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WHAT MORE CAN WE DO FOR OUR ISOLATED

We think of the isolated as those who do not have church privileges, or, to go a step further, those who do not have the privilege of meeting with others for Sabbath school. Confining this article to the latter class, we have three hundred eleven families or parts of families in this conference. Some of these have lived with a church for a time, and they miss these privileges sorely. A few have received some knowledge of the special truths for this time while visiting in other states and have only a part of what we consider fundamentals, perhaps having been excluded from membership in their former church for their faith. Others perhaps were reared in Adventist homes, but drifted from their moorings and in a careless hour married unbelievers; now away from old associates, with new responsibilities, they realize there is no happiness out of Christian living and they are trying under opposition to live and train their children to be ready for the Lord's return.

Nearly all are surrounded by worldly influences. The talk, the reading, the amusements of the neighbors are of this world. The plans, the schooling, and ambitions of all around them look to property, honor, or fame. The plastic minds of the children are easily molded by these influences. Added to this, in many cases the faith of the parents is a subject of ridicule by their associates, and our children are intimidated by this to a certain degree. Blessed are those children who have homes where the parents are united in faith and practice, and where the Bible is the guide; where morning by morning all take a little time to meditate on the promises and

commit themselves to the direction of God for the day; where our papers come, laden with the truths of redemption and news of progress from the field; where the Sabbath is a delight and its hours shut out worldly influences and strengthen each to meet the temptations that are sure to come.

Of these three hundred eleven families or individuals, one hundred forty-eight get the Review; of these, forty-eight also get the RECORD. There are forty-three who are getting the RECORD who do not get the Review, a total of one hundred eighty-one getting one or the other, or both, leaving one hundred twenty who are not getting either, as far as we are aware. Some get the Signs, but presumably there are seventy-five isolated families who do not get the encouraging visits of any of our periodicals. Eighty-one of these families sent one or more members to our campmeeting in 1917.

These items are mentioned that you may see the channels through which they keep in touch with the progress of the message and may estimate what they are getting in mental and spiritual food and the conditions under which they live.

Looking at the map we see these families distributed like jets of light all over the state—I believe in all the counties except Cimmaron and Greer. They are in a position to water the seed sown by our colporteurs; to sow more seed, and to illustrate the value of the truth to thousands of people. What is needed is the Godly life, the well-ordered Christian home, which is a powerful testimony in favor of the truth.

I presume most of these homes are visited by some one of our workers once a year. Considering the great possibilities in reach of our people, should we not plan our work so that our brief visits to their homes will accomplish as much as possible in the matter of establishing them in the message; helping them to get in closer touch with the Source of power; placing literature in their homes that

will keep them informed of the progress of the message?

Briefly stated, family worship should be established where possible; a systematic Bible study encouraged; the Review, RECORD, and the youth's or children's papers arranged for; responsibility for others cultivated and definite missionary work for their neighbors planned. In many cases visits to the neighbors with our members, and spiritual meetings, should be held, and definite hours set apart for Sabbath school. The youth should be encouraged to keep in close touch with our Missionary Volunteer department and to get an education in our training schools. The value of the camp meetings should be placed before them and a larger attendance secured. The worker who visits them is in a position to accomplish more than any one else because of personal contact. I know you write to these families, and I wish you could do so oftener, and also write freely for the RECORD, as its pages are eagerly scanned for your articles.

Getting the RECORD into all the homes will furnish a means of communication with them, but in addition, would it not be well to have a monthly news letter. I think it would be appreciated and would take the place of some circular letters.

Would it be asking too much of you to make a brief written report to the conference office of your visit to each isolated family, stating conditions you find, Christian experience, where the church membership is held, ages of children, plans for schooling, missionary work, etc.? It is also very helpful to know the direction and distance from the station. You can carry this in your memories, but your successor will be helped by it. These items of information are desired that we may better build on the foundation you have laid that, working together, we may see them established, "Blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world, holding forth the word of life." Phil. 2:15, 16.

C. J. DART.

A VISIT AMONG THE ISOLATED

Since our last report, we have closed our meeting at Etawah, Oklahoma. Since closing, one has requested baptism. Two other ladies, one of whom was studying quite interestedly, promised to attend Sabbath school. A fourth lady, who had been keeping the Sabbath to the best of her knowledge, expressed her intentions of uniting with this people, although she was not quite ready at present.

