

A CHANGE IN THE CALENDAR

FOR YEARS there has been agitation, especially on the part of large business enterprises, to revise our calendar. The League of Nations has considered this subject and favors revision. Many plans were submitted to the League but they have eliminated all with the exception of two, and both of these plans do away with the free running week.

The Pan-American Conference, held last year in Havana, Cuba, adopted a resolution favoring the calendar revision. The revision most acceptable does away with the weekly cycle as it has run since creation.

For many days the Foreign Affairs Committee, of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, has held hearings on a resolution to determine whether the United States should send representatives to an International Calendar Revision Congress.

At these hearings but three religious bodies have opposed any plans to revise the calendar which would give us a wandering Sabbath. These bodies are the Jews, Seventh-day Baptists, and the Seventh-day Adventists.

The elimination of the free running week would strike the most severe blow to Sabbath-keeping that has ever been devised. It would mean that each year the Sabbath would fall upon a different day of the week, and on Leap Year the Sabbath would fall on one day during the first half of the year, and on another day during the remainder of the year.

The situation is so serious that the General Conference Committee has voted to have the *Liberty Magazine* print an extra on this subject. They have appointed an editorial committee as follows: C. S. Longacre, W. W. Prescott, F. D. Nichol, C. P. Bollman, H. H. Votaw.

The subjects to be discussed in this *Liberty Extra* are:

1. How the Proposed Calendar Came into Prominence.

2. The History of Past Revisions of the Calendar.

3. The Origin and History of the Weekly Cycle.

4. The origin of the Sabbath, Its Significance, and Its Relation to the Weekly Cycle.

5. The moral and Spiritual Effect of the Proposed Calendar Change that Would give Us a Wandering Sabbath.

6. Memorial Presented to Foreign Affairs Committee by Seventh-day Adventist Representatives.

7. An article by Representative Sol Bloom. (A Member of Foreign Affairs Committee).

This extra will be illustrated with cuts showing that past calendar revisions have in no way affected the weekly cycle of the days. This agitation offers Seventh-day Adventists an opportunity, not only to present facts as to what the calendar revision would mean to all who are conscientious in worshipping on a particular day, but to proclaim the Sabbath more fully. This extra will contain sixteen pages. Price \$2.00 a hundred, \$15.00 a thousand. Many persons will, we believe, wish to invest in a thousand or more copies. Churches should plan in a systematic manner for the distribution of these extras. Orders should be sent through your conference office.

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

THERE has just come to the editor of the *RECORD* a letter from a brother who signs himself "A Layman." The letter is not written so we can publish it as a whole, but to show that we appreciate the interest of our brethren in the *RECORD* and their desire to contribute something to make it better, we will make some quotations from it, as follows:

"I should like to urge upon the attention of the brethren the importance of tithing. Really it seems to me a pity that our ministers have to refer to it so often, and that as a people we are not more faithful than we are. To pay a tithe is part of this message, and how anyone can

ever expect to reach heaven while robbing God I am unable to see.

"In the days of the prophet Malachi the Lord called upon Israel to prove Him and see if it would not be profitable to pay tithes. In our day we may not expect to see such an improvement in our crops, but we will be blessed in other ways. But we should not expect the Lord to reward us for returning to him his own."

We shall be pleased to receive from our brethren in the field short items for publication. If you are impressed with thoughts upon any point of the message such as this brother was, send them in and we will make use of them as occasion offers. C. N. W.

THE REVIEW MADE LARGER

BEGINNING with the *Review* dated January 31st, it will have thirty-two pages instead of twenty-four, thus making it one-third larger and giving more space for general articles, reports from mission fields and departmental information. Of course, this in itself will make the paper more valuable to our people. Naturally we would suppose that the subscription rate would be higher because of the fact that the paper has been enlarged, but I am glad to tell our constituency through the columns of the *RECORD* that to our surprise, the subscription price has been reduced from \$2.75 to \$2.50. At this price, it makes the *Review* just a trifle less than five cents a week.

Now, there is not a family in the Southwestern Union Conference who does not have five cents a week for newspapers and magazines and very few, too, who do not spend more than five cents a week for unnecessary confection without which they would be better off. Why not spend that for the "good old *Review*."

