program of evangelism. These developments have not been spasmodic, but have continued year after year.

More and more, as a people, we are coming to see how God is to "finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness" in the time yet remaining before the close of probation. The gospel commission was given to the church, and not to any one class of believers, either paid or unpaid. In "Desire of Ages," page 822, we read, "The Saviour's commission to the disciples included all the believers in Christ to the end of time. It is a fatal mistake to suppose that the work of saving souls depends alone on the ordained minister. All to whom the heavenly inspiration has come, are put in trust with the gospel. All who receive the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow-men. For this work the church was established, and all who take upon themselves its sacred vows are

thereby pledged to be co-workers with Christ."

The plan of Christ for launching the work of the gospel in apostolic times is also His plan for its triumph in this last generation of human history. And we are well along in the development of His divine purpose for the finishing of the work under the ministry of the remnant church. The goodly harvest of souls gathered into our church membership during the last five years through the work of lay members, young and old, as reported, total 4,921. As compared with the previous five-year period it is a gain of 2,815; or a gain of 133 per cent. We rejoice greatly over these results of united labor.

That the church has not yet reached the limit of its evangelistic possibilities through the laity is apparent by the fact that scarcely more than forty per cent of our membership regularly report active endeavor along any line of missionary service.

We recall that after the Lord had ordained twelve men to be the responsible leaders of the early church, He called "other seventy" also, and sent them forth to do pioneer work. We have turned our attention to plans for public evangelism by self-supporting laymen, this is developing into one of our most important missionary activities. We believe there are many thousands of consecrated men who should be encouraged to dedicate themselves and a portion of their time to this fruitful phase of missionary work.

Another phase of specific missionary work has grown to great proportions during this period. We can only touch briefly on the Dorcas and Welfare work. December, 31, 1936 there were 215 of these societies. Neither time nor space will allow a full recital of the wonderful work that is represented by this phase of the Laymen's movement. Thousands of the poor and needy have been blessed through the loving ministration of thousands of our brethren and sisters in this Union.

The limits of this report will not allow me to compass the whole field of activity represented in the work of the Home Missionary Department, but we do desire to briefly note some of the phases of work being carried forward.

Preeminently, the Bible is the most important feature of our missionary equipment. Our laymembers, armed with a knowledge of the truths of the Bible, and a simple training in the art of presenting these truths to others, go forth to conduct Bible readings, cottage meet-

ings, and hall efforts. During the past five years, 493,331 Bible readings and cottage meetings were reported.

Second in importance to the great Book is our great array of missionary literature. The printed page enables our members to search out those whose hearts will respond to leadings of the divine Spirit. A library could be written of the miracles of salvation God has wrought through the ministry of the printed page. Our statistics show a grand total of 15,881,118 small books, periodicals, and tracts distributed during the period covered by this report.

During the five years, there were reported 1,243,163 missionary visits. What a wonderful panorama these figures bring before us; an army of men, women, young people, yes, and even children, day by day speaking a word here and a word there. God watches over the seed thus planted, and as it is faithfully watered and cared for, a goodly harvest is garnered.

#### Missionary Campaigns

The Home Missionary Department of the Pacific Union Conference is responsible for the promotion of all general missionary campaigns, such as the Harvest Ingathering and Missions Extension. The five years covered by our statistics have been financially difficult years. Depression reigned in all parts of our field. But there is no crisis with God. His prospering hand has led us in the way of victory year after year. We greatly rejoice that we can report a grand total of Ingathering income for the period covered by this report amounting to \$701,823.80. This may be compared with the previous five years, which totaled \$598,975.43. While the years 1927-1931 were years of plenty, nevertheless during the lean years we show a gain over the better years of \$102,848.37. Surely God has greatly prospered our workers and members in their Harvest Ingathering labors. We are persuaded that it is even possible to reach a larger sum in the future than has been raised in the past, and that we should not rest content with present achievements.

Had it not been for the Missions Extension Fund plan, our institutional work in mission lands would have been deprived of the help they so greatly need. During the last five years \$70,442.94 has been sent on to the fields beyond, for the advancement of God's work in those needy places.

#### NEVADA-UTAH "WIN ONE" CAMPAIGN

This campaign will be launched in all of our churches

February 6

"Every member endeavoring to win at least one soul during 1937"

There has been a very cheering growth in the spirit of cooperation in the department's service and training plans. More than 82 per cent of the churches in this Union now observe the missionary service, and about an equal number regularly observe the First Sabbath missionary service; a regular monthly Sabbath service in the interest of missionary work.

Of our total church membership in the Pacific Union Conference, 40 per cent regularly report some missionary activity. The latest statistics show 12,547 reporting members. Great as is the volume of the work and fruitage of souls represented in the labors of this army of workers, it should be more than doubled through the enlistment of the inactive membership, and training for greater efficiency on the part of every believer.

In closing this brief survey, I am happy in the opportunity afforded to express to this delegation, and to our members everywhere, heartfelt appreciation for the excellent cooperation that has resulted in the advancement of the work. We thank our Heavenly Father for the loyal host of missionary workers that we have endeavored to serve.

Like a mighty army, the church of God is moving forward to certain triumph. The mountain top of final victory rises before us, and the call to gain the utmost height is a call to greater spiritual power. This is the greatest and most imperative need. The times demand a consecrated leadership to guide the Lord's host to a speedy and final triumph of His work.

"God and Christ and the heavenly angels are working with intense activity to hold in check the fierceness of Satan's wrath, that God's plans may not be thwarted. God lives and reigns. He is conducting the affairs of the universe. Let His soldiers move forward to victory. Let there be perfect unity in their ranks. Let them press the battle to the gates. As a mighty Conqueror, the Lord will work for them. Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action." Vol. 7, p. 14.

T. L. OSWALD.

## Field Missionary Department

### The Colporteur Evangelist

When we presented our last quadrennial report for this department, our constituency joined us in singing, "Keep Advancing Bookmen Army." In harmony with these sentiments we are happy to come before you at the close of another term and declare to the praise of God that He has prospered us with an encouraging advance in this department of His own planning. "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

In order to more fully appreciate the prospering hand of our kind heavenly Father, we should recognize that the last five years have not been easy for the salesman. Practically every sales organization of the world has shown decided losses, especially during the earlier years of this period of our last term. It has been a period of economic readjustment, financial perplexity, increasing unemployment, and paralyzing strikes. It would not be sensible to say that these conditions have not made our work more difficult; but not for a moment have they disheartened our faithful leadership. Quite to the contrary, our loyal field missionary secretaries and their forces met the challenge of these times by deeper consecration, greater courage, better methods, and intensified activity.

In presenting our sales report we are anxious that it shall glorify God rather than man. Therefore, with becoming dignity and modesty we refrain from making boastful comparisons with our sister unions. The field is one and we love our brethren. Although we recognize that the Pacific Union has a much smaller population, far less industry, and only a fraction of the payrolls of some other unions, still God has been good to us.

### Colporteur Literature Sales

Books .....\$295,516.13

"Bible Readings," "Home Physician," "Bible Pictures and Stories," "Great Controversy," "Dawn of a New Day," "Ministry of Healing," etc.

Magazines ..... 254,104.80

*Health, Life and Health, Watchman, and Message.*

Total Colporteur Sales .....\$549,620.93

Please notice this is a total of well over a half million dollars worth of gospel literature sold from 1932 to 1936.

This is considerably more than the entire denominational colporteurs' sales

in 1900. During the past union conference term, most of our subscription books and magazines have been reduced in price from 10 per cent to 20 per cent; therefore it is impossible to arrive at a fair and correct appreciation of loss or gain by comparing our activities in monetary values.

### Our Large Message-Filled Books

The year just closed has been outstanding in the sale of our large message-filled books. In 1935 we delivered 5,426 large volumes. In 1936, 9,194—a gain of 3,768 volumes. In answer to the demand of our times and the positive instruction of the Spirit of prophecy, we have felt constrained to revive the sale of the large volumes of Mrs. E. G. White's works. Although we have only made a good beginning, the results have been very gratifying.