The last Sabbath I was there we had a wonderful experience. God came near to us in our service and hearts were touched. Thirty-seven were present at the home of Brother Winkler, nearly all of whom were of our faith. Some came eleven miles to be with us.

Since returning to El Reno, we have been trying to secure a place for meetings, but so far have been unsuccessful.

A minister of the German Methodist church here, expressing himself as wanting to know the truth, has consented to study with me concerning the nature of man, his condition in death, and his punishment for transgression. We hope to have our study in the near future.

At present we are at Meeker, Oklahoma. Up until the first of the year a nice little organized Sabbath school was in operation, but since then no meetings have been held, as some were a long distance from town and the bad weather hindered their getting together. Upon my arrival, word was sent out and a number came in. Officers were appointed and the school was organized again.

We are planning for a couple of meetings today.

On our way home, we hope to spend a few days with the isolated ones near Carney, who have called many times for help. May God bless His faithful workers in this part of His vineyard, together with those in other portions.

W. W. BRICKER.

ARDMORE

I have just returned from Achille church, where we had a good meeting. The church enjoyed the services very much, and at the close, seven of the youth went forward in baptism. We had quarterly meeting after the baptizing, and the Spirit of the Lord

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JOY AND BLESSING IN CARRYING THE PRINTED PAGE

In the shade of pine trees, in the woods six or eight miles from Conroe, Montgomery Co., Texas, Sunday afternoon, March 31, 1918. I am sitting in my buggy, with Prince and Duke, my two horses, hobbled nearby and enjoying the green grass. Brother Bainer requested me to write something for the RECORD, so the idea occurred to me that I might kill several "birds with one stone," as all my children and loved ones love the RECORD and its mission; and others of the brethren and sisters might enjoy reading something of how the Lord is blessing me in the colporteur evangelistic work.

My health is not the best, but I cannot feel satisfied to not have some part in the blessed work when the weather is not too cold or hot. I put in three weeks in March, and have taken orders amounting to \$255.75, for which I am very thankful to the

was manifest in a marked degree. The church at Achille is growing rapidly in numbers, and in spiritual strength. The young people are well organized and are doing a good work. The church school, taught by Miss Iva Southard, is doing good work, and the Sabbath school is getting along fine. I think that this church will become a good, strong church by and by, if the brethren live close to their duty.

About two weeks ago we organized a church with ten members, here at Ardmore. While the work is moving along slowly here, we expect that many more will be added to this company before the summer is over. We want to have a tent effort here as soon as the weather is warm enough. We have no church building of our own, but have a small M. E. church rented for Sabbath services. We have a good, lively Sabbath school, for which we are thankful. We are in good courage, and hope you will pray for us, and in passing, call on us at 405 Carter St., S. E.

E. B. HOPKINS AND WIFE.

good Lord. I have for the last two weeks, as you see by the reports in the RECORD, taken \$100 and over per week. Never in my life have I seen a time when it was so easy to take orders as it is now. You brethren who are not in the work are losing much, for soon the work will be finished and the Lord will come.

The Lord has been very good to me, having provided a shelter in every storm of cold or rain, even though such places are scarce in this region. Brother Chenault, who has been working with me, went home for a short visit week before last, and I have been working alone since then. I expect to meet him at Conroe tomorrow morning and start out again for work. It was a busy time for him to leave, but it had been several months since he had been at home.

Well I must make out my reports, get the buggy ready, and shape things up for another week's work.

ELIJAH TAYLOR.

SAN ANTONIO

One year ago I came to San Antonio to enter the Bible work. It has been a year of rich blessings from God. Soon my time was filled with giving Bible studies and visiting the members. There has been a decided growth in the church, indicating that God is preparing a people to stand amid the perplexities of the end.

Two of my readers have been baptized, and six others are keeping the Sabbath. Quite a few with whom I studied have gone to other towns to live, and some have lost interest. I am now working with Present Truth, and find the people ready to read. From this work I am sure to find those desiring readings. I have twelve studies each week at present.

