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A Blizzard and the "Signs"

It was a cold wintry morning; the snow seemed to be coming from every direction. After milking, and finishing the other chores around the barn, a farmer was warming himself at the glowing fire in the stove. The children were contentedly amusing themselves in one corner of her room. The wife was putting the finishing touches to tidying up the kitchen, and planning in her own mind how she would get to the sewing she had been wanting to do for several days.

The husband expressed his regret at the turn the weather had taken, for he had planned so much on repairing the fence, and doing a number of other odd jobs; but the blizzard which was raging outside that morning, was just too forbidding to attempt outdoor work.

The wife said, "John, why don't you read those paper, *The Signs of the Times*, which your Uncle Henry has been sending you? I have heard you say so many times that you wanted to do so, and this will be a good day to do it. I have saved them all for you. I have read a few articles in them from time to time and find them interesting. Maybe you would read aloud while I sew.

"I noticed the heading of an article in a recent paper—'Which Day Is the Sabbath?' I have often wondered why your Uncle Henry kept his Sabbath on Saturday. He seems to put great store in that paper. The little which I have read in it, I noticed stresses the prophecies of the Bible, and teaches that the coming of Christ is near at hand; and do you know that I believe that they are right in that, for there are so many things happening nowadays which seem to me to be omens of some great event. The terrible fires, and floods, the earthquakes, and the awful crimes which are so prevalent—I just believe the Lord of heaven will soon come and put a stop to all this wickedness.

"You remember that sermon we heard when that evangelist was preaching in the town hall? He told us of the condition of the world in the days of Noah and of Lot, that the people were so wicked that God sent destruction upon them, and that it would come again if the

people were as wicked as they were then, maybe not in just the same way, but I do believe we ought to read and find out about these things. Possibly those *Signs of the Times* will help us to understand these things better."

All that day and on following days those papers were read, and many times these people took their Bibles and read the passages referred to. Their hearts

were cheered as they compared the scripture with scripture, and what a fine letter of appreciation they wrote to Uncle Henry, telling him of their interest in the paper and its teachings. And his heart was glad that he had kept on sending the *Signs* to his nephew and family, even though they had never expressed themselves before. Their letter had paid him for his expense and effort, and he mused in his heart, "The *Signs* does win souls."

J. F. PIPER.

The Missions and the Sabbath School

THE plan of giving regularly and systematically to support our mission work has become so firmly fixed in the hearts of Seventh-day Adventists that if for any reason it should be interrupted, even for a short time in any general way, our work in foreign fields would be par-

alyzed and would have to stop; missionaries would be without funds to provide even the necessities of life, or even a way to get back home. But they have all confidence in us that we will not fail them even for one week.

Our Sabbath school offerings each Sabbath, as they are given from the smallest gift of a few pennies to the more liberal gifts, when brought together make a considerable sum, amounting to around \$125,373 a month. This includes all Sabbath school funds each month for the year of 1932. Our giving to missions is quite largely a matter of education. While of course our income must be taken into account, yet if we plan for it and work to the end of giving a certain amount each week, we can generally do so.

The Sabbath school superintendent can do much by carefully planning his Sabbath school program and frequently speaking on the needs of the mission fields. Also the secretary can weave into the Sabbath school report such items as will stimulate liberal offerings. The birthday offerings, the Investment plan, the thirteenth Sabbath offering, should all be stressed in an interesting way and can be made to contribute much to our mission gifts.

It is said of Israel of old that they contributed from one-fourth to one-third of their income in religious work. Can we who live in this time when all things are to reach their climax do less? The Lord Jesus is to come and put an end to sin, ushering in everlasting righteousness. Will we be among those who shall

Why Some Do not Advance in Truth

"THE Saviour has given His precious life in order to establish a church capable of caring for sorrowful, tempted souls. A company of believers may be poor, uneducated, and unknown; yet in Christ they may do a work in the home, the neighborhood, the church, and even in 'the regions beyond,' whose results shall be as far-reaching as eternity.

"It is because this work is neglected that so many young disciples never advance beyond the mere alphabet of Christian experience. The light which was glowing in their own hearts when Jesus spoke to them, 'Thy sins be forgiven thee,' they might have kept alive by helping those in need. The restless energy that is so often a source of danger to the young, might be directed into channels through which it would flow out in streams of blessing. Self would be forgotten in earnest work to do others good."—"Desire of Ages," p. 640.

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not be ashamed because we have put our means into His cause, or among those who will cast their savings into the streets and moan that "the summer is ended, and we are not saved"?

"Your money means the salvation of souls. Let there be systematic giving on the part of all. . . . All can lay aside each week something for the Master."
—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 55.

A Literature Catechism—No 2

Question: How does the *Signs of the Times* office cooperate with the churches in striving to make the *Signs* work the most effective and efficient possible?

Answer: In numerous ways, three of which will be cited: 1. The *Signs* office is continually sending out information and instruction as to the most effective way of carrying on missionary work with literature. 2. The office helps to furnish lists of names of interested persons for correspondence bands. 3. When a person to whom you may have been sending *Signs* writes to the *Signs* office, every endeavor is made to answer the questions asked and the inquirer's name and address are forwarded to the nearest conference worker or church. For example, a woman wrote to the office regarding the *Signs*, and expressed a definite interest. Her queries were answered, and then her name and address, with copies of the correspondence in the case, were forwarded to the pastor of the church. In this way the personal touch is given to the work. Remember, when you use the *Signs* in your missionary work, you can count on definite cooperation from its publishers.

Question: How can I personally use the *Signs*?

Answer: In two principal ways: (1) By a club to your home address, and (2) by a club through the mails.

Question: Please describe how I would use a club at my home address.

Answer: You can use them every week in the following ways: 1. Give them to callers at your door, such as the grocer and other tradesmen. 2. Give them to your neighbors. 3. Take a certain section of the city, and give out the papers there regularly. 4. Use them on automobile and train trips, etc.

Question: How would I use a club through the mails?

Answer: Choose the names of five or more friends, relatives, or acquaintances living in other cities, and send in these names and addresses with your order to the church missionary secretary, and the *Signs* will come to these

It is a good plan to have some part in every offering that is called for, even though one cannot give a large amount. Let us be as liberal as God has prospered us, and we will enjoy such blessings from Him that our hearts will be aglow, full to running over.

"My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19. J. F. PIPER.

people through the mail, direct from the publishers. If you wish to send out more papers than you have names for, the *Signs* office will help you to obtain the names of other interested persons.

Question: Should I follow up these papers with personal letters?

Answer: By all means. At certain intervals a tactful letter, making inquiry as to how the paper is being appreciated, should be sent. Endeavor to discover if the reader is interested in some particular phase of the truth, and if so, then furnish him with literature on that point. And besides this, pray. The Spirit of prophecy says that the *Signs* should go forth

"on wings of prayer."

Question: If a person to whom I have been sending the *Signs* for some time shows no interest, what should I do?

Answer: This, of course, is a question for which no definite answer that could apply to all cases can be given. As a general rule, if no reply can be obtained to your letter of inquiry, or if a definite lack of interest is revealed after a few months, the paper should be sent to another name. The *Signs* office will change the name and address for you without any extra charge.

Question: What are some of the ways in which our church could use a club of *Signs*?

Answer: 1. In a correspondence band. 2. In systematic work in a section of the city, as is being done in San Francisco. 3. The Young Peoples' Society can use a club for distribution in hospitals and other public institutions. 4. In station racks—many interests have thus been started. 5. To professional men—doctors, lawyers, ministers of other churches, editors, etc. This is a very profitable way to use the *Signs*, especially in view of the present great stir in the religious world. S. T. SHADEL.

A Club of "Signs" in Every Church

"It is only a short step between the time when the literature is allowed to drop in a field that the drop will be reached in the soul-winning in that field. Let your literature work go down and your soul winning work will drop. Let the literature work go on regardless of conditions and your soul winning work will go on. God must help us in hard times lest hard times will effect our work."—C. H. Watson.