Information comes to our office from the *Review* and Herald Publishing Association that the "Big Three" will be no more. All subscriptions which they now have in the *Review* in the "Big Three" list will automati-

cally become a "Big Four" and will have the *Present Truth* sent to them in addition to the *Review*, *Life and Health*, and the *Liberty*. This plan however, was started January the 1st, that is, the "Big Four" consists now of the *Review*, *Life and Health*, *Liberty*, and *Present Truth*, all for three dollars a year, to one name and address. If our brethren could only realize what they are missing by not having the *Review* in their home, they would certainly take advantage of this latter liberal offer on the part of the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

We are hoping that during 1929 the *Review* will find its place in every home in our field.

G. F. EICHMAN,

Home Missionary Secretary of the Southwestern Union Conference.

KEENE VILLAGE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. John Green, of Little Rock, Arkansas, visited their daughter, Evangeline Green, over the weekend. Accompanying them were Mrs. Dr. W. C. Green, of Little Rock and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Green, of Michigan.

A letter received the past week from Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Barnes, former treasurer of the college, who left here about four years ago to become missionaries among the Indians of the Lake Titicaca region, in Peru, states that Brother Barnes has been chosen cashier of the South American Division office, and they were leaving at once for Buenos Aires, Argentina, which will be their future home.

A large company of students and parents enjoyed educational moving pictures in the chapel last Saturday night. Three of the reels shown pictured the development and operation of a modern newspaper.

Elder R. P. Abel spoke to the Keene church at the 11:00 o'clock service last Sabbath.

Professors Kellogg and Tucker made a business trip to Fort Worth yesterday, and last night Professor Tucker left for a business trip to California. He expects to be away for ten days or more.

The Church Officers' Convention mentioned in our last news notes closed on Tuesday night. To all who

were able to attend it was a very profitable and enjoyable meeting,

By action of the Board Mr. F. W. Alexander has been appointed farm superintendent of the college farm, and has entered upon his work.

The work in the college industries is beginning to crowd again. A visit to the broom factory last Sunday forenoon showed every machine going, and seemingly every place in the building for a young man to work was occupied. The planing mill superintendent reports a good run of work, and the print shop has almost more work than they can do with their force. For all of this we rejoice.

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A NEW PRICE ON THE "REVIEW"

THE PRICE of the "good old *Review*" has taken a drop! But its value increases each passing day. As the controversy between Christ and Satan draws nearer and nearer to the actual bruising of the serpent's head, the progress of accomplishments by the soldiers of the cross is more and more interesting. It warms our hearts and steadies our hands, as we read the "good old *Review*" and learn of this progress.

The *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* brings to our mail box, and to our hearts, fresh courage and hope each week at less than five cents per week—one third the cost of a newspaper.

The price was lowered January 1 and is now \$2.50 per year. The pages however, are increased from twenty-four to thirty-two. For three dollars we can get four papers: *Review*, *Life and Health*, *Liberty*, and *Present Truth*.

The Spirit of Prophecy says the *Review* should be in every home of believers, and that it is cheap at the full price. From Vol. 4: 599, I quote: "Those who consent to do without the *Review* and *Herald* lose much. Though its pages, Christ may speak to them in warnings, in reprofs and counsel, which would change the current of their thoughts, and be to them

as the bread of life."

Let us not lose the help and blessing which the "good old *Review*" will bring to every family of believers. Give your order to the church missionary secretary or mail it to the Book and Bible House.

C. W. RUBENDALL.

NORTH TEXAS NEWS NOTES

Recent visitors at the office were Elders M. B. Van Kirk, president of the Southwestern Union Conference; C. H. Castle, Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor of the union and Professor E. A. Pohle, Educational Secretary, of the same field. We were glad to have these brethren attend the annual conference auditing board.

Brother M. L. Sandefur of Wichita Falls, James Anderson of Fort Worth, and Brother A. L. Frye of Dallas, also attended this meeting.

Word has been received from Elder George W. Spies, who is living at Palmetto, Florida, that he is enjoying the splendid climate in that section of the country.

We are glad to announce that we still have a few of the little Sabbath School helps for the former quarter, book number two. Anyone who wants one of these may secure one. Book number three for the first quarter of 1929 may also be secured. The price of either book is twenty-five cents per copy.

We are able to furnish our people with a tract package consisting of fifty-three tracts, each tract covering a different topic, at twenty-five cents. These may be ordered from the Book and Bible House.

CHURCH OFFICERS' MEETING AT KEENE

THE CHURCH OFFICERS' meeting for the western portion of the conference was held at Keene January 12-16, and we believe its effect will be felt in the home and foreign fields, and its results seen in the earth made new.

