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Molding the Minds of Our Children

How will we mold the minds of our children in our work of preparing them for translation? How can we obtain their salvation? When our mission is fulfilled and the judgment is closed, will their minds have been filled merely with some good material and some evil material? Will such a status be acceptable in the closing day of the investigative judgment that our children must face? Will God accept anyone whose mind and heart are divided?

The mind is the seat of the affections, the place where decisions for good or evil are made. In the school, in the home-life and in every daily activity, the mind will act in harmony with that with which it is filled. If it is filled with truth, righteousness, and purity, gained from a study of the Bible and kindred subjects, gained in a Christian home and in a Christian school, it will act for truth, righteousness, and purity when it is called upon to exercise its functions. God cannot accept a divided heart.

Let us note the testimony of the Scriptures concerning the mind:

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Phil. 2:5.

"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Matt. 22:37.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee." Isa 26:3.

"Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind." 1 Peter 4:1.

"Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." Rom. 12:2.

How important it is that, during every hour of the day, parents choose the right material in building the characters of their children! Characters are built in the establishment and maintenance of the family altar, in health reform, in dietetic reform, in Christian education, in recreation, in proper reading, in memorizing the Scriptures, in Christian music, in proper radio receptions, in keeping the law of God, in proper Sabbathkeeping, et cetera.

Please note also the special instruction concerning the mind that has come to us through the Spirit of prophecy for the times in which we live:

"As we near the close of time, the human mind is more readily affected by Satan's devices." Vol. 1, p. 293.

"Satan well knows that all whom he can lead to neglect prayer and the searching of the Scriptures, will be overcome by his attacks. Therefore he invents every possible device to engross the mind." "Great Controversy," p. 519.

"It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should take it point by point, and let the imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones." "Desire of Ages," p. 83.

"The mind controls the whole man. All our actions, good or bad, have their source in the mind. It is the mind that worships God, and allies us to heavenly beings. Yet many spend all their lives without becoming intelligent in regard to the *casket that contains this treasure*." "Fundamentals of Christian Education," p. 426.

"The powers of the mind are susceptible of high cultivation. It is the duty of mothers to cultivate their minds, and keep their hearts pure. They should improve every means within their reach for their intellectual and moral improve-

ment, that they may be qualified to improve the minds of the children." Id., p. 31.

"The Holy Spirit puts forth its highest energies to work in mind and heart." "Ministry of Healing," p. 159.

"Let mind and heart be stored with God's promises." Id., p. 486.

"The mind, the soul, is built up by that upon which it feeds; and it rests with us to determine upon what it shall be fed." "Education," p. 126.

"As a means of intellectual training, the Bible is more effective than any other book, or all other books combined. . . . No other study can impart such mental power as does the effort to grasp the stupendous truths of revelation. The mind thus brought in contact with the thoughts of the Infinite can not but expand and strengthen." Id., p. 124.

Let us place ourselves as silent witnesses at the bar of God where eternal justice and mercy are dealt out. Let us behold the work of Jesus as He calls your name, my name, and the names of our children, just before He finishes His work as our great High Priest in the heavenly sanctuary. That time is at hand. As you approach that hour the question is, what would you carry out in your children's training and character development that you are not now carrying out, if you had another opportunity? How sad it would be if Jesus were unable to confess the names of all our children as having conquered evil in the battle of life and that because of this, He could not accept them as heirs of eternal life! What will it mean to be shut out from God's presence!

Do we not discern that we must change our whole program if we would save our children? In the grand review, He must find us all as overcomers in deed and in truth in order to give us an overcomer's reward. We see so many children with-

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out a protection or shelter for the great day of God. They have been neglected. Their minds contemplate nothing but worldliness, pride, pleasure, impurity, infidelity, and many popular sins. God is not mocked. He cannot receive anyone into His Kingdom who is not a child of the King, washed in His blood and filled with His spirit. The first work of every parent and every Christian teacher should be to pray for the conversion of each of their children so their minds may be filled with spiritual things, fixed on the great reward and centered on Christ, the Saviour of all mankind. In that day, the eternal welfare of human beings is the only thing accounted of value. All earthly possessions will be swept away and accounted as nothing. Therefore, let us so order our lives, our homes, and our schools that Satan's purpose for the destruction of our children may be defeated. The heart of God is yearning for you that you may fill the minds of your children with things of eternal value and that you may labor and pray as faithful watchmen in uniting your prayers and entreaties with those of your Saviour who said: "I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children." Isa. 49:25.

Will you not awaken to your present opportunity? Mold the minds of your children by means of the things that will

Pacific Union College

Reported by Students of Journalism

Board Plans Improvements

At the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees held in Oakland, President W. I. Smith gave a resume of the achievements of faculty and students during the school year thus far. The successful Harvest Ingathering campaign, the excellent week of prayer, and the splendid response in the Week of Sacrifice gave evidence to the spirit of cooperation and earnestness of purpose on the part of all in obtaining and maintaining the objectives of our school.

The report given by the business manager compared favorably with that of the preceding year and revealed a sound financial condition. Among other items the following improvements were approved: A new garage and service station, another barn, a large lecture room to relieve the congestion in the science building, and an additional duplex cottage. The campus roads will also be resurfaced and walks will be provided to the new store.

Editor Visits College

Miss Lora E. Clement, editor of the *Youth's Instructor*, was a guest from Tuesday to Sunday. She spoke in chapel Wednesday and before various classes and student organizations during the week. Her talks to the composition classes were particularly timely, as the students are beginning to write articles for the 1940 *Instructor* Pen League.

Band Gives Concert

Last Saturday evening the college band gave its third concert of the school year. Under the direction of Prof. N. E. Paulin the band played before an audience of about 400 in the Golden Gate Academy auditorium, in Berkeley. A special feature was a chalk talk by William Steinbach, college press artist, assisted by Gilbert Bowen, Prof. Wilton Baldwin, principal of the academy, and the trombone quartet.

Students Conduct Meetings

Ministerial students are participating in several efforts. Among these are:

Francis Ruddle, Waldo Hesseltine, Harold Hare, and Robert Greiner who are taking charge of the church and Sabbath school services at Yountville.

Elden Chalmers and Richard Iwata are holding meetings at Calistoga.

Allen Sackett, Edward Broadbeck, Reuben Biloff, and Ivan Higgins are fostering an interest in Pope Valley, where the work has been difficult.

John Ewing, Edwin Burns, and Ernest Forbes conduct meetings weekly at Monticello.

A group from the sanitarium are taking charge of the work among the Spanish-speaking people of Yountville.

M. V. Officers Elected

The second-semester leader of the M. V. Society is Ivan Higgins. His assistants are Jack Powers and Miss Elaine Johnson; secretaries, Mrs. Truman Reed, Miss Louise Brines, and Miss Evelynne Wright. The bands also have new leaders: Medical missionary, Kenneth Ham; foreign missionary, John Cooks; colporteur, Fred Frakes; gospel workers, Edward Broadbeck; gospel music, Elmore McMurphy; correspondence, Alden Follett; and junior leadership, David Lin.

Registration Increases

At the opening of the second semester forty new students registered, bringing the enrollment up to 602, which is the largest in the history of the school. With 195 in Grainger Hall and 205 in Graf Hall, both dormitories are filled beyond their normal capacity. Adding to the cosmopolitan nature of our group two of these newcomers are from the Philippines, one from China, one from Mexico, one from South Africa, and one from Canada.

Home Organizations Elect Officers

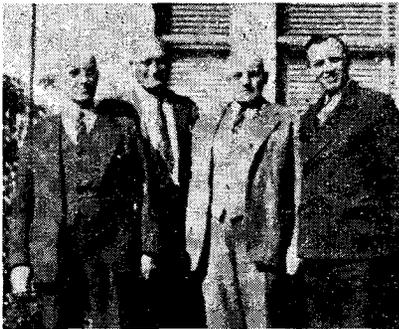
Organization of the Men of Grainger is completed with the recent election of the following officers: Kenneth Ham, president; Charles Martin, vice president; Harold Hare, secretary; Robert Greiner, treasurer; Clinton Emmerson, parliamentarian; and Lawrence Payne, sentinel. The club is concentrating its activities on preparation for the father-son banquet scheduled for Sunday evening, February 18.

Miss Elaine Johnson is the new president of the Women of Graf. Her associates in office are: Miss Patsy Wallace, vice president; Miss Jane Stockdale, secretary; Miss Lila Annesly, treasurer; and Miss Elaine Pellymouter, parliamentarian.

endure. They pass along life's highway but once. With all your might, sustained by divine grace, seize your golden hours to direct them toward their heavenly home where their sanctified minds may develop "through ages upon ages spent in contemplation of God's handiwork." No souls can be saved in heaven. Now is our opportunity to labor and pray as parents that must give account for our children's training and for their salvation.

H. G. LUCAS.

Doing Things



You have, doubtless, seen these leaders—E. F. Hackman, L. E. Biggs, J. D. Leslie, and Herbert Griffith—of the Southeastern California Conference before. They have been united during the past two years in carrying on a great book and magazine program in that conference. Surely, such successful leaders merit our attention, respect, and interest. The fruitage of their untiring labor of love and devotion to the cause of sacred books and papers will be seen and blessed by both angels and men throughout the ages of God's eternal kingdom.

