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Home Missionary Secretary, General Conference

Nearly sixty-five years have passed since the first issue of our pioneer missionary paper, *The Signs of the Times*, came from our presses. June 4, 1874, will always remain a historical date in the development of our publishing work, because of this faithful sentinel and fearless exponent of the message Seventh-day Adventists are commissioned to give to the world.

The *Signs* can truly be classified as a successful "evangelist." It preaches to the largest audience every week of any evangelist connected with the cause. But it more than preaches; it *pleads* with men and women to come to Christ and, in willing obedience to the clear teachings of the Scriptures, keep the commandments of God.

In a special sense, the *Signs* is America's prophetic Weekly, and as such brings information and instruction to a larger group of people regularly upon Bible prophecy in the light of present-day events than any other periodical we publish.

Entering upon its 65th year, the *Signs* was never more attractive in appearance, and never better filled to overflowing with "glad tidings" than it is today. We believe that as a soul winner its effectiveness is on the increase. More than 80,000 copies are printed each week. We wish it were double that number. It should be at least one copy to each believer in North America.

We are sounding today a new bugle call in behalf of a larger circulation of the *Signs*. There is unmistakable need of enlarging our borders and lengthening our cords in literature distribution, both through personal house-to-house subscription solicitation distribution as well as through the mails.

No better financial investment in soul-winning activities can be made than by churches and individuals taking a club of the *Signs*. With a true understanding of the times in which we live, and knowing what Is-

SCHEDULE OF OFFERINGS

Feb. 4, Local Home Miss. Work
Feb. 11, Missions
Feb. 18, Local Expense
Feb. 25, TIDINGS

Note: Pastors and Church Elders Announcement should be made each week of the purpose of the offering to be taken at the Sabbath morning service.

rael ought to do at such a time, is it too much to ask and expect that we double our efforts in the circulation of the *Signs* during the month of February and the special period set aside for the *Signs* effort?

There is still a little time of freedom and unhindered opportunity to carry on and push the yet unfinished task of getting God's last warning message before the multitudes of our land. God's people have been chosen as ambassadors for Him in the last work of salvation. "The greatest wealth of truth ever entrusted to mortals, the most solemn and fearful warnings ever sent by God to man, have been committed to them to be given to the world, and in the accomplishment of this work our publishing houses are among the most effective agencies." —7T138.

"The press is an instrumentality by which many are reached whom it would be impossible to reach by ministerial effort." —5T388.

"WIN ANOTHER" SOUL WITH THE "SIGNS"

B. M. PRESTON

Seventh-day Adventists are literature minded. Many are the periodicals, tracts, and other types of truth-filled literature published by this denomination, but taking a careful survey of all this fine literature, there is nothing published by our publishing houses that brings greater returns in souls won than an investment in the *Signs of the Times*. For years, the *Signs* has occupied a unique position among our soul-winning periodicals.

Wherever the *Signs* goes, interests develop. If the many hundreds of experiences of individuals who have been won to the precious truth, through the influence of reading the *Signs of the Times*, could be compiled in a volume, it truly would be a large book and a most fascinating one to

read. An investment in the *Signs* to be sent or given to the names on your "Win Another" prayer list for 1939 will yield returns in souls, under the blessing of God. Many of our churches and individual members in the Southern Union would do well to avail themselves of the opportunity of subscribing to the *Signs* during this special campaign in February, taking advantage of the special price offer. We are of the firm conviction that no other similar investment will yield as large results in souls, as will an investment in subscriptions of the *Signs* to be sent to interested people.

Have you ever seen the 52 issues of the *Signs* for any one year in one pile? It totals almost 1000 pages, just brimful of the most interesting articles, illustrations, Bible studies,

MORE "SIGNS" — MORE SOULS

DO YOUR MISSIONARY WORK WITH THE "SIGNS"

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Home Missionary & S. S.....	B. M. Preston
Religious Liberty.....	J. K. Jones

etc., arranged in a most appealing and attractive form. When a person reads the *Signs*, for a year, he knows this message. So we enthusiastically recommend its use by all our churches and members as a valuable agency for winning souls.

If you haven't yet placed your *Signs* order or your church hasn't yet arranged for a club of the *Signs*, this should be done immediately, for it will be a most effective means of helping you "WIN ANOTHER" soul during 1939.