Officers of the churches at Waco, Fort Worth, Cleburne, Clifton, Wichita Falls, and Keene participated in the discussions and by their presence and interest contributed to the success of the institute. We are sorry

some officers could not remain throughout the whole session.

Aside from Elder Benton, the conference president; Elder E. A. Poble, Southwestern Union Missionary Volunteer and Educational Secretary; the local department secretaries, who led out in the general discussion, help was also given by Elders French and McComas, as well as church officers and laymen.

This meeting was characterized by a spirit of earnestness on the part of all who attended. The spirit of God witnessed to this, and as a result we feel that we are all better equipped for more efficient service in soul-winning.

C. W. RUBENDALL.

FORT WORTH RADIO BROADCASTING

Because of several inquiries about the radio, we are writing to tell you that there are no arrangements this winter for us to be on the air. We are sorry, but it is impossible for the Fort Worth church to do this alone. They are now meeting all the expense of our meeting which is going on in the tabernacle.

We are glad to announce that we will have another baptism in the tabernacle, Sabbath, January 26 at 11:00 A. M. Several more nice people have taken hold with us, and one of these, a man, is now out in the canvassing field with the printed page.

We ask your prayers that others may go as the fires of pentecost fall on the believers. J. W. MCCOMAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT

WE ARE glad to announce to the readers of the RECORD, and all who may be interested, that the annual Colporteurs' Institute for the North Texas field will be held at Dallas, beginning February 4 and continuing ten days.

We are making plans for a good institute. I know the Lord will be with us. Now, what about you, brother, or sister? Are you planning to be with us? The Lord is calling for workers. Why not come and receive the needed preparation and join the Lord's army? What do you say?

To all those who mean business the conference will furnish free room

and board, also railroad fare to Dallas and return to your field. We expect some of the best help the local and union conferences can afford.

The prospects for the work are as fine as any I ever saw in this field. Everywhere the farmers are encouraged and they will be ready to purchase our books. I was just out in Bosque County with Brother Wheeler, of Fort Worth, and the Lord blessed us with ten orders in one day for delivery the last of January.

I would like to hear from all who plan to be with us in the institute. Sit down and write me now. We will make plans for you.

T. J. HOOPER.

ELEPHANTS DRAW PLOW

It is reported that elephants are trained to the plow in the Belgian Congo government schools at Api, and that a pair of well-trained elephants can plow two and a half difficult acres in half a day.

OBITUARY

ROTENBERRY—JAMES DAVID ROTENBERRY was born in Alabama, October 1, 1860, and died at Commerce Texas, December 23, 1928, aged sixty-eight years, two months and twenty-two days. December 23, 1884, he was married to Miss Mildred Woodall, sister of A. M. and J. K. Woodall of Keene, Texas. To this union were born five sons and one daughter. The wife and four children mourn his death.

Sister Rotenberry along with her parents, now deceased, and her brothers, accepted the truth under the labors of the writer and Elder Drummond in 1888, and although her husband never united with the church it had his sympathies and his moral support. He was hospitable in entertaining the workers visiting their community, and kind and helpful to his wife in her church and camp meeting attendance. His fatherly cooperation with his wife resulted in the rearing of a fine set of children, the daughter, Miss Alaska, being a member of the church. The three sons, though not members, are honorable, upright young men, and good citizens.

Mr. Rotenberry was a faithful and trusted employee of the Commerce Gin Co., in whose services he had been employed for a number of years. It

was an explosion in the engine room of the gin the night of December 23 that cut him down in death. He had the respect and confidence of a large circle of acquaintances in the town, attested by the large attendance and many beautiful floral tributes at the funeral. Funeral services were held in the Baptist church conducted by the writer, assisted by the pastor and choir of the church.

W. A. MCCUTCHEN.

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OBITUARY

GILL—MRS. JULIA MABEL MASON was born in Milbury, Mass., May 2, 1849, and died in her home in Tulsa, Oklahoma, January 7, 1929 at the age of seventy-nine years, eight months and five days.

She was united in marriage with Herbert Fisher Gill April 18, 1875. Her husband passed away in 1904 at the age of fifty-three years. They were the parents of one son, H. W. Gill. Besides this son, she leaves seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Her granddaughter, Mary Gill, was taken to her home when she was a small child and has lived with her nineteen years. Mary was devoted to her grandmother and was a great comfort to her, especially so during the last years of her life. Her last thoughts were of Mary and of her comfort.

Sister Gill was converted to Christ and united with the United Brethren Church. About ten years ago she heard the message of "Present Truth" and united with the Adventist church. She was a devoted Christian and faithful until the time of her death. We are confident she will come forth in the resurrection when Jesus comes.