World leaders in religious lines recognize and acknowledge that this time of depression has brought thousands of people to their senses, or to a spirit of sobriety and serious thought. That, then, should be a signal of advance to every believer in the third angel's message. Satan is busy as never before scattering literature. Infidelic literature is being scattered abroad throughout the land. Why should we not scatter messages of light?

"Church members, awake to the importance of the circulation of our literature, and devote more time to this work. Place in the homes of the people papers, tracts, and books that will preach the Gospel in its several lines. There is no time to be lost."—Mrs. E. G. White, in *Southern Watchman*, Nov. 20, 1902.

A club of five *Signs* is now going

gratis to every church which has not been getting a club in 1932. This will continue for four weeks, and we sincerely hope the members receiving copies will make an honest, earnest effort to see that the club continues greatly enlarged. One dollar a year is the price in clubs to one address where the club is equal to two thirds the church membership. As an example, for a church of thirty members, the club must be twenty. Then if mailed direct from publishers,

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the price is increased some, but the address can be changed as often as you desire. Thus one subscription can reach a number of persons if the sender follows up by correspondence to determine if there is an interest. Let us make this wonderful literature count for tremendous strides in soul winning in 1934.

S. T. SHADEL.

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Kansas and the "Signs"

A NEWLY elected missionary leader in one of our strong churches in Kansas said to me, "It was really the *Signs* that got me into this truth a few years ago." Some one furnished him the paper free. Now he is leading others in the work.

A short time ago, in speaking to a sister who was hard pressed financially, I suggested that she should not give up her subscription to the *Review*, for the Lord would bless her in sacrificing for it. She replied, "One thing sure, I'll never give up my *Signs*. It brought me into the truth eighteen years ago and I could not drop it."

These cases remind me again of the thousands of people the *Signs* has helped to lead to Christ, and many more it may still lead to the light.

Let us have a mighty move in our churches in Kansas to get this "missionary" into the hands of the people. We ought to pass anything we have ever done with the *Signs* before. The very name of the paper — *The Signs of the Times*—is one that has more meaning in it every day, one that sounds newer today than it did the day it was selected as a name. People are wondering about these very things. So we will use the *Signs* in 1934. * E. H. MEYERS.

An Opportunity

AN opportunity comes to us Sabbath, January 27, to give some much needed help to the boys and girls of Kansas. We have 198 students enrolled in twelve church schools. Fifteen teachers are showing a splendid spirit of sacrifice in conducting these schools at the small wages being paid this year. There are at least six churches in Kansas that do not have church schools that present a real challenge to the Adventist people. Sufficient instruction has been given to make us know that Christian education is God's plan for all our boys and girls.

Sensing this need the General Confer-

ence has asked all churches to bring an offering for elementary schools on the last Sabbath of January. May the Lord impress the believers in Kansas with the great need for Christian education, and to respond to that realization by contributing liberally that more of our children may be gathered in to our own schools.

A. M. RAGSDALE.

Kansas News Notes

IN the absence of a pastor in Kansas City Elder A. H. Rulkoetter is endeavoring to look after the need of that church in addition to his other duties. He spent three days there last week.

Any Sabbath school receiving the Picture Roll, which could be sent at the close of each quarter to the foreign field, please write us and we will arrange to have it sent to some needy place.

Sister Alice Wolff, of Narka, twenty-five miles from the nearest church, ordered four annual subscriptions to the *Sabbath School Quarterly* for her neighbors. That is fine missionary work.

Elders A. H. Rulkoetter and A. C. Griffin went to Salina Monday, January 8, to see what arrangements could be made for the coming series of meetings to be held there.

Every one should form the tract habit — that of giving away a tract frequently. What will we say when the great King some day asks us what we did with our talent?

Brother A. M. Ragsdale visited the believers at Manhattan and Junction City Sabbath, January 13.

Elder A. H. Rulkoetter and Brother T. C. Nethery went to Marysville Tuesday, January 16, to meet Elders Piper and Collins of the Central Union.

Sister Ethel R. Page, of Whiting, Kans., is arranging to have *Present Truth* subscriptions sent to twenty-six homes in her vicinity. Miss Page is an isolated member.

Enterprise Academy Notes

TUESDAY evening, January 16, the Enterprise high school presented on its lecture course program Charles E. Lofgren, personnel officer of the Byrd expedition. The students and teachers of Enterprise Academy attended the program. This took the place of the boys' reception.

Ted Mohr, of Wichita, joined the academy family Sunday, January 14. He plans to finish his academic work with the class of '34. We have word that other students are planning to be with us in a few days.

Enterprise Academy will broadcast a program from station KFBI, Abilene, Kans., 1050 kilocycles, Jan. 28, 1:30 P. M.

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An Appeal

THIS is no argument as to why you should sign up for the *Signs*. When you have read the accompanying articles you will be thoroughly convinced that many souls have been won by the circulation of this leading periodical.

This is a request, however, that you sign up for the *Signs* and thereby enjoy the good articles which will come to you. We know startling things are about to happen, and we need the interpreter to tell us the meaning.

Not only do we ask you to subscribe for yourself, but remember others also. If you cannot afford to send a subscription to a friend for one year, it is possible to change the address in favor of another individual after three months. Thereby it is possible to send the *Signs* to four individuals for three months at the price of one subscription.

Will you do your very best and provide several subscriptions so that others may have this excellent opportunity to learn more about the truth? As you meet the other church members tell them how many you are going to order, and encourage them also to do their best.

MELVIN OSS.

Blacksmith Becomes Sabbath-Keeper through the "Signs"

ONE of our colporteurs related to me his visit with a blacksmith in southern Missouri who is keeping the Sabbath and leading his family into the light of present truth through the *Signs*. This excellent publication is appreciated by all classes of people, and wins honest hearts for the message. MELVIN OSS.

News Notes

WHEN you receive this paper there will be just a few more days left in which you may take advantage of the special offer on the "Conflict of the Ages" series and "Testimonies to the Church." Now is the time to act if you wish to save \$5.00. Remember that by filling out a coupon and getting your order to the Book and Bible House before the last day of January, you can secure a full set of the "Testimonies" in the cloth binding for only \$7.00, or in the limp binding for only \$11.00. Order your set today.

On Sabbath, January 13, one of the most successful colporteur institutes that

has ever been held in Missouri was brought to a close. The reports sent in to us are very encouraging, and we believe that many souls are going to be won to the truth during 1934 through the efforts of the loyal band of evangelistic colporteurs.

We have just received word that Elder and Mrs. O. T. Garner, of Kansas City, are the proud parents of a young son who arrived Sabbath, January 13.

Elder Thompson returned to the office Thursday. He had been absent since our annual committee meeting in Kansas City, the tenth, attending a ministerial institute for colored workers held in Dallas, Texas.

We feel anxious that all our workers and church elders give due attention to Sabbath, January 27. This day has been designated as the time for launching the movement that will result in influencing all our believers and members to become faithful tithe payers. While we greatly appreciate the tithe paid in our conference, and wish to thank all who have contributed to our splendid results for 1933, yet we recognize that many are not paying faithful tithe. We desire to see every believer enjoying to the full the heaven-promised blessing upon those who are faithful in returning to God His own. Therefore, we urge that the plan of the General Conference for this day (January 27) be carried out in every church, urging all who are present in our various congregations to have a part, and also to see that the absentees are visited and encouraged to come into line. We are hoping to see the Missouri Conference 100 per cent tithe payers for 1934.

Nebraska Conference

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Another Opportunity with the "Signs"

THE time has come to launch again our effort with our soul saving pioneer magazine, the *Signs of the Times*. Surely it seems as though the harvest is ripe, and the laborers are being called for through the mute appeals of the convulsions of nature, the distress and perplexity of nations, the failure to put business operations on a more secure basis, and other items too numerous to mention.

We have a great opportunity before us of furnishing the public with this truth filled magazine, the *Signs*, which week by week clearly sets forth the fulfillment of prophecy, and enlightens the mind and

heart, not only showing the need of salvation, but helping souls to know how to make their peace with God. Thousands are rejoicing today in the blessed hope, who received their first ray of light from our truth filled literature.