	No. of volumes	
	1935	1936
"Great Controversy" .....	128	576
"Ministry of Healing" .....	348	1093
Total .....	476	1660
Sales Per Hour Average "Great Controversy" (3 months) .....	\$1.16	
Sales Per Hour Average, Other Books (3 months) .....	.96	

Our object in making special mention of these important books is to give this line of our literature timely prominence in view of our years of neglect. We do, however, give all our books and magazines equal opportunity in the field, whether doctrinal or medical.

One colporteur writes: "While canvassing I was met at the door by a man and his wife. After telling them that I was engaged in missionary work, they invited me in. . . . I did not have time to begin my canvass when the man began to talk to me. 'You say you are a Christian. I don't believe it. If you were, you would act differently.' I was surprised. Colporteurs are accused of various things, but here was something new. What had I done now?"

"He went on: 'If you were a Christian you would be living up to what the Bible teaches. Now the Bible says that Saturday is the true seventh day Sabbath, and you Christians keep Sunday. You are following the papacy and honoring them. Also, you should be paying one-tenth of your income to support your missionary work. That belongs to God. And another thing, you seem to teach that your dead relatives and friends are in heaven, or some such place, when the Bible says that 'they know not any-

thing.' That is just the trouble with you Christians and the world today.

"My friends have called me an infidel, but I'm not one as much as they think. A few months ago I bought a book which explains the Bible perfectly. I don't know anything about where it comes from, but I do know that if you had this book, there would be a change in your life."

"As the man went on talking, he picked up a copy of 'Great Controversy' and held it up for me to see. He didn't give me a chance to speak, so I took out from my case my 'Great Controversy' prospectus, and held it open to the cloth binding for him to see. It was like turning off the radio—all was silence, and then he opened his eyes in wonderment. 'Do you really have one?' he asked. 'It is the most wonderful book I have ever read.' 'Yes,' I replied, 'and I believe in the very things of which you have been speaking.'"

### Future Outlook

During 1936 we delivered about \$70,000 worth of our truth-filled volumes, which are now in a few of the homes of the 7,000,000 souls who live in our Union. This means that we have sold only one cent's worth of our books per capita to our 7,000,000 prospective customers.

We have had an average of about ninety-three regular book and magazine colporteurs at work during the past five-year period. There are in the Pacific Union Conference ninety-five cities ranging in population from five thousand to more than a million. On the basis of our present working force we are providing each colporteur with more than an entire county and a population of more than 75,000, which is far more territory than the average colporteur covers in five years.

Magazines are becoming more popular with the reading public. While our single copy magazine work is still being done, the combining of a year's subscription with the sale of our books is rapidly gaining favor with our colporteurs. Many of our colporteurs are also selling yearly subscriptions with good success. One of our enterprising sisters recently sold thirty-seven subscriptions in one week to business and professional people in one of our cities. We must launch out into a larger magazine work. There is a large class of busy people who can best be reached in this manner. We present this brief observation so that our constituency may see the possibilities and

need of a greatly enlarged sale of all our publications.

#### Colporteur Work a Training School

One very important phase of the colporteur ministry of which we must not lose sight is the essential training which this department provides for our future ministers, physicians, Bible workers, teachers, and other denominational workers. In this field training school our youth may learn how to approach the public in a pleasing, winning manner and the best, most convincing way of presenting the truth to varied minds. They acquire a more practical outlook on life and a deeper burden to do soul-winning work. Besides these educational advantages which are invaluable to successful missionary work, scores of our young men and women help to finance themselves through school. No amount of scholastic study can take the place of the spiritual and mental impetus obtained in this work. Most of our efficient workers in every line credit their colporteur experience as being to a large degree responsible for their success. The schools in our union have rendered excellent cooperation in fostering the colporteur spirit among our students.

#### Burden for Souls, Secret of Success

During the depression some of our brethren and sisters who lost their positions in various lines of secular work, took up the sale of our books and magazines. Many of these have learned to make a success of the colporteur work and to love it because of the rich spiritual blessings which they have received while thus engaged. Now that workers are again in demand in the world, some of these colporteurs have refused their former positions at increased pay and better financial returns than they can earn in the colporteur work.

While visiting with two of these workers in a recent institute, I turned to the wife and said, "I suppose you folks will soon be leaving us now that your husband's former line of work is bidding for him again!" And then I looked at the husband, wondering what the response might be. With his face beaming with joy, he turned to his wife and replied, "I'll let her tell you." This sister demurred for a minute, but finally said in substance: "Several weeks ago my husband's former boss called and stated that he had been trying to locate us for several weeks. He said that he had contracts for work many months ahead and specified that my husband could have 'his Sabbath' off as formerly, and that his wages would be \$1.25 per hour and

work Sunday, if he wished. My husband thanked him for his interest and his generous offer, but said he could not give him any promise until the following evening. I said to my husband, 'Well, that sounds pretty good, dear, what are you going to do about it? Without hesitation he said, 'My mind is already made up, but I wanted to talk it over with you alone. What do you think? Maybe we better pray over it.' Then I said, 'Jack, if you ask me how I feel about it and what my wishes are, I can tell you that now without praying about it.

"Only the other evening when you told me that Mrs. ——— had decided to be baptized and join our church, you remember you said, 'I could never feel happy working at the old trade any more. I wish we could stay in this colporteur work until the Lord comes.' And you remember I told you that I felt the same and that I felt impressed that God had called us to this work. Now, Jack, I would rather we stay in this work even if we both have to work at it to make it go financially. If we both feel the same, as I see you still do, we won't have to pray the Lord what to do, let us pray here and now to be faithful to our heavenly calling.'"

The husband's eyes were full of tears of joy as he said, "Yes, we have found more joy in the six precious souls whom Elder ——— baptized, and these others soon to follow, than anything else we ever did."

If there is any secret of success in the colporteur work, this is it! It is the spirit of soul-winning service and sacrifice that keeps the colporteur in this work. This is the real Advent spirit! The spirit of our early pioneers was very similar to the spirit of our present pioneers,—our colporteur pioneers, these noble men and women of consecration who pioneer with our books and magazines and blaze the way before our public evangelists and Bible workers throughout our territory.

#### "Faithful Pioneers"

"Over hill and valley, on and on they go,  
Hand in hand with angels, seeds of truth they sow;

Thus our bookmen seek to reach the high and low,

Faithful pioneers are they! Faithful pioneers!

Heralds of the message in these closing years,

Selling truth-filled pages all along the way,

Faithful pioneers are they!"

Every experienced minister and evangelist and Bible worker prefers to follow our faithful colporteur pioneers for the reason that they reap a larger harvest of converts to the message. These who have fully or partially read our message in advance are generally more substantially established than those who have heard only a course of lectures.

Our Publishing Department does not require its secretaries to record the number of souls won—actual baptisms—resulting from the ministry of our colporteurs. Only angels of God, who alone are keeping unerring record, will reveal the complete results of these labors of love. For the space of one year, during this quinquennial period, our field missionary secretaries reported nearly two hundred such cases brought to their attention, whose interest in the truth was first aroused by some one of our colporteur evangelists.

#### Farewell

In harmony with our denominational tenure of office governing the position of a union field missionary secretary, the brethren have chosen in my place, Elder E. M. Fishell, from the Columbia Union, where he has most successfully served in the same capacity. I have favorably known Elder Fishell for many years and know him to be a most efficient and consecrated bookman. I bespeak for him the deep sympathetic spirit of cooperation which our constituency has always so cheerfully given me.

I have had the much appreciated pleasure of laboring with you in this position for ten years. In October, 1926, I was called by the Pacific Union Conference Committee to succeed my esteemed predecessor, Elder J. H. McEachern, who accepted a call to the presidency of the Nevada Conference. The degree of success with which God has so graciously blessed us during these years has come as a result of the strong work my predecessors had built through the years, and the excellent cooperation and helpful counsel given me by my brethren. During these years I have had the joy and privilege of working under the able leadership of Elders J. E. Fulton, J. L. McElhany, and Glenn Calkins. These men, as well as my other conference associates, have always shown a deep and active interest in our colporteur work. Now that Elder Fishell, my beloved brother and capable successor, will head our colporteur leadership, we may be assured of a rapid and successful advance in this department. May God richly bless you, my dear Elder Fishell, and the faithful and loyal

colporteur leaders and our dear colporteurs throughout our union in a rich fruition of souls to be fully revealed when our Saviour comes to claim and reward His faithful ones. This is my sincere prayer in Jesus' name.