W. L. NOTT.

WREN FARMER'S FRIEND

For its size, the house wren is one of the most effective bird enemies of the insects. Wrens usually rear two broods of young birds each year, and the parents keep busy morning to night bringing food for the hungry young. The wren's diet is almost ex-

clusively animal, and a pair of wrens will account for an enormous number of insects in a season.

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SOUTH TEXAS NEWS NOTES

Elder A. F. Harrison returned to his home in Oklahoma City Tuesday night because of illness. Brother Abbott accompanied him. We all wish Brother Harrison a most speed recovery.

The colporteurs' institute which was held in San Antonio closed today. Due to the raging of the flu several who had planned to attend were not able to do so. Those in attendance were: William McKenzie, of Weimar, Mr. and Mrs. Willard H. Atherly, of Houston, Emil Wollschlaeger, of Sisterdale, Mr. Larkins, Marion Runnells, Mrs. Ed. Guss, Mr. Jorgensen, of San Antonio.

Sister Blair and Sister Willenberg, of Beaumont, who have spent several weeks in Fort Worth recently returned to that city. Mrs. Willenberg however, accompanied her husband to Wharton a few days later where they will be located indefinitely.

Mrs. C. A. Walgren, of Beaumont, sends in this item of interest: "On Thursday of the Week of Prayer we went over to Brenham, and were gone four days. During this time our church or company here planned a little party for us. Monday night came a knock at our door. I opened the door, and there they all were lined up one behind the other, hands full of chairs, lamp draperies, etc. They marched in and took possession, made us sit in the rockers, of which they brought two. Then they hung the draperies, and when that was done they served refreshments. We all had a very nice time, and I wish you could see our pretty room, the window drapey and pretty floor lamp to match, even a vase and bouquet."

OBITUARY

LUNDY—MRS. ELIZABETH LUNDY
 L was born in Jackson County, Ohio, March 16, 1851, and died in Kansas

City, Missouri, January 9, 1929. Sister Lundy lived in Ohio until 1888. She then moved to Lincoln, Nebraska where she lived until 1925 in which year she came to Houston, Texas, and lived with her daughter until a few weeks ago when she went to Kansas City.

The apartment house in which she was living caught fire the night of January 9. She was awakened by the owners of the house, but dressed before she attempted to leave the building, and she found the stairway on fire. When the fire was quenched she was found burned to death on the stairway.

She united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in Lincoln, Nebraska, about twenty-five years ago, never transferring her membership from that church, and was faithful to the last. She leaves to mourn her loss three daughters, Mrs. Bertha Haas and Mrs. Bert H. Niemann, of Houston, Texas, Mrs. Ruby Harvey, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and two sons, Frank Watson and Calvin Lundy, of Douglass, Nebraska. Her body was shipped to Houston for burial, and was laid away in the Forest Park Cemetery January 13, 1929 to await the resurrection day. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Job 14: 1, 2, 14, 15; Psa. 90: 10, 12; 1 Tim. 4: 6-8; 1 Thess. 4: 16-18.

J. B. HAMPTON.

ARE YOU A WELL-INFORMED ADVENTIST

THERE will begin in the January 31 issue of the *Review and Herald* a series of articles dealing with the plans for calendar revision that are now before Congress. It has been many years since any question has had such a vital relation to Seventh-day Adventists. Every member of the church ought to be informed on the subject. The money and influence behind the drive to obtain a calendar revision are far more powerful than those behind Sunday legislation. And beyond doubt, the results to us as a people would be far more sweeping than Sunday laws. If the proposed revisions are made the Sabbath would wander all through the week, for the continuity of the weekly cycle would be broken.

If you would be a well-informed Seventh-day Adventist, read the *Re-*

view. Located here at the nation's capital this journal can keep most directly in touch with the great issues and crises that arise. The extended and authoritative discussion of the Calendar question is but typical of the way in which your church paper keeps you instantly in touch with the important problems of our day. And—mark this point well—as we draw near the end there will be more and more striking issues arise. No Seventh-day Adventist, therefore, who should know the "times and the seasons" can afford to be without the *Review*.

THE ADVENT MESSAGE IN BOHEMIA

AS THE Thirteenth Sabbath Offering of the first quarter in 1929 goes to the Catholic lands of Europe and the overflow from that thirteenth Sabbath offering is to be dedicated to building up our work in Prag, it may be of interest to our brethren to learn something of our work in Bohemia.