We trust that the believers in the Nebraska Conference will not fail to come up to the help of the Lord at this time, and join in swelling the subscription list of the *Signs* during Feb. 3 to 17, 1934. God is counting on you, dear people, and I am sure you will not fail Him in a time like this. Let everyone do his best, and as the papers go out, follow them with your prayers and personal efforts that many souls may be gathered into the fold.

Remember, the conference has set its goal for an increase of at least 10 per cent of the membership for this year. We need your cooperation, and we trust you will employ every means possible in helping us to reach this goal.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

The Answer

LIFE is made up of love. Take away from us those to whom we are bound by ties of nature, or those whom we have grown to hold as bosom friends through long association, and you take away all that this world has to offer or that makes life worth living. Your father or mother, brother or sister, husband or wife, or the dearest friend you have, who has not surrendered all to Jesus, will soon be lost unless they repent. How many a godly father and mother have spent hours of tearful pleading with God for their precious sons or daughters who are without hope or God! How shall their prayers be answered?

The *Signs* is one of the very best ways to answer these heartfelt prayers, to give these dear ones a protection in the very near day of final retribution. Just this last year, here in Nebraska, it has brought in cousins, children, friends, and neighbors,—a new Sabbath school in western Nebraska, a splendid family in central Nebraska, one here and one there. The *Signs* has everything you want for a missionary paper. Get yours now, during the special presentation of this good paper, February 4-18.

R. J. ROY,

Home Missionary Sec.

Special Announcement

NEBRASKA'S first Missionary Volunteer rally and officers' institute for 1934 will be held at Shelton Academy, January 26-28. The churches of Shelton, Hastings, Grand Island, Loup City, and Kearney are especially invited to be represented.

Arrangements have been made for room and meals, for which there may be a small charge. All M. V. officers are urged to come for the help which will be given. Neighboring churches can get their officers in a car, and pay their way very cheaply.

The first meeting will be Friday night, January 26, and the work will continue through Sabbath and Sunday. Elder Smith, of the Central Union Conference, will lead out in the studies and material presented, while there will be splendid help from the conference and the academy. Plan at once to spend a few days of pleasant and profitable association together at our good academy, working for the Missionary Volunteers of your church. Church elders and all interested in young people, and all young people who can, should come.

R. J. ROY,

M. V. Secretary.

Change in Institute Plans

To eliminate all unnecessary expense, the Nebraska annual colporteur institute will be held at Shelton Academy, February 1 to 10, instead of at Union College, January 25 to February 3. A very interesting and profitable ten-day institute is assured for all those who attend. If the Spirit of the Lord impresses you to answer the call to this great soul-saving work, please write me at once.

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No. Dakota Conference

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"Signs" Appreciated

"I AM very interested in the Bible study through your paper, I am a Lutheran and teach a Bible class on Sundays. I hope some day to teach on Sabbath."—"I am enjoying the *Signs of the Times* very much. There is much good reading in it. We pass the paper along when we have read it. Many thanks."—"We always enjoy reading the *Signs*, and when through, pass it along to others. I would like to continue receiving this paper."—"I shall read at one of my P. T. A. meetings tomorrow night, 'Why Tooth Brushes?' an article found in the *Signs of the Times*. This will show you that I enjoy this paper and shall be very glad to have you continue sending them to me. Thanks." Such are some of the terse statements coming from the readers of

the *Signs of the Times*, and many more could be produced.

The *Signs* has won such a prominent place in our soul-winning work that we should spare no efforts to increase its circulation. Now is the time when we ought to think definitely of winning more souls to this precious message. I am convinced that every church in North Dakota, without a club of papers at this time, will take an active part in this great campaign by ordering a club of *Signs*.

R. R. BIETZ,

Home Missionary Secretary.

Rays from S. R. A.

EVERYONE seems to be wearing a white tag this week. This is "Good Etiquette Week" at S. R. A. If you stumble over another's feet, or pass in front of him without sufficient "pardon me's," he will take his pencil and put a check on your white tag. And after a week some tags are clean and unspotted, and others — enough said.

The noble ideals of womanhood were impressively portrayed in "Life Sketches of a Girl," a program given by the girls of North Hall at their reception Sunday evening, January 14. Appropriate music furnished by several girls' ensembles or a poem epitomizing a particular stage in a girl's life, accompanied each scene. As a fitting close the "Holy City" was pantomimed. Following, the guests retired quietly to the dining room where light refreshments were served and the hostesses bade all adieu with a "Good Night" song.

North Dakota Notes

ELDER F. F. SCHWINDT is conducting a series of evangelistic meetings in the Jamestown German church. The first evening the attendance was good, and the interest manifested was gratifying. We solicit the prayers of our people in the North Dakota Conference in behalf of the meetings held.

Elder E. H. Oswald spent some time at Sheyenne River Academy and reports a good school spirit. Professor Newman has done faithful work in soliciting students, and his efforts have been blessed with success. At present eighty-four students are in attendance. We trust that other young people will plan to be at S. R. A. for the second semester.

Word has just been received that Elder Seibel is doing further work at Kulm. A number of people have already identified themselves with the present truth, and we trust that others will make their decision before the effort closes.

Elders E. H. Oswald and G. P. Gaede are planning to start a series of meetings

at Golden Valley January 12. We solicit the prayers of our people in behalf of these meetings.

Elder H. Wentland reports that the Sabbath services at Dickinson are well attended since the new church has been finished. We trust that not only the Sabbath services but other services will be well attended, and that the membership will be greatly increased as a result of the efforts spent at Dickinson.

Brother C. A. Edwards, our field missionary secretary, spent two days with S. A. Jacoshenk in Bismarck last week and reported splendid success in sales.

Brother R. R. Bietz visited the Medina country church Sabbath, January 13.

The German meetings which are being conducted by Elder F. F. Schwindt in Jamestown are well attended. The same people largely make up the attendance night after night, and Elder Schwindt feels very much encouraged over the meetings thus far.

Brethren C. A. Edwards and S. E. Ortner visited the Valley City church and Fargo church Sabbath, January 13. The following Sunday, Brother Ortner audited the treasurer's books of these churches before returning to Jamestown, Brother Edwards remaining at Fargo to assist Miss Flora Peterson in the colporteur work. The latter part of the week he expected to assist some of the colporteurs at Grand Forks.

Elders Oswald and Gaede are at this writing conducting a series of meetings in the Golden Valley church. The brethren there have earnestly pleaded for a series of meetings for some time, and we know they are enjoying the help that they are receiving.

The material for the *Signs* campaign just arrived and our home missionary secretary is busy getting it ready to send out to the various churches. We hope that every church will take an active part in this great literature campaign. Elders Shadel and Christman will be here to visit some of the churches during the time of the campaign.

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More "Signs"

THE other day I visited with a former convict who now rejoices in this truth. A thoughtful brother handed him a copy of the *Signs of the Times*. This started him to think in the right direction. He reports many others reading the *Signs*

now and a good interest in this penal institution.

The December *Signs* report indicates that our conference ranks eighth among the conferences of the North American Division in the circulation of the *Signs of the Times*. Let this good work continue. The conference is going right along with our churches and isolated people in a united effort to put every possible copy of this grand missionary paper into our field this year, and we will be responsible for 25 per cent of the group orders that come in during the campaign period. At the low rate of \$1.00 a copy for a year when ten or more are taken, and with the conference helping, something is going to happen. The *Signs* periodical and the signs all about us tell the same story.

Let us say it this year with *Signs*.

GORDEN OSS.

Letters on the Tithe

As the weeks come and go we are receiving many more encouraging letters from the field. We pass a few more on to our readers.

"I am very sorry this money I am sending in is long past due, but I am going to keep a better account this year. I will pay the Lord's tithe when it is due."

Another writes: "I have intended to answer those splendid tithe leaflets, and words cannot express the feeling I have had in the night about myself. I, of course, knew I should pay tithe. Every cent that falls into my hands from now on I shall tithe and I shall start in today. . . . With the help of my dear Guide I will not be a hindrance in the camp any longer. I ask forgiveness of the church and all who have been burdened by my unfaithfulness."

A new family has accepted the truth out in the southwestern part of the state. A brother writing about it stated, "The man has tithed his last check for wage. He is working on the road on the relief program and as soon as I presented the subject of tithing he paid tithe on his next check."