Within the confines of five counties and approximately 750,000 people, phenomenal records have been made with our literature. During the first eleven months of 1938 orders for literature amounted to \$17,297. Of this amount \$7,808 was delivered. Through the first eleven months of 1939 the colporteurs took orders amounting to \$35,597 and delivered \$15,254 of that amount. Please observe that the gain in orders taken for the eleven-month period amounts to nearly 106 per cent. This gain is not only appreciated by us, but will surely have the benediction of the loving Saviour who has made such gains possible.

Look at the deliveries for a moment. That is really what counts, isn't it? Books to the value of \$7,808 were delivered the first eleven months of 1938.

Compare that amount with \$15,254 for the corresponding period of 1939—a 95 per cent gain. That is phenomenal, isn't it?

This little conference—from the standpoint of population—stands third from the top of all the 47 conferences of the North American Division. That is a unique record.

God has made this achievement possible through the earnest, enthusiastic and faithful leadership of these four brethren whose picture appears in connection with this report of our literature program in the Southeastern California Conference. Our prayer is that the work in every line may grow and prosper under the favor of God and the guiding hand of these men whom the Lord has made overseers of His work. E. M. FISHELL.

Every Sunday
8:30 a.m.; 9:15 p.m. (P.S.T.)
MUTUAL SYSTEM

Mailing Address, Box 55, Los Angeles

Date Jan. 20, 1940
Monthly Sustaining Members 672
Amount Pledged \$805.00

Change of Time on KFRC

In the future the Voice of Prophecy evening program will be delivered without transcription over the San Francisco Station K F R C at 9:15 instead of 9:30. This will give us a much larger listening audience from the Bay area, as our program will follow the 9:00 o'clock Newspaper of the Air that is so popular in Radioland.

Excerpts

"Dear Voice of Prophecy:

"I am still enjoying and benefiting from your wonderful radio programs. Up until six months ago I was an awful sinner, was a drunkard and heavy smoker; but when I got down on my knees and asked Jesus to forgive me, He took me in, a wretched sinner that I was. I have been gloriously delivered from the smoke and drink habits. How I do thank God for His great mercy and wonderful deliverance. May your messages of sermon and song continue to bring deliverance and salvation to poor sinners in these perilous times, is my prayer."

"Dear Voice of Prophecy:

"You will find my Sustaining Membership offering enclosed. The Voice of Prophecy radio ministry is very definitely, to my mind, the most effective means of giving the third angel's message. Souls are being reached in the remote places of earth that perhaps could not be reached otherwise. I verily believe that the Lord introduced radio for the purpose of cutting His work short in righteousness."

"Dear Voice of Prophecy:

"It gives me pleasure to enclose a contribution for the Lord's radio work. I have been reclaimed to the truth through the Voice of Prophecy radio messages. I had wandered far from God, but am now rejoicing in the truth again. Pray that I may never backslide again."

"Dear Voice of Prophecy:

"You will find my contribution enclosed for your radio broadcast expense. My heart and soul are in the Voice of Prophecy radio work. I can never forget what your programs have done for me spiritually. It was through the messages of God given through your radio programs that I accepted the truth. I am praying that many more souls may be led to accept God's message through your radio programs."

"Dear Voice of Prophecy:

"Will you send me the last two printed sermons you offered over the air. What about the Sabbath? Do you believe in the seventh-day Sabbath, or has it been nailed to the cross as is taught by most churches? I listen every Sunday evening to your program and am searching for the truth."

Spirit of Prophecy
Reading Program

Assignments for Sixth Week, Feb. 4-10
Volume: "The Great Controversy"
"Luther's Separation From Rome" pp. 120-144

- Feb. 4—G. C. 120-123
- Feb. 5—G. C. 123-126
- Feb. 6—G. C. 126-129
- Feb. 7—G. C. 129-133
- Feb. 8—G. C. 133-137
- Feb. 9—G. C. 137-140
- Feb. 10—G. C. 140-144

"At Wittenberg a light was kindled whose rays should extend to the uttermost parts of the earth, and which was to increase in brightness to the close of time."—G. C. 126.



Union Colporteur Institute

This group picture of a few of our carefully selected evangelistic colporteurs working in the Pacific Union, speaks more eloquently of their achievements than any tribute. Pictured among the ministers of the printed page are Elder E. E. Franklin of the General Conference, the "Voice of Prophecy" workers, and two or three of our local conference presidents.

We were glad to have with us at different times some of our good conference presidents and other faithful workers who came to help and promote in various ways the circulation of the printed page. In addition to the substantial assistance of the conference workers, excellent help was furnished by our Pacific Press Branch manager, E. W. Everest, and by Brother J. R. Ferren and his associate, Brother William Miller of the Periodical Department of the Press. Elder E. F. Hackman, president of the Southeastern California Conference, ably addressed the colporteurs and young people of the Sanitarium church Friday evening. He brought out the importance of a life fully surrendered to Christ and this last message of mercy to lost mankind.

Sunday morning Elder David Voth, president of the Southern California Conference, gave an earnest devotional study, appreciated by the entire group. The assembly was also cheered by the presence of Elder C. E. Andross the president of the Arizona Conference. Elder T. L. Copeland, president of the Central California Conference, joined us for a short time also.

All were inspired by the unique help Mr. J. S. Knox, noted lecturer and writer of Chicago, brought to the workers the opening evening of the institute. Wednesday evening another thrill was brought to our colporteurs and their leaders when Elder E. T. Seat spoke on his own experiences as a student colporteur.

We are sorry that Elder Glenn Calkins of the Pacific Union, Elder L. K. Dickson of the Northern California Conference, and Elder C. R. Webster of the Nevada-Utah Conference were unable to attend the meeting because of other appointments. We were happy however, to have Elder C. L. Bauer of the union with us for a short time. Brother Bauer loves the colporteurs, and the workers were made glad by the message he brought them.

To give the readers of the RECORDER a better idea of the favorable impression made by the institute, I will let some of our field secretaries express themselves.

Field Missionary Secretary D. V. Pond of Arizona writes: "I want to say a word about our union colporteur institute that just closed in Glendale. Some of my veteran colporteurs have told me that they received the finest help through this union institute that they ever received, and that they thoroughly enjoyed it. They gathered much courage, inspiration, information, and many new and fresh ideas through the opportunity of associating day by day with successful colporteur evangelists from other parts of the union. These opportunities, of course,

are completely lost in a local institute. I hope, and I am sure my workers are with me, that the union institute plan can be continued each year as there are not only the above mentioned advantages but many more."

We keenly regret that Field Missionary Secretary O. A. Bowen of Hawaii and his sturdy group of workers were unable (by reason of a great expanse of water) to attend our union institute. He writes, however, of their plans for 1940: "If wishes could come true, our wish above all else is found in our motto for 1940, 'Searching for more souls of Thine, we'll beat '39.' Our field has delivered \$1.08 worth of literature for every hour spent in the field, while we have taken orders amounting to \$1.50 for every hour of canvassing. If you will compare our time and orders, or deliveries with other fields of the union, I believe you will find that we lead them all. We have also delivered 71.8% of all orders taken." These figures portray a remarkable literature program in Hawaii under the able leadership of Secretary Bowen.

Field Missionary Secretary A. J. Werner of Nevada-Utah conveys his impression of the union colporteur institute thus: "The most outstanding feature of the union institute to my mind was the very helpful canvasses given by the colporteurs. I believe if we can in future institutes give our experienced men such opportunities it will be an encouragement to them and be of real value to fellow colporteurs. And, then, too, I shall always remember Mr. Knox's lecture and

the very fine inspirational meetings each morning. We shall do our best to bring about a month to month increase in our deliveries for 1940."

Field Missionary Secretary J. D. Leslie gives this interesting personal reaction to the union institute: "In many ways this was different to any other institute I have ever been privileged to attend. Every colporteur that had anything to say about it said it had been a greater help than any institute ever attended. These workers especially appreciated the round-table discussions that in a special way characterized this meeting. Also, the experiences and selling points brought out by our successful men from the different conferences were beneficial. I believe we are going to see some real sales during this year. Truly it is time to work as we have never worked before."

Field Missionary Secretary F. C. Denney of Central California writes: "I want to say that I consider the union institute just held at Glendale one of the finest colporteur conventions I have ever attended. I was especially impressed with the fact that there was a large group of truly successful colporteurs in attendance, and it seemed to me that all who attended were of the highest caliber to be found anywhere."

Elder E. E. Franklin from the Publishing Department of the General Conference led in the instruction periods and round-table topics. He performed an acceptable job, indeed. We hope that another year we may be permitted to call together not less than one hundred experienced colporteurs and that Brother Franklin can return to give us some more helpful instruction such as he so ably gave at this recent union meeting.

The hour has struck for a mighty advance in literature circulation. Hundreds of our people should be at it with all their strength. Pray for our colporteurs that they may go forward with great success.

E. M. FISHELL.

How You Can Use "Our Little Friend" in 1940

(By Those Who Are Using It)

In Branch Sabbath Schools

"The *Little Friends* are a wonderful help in getting our branch Sabbath schools started. Indeed, we would not know how to go about the work among the non-Adventist families without these little papers. They open the way so

nicely as we contact the mothers and the children in their homes."

"We now have thirty-six in our branch Sabbath school. It is organized as a club—The Junior Friends Club. Our pastor and one of our lay evangelists are helping us each week. We could use more *Little Friends*. How the boys and girls love the little paper! And it is impressing their parents, too."