I must mention the Missionary Volunteer society which has been organized in our church for the special benefit of the Adventist boys in the camps here, as well as for the few young people who are in the church. It is truly encouraging to see the spirit of a majority of the boys with whom we have come in touch who are doing real missionary work. We are using five hundred of the Present Truth Series, besides visiting the sick, and other personal work as we have opportunity.

We have boys from Washington, California, Michigan, Ohio, Georgia,

as well as from our own Southwestern Union. As we think of the homes and churches from whence these boys come, we desire to keep the home fires burning and help answer the loved ones' prayers that their faith fail not and that each one may be a light for Jesus in their "corner" where God has placed them. We earnestly ask the prayers of all in behalf of the work in this part of the Lord's vineyard

ENIE V. MARTIN.

COLORED WORK AT CHIRENO

Having taken cognizance of the evil influence which is so visible in the public schools, the brethren have, by great sacrifice, constructed a building for school and church purposes, and have employed a teacher, paying her a reasonable salary and giving her board. The building gives prestige to the work and speaks very loudly for the brethren.

The school has had a membership during the year of fourteen bright, earnest, pious pupils, who give promise of being something for the Lord in the near future.

In this school building is where the writer held a successful series of meetings, beginning March 17 and closing March 30. Five strong, young people were baptized, who will be some help to the cause if they remain faithful to the light of God's Word, which they have already received. These five souls took their stand during the meeting, and were united to the little company, which gives us enough to organize the company into a good, strong church some time in the fall, when the president sees fit to go over there.

From this company, and from the Waco church, the writer has secured pledges on the Investment Fund to the amount of \$166.50. This demonstrates very clearly to the readers of this paper that the colored people of the South, desire to do, can do, and will do their part when the needs of the cause are clearly presented to them.

Now, we need your prayers for this work, as there are some among this people whom God has chosen to be with Him when He comes in His kingdom.

THOS. MURPHY.

HOUSTON Y. P. M. V. SOCIETY

Not very much has been asid about the Young People's society in Houston before, but I believe it would be well to let the other societies know we are still very much alive.

We hold our meetings at 1:30 o'clock on Sabbath afternoons. We have at present a membership of twenty. All are trying in every way to reach our goal, and I am expecting a large offering when Goal Dollar Day arrives. Our goals are constantly held before us, and we find it brings results. We have passed our goals in almost every line, but I want to make special mention of our Standard of Attainment class. The class consists of thirteen members, and all are looking forward to the time when they can receive their certificates. Sister A. Brosi is our teacher and every one is highly pleased with her. I only wish that all who read these lines could spend a Sabbath here and visit our class. I will quote a few remarks that have been heard: "I wish I had taken this before;" "It's certainly too bad that all of our young people do not take an interest in it, as it would help them so much;" and others that would take up too much space. Our attendance has been good and the members are faithful in reporting, for which I am very glad.

I hope every true Missionary Volunteer will put for their utmost effort to reach our goals. The time has come when we must cut loose from the world, get the spirit of God and the love of souls, and WORK.

May God bless every Missionary Volunteer society is my prayer. Remember our goals and let's pass them.

P. E. VAN LANDINGHAM.

LIBERTY MAGAZINE

A few of the leading articles in the second quarter "Liberty" now being mailed:

"The Church Running Onto the Political Reef."

"The Outlook for Religious Liberty."

"Coming—A Legalized Christian Democracy."

"Why the Preachers Demand Sunday Laws."

Your neighbor ought to read these. Send in your order early.

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FIELD REPORT

It has been some time since I made a report of my work, but I want to assure the readers of the RECORD that I have not been idle. I have had the burden of the Keene church for the last four years, and have been busy. I am now relieved of that responsibility, and can give more of my time to other work in the conference as the Lord may open up.

During the month of March, and the first week in April, I have visited the following churches, namely Dalworth, Fort Worth, Cleburne, Denison, and Sherman. I met with the Dalworth church Sabbath, March 9, and spoke on the important subject of missions, showing how the work of the third angel's message started in poverty, and how it has grown until at the present time it has belted the entire world. I also showed the importance of each individual having a part in giving this message to the world. If we could not go personally, we could give of our means, and that would help some one who could go, and in so doing we would all be workers together with God. The brethren and sisters took hold of the work, and I believe that they will do their part.