EMANUEL REMSEN.

### Missionary Volunteer Department

We live in an unfortunate age for the youth, and those who follow Christ have a warfare before them. The Christian life is a battle and a march; only those who are controlled by firm principle rather than impulse, only those who would rather die than sin will be victorious at last. God has honored the youth by calling them to be His helping hand. Young men are to stir up the sluggish energies of the church by their triumphant witness for Christ. God's program for youth includes a major part in carrying the message of a crucified Christ to the whole world. The very first calls from the Spirit of prophecy were calls to prayer and service that souls might be saved from ruin. Our emphasis the past five years has been on evangelism for and by young people. While carrying on a strong program of revival efforts, we have tried to stress the "holding features" such as Bible study, prayer, good reading, et cetera, which lie at the foundation of all character-building.

#### Societies and Membership

In the previous four-year period there was a gain of eleven Missionary Volunteer societies; in the last five years the increase was thirty-nine. In the previous four years the membership gain was ninety-six; in the last five years the gain was 2797. We have a present Missionary Volunteer membership of 8127—a great army; yet according to the law of averages, there are approximately 19,000 young people in this Union. In this playground of the world, with the lure of the beaches, the seductive and glamorous moving picture industry, the added problems of great memberships, with this wicked and adulterous generation sinking lower and lower in the scale of morality, making necessary more earnest labor, more visits, more sermons, more prayers, more contacts, I want with burdened heart to express my appreciation to the two large Southern conferences for providing a full time Missionary Volunteer evangelist for their fields, and to earnestly petition other conferences with large memberships to give study to adopting the same plan. I wish also to

express to the officers of the Pacific Union, and members of the committee, my heartfelt gratitude for their loyal cooperation in all matters pertaining to the well-being of this department.

#### Medical Cadet Corps

In view of the warlike conditions prevailing in our world and the certainty of conflict sooner or later, with its perplexities to our youth, our committee authorized, with the approval of the General Conference, the organization of a Medical Cadet Corps where our young men could be given a training fitting them to save life in the service of their country in the event of hostilities. This Corps is purely voluntary and is conducted at the White Memorial Hospital by Adventist officers and doctors who are in the Medical Reserve; yet it has the sanction, approval and encouragement of the Surgeon General of the United States Army and the Secretary of War. We hope and believe that this will mean much to our young men in the future.

#### Youth's Congress

Beyond the usual and helpful series of rallies and conventions held in numerous places in our Union, stands the Youth's Congress held at the Southern California Junior College for the young people of the Southeastern California Conference. This meeting, the first of its kind held in our field, was carefully planned and conducted. It proved a great spiritual uplift to all the hundreds of young people who attended.

#### Censorship Board

A board of Censorship has been established by the union committee to preview and recommend motion pictures to be used in our institutions and churches. This committee has spent many hours on this task and is building up as rapidly as possible, using two Sundays a month in its work, a list of suitable educational films. We ask our workers to stand with us against the over-wrought dramatized pictures that have already been educating our youth away from the tranquil pleasures of life.

#### Junior Leaders' Training Camp

At beautiful Camp Wawona, owned by the Central California Conference, in Yosemite National Park we had a most inspiring and profitable camp for senior young people and adults interested in Junior leadership. Nearly 100 were present and we can never forget the prayer bands, the camp fires, the studies on child psychology, nature study, and other helpful things presented there.

### Junior Camps

During the five years past, Junior camps have been conducted at Wawona and Idyllwild; a portion of this time a camp was held at Jackson Lake for Southern California; and for two or three years a camp has been conducted in Arizona. The membership and effectiveness of these camps are increasing each year. As high as thirty at a camp have requested baptism; numerous baptisms have been conducted at the close of the camp. The wholesome discipline, the physical exercise, the happy fellowship, the Bible studies, the prayer bands, the camp fire circle, all away from the razz and jazz of the world in company with Christian instructors, is a powerful influence to bind the youth to this message. While all cannot attend because of finance or other reasons, just as all cannot attend camp meetings, academies, and colleges, yet the camps have justified the time and expense in behalf of those who can and do attend each year. The camps have demonstrated their worth by their results in the hard field of practical experience. The fears of the timid, and the dreams of theorists have alike been swept aside by the glorious and uniform results of conversions, respect for authority, obedience to parents, better health, cleaner minds, and higher ideals inculcated by the Junior camp.

#### Master Comrade Work

The Master Comrade work represents an attempt to train senior leadership, which is our great need. In the Junior "Handbook," in leaflets, and on charts the requirements to Master Comradeship may be found. Many of our workers have qualified; many more are doing so at the present time. Every Missionary Volunteer secretary in California is a Master Comrade. The three secretaries outside of California have only recently been called to the department and are now busily working on the requirements. In addition to over 200 Master Comrades now in our Union, consecrated men and women who unite their efforts with the ministry in working for youth, there must be several hundred more well on the way to qualifying. We invite our workers to study the possibilities in Master Comradeship.

#### League of Evangelism

The League of Evangelism adopted by the Fall Council at Battle Creek is an attempt to arrange all the activities of the senior Missionary Volunteer work in an orderly ascending scale and is de-

signed to do for the senior work what the junior plans have done for the junior work. Time forbids going into details, but great possibilities and blessings are wrapped up in this plan of systematic promotion, which has for its object active evangelism for Christ.

Let us now look briefly at our missionary report.

#### Finances

The Missionary Volunteers raised a grand total for missions of \$173,933. This does not include another \$9,223 raised for local society work; nor does it include the thousands of dollars given by our youth through the Sabbath schools. Of this amount, \$148,091 was raised in the Harvest Ingathering. This represents a gain of nearly \$48,000 over the previous four-year period.

It must be borne in mind that what few comparisons we have are between the present five-year period with a past four-year period; also that with a membership gain of nearly 3,000 we should have much larger figures to do the same amount of work proportionately. The following figures will encourage us where we have done well and should stimulate us where we have failed.

### The American Temperance Society

The temperance organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is called "The American Temperance Society," and follows our denominational plan of organization with a secretary in the General, union, and local conferences. This is not a full-time job, but the temperance work is carried in addition to other responsibilities.

The writer is serving also as chairman of a Temperance Visual Education committee, a very important and almost untouched field among us. We have not accomplished very much in this line directly, though we are greatly in need of films on the evil effects of tobacco and alcoholic liquors. Your secretary gave what encouragement he could to Mrs. Ella M. Robinson, a grand-daughter of Ellen G. White, who has a burden along this line. The union appropriated \$100 to Mrs. Robinson and she has produced a very effective Anti-Cigarette film entitled, "A Question of Partnership." It contains ninety frames and presented with the lecture takes about forty minutes. The price is \$5.00 plain or \$8.00 beautifully colored, and may be ordered

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form the Mayse Studio, P. O. Box 25, Station B, San Diego, or from the Junior Film Slide Commission, Angwin, California.

In addition to the circulation of a vast amount of temperance literature, including the wonderful Temperance edition of *Our Little Friend*, there was conducted in California a hard fought Local Option campaign. The dry forces of California united under the name of United Dry Forces and we had a blessed time standing shoulder to shoulder fighting a common enemy. It was Adventist courage that launched this fight, and Adventist leadership was prominent throughout. With profound gratitude do I acknowledge the faithful work our membership did with the petitions to get the measure on the ballot. Our conferences joined with the union in appropriating a total of \$2500 for this righteous cause. The work of education over radio, newspapers, and other means of publicity was not lost even though the measure did not carry. We killed the brewers' bill which would make beer legally non-intoxicating and the conviction of a drunken driver impossible, and we set in motion ideas that are being discussed by the legislature in Sacramento today. Not whether we win or lose is the measure of success, but did we fight with all our might for the right.

There are some among us who fold their hands and say, "Let the hurricane roar." "The world is going to smash and the sooner the better." This attitude casts great reproach upon the doctrine of our Lord's soon return. Sister White most vigorously reprovved and refuted this fatalistic tendency. We are to wait for our Lord not in idleness and indolence, but in diligent doing, and when the ship goes down it should witness our flag nailed to the masthead and every man at his post.

