

# Western Canadian Tidings

"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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## TRIFLES

What will it matter in a little while  
That for a day  
We met and gave a word, a touch, a  
Smile upon the way?  
What will it matter whether hearts  
Were brave  
And lives were true;  
That you gave me the sympathy I  
Crave, as I gave you?  
These trifles! Can it be they make  
Or mar a human life?  
Are souls so lightly swayed as rushes  
Are by love or strife?  
Yea, yea, a look the fainting heart  
May break,  
Or make it whole,  
And just one word if said for love's sweet sake  
May save a soul. —Selected.

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

To the Delegates assembled in the second biennial session of the Western Canadian Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists:

The most eventful biennial period perhaps since the birth of this denomination, has just closed. The more thoughtful element of the world have beheld with trembling, the happenings which have appeared in the procession of events within this biennial term.

Even the expectations of this people to whom the giving of this message is committed, have been surprised and out-stripped by the rushing in of conditions which, though we expected would transpire sometime within this generation, yet now so soon and so suddenly have developed.

We are in danger of rushing on in the whirl of our surroundings, and although having a knowledge of the truth, yet of coming face to face with the close of probation, only to be surprised that it came so soon to find us unprepared.

The territory of this Union includes the provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and that portion of Ontario lying west of the 89th meridian, embracing in all a little more than a million square miles.

We have a population of about 1,700,000, composed of nationalities too numerous to mention in this brief address. Among them are English, German, French, Scandinavian, Russian, Romanian, Polish, Hollander, Italian, Bulgarian, Austro-Hungarian, Turk, Armenian, Chinese, Japanese, Portugese, Finnish, Galatian, Spanish, Hindoo, and our native Indians, besides many others.

These various peoples have come to this our great country, having left behind them their kindred and friends, with the hope that they might better their condition in life. Shall we not recognize in this the providence of God, seeking to place them away from hindering influences, that they might have opportunity to hear His great message which is going to the world.

The theological ideas represented among this population may well be called legion, for they are many. The prevailing religion of the people of Western Canada, however, is supposed to be Protestant.

The chief industries of the people living within our territory are that of farming, fruit-raising, stock-raising, lumbering, and mining. On this point a few general figures may be of interest.

Last year the products of the mining, lumbering, and fruit interests of British Columbia alone, according to Dominion reports, amounted to more than \$100,000,000, and it is said that the coal output from the mines of Alberta is 13,000 tons daily.

In the three prairie provinces, as shown by Dominion reports, the total acreage of small grain in the year 1911 was 14,000,000, producing a yield of more than 280,000,000 bushels. The potato crop amounted to about 8,000,000 bushels.

There are in this territory about 860,000 horses; 350,000 sheep; 2,000,000 cattle; 450,000 swine; 5,500,000 poultry.

We have 16 ordained ministers, 7 licentiates, 21 missionary licentiates, and 53 colporteurs within the territory in the different local conferences, and 3 union laborers, making a total of 100 workers.

These workers with the co-operation of our people



among the churches throughout the field, have worked hard to get the message before the people, as the following figures will partially indicate:

Public meetings held in two years, 3,561; Bible readings held, 4,206; house to house visits, 35,738; pages books sold in two years, 9,007,406; pages tracts distributed, 839,458; periodicals sold or given away, 132,000. Already fruits are being seen from these efforts in the conversion of souls.

The following comparison may be of interest to show the progress of the work since the beginning of the year 1908: At that time the total number of Sabbath-keepers in this Union Conference was 1,009; now it is 1,504, being a gain of about fifty per cent. Then our annual tithe was 15,005.01; now it is \$28,783.08. The tithe per capita was \$14.86; now it is \$19.13. Our ten-cent-a-week mission funds annually were then \$3,202.58; and now this fund annually amounts to \$8,388.94. The weekly per capita of the ten-cent-a-week mission funds was then but seven and nine-tenths cents; now it is sixteen and three-fourths cents.