Another earnest sister writes: "Received your letter concerning personal payment of tithe, also bulletins on tithe. Thanks for both letter and bulletins. My aim and wish is to be faithful in all these things and I know God can and will bless us according to His promise. He has answered my prayers in many things, for which I thank Him. I have talked to — about this and we will try our best to help just as soon as we can."

One mother reports her son being so

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The SIGNS A PREMIER



Ellen G. White



James White



Uriah Smith



J. N. Andrews



J. H. Waggoner

FROM the day of its establishing, June 4, 1874, down through the sixty years of its history, the *Signs of the Times* has been known as "the pioneer missionary paper" of this denomination. It has justly merited this title too, for ever since Elder James White, the founding editor, handed out the first page of copy, right on through the editorships of Elders Uriah Smith, J. N. Andrews, J. H. Waggoner, S. N. Haskell, A. T. Jones, C. P. Bollman, M. C. Wilcox, and A. O. Tait, every editor, and every one of the thousands of contributors, have had but one supreme object,—to win men and women everywhere to the gospel of Jesus Christ as held by Seventh-day Adventists. That their efforts have been most fruitful will be seen in the kingdom of God when literally tens of thousands will testify that this great missionary weekly was a leading factor in bringing them this truth. We know this to be true, for in an endless stream come letters from all parts of the world telling of souls won to this message through the *Signs*.

What is the plan behind the *Signs* that makes it such an effective soul winner?

As Timely as the Newspaper

When Elder and Mrs. White chose the name, "*Signs of the Times*," for the new journal, they had in mind that it would always stand as an interpreter of world events in the light of those prophecies that foretell the end of the age. Thus, from the very first issue, the *Signs* has featured the things going on in the world that fit into the prophetic mold. This is one of the primary reasons why the *Signs* has always been such an interesting and attractive paper, every week it has something to say about current happenings in the world, pointing out their prophetic import. Everywhere people watch for it eagerly as the postman or the missionary worker brings it on its regular visits.

Many a man has read in his newspaper about the rumblings of war in the Orient and has turned to his wife saying, "Mary, I wonder what the *Signs* will tell us next week about the Bible meaning of all this commotion among Russia and Japan and China." Or perhaps the wife is reading

a digest of the pope's latest encyclical, and remarks, "John, I can hardly wait for the mailman to bring the *Signs*, for I want to know what this letter of the pope's really means."

This timeliness of the *Signs* is what enables it to win its way into thousands of homes where a heavy doctrinal discussion alone would not be appreciated. It skillfully leads people into Bible study through attracting them in a weekly discussion of current events and prophecy. That is the reason "The *Signs* is the Paper for the Times."

As Varied as a Cafeteria

The *Signs* is a cafeteria of truth. Suppose you went into a cafeteria and they had only one article of food to serve you, and you did not like that one thing! You prefer a cafeteria because you have a choice among the several *entrées*, among the salads, among the desserts. Because of the variety set before you, you are sure to find something to please your taste. Just so with the *Signs*. In each week's issue are eight or ten articles on a great variety of topics, besides several editorials. If you send the *Signs* for a year to your Methodist brother, he is sure to find something in each copy to interest him. If a number were placed in his hands wholly devoted to the Sabbath question, he might spurn it: for perhaps he is prejudiced on that topic. But when he picks up the *Signs*, he finds an article on health in which he is interested, or one on the present economic crisis which comes close home to him, or one on Spiritism of which he has heard much, or an article on mission triumphs in India. There is something in each issue to catch the eye of almost every type of reader; and once he becomes interested in one article, he reads on into the next, and in a few weeks is reading the paper from cover to cover. Thus, a varied-topic missionary paper attracts and holds men of every mind.

A Balanced Menu

Physicians tell us we should carefully balance our menu to get the proper proportions of fats, proteins, and carbohydrates. Those who make up the *Signs*

are just as scientific in balancing the menu of truth served the 150,000 weekly readers. They plan not to give an overdose of prophecy, or state of the dead, law, or Sabbath in any one issue. For example, the aim is to have one strong article on current affairs in each number. An article on health and health reform from one of our physicians, dietitians, or nurses is also planned each week, for

GOOD THINGS

This is going to be a great year in "*Signs*" history, for we have such a host of strong articles for our columns. F. D. NICHOL writes a series on the Sabbath question. C. B. HAYNES writes on "The Great Day of the Lord." This will cover the second coming, the millennium, the judgment, the destruction of this world, and the creation of a new. S. A. RUSKJER has sent us 20 articles which are a verbatim report of a series of evangelistic lectures recently given covering the high points of our truth. W. H. BRANSON is the author of eight articles on that key doctrine, "The Sanctuary—What It Is and What It Is Not." F. A. SPEARING, a veteran worker in England, contributes six articles on "Man's Nature and Destiny."

On prophecy we have three wonderful series. W. A. SPICER writes on "Living Nations and Ancient Prophecies." J. VUILLEUMIER, veteran editor, writes on "The Book of Daniel—Its Message for the 20th Century." M. L. RICE discusses "Jesus in Bible Prophecy" in a group of brief articles.

The Question Corner, one of the most popular features ever run by the "*Signs*," will be continued weekly by W. G. WIRTH.

Spiritual food will be found in "Christian Experience as Taught by Paul in Romans," by W. P. McLENNAN, and in "The Bread of Life," a study of some of the great texts of the Bible, by L. A. WILCOX.

"The Answering Voice of Ancient Dust Heaps," three articles on recent archaeology

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S. N. Haskell



A. T. Jones



C. P. Bollman



M. C. Wilcox



A. O. Tait

the *Signs* believes that our views on health constitute "the right arm of the message." The editors plan on one or more strongly spiritual articles in each issue. The readers of the *Signs* do not get the impression that Seventh-day Adventists are mere doctrinal religionists, for along with doctrine they get many articles on Christian experience and Christian living. The editors also plan

to cover our main doctrines, such as the Sabbath, man's nature and destiny, the second coming, etc., at least *twice every year*. Articles on the home, on the defense of the Bible against its foes, on foreign mission experience, etc., are generously sprinkled in. Practically every issue has a poem or two, for "poetry is God's language." Bible readings and short Bible studies are featured betimes.

so it goes the world around. All this makes the *Signs* authoritative and appealing, and makes it indeed "The World's Prophetic Weekly."

Appeals Through Eye Gate

The *Signs* is a very attractive paper so far as illustration and typography are concerned. Every week some 150 photographs from the largest picture companies in America are sent to the desk of the editor of the *Signs*. From these he chooses the most timely and interesting for the columns of this missionary paper. This is a picture age. People will look at pictures and read their captions who are not interested in long articles on religion. Therefore, the publishers of the *Signs* spend several thousands of dollars each year on photographs and art work. Their lay-out men are experts in type arrangement and illustration, so that the *Signs* has always had a high reputation along this line. The *Signs* is good to look at, and therefore has a strong reader attraction.

The Cheapest Missionary Paper

The *Signs of the Times* is the least expensive missionary medium in the denomination. Remember that it is a weekly, and has sixteen large pages. Considered from the number of articles that a year's subscription affords, or the number of pages of material offered, or from any other similar angle, the *Signs* gives more for the money. Each weekly issue of the *Signs* has almost as much reading matter as does one of our popular 25-cent "Crisis Books." A year's subscription to the *Signs* gives as much reading matter as is found in all six volumes,—"The Great Controversy," "Daniel and the Revelation," "Bible Readings," "Our Day in the Light of Prophecy," "The Return of Jesus," and "Bible Footlights." The colporteur would sell these books for more than \$20, and the very lowest price to our own people would be more than \$10, yet the *Signs* comes now in church clubs at only \$1.15, and as low as \$1.00 in larger quantities in U. S. A. "The *Signs* Gives More."

Use the *Signs* to reach your relatives, friends, and neighbors in 1934.