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	1928-1931	1932-1936	
No. of soc. holding Exec. Com. Meetings .....		94	
No. of M. V. Societies .....	247	286	Gain of 39
No. of M. V. societies reporting .....		227	
Membership of M. V. societies .....	5,330	6,824	Ave. for 5 yrs.
		8,127	Present membership
			Gain of 2,797
Members reporting .....		3,078	Ave. for 5 yrs.
Belonging to Mission Bands .....		2,341	Ave. for 5 yrs.
Young people baptized regardless of who labored for them (2 yrs. only) .....	1,114	3,085	
Observing Morning Watch .....		1,733	
Bible Year Certificates .....		2,427	
Reading Course Certificates .....		14,451	
Study and Service League (Sr.), and Standard of Attainment (Jr.) .....		513	
Vocational Honors (3,000 in 1936) .....	184	6,673	Gain of 6,489
Friend Pins .....	2,873	2,384	Loss of 509
Companion Pins .....	295	555	Gain of 260
Comrade Pins .....	88	75	Loss of 13
Master Comrade .....		210	(Rest of world 525)
Bible Readings .....	35,559	62,627	Gain of 27,068
Missionary Visits .....		256,063	
Persons taken to S. S. (Ave. per yr., 36,617)		183,088	
Treatments given .....	22,236	50,878	Gain of 28,642
Hrs. Christian help work .....	275,177	99,586	(2 yrs. only)
Articles of clothing given away .....	91,756	153,046	Gain of 61,290
Food baskets or bouquets .....		27,823	(2 yrs. only)
Literature given .....	3,410,573	3,726,315	Gain of 315,742
Letters written .....	51,064	57,272	Gain of 6,208
Baptisms of those won by young people (1 yr. only) .....	121	793	
Offerings to local society work .....		9,223.12	
Off. to foreign missions through M. V. soc. Harvest Ingathering (Inc. Soc. F. M. Off.) .....	125,971.00	15,841.99 )	
Big Week offerings (very incomplete) .....		148,091.46 )	Gain of 37,662.00
Week of Sacrifice offerings (very incomplete and for 2 yrs. only) .....		2,630.90	
		6,498.37	

### Sabbath School Department

The Sabbath school is an institution of world-wide extent and importance. Beginning in obscurity and weakness in the early days of the Advent movement, it has grown to be a mighty factor in all lands to which the third angel's message has been carried. Eighty-four years ago the first two Sabbath schools were organized. Since then they have sprung up like mushrooms all over the world until at the close of 1935 they numbered 12,530.

The Sabbath school work has been pre-eminently a pioneering agency, and with it begins the first form of our organized work. The Sabbath school service is adapted to all ages, and is one of the leading factors in establishing, building up, molding, and making permanent the various interests of our denominational work.

The work of this department has made steady progress in the Pacific Union Conference during the last five years. At the close of the last quadrennial term we had 283 Sabbath schools in this Union; and at the close of 1936 we have 309, a gain of 26 new Sabbath schools. We are told in the Spirit of prophecy that "the influence growing out of Sabbath school work should improve and enlarge the church." We are glad that this is so. Its influence blends with every phase of the message.

During the term that has just closed, 5,499 Sabbath school members have been baptized. We do not say that these 5,499 have been baptized wholly as the result of Sabbath school influence, for there were doubtless other factors that contributed to their conversion.

We read that "the object of the Sabbath school work should be the winning of souls." As we think of the great army of our boys and girls who bear our names, who sit by our firesides, and eat at our tables, and look up into our faces as Sabbath school pupils, well may we at this time turn the searching question upon ourselves, as workers and parents,—"Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" Here lies before us a vast field for soul saving.

In the quinquennial period that has just closed, six objectives have stood out before us as demanding our continuous effort:

1. A membership to include every adult, youth, and child in our church.
2. A faithful attendance on the part of every member.

3. Daily study of the Sabbath school lesson by old and young.

4. Improved teaching in the Sabbath schools.

5. Deeper spiritual life of leaders and members.

6. Larger and more intelligent giving to missions.

*Membership.*—By a careful estimate of the number of children in the Sabbath school who are not church members, we list the missing members. In the Pacific Union Conference at the close of 1936 our church membership stood at 29,398.

Children in Sabbath schools not church members ..... 6,485  
Our Sabbath school goal ..... 35,883  
Sabbath school membership

Dec. 31, 1936 ..... 27,232

Missing members ..... 8,651

We must give more serious consideration to these missing members and find a way to bring them into the Sabbath school.

*Attendance and Daily Study.*—With considerable energy we have urged that members everywhere try for the perfect record. During the past five years, 10,232 bookmarks have been given to those completing unbroken records for one or more years. Each quarter, thousands of honor cards are given to those completing an unbroken record for the term. Surely no better habits can be formed than those of daily study of the Sabbath school lesson and punctual attendance at the Sabbath school service. During the last quarter of 1936, 4,529 Honor Cards were issued. We know that some study carelessly and with small profit, yet we rejoice for the blessings that have come into the lives of thousands as the result of faithful daily study of a portion of the Word of God.

*Improved Teaching.*—The Sabbath School Training Course started in 1909. All of the past 27 years it has been a great blessing to those who have followed the studies. We are in need of a better trained and more efficient teaching force in our Sabbath schools. Every teacher should sense the need of preparation for his work.

*Spiritual Advancement.*—We are very anxious that our Sabbath schools take their rightful place as "one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual in bringing souls to Christ." If souls are not won to Christ in the Sabbath school, then the department has failed in its true objective. In many places earnest efforts have been made

by officers and teachers to reach the unconverted members and bring them to a decision for the Lord. Personal work for every pupil has been stressed as the ideal to be cherished in the heart of every teacher.

*Offerings.*—The giving of offerings to the work in mission lands has been a blessed inspiration. The Sabbath school envelope is by far the most popular channel for mission offerings. The following figures furnished by the Treasury Department show the sources of all offerings to missions in our Union.

Sabbath School Offerings ..... 50.64%

Harvest Ingathering and Mis-

sion Extension Offerings ..... 33.86%

All other Mission Offerings ..... 15.50%

During the term covered by this report, the Sabbath schools in this Union gave \$1,156,122.77 to missions. An average of \$4,446.61 was given on each of the 260 Sabbaths in the five years.

It is of interest to know that it took 25 years for the world field to give the first million dollars to missions through the Sabbath schools. During the past five years the faithfulness and liberality of our people in the Pacific Union Conference alone has sent on to missions more than a million dollars through the Sabbath schools. Marvelous as this may seem, we must do much better before the Lord's work may be finished.

While the following comparisons are not the most encouraging, they are nevertheless enlightening. They should stir us as delegates to impress upon the hearts of our dear people the need of greater faithfulness in giving to missions.

1927 ..... \$ 277,366.98

1928 ..... 292,964.52

1929 ..... 301,341.79

1930 ..... 294,669.60

1931 ..... 280,890.02

Total ..... \$1,447,232.41

1932 ..... \$ 254,797.70

1933 ..... 210,624.86

1934 ..... 215,111.90

1935 ..... 230,498.60

1936 ..... 245,098.70

Total ..... \$1,156,122.77

*Investment Fund.*—The total Sabbath school offerings have been augmented through the Investment plan. That the Lord has especially blessed in this is evidenced by the many experiences related. Hail storms have passed around dedicated fields; frost has spared fruit trees when others were smitten; barren

trees have borne fruit; in many ways the Lord has blessed and \$27,761.84 has come into the treasury through this channel.

**Birthday Offerings.**—Birthday offerings are a thank offering for another year of life and the plan is well liked in many Sabbath schools in the Pacific Union Conference. Through this channel, we have sent \$29,192.76 on to mission fields. The birthday offerings are sacredly set apart for new work in the mission fields. If other gifts should fail so there would be no means from the general funds for the extension of our work, the Sabbath school Birthday Offering will still be available for that purpose. Thus our birthday gifts may become the harbingers of a new birth in a new mission field.

**Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings.**—\$258,880.29 was given on the twenty Thirteenth Sabbaths of the five-year term.