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OUR OPPORTUNITY

The year 1939 opens with promise for one of the most prosperous years we have enjoyed since 1929. Everywhere we find business optimistic, and plans being laid that will cause money to flow more freely. Federal, state, and large business concerns will be foremost in the money spending program just ahead in an endeavor to make times good. It is not our purpose to attempt an explanation of all this, but I believe it is our opportunity.

Adventists know the times. World confusion outside of the Americas we know will in time destroy our tranquility and cast us into the surging tide of hatred and bloodshed that mark conditions in Europe and Asia today. Already plans are being laid by democratic nations for greater armies, greater navies, and greater air equipment. The regimentation of people and industry goes on apace to make ready for an international holocaust that will eventually destroy the last traces of a once boasted safe and sane civilization.

This is our opportunity. It is a time for careful heart-searching, and a renewing of our covenants with God. It is a time for every Seventh-day Adventist to be alert and to walk spiritually right that the night of

"gross darkness" that Isaiah speaks of in the sixtieth chapter does not overtake us unprepared. Every heart must be surrendered to God, and obedient to His commandments if we successfully pass through the troubled times ahead. We must be people who study and know our Bibles, and know how to meet God on our knees if we successfully withstand the pressure and undertow of the surging billows that will shortly tear at our foundations. It will then be only too clear as to whether we have built upon the sands or the Solid Rock.

Let us not be contented longer with a passive experience. Let every person set his goal to win a soul for Christ this year. Pray, study, and work, and devote time to giving the message. Distribute literature, give Bible studies, hold cottage meetings, attend Bible training classes, do anything that will prepare you personally, and equip you for lay evangelism. If you know the message, you can tell it. Study it until you do know it, and then teach it to others. No matter how faulty you may appear in your own eyes, God will bless you if you press in and do the work with sincerity. In a little while you will learn to do by doing and success will mark your endeavors. Souls will be won to Christ and you will rejoice in the greatest accomplishment ever attained by man—that of winning a soul to Christ.

Be faithful in your tithes and offerings this year. It will take the consecrated means of our people to carry on the work. Ask God to bless you with employment or good business, or good crops, so you can turn money into His treasury for the finishing of the work. Be faithful in even the least amounts, and then God will cause the larger avenues of His blessing to open for you. When you are tempted, and the devil tries to make you believe that you must use God's money for something, meet the test with courage and faith, and know the joy of a real victory.

Support every program, such as the *Liberty* campaign, which is a means for protecting our work against influences that would destroy it.

Take an active interest in the *Signs* campaign that is just before us. There is no better method for telling our neighbors about the message in printed form than by handing them this valuable paper. Every worker and

layman should carry a heavy burden for this work.

And I believe every Seventh-day Adventist should have access to the *Review and Herald*. It is the organ through which the plans of the General Conference are made known to our people, and tells us of the progress of the work over the earth. It also serves the spiritual interests of our people and holds them united in a strong, harmonious movement. Our slogan should be, Every Adventist a reader of the *Review*.

Let us follow the lead of the brethren during 1939, whom God has chosen as His servants. Men will God raise up like Moses and Elijah that will lead Israel during these closing hours. Let us not listen to the voices of false spies who would dissuade us from the task laid before us by our leaders when they say, "Too much is required"; but let us like Joshua and Caleb say, "If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. Only rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us; their defence is departed from them, and the Lord is with us; fear them not." Num. 14:8,9.

H. W. WALKER.

NEWS NOTES

Brother Johnson is spending a few days in Vicksburg helping Brother Seard with his delivery. Many are making application for selling magazines. Why not use this means of getting the message before the people, and also make a little extra money? Send in your application and Brother Johnson will be happy to start you in this soul-winning work.

Miss Seitz has just returned from a trip that took her to a number of the church schools in the conference.

SOUTHERN TIDINGS

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A successful workers' meeting was held in Meridian January 11 to 13 which was attended by all the ministers and Bible workers in the conference, and Elders Jones, Preston, and Russell from the Union Conference, Brother C. O. Franz, also of the Union Conference, and Professor J. C. Thompson from the college. Reports for the year 1938 were studied, and plans made for a greater work in 1939. On Friday afternoon, January 13, the Sabbath school superintendents of the conference came and joined with the ministers for two days in studying Sabbath school work, and how it can be improved in our conference. We look forward to bigger and better Sabbath schools as a result of this meeting.