Sabbath, March 16, I was with the Fort Worth church, taking up the same subject, and the church responded to the call, one young sister pledging \$100, and the elder said that Fort Worth always did her part, and that they always responded to every call to advance the work. I understand that their Sabbath school last year raised for missions twenty-seven cents per member. That is good. Let every other church in the conference follow their example and we will raise our quota for missions for the year 1918. I also spent Sabbath, March 30, with the Fort Worth church, conducting the quarterly meeting services for them. The Lord came very near to us on that occasion, and we all enjoyed His blessings.

Sabbath, March 23, I was with the Cleburne church. I did not take up the mission work with them at that

time. My theme was our connection with God, showing the importance of having a living, vital connection with God, for without this connection all our profession is vain, and if we are connected with God, we will be connected with His great work which He is carrying on in the earth. I believe that when the time comes for me to talk missions to the Cleburne church they will respond, for they love this work, and want to see it go to the world.

Sabbath, April 6, I was with the Denison and Sherman churches. In the forenoon I spoke to the Denison people. There is not a very large congregation at that place, but there are a few faithful ones who are trying to hold up present truth in that city. In the afternoon I spoke to the Sherman people. It was indeed a pleasure to be with the brethren and sisters at this place. It had been over four years since I had had the privilege of meeting with the church at that place. It was here that I had helped to hold the last series of meetings before my health failed. At the close of that meeting, with Elder Leach, we organized the Sherman church. Although I had not had the privilege of meeting with them since, I have watched with interest their growth. I am glad to know that they will soon have a church building in which to hold their services. Brother Davis is located at Sherman at the present, and is rendering good service to the church. It largely through his efforts that they are planning to have a building there in the near future.

I expect to be with the Dallas church March 13. Let us all be of good courage.

T. W. FIELD.

OBITUARY

RAY.—Major Beverly Ray was born July 10, 1861, in Wyane County, Ill., and met a very tragic death at Dalworth, Texas, March 28, 1918, being almost 57 years old at the time of his decease.

Brother Ray joined the Seventh-day Adventist church at Black Rock, Arkansas, in 1897, and has tried to live out and disseminate the light of this truth since. He had begun canvassing just a short time before his death, and on the occasion of the fatal accident had been to the Brethren Spikes' broom factory, a short dis-

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A CALL TO SERVICE

"Decided changes are taking place in our world. The Lord will turn and overturn. Humble men, who hitherto have been in obscurity, must now be given opportunity to become workers." Review and Herald, Nov. 19, 1903.

Surely that time is now, for those humble men to come and press into the work and fulfill that statement that says there should be one hundred workers where there is but one now. I believe that is in process of fulfillment, for truly many are rallying and taking hold of the work. But there are yet many who are planning to plow who should be planning to take up the work of God. Picture in your mind the field secretaries in Germany, France, England, and other war-

tance from his home, in search of his prospectus containing several orders which he had lost. Returning, he was walking along the railroad track preparatory to starting to Fort Worth in further search and continuing his work. He failed to hear the whistle and approach of a fast passenger train from the rear, which ran over and mangled him beyond recognition, killing him instantly. Thus was he suddenly cut down, but in the performance of duty.

This sudden taking away and the manner of it was a great shock and hard trial to his wife and six children who survive him. Their deep grief and sorrow only the Lord Himself could fully appreciate, though sympathizing brethren and friends entered into it, but they sorrow not without hope. Words of comfort and Scriptural promises were presented by the writer, the funeral service being held in our church at Dalworth, which was filled with the members, friends, and neighbors. Following this we laid our brother away in the Grand Prairie cemetery to await the soon coming Savior whose voice will awake the sleeping saints.

W. A. McCUTCHEN.

stricken countries, going to the various churches in search of recruits. Some would say they knew they should sell our good books, but they just could not leave home, for Mary could not manage the little place, and could not stay alone. But the Kaiser made a call and many of those poor brethren could not make an excuse that he would consider, and the dear wife and babies were left to get along some way.