Our entire mission and other funds to the General Conference in 1908 amounted to \$3,737.56; in 1911 it was \$13,493.64. Our Sabbath-school offerings annually were then \$1,414.65; now they are \$3,639.96. Our entire book, tract, and periodical sales in the year 1907 amounted to \$11,586.60; in 1911 it was \$29,300.93.

Our ten-cent-a-week funds for the first biennial term (1908-1909) were \$9,814.99; the second biennial term (1910-1911) we had \$16,276.82. Our book, tract and periodical sales for the first biennial term were \$36,511.35; the second biennial term \$49,768.75.

We have named these few modest figures for the encouragement of our people throughout this field, and to indicate to our General visiting brethren the loyalty and sincerity of our laborers and people in this Union Conference.

The labors of these two years are closed, the record of them is written, and we are here to deal with the problems of to-day. There are questions to be settled at this meeting which mean much for the future of the work in this field.

We greatly desire that every hindering cause may be swept away from the counsels of this body, as we shall confer together regarding plans and methods for the speedy advancement of this most important message which is committed to our trust.

It is a solemn responsibility as well as a blessed privilege to be entrusted with the work of the Lord, and if we learn to follow the Lamb here, we shall a little hence follow Him yonder withersoever He goeth; and amid the flowers and foliage of other worlds, un-fallen beings will listen with holy joy, while the redeemed company shall render anthems of grateful

praise, and bear testimony to the glory of His matchless name.

H. S. SHAW.

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### ATTENDING SCHOOL

This is a time when few people can be found who have not seen a train of cars, or who do not know the name of their country's Sovereign; or who cannot read or write. The world is becoming educated, and people everywhere read, and the latest events and inventions are known in the remote corners of the earth. Young people in every station of life are receiving a general training in school, often followed by a specific training for some particular work.

Some think that the years which it takes the average youth in school are too long a time to be spent in preparation alone. It may take a score or more of years to educate a child, but if properly done, he is a valuable agent in the hand of God for good in this world, and besides is fitted for work in all eternity. To obtain an education one must make it his business and stick to it, as does the successful farmer, day in and day out, season after season.

Why should parents imagine that their children can make a success of school work, entering three months late, or leaving six weeks before school closes? It is hard for a parent to realize the inconvenience caused to a student who enters classes in which the members are several weeks along with the work. Only one thing, perhaps, is more discouraging; for a student to struggle for weeks raising his monthly grades from Fair to Good, and then from Good to Excellent, and then with effort and application keep them there till six weeks before the close of school word is received, "Come home; spring work is beginning." Lessons must cease till a return to school, when the student finds that he must complete his last year's work before going on with the next. Either the last term's work must be done over, or carried along with the present one, making double work, and very likely poor grades. Either is expensive to both student and parent.

Parents, let us begin this year to make a business of educating the youth. Plan to have a school next fall, and have the children in it from the first and remain till the close.

J. I. BEARDSLEY.

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### A BRIEF SURVEY OF THE BOOK WORK

Dear fellow-workers you will pardon me if I add another article on this line, for this subject lies close to my heart. I want to give a little survey of the whole field, and trust that the local men will have something in this paper with respect to their fields.

British Columbia is doing splendid work this year.



They have some very good men, and their sales are already half as much as they were last year. The outlook is good. Alberta has two men in the field and Brother Wagner is doing quite well, and reports some splendid experiences.

In Saskatchewan a start has been made for the season, and one of our new men reports \$208 in orders for two weeks' work. This is just a foretaste of what we may expect. Then comes Manitoba, and Brother Tall is showing that books can be sold there. In the last two weeks he has taken \$344 worth of orders. At this rate when over fifty bright, energetic, consecrated workers get in the field, something will move.

The material outlook is certainly good. I notice that the crop reports from the different localities are good. It does seem to me that now is the time to put forth every effort to place the printed page in every home in Western Canada.