Elder Westermeyer is visiting a number of the churches in the conference in the interest of the *Liberty* campaign. He writes that he is having profitable meetings.

Elder H. W. Walker spent last week-end with the little group of believers in Biloxi, Mississippi. There is no church there, but these faithful believers have a Sabbath school, and were happy to have Elder Walker spend this time with them.

TITHE CORNER

One of our young men recently called at a Baptist minister's home during Harvest Ingathering. During their visit the minister said, "You Seventh-day Adventists are the most liberal denomination that exists. If we could get our people to tithe as you Adventists do, we would not have to worry about calling back our missionaries, because we would have enough money to exceed the needs of our mission board."

"Should all whom God has prospered with earth's riches carry out His plan faithfully by giving a tenth of all their increase, and should they not withhold their trespass offerings and their thank offerings, the treasury would be constantly replenished. . . . There has been a neglect in the churches of keeping up the plan of systematic benevolences, and the result has been an impoverished treasury and a backslidden church."—3T 408-9.

JACKSON

Sabbath, January 14, was another happy day for the Jackson church. For a long time Elder DeVinney has been studying with a class of young people. Six of these have made their decision for God and for this great message, and were baptized by Elder DeVinney last Sabbath. This makes a total of 49 who have recently been added to this church through baptism. It is a real inspiration to see the church crowded to capacity every Sabbath morning. Plans are now being laid to repair the old office building adjoining the church and use it for church school and Sabbath school purposes. This will enable us to have a school room up to the educational standards and will relieve our congestion during Sabbath school. There are still interested people here for whom we are laboring and praying and whom we expect to see with us in the church in the near future.

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REPORT OF IMPORTANT MEETING

A very profitable workers' meeting and Sabbath school officers' convention was held recently in Orlando. The first two days were given over to a workers' meeting and all of the conference workers were present. The

SIGNS OF THE TIMES CAMPAIGN

February 4-18 is the date set for the *Signs of the Times* campaign in all of our churches and the date will soon be here for us to launch into this important work.

Let every church plan definitely on a *Signs* club this year.

L. E. LENHEIM.

conference program was carefully discussed and strong promotion was given to all phases of the work. All of our workers felt it was a very timely meeting and much good was accomplished.

Following the workers' meeting the colored conference committee had a session and also the conference executive committee met for the annual

audit and the regular committee work.

Most of the churches in the conference were well represented at the convention by the presence of the Sabbath school superintendents and secretaries. Some of the larger churches sent their assistant superintendents. It was a very fine meeting and our Sabbath school officers greatly rejoiced over the good things that were presented for discussion. We feel much progress will be made this year because the officers returned to their churches with a greater burden for the work and a determination to make it successful.

We were happy to have with us from the union office, Elder J. K. Jones, Professor C. A. Russell, and Elder Preston, and Professor Thompson from Southern Junior College. These men gave valuable help to the entire meeting and their counsel was highly appreciated. We are looking forward to some advance moves in our churches this year and I am certain every pastor and district leader will endeavor to make this year the outstanding year of his experience. May the Lord bless our church officers and all the lay members as we endeavor to win souls for the Master and bring up the kingdom of God on earth.