Like Sunday-Night Meetings

Remember, the *Signs* is a *weekly paper*. When you send it to your friends, it is just like taking them out to a series of Sunday-night sermons. It comes frequently enough so they do not lose interest and forget the connection. A weekly magazine has a tremendous habit-forming power, it soon becomes part of the weekly routine. Another great advantage is that a weekly journal is ideal for the running of articles in serial form. A contributor can cover six different phases of the Sabbath question in six weeks. This allows the reader gradually to be built up in the truth in naturally successive steps, just as he would hear it from one of our evangelists should he attend a tent meeting.

World-Wide Staff of Contributors

For many years the *Signs* has been carefully building up a great staff of contributors, world-wide in distribution. The *Signs* has regular correspondents in all the principal countries of the world who keep the readers of the paper in close touch with developments everywhere. Pick up almost any issue, and you will find writers listed from England, or France, or Africa, or Brazil, or India, or China, or Japan, or Argentina, or the Philippines, or Central America, or the Islands of the South Seas. Let a momentous event take place in London, and Elder Arthur S. Maxwell has an article on the way to the *Signs* in a few hours. When Japan and Russia move close to war in Manchuria, Elders Frederick Lee or E. R. Thiele or Alfonso Anderson have an article on the next boat for the *Signs*. While a revolution is going on in Brazil, Elder Berger Johnson sits at his typewriter grinding out a special contribution for the *Signs*. And

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ical finds, by DR. MOLLEURUS COUPERUS. FREDERICK LEE of China writes on "Present World Developments and What the Bible Says About Them." ROLAND LOASBY of India writes on "Buddhism, Mohammedanism, Hinduism, and idolatry in the Light of Christianity." R. L. ODOM of Spain writes on "The Sabbath From Christ to the Council of Laodicea." H. W. CLARK discusses "Science as Revealed in the Bible."

One of the most noteworthy series ever to appear in a Seventh-day Adventist periodical will be by GEORGE McCREADY PRICE on "Geology Proves the Flood and Disproves Evolution." This is new material recently gathered by Professor Price. This series will be ideal for your minister or teacher friend who believes in evolution. It goes right to the root of Scriptural religion. This great defense of the Bible is much needed in our skeptical age.

Now please bear in mind that these are only a few of the serials that will run through the "Signs" in 1934. We have said nothing of the hundreds of timely single articles that will appear in addition to the regular editorial features such as "Gleams and Glints of Prophetic Light," "The World Outlook," "News Gleanings," etc.

Every line in the "Signs" is written for the one purpose of attracting souls to Seventh-day Adventism and to Christ. Experienced evangelists and soul winners give of their best to the "Signs." This is the reason that "More 'Signs' Going Out Means More Souls Coming In."

February Campaign for a larger SIGNS Circulation

South Dakota Department

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faithful that he even remembers a candy bar and pays tithe on it.

Again: "In past years I know I have robbed God, before I ever knew how important the tithe is. I used to teach school, but I had never learned of the tithing question. Now I have no way to pay it back. In prayer I asked God to put the amount in my hands or in some way let me make it to pay a back tithe."

We believe these good testimonies on stewardship will inspire others. Let us hear from the field.

One very faithful member writes:

"I am sorry I did not get to send in our tithes before the new year. God has been so good at this Christmas time, and we have a little tithe to send now. . . . Thank God for His goodness to us. . . . I am sending the money in God's care and it will come all right, for He knows how things are."

A brother writes: "I am enclosing a money order for \$25 for tithe. I have been rather negligent about my tithe, and I thank you for the circular letter which you sent me on this subject, for while this did not change my view it did impress it upon my mind more fully."

GORDEN OSS.

The Writings of Mrs. White

By the time this issue of the REAPER reaches the field there will be only about a week of time left to take advantage of the very special offer on the "Testimonies" and the "Conflict" series. A number have taken advantage of this unusual price, and we trust that many others can still do it. A deposit of \$2.00 will hold the books until they can be paid for, when they will be sent out. Brother Schlotthauer should know this at once so he can order them while they are obtainable at these greatly reduced prices. The "Conflict" series covers the entire Bible, and is without a doubt the finest comment on the Scriptures that any Adventist family could have in their home. Remember the price, \$7.00, for either the "Testimonies" or the "Conflict" series, in the cloth. Order now; to delay is to lose out.

GORDEN OSS.

South Dakota Sunbeams

THE Mobridge Sunshine Band—the six church school pupils and their teacher, Victoria Larsen—are singing at two hospitals and for two shut-ins every Sabbath afternoon.

The children of the primary division in the Colman Sabbath school have

learned their memory verses perfectly for the second year, and will receive pins in recognition of this. We believe the texts learned will help to make these boys and girls "wise unto salvation."

Brother McKinley spent Sabbath, the 13th, with the Aberdeen church in the interests of the *Signs* campaign and other missionary literature. He also visited Hecla and the company at Britton.

Brother Wyman writes that the colporteur band is pressing right on in the literature ministry at Sioux Falls. Many papers are being distributed and a number of families are interested and are being given Bible studies.

Mrs. W. H. Hohensee reports that they have organized a mothers' society in the Aberdeen church. She states several mothers not of our faith have joined the society, and everyone is enjoying the book, "Through Early Childhood," which they are studying this year.

Miss Hopkins is expecting to visit the Sioux Falls church school during the latter part of this week. She plans to spend next Sabbath with the Mitchell church.

Our Post Office box number has been changed from 586 to 36. When writing to the conference or Book and Bible House, kindly keep this in mind.

Elder Oss is spending a few days in Sioux Falls this week in the interests of the work there.

Minnesota Conference

V. J. Johns, President
B. C. Marshall, Secretary
1854 Roblyn Ave. - St. Paul

I Like the "Signs," Because—

1. It entered the home of my uncle away up in northern Michigan, held its weekly visits with him around his fire-side, told him of the truth, and left him a Sabbath-keeper. The *Signs* was the only Adventist preacher my uncle ever heard.

2. It has been my constant companion and associate during twenty years of evangelistic endeavor. Many a man has been won to the truth by this silent but convincing fellow-laborer of mine.

3. It has contributed many helpful thoughts and much sermon material to me personally, thus enriching my storehouse of information, and strengthening my presentation of the message.

4. It is the ammunition par excellence in the battle for truth and righteousness. Many *Signs* in the hands of our lay-evangelists bring many new souls into the pews of our churches.

5. It preaches the full-gospel truth;

proclaims the last warning message; promotes the church missionary work; provides the best evangelistic material; produces a harvest of souls.

V. J. JOHNS.

Special Offering for Church Schools

SABBATH, January 27, has been set apart by the General Conference as a special day when an offering is to be taken in all our churches for the benefit of our church schools. We are sure our people appreciate what our church schools are doing for our boys and girls, and will rally to their support on the date mentioned. The conference is giving considerable help to a large number of schools, but it is dependent upon the liberality of our faithful people in order to give this help. So we trust that all of our people, including those who are isolated, will remember the special offering on January 27.

J. C. NIXON.

Our Responsibility and Opportunity

THERE is a marked spirit of activity evidenced in our field toward lay-evangelism. Most of our people, however, are somewhat inexperienced, and will want to gain an experience in soul-winning that will be a stepping-stone into a larger and more personal field, and to such we would suggest systematic use of the *Signs*.

Every isolated member has a responsibility for the salvation of souls that can largely be discharged effectively by the use of a club of *Signs* each week among his acquaintances. The *Signs* will teach the truth in a far more effective and logical way undoubtedly than you can. But one who each week distributes *Signs* to a select list of individuals should not fail to make a personal visit occasionally to see how the literature is being received. Do not make the mistake of creating an interest and allowing it to hang in the air. Your work is not so much to inform as to transform. Give your readers the opportunity of tying up to something.

Every church should have a club of *Signs* at work in 1934. Each member should plan now to do what he is able, to make possible a *Signs* club representative of the church membership. In my experience I have seen much lasting good, and many real conversions as a result of the proper use of the *Signs*. I could cite you to one church last year that added seven members through the work of the *Signs*. This is possible in any church.

A number of churches that have not had a *Signs* club have been receiving a free club for some time, which will run out shortly. We hope that such churches will order their club to be renewed immediately and commence a permanent work that has been suggested by this trial club.