The third angel's message has entered Bohemia as it has entered into all the leading lands of the world. It is, indeed very difficult to work here, for the influence of Rome has caused her adherents in this land to be either quite fanatical, or, to be indifferent and non-responding to all religious influences. Nevertheless it was not always so. Hundreds of years ago the bright light of the gospel shone in Bohemia; it was here that the exiled Waldenses received a hearty welcome. It was here that the Reformation, started by Wycliffe was accorded an enthusiastic reception and found true defenders.

The great Reformation began in Bohemia 100 years before it commenced in Germany, and there was found among Bohemia's sons such men as Huss and Jerome and others who were willing to give their lives for the truth which had been committed to their care.

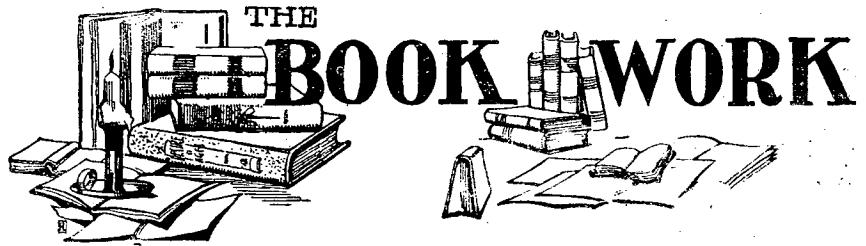
However, the enemies of the gospel confederated together and although they sought to tear down the work of the gospel, still a whole nation came forward in the service of truth, and notwithstanding, they were far outnumbered by the advancing Crusaders, yet the Bohemians were the victors.

Often no battle was fought at all but at the mere singing of the Hussites' song their enemies, sometimes ten or twenty times as many in number, fled panic-stricken from the soil of Bohemia. One who reads the history of the Hussite wars is reminded of the time when Israel fought under the leadership of Joshua and Gideon.

This land was also the cradle of the Bohemian brethren who formed such a wonderful organization. In the midst of the greatest difficulties they founded flourishing churches and numbered in Bohemia and in Moravia more than 170,000 members who had been received into their churches through adult baptism. In addition to these Protestants there were also, at that time, certain churches which kept the Sabbath of the Lord. This caused the rage of the enemy to be directed against this land more vehemently and during the thirty Years' War they were able to destroy this glorious cause. The tree was felled but there was left a green root which, under the skillful care of Grafen N. von Zinzendorf, again sprang up. The Moravians took root in German soil and although they, at first, were few in number, yet they soon began a very successful mission to the heathen lands of the world.

Now, for hundreds of years, darkness has covered this glorious land in which, at one time, the wonderful light of the gospel shone forth. However, about thirty years ago, the Advent message, thank God, was able to take firm root. As to the difficulties accompanying its entrance Brother J. Popelka, our present home missionary secretary, has related the following with reference to the difficulties encountered in the pioneer struggle to plant the message in this country.

"Sixteen years ago I began selling our publications. I was then the only Bohemian colporteur in Moravia and we had at that time "His Glorious Appearing" and a few tracts in the Bohemian language. Among the 250 members present at the first Adventist Conference I attended twelve were Bohemians. We had no Bohemian Bible-workers, to say nothing of a Bohemian minister. There was no Bohemian church. We did not dare to think of a publishing house and a school; we desired only many books and many colporteurs, for we believed that through these we should win many members, establish churches and



COLPORTEUR REPORTS

ARKANSAS COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 12, 1929

Name	Bk.	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Tot. Val	Val.-Del
B. G. Maguire	PP	30	4	24.00	25.00	49.00	6.00
B. G. Maguire	PP	32	7	38.50	28.50	67.00	8.50
Killis Boyce	RJ	20	3	9.00	8.75	17.75	
Ella Boyce	HW	3					12.25
Workers	3	85	14	71.50	62.25	133.75	26.75

TEXICO COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 5, 1929

Name	Bk.	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Tot. Val	Val.-Del
C. D. Colburn	GC	103	22	120.50	67.00	188.00	144.50
C. F. Kinder	BR	22	4	22.00	3.50	25.50	3.00
G. W. Galloway	GC	18	1	5.50	4.50	10.00	
Mrs. Harkey		3			1.85	1.85	1.35
Workers	4	146	27	148.00	77.35	225.35	148.85