To Make Friends

"*Our Little Friend* has been a great help in breaking down prejudice in this community. It is read by parents with as much interest as the children show. The boys and girls often stop me on the street and ask for another copy."

For Investment Money

"Two of our Junior girls make up *Little Friend* booklets and sell them for 25 cents each. These girls take ten or a dozen *Little Friends* and bind them neatly with a pretty ribbon. The two flexible cardboard covers are pasted over with colored pictures clipped from magazines. The title *Our Little Friend* is made of colored paper and neatly pasted on the cover. No doubt many other Junior girls could be enlisted in such work"

To Cheer Sick Children:

"The head nurse of a children's hospital told one of our church school teachers that *Our Little Friend* is the best children's paper coming to her institution. In every city there are hospitals with children's wards, and our boys and girls should be encouraged to supply the sick and crippled children with our little paper."

With Friends in Other Churches:

"Although we all attend the Methodist church, I do wish our denomination would publish such a worthy paper as *Our Little Friend*. Our little daughter Ruth loves the paper and her father thinks the Bible lessons are very fine. We want your paper to keep coming regularly to our home."

To Start New Sabbath Schools

"In one of our southern cities *Our Little Friend* was a leading factor in first interesting the present believers and starting a Sabbath school. Then came in the evangelistic meetings and the organization of the company."

In General Missionary Work:

"Many of our adult members want the *Little Friends* to use along with the *Signs, Present Truth*, and other literature. They find the little paper very helpful in contracting homes where there are

children. There are many families in our faith today because of the influence of the little paper."

For Our Own Children:

Needless to say, every Adventist family with children should have *Our Little Friend*. Will not our Sabbath school officers check frequently to make sure that this is so? Nothing is more important. *Our Little Friend* in clubs of five or more to one address costs only 90 cents a copy a year. Copies may be added to the club at this rate at any time. In single subscriptions the cost is only \$1.00 a year. After your own children are provided, think of the wonderful work *Our Little Friend* will do for the children round about you, and in making friends with the parents. A club of *Our Little Friend* for use in your Branch Sabbath school and in general missionary work will prove one of the best missionary investments you can make. Write us your experience.

YOUR SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

"Aids and Devices for Sabbath School Departments"

The above named portfolio consists of over fifty devices and pictures printed in hectograph ink. As high as one hundred duplicates can be made from each picture on the hectograph. The portfolio contains attendance, memory verse, and offering devices; absentee and birthday card patterns; "on time" and reward badges; designs for bookmarks, offering envelopes, scripture cards, etc.; attractive pictures for teaching helpful lessons to children; and many other designs. The price of the portfolio is 75 cents, but for a limited time it may be obtained for 60 cents postpaid.

Dupli-Craft Kits

These kits are being used in many Sabbath schools and are just the help children's leaders have been looking for. On these sets one can reproduce pictures, writing, or typing in many colors in one operation. From 50 to 100 duplicates can be run from any copy that is made with the pencils or ink which come with the set.

Kit No. 3D contains a 9 x 12 inch hectograph; red, green, and blue hectograph pencils; one bottle purple hectograph ink; sponge; and the above described portfolio. Regular price \$3.50. Special to readers of the RECORDER \$2.90 postpaid.

The deluxe Dupli-Craft Kit No. 50 is in an attractive wooden box with a legal

size 9 x 13 inch speed hectograph; red, green, blue, yellow, and purple hectograph pencils; red, green and purple hectograph ink; 6 sheets hectograph carbon paper assorted colors; margin guide; clamp; and sponge. (The carbon paper can be used for typewriter use or for tracing pictures.) Regular price \$5.00. Special \$4.20. Aids and devices with this set 50 cents extra.

Dupli-Craft Kits for Missionary Volunteer Work

These kits are a great help for Missionary Volunteer societies in making bulletins, notices, programs, music, badges, etc. They are also used for making invitations, game directions, and other material used in M. V. social gatherings. Kit 3D may be obtained without the Sabbath school portfolio for \$2.50 post-paid. The deluxe kit makes an ideal set for an M. V. Society.

Order from the Dupli-Craft Company, Mountain View, Calif.

Pagan Tribes Reached in the Philippines

The Philippines is the only Christian country in the Orient. But in it there are also several Moro tribes who are followers of Islam. A great work remains to be done for these warlike peoples for whom Christ died. There are also many pagan tribes. They live in the mountains and in out-of-the-way places, preferring the free, wild life. They are children of nature. The civilized, Christian Filipinos are very anxious that the progressive, democratic Commonwealth be not judged by the backward peoples.

Many of the pagans have been civilized and Christianized. They are transformed. Recently I met one of the most capable super-foremen in the Davao Gold mine. He is an Igorot from central Luzon. His wife weaves beautiful, colorful cloth. He recognized the picture of our Igorot nurse working near his former home. He said he knew the man, and gave me a fine Harvest Ingathering gift, much better than many well-to-do people had done.

A few days ago I baptized a former school teacher, an intelligent man, his wife, and two daughters. The wife is a member of the Mansaka tribe. I am told that *Man* means people and *saka* means mountain, though I have not verified this. *Saka* means slope in Japanese. We are thankful that this intelligent woman is now with the people of God.

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

L. K. DICKSON, Pres. R. G. LEWIS, SEC.
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537 25th St., Oakland, Calif.

Don't Throw Away That Can!

"Mother, don't throw away that can!"

"What can, son?"

"Isn't that a Nuteena can, mother?"

"Yes, but it's empty."

"Yes, but mother, I want the label."

"The label! What can you do with that?"

"Take it to Sabbath school."

"To Sabbath school, of all things!"

"But it's for Investment, mother. You see when we get 200 of them we can get a dollar for Investment."

"Well it will take us a long time to eat 200 cans of Nuteena."

"But, mother, it's not only Nuteena, it's all their foods. Ruskets, and Oven-cooked Wheat, and—"

"Say! What an idea. Really, that's splendid. Well, you can have the Ruskets box top in a day or two, and—"

"Oh, mother, isn't that great, and I do like Ruskets. I always have, but they taste even better than ever now that I can save the box top for Investment."

And he is right. They do taste better; all the foods do, since the Loma Linda Food Company made their startling offer to redeem all their box tops and labels for Sabbath School Investment funds.

ERIC B. HARE.

Book Talk

"Animal Neighbors of the Countryside" was written by Joseph Wharton Lippincott. This book was written essentially for young people, and will enchant all who read it. It not only tells about the wild animals, the birds, the turtles, frogs, and lesser creatures which are around us as country neighbors, but is filled with anecdotes of the author's unique, personal experiences in searching for them and learning their habits. This book unfolds a new world to the reader and discovers to him the infinite number and variety of elusive wild folk which fairly swarm in the smallest garden or the largest country estate. After reading it, every day spent in the country will be enriched and filled with new adventures and new rewards for those who want to see more than just water in the pond and river, or more than grass in the meadows and bare trees in the woods. Contains 269 pages with 45 illustrations. The price is \$2.50 and the book may be ordered

through your church missionary secretary or from the Book and Bible House.

"In The Land of the Aztecs," is a new book by C. E. Wood. The conquest of Mexico will ever be a thrilling story of interest, and men will continue to marvel that a very small force of men could conquer such an empire. History furnishes us much fascinating information concerning the Aztecs and their strange customs. But the principal purpose of the author was to present a history of our own pioneer workers, who, by their lives of consecration, heroism, and sacrifice, have carried the third angel's message into the land of the Aztecs. The story of how these missionaries have traveled in bandit-infested territory, in spite of revolutions, earthquakes, and great difficulties, is one that both young and old will read with undiminished interest from start to finish. The book contains 192 pages and many striking illustrations. This book also can be ordered from your Book and Bible House.

W. W. WEST.

Coming M. V. Convention

Elder F. G. Ashbaugh has arranged to be with us for the following series of Missionary Volunteer Conventions:

Redding church	Feb. 7
Chico church	Feb. 8
Sacramento church	Feb. 9
Lodi German church	Feb. 10
Yuba City church	Feb. 11
Napa church	Feb. 12
Sebastopol church	Feb. 13
Oakland Central church	Feb. 14

Each meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

ERIC B. HARE.

Tramp Tramp Tramp

"Company, attention!" And seventy-two pairs of heels clicked together.

"Dress right—dress!" And seventy-two arms shot up to the shoulder of the man to the left, while heads turned right.

"Ready—front!" Arms dropped to the sides, and,—but you would be proud of the East-bay Medical Cadet Corps if you could see us on parade.

"Say, what is the outfit?" Asked an Army chaplain who happened to pass by as we were going through our maneuvers. We explained briefly our hopes of being able to offer Uncle Sam something in non-combatant service if ever the draft should call us, instead of having to be called yellow if we were unprepared.

"Splendid," he replied, "how long have you fellows been drilling?"

"About three or four months."

"Is that all! Why they are doing marvelously well. How long is your course?"

"Five hours every week for nine months." I replied.

"Why man that's marvelous. I've never heard of anything like it. That is more than the fellows get in the Army itself. Do you have to pay these boys much?"

"Pay?" I asked in surprise. "These boys have to pay \$25 each, and give their time. We have four class periods and two hours' drill each Sunday afternoon."

"Wonderful! Wonderful! What splendid men! What splendid men!" And he was still saying it as he shook hands and turned away.