Now the sum total of our sales this summer will depend upon the faithfulness of each individual worker, and I hope that we may all be faithful to our trust.

W. L. MANFULL.

## Manitoba Conference

Office Address, Box 104, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba

President, O. E. Sandnes; Secretary-Treasurer, B. L. Grundset; S. S. Secretary, Mrs. O. E. Sandnes; Tract Society Secretary, B. L. Grundset; Field and Missionary Secretary, Robert Neuman.

### GO FORWARD

This was God's command to Moses as they halted before the Red Sea with mountains on both sides and the Egyptians behind. We are not now looking for an earthly country, but for the kingdom of God, and the Holy City which we hope will soon open its glorious pearly gates to welcome all God's faithful servants. But there is a work to be done in this dark world of ours before we can see the final consummation of our hope.

Those who for years have sacrificed to the limit of their ability must now listen to the admonition found in Galatians 6:9. Others who for various reasons have withholden God's sacred means need to repent of their sins and give to the Lord and His cause a faithful tithe. It is largely a lack of faith that causes us to use the Lord's portion to supply our personal wants. Those who have tried it know that one can live fully as well on the nine-tenths with the blessing of heaven upon it, as with ten-tenths devoid of His blessing which maketh rich. Shall we not ask the Lord to help us trust Him so that we may render unto Him a faithful tithe?

There are urgent calls for three Bible workers to connect with that many tent efforts this summer in Manitoba. We have young men and women who are

willing to enter the work, but we are not able to support even one. I do not complain or blame anyone. I believe you love this cause as much as I do, and that is just the reason I write you so freely. I am not discouraged about the triumph of this message. It will triumph and that speedily, and the only way we can expect to triumph with it, will be to suffer with it here. Shall we not all come up to the help of the Lord at this time and consecrate ourselves to the finishing of this work in Manitoba?

O. E. SANDNES.

### MISSIONARY WORK IN MANITOBA

Last winter in the outline of my work by the Union Committee, it was planned that following the institutes in the spring, I should spend six weeks in Manitoba as the brethren there would direct. So after the good institute we held at Fenwood, Saskatchewan, I came on to Manitoba. Elder Sandnes desired that I take up the Ministry of Healing work. The plan is to raise \$500 to help start treatment rooms in Winnipeg.

First Brother Brigham, Brother Grundset and myself went to Austin and Katrime. The brethren responded heartily to the enterprise, and all said they would take hold of the work and do all they can. The same response was made at Bradwardine by those I could see, but owing to the rain I was not able to get around much. While on my way up there I stopped a short time at Brandon. Brother McGee has created quite an interest there among those with whom he has been brought in business relations, and this interest should be followed up. We will have one book worker and one magazine worker there this season. I held Bible readings with interested parties, and had a very enjoyable, and I trust, profitable time.

About this time Brother Tall left for his field of labor, south-west of Brandon, and his first week out showed \$144 sales, while the second showed \$200, although the weather was not good.

From Brandon I went to Morden and presented the Ministry of Healing work to that church. Twenty books were taken, with a pledge from each one that they would sell all they could. Nearly all of these were German.

May 13 I came to Winnipeg to help in the same work here. After calling at the city hall, where very favorable concessions were made on the licenses secured for the workers this summer, I began my work. It was thought best for me to work among the wealthy class. I placed a copy in the homes of the President of the W. C. T. U. of Manitoba, Mr. Ryan, the largest boot and shoe manufacturer in Canada, Mr. Salter, President of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Bible Society, the Superintendent of the home for Friendless, the Superintendent of the Apostolic Mission, and



others. I had some very good experiences. The church here has taken hold of the work nicely, and I believe it will all make for the up-building of the cause in Winnipeg.

This week I will plan to be with the canvassers as they go out in the field to place the books in the homes of the people. We are looking for a good year in this line of the work this season.