TEXICO CODPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 12, 1929

Name	Bk.	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Tot. Val	Val.-Del
P. Miriles	HP	58	3	19.50		19.50	
C. F. Kinder	BR	41	3	16.50	37.25	53.75	35.00
G. W. Calloway	GC	37	7	24.50	17.75	42.25	
C. D. Colburn	GC	44	7	38.00	30.25	68.25	36.75
Mrs. Harkey	BR	11	1	5.50	8.50	14.00	9.25
Workers	5	191	21	104.00	93.75	197.75	81.00

GRAND TOTAL	Wks. 12,	422	62	323.50	233.35	556.85	250.60
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receive ministers. In addition to this, however, we had no liberty to scatter our publications which contained the message of salvation. Soon the number of colporteurs increased, but we were thrown into prison and if the police caught us doing our work we had to spend fourteen days in arrest and pay a fine of 300 crowns. Still we went about our work again, happy in spirit and not without success.

Bohemia with its more than five million inhabitants contains nine churches with 326 members. The capital, Prag, has 800,000 inhabitants and still it does not possess a chapel, so that at the present writing it is not possible for us to hold public lectures in this great city. Still, we hope that through the overflow from the thirteenth Sabbath Offering Prag may receive help. There is a great possibility for the development of the work. The people have a deep interest in the message and we might ac-

complish much if we only had a suitable place for our meetings. The churches are so weak they cannot help themselves, but as a result of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering of the first quarter of 1929 we hope to receive the necessary assistance which will enable us to overcome our financial difficulties.

R. RUHLING.

TRUE KNOWLEDGE AND FALSE KNOWLEDGE

WE ARE LIVING in an age when knowledge is increasing, and all people, old and young, are anxiously seeking all the knowledge they can possibly obtain. There are two sources of knowledge and they both have some things in common; this accounts for that so many people are found in the wrong when they think they are right.

The source of one kind of knowledge is from above as is shown in the following words: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God. . . ." Jas. 1:5. The wisdom here offered is given for the asking and is the same as that described in Proverbs 2: 2-10; 3: 13-26; 4: 5-19. This kind of wisdom is more valuable than gold; it exalts one, promotes him, lengthens his days, makes him happy, brings him to honor and crowns him with an ornament of grace and a crown of glory. Yes, there are many who desire these things and many who seek them but very few who find them, for they go to a false source. "The Lord giveth wisdom; out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding." Prov. 2:6.

The false source is spoken of also in Jas. 3: 13-16. "This wisdom descendeth not from above but is earthly, sensual, devilish". After Solomon had of the worldly wisdom all he desired, he said, "This is all vanity" and he came to a recognition that "God giveth to a man that which is good in his sight, wisdom, and knowledge and joy." Eccl. 2.

There are many who are worldly wise, whose wisdom is foolishness with God, who desire not to know the source of true wisdom that which is from above. They know Christ only as a man, good and kind, not as an overcomer of sin; they know him as a leading figure, not as a leader of spiritual Israel; know Him as a preacher, not as one who preached words of Life; know Him as feeding the five thousand, not as one who fed thousands with the Bread of Life.

There are many who know of the Bible and know it as the history of men of deeds, but not as a history of men of God; they know it as a book of good literature, not as a book of words of eternal life; they know it as a book of wise writings, not as a source of all wisdom; they know it as a record of miracles, not as a record of how God works miracles in the lives and hearts of men in their salvation.

There are worldly wise who have a knowledge of all the histories of wars, and are ignorant of the war against sin; they know all the philosophy and psychology of men, and know not the philosophy of a sinless life; they know the story of the ages of the rocks, and know not the Rock of Ages.

Many have a good knowledge of languages and rhetoric and know not the language of the Bible and of God and Christ; they have knowledge of all the latest words and phrases and know not the word which God spoke; they know all the clever, well-turned expressions and know not the "thus saith the Lord."

It is true that the one who has a good deal of earthly knowledge thinks himself fortunate but he does not know true wisdom and its source.

As Solomon, would everyone come, if he did search the true source? When he reached the point where he thought all wealth and knowledge were at his command, he came to the realization that wisdom, wisdom of men, earthly wisdom, would compare with true wisdom, wisdom of God, as light is compared with darkness.

There is no certain amount of work required of God to be eligible for receiving his wisdom, but everyone who lacks should ask and God gives liberally. Paul in speaking to Timothy of the last days, says that there will be some "ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth". 2 Tim. 3:7. The reason why they never arrive at the truth is evidently because they do not seek the right source. May we search for the fountain which is true and faithful the source of all truth, more and more as time goes on, that we may all come to the realization that our own wisdom is darkness in God's sight and that he will grace us with an ornament and crown us with a crown of glory.