Conference officials and Sabbath school secretaries have a weighty responsibility resting upon them to create and maintain in the hearts of the members of the remnant church a lively interest in reaching the mission goals. We must constantly keep before our people the needs of the mission lands.

Five years have passed, years in which the Sabbath schools of the Pacific Union Conference have been a mighty factor for the advancement of God's work and the soon return of our Lord. No one can measure the force of the uplifting influence, not only in the mission fields but upon the lives of every member, young or old. We have taken but a few minutes to compass the work of the Sabbath School Department for the past five years. Measure the progress by any standard that you will, the Sabbath school is moving forward and upward, and it will continue to do so till Jesus comes.

"Tis almost time for the Lord to come,  
I hear the people say;  
The stars of heaven are growing dim,  
It must be the breaking of the day.

"It must be time for the waiting church  
To cast her pride away,  
With girded loins and burning lamps,  
To look for the breaking of the day.

"Oh, it must be the breaking of the day!  
Oh, it must be the breaking of the day!  
The night is almost gone  
The day is coming on;  
Oh, it must be the breaking of the day!"

T. L. OSWALD.

## Religious Liberty Department

### Delegates and Friends:

In giving my report for the Religious Liberty Department for the past five years, I can only touch the high points. These years have been filled with activity by both friends and foes of the religious liberty cause.

I wish, at this time, to express my appreciation for the hearty support given by our lay members and for the active interest and efficient help rendered by workers. But above all we thank our heavenly Father for His over-ruling providence during many conflicts.

### C. R. A. Codes

During the year 1933 the State codes under the California Recovery Act were in force. A number of these codes contained a Sunday closing clause. The Barbers' code seems to have attracted the most attention.

I understand that President Roosevelt and his advisers, in counsel with the National Religious Liberty Association, refused to put Sunday closing clauses in the National Industrial Recovery Codes. However, the ever-vigilant California Sunday law advocates saw in the C. R. A. codes an opportunity to carry out their cherished plans by placing a Sunday closing clause in the California codes. They hoped, in this adroit way, to commit the State to religious legislation through emergency measures.

Your Religious Liberty secretary, with other men, began vigorous efforts to get these Sunday closing clauses removed. We formed a genial acquaintance with the Commissioner of Corporations, and his deputies, who had charge of these codes. The result of these contacts are stated by the Commissioner in a letter to an Assistant to the Chief of the Compliance Division of the N. R. A. at Washington, D. C.

Quoting the letter: "Shortly after the Barbers' Code was promulgated on October 28, 1933, Mr. W. M. Adams, of Glendale, California, a representative of the Religious Liberty Association in California . . . called upon me.

"After several conferences with Mr. Adams and others interested, I became convinced that the inclusion of the Sunday closing provision in the Barbers' code was a mistake. Thereupon I gave Mr. Adams a written statement to this effect, and further stated that when, and if the opportunity arose, I would endeavor to remove the Sunday closing provision from this code."—Letter dated December 28, 1933, San Francisco, California.

The opportunity came and May 12, 1934 the Commissioner gave the order. He also removed the Sunday closing clauses in the other codes. This was a great victory, under God, for the cause of religious liberty.

### Taxing Private Schools

It will be remembered that during the early part of 1933, a strong effort was made to secure exemption from taxes for the private non-profit schools. While various denominations were somewhat interested, yet the real fight was made by the united efforts of the Catholics and Seventh-day Adventists.

Assemblyman Dempster, of Los Angeles, introduced a bill into the lower house to relieve all private schools from taxation. The measure was sponsored in the Senate by Senator Pierovich of Jackson. Said bill was overwhelmingly passed by both houses, and it went on to the June 27 special State election ballot as Constitutional Amendment No. 4. It received a great deal of adverse and favorable publicity through the newspapers.

It is said that California is the only State in the Union which taxes private schools. Yet notwithstanding this and the fact that the legislators gave their hearty support of such relief, the voters went to the polls June 27, 1933, and turned it down. It was lost by a substantial majority.

### S. E. R. A. Order

It was well understood by all that our Federal Government endeavored to relieve the depression by creating work, and other plans, for the unemployed. Said organizations were designated by the letters of the alphabet. I refer at this time to the S. E. R. A. plan.

It provided a five-day work week as follows: work on Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, with Thursday as pay day and Sunday as a rest day. It will readily be seen that such a plan brought great embarrassment to our people, causing the loss of one day's work each week.

In working on the problem I soon found that I could not get the matter remedied for the State by contacting County officials. I decided to go to the State Director and lay the matter before him. I went to San Francisco and was very cordially received. I was courteously told that they had no thought of infringing upon or violating the religious convictions of any citizen. They said that a "Bulletin" would be issued throughout the State to correct such unfairness. I thanked them and came away. Later I received a letter from the State Depart-

ment of the S. E. R. A., dated December 28, 1934 which reads:

"Dear Mr. Adams:

"In accordance with our recent conversation, I am attaching a copy of Administrative Bulletin No. 69 regulating the religious affiliations of the S. E. R. A. clients. I hope that this Bulletin will be of assistance to you, and that you will have no further difficulty along this line."

Said Bulletin reads as follows:

EMERGENCY RELIEF  
ADMINISTRATION  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN No. 69  
December 27, 1934

TO ALL DIVISION HEADS  
TO ALL COUNTY DIRECTORS  
TO ALL FIELD SUPERVISORS  
TO ALL PLACEMENT OFFICERS

#### *Religious Affiliations of Clients*

"1. It has recently come to our attention, that in issuing work orders for assignments to S. E. R. A. Projects, consideration has not been given to certain religious sects who observe Saturday as a day of worship.

"2. Because it is not our policy to interfere with the religious activities of an individual and because of the fact that all work relief positions are on a part time basis; placement officers will write work orders, wherever possible, in such a way as to permit the observance of Saturday by those who request such special arrangement.

"VERNON D. NORTHROP,  
"Acting Administrator."

S. E. R. A. No. 1441-1.

This Bulletin gave relief to our people and was greatly appreciated.

#### W. P. A. Letter

Later the W. P. A. organization supplanted the S. E. R. A. A more rigid program was installed. Our people throughout the State were again thrown into perplexity because of required Sabbath work, some losing their jobs.

I worked out a satisfactory plan with the W. P. A. Los Angeles County officials. On January 28, 1936, I went to San Francisco to see the State Administrator of W. P. A. He was out of the office and I was directed to under-officials. I laid our perplexities before them and told them how we had worked out a satisfactory plan for the County of Los Angeles. They were interested and courteously assured me that they would take the matter up and write me later. In about three weeks I received a letter from the State Administrator which reads in part:

"Dear Mr. Adams:

When you called at the W. P. A. office in San Francisco recently, I was not in and your letter of January 28, addressing the State Administrator Frank Y. McLaughlin, was turned over to me. I have written to the Directors in California quoting the substance of your letter and citing the method worked out by Major Theron D. Weaver, in Los Angeles, to meet the situation you present. The replies received indicate full sympathy with your request, and I do not believe there will be any difficulty when workers want to be relieved from Saturday employment for religious reasons."

We were thankful for this and I believe in most cases the plan has worked to the satisfaction of our people.

#### Barbers' Sunday Law

On January 26, 1935, a Bill to amend certain sections of the California Barbers' Law was introduced into the Assembly creating a Barbers' Sunday law. It is known as A. B. No. 2292. The amendment reads: "In no case shall any barber work be done on Sundays or on the holidays hereinafter set forth."

Said bill was referred to the Assembly Judiciary Committee. When it was considered a large representation from the Barbers' Union, the Religious Liberty Association representatives, also a number of liberty loving legislators were present. A protest was made and a "one-day-in-seven" amendment was offered by the Religious Liberty representatives, which was accepted by the Barbers and the Judiciary Committee. That portion of the Barbers' Bill then read: "Section 23. It shall be unlawful . . .

(j) To operate or keep open any barber shop or college for more than six days in any one calendar week." This became law.

Later, the constitutionality of the law was challenged. It was tested in several low courts with conflicting decisions. It was finally appealed to the California Supreme Court, and on September 2, 1936, it was declared unconstitutional. The Court said: "We cannot escape the conclusion that a law which singles out a single profession or calling for regulation is *special legislation* and repugnant to Federal and State constitutions." The Barbers' Sunday law, in the form of "one-day-in-seven" became a dead letter. We may expect new bills along Sunday legislation during this legislature.