L. E. LENHEIM.

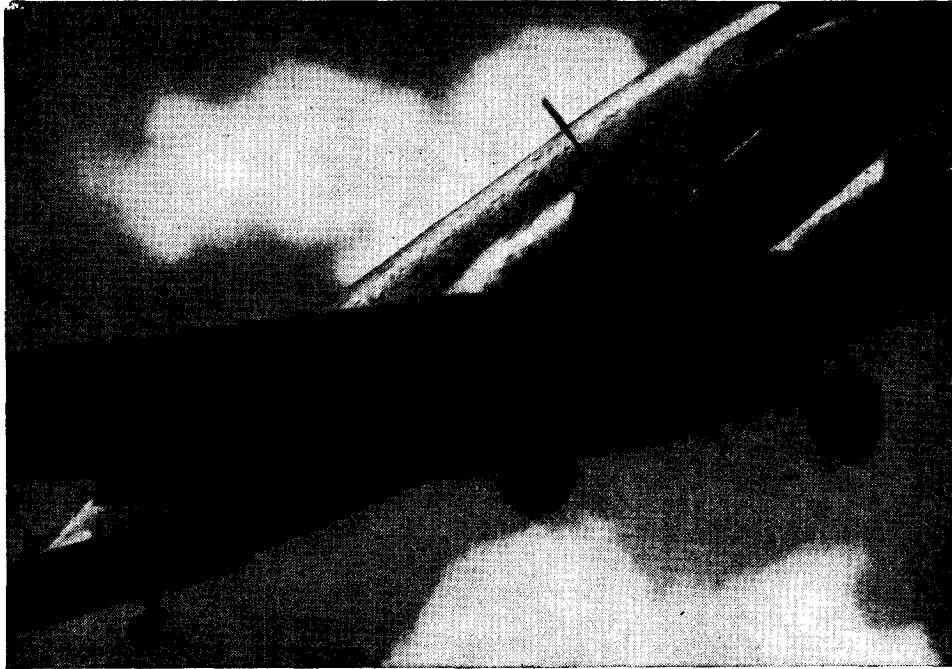
VICTORY

At the beginning of 1938 we set our goal for \$12,000 deliveries by our colporteurs. Each month for the year we had a gain over the corresponding month of the previous year; in fact we have had a gain for twenty-four consecutive months. Surely we have much to be thankful for here in Florida. We reached our goal of \$12,000 delivered and we look forward by faith for greater deliveries this present year.

The colporteurs of Florida are of excellent courage and several new ones have joined our ranks. While world conditions look dark and gloomy, we have this assurance: "I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success."—CE 35.

Time is short, and what we do for God we will have to do quickly. There is need for many more soul-

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Signs of the Times

Swift passenger planes and bombing squadrons are indicative of the rapidity with which the world hurries on to the final scenes.

CY LA TOUR

MANY years ago, in comparatively tranquil times, we were assured by an inspired pen that "the final movements will be rapid ones."

Surveying the seething maelstrom of universal unrest and confusion that meets our gaze at the beginning of 1939, we cannot but believe that "the final movements" are already under way.

"Since 1931," said Mr. Roosevelt in his opening address to Congress, "world events of thunderous import have moved with lightning speed."

Indeed, the rapidity with which epoch-making changes have taken place of late is positively staggering.

In recent months a complete transformation has come over the entire world situation. Governments have been overthrown, solemn treaties violated, vast territories occupied by invading armies, great cities desolated, multitudes driven into exile.

A startling realignment of the nations has come about. The balance of power has been altered.

Countries that a little while ago were considered invincible in their armed might, today find their supremacy challenged by their once crushed but now resurrected foes.

New philosophies have arisen, challenging the old to mortal combat. All over the world Christianity is face to face again with its deadly enemy, paganism.

Liberty itself is threatened, and de-

mocracy is fighting with its back to the wall.

Intolerance and persecution have returned, together with all their ugly concomitants of torture, brutality, confiscation of property, and exile.

Suddenly, in the midst of the brilliant civilization of the twentieth century, the spirit of the Dark Ages has reappeared, more loathsome and diabolical than of old.

It is as though a violent eruption of subterranean forces had suddenly burst through the thin coating of civilization that patient hands, through long centuries, have laid over the crater of human passion and greed.

The very earth shakes with the shock of these constant upheavals, and well may we wonder what fresh surprises await us in the days just ahead.

Of one thing we may be certain. There will be no slowing of the pace, no braking of this time express on which we are traveling at breakneck speed. The year 1939 will be but another wildly rushing year, its first-magnitude events crashing upon our consciousness with bewildering and ever-increasing frequency.

We are indeed already in the midst of the crowded climax of human history.

"The final movements" foreshadowed in the prophetic word are taking place before our eyes.

"Time," said Mr. Roosevelt, is now "of paramount importance. The dead

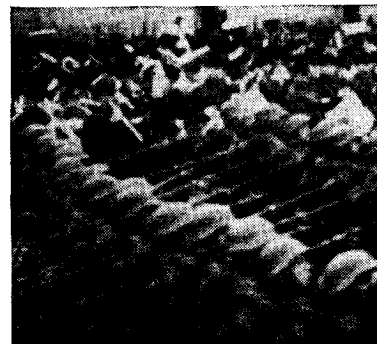
line of danger from within and from without is not within our control. The hourglass may be in the hands of other nations. Our own hourglass tells us we are off on a race."

A race with time!