W. L. MANFULL.

### WINNIPEG

It has been about three weeks since I came to this city to become acquainted with the German people, and labor for them. I have been distributing papers and tracts, endeavoring to get them interested in the message. As we are expecting to have the camp-meeting at this place, we are doing some preparatory work at present, and hope to see many come out at that time.

Through the kind help from the Missionary Volunteer Society of the Russell church, I am able to make use of a large number of papers and tracts. This enables me to enter the homes of the people where I can tell them more about the truth. I am also holding cottage meetings on Sunday, and am glad to say that quite a number are coming out. The German Sabbath-school class at the church is also growing, so we are looking forward with courage, hoping to see a company of German-speaking people raised up in this city to be light-bearers for God.

OSCAR ZIPRICK.

### MANITOBA NOTES

Elder Sandnes spent last Tuesday at Winnipeg in the interests of the camp-meeting.

Jessie McNaughton spent a few days with Brother and Sister Cowan at Wakopa, on her way home from the Chamberlain Sanitarium.

Elder L. H. Christian is expected to be at the camp-meeting. Let all Scandinavians especially, make a special effort to come.

From all reports throughout the province, the spring work is well along, and the prospects are good for a bountiful harvest.

As the time for camp-meeting will soon be here, we would ask that orders for tents be sent as soon as possible that we may know how many are needed.

Brother William Tall is demonstrating that books can be sold in Manitoba. His report for last week is as follows: Hours, 74½; exhibitions, 96; orders, 53; value of orders, \$200. He says: "I trust that this will be far surpassed before the season is over. I rejoice that the Lord is blessing the work, and ask that the brethren remember the canvassing work in prayer."

Elder Sandnes and Brother Manfull will meet with the Beausejour company Sabbath, June 8, and with the Russell church Sabbath, June 15.

Brother B. L. Grundset spent last Sabbath with the company at Katrime, returning to the office the first of the week.

## Saskatchewan Mission Field

Office Address, Box 244, Regina, Sask.  
Superintendent, A. C. Gilbert; Secretary-Treasurer, J. M. Rowse; Religious Liberty Secretary, A. C. Gilbert; Tract Society and S. S. Secretary, J. M. Rowse; Field and Missionary Secretary, R. P. Mooney.

### CAMP-MEETING

It is now time to be making plans for coming to the camp-meeting. With the busy days of summer time upon us, it will be easy for the time to slip away so quickly and unnoticed that July 11-21, the time for the camp-meeting, will be here before we realize it. So, brethren and sisters, let us begin now to prepare definite plans to be present at Bulyea on time, and enjoy the opening services.

The town of Bulyea is situated about forty-five miles north of Regina, and is on the Brandon-Saskatoon line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It will be profitable for you to get a railway guide the next time you go to town, and then look up the place, and familiarize yourself with its location, the best route to take in order to get there, the cost of your ticket, etc. A little later we will write you more fully about these things.

We expect no difficulty in securing the usual reduced railway rates, and we hope that the rates will be even better than they were last year, but it will depend altogether on you. If one hundred of you are present, and do not forget to get a Standard Certificate at the time of your purchasing the ticket, you will be able to return free to your homes.

The days before us are filled with perplexities, and they will be more and more so as we near the end. God counsels His people very earnestly to come together at these annual gatherings, and there unitedly seek Him for the strength and blessing so necessary in order to rise above the forces of evil. He speaks to us in this manner: "Come brethren and sisters to these sacred convocation meetings, to find Jesus. He will be present, and will do for you that which you most need to have done. Your farms should not be considered of greater value than the higher interests of the soul." God will be very near to His people who are willing to trust their farms and crops to His care, while they are away for a few days seeking a better understanding of His will concerning them.

A. C. GILBERT.



### SWIFT CURRENT

During the past week Elder Rider and I have been busily engaged in making preparation for a tent effort at this place. The way has opened for us to secure a good location in the part of town where most of the interest is at present centered. We have pitched our tents and hastened to get all things ready in order to complete a full series of meetings prior to the Bulyea camp-meeting. We are personally distributing five hundred invitation cards, and we trust that our co-operating angels may succeed in inducing all the honest hearted to attend these services and hear and obey the message presented.