Now imagine you can see these dear people in the trenches and lamenting the mistake they made in not doing what they could to help finish their Master's work. And now try to think a few years in the future and see many of us called into service for our beloved country. What a sweet peace we can have if we have done our work faithfully now. We will have to face these situations, whether we do our duty or not. I truly believe these calls will be answered by the coming of the man.

I believe that when our people do begin work for fallen humanity, they will find less time for faultfinding.

IRA H. NEWKIRK.

THE COLORED WORK IN LITTLE ROCK

We are glad to report progress in many lines of our work. The Bible work has added new recruits to our number. The thirteenth Sabbath offering for the last quarter amounted to \$17.00, exceeding all other quarters in any year in the history of the church. This is by no means a large sum, but when you get to know that the amount is purely the "widow's mite," and made up entirely by sacrifice, it is not outside the pale of commendation.

We have also purchased a building, a church formerly owned by the Methodist fraternity, at a cost of \$1400.00. We have placed our shoulders under the burden of lifting this debt. This is by far a more enjoyable experience than to be always told "we want this building you are using for church house." Having had to move from one part of the city to the other in order to find a suitable place to worship, we are glad for this location on which to perch our tired feet. Considering the continual and rapid advance of city property and the ever-increasing demands that are continually drawing more people to the city, we

would soon be crowded out of even a foothold; yet because of this continual increase, there is a greater demand for a center from which to radiate the great light of the third angel's message in easy reach of the mass of our people. We believe we are advancing with God's plan in the purchase of this church house. Dear brethren and sisters, and whoever read these few lines, allow your heart to be impressed so as to help us in our undertaking.

We are glad to report progress in many lines of our work. Our Bible work has added new converts to our number. The thirteenth Sabbath offering amounted to seventeen dollars, exceeding all other quarters in the history of the church.

M. JONES.

The May Life and Health magazine comes to us filled with excellent advice. It is decidedly a Parent's Number. Every Seventh-day Adventist father and mother could read it with profit.

It is better to know a little, and to know that little well, than to know something about many things, yet be skilful in nothing.

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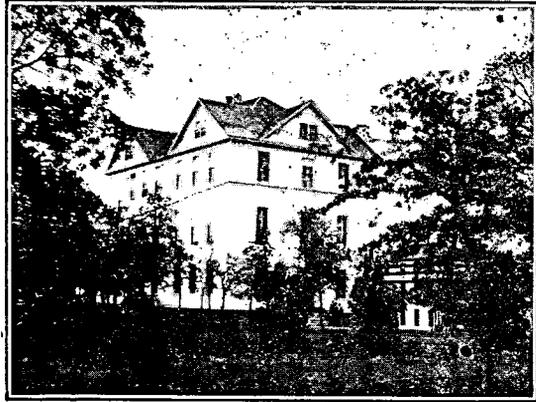
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NEWS NOTES

Southwestern Junior College—the place where students learn to live.

Professor Field has been giving a series of Chapel talks on psychology.

The debating societies of Southwestern Junior College are without doubt occupying the center of the stage as to student activities. Bright-faced, "Keene-eyed" students, with pencil and note-books, are on every corner and in every hall, seeking information on all important questions relating to our school life.

We were glad to welcome Wiley Jones back into our midst, Wednesday, after a few weeks' absence on account of sickness. The smile Wiley was wearing indicated that he too was glad to be back.

The printing plant that publishes this paper, under the able direction of Brother Rubottom, has shown itself equally proficient in book-binding. The College Library has had them re-bind several worn volumes. The books came back from the shop better than new—with bindings as good, we believe, as could have been done anywhere.

Floyd Stephenson, accompanied by Rolland Sweany, visited home folks at Dallas over Sabbath and Sunday. By the way, Floyd has a younger brother who is planning to be here in school next year.

The students and teachers of S. W. J. C. enjoyed a cheering letter from our beloved Union Conference President, who is attending the General

Conference at San Francisco. Elder Christian is a real friend of our school and of every member. We were glad to be thus remembered by him.

Southwestern Junior College—the best school of its kind on the map!

If you were to visit Southwestern Junior College you would doubtless receive a number of impressions. First, everybody is busy. Second, they seem to know what they are "driving at." Third, a fine moral and religious atmosphere prevails. Come and visit us and record still other impressions.