We are reminded of the dramatic picture of these last days drawn by the prophet Zephaniah, quoting from Dr. Moffatt's translation:

"The Eternal's great day is near, near, speeding apace! The Eternal's bitter day is near, rushing on like a warrior!—a day of wrath, that day, of woe and anguish, a day of stress and distress, darkness and gloom, a day of cloud and thundercloud, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against towns fortified and ramparts high, when men must grope like blind men, desperately, because against the

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NATIONAL RAPID MOVEMENTS

The Supreme Challenge of These Terrible Times

Eternal they rebelled; their blood shall be scattered like dust, their flesh like dung; no silver and no gold avails to protect them on the day of the Eternal's anger, when the fire of His fury consumes the whole earth; for a full end, ay a fearful end, will the Eternal make of all on earth." Zephaniah 1:14-18.

Well may we echo the words: "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

Never was there such "stress and distress," such "darkness and gloom," such "trumpet blasts" and "battle cries" as rack the nerves of the nations today.

And when we see these things, we are to know that "the great day is near, near, speeding apace;" that the "bitter day is near, rushing on like a warrior."

Did not Jesus Himself tell us that the "final movements" would involve unparalleled "distress" and "perplexity," with "men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth"? Luke 21:25-27.

Did not the prophet Daniel forewarn us also to expect "a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time"? Daniel 12:1. And surely the appalling sufferings of the Jews, the Chinese, the Ethiopians, the Spaniards, and the refugees from so

many modern tyrannies are evidence enough that this final hour of tribulation is right upon us.

Furthermore, the very last events are to be marked, says the book of Revelation, by activity amongst the kings of the East, and the marching of a mighty host to Armageddon for "the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Revelation 16:12, 14.

Today we see these stupendous events already taking shape. Every swift development of these tremendous times—the new struggle for world dominion, the uprush of strange new forces and philosophies, the clash of classes and races—is but a further indication that "the end of all things is at hand."

"The final movements" are on, surging tumultuously about us, hurrying us on toward the crowning event of human history.

How appropriate, then, is the appeal to the church of God to sense anew its responsibilities in such an hour!

"Knowing the time," says the apostle Paul, "that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light." Romans 13:11, 12.

Clad in this luminous armor, fired with a deep devotion to God, ablaze with enthusiasm to see His truth triumph and His holy will prevail, we are to go forth

into the world to finish the work He has entrusted to our unworthy hands.

This is the last and the greatest of the "final movements." It is the movement of the church, urged and impelled by the power of the Holy Spirit into the midst of needy, distressed, perplexed, sin-wrecked humanity to proclaim the tidings of the Saviour's love and His imminent return in glory.

And this final movement is to be rapid, too. We must move faster. We must attempt greater things for God, with greater faith and greater zeal. We must force ourselves out of the deadly complacency that is suffocating us, and embark on a more aggressive program with wider horizons and higher goals.

"A short work will the Lord make upon the earth." Romans 9:28. And He will make it short through us if we give Him opportunity.

That is why at this moment we ask for the greatest response ever made by our people in the *Signs* Campaign.

This year, in this mightiest hour of history, we must lift the circulation of our great missionary organ to the highest peak in its history. Let all of us do more than we have ever done before, something bigger and better, something finer and lovelier, something truly splendid for God!

And let there be no delay. Let us act quickly, responding with freedom, eagerness, and liberality. For the final movements must be rapid ones.

The earth reverberates to the tramp of marching millions preparing for the culminating events of earth's tragic history.



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loving, self-sacrificing colporteurs in this great conference. We are praying that the Lord will impress many to carry the printed page from house to house.

Our beginners' institute which was held in the Miami church December 30 to January 3 was indeed an inspiration to those who attended. Many of our people there saw the sacredness and urgent need of this work. Now it may be that God is calling you to engage in this very work. Notice the following words from the servant of God: "We are fast approaching the end. The printing and circulation of the books and papers that contain the truth for this time are to be our work."—8T89.

In this eleventh hour of earth's history, the Lord is still calling for canvassers. There is a place in God's work for all who are willing to work hard and faithfully. The colporteur work will continue until probation closes. You may not see immediate results, but the time will come when many people of all walks of life will come into the truth as a result of our books and papers placed in their homes.

NATHAN RUSSELL.

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SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION

Atlanta, February 10, 7 p.m.
 All Sabbath School Superintendents
 are urged to attend.