If you happen to be driving by the big parking lot to the west of the Oakland Auditorium between 2:30 and 4:30 some Sunday afternoon, stop a minute to inspect us.

ERIC B. HARE,

Chaplain East-bay Medical Cadet Corps.

Loma Linda Food Company

The Loma Linda Food Company is conducting a special food campaign among the churches in the Northern California Conference during the months of January and February. The purpose of these campaigns has been to acquaint more of our people with the foods produced by our own food company, and at the same time give financial assistance to our local churches and church schools.

We are happy to report that on the last two campaigns conducted in this union conference we passed back to the local churches for local projects and schools, between \$6,000 and \$7,000. This has been a great help to many of our churches and schools.

The writer and Professor Porter, educational secretary of Northern California Conference, are meeting with a number of the churches in this field giving a report and showing moving pictures of our food work in Australia and La Sierra. Professor Porter is showing pictures of the Junior Camps conducted last summer at Wawona and Lassen National Park, also some beautiful pictures of Yosemite. The meetings thus far have been well attended and the response has been enthusiastic.

Our itinerary in the month of February takes us up in the Eureka and Redding district, thereby covering practically all of the field. We cordially invite all of our people to attend the meeting in their districts, further we urge that you have a part in the church campaign. If

you have never tried any of these good foods see your local church solicitor and place an order before the campaign closes and most of all, save your box tops and labels for Sabbath School Investment, see details in another item in this paper by Elder Hare.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed the food work the past year and a half and we trust that all of our people will remember the food work in their prayers, that the work will accomplish its purpose, not only in teaching the gospel of healthful living, but also make it possible for more of our boys and girls to receive a Christian education. H. A. YOUNG.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

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Dinuba Campaign

Twenty-five have been baptized as a result of the Dinuba meetings. We have many more that are studying and are in the valley of decision.

It seems that neither rain nor fog can keep the good people of Dinuba away from the meetings, for our attendance has been remarkably good for a city of this size. From 250 to 600 have been coming and we are now in the eighth week of meetings. Pray for us that God will bring many more into this message.

DON H. SPILLMAN.

LEWIS E. LYMAN.

District Number Eleven

December 30, 1939, two men and two women were baptized in Merced. Three of these united with the Merced church and one joined Dos Palos. One woman had waited about fifteen years for the privilege of baptism and another about seven years. We are happy to have them join us in this movement. There are others who plan to be baptized in the near future.

Sister Myrtle McClusky is still doing lay Bible work in and around Merced, with much interest shown in her work. We appreciate this help, and that of other members of that church.

A Sunday school has been started in the Dixieland schoolhouse about 12 miles from Chowchilla. Miss Maxine Kochenderfer, one of the teachers of the Chowchilla church school, and other members of the Chowchilla church are in charge. They are thrilled with the results to date. We are hoping that Sun-

day night meetings can be conducted by laymembers.

We were happy to have Brother F. T. Oakes with us January 1. He spent the time with Elder Brown auditing books for the church treasurers. We appreciate his timely boost and his counsel. We also appreciate the work of our faithful treasurers.

Beginning with the first day of January of this year the newly elected church officers took their places in the church organization. We thank the outgoing officers for their faithful service, and wish the new workers much of the blessing of God.

Fresno Silver Dome Effort

Meetings at the Silver Dome Bible Auditorium opened January 21 with every available seat taken and many standing as Elder D. R. Schierman, Fresno district leader, preached on the subject "Is Civilization Facing a Crash?" Well over one-third of the 600 present were those not of our faith. Meetings during the week have been equally well attended, and many have expressed their appreciation of the earnest messages presented. With the Lord's blessing a large number should hear the truth and accept of it during this campaign.

Music for the effort is furnished by a 35-voice choir and a 12-piece orchestra. Much favorable comment on the choir music has been received from those who have never before attended Adventist meetings. We greatly appreciate the hearty cooperation each member of the Fresno church is giving to the effort.

Assisting Elder Schierman and the writer is Miss Anne Caton, Bible worker. In addition, Elder Schierman has enrolled about 30 church members to aid in giving Bible studies. Many of these have had considerable experience and it is believed will be able to accomplish much good under the Lord's blessing.

We were fortunate to secure a very favorable site for the auditorium. It is located on Blackstone Avenue, one of the main thoroughfares of the city, and just two blocks from Divisadero Street, another much-traveled avenue. During erection of the structure, people continually inquired about the use of the building. Two teachers from a near-by high school brought their classes over to inspect and study the arch construction. Thus its unique appearance proved also to be good advertising.

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If ever the world needed a message straight from heaven, it is now.

Confused, distraught, perplexed, terrified, it yearns and clamors for definite direction, for some genuine word of hope, for some confident assurance for the future.

Like men in a maze, desperate to find the exit, and becoming more agitated and fearful every minute, people of every nation, surrounded by the chaos of a collapsing civilization, stunned by multiplying tragedies, and overborne with many fears, appeal for deliverance.

They are demanding an explanation of it all. They are crying out for some measure of consolation for their aching hearts. That is why business booms for astrologers, psychics, mediums, and necromancers of every sort. That is why anybody who starts some new religion, or who offers some new political panacea, however worthless, is sure of a following.

Never were the banks of Bethesda's pools so crowded with anxious, disconsolate souls, waiting for the troubling of the waters, waiting for the angel to come.

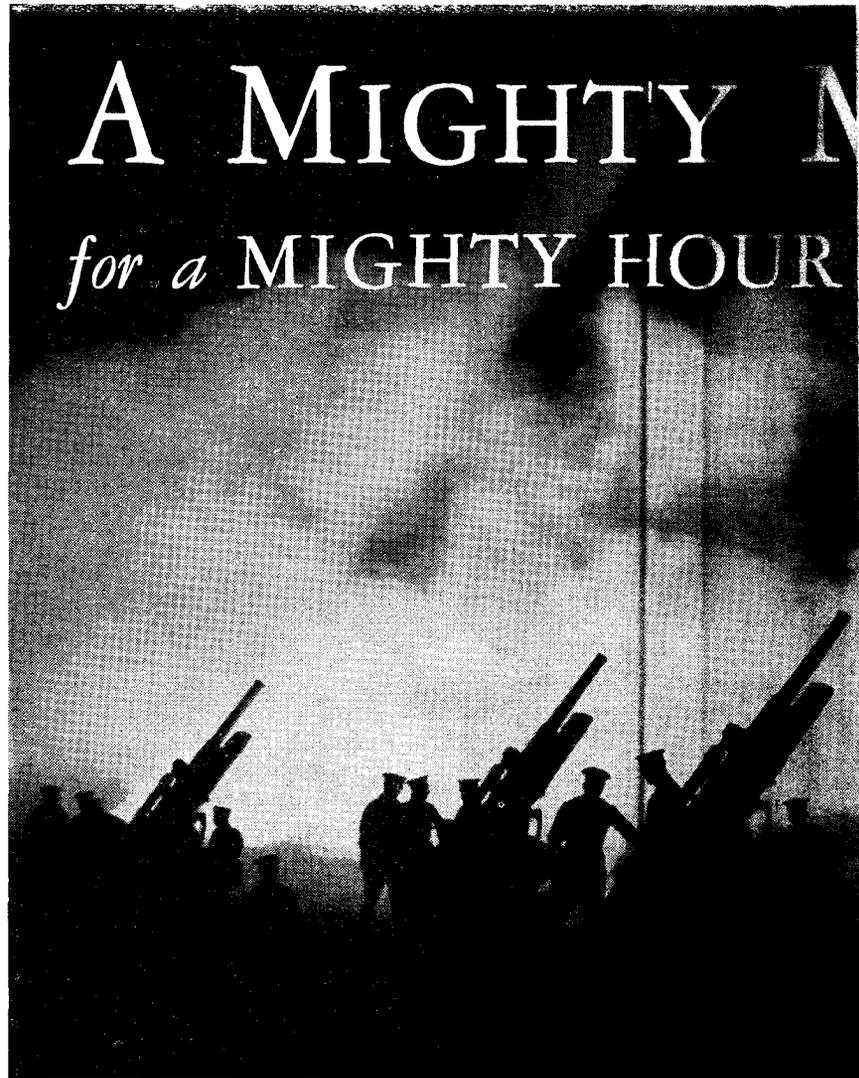
What an hour in which to preach the last great, saving message of God! What an hour in which to proclaim with ringing certainty the glad tidings of the returning Christ!

This is indeed no time for feeble repetition of pious platitudes. This is no time for dull recital of outworn theories. This is no time for interminable regurgitation of wearisome quotations.

The earthquake is upon us! The earth rocks under us! The fire roars about us! The whirlwind from the ends of the earth envelops us!

If ever the ministry should preach with passionate eloquence, it is now.

If ever our literature should speak with a voice of thunder, it is now.



For this is the great day of God. This is the hour of His judgment.

This is the beginning of the time of trouble, the midnight hour before eternity's dawn.

Today the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree that "bringeth not forth good fruit" is to be hewn down and cast into the fire. Already the trees are falling. The day of opportunity for many has already passed. Dynasties, governments, nations, institutions, churches, individuals, have crashed and are crashing. The ax is laid. The hewing is proceeding. The judgment is on.

God help us to understand the

times and to know what Israel ought to do! God help us to rise to this tremendous occasion, and play the part He has planned for us with the zeal and earnestness that such an hour demands.