F. F. ZUMBAUM.

THE TOBACCO GOD

To get a graphic conception of the astounding consumption of tobacco, read "Incense to the Tobacco God," in the *Signs of the Times* of January 15.

To educate boys and girls against its use and save at least some, distribute the "No-Tobacco Little Friend." One thousand or more copies at one and a half cents each; less than a thousand, two cents each.

NOTICE

Oakwood Junior College Constituency Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the constituency of the Oakwood Junior College is called for Monday,

February 18, 1929 at 10:30 o'clock a. m. in the college chapel on the Oakwood Campus, Huntsville, Alabama.

This constituency consists of the executive committees of the Southern, Southwestern, and Southeastern Union Conferences, the College Board, and the faculty of Oakwood Junior College.

N. S. ASHTON, Chairman,
J. A. TUCKER, Secretary.

UNION COLLEGE NEWS NOTES

The first German Seminar to be organized in Union College since the German Theological department was moved to Clinton, Missouri, will hold its meetings at 2:30 every Sabbath afternoon. The officers are as follows: Prqsideon, Emil Bietz; vice-president, Gideon Krueger; secretary-treasurer, Emil Fick; chorister, Reinhold Bietz; sexton and publicity agent, Philip Kiesz; faculty advisors, Elder Premier and Professor Walther.

The following program was given by students of the music and expression departments of the college in the chapel Sunday afternoon:

- Piano Solo—Sonata Pathetique—
Beethoven
Ada Townsend
- Violin solo—Scherze.....*Van Goens*
Otto Krotz
- Vocal solo—The Maiden's Wish—
Chopin
Mrs Wallace Stuart
- Reading—To the Lions.....*Brooks*
Earnest Arnett
- Violin solo—Lightly Row—*Spanish*
Dorothy Nelson
- Piano solo—Reverie.....*Atherton*
Della Kremer
- Vocal solo—Dry Those Tears.....
Del Riego
Harvey Humann
- Piano solo—
(a) Cradle Song*Ilyinsky*
(b) Polish Dance*Scharwenka*
Sam McCormack
- Saxophone solo—Dream Waltz—*Vogt*
Lawrence Bauman
- Piano solo—Dance Orientals*Cui*
Jeanette McKibben
- Reading—Love More Powerful Than
Prison Stains*Jerome*
Marie Olson
- Piano solo—Impromptu-Mazurka—
Lack
Katherine Turner

Professor G. C. George, head of the commercial department, spoke on "Dreams" at the chapel hour Monday, January 14.

THE FOREIGN PERIODICAL WEEK

AT THE last Autumn Council of the General Conference held at Springfield, Mass., the week of January 19-26, was set apart as Foreign Periodical Week. Within every community where our churches are located are found many who do not speak the English language, and who must be reached with the message. It is not enough for us to visit them with the Harvest Ingathering papers and receive their offering to help the missions in the regions beyond, but God is holding us responsible to see that these foreigners at our doors may have the opportunity to receive the message.

Periodicals are printed at Brookfield in a number of different languages. The French *Signs of the Times*, a monthly paper, is printed at Oshawa, Ont., Canada. The price of the French *Signs* for one year is seventy-five cents. A club of five yearly subscriptions to one address is \$2.75, and to separate addresses \$3.00.

We recently baptized a French Roman Catholic, who having received a Harvest Ingathering paper, requested the one who had given him the paper to send him more literature. The name was sent to us, and the French *Signs* was sent to the party for nearly two years at the expense of \$1.50. Now the brother and family are rejoicing in the blessed truth.

Every Seventh-day Adventist church should give consideration to the problem of giving the message to the foreigners in their locality. Home Missionary leaders, this is a call to you. See that this week, January 19-26, does not pass by without your church having taken a forward move. Take a club of these periodicals and give the stranger within your borders a chance to learn of the soon-coming of the blessed Saviour. We are prepared to furnish names and addresses of people whom we believe will appreciate the literature. Much thought and time is given to the study how best to reach the different classes of people in the preparation of our

foreign literature. We need your help, the help of every church in circulating this foreign literature. Come over and help us to finish the work among the foreigners at home..

L. F. PASSEBOIS.

Secretary French Dept., Sterling Jc. Mass.

A GREAT FAMINE COMING

Amos prophesied, "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread nor of thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord."