We earnestly ask every church and every Sabbath school to see that their superintendent is present at the Sabbath School Convention. The conference is going to large expense to hold this meeting because they feel its importance justifies it. We hope no Sabbath school superintendent will fail to be present at that time. We expect to begin the meeting promptly at 7 o'clock on Friday night. It will continue through Sabbath and up until noon Sunday.

The Conference Workers' Meeting, at which all the regular conference workers are expected to be present, will convene in the Atlanta church on Wednesday night, February 8, at 7 p.m. This meeting will continue

through Thursday and Friday and we also expect the workers to remain for the Sabbath School Convention.

The auditing committee will meet in the conference office at 9 a.m., Wednesday, February 8.

COLPORTEUR INSTITUTE

"The people of God are his representatives upon the earth, and he intends that they shall be lights in the moral darkness of this world. Scattered all over the country, in the towns, cities, and villages, they are God's witnesses, the channels through which he will communicate to an unbelieving world the knowledge of his will and the wonders of his grace. It is his plan that all who are partakers of the great salvation shall be missionaries for him. The piety of the Christian constitutes the standard by which worldlings judge the gospel. Trials patiently borne, blessings gratefully received, meekness, kindness, mercy, and love, habitually exhibited, are the lights that shine forth in the character before the world, revealing the contrast with the darkness that comes of the selfishness of the natural heart."—*"Patriarchs and Prophets,"* p. 134.

The above was sensed to some degree by the bookmen who gathered in Knoxville, Tennessee, for the Colporteurs' Convention. They had been out shining in many parts of our field, but their lamps needed trimming and a new supply of oil in order to shine more brightly during 1939.

Everyone present felt the Spirit of God in every meeting, from the first given by Elder M. V. Tucker on Friday evening and Sabbath morning to the last wonderful address given by Elder C. S. Longacre the following Sabbath morning, the twenty-eighth. Besides the two mentioned above, we were also favored by the presence and instruction of Elders H. F. Kirk, R. I. Keate, and H. K. Christman.

Brother C. A. Wilhelm and the church at Knoxville are surely to be commended for their hospitality and cooperation during the meeting, and especially do we commend the Dorcas Society, which provided the best food ever served at such a meeting.

We have set a high goal for literature distribution in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference this year and we solicit an interest in the prayers of our members. May the Lord urge the

burden of this important work upon many others who should be out distributing literature from door to door.

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures." J. R. MCWILLIAM.

NEWS NOTES

The members at Coalfield are enthusiastically at work preparing for the erection of a church building there. They have had a lot donated, about \$150 cash on hand, and a number of pledges of labor and other materials necessary for the erection of this building. They believe it will not be long before they will have a neat little church building.

The Atlanta church building is progressing encouragingly and the members are looking forward with happy anticipation to the completion of this new structure. On Sabbaths there is not enough room in the old building for the members. For the present the conference has given them permission to use the conference office for some of the Sabbath school classes. Miss Anita Martin is their Sabbath school superintendent for 1939.

The new company of colored believers at Fitzgerald have had to worship in the tent all winter. They have now purchased a lot and are putting forth earnest efforts to get the means for the erection of a church building at that place.

The new church at Dalton is having a difficult time to find a meeting place. The attendance at Sabbath services greatly crowds the home of Sister Miles, where they have been meeting. Property seems high in Dalton, so a meeting place is one of the problems we have to solve there.

The conference has placed a call for Elder T. S. Copeland of Oklahoma to fill the place of Professor E. G. Truitt as educational and young people's secretary, and we hope it will not be long before Brother Copeland will be here to take charge of this important work.

If for any reason you have failed to do your part in the offering of Sabbath, January 28, for Religious Liberty work, you may still make your contribution. It is very important that we reach our goal of *Liberty* subscriptions.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

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TIDINGS

I am sure that our people are happy to know that the Lord is blessing the work of God throughout our conference. It is well to take a retrospect at times and review our blessings, giving renewed reason for thankfulness to God.

First, and above all the most important, is the number of additions to our membership, and I know you will rejoice with me to know that through the efforts of our ministers and our membership four hundred sixty-one new members have been added to our membership by baptism or profession of faith.