Nothing but a mighty message, flaming forth from souls afire for God, will satisfy Heaven in this colossal climax of history.

In an hour of crisis long ago a voice was heard "crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

John the Baptist was a voice, not an echo.

Oh, for more voices today, and fewer echoes! Voices crying in the

MESSAGE

THUR S. MAXWELL



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wilderness of these troubled and turbulent times. Voices speaking with power and conviction. Voices speaking with authority, knowing the mind of the Lord.

From every Adventist pulpit, whether in church, mission, tabernacle, or publishing house, such voices should be sounding now. Every subsidiary interest should be subordinated to this one supreme, essential purpose of proclaiming God's mighty message for this mighty hour.

To this very task the *Signs of the Times* is dedicated. The *Signs* is one of God's voices crying in the wilderness. It is the voice of the advent peo-

ple to the great non-adventist world around us. It is a voice that speaks to ninety thousand people every week, or, if families are included, to nearly half a million. It is a voice that can, with a little more effort, and a little more sacrifice, be magnified to speak to twice that number, to three times that number—in fact, to the whole English-speaking world.

It is our hope that during 1940, the *Signs of the Times* will speak with a voice of certainty, with convincing and converting power, to an ever-widening audience.

It is our prayer that it will speak such words of consolation and hope as to bring peace and courage to a multitude of troubled hearts.

It is our purpose that it shall cry out with holy boldness against the sins of this evil and adulterous generation.

It is our intention that it shall be the fearless champion of every noble cause for which the church of God has stood through the centuries, and for every worthy enterprise upon which it may embark today.

Occupying the unique, strategic position that it does, being the only weekly representative and interpreter of Adventist thought to the outside world, the *Signs of the Times*, in such an hour as this, should reach the peak of its power as a soul-winning messenger of the Lord. In our opinion, only the best is good enough for its columns. The best writers, the best articles, the best subjects, the best titles, the best pictures, the best of everything. We may not always reach this ideal; but it is constantly before us, beckoning us on to greater endeavors.

To this end arrangements have been made with men of experience, men our people trust, to give us the very best help of which they are capable. A glance at the year's program

will give some faint idea of the heartiness of the response. W. A. Spicer has promised a dozen articles on "Certainty in an Uncertain World," already running in the new volume. Carlyle B. Haynes is planning to write in every issue, covering every important phase of our message. Roy F. Cottrell has prepared a fine series on the prophecies of the Bible, with others to follow. Benjamin Franklin Allen is already giving us the best of his extensive investigations into the proofs of the Flood. Devotional subjects of unusual helpfulness will be dealt with by such widely appreciated writers as Leonora Lacey Warriner, Agnes Lewis Caviness, Mary J. Vine, and Martha Warner. A strong evangelistic note will be struck by J. L. Tucker, R. A. Anderson, J. C. Stevens, and F. C. Carrier. From all parts of the world our missionaries will send descriptions of their experiences on the battle fronts of truth.

Space forbids our going into further detail. We have touched in the most fragmentary way upon what is coming. Suffice it to say that in 1940, please God, our great missionary journal will speak with a voice more clear and confident, more powerful and inspiring, than ever before.

And all we ask of you, dear reader, is that in the great *Signs* campaign this year you will help to the limit to make this voice as widely heard as possible. Make it heard in the business houses of your city, in your lending libraries, in your state legislature, in your neighbors' homes. Let your local ministers hear it, your policemen, your judges, your soldiers and sailors and airmen. Magnify the voice till it is heard from coast to coast, from Hudson Bay to Mexico, crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord"!

For it is a voice filled with a mighty message for a mighty hour.

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The tabernacle company solicits your earnest prayers that the honest-in-heart in Fresno may be reached during this effort.

KENNETH H. WOOD.

Elder H. E. Baasch writes, "I am still holding the effort here in Fresno; we started it the end of October and have developed some new interest. There are four new Sabbathkeepers so far—two men and two women. Then there are two other families which I have good reason to believe will eventually join us, and one man. . . ."

"Last year I baptized 19 souls. With God's help I hope to baptize more this year. I am planning to hold some meetings in Cutler as soon as the effort in Fresno is finished."

San Jose District

We have accepted a call to connect with the Northern California Conference, at Stockton, and wish to give a report of the year's work at San Jose, where we have labored for the last four years.

To start the year, we concluded an effort at Gilroy, where the Lord blessed us with some precious fruit. At the conclusion of the effort there was a real need for a house of worship, for the membership had grown to about forty-five. The church at Morgan Hill decided to unite with the Gilroy church. We wrecked the building at Morgan Hill and rebuilt at Gilroy. The result is a neat, commodious building, well-equipped, and all bills but one are paid. We still owe a small balance on the furnace. We are grateful for the building and that it is so nearly ready for dedication.

In September an effort was started in Los Gatos, with the help of Brother and Sister L. E. Lyman, and Sister Baldwin as Bible worker. Our efforts were blessed with more fruitage, part of which was the result of a laymen's effort. Sixteen were baptized in December and added to the churches of the district. All told, there were thirty-eight baptized and added to the churches during the year.

The church school is being carried forward in a strong way. Our teachers are Brother and Sister Roy Lessard. The pupils from Los Gatos now attend the school at San Jose, which, with less cost to the former, provides a better grade of work. We feel that our educational work has been materially strengthened.

We believe the spiritual tone of the work in the district has been bettered,

and that now an effort will be productive of much good. We pray God's blessing on the work at San Jose.

As we leave our many friends, we feel that God will provide better things for them and for us. Your kindly remembrance at the throne of God will be appreciated.

We feel happy in our new surroundings at Stockton and are rapidly getting acquainted with our new friends and with the demands of the work we are to do.

ELDER AND MRS. J. WALTER RICH.

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Meeting of Church Officers

The workers and a large number of the church officers gathered at David Paulson Hall Sunday, January 14. Elder J. A. Stevens of the General Conference gave a practical and helpful study at the devotional hour. Elder E. K. Slade gave general instruction on the underlying principles of service which the church may expect from the officers. Elder R. R. Breitigam presented the *Signs* campaign, and Elder W. M. Adams spoke on the plans for circulating the *Liberty* magazine.

The afternoon session was devoted to the consideration of church officers' duties. Questions on specific church problems and promotion were answered. Many spoke of the pleasant and profitable day, enjoyed by all.

Because of sickness, Elder Voth, our conference president, could not be present. Elder Adams presided.

F. H. RALEY.

Colporteur Echoes

In January, 1939, through the providence of God, Miss Wilma Widmer and Miss Sophie Stearns came to the Southern California Conference.

Their mission was to the children, and they faithfully fulfilled their obligations. From 8:30 in the morning until 5:30 in the evening they heralded from door to door the message of their Lord. In their forty-five weeks work they visited approximately 20,000 homes, and gave as many mothers the golden opportunity of providing for their children lessons which would teach them the way of eternal life.

About 3,000 of these mothers wisely took advantage of the gracious offer extended them, and placed their children

under the inspiring Christian instruction of "Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories." From the letters received, experiences related, and our own knowledge of these stories, we believe that the impressionable minds of many children in their tender days will be so stamped with the fear of the Lord that in their latter days they will not depart from the path of rectitude. Together with some of the older ones whom their books have influenced, we expect to see them rejoice in the earth made new.

In the 3,000 homes, \$4,000 worth of literature was placed. At least 10,000 to 15,000 children will read the books. This children's library will contain some 16,000 books with 1,048,000 pages of Christian literature. What a blessing to the homes of the Southern California Conference where these books are placed, but what a calamity that the other 480,000 homes of this metropolitan area have not already had this glorious opportunity. May God move upon consecrated hearts to make it an accomplished work.

The Master, who is not slack concerning His promises, rewarded the efforts of these two consecrated workers. The commission from these sales gave the recruit worker \$23.50 per week and the experienced one \$33.50, and a two weeks' vacation with pay at the same rate for each.

Miss Widmer and Miss Stearns have accepted a call to the Northern California Conference. While we regret their leaving us, yet we rejoice that the children of that field can have the blessing of their ministry.

May God bless the Southern California Conference with workers who will consecrate their hearts to the unfinished task of evangelizing its many people.

A. E. BARNES.

Lynwood Recreational Evening for Senior Youth

Saturday night, February 3, from 7:30 to 10:00 o'clock, another activity program is planned for the senior youth of the conference. Parents and friends are welcome.

L. A. SKINNER.

Master Comrade School Opens March 5, 1940

All senior youth and others will welcome the news that again this spring the conference will sponsor a Master Comrade school culminating in an investiture at camp meeting time. Plan now to enroll in this special leadership train-

ing course and increase your usefulness as well as your capacity for real enjoyment. Write the M.V. Department for information. L. A. SKINNER.

M. V. Officers' Meeting on February 6

Resuming the monthly Missionary Volunteer officers' meeting at the conference office, 3131 Pasadena Avenue, Los Angeles, the 1940 officers are invited to the round table on the evening of February 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Several plans and items are on the agenda that will interest every society in the conference. Be sure your society is represented. L. A. SKINNER.

San Fernando District

We are deeply conscious of the Lord's blessing in the San Fernando district, and we believe the readers of the RECORDER will be interested in a few of the things accomplished in this field.

Last summer Brother Wilbur A. Dunn, Sister Crawford, and the writer held a tent meeting in San Fernando. During the period of the effort twenty people were baptized. Of these, two were largely the fruitage of our church school, and two others were the result of a laymember's efforts.