We held our opening meeting on Tuesday evening, May 21. It was a very unfavorable evening, cold and wet, but in spite of this about twenty were present. We found it necessary to put a stove in the tent to make it comfortable for the people. Our whole company are of good courage, and are expecting great things of the Lord. He richly blessed the work here during the winter months, and we hope for greater blessings from the present effort.

We desire the earnest support of our brethren and sisters throughout the Union, by their upholding us before the throne of grace in continual prayer for the work and workers.

W. G. FORSHAW.

### SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

Brother T. T. Babienco passed through Regina last week en route to Great Deer to visit with his parents a few days before taking up work for the summer. He will connect with Elder Sulzle in the German work this summer.

Brother W. L. Hagle passed through Regina recently with a car of effects on his way to Sonningdale, where he has filed on a homestead. While here he made a little call at the office and we learned that as soon as he gets settled there he plans to enter the canvassing work.

Three young men, Brethren J. J. Strahle, M. E. Mullinex and A. C. Hansen, arrived in Saskatchewan from Union College, Thursday, May 23. These brethren have come here to canvass and we bespeak for them good success in their chosen work.

We enjoyed a brief visit from Brother Peters, Field Missionary Secretary for North Dakota, a few days ago. Brother Peters was on his way to visit his brother in the northern part of Saskatchewan. He reports a favorable outlook for the book work in his field this season.

Elder Rider and Brother Forshaw have their tents pitched now and are holding meetings. Unfavorable weather has made it a little hard, but they are of good courage. The business men of the town are granting them many favors that help to make the effort less expensive.

Just before going to press we have received a card from Brother J. J. Strakle, written after spending half a day in the field. During this half day he had taken orders for Daniel and Revelation to the amount of \$14.50.

### British Columbia Conference

Office Address, 1708 Maple Street, Vancouver, B. C.

President, J. G. Walker; Secretary-Treasurer, Andrew Roedel; Educational Secretary, K. R. Haughey; Religious Liberty Secretary, F. H. Conway; S. S. Secretary, Mrs. Birdie Conway; Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Lydia Stickle; Tract Society Secretary, Andrew Roedel; Field and Missionary Secretary, E. R. Potter.

### TEACHING THE MEMORY VERSE TO THE CHILDREN

I want to call the attention of those who teach in our Sabbath-schools to the importance of teaching the memory verse for each lesson. In the first place, these verses are selected with the greatest care, and in many of the lessons they present the central truth about which all the lesson clusters. There is no more practical way to carry out the thought of the text, "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee," than to drill the children in the Sabbath school on the memory verses each week. What they learn when they are children they will remember when they are grown.

Wherever the memory verse cards are used in our schools, there has been a marked increase in the interest in the memory verses. In our little Sabbath-school here in Nanaimo the children can repeat the memory verses for the last three quarters, by displaying the cards, one at a time before the children. As the children are given these cards they delight to repeat the verses, and treasure them among their possessions. Each time they look at the cards not only the words of Scripture, but the practical lessons they teach, are impressed upon their minds.

I hope that every effort may be made in all our schools in British Columbia to revive the old-fashioned idea of teaching the words of Scripture to the children, and there is no better aid in this work than the memory verse cards which can be secured at our Tract Society office at seven cents per set of thirteen cards. A teacher needs as many sets as she has children in the class. A little money spent by each school for these cards will be an investment that will pay in the saving of souls.

MRS. BIRDIE CONWAY.