John and Mary—are you economizing and laboring that you may occupy a seat in S. W. J. C. 1918-'19? Begin now!

Elder House gave an interesting stereopticon lecture on the city of Washington, D. C., Saturday night, April 13.

A group of our promising young men in the men's dormitory are setting a pace that others would do well to follow. They arise at 5 a. m. and spend something like 40 minutes studying the Testimonies and praying together. Men and women of this kind do things in the world.

Professor Hamilton gave an impressive Chapel talk Friday on the right use of our time. He says we all waste at least one-fourth of our time. He appealed to us to reform.

Where?—Southwestern Junior College, Keene Texas.

When?—September, 1918.

What?—Let us all meet and spend the school year preparing to fill a place in the cause of God.

Inspired Prayers



Alphabetically Arranged by N. Clausen

ATTEND to my cry," O Lord, "give ear unto my prayer." Ps. 17:1.

BE MERCIFUL unto me according to thy word." Ps. 119:58.

CREATE in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Ps. 51:10.

DEAL with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes." Ps. 119:124.

EARLY will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee." Ps. 63:1.

FORSAKE me not, O Lord. O my God, be not far from me." Ps. 38:21.

GIVE me understanding, and I will keep thy law; yea, I will observe it with my whole heart." Ps. 119:34.

HIDE not thy commandments from me." Ps. 119:19.

INCLINE my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness." Ps. 119:36.

JUDGE thou my cause." "O Lord, thou hast seen my wrong." Lam. 3:59.

KEEP the door of my lips." Ps. 141:3.

LET the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." Ps. 19:14.

MAKE me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works." Ps. 119:27.

NOW therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications." Dan. 9:17.

ORDER my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me." Ps. 119:133.

PURGE me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." Ps. 51:7.

QUICKEN me according to thy word." Ps. 119:154.

REMEMBER me, O Lord, with the favor that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation." Ps. 106:4.

SEND out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles." Ps. 43:3.

TURN away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way." Ps. 119:37.

UPHOLD me according to thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope." Ps. 119:116.

VAIN is the help of man;" "thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation." Ps. 108:12; 27:9.

WASH me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin." Ps. 51:2.

XAMINE me, O Lord, and prove me;" "and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Ps. 26:2; 139:24.

YEA, "teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God; thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness." Ps. 143:10.

ZION said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me;" but thou, Lord, hast said: "O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me;" therefore will "I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever." Amen. Isa. 49:14; 44:21; Ps. 52:8.

A MOMENTOUS MOMENT

President Wilson, Dr. Butler of Columbia University, and other speakers and writers of their caliber, say that we are living in the most momentous "moment" or "hour" in the world's history. "The clock of time is about to strike," "A most supreme moment of history has come," "Upon this moment of time hangs all eternity," "Most portentous hour of all history," "Dazed perplexity," "World in ferment," they say. Elder A. G. Daniels makes use of these utterances in his resume of the political, economic, and sociological conditions now prevailing in the world. It is in the form of a particularly good article entitled "The Bolshevik Epidemic," and is found in the May Signs Magazine. One of those kind that establishes confidence in the message, you know. If read by your neighbors it is bound to exert a sobering influence.

Do you know that Mr. Lodge's book, "Raymond," on physic phenomena, is having a greater sale than any other book, not even excepting the Bible? Yes, a fact. Satan seems determined to make the world believe that same lie to which he gave his voice in the garden of Eden. Now is a most opportune time to present the truth on this great question to our neighbors, for they are interested as never before. We would suggest that you obtain a package or two of the May Signs Magazine for use in this way. Prof. G. W. Rine's article entitled, "Voices From the Great Beyond" is one of its biggest features, and it is most readable and enlightening we can assure you.

TOMORROW'S HUNGER POSSIBILITIES

This is the title of an April Signs Magazine article that will create a lasting impression and make men think. "Modern Revivals" is another; "Breaking the Grip of Death" is another; "Jerusalem for the Jews" is still another. In fact, the April number is full of just those things that most concern people these days. It bears a message that will be gratefully received by some. Will you be among the bearers of that message? One of our sisters in Ohio, recently speaking of her success with the Signs Magazine, said she sold 152 copies in one day. She thinks it would sell as

readily at 25 cents as at 15 cents. Think of it, friends! Are there not others of our sisters who will take up this blessed important work?