The laymen have been very active in this district. Brother Roy Clint, who for a number of years has served as church elder at Newhall, has not only been active there but throughout the entire San Fernando valley. During the last sixteen years, he has been instrumental in leading approximately 150 souls to the Lord. We are planning to hold an effort in Newhall soon.

Palmdale, the youngest church in the district, under the leadership of Brother Hiram Knowles, has for its mission territory an area of about ten thousand square miles—mostly desert. In this territory we have three private hospitals operated by Seventh-day Adventist doctors. The Palmdale Sabbath school was organized Feb. 13, 1937, and the church in November of that same year. They now have a membership of twenty-five. A number of items appearing on their missionary report for this period are of special interest:

Gospel meetings held	863
Missionary visits	10,901
Number taken to services	1,312
Hours of Christian help work	7,812
Pieces of literature distributed	54,777

Mileage of laymen in missionary work	33,238
Added to church due to laymember's work	8

"It is a fatal mistake to suppose that the work of soul-saving depends alone upon the ministry. . . . God will send forth into His vineyard many who have not been dedicated to the ministry by the laying on of hands." *"Acts of the Apostles,"* p. 110.

R. D. MOON.

A Home Missionary Experience

One morning I responded to a telephoned call for nursing in a home.

Upon arriving, I found an aged mother, very ill and not expected to recover. Through the long day I had opportunity to talk and pray with her. She was anxious to go to her better home.

The eldest son, who had heard me talk with his mother, suggested taking me away for lunch. After looking over the menu, I ordered a vegetable plate and tomato juice. He hesitated, then gave his order for a meat dinner.

He began asking questions about our diet, the non-use of meat, etc. He wondered what we would use in the place of meat. I mentioned some dishes that might be prepared, suggested some of our health foods, and offered to give some recipes to his wife. On the way home he questioned further concerning our Bible faith, giving some of his views of Christian life. He seemed thoughtful and anxious for truth.

That night the mother fell asleep, and I did not return for duty. I was given my pay by the night nurse and telephoned the son that I had received it. At this time he mentioned the recipes and dietetic helps we had talked about, so I suggested calling on his wife.

I carried in quite an armload of books and prospectuses, not knowing what they would want. Before I left, the wife had given me a fifteen-dollar order. This included a "Great Controversy," Anderson's "Foods and Cookery," *Health* (2 years), and "Guide to Health" by Julius Gilbert White.

This morning, as I delivered the books, I showed her some others and she gave another six-dollar order. She paid me for them, and I left the two books with her. She suggested that I return a little later with books suitable for Christmas gifts.

I believe this literature was ordered because I prayed with the aged mother and

talked with her of heaven and God's love. I also had taken time to visit a daughter who was in a cast, and was unable to come to her mother at this last hour. I had prayer with her, and it seemed to quiet her fears.

As I think of this precious, God-given experience, I recall the statement, "As we speak the name of Jesus in love and tenderness, angels draw near to touch and tender hearts." This aged mother left a beautiful family of children and grandchildren, Christian people. I hope to contact them again, as the way opens, and leave seeds of truth, that they may know God's way more fully.

May this experience encourage our members to enlist in Home Nursing and First Aid classes, to call for classes to be organized, that they may be prepared to care for the sick. May God give us courage to pray with these people and to carry literature to them, for at such times hearts are tender and God is near to work for us. ANNA C. RASMUSSEN, R.N.

Junior Missionary Volunteers Attention!!

Another big field day is planned at Lynwood for February 18 from 1-5 p.m. The boys and girls of the conference in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 are invited to be the guests of the Master Comrades for the afternoon. A committee, of which Mr. Virgil Jackson is chairman, has planned a treasure hunt. Don't miss it.

L. A. SKINNER.

News Notes

There was a very good attendance at the Sabbath school convention held while Elder J. A. Stevens was in our conference. This indicates an interest in this important work which we feel sure will result in great things being done for God by our splendid corps of Sabbath school officers and teachers. Excellent instruction was given, and the round-table discussions brought a greater vision of the possibilities before us, and a better understanding of methods to be followed to meet the needs of this time. Many present at "open house" expressed gratitude for this privilege, and for the courtesy and helpful information given by the hostesses in the different divisions visited, and an appreciation of the dignified beauty of the rooms.

The first of our 1940 monthly meetings for leaders and teachers in children's divisions will be held in Exposition Park

church 1041 West 38th Street, February 3, at 3 p.m. All living in that vicinity are cordially invited to attend.

Preceding the young people's meeting at the Glendale Sanitarium chapel last Friday night, two persons were baptized. One was a patient in the Sanitarium, and the other became interested in the truth through contacts in the Sanitarium, and later studies were given her by Miss Santee. We feel very grateful for the seeds of truth that are sown in the hearts of those coming in contact with Christian workers.

The newly-organized church at North Hollywood has a Missionary Volunteer society. Right now they are working hard to build up a representative library for their members and friends. Their leader, Mrs. Henry deFluiter, is anxious that good books be donated to the society; especially the Reading Course books. If any of our people have books which they wish put to good use, bring them to the conference office, 3131 Pasadena Avenue, Los Angeles.

Elder A. Munson began a series of Sunday-night meetings in Montebello at the Women's Club House, 201 S. Park Avenue. For a number of months these weekly lectures will be given. Elder Munson, with laymembers, is endeavoring to carry out the plan for Bible evangelism as given by Elder Shuler.

A baptismal service held in the East Los Angeles church brought nine new members into the churches in that district. Five persons came into the truth as a result of the effort conducted by Elder Munson and the laymembers in the Bell Gardens effort, one came from the Graham church, and three were children in the church school. We are always glad to know that the children are taking a definite stand for their Master by becoming members of the church.

Master Comrade Field Trip— February 4

All senior youth are invited to join the Master Comrades in a field trip Sunday, February 4, directed by Prof. L. H. Cushman of La Sierra College in a study of trees in the Mt. Wilson area. The caravan of cars will leave from the Chevy Chase entrance to Glendale Sanitarium grounds at 8. a.m. sharp, and return about 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. All are expected to bring sack lunches.

Parents and members of Home and School or Home Commission groups are welcome to join in this field trip.

Those who do not have transportation will be taken care of providing they can get to the starting point. All who come will be asked to contribute 25 cents toward gasoline expense of those who take their cars.

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"Ye, Brethren, Are Not in Darkness"

Last week I received an invitation from the *Newsweek* periodical, urging me to become a subscriber. But the point I wish to bring out isn't whether or not I am a subscriber to this magazine that deals largely with political, social, and religious events of significance in the world, but the language the circulation manager used in his endeavor to secure my name among the subscribers. It made me think, and I believe it will make you think.

"This is your invitation to sit at the ringside during the greatest show on earth . . . The World Pageant of 1940 . . . And what a program awaits you!

"From the vantage-point I'm offering, you will see history's strangest war sweep toward climax. Millions will be straining to pierce the smoke-screen of confusion and contradiction, but for you the veil will be lifted—in bold relief you will see what's happening and know just how it's going . . . From where you sit, you will see 1940's tumbling horde of events as an integrated, meaningful procession. . . In periscope, *Newsweek* crystallizes reports from its globe-circling string of listening-posts. . . bringing you first notice of events heavy with major possibilities."

As I read and reread the above, I thought to myself, "How wonderfully that description fits into the purpose and objective of the *Signs of the Times*. And the *Signs* not only does what *Newsweek* does, but it goes still farther—IT TELLS YOU WHAT ALL THESE STARTLING WORLD-EVENTS MEAN IN THE LIGHT OF BIBLE PROPHECY! This is something *Newsweek* cannot do, because only those having a knowledge of the prophecies can accurately tell what is the relationship of world-events to the purpose of God. The Apostle Paul says, "Ye, brethren, are

not in darkness, that that day overtake you as a thief." We also read: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."—2 Peter 1:19.

This, dear brethren and sisters, is the program that awaits you through the *Signs* during 1940. Your relatives and friends need the weekly messages of the *Signs*. More than ever, we should see to it that our neighbors have an opportunity to understand present-day events. Ringing in my ears is that statement, "*Millions will be straining to pierce the smoke-screen of confusion and contradiction, but for you the veil will be lifted.*" Yes, thank God, the veil has been lifted for us. Shall we not lift it for others? The "*SIGNS OF THE TIMES*" CAMPAIGN, February 3-17, will give us all that opportunity. Shall we accept it?

E. F. HACKMAN.

"Death of Miss Prayer Meeting"

A few days ago I clipped from one of our union papers the following article on the prayer meeting, which is worth reading. In too many churches the prayer meeting is only attended by a faithful few, and it is time that we heed the Bible injunction of not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, and "so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Someone has said the prayer meeting is the spiritual barometer of the church. Whether or not that is so I am not prepared to say; but I do feel that those who love the Lord will avail themselves of every opportunity to go where prayer is wont to be made. Let us during 1940 be faithful attendants at the prayer meeting.

"Miss Faithful Prayer Meeting died recently at Neglectville, in the State of Worldliness. She was born many years ago amid revival fires. Miss Prayer Meeting had lived a very notable life until recent years. For some time past she had been confined to her home, because of business engagements and severe attacks of fatigue and nervousness. These symptoms were always more noticeable on prayer meeting nights. She was troubled with stiffness of the knees during prayer, and coldness of heart. Inactivity, weakness of will power, and generally diminished vitality marked the last stage of her illness.