Many of you will want the publishers to send yearly subscriptions direct to relatives and friends. This method is now used extensively, though it costs a trifle more because of the extra cost of mailing.

Minnesota now leads the union in the number of *Signs* used, and yet many of you have not had a part.

The report will come to you at the end of the year as to how many souls have been won to Christ as a result of the consecrated efforts of lay members,

J. C. CHRISTENSON.

Minnesota News Notes

ELDER PONTYNYEN has started an effort for the Finnish people in Eveleth and also in Virginia. He reports that he is having good attendance in both places. Let us remember Elder Pontynen in our prayers.

Through the faithful cooperation of our lay-members and the untiring efforts of our colporteurs, we are glad to be able to report that our Book and Bible House sales for 1933 made a nice increase over the previous year. Our purchases from the publishing house were much larger than that of any other conference in the union. This is very gratifying, especially when our inventory shows a decrease of over \$400; thus showing that the books have been placed in the hands of the people throughout the field.

Elder J. L. Tucker, pastor of the St. Paul English church, recently returned from California, where he was called to attend the funeral of his father.

Elder V. A. Lidner, General Conference Swedish evangelist, who has been laboring in St. Paul for several months, spoke in Minneapolis Sabbath, January 13.

Wyoming Mission

C. A. Purdom, Superintendent
F. H. McNeil, Secretary

1203 So. Oak St. - - - Casper

Wyoming Believes in the Signs

THREE of the Pacific Union conferences rank above this state in per cent of *Signs* goal reached; thus we are fourth on the list. We average about three-quarters of a paper to each member.

Our percentage of souls saved shows among the ten conferences leading in this

most-to-be-desired result. There is undoubtedly an intimate relationship between *Signs* sold and souls saved. It would be difficult to visualize any retrenchment from an endeavor so fraught with possibilities.

Yes, we believe in the efficacy of the *Signs*, and gladly join with our brethren in making 1934 as nearly a 100% year as sacrifice and devotion with the Lord's help can effect.

C. A. PURDOM.

Iowa Conference

R. S. Fries, President
J. H. Nies, Secretary
734 Main St. - - - Nevada

Interest Created

THE home missionary secretary of the Humboldt church writes the following:

"We think that the *Signs of the Times* is one of our best missionary papers. We are leaving the *Signs* in a barber shop in the city and our barber says that his customers read that paper more than any other. To raise the money for our club of *Signs*, we sell the color number. This gives us money to get another club in 1934, and if we do as well selling our *Signs* in 1934 as we have in 1933, we will come out on top."

Brother Foreman, of Nevada, writes that he is absolutely confident that the *Signs* is a soul-winner. He has been sending the *Signs* to different individuals and has been receiving letters from one who has accepted the truth as a result of reading the *Signs of the Times*. I quote from one of the letters he has received:

"Mr. B. and myself are both convinced that the Adventists are right. I never have been satisfied before. The Adventists teaching seems to be just what the Bible teaches, and others are not. I had the opportunity of leading the prayer meeting a short time ago and I took the ten commandments for the lesson. A few saw the point and others did not. It seems to me that I could not have lived through our losses and troubles had it not been for the comforting words and lessons I have received from the *Signs of the Times*. I am to lead a prayer meeting again soon and think I shall use one of the subjects in one of your papers."

B. A. SCHERR.

Recent Conventions

WE are delighted with the response that our churches are giving to our general conventions. Elder S. T. Shadel, Elder K. L. Gant, and the writer held

a convention at Fort Madison and were happy to see such a good crowd. Twenty-two members of the Burlington church came to Fort Madison to attend the convention. The departments that were given consideration were home missionary, Sabbath school, and Missionary Volunteer. After Elder Shadel explained the band organization, many responded by signing the covenant cards, and plans were laid to form Bible reading and literature bands.

The Sabbath school, which is under the leadership of Sister Richardson, is planning on the Teacher's Training Course for 1934. One of the features of the Sabbath school which attracted quite a bit of attention was the reciting of memory verses for a whole year by a girl fifteen years of age. Her name is Betty Jean Bruner. The Ft. Madison church is under the leadership of Mr. Henry Yurth, and has promises of developing into a great soul-winning organization.

Brother Gant and the writer held a convention at the Mason City church, under the leadership of Elder R. E. Griffin. The church showed their interest in this convention by being at meetings six and one-half hours on Sabbath. They are also planning on the young people's work and have ordered some of the Reading Course books, and plans were laid for a Bible training band and Sabbath School Training Course. As Elder Griffin is holding an effort in the city Auditorium the church is planning for a strong literature work to assist him in his large undertaking. Elder Griffin is doing a good work in Mason City, and we are looking forward to big things from the Auditorium effort. We are delighted the way our churches are taking hold of the different lines of work, and we are sure that 1934 will be a big year in Iowa.

B. A. SCHERR.

Northwest Iowa

As we enter the new year we do so with supreme thankfulness to God. God has blessed the work in the northwest district of Iowa. Nearly thirty souls have been added by baptisms and letters during the year. Not long ago we scarcely had a single young person under Christian training. Now we have fifty-six under full time or part time instruction. The new ten grade school at Hawarden is progressing splendidly.

In addition to training the mind and teaching the spiritual principles of the Scriptures, we are encouraging the training of the hands. The new school at Hawarden has several infant industries. The canning industry gives promise of

being decidedly worthwhile. Through this avenue of income nearly \$100 worth of books was added to the school library. The pecan industry gives a large number a good opportunity to earn their tuition.

Four new workers have been added in the district. Brother and Sister Conquest, from the Oklahoma Conference, are doing most satisfactory work in the industrial school at Hawarden. Brother and Sister Archbold are doing good work at Ruthven. Those who have the welfare of their children next to their hearts are very gratified to have the splendid instruction given to their children at Ruthven. Besides giving part time instruction to the youth and children, Brother Archbold is doing colporteur and pastoral work. Much good can be accomplished by these consecrated efforts.

A number of people have been reached by the radio effort who otherwise could not have been contacted. The enthusiasm and sincerity of many of these indicate that before long they will take their stand for the message. Those responsible for making the broadcasts possible deserve credit for their sacrifice. We need the prayers of the REAPER readers that we may represent aright the warning message to the 220,000 people in Iowa's northwest. M. N. SKADSHEIM.

Appointments

ELDER S. T. SHADEL, home missionary secretary of the Central Union Conference, will meet with the following churches on the following dates:

Sioux City, Sabbath morning, January 27.
Hawarden, Sabbath evening, January 27.
Ruthven, Sunday evening, January 28.
Lake City, Monday evening, January 29.
Ute, Tuesday evening, January 30.
Onawa, Wednesday evening, January 31.

Any members within the radius of these churches are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

B. A. SCHERR.

Colorado Conference

Jay J. Nethery, President
W. I. Montanye, Secretary
1081 Marion Street - - Denver

Our Responsibility

OUR work is well begun for the year that stretches before us if definite plans are laid to have our friends and neighbors read the message in an up-to-date and interesting way. Of all the excellent literature published by Seventh-day Adventists, nothing is better to use in interesting those about us than the *Signs of the Times*. We ask every church and

every member to think seriously of their responsibility in helping others.

The *Signs* will help you. The *Signs* brings people into the truth.

JAY J. NETHERY.

Signs of the Times

Signs of distress and trouble,
Increasing on every hand;
Great events of vital significance
Never before witnessed
Serve to arouse the masses.

Overtaken governments,
Failure of social systems,

Terror by land and sea,
Heathen nations arising
Eager for conquest, —

The world is full of signs which need
Interpreting.
Millions need to be
Enlightened. Let us fill the world with the
Signs of the Times.

E. L. PINGENOT.

Union College

M. L. Andreasen, President
College View Station, Lincoln, Nebr.

Union College News

THE city health department, in its semi-monthly test of the Union College dairy this week, showed a bacteria count of 3,000; a "grade A" milk test of 5.4; and cream, 54%. The usual count for certified milk is 10-12,000. The business of the dairy has so increased that the management has been forced to increase the barn capacity, which now holds sixty-seven cows. Practically all of this number will be milked the year around. The whole work of the dairy, including milking, feeding, barn work, making cheese, butter, and ice cream, bottling milk, and doing other work in the dairy room, supplies work to some thirteen students. Mr. Stout, the dairy manager, reports that the analysis by the city department is extremely flattering to the Union College dairy and speaks well of the stock, the workmen, and the technique.