The economic situation of our world has been uncertain, but through the faithfulness of God's people in our conference, our tithes amount to \$83,492.13, being an increase of \$1,181.45 over the previous year. Our gifts to missions are indications of faithfulness on the part of God's people and all funds to missions, including Sabbath school and Ingathering amounted to the fine sum of \$40,472.21.

We have entered upon another year with a renewed program. A very helpful Workers' meeting was held at the beginning of the month and the Sabbath school superintendents from the various churches were in for a week-end convention. We feel that this started the year out correctly and that this year will see greater results for God than the previous.

Several efforts will be in progress immediately. Elder Banks has built a modest tabernacle in Nicholasville and we pray for him that a fine church may be established there. Elder Whitsett is continuing a wonderful interest, developed through his Columbia Hall efforts the latter part of last year, in holding Sunday night meetings in the church. Fine results have already been obtained from that effort and further baptisms are planned shortly as a result of the very successful effort conducted there.

Brother Esquilla is spending three weeks in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, holding revival services every night with the object in mind of leading

several in the Valley of Decision up upon the Mountain Top of Decision for God.

Brother Bartholomew begins an effort next Sunday night in the armory at Bowling Green. Let us pray definitely for that aristocratic little city that it may yield its share of souls for the kingdom.

The tabernacle used in Nashville a year ago is being rebuilt in Memphis this week. More will be said about the effort to begin there later.

Brother Colburn over in the Stearns area is just finishing up a little church building for the believers out at Cave Creek.

Elder Shaw, announced previously as the pastor of the Nashville church, has been delayed a couple of weeks in arriving on account of sickness but is expected to take over his duties on this coming Sabbath, the twenty-eight of January.

So the work is onward. Other workers might be named in connection with the work that is being done but we will leave further mention to a later issue. May these thoughts challenge our people to expect great things of God and to pray for our workers in a way that will bring the baptism of God's Holy Spirit upon them. We want 1939 to be the best year Kentucky-Tennessee has ever experienced.

C. V. ANDERSON.

NEWS NOTES

Last Friday night and Sabbath Professor Libby, and the writer met with the Covington Church in the capacity of a Missionary Volunteer Convention. The expressions heard indicated that a very profitable time was spent together with the church there, and young people as well as parents were given a deeper insight into the responsibility and privilege that is theirs in this closing generation of earth's history.

Brother McClure, our home missionary and Sabbath school secretary, met with the folks in the Lawrenceburg City and Sanitarium churches last week-end in the capacity of a Home Missionary Convention. He reports that a very profitable week-end was spent with them, the churches determining to be more active during this year than the year past. We are always happy when our

churches are determined to win souls for the kingdom.

Brother Esquilla reports that his district, comprising the churches at Parvo-Paris, Fulton, and Springville have loyally pledged their full goal for the *Liberty Magazine* drive on this month which means an average of one *Liberty Magazine* per church member. He is in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, right now and a card from him today indicates that the church there has agreed to make their full goal on the *Liberty Magazine* drive. We shall look with pleasure for reports from other churches indicating that they have accomplished the same feat. Thirty cents per subscription is the price of the *Liberty Magazine*. Let each one rally to the support of Religious Liberty in our land immediately. C. V. ANDERSON.

NEW "PRESENT TRUTH" PRICE LIST

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SOUTHERN JUNIOR COLLEGE

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Collegedale, Tennessee

MODERN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

On the evening of January 21, a unique and unusually interesting program was presented by the modern language department at Southern Junior College. Many weeks of preparation had so well advertized the affair that many visitors were present from Chattanooga, Graysville, and elsewhere. Part one was presented by the students of French. The quaint peasant costumes, French manners and conversation, and the French national anthem combined to conduct the hearers on a truly realistic tour through France. Oral pictorial sketches by the French one class, and a folk song, "Alouette," sung without accompaniment by Wallace Lighthall were the outstanding features of part one.

Part two was given by the Spanish students. Of special interest among many splendid features were: the delightful vocal solo, "La Princesita" by Rebecca Rutledge; the serenade, "O Sole Mio," by Amalia Hernandez and Paul Gaver in a pictorial setting; the special radio broadcast in Spanish by ten students. In this conversation contest over the radio June Snide and Forest Halvorsen received first and second places respectively. Also of much interest was the announcement by Mrs. Mary Dietel, instructor, of the decisions of the judges in the scrap book and album contest in which every student participated. The variety, arrangement, and artistic skill represented by these books were truly remarkable. These albums were arranged on two large tables for examination by all at the close of the evening's event. Mrs. Dietel presented prizes as follows: First, Margarete Seilaz; Second, June Snide; Third, Mrs. Hazel Snide; Fourth, Charles Davis; Fifth, Pearl Davis. At the close of the program many words of appreciation and commendation were spoken and it is certain that this event will be long remembered.