THANKFULNESS REWARDED

Someone has been giving or selling the Signs Magazine to a certain lieutenant who is attached to the base hospital at Deming, New Mexico. Here is a word of encouragement from this interested man:

"Enclosed you will find \$4.50 with a list of five names to whom I wish the Signs Magazine sent. This club is purely a contribution of my own. I am interested and desire to see my friends have an opportunity to hear and see. I know nothing of your church organization, but the Signs of the Times seems to cover my views of the Bible and its teachings from a personal study."

THE LATEST BOHEMIAN SIGNS MAGAZINE

This new issue contains articles with the following titles: "The Unseen Ruler of the Universe," "Church History," "Who Changed the Sabbath?," "Importance of Obedience," "My First Experience with Alcohol," "Our Influence on Others," "Suicide of War." It is nicely illustrated and has a beautiful cover in colors. Price ten cents, fifty copies postpaid for \$3.00. Order from your tract society.

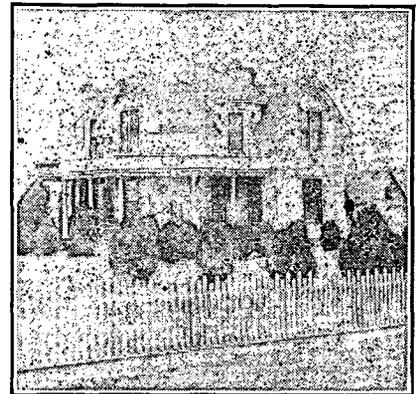
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PREPAREDNESS OF THE NATIONS AND WHAT IT MEANS TO OUR CITIZENS

We have reached an epoch in the annals of time of which there has never been a parallel. Never has there been a time in this world's history when the outlook of every nation was so overwhelmingly masked in gloom, or when there were such portentous forebodings as at the present time.

Well may it be said by the great and mighty men of the world that no nation dare sleep and slumber in the arms of carnal security without being first prepared for the coming conflict that now threatens every nation.

Never before in the history of man have the nations been so ferocious and angry, so intent on wholesale slaughter carnage, bloodshed, and de-



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struction as at this day and hour in which we live.

Never have there been such inventions and achievements for the extinguishing and total destruction of man, either by air, land, or water, as we witness today. Truly it seems that nothing more could be invented for the destruction of humanity were the demons from the bottomless pit turned loose on mankind.

What does all this mean? He who can give to the world an intelligent solution of the whole situation is in demand, and will please step forward and write the mystic vision with a pen of diamond on the granite rock of ages.

Should we as parents, guardians, or administrators of this vast army of youth before us today be permitted to gaze upon either phase of the situation, we truly would have to realize that we are confronting the most alarming, perplexing, and disagreeable proposition that has ever been witnessed before.

Whom of this vast army are the nations marshalling to take part in this great conflict? Are they the weaklings of our nation who have made themselves worthless and useless to our nation through the demon of strong drink and the curse of the cigarette habit? No! Four out of five of that class of young men are rejected. Our country is calling for the flower

of our nation, the best we have; the noblest in virtue, in worth, in strength, and endurance; boys that have prepared and educated themselves for usefulness in life by cherishing noble ideals with that determination of making of themselves all that it was possible for them to become.

They now, at this crisis, regard it a privilege and their duty to step forward and answer the call of our country to defend not only the noble fathers, mothers, sisters, and companions, but, sad to say, also the many young men who have made their lives of no value to our nation's service through intemperance and shame, and who have destroyed their physical powers of resistance so as to be unable to withstand hardness and to endure as good soldiers. But our more noble, strong young men will have to brave the situation with a sense of realization that they have come to the crisis for such a time as this to act the part of a merciful preserver and savior of the nation.

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A high purpose, merely to look at, is of no good. It comes to have real value only as earnest effort is put forth to attain it.

When we are doing God's work, there is nothing more sure than that we can count on His help.