#### The Flag Salute

May a child or person be legally compelled to salute the American flag? The issue was focused by certain public school children in Sacramento, Selma, McFarland, Los Angeles, and other places refusing to salute the flag for religious reasons. I am glad to say that to my knowledge none of these children are Seventh-day Adventists.

This question has been agitated, argued, and decided by certain school boards, county and city superintendents, district attorneys, and a Superior judge of the State of California. But unfortunately these decisions do not agree. For instance, the Fresno County Superintendent "declared all children in Fresno County public schools *must salute the flag*."—*Fresno Bee and Republican*, Feb. 17, 1936. The Superintendent of Kern County is reported as saying he "could find *nothing* in the general school law to make it so."—*Fresno Bee and Republican*, Jan. 25, 1936.

The Los Angeles District Attorney says: "We have made a careful search of the Statutes of California, and we could find *no law* providing for punishment by fine," etc.—*Los Angeles Illustrated Daily News*, Mar. 26, 1936.

The *Sacramento Union*, Aug. 21, 1936, declares "that Superior Judge Shields has ruled that there is *no law* compelling her (school girl) to give the flag salute or giving the school authorities the right to force her to do so."

This is only a part of the agitation and I suppose before it is settled in California it will reach the Supreme Court. However, let me say that I am glad Seventh-day Adventists are not involved in this controversy. We honor the American flag for the two great principles for which it stands; viz. "A church without a pope" and "a state without a king,"—Protestantism and Republicanism. We honor our flag, but we worship God. There is a vast difference between paying due honor and worship. I fail to see that the flag salute "involves in any way a compromise of Christian principles."

#### Local Sunday Laws

While there is no State Sunday law, there are a number of cities, towns, and municipalities now enforcing some form of a Sunday Closing Ordinance. These ordinances bear a similarity.

While certain labor organizations are clamoring for a Sunday rest day, yet the main efforts and arguments for Sunday ordinance is based on health. The

grocery stores and meat markets are especially interested in the health argument. Such ordinances forbid the sale of uncooked and uncured meats, also including fresh vegetables, fruits and canned goods.

The argument is that the health inspector is off duty on Sundays, hence no inspection, and bad foods may be sold. Therefore the health of the people is protected by Sunday laws. The question naturally arises, Should the food stores be closed other days than Sunday when they are not inspected? The facts are the health inspector makes his daily rounds but does not and cannot inspect every food store every day of the week.

For instance, the city of Fresno has one food inspector. He makes his full round of all the food stores about once a month. How about the sale of foods the days and days the food inspector does not make the inspection? The argument will not hold. It is not primarily a health measure. In every place, city or town where I have met this form of ordinance, to my knowledge, the Health Department in *no instance* introduced or in any way sponsored a Sunday health ordinance.

On this point the Los Angeles *Commercial Bulletin*, Aug. 14, 1936, says: "Los Angeles is not likely to see evening and Sunday restrictions of meat markets and under the guise of a *health regulation*."

The Fresno health Sunday Closing Ordinance, after much discussion in the City Council, was referred to the Health department for a recommendation. The following was adopted by said department:

"Resolved, That after due consideration of the public health situation we find no evidence of health violations that could or would be corrected by a Sunday and holiday closing of grocery and food stores; and be it further

"Resolved, That we do not deem the ordinance a health board problem."—*Fresno Bee and Republican*, Feb. 26, 1936. The ordinance was quickly killed when, with these resolutions, it was returned to the City Council. Other cities have had the same experience.

#### The Lodi Ordinance

A unique ordinance was passed in Lodi, California. It "requires that all food and general merchandise stores close one day each week, either Saturday or Sunday." The *Lodi News-Sentinel*, June 5, 1936, says:

"The ordinance was passed by the City Council at the request of the Lodi Business Men's Association, and after a referendum poll of Lodi voters had been taken." A temporary injunction against the city of Lodi to stop its enforcement was issued. The matter was filed with the San Joaquin County Clerk and Judge C. W. Miller, in Stockton, held that "the Lodi ordinance designating the hours during which stores may be kept open is constitutional."—*Sacramento Bee*, June 10, 1936. It was appealed to the Supreme Court of California.

#### Sunday Laws Foster Persecution

Take for example the enforcement of the Santa Barbara Sunday law, as published by the *Los Angeles Times*, Oct. 5, 1936.

It says: "A special policeman tried to buy some bread on Sunday in Santa Barbara, where it is illegal to sell any foodstuffs on Sunday.

"The grocer, a cripple in a tiny shop which is his only means of livelihood, refused.

"Persistent, the special policeman sent his wife, who begged with tears in her eyes, for a loaf of bread.

"The grocer, impressed by her pleas, finally gave in, sold her the bread.

"The special policeman thereupon arrested him."

This is a relic of the dark ages and should be repudiated by every true American.

#### Sunday Closing Editorial Comment

"The only basis upon which a man should observe Sunday or the Sabbath is on the ground of religious convictions, but religious convictions should never be made the basis for civil regulation. Every man has a natural right to work when he wants to work and as long as he wants to work, without any man's saying him nay."—*Covina Citizen*, Mar. 10, 1933.

#### Important Counsel

"A great crisis awaits the people of God. A crisis awaits the world. The most momentous struggle of all the ages is just before us."—*Vol. 5*, p. 711.

"Very soon our nation will attempt to enforce upon all, the observance of the first day of the week as a sacred day."—*Review and Herald*, Dec. 11, 1888. But, thank God, "There will be an army of steadfast believers who will stand as firm as a rock through the last test."—*Review and Herald*, Dec. 24, 1889.

"Shall we sit with folded hands, and do nothing in this crisis? God help us to arouse from the stupor that has hung over us for years."—*Review and Herald*, Dec. 18, 1888.

God "will open ways that the message of light may come to great men, to authors, and law-makers. They (God's watchmen) will have opportunities of which you do not dream, and some of them will boldly advocate the claims of God's downtrodden law."—*Review and Herald*, Dec. 24, 1888.

There will not only be rigid Sunday laws, but "there will be a law against the Sabbath of God's creation, and then it is that God will do a strange work in the earth."—*Review and Herald*, Mar. 9, 1886.

May the Lord help us to be found in our place clear through to the end.

W. M. ADAMS.

#### Northern California Conference

We bring to the delegates of this union conference session cordial greetings and Christian love from the 6,169 believers scattered over the 51,300 square miles of Northern California Conference territory, with its 1,288,087 population, and 83 churches and companies. We acknowledge with thanksgiving the manifold blessings which God has richly bestowed upon His people during the five years covered by this report.

During the period just closed this conference has been under the leadership of three presidents, Elders Morris Lukens, J. E. Fulton, and L. K. Dickson. We have been connected with the conference since last March and feel privileged to report good progress in all lines of the work since our last union session, only a portion of which can be mentioned in this brief report.

Our working force numbers in all lines of activity, 117 at the present time including colporteurs and teachers. As we think of those who have been with us we would pause in loving respect to Elder Morris Lukens, formerly president of the conference, whom God laid to rest from his faithful and efficient labors early in the period. Elder Lukens won a place close to the hearts of all the believers in Northern California by his strong and kindly leadership which was greatly blessed of God.

Another chosen one who has fallen at his post of duty and whom we hold in loving memory is our dear brother and fellow minister, Dr. Lucas Albert Reed, who less than one month ago was found

in his office accidentally overcome by the monoxide fumes of a gas heater which was found in a leaky condition. Dr. Reed leaves a host of friends both within and without the church who recognized in him a faithful, humble, earnest servant of Christ, a strong preacher and writer, and one upon whom God had bestowed an unusually keen intellect and the capabilities of a genius in many things.

#### Financial

During the four and three quarter years covered by this report, and through the faithfulness and cooperation of our believers and workers, a grand total of more than \$1,282,590.72 has been given to the work at home and abroad. Of this amount \$787,374.07 is tithe, \$470,866.37, mission offerings, and \$210,651.79, funds, not missions, raised for the maintenance of local church work. Our tithe has steadily gained year by year and in 1936 showed the unusual gain of \$28,025.62, reaching the high mark of \$35.09 per capita. This represents a gain of 13 per cent over 1935.