"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly." Zeph. 1:14. Let us be shod with the gospel shoes, ready to march at a moment's notice." — 9T 48.

OAKWOOD CAMPAIGN

Conference	Amount Raised
Alabama-Mississippi	\$156.85
Carolina	9.06
Florida	98.61
Georgia Cumberland	123.72
Kentucky-Tennessee	55.13
	\$443.37

Obituary

Ford—It is with regret that we announce the death of Dr. H. E. Ford, for 17 years x-ray and laboratory technician at the Hinsdale sanitarium, and at the time of his death Manager of the Riverside sanitarium at Nashville, Tenn. Funeral services were held at the Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Tabernacle church in Chicago and interment at Vincennes, Indiana, his old home.

His wife, Mrs. Ida Parker Ford; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ford; and many other relatives and friends are left to mourn but not as those who have no hope. To these we extend sympathy and bid them look forward to the morning of the resurrection when we shall meet the loved of earth and never part again.

THE COLPORTEUR EVANGELISTS

H. F. Kirk, - - - Union Field Secretary
Report for week ending Jan. 21

Ala-Miss., V. R. Johnson, Field Secretary				
Name	Bk.	Hrs.	Sale	Del.
T. Hilderbrandt	BR	41	28.45	3.50
J. D. Norris	OT	30	46.00	5.75
Mrs. L. Crawford	Mag	30	4.90	5.65
B. H. Ewing	BML	39	84.15	.40
Mrs. M. Brown	HR	28	19.25	2.75
P. L. Seard	HR	27	2.75	16.50
Mrs. Susie Kelly	HR	22	45.25	3.50
Allie Kuger	PP	19	4.00	.75
Mattie Buford	Mag	17	11.90	11.90
Jewell Goolsby	Mag	5	6.00	6.00
Total		257	252.65	56.70

Florida, Nathan Russell, Field Sec'y				
Mr. & Mrs. Case	CK	51	18.25	75.90
W. B. Wynn	BR	46	66.25	48.75
Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Weaver	BR	46	60.75	30.75
G. K. Campbell	OT	42	109.00	21.65
W. E. Bidwell	RJ	37	12.25	16.00
Fred Meister	BML	32	12.00	20.25
D. & C. Waldo	BR	16	21.00	8.95
D. S. Weinberg	BR	14	2.25	9.75
Magazine Worker	Mag	35	22.25	22.25
Magazine Worker	Mag	28	17.75	17.75
H. J. Lester	BML	25	14.40	14.40
Mrs. Williams	BTS	22	16.00	16.00
Mrs. R. Cherry	LH	4	1.50	1.50
C. V. Smith	LH	2	.80	.80
Total		399	374.45	304.70

Ga.-Cumb., J. R. McWilliam, Field Sec'y				
S. W. Stovall	RJ	83	22.50	15.75

Mr. & Mrs. Sharpe				
Mag	62	17.50	17.50	
W. N. Bishop	OT	25	24.75	.50
G. B. Thompson	BR	20	30.00	30.00
Mrs. M. E. Crawford	LH	7	8.00	8.00
Mrs. E. Smith	LHW	5	4.00	4.00
Mrs. W. Dodd	LH	4	4.50	4.50
Hazel Carroll	Helps	4	3.75	
Mrs. B. Carlton	LH	2	2.50	2.50
Total		213	117.50	82.75

Ky.-Tenn., Arva Nickless, Field Sec'y				
M. L. Howard	BR	73	33.75	24.75
R. E. Wilson	WM	83	54.50	25.50
Mrs. S. Thomas	OT	50	72.25	
J. H. Berry	BR	21	33.75	2.00
Mrs. J. Berry	OT	18	40.25	.50
Victor Onsted	LH	7	1.30	1.30
William Bauer	RJ	7		8.75
Clarence Hall	OT	7	4.75	4.25
Fulton Church	WLH		25.00	25.00
Total		266	265.55	92.05
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