### HOW TO REACH THEM

In our cities there is to be found continually a great floating population. Often the question has come to my mind, how will these people be reached with the message? It is nicely put in these words taken from the Testimonies: "Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people." Papers are here mentioned, and it is by the means of these that the message will be brought in a large measure to such as have no permanent location. Our lady workers with the maga-



zines, are solving the problem to some extent. But in looking over our corps of workers, we find only one who is giving her efforts to the magazine work. Sister Thornton sells from one to three hundred magazines each month, going over the same territory every four weeks.

Who knows what influence these papers may have as they are taken home and read? Are there not others who recognize the call of the Lord to them to enter this good work? We would like to hear from a number who wish to take up this line of work for the summer. Write to the Tract Society, or E. R. Potter, Pitt Meadows, B.C.

ANDREW ROEDEL.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES

A very successful canvassers' institute recently closed at the Manson Academy. Brethren E. S. Horseman and W. H. Covell assisted. We look forward to some good results in the book work for the summer in the province.

The largest Presbyterian Young People's Society in Vancouver has promised us a good sized order for the Temperance Instructor, as the result of a talk given by our Tract Society secretary at one of their meetings. Brother Horseman also visited two other societies, Presbyterian and Baptist, with the result that about 400 Instructors were subscribed for. Our young people at Victoria are also having some good experiences with the paper.

Brethren Harold Reith and Hosakihara of Walla Walla College will soon be in the canvassing field in the Kootenay country.

Camp-meeting is drawing on apace. Are you getting ready to go? You will miss something good if you stay away. It was while Thomas was absent from meeting that the Saviour appeared to the disciples.

Elder T. H. Watson of California spoke to the West Vancouver church last Sabbath. He is on his way to Graham Island.

We need about \$25.00 to close our temperance fund for this year. Who will respond?

Get ready for the Dominion Signs! Remember that British Columbia is going to sell 2,000 of these, and all will want a part.

Are you a member of the King's Pocket league?

### Alberta Conference

Office Address, Lacombe, Alberta

President, C. A. Burman; Secretary, F. L. Hommel; Treasurer, U. Wissner; Educational and M. V. Secretary, J. I. Beardsley; S. S. Secretary, Bertha Gillbank; Tract Society Secretary, U. Wissner; Field and Missionary Secretary, L. T. Heaton; Religious Liberty Secretary, C. A. Burman.

### VERMILLION LAKES

According to appointment I reached Manville, on Friday morning, May 17, where I was met by Brother Philbrick. On our way to the place of meeting twenty-five miles distant, we took in Brother and Sis-

ter Scott, who were on their way to this quarterly service.

By eleven o'clock Sabbath morning, a company of believers had assembled for Sabbath-school at the home of Brother Bergey. All seemed deeply interested in the lessons on "Spiritualism and Conversion." The Sabbath-school was followed by a study on the present day message.

The day following we met at ten o'clock. At the close of a study on Baptism, we drove three miles to a beautiful little lake where two precious souls were buried with their Lord in the watery grave. Returning to the place of worship, the ordinances were celebrated, and two were added to the church. As we got a new glimpse of the Son of God dying on the cross for our sins, the Holy Spirit filled our hearts. The meeting closed with a praise service. All returned to their homes better prepared to conquer the enemy. It is hoped that others who are now observing the Sabbath will soon be prepared to unite with this body. May success attend this church.

C. A. BURMAN.

### DIDSBURY

We have only words of courage and progress from this place. The believers are rejoicing in this life-giving message, and the spirit of sacrifice for its extension has characterized this little company from the first, being manifested in tithes and offerings. Three regular services and Sabbath-school is the programme carried out in our chapel every week. In our studies careful attention is given to all parts of the message.

By request we have been and are conducting regular services every Sunday at Neapolis, a country district ten miles from Didsbury, where a Union Sunday School with service following is held, and great interest is being manifested in the message. At present we are on the Sabbath question. Some are obeying, and others are much interested. Decisions are to be made, victories gained and souls rescued from Satan's grasp.

We hope and pray that some of these enlightened souls will yield obedience to God's commandments, that the word proclaimed may not prove merely a warning message, but the good seed will bring a harvest of souls for eternity.