"Her decease was accompanied by much sobbing and groaning over the

'good days' of her early life, but only a very few stood by her in her last struggles. She leaves to mourn their loss, many churches, preachers, and official dignitaries, also many unsaved persons outside the pale of the church who often sought her help in times of trouble.

"The remains will be taken to the Judgment Bar of God, where the Searcher of all things will inquire into the real cause of the untimely death of so worthy a servant. It is suspected that treachery on the part of her caretaker and her professed admirers will be discovered as responsible."—*Author Unknown.*

E. F. HACKMAN.

Master Comrade Classes

Just recently it was my privilege to visit the Missionary Volunteer society at Paradise Valley and organize a Master Comrade class. A live interest is manifested and we are looking forward to a fine Investiture service at which time we hope a large number of Master Comrades will be invested. At the time of our last meeting it was planned to organize a bird class. However, it rained all day and we were not able to take the walk and study the birds as we had planned.

Sunday, January 21 we organized a bird class at Santa Ana. About twenty members joined this class and we all went out to begin this most interesting study. It is hoped that a large number will complete the requirements for the bird honor while the class is being conducted.

Santa Ana has a new Master Comrade class composed of twenty or more members. They received their inspiration at the Investiture service that was held in December, when seven Master Comrades received their pins. Enthusiasm is running high at Santa Ana and we are expecting great things from the group there.

J. C. NIXON.

Field School of Evangelism for San Bernardino

In harmony with arrangements made by the Pacific Union Conference and the Southeastern California Conference, a Field School of Evangelism will be conducted for thirteen weeks, from February 7 to May 8, at San Bernardino, by J. L. Shuler of Washington, D. C., instructor in Evangelistic Methods at the Theological Seminary.

The sessions of the Field School will be held on Monday, Tuesday Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 o'clock. All sessions of the school

will be held in the new tabernacle in San Bernardino in connection with a series of evangelistic meetings which opens on Sunday, February 11.

This school will be devoted to studies on personal work, public evangelism, community Bible schools, Bible study drills, and how to effectively present the doctrines of our message to an audience. All who plan to attend this field school should provide themselves with copies of the new book on "Public Evangelism." All who enroll in the school for the course, may ask any questions and enter into the discussions in the various sessions. But it will be necessary to confine the privilege of asking questions and participating in the discussions to those who attend regularly.

The first session of this field school will be on February 7, at 9:30 a.m. It is desired that all who plan to enroll for this course should be present, without fail, for this opening meeting when the school will be organized.

The topics for the first few class periods are:

February 8, "Essentials for Success in God's Work."

February 12, Yoking up the Laity with the Evangelist for Greater Success in Soul-winning."

February 13, "How to Organize a Public Effort."

February 14, "The Value and Place of Personal Work in Evangelism."

February 15, "Nine Ways to Secure the Names of Interested."

Please pray that God will baptize the workers in this effort with His Holy Spirit for service in winning many souls to the truth.

J. L. SHULER.

Missionary Volunteer Officers' Council

We are happy to announce that the conference has voted to hold two Missionary Volunteer officers' councils. One of these will be held in Loma Linda, February 4, and the other at Paradise Valley, March 3. We believe that it will be a real inspiration to all our Missionary Volunteer officers to be able to attend a meeting of this kind, and we hope that every officer will plan on attending.

The first one to be held will be Sunday, February 4, at Loma Linda, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until 5:00 p.m. The conference has voted to furnish the dinner for all officers attend-

ing. The conference is also inviting all ministers to attend this important council. This council is for all ministers and Missionary Volunteer officers in San Bernardino, Riverside, and Orange Counties. So remember that if you are an officer you are invited to be present at this meeting.

We must make 1940 the best year in our history and we are confident that these officers' councils are going to help us reach this objective. Write out all your questions and come prepared to enter heartily into all of the discussions. Also bring all your good ideas, plans, and suggestions.

J. C. NIXON.

News Notes

All will be interested to know that 3,600 homes in Southeastern California Conference received copies of our large subscription books sold by our faithful colporteurs during the past year. This number includes over 560 copies of "Great Controversy" in the Japanese language.

Last Sabbath fifteen souls were buried with their Lord in baptism in the Escondido baptistry, the first fruits of the Vista effort. Great joy was brought to the hearts of the believers as they saw these dear ones unite with us. Another baptism is contemplated soon.

Elder A. B. Huenergardt reports that a fine, interested group of about forty-five is attending the Sunday night meetings in Potrero. We wish Elder Huenergardt and his co-workers real success in this undertaking.

As a result of the radio lectures conducted by Elder F. C. Carrier in San Diego, and his Sunday night meetings, the church membership is growing and the attendance each Sabbath is increasing. Dr. Sidney Smith writes that last Sabbath the church was full and that chairs had to be carried in to accommodate the people.

A baptismal class of ten was organized recently in the Broadway church. The Sunday night meetings conducted by Elder J. C. Stevens are producing their usual good results.

Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?—Isaiah 58:6.

HAWAIIAN MISSION

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The First Oahu Church Officers' Convention

Friday evening January 12, the Missionary Volunteer society of the Makiki Honolulu church turned over their hour to the Home Missionary Department of our mission for our first island-wide Church Officers' Convention. Elder Fulton was in charge. It was the first meeting of the convention. Officers from the Wahiawa, Kaimuki and Japanese churches, with a large representation from the Kalihi branch Sabbath school gathered with the Makiki church officers to consider ways and means of improving methods of labor as church leaders. The first meeting was given over to discussing the work of the Missionary Volunteer society. About two hundred were in attendance as Brother O. Bowen, our mission Missionary Volunteer secretary, led out. A number of fine talks were given.

Sabbath morning, the subject of "Church Organization" was presented from the pulpit at the 11 o'clock hour. Elder Fulton, our superintendent, spoke at Kaimuki, Elder Miyake at the newly organized Japanese church, and the writer at Makiki. God wonderfully blessed these meetings as the glories of His handiwork in perfecting our church order were recounted to our people.

From 2:30-5:30 we met for the afternoon session and again from 7:30-9:30 in the evening. There was so much to study, so much to discuss that the meetings were necessarily lengthened. All of our Honolulu mission workers joined in the meetings and added much to their success. However, many of the talks were given by our faithful lay folk, and I believe above everything else the most interesting contributions to the services were made by them.

Sunday morning we met again from 8:30-12:30, and the convention was over.

We expect better cooperation and increased efficiency in the prosecution of the Lord's business during 1940. Why? Because of the convention. We are glad as we look back over the three days and can say, "The Lord has been good to us."

A. DELAFIELD.

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She is telling her own people about the message. Another member of this tribe, a youth, is preparing for baptism.

The former school teacher has been reading our English literature. He is studying "Bible Readings for the Home Circle" with his family. This literature has been a wonderful help in this work. But we need more, especially the works of Mrs. E. G. White. Our good brother is a farmer. As such he cannot begin to afford the price of the books. Every local dollar (peso) must be doubled, as it is worth only fifty cents American currency. Postage rates to the Philippines are very low. We are also helping students get books for their studies. Hearty thanks for the books several friends have sent. Only eternity will reveal the full fruitage. Send books to Alfonso N. Anderson, Davao City, Philippine Islands.

A. N. ANDERSON.

OBITUARIES

ALDRICH—Jeanie McMillian was born in India Oct. 31, 1873, and died at Oceanside, Calif., Nov. 19, 1939. She was married to John E. Aldrich in 1899. Ten years ago Mrs. Aldrich became a member of the Oceanside church and was a faithful member. Her husband, one son, three grandchildren, two brothers, and other relatives survive.

HARVEY—Edwin Joseph Harvey was born Nov. 9, 1865, and passed away near St. Helena, Calif., Jan. 6, 1940. Brother Harvey was a faithful Seventh-day Adventist for more than 50 years. In 1894 he went as a missionary, at his own expense, to Central Africa to help establish the old Solusi Mission. He leaves his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Harold Brown, and one brother.

FAIRBAIRN—William J. Fairbairn was born in New Zealand about 86 years ago, and died Dec. 11, 1939, in San Francisco, Calif. He became an Adventist after coming to America over 50 years ago. His wife died about eight years ago. Brother Fairbairn will be greatly missed.

HICKOK—Ralph Elton Hickok was born in Crystal Lake, Wis., July 30, 1866, and died in Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 6, 1940. Brother Hickok accepted present truth in 1895 and continued faithful and active in the cause. He had served as elder in several of our churches. His wife and four children, with their families, mourn. He rests in hope.

JENSEN—Mrs. Eva W. Jensen was born in Muscatine, Iowa, March 25, 1859, and fell asleep in Glendale, Calif., Jan. 6, 1940. Her earlier life was spent largely in Bible work with her husband, Elder C. C. Jensen. Their first work was in Iowa, then as missionaries in other lands. She suffered greatly for a number of years but kept a constant trust in God. She was laid to rest to await the Life-giver's call. She is survived by her husband, an adopted daughter, two grandchildren, and many friends.

HUGHES—Sister Stella May Hughes was born at Villisca, Iowa, in 1876, and died in San Fernando, Calif., Aug. 12, 1939. Her husband, five children, and many friends mourn.