Our offerings for foreign missions have likewise gained year by year until in 1936 we reached the total of \$109,169.43, which was \$10,277.50 more than was raised in 1935 and amounted to a per capita gain of 35.8 cents, which is a two and one-half cents per capita gain over that of 1935. The Harvest Ingathering for 1936 was by far the largest of any year during the period, reaching a total of \$35,289.33, which was \$4,289.33 over our goal.

Our financial situation shows a betterment during 1936 of \$22,668.15, which brings our present worth to the satisfactory figure of \$65,327.35.

#### Membership

At the time of the reorganization of the conference, our total membership stood at 5,323. Today we have 6,169 believers, or a net gain in membership of 846. Seventeen hundred fifty-eight have been baptized and 215 have joined our churches on profession of faith, or a total evangelistic result of 1973, during the quadrennial period.

#### Sabbath Schools

Our Sabbath school work is strongly organized, and under the efficient leadership of Elder Eric B. Hare is showing good growth in all lines. In 1932 our Sabbath school offerings amounted to \$49,255.46, but because of the financial situation they dropped in 1933 to \$42,713.23. In 1936 they reached the high mark of \$51,323.76. Our Sabbath school membership figures also show a nice

### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA Church Officers Meeting

A church officers meeting will be held in the Turlock church Sunday, February 7, beginning at 8:30 a. m. All church officers in the Modesto and Merced districts are invited to be present.

T. L. COPELAND.

gain. In 1932 the average membership stood at 5123 and at the end of 1936, at 6172, a gain of over 1000. In 1932 with a total church membership of 5098 there were 1264 members not in the Sabbath school. Today, with a church membership of 6169, those members not joined in the Sabbath school only number 776.

#### Educational

Since the last union conference session our conference has maintained a strong educational program. Under the strong and faithful leadership of Prof. A. C. Nelson, ten new school buildings have been erected. There has been marked, constant improvement of facilities, equipment, and teacher qualifications. The average annual elementary and intermediate enrollment has been well over 800, while in our academies we have had an average enrollment of 350. \$16,500 has been raised by the schools of this conference for missions in Harvest Ingathering and Week of Sacrifice, which activities have brought in among our pupils, teachers, and students, a real missionary spirit which we all greatly appreciate. In order to strengthen the support and raise the standards of scholarship, several schools have been consolidated in district union schools and buses provided for transporting the students. We have an average of 30 elementary schools, with 50 teachers.

Closely connected with, and basic to all our educational endeavor, is the work of parents in pre-school education. This is being strongly promoted throughout the field, also under the leadership of our educational superintendent. We believe the word of the Spirit of prophecy which says: "In His wisdom the Lord has decreed that the family shall be the greatest of all educational agencies."—"Counsels to Teachers," p. 107. "The parents' work of education, instruction, and discipline underlies every other."—"Fundamentals of Christian Education," p. 69.

Several Mothers' societies have been organized and are functioning. With

the cooperation of the conference and Book and Bible House, we have been able to place from one to three sets of the Christian Home series of books in most of the churches. We feel that the great need of the Home Commission is a general awakening of leaders and laity to the basic importance of parenthood and the need of training for its sacred responsibilities. "If more attention were given to teaching parents how to form the habits and character of their children, a hundred-fold more good would result."—"Ministry of Healing," p. 352.

#### Missionary Volunteer

The work of the Missionary Volunteer Department, under the outstanding leadership of Elder E. B. Hare, has been very gratifying over the entire period. 1936 has been an unusual year in many ways in this work. In 1932 we had 45 societies throughout the field. This number has now grown to 55, while the membership has grown from 1136 to 2271. During the period there have been 721 baptisms among our youth, 528 have received Bible Year certificates, and 2625 have measured up to receiving the Reading Course certificates. From the individual reports of the young people we learn that a large program of missionary activity is going on throughout the field. This interest in the work of God is also manifested by the part our youth have taken in raising money and making personal donations for the cause of truth. During the period a total of \$41,143.15 has been raised by our youth for the work at home and abroad. The total Harvest Ingathering for the period amounted to \$29,058.02, and for 1936 alone amounted to \$6,248.09. The Week of Sacrifice offerings for the period amounted to \$2,908.50. We thank God for this fine work of our young people who are called of God to arise now and finish His work in the earth.

#### Home Missionary

Our Home Missionary Department is carried on under the enthusiastic and devoted leadership of Elder C. J. Ritchie, and is functioning strongly in all lines throughout our field. Especially has this been seen in the wonderful returns in Harvest Ingathering this past year which resulted in the highest amount ever gathered in this one conference, the final figure being \$35,289.33. This amount was a gain of \$4,817.86 over the previous year, and \$4,289.33 over the goal of \$31,000, and a gain over that raised in 1932 of \$9,188.97.

During the four and three-quarter year

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER RALLY

Huntington Park church  
2762 Clarendon Street  
Sabbath, February 6, at 3 p. m.  
*Inspiring music—Every youth welcome*  
THEME: 1937 Youth's Evangelism

period just closed, our people have given 203,311 Bible readings which represents the work of seven full-time Bible workers, and during 1937, 24 Bible Training classes were organized. Besides this there were given away 2,489,000 pages of literature and 60,000 tracts were distributed in the Radio-Tract combination program in 1935. In 1936, 32,000 special "Second Coming" *Signs of the Times* were distributed. There are 41 Dorcas societies active at the present time and two Penny-A-Dish cafeterias are being operated. The Oakland restaurant has served about 600,000 meals and given away nearly 4,000 articles of clothing, while the Sacramento Cafeteria has served 150,000 meals and distributed 20,000 articles of clothing.

Through the Missions Extension work, \$14,366.73 has been sent on to the mission fields. The grand total of funds sent on through the Harvest Ingathering and Missions Extension Fund reached \$165,214.28.

(To be continued next week)

## Important Notice

The Church Officers' Convention for the churches from Red Bluff to Redding will be held at the Lodi English church beginning Friday, February 5, at 7:30 p. m., and continuing to Sunday, February 7, 4:00 p. m.

This will be a very important meeting this year and every officer is urged to attend. Those invited at conference expense should write to Elder B. W. Brown, 517 E. Pine Street, Lodi, for accommodations.

## Rally for All Church Members

A great gathering of all the membership of the above churches is being called for Sabbath afternoon, February 6, 1937 at 2:30 p. m. at the High School Auditorium, Lodi.

A great program is to be launched at this meeting and every member who can, should make every effort to attend.

C. J. RITCHIE.

## Radio Hours

### RAYMOND CALES

KFBK, Sacramento, 1490 kilocycles  
4:00-4:30 p. m., Sunday

### C. DAVIDIAN

KEUB, Price, Utah, 1420 kilocycles  
11:00-11:15 a. m., Sunday, Wednesday  
(10:00 P. S. T.)

### C. R. GIBBS

KSFO, Oakland, 560 kilocycles  
9:15-9:45 a. m., Sunday

### A. B. HUENEGARDT

KXO, El Centro, 1500 kilocycles  
10:15-10:45 a. m., Sunday

### S. O. MARTIN

KIEM, Eureka, 1450 kilocycles  
9:30-9:45 a. m., Sunday  
"The Golden Morning" program

### C. S. NICOLAS

Spanish Program  
KFVD, Los Angeles, 1000 kilocycles  
7:15-7:30 a. m.,  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday

### H. M. S. RICHARDS

KMPC, Beverly Hills, 710 kilocycles  
5:00-5:30 p. m., daily except Wednesday  
KFOX, Long Beach, 1250 kilocycles  
10:15-10:45 p. m., Sunday  
Spanish Program  
KXO, El Centro, 1500 kilocycles  
10:45 a. m., Sunday  
5:30 p. m., Wednesday

### C. S. PROUT

KGU, Honolulu, T. H.  
11:00-12:00 a. m., Sunday  
(1:30-2:30 P. S. T.)

### SAGE BROTHERS

KYA, San Francisco, 1230 kilocycles  
8:30-8:45 a. m., Friday and Sabbath  
10:15-10:30 a. m., Sunday

### A. T. TREAT

KHBC, Hilo, Hawaii  
7:00-7:30 p. m., Sunday  
(9:30-10:00 P. S. T.)