Fourteen new students have registered for school work during the second semester. They are: Olivia Brickman, Francis Avery, and A. K. Phillips, from Kansas; Jeanette and Isabelle Anderson, and Lyle Prior, from Minnesota; Helen Foreman and William Hanson, from Iowa; Dorothy Gray, from Nebraska; R. Jack

Christy, from Oklahoma; Clyde Rowen, from Missouri; Barbara Haggard, from Texas; Anna Mae Pearce, from Wyoming; and Ada Tounsend, from South Dakota.

New officers for the second semester have been elected and have begun their duties. For the Sabbath school they are: superintendent, Henry Peterson; assistant superintendent, Beatrice Ross; secretary, Aaron Oswald; assistant secretary, Daisy Schluntz; chorister, Arthur Bietz; and pianist, Audrey Anderson. Officers for the Missionary Volunteer Society are: leader, Donald Pohle; associate leader, Viola Christensen; secretary, Naomi Lile; assistant secretary, Chester Cross; chorister, Alex Reisig; and pianist, Jane Wensel.

North Hall girls presented models of correct dress at their club meeting on the evening of January 10. Under the direction of Martha Doris MacElvaine appropriate attire for the home, the street, the church, the platform, the social gathering, and for travel was explained and demonstrated.

The Mission Band presented a program on the study of China at the meeting of the Missionary Volunteer Society on January 10, at which Elder E. E. Carman, returned missionary from China, and Rodney Finney spoke.

Obituaries

MONTGOMERY.—Mrs. Annie E. Montgomery, nee Rand, was born in Wisconsin on Sept. 18, 1850, and died Jan. 13, 1934. She was united in marriage to Henry Montgomery in 1867. To this union ten children were born, seven boys and three girls. In 1910 the family moved to Sedalia, Mo.

She leaves behind, six children, one of whom is Elder R. P. Montgomery, president of the Texico Conference, 43 grandchildren, and 21 great grandchildren. Sister Montgomery has lived a devoted Christian life for many years, and at the time of her death was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church of Sedalia.

Funeral services in charge of the writer were held from the Gillespie Funeral Home, and interment made in the Sedalia cemetery. MELVIN OSS.

PORTER.—Charles Albert Porter was born in Anamosa, Iowa, Dec. 23, 1873, and died at Emerson, Nebr., Jan. 3, 1934. He embraced the message about twenty-five years ago and at the time of his death was a member of the Lawrence, Kansas, church. He leaves to mourn: his wife, three sons, three daughters, and three sisters. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. J. R. NELSON.

SATTERFIELD.—Billy, ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Satterfield, of Pawnee, Colo., died Jan. 6, 1934, at Mercy Hospital in Denver. He contracted a blood infection which the best of medical skill was unable to check. He seemed to have a fine faith in God to believe that if man could not heal him God could. Special prayer was offered on several occasions in his behalf but God has seen otherwise. We look forward to meeting Billy in the resurrection morning.
A. J. MEIKLEJOHN.

HAYER.—Albert Hayer was born in Delaware, Ohio, June 27, 1869. He died at the Porter Sanitarium Jan. 8, 1934. He was a devoted husband, a splendid neighbor, and a good friend. Left to mourn are his wife, several relatives, and a host of friends. We believe we shall meet Brother Hayer when Jesus comes.
A. J. MEIKLEJOHN.

JOHNSON.—William P. Johnson was born in Peoria, Ill., April 28, 1861. He died in Denver, Colo., Jan. 11, 1934.

In 1886 Mr. Johnson and his wife attended a camp meeting in Ottawa, Kans. Sister White was there. They were so impressed with what they heard that they united with the church. They spent some time working at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. Brother Johnson was faithful to the message to the day of his death. Left to mourn are his wife, other relatives, and friends.
A. J. MEIKLEJOHN.

MERK.—Henry Merk was born June 28, 1843, and died Jan. 3, 1934. He came to this country in 1867. He was married to Miss Margareth Helms November 13, 1874. To this union five children were born, three of whom are living, two having died in infancy.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters, and eight grandchildren. He lived at Oak Hill about fifty years.

He died in the Lord.

W. F. H. SCHROEDER.

FAHEN.—Sylvia V. Fahen, nee Dennis, was born at Clinton, Iowa, Dec. 31, 1894, and died at Nevada, Iowa, Dec. 31, 1933. June 14, 1917, she was married to Francis L. Martin. To this union was born one child, Helen May. This little daughter, the mother, one brother, and a cousin are left to mourn. After the loss of her husband she was married to Mr. Fahen.

The funeral services at Nevada were conducted by the writer, and Elder Ben Scherr held the grave service at Ft. Dodge, Iowa, where she was laid to rest in the family burying place.
T. H. JEYS.

OWEN.—Henry Thomas Owen was born at Columbus City, Iowa, July 6, 1857. He died at his home in Washington County, Iowa, Jan. 5, 1934.

On March 7, 1878, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary J. Swailles. To this union six children were born, four sons and two daughters. One son and a daughter preceded the father in death.

The wife, three sons, and one daughter are of the immediate family who survive

to mourn. The four children were present at the funeral.

About 1887 Mr. Owen united with the Seventh-day Adventist church. He ever remained an adherent of the Adventist faith. Services were conducted by the writer.
A. L. MILLER.

BLAKE.—Elnor Blake was born Jan. 27, 1851, at Ostrander, Ohio, and passed away at Eureka, Kans., Jan. 4, 1934. In 1866 she was married to John W. Larcom. To this union four children were born. Mr. Larcom preceded her in death. In 1903 she was united in marriage to William P. Blake, who also preceded her in death.

For fifty years Sister Blake was a member of the Adventist church. She was laid to rest at Eureka to await the call of the returning Saviour.
F. S. CHOLLAR.

WOOD.—Archey D. Wood was born May 28, 1885, near King City, Mo., and died Dec. 4, 1933, at his home about six miles east of Parnell, Mo. Brother Wood joined the church at Enyart, Mo., about thirty-two years ago. He was ever a true and faithful servant of God. He leaves to mourn, his wife, four sons, one sister, one brother, and a host of other relatives and friends. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.
C. J. METZER.

SHIMAN.—Funeral service for Jewell Blanc Sherman, nee Eddins, who died Jan. 8, 1934, at her home in Utica, Mo., was conducted by the writer, in the Baptist church at Utica, Jan. 11.

Sister Sherman accepted the truth when twelve years old, and was ever true to her calling. She leaves to mourn, her husband, one son, infant daughter, father, one sister, and one brother, besides a host of other relatives and friends.
C. J. METZER.

THALL.—Edwin T. Thall was born in Omaha, Oct. 3, 1926, and after a short illness fell asleep in Jesus Sunday morning, January 7. To mourn their loss he leaves his parents, one brother, and his grandparents. He was laid to rest in Forest Lawn cemetery to await the call of Jesus.
T. M. LANGBERG.

COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JANUARY 13, 1934.

	Book	Hrs.	Sales
<i>Iowa: L. P. Knecht, Secretary.</i>			
Mrs. M. Meeker	FS	27	34.50
Florence Maurath	RJ	30	34.25
Rita Coffin	RJ	26	31.75
J. W. Simmons	FS	24	27.25
Raymond Hircok	RJ	29	22.75
Nathan Coffin	GC	24	21.00
Florence Morey	GC	20	20.25
Mrs. Frederickson	RJ	17	18.50
H. G. Biggers	FS	28	14.25
E. W. Frederickson	GC	14	10.75
Robert Garber	RJ	18	6.25
Ida Edgerton	BR	23	4.50
O. C. Priddy	RJ	16	4.00
Anna Kromer	Misc	2	3.00
Elva Wilcox	GC	9	2.50
Anna Will	Mag	5	1.90
Miss E. Koch	RJ	20	
Total		332	257.40

Colorado: H. G. Herndon, Secretary.