LASHIER—Mrs. Clara Estelle Lashier was born in Wisconsin Jan. 29, 1854. She became a Seventh-day Adventist early in life. In 1877 she was married to Frederick A. Lashier. Elder Lashier was in the ministry in Minnesota and in Oregon, he was for a time business manager and preceptor at Healdsburg College, and in 1908-1909 he was treasurer and preceptor of Lodi Academy. Because of poor health he moved with his family to Reno, Nev., the following year, and two years later he passed away. Sister Lashier had shared his labors throughout the years. She passed away Nov. 9, 1939, leaving two daughters, Alice and Myrtle, and one son, Arthur, a minister in the Northern California Conference. They are comforted with the knowledge of the approach of the resurrection morning.

MARTIN—Mrs. Elizabeth Staples Martin was born in England April 30, 1872, and died in Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 26, 1939. She accepted present truth in England. Another saint of God is sleeping, awaiting the call of the Life-giver. Four daughters and a son mourn for their mother.

McFARLAND—Gussie L. McFarland was born Feb. 15, 1865, in Sweden, and died Nov. 23, 1939 near Merced, Calif. She and her husband became Adventists in 1906. Sister McFarland was a faithful and esteemed member of the Merced church. She is survived by her husband, George T. McFarland.

MERRILL—Florence Watts Merrill was born Dec. 28, 1860, and died at Loma Linda, Calif., Dec. 23, 1939. She heard and accepted the third angel's message at the age of 14 or 15. Two years later she attended a Bible Institute conducted in Chicago and after that devoted most of her life to Bible work, beginning in St. Louis, Mo. After several years in the Missouri Conference she came to California, continuing her Bible work in various locations. At one time she was Bible teacher in the Glendale Sanitarium. Failing health caused her retirement from active service about twelve years ago. She knew her God and was used of Him through the years to bring many, many honest souls to a knowledge and acceptance of this truth. When the Life-giver shall appear we feel sure our sister will hear His voice and come forth. Funeral services were conducted by Elder J. A. Burden and Dr. E. C. Ehlers.

MORRISON—George Brenton Morrison was born in West Lima, Wis., Nov. 4, 1867. He died in Lodi, Calif., Dec. 14, 1939. In 1893 he married Libbie Florence Powers. He taught in public schools, then attended our school in Berrien Springs and began teaching in our church schools. He also did colporteur work for a number of years, covering large sections of Northern California and Nevada on his bicycle. He suffered much before he passed away, but his faith never wavered. He

leaves to mourn, his wife, a son, Fletcher Morrison, a daughter, Mrs. Vivian Sears, and two grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Elder Paul Heubach.

PEASE—Amanda Nelson was born in Nebraska Oct. 10, 1884. In 1908 she was married to George Pease. She taught in our schools in Mountain View and Modesto for a number of years. She died at San Jose, Calif., Dec. 30, 1939, leaving three sons, a sister, and three brothers. Her faith never wavered and she died in hope.

PRESTON—Mary Ann Preston was born in Iowa in 1872 and passed away Oct. 23, 1939. She located in Ontario, Calif., 40 years ago and five years later became an Adventist. She lived a devoted and devout life, and was greatly loved. She leaves a brother, a sister, Mrs. Hoag of Ontario, and adopted son, and other relatives.

PRICE—Mrs. Effie H. Price was born in Exira, Iowa, June 3, 1881, and died in Sacramento, Calif., Jan. 11, 1940. Sister Price had been a faithful member of the Sacramento church for several years. Her husband and two daughters survive.

SHIPMAN—Thomas Carlton Shipman was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 4, 1867, and died in Loma Linda, Dec. 22, 1939. In 1894 he married Olive E. Horn, and four children were born to them. He accepted the message in 1914 and has been loyal and faithful. His wife, two sons, a daughter, and three grandchildren survive.

SLATTERY—James Ward Slattery was born May 9, 1897, in Sebastopol, Calif. He died at Mountain View, Calif., Jan. 19, 1940. He began work at the Pacific Press in 1918, first in Mountain View, then in Kansas City, and later at the Portland branch. In 1921 he was called to Southeastern California as secretary of the Book and Bible House. In 1924 he and Mrs. Slattery went to India but were obliged to return for health reasons. Again connecting with the Southeastern California Conference, he worked there until 1926, when he left to take the medical course. He was graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists in 1933. He was married to Petra Axelson in 1918, and she survives him. He else leaves several cousins and other relatives, and many hundreds of friends who mourn a true friend and beloved physician. Services were conducted by Elders J. L. McElhany, L. E. Folkenberg and F. G. Ashbaugh.

SOMERVILLE—Wm. Frank Somerville was born Dec. 27, 1866, in Mobile, Ala., and died Dec. 26, 1939, in San Bernardino, Calif. He became an Adventist in 1937 and lived a godly life.

WESTPHAL—Albert G. Westphal was born at New London, Wis., April 25, 1857, and died at Elsinore, Calif., Dec. 28, 1939. He became a Christian in early manhood and passed away with his hope undimmed. His wife, Frances Thomas Westphal, three sons, Harry, Irvin, and Glenn; brothers, among whom are Elders F. H. and J. W. Westphal, sisters, and other relatives mourn their loss.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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The Work in Palau, West Caroline Islands

About fifty years ago the first seeds of truth were sown in this field through the efforts of our pioneer and self-supporting missionary to China, Abram LaRue. A tract on the Sabbath, and a letter which was sent through the captain of a trading vessel which was plying between Hong Kong and these islands, made James S. Gibbon of Palau, a Seventh-day Adventist.

James S. Gibbon was a native of St. Kitts, Leeward Islands, British West Indies. Because he incurred the wrath of the captain of a whaling vessel of which he was the steward, he was landed and left on the island of Palau on one of the trips of the vessel to this place. He married a native woman, and of his ten children, only William, the second child, embraced the truth with his father. After the death of his father in 1904, William lost connection with Seventh-day Adventists. But in 1927 he learned from a Japanese settler here that there are such people in Japan. Thus he established correspondence with our headquarters in Tokyo. Several of our ministers from Japan visited the islands at different times and baptized William and others whom he had won to the truth.

In 1933 the Japan Union Mission placed a call for a Filipino couple, and it

fell to our lot to receive this call. After spending a few months in the study of the language, we came here on July 7, 1934, and with our arrival, we might say that this field was definitely entered by the third angel's message. At that time there were twenty-four baptized believers. At the close of 1938 the church membership was thirty-seven, and the Sabbath school members, including those enrolled in two branch Sabbath schools, numbered sixty-two.

At first we had to work against much opposition and prejudice, for long before we came false reports had been circulated about the message. The people were afraid of us, and so it was rather difficult for us to get in touch with them and tell them the good news of a soon-coming Saviour. But after a time, they began to realize that we are not as we had been represented by some, and their attitude has since been changed. Thus we have been able to contact many who are honest in heart and are earnestly seeking for the light. Because of the interest manifested by these honest seekers, many others have been led to inquire and investigate concerning our message.

We are greatly in need of a suitable house of worship,—one that will be representative of our message. At present we are meeting in a ceilingless, semi-native style of house which cannot accommodate us when our attendance reaches about thirty. A memorial to the third angel's message here will attract many to our meetings.

We also need co-workers to join us in reaping the harvest. Interests are springing up in several places. It can be said of many that they are on the verge of the kingdom, just waiting to be gathered in. The habit of betelnut chewing is hindering some from following the Master, but the Spirit of the Lord is working mightily in behalf of those who are sincere in their desire to join the ranks of God's commandment-keeping people, and they are getting the victory over this evil habit. With the aid of the necessary helpers, we shall be enabled to answer the urgent calls that come to us, and to organize other Sabbath schools in many villages. For the present our believers in these isolated places are denied the privilege of a weekly meeting and association in worship with those of like precious faith.

We have a willing people here in Palau. Out of their poverty they sacrifice for the message they have learned to love.

During some quarters we reach a weekly average of twenty-two new members in mission offerings. Our laymembers are also doing their part in soul-winning endeavors by creating an interest among others.

Our people here will be made glad to know that a portion of the offerings to be taken on the coming thirteenth Sabbath will be used to help provide some of our needs that the finishing of the work in this part of the Lord's vineyard, as in all the other parts, may be hastened on to completion. J. O. BAUTISTA.

"President, Pope and Prophecy"

"Not in the lifetime of any person here have we faced a more crucial and a more important hour than we face today."

Yesterday (January 20) Elder J. L. McElhany made this declaration in a large union meeting of Adventists here in Mountain View, as he reviewed President Roosevelt's recent Peace Letter to the Pope, the appointment of a representative to the Vatican, interviews that followed, and the prophetic significance of it all.

Anticipating the widespread interest in this subject, and the opportunity to open the prophecies, the *Signs of the Times* had already secured special material on this subject, which will appear in the issue of February 13.

Elder C. S. Longacre gives an exposition of Revelation 13, and discusses the significance of these recent developments. The title is "President, Pope and Prophecy." It is highly illustrated. The entire text of Elder J. L. McElhany's letter to President Roosevelt is given under the caption, "Adventists Protest Appointment to Vatican."

The cover of this issue pictures the exterior of the Vatican and masses gathered during the election of Pope Pius 12.

While featuring this subject of great interest just now, and especially to several great religious bodies who have also protested, this number also has other articles of timely interest by Elders W. A. Spicer, C. B. Haynes, R. F. Cottrell, and others of our leading writers.

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J. R. FERREN.