### G. R. WEST

KRE, Berkeley, 1250 kilocycles  
1:00-1:45 p. m., Sunday

### "THE VOICE OF PROPHECY"

(H. M. S. Richards)

Sunday, 9:30-10:00 a. m.,  
Wednesday, 5:00-5:30 p. m.  
W6XAI, Bakersfield, 1550 kilocycles  
KXO, El Centro, 1500  
KHJ, Los Angeles, 900  
KDON, Monterey, 1210  
KGDM, Stockton, 1100  
KFXM, San Bernardino, 1210  
(Wednesday only)  
KGB, San Diego, 1330  
KFRC, San Francisco, 610  
KVOE, Santa Ana, 1500  
KDB, Santa Barbara, 1500

### HEALTH MAGAZINE

KFI, Los Angeles  
11:00 a. m., Tuesday

### C. A. ROBAINA

Spanish Program  
KXO, El Centro, 1500 kilocycles  
10:45 a. m., Sunday  
5:30 p. m., Wednesday

### C. R. WEBSTER

KSL, Salt Lake City, 1130 kilocycles  
10:30-10:45 p. m., Sunday  
(9:30-9:45 P. S. T.)

## ADVERTISEMENTS

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

**POSITION WANTED.**—A young man, 18 years of age, experienced in farm work, wants position. References. Non-Adventist but prefers a Christian home, if possible in Napa County. Address Roy Bomar, care Safeway Store, Millbrae, Calif. 27-2t

**MECHANIC** with Diesel knowledge. Capable of operating and maintaining portable, stationary, tractor or automobile engine; either Diesel or gasoline. Or will work in garage. Write to H. R. Young, Rt. 1, Box 81, Perris, Calif. 27-3t

**LONG DISTANCE MOVING** a specialty. New truck with special built furniture van. Your goods enclosed and protected from all elements. Also special attention given to local moving. Carl Carlsen, the mover, 3200 King St., Berkeley, Calif. Phone HUmboldt 3131. 27-3t

**FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.**—No reasonable offer refused. Two-acre bearing cherry orchard, grapes, and peach trees, Beaumont, Calif. Consider a small home in Oregon or Washington and cash difference. Property clear, no buildings. Write C. H. Castle 3250 Fraser Ave., Vancouver, B. C., Canada. 26-3t

**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY.**—Here is an opportunity for you to get into the automobile business, that perhaps will never come to you again. It is an agency in a good town with one of the fastest moving cars in the industry. Only moderate capital needed. Write or call 507 Holmes Ave., Ontario, Calif. 25-3t

**WANTED.**—A clean cut S. D. A. man with a desire to make more than an average wage. With the increase of business we are in need of another man who is willing to work and learn. Automobile selling. This will be a permanent, well-paid position for the right man. See Mr. Burton, with Fisher Motors, 219 West A St., Ontario, Calif. 25-3t

**WANTED.**—Lady of neat appearance. Prefer 20 to 35 years. Must be good cook. Steady job to right party. This is a lovely place. Have church privileges. No laundry. \$30 a month and board. Address Manager, 2920 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, Calif.

**ROOM WANTED.**—Seventh-day Adventist woman wishes a room, with cooking privileges. Must be in Tulare County. Send any information to M. H., Rt. A, Box 312, Woodlake, Calif. 28-2t

**FOR SALE.**—One acre land, good soil, family orchard. Ideal for chickens. Good well and barn. One block from S. D. A. church and school. In city limits of St. Helena. Just a few minutes' drive to Sanitarium and P. U. C. Write to Mrs. Helen Penner, 741 McCorkle Ave., St. Helena, Calif. 28-3t

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Oakland Central Church

**A Wonderful Paper**

Every year that passes impresses us anew with the effectiveness of the *Signs of the Times* as a soul-winner. As we go about the field visiting with our people, over and over again the experiences come regarding the powerful influence which this weekly journal has upon the hearts of those who do not know the truth.

I have been a reader of the *Signs of the Times* ever since I was a small boy, and never cease to be interested in the fine articles which it contains, and am constantly using it, personally, as a soul-winning agency, distributing it widely as opportunity offers.

In these days when the last prophecies of the Bible are being fulfilled so rapidly, and the dark clouds of trouble and distress are reaching out over the earth, we should be giving earnest attention to a wider circulation of this periodical. Men everywhere are asking the question, What do these things mean? and are more and more perplexed as the confusion of thought and leadership in the world, along religious lines, continues to grow. With such an instrument in our hands for the accomplishment of a speedy finishing work in giving this message to others, let us think in terms of sacrifice, as we build up the subscriptions and clubs for another year. This year, 1937, should be the greatest year in the circulation of the *Signs of the Times* which it has known in its history. If we are wide awake to the responsibility that God has placed upon us, and to the crying needs all around us for enlightenment concerning the hour through which we are passing, we will roll up this year a 100,000 circulation of the *Signs of the Times* each week.

I wish to urge our members to carefully consider greatly enlarging the circulation of the *Signs*. In no better way can we spread the truth among our neighbors than to place this periodical in their hands week by week. Let every church see to it that a regular club of *Signs* comes to the church every week, to be distributed among the members, that they may pass them on to their neighbors and friends. Pray for an enlarged circulation of this wonderful paper.

L. K. DICKSON.

**A Mighty Soul-Winning Factor**

Viewing thoughtfully present world conditions, we are forced to the conclusion that the boldness of man's transgression has become universally unparalleled. Professed religious leaders are tampering with the very fundamentals of the Word and law of God. The results are that thousands of people are losing faith in the Bible as the infallible and inspired Word of God, thus making shipwreck of their spiritual experience.

Standing face to face with this deplorable situation, the challenge of God to His children at this hour urges us to be channels of light, to arouse and awaken and to make use of every God-given agency for presenting to friends, neighbors, and people everywhere the blessed gospel truth given to the remnant church for the last days.

God has provided a multitude of ways whereby His children may send forth the warning and the winning message. Yet there is no method better adapted to the talent and opportunity of the laity generally than that of the ministry of the printed page, and no method more effective in results.

"Let every Seventh-day Adventist ask himself, 'What can I do to proclaim the third angel's message?' Christ came to this world to give this message to His servants to give to the churches. It is to be proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. How are we to give it? The distribution of literature is one means by which the message is to be proclaimed."—*Southern Watchman*, January 5, 1904.

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."—*Vol. 4*, p. 390.

A whole library of books could be written of the miracles accomplished by our literature in bringing people to search the Scriptures, and persuading them to come to Christ and be born again. Millions of people are being brought face to face with God's message for these last days by reading the printed page. As we come nearer the end of all things, our missionary efforts with the printed page should be greatly multiplied.

Our excellent pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times*, needs no introduction to our believers. During its more than 60 years of missionary service, it has been a mighty soul-winning factor

in the cause of God. It deserves a circulation far greater than its present subscription list. We believe that the united effort to reach a weekly circulation of 100,000 copies will meet with success.

In North America we have an army of nearly 160,000 believers. To every one of these God has given His work. We are all "laborers together with God." If each one would secure just one subscription to the *Signs* for 1937, we would far exceed the goal suggested by the publishing house. We have but a little while in which to carry on the work committed to our care before the work of God shall be finished in all the world. It is still day; "the night cometh when no man can work."

STEEN RASMUSSEN,  
Home Missionary Secretary,  
General Conference.

**Elder M. N. Campbell  
says:—**

"I am glad that a concerted effort is being put forth greatly to increase the circulation of the '*Signs of the Times*.' Thousands are rejoicing in the truth as a result of reading this journal. It is our premier missionary paper, and should have the widest possible circulation. The '*Signs of the Times*' presents to its readers each week a feast of the richest spiritual food drawn from God's word. It sets forth up-to-the-minute developments in the prophetic field. It is truly a watchman on the walls of Zion. Personally, I receive help and blessing from its pages. It is to be hoped that in the special effort now being put forth to widen its usefulness our people will do their best to co-operate."

M. N. Campbell,  
N. A. Div. Vice Pres. Gen. Conf. S. D. A.