Ernest Harper	HP	41	1.25
Viola Johnson	BPS	64	18.75
Freda Shockley	BP	55	30.00
Mrs. L. Storey	HW	8	2.20
Juliet Hartz	Bibles	26	21.25
Mrs. S. McGrew	HW	6	4.25
Clara Willett	FS	6	5.00
Greta Nelson	Mag		1.70
Mrs. Storey	Mag		5.00
Clara Willett	Mag	10	3.00
Misc. Magazines			44.35
Total		216	136.75

South Dakota: W. A. Wyman, Sec.

*Lucille Redmon	RJ	33½	14.00
*Olive Redmon	OD	30	18.60
Joseph Ockenga	RJ	24	1.75
Orville Lee Poore	RJ	25½	13.75
*M. A. Wyman	BR	40	71.75
Total		211	119.85

Nebraska: P. E. Shakespeare, Sec.

Jorstad Sisters	Mag	10	5.00
John Ogren	OD	29½	19.20
H. E. Preston	DR	38	23.00
P. E. Shakespeare	Mag	8	5.00
Magazines			5.50
Total		85½	57.70

Missouri: R. G. Campbell, Secretary.

*Sallie Holmes	RJ	51	22.45
Mrs. A. Snyder	RJ	19	16.00
Mrs. Davenport	Mag		1.00
Louise Leeper	Mag	6	3.00
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag	6	3.70
Total		82	46.15

North Dakota: C. A. Edwards, Sec.

Flora Peterson	RJ	6	1.00
Arthur Wheeler	RJ	22	3.25
Beatrice Komoll	HP	19	18.00
S. A. Jacobsen	RJ	20	14.00
Mrs. Frank Ferrell	RJ	11	5.25
Total		78	41.50

Kansas:

A. Colporteur	Mag	5	3.40
Mrs. J. Gardner	Mag	10	6.60
Mrs. E. Millard	Mag	6	1.40
Mrs. A. Rulkoetter	BR	4	6.25
J. D. Springer	DR	17	1.00
*R. L. Steele	BR	50	.75
Total		92	19.40

Grand total 1,096½ 678.75

* Two weeks.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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WANTED.—Farm tenant with good team. Farm in northern Minnesota. Fifteen cows, 4 milch goats, acre raspberries, small truck, some tools, some furniture, no horses. Harry Skoog, 2837 Park Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

WANTED.—Equipped farm, dairy and poultry, on shares by experienced Adventist farmer. Send correspondence to Kansas Conference S. D. A., Box 267, Topeka, Kans.

WANTED.—Position by practical nurse and housekeeper. Good cook, capable. References. Nebraska or Colorado preferred. Mrs. Alice Jenks, 509 W. Second, Grand Island, Nebr.

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Sunset Calendar

For Friday, January 26, 1934

Denver, Colorado	5:12
Des Moines, Iowa	5:21
Topeka, Kansas	5:37
St. Paul, Minnesota	5:12
Jefferson City, Missouri	5:23
Lincoln, Nebraska	5:37
Bismarck, North Dakota	5:36
Casper, Wyoming	5:07

Special "Signs" Campaign Prices

In cooperating with our churches and people this year in their plans for larger *Signs* circulation, the *Signs* office is making further concessions in price during the campaign period. For a number of years during the *Signs* campaign our churches have had the privilege of ordering *Signs* in clubs and singles equaling their church membership at the special rate of \$1.00 a copy in the club, the minimum club being fifteen copies, and regular price for the singles.

This year we purpose to extend this offer on a still more liberal basis. While still reaching toward the goal of one per member, and making every club as large as possible, we are offering to make the basis of allowing the \$1.00 club rate during the campaign this year that of half the membership instead of full or two-thirds; this to apply on a club of ten copies or more.

And further, the regular rate on clubs of five or more to one address has been reduced from \$1.25 to \$1.15. Besides this, there is a reduction in the single subscription price where five or more are sent in at one time from \$1.40 to \$1.25. (These are U. S. A. prices.) Single subscriptions sent in with the church club can be had at this price and they will also be counted on the church goal.

On this basis, for example, a church of fifty members ordering twenty *Signs* for a year in a club to the missionary secretary, and five copies a year to separate addresses, would pay \$20 for the club, and \$1.25 each, or \$6.25 for the single subscriptions.

The prices that will apply this year,

and be fully explained in our campaign leaflet and on order blanks to be furnished, are as follows:

Single subscriptions\$1.50
Five or more single subscriptions in U. S. A., one year each\$1.25
Clubs of five or more to one address, per copy\$1.15
Ten copies and up to a church subscribing for a number of *Signs* equal to or more than half its membership, each copy per year\$1.00
To foreign countries and Canada \$2.00
Yearly single subscription price:
Club of 5 or more to one address, per copy per year\$1.50

The special church rate on clubs ordered as specified will be in force until April 14, 1934. It is hoped that these special concessions will be of such encouragement to our people that they will do a larger work than ever with the *Signs* this year.

Helps for the Campaign

THE *Signs* editors and circulation workers are again furnishing some live material to help our pastors, church elders, and missionary leaders carry through a strong program in the church.

A large four page leaflet contains first an article by Elder A. L. Baker, entitled, "Paul's Message to Seventh-day Adventists." Then it gives two pages of recent experiences, telling of how ministry with the *Signs* has brought a large number of people into the truth. These, with general and specific information as to program for 1934, cost of carrying on work with the *Signs*, what a year's volume gives, etc., will be welcomed by our leaders especially who may have to plan and carry through their *Signs* service without ministerial help.

These supplies will come to you from your conference. Watch for them, and make the most of the help they afford.

Our Pioneer Literature Minister

THIS coming June will round out a full sixty years of pioneer missionary service for the *Signs of the Times*. What a wonderful soul-winning service it has rendered in so many parts of the world. I met the first Sabbath-keeper in the Guianas—a sister who found the message of truth in a copy of the *Signs of the Times* which was in a bundle of literature thrown on the dock by a ship's officer. The first Sabbath-keeper on the island of Jamaica also testified to the work of the *Signs* in leading her into the message. Thus it is in many parts of the world. And still the *Signs* is carrying on, a stronger and more able literature minister than ever before. It is going

into many thousands of homes, dispelling unbelief and shedding the glorious light of God's love into many hearts.

Do you have loved ones who are unsaved? Are there neighbors to whom you should give the message of life? Is the salvation of your friends a responsibility which you must face? Then let the *Signs of the Times* serve as a never failing helper in your labor of love. Invest in a club of *Signs*, and receive rich dividends of joy in the winning of souls.

J. A. STEVENS, Secretary,
General Conference Home
Missionary Department.

Remember February 10

FOREIGN MISSIONS always appeal to every loyal Seventh-day Adventist in the homeland. And evidently the force of the appeal is not lessened if the "foreign missionary" work is done in the homeland. Distance should lend no enchantment.

On Sabbath, February 10, comes to all of us a heaven-sent opportunity to advance foreign missionary work. This day was set apart at the Fall Council in Battle Creek by the representatives of all the conferences as a day on which the regular church offering shall be given for our foreign literature work. The editions are naturally smaller when foreign literature is printed than when English literature is put out. If, therefore, our foreign literature shall be provided for the same price, or nearly so, as the English, the publishing houses printing this literature must receive financial aid.

That the delegates at the Fall Council considered the needs of the foreign work in the homeland on the same basis as the work in foreign lands is evident from the fact that they voted that the offering February 10 should apply on the forty-cent-a-week fund. A rally in behalf of this offering will, therefore, be a rally in behalf of your church missionary goal. In view of this, we feel no hesitancy in appealing to our brethren and sisters everywhere for a liberal offering.

H. O. OLSON,
Associate Secretary,
Bureau of Home Missions.

Good Patronage at Boulder

THE readers of the REAPER will be interested to know that the Boulder Sanitarium has enjoyed a very nice patronage for November, December, and thus far in January. We are anxious to correspond with any of our folk needing medical attention. We would like to help you plan your health budget for 1934. If interested, please write a card to the Boulder-Colorado Sanitarium.