Today that terrible famine is beginning to come upon the world, and Elder Charles S. Wiest, president of the Kansas Conference, tells the alarming and graphic story of the fulfillment of this prophecy in three articles in the *Signs of the Times* of February 5, 12, and 19.

You and all your Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational relatives and friends will be greatly interested in these articles and stirred by the conditions in the religious world today.

HE IS NEAR

BY C. M. McDONALD.

WHEN sad and lone and all the world seems strange and cold,
And no friend comes our poor
sad hearts to cheer;
T'is then we need to understand
God sent His Son
To heal the broken heart, and
He is near.

When fondly cherished hopes lie
shattered at our feet,
And what we yearned for
seems to disappear;
Oh, then we need to lean on One
who understands
Our human disappointments,
and He is near.

When many cares of life o'erwhelm
the troubled soul,
And happy prospects turn to
doubt and fear,
We need the consolation God
alone can give;
He knows our every trial,
and is near.

When storms beat hard upon life's
craft for out to sea—
We call and no one seems to
know or hear,

Let us remember in that hour
We're not alone:
Our Saviour calmeth storms,
and He is near.

When those we love seem unconcerned
about the things
We know to be important and
hold dear;
Oh, then we need abiding faith in
Him who said
He came to save the lost, and
He is near.

When sorrow seems to press us down
like some great load,
And no one cares about the
falling tear,
We suffer then with Him who
came and died for us.
And have His blessed fellowship;
He is near.

GOD'S TIME SIGNALS

is a resume by Elder Arthur S. Maxwell, of London, England, of a half-dozen of the outstanding signs of Christ's coming. Here is a splendid article to pass on to inquiring friends and neighbors. Ask your Bible House secretary for the February color *Signs*. Only four cents each in lots of ten or more.

HERE AND THERE

"Benjamin Franklin was the oldest man who signed the Declaration of Independence."

"Colombia produces about one-half of the world's supply of platinum."

"Eight out of every ten people of Salvador live on farms."

"There are more than 250,000 varieties of flowering plants on the British Isles today."

"Telephones installed in the United States in the first six months of this year numbered three times as many as those put into service in Great Britain during the whole of last year."

"A French automobile thirty-seven years old is still being run."

"A ferry boat which runs between Germany and Denmark carries an entire freight train."

"A new German transplanting machine sets out over 12,000 plants an hour."

"The Victorian government of Australia will spend \$3,756,000 on highways in the next twelve months."

"Railroads of Britain are permitted by a new law to operate freight service on highways paralleling their tracks".

"Horace Greely's paper, the Morning Post, was the first penny paper."

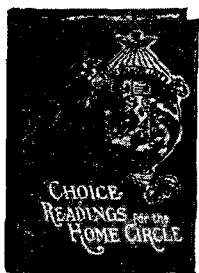
"The English have completed a giant surveying plane with a range of six hundred miles."

"To convey a woman invalid from Paris to London for an operation an air line company recently converted one of its liners into an arial ambulance."

"With each member assigned a quota of verses, 1,520 Baptists of Norfolk, Va. recently read the Bible through in two days."

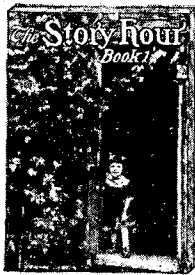
WAR OR PEACE?

This question is ably discussed by Elder Roy F. Cottrell in his article, "Is Mars Following the Mastodon?" in the February color Signs. You will want a liberal supply to pass to neighbors and friends. Only four cents each in lots of ten or more. Ask your Bible House secretary for a supply.



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FOR SALE OR TRADE, Eighty acres one and one-half miles west of Ketchum, (Oklahoma) and one and one-half miles north of Adventist church school. Four-room house, barn, chicken house, well, pond in

pasture. Twenty acres in meadow, twenty pasture and forty in cultivation. Address or see Geo. P. Allen, Ketchum, Oklahoma. —3p.

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FOR SALE OR TRADE—Two good houses, one with five rooms and bath one lot, and the other seven rooms and bath with two lots. Electric lights, city water and gas, partly encumbered. Will trade for good farm or city property near good eleventh grade school. Texas preferred. Write to L. S. Minton, P. O. Box 656, Fort Smith, Arkansas. —4p.

DR. D. GAEDE'S SANITARIUM

WANTED—Young men and women to enter training class for nurses. Class begins Jan. 1st to Feb. 1st. Married couples may apply. Write to Dr. D. Gaede, Weatherford, Okla. —5collect

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