From these places a number are planning to attend camp meeting at Strathcona, and are looking forward with joy to a real season of refreshing.

N. J. AALBORG.

### SEDGEWICK CHURCH

It has been my privilege to meet with the members of the Sedgewick church four times since the close of the Union Conference held in March. On each



occasion meetings were held with interested ones not of our faith and good results have been seen.

According to previous arrangements we met on Sabbath, May 10, at the home of Sister McDonnell, where the ordinances were celebrated. At the close of the Sabbath a business meeting was held and officers were elected. The treasurer's report showed a great increase in tithes received during the past year. We were glad to see so many present on this occasion, and to find all of good courage. We are looking but a short distance into the future when others now observing the Sabbath will unite with this church. God is working for the people at this place.

C. A. BURMAN.

### STRATHCONA.

The time for our camp-meeting is drawing near. How many are preparing to enjoy the spiritual feast that awaits every one that will be in attendance? Surely none can afford to miss that privilege and blessing!

The wonderful way in which the Lord is opening up the way for having the gathering here is remarkable. Some obstacles have presented themselves, that after they were removed, only proved to be providences in disguise. It will be well to speak of at least one to the glory of God. When we learned that there was a license of \$2.00 required on each tent or temporary building, it became necessary to bring the matter before the city council. Through past business relations with one of the aldermen, the way was opened to have the matter brought before that body in such a way that we were granted exemption from license, and free water delivered on the grounds. This is only one of the favors granted us.

Surely after the Lord has given signal approval of His will that we shall have the meeting here, none that possibly can be here, can afford to be absent. As the above mentioned action has been published in the daily papers, our annual gathering has thereby been brought to the attention of the public.

The Lord has some precious souls here, and let us all do our little part to help them. We have a beautiful location, with street railway conveniences, and all indications tell before hand that the meeting will be a success. Will you say amen?

H. A. NIERGARTH.

### ACADEMY NOTES

Word has been received from Bertha Gillbank that she plans to visit the Academy during the closing days of this semester.

Ethel Manfull has been compelled to give up her school work because of ill health. We hope she can be with us

at the beginning of next year in her customary health and vigor.

Some of our young ladies are attending the W. C. T. U. institute held in Lacombe this week. A special invitation was sent to the Academy young ladies.

The south hall boys have recently moved into west hall.

The church school pupils are planting their garden this week, and the Academy is busy planting potatoes. The students are taking hold of the work with a will.

Mike Philbrick writes of his safe arrival at home, and his determination to be here the first day next year.

The recently elected officers of the Academy Missionary Volunteer Society are: Leader, J. K. Fish; assistants, Gertrude McCullough and Professor R. E. Robinson; secretaries, Hazen Knutson and Ethel Wallace; organist, Alpha Dail; chorister, W. A. Clemenson.

One afternoon last week a number of the students went to Lacombe with the Temperance Instructor, disposing of 110 in a short time. They had many interesting experiences. The Women's Christian Temperance Union of Lacombe have taken all the back numbers in stock at the Tract Society office as a result of the work done by the young people.

### ALBERTA NOTES

Elder Humann and Brother Harder are looking for a suitable place in Medicine Hat in which to hold public meetings. Brother Harder has been working there the past few weeks in house to house work distributing literature, and the people are now calling for public meetings.

At a recent meeting of the Alberta Conference committee, the resignation of Brother F. L. Hommel from duties as conference secretary was accepted, and Brother U. Wissner was chosen to fill the vacancy.

Why will men continue to "rob God" when nine-tenths of their income with the blessing of God will go further than ten-tenths with His curse?

Some of the Academy students are planning to sell magazines after school closes, on their way home. Two sisters have ordered 2,075 copies and some Chinese tracts for this purpose. We wish them good success and would like to see some more following their example.

Brother August Wall of Walsh died last week, May 15. He leaves a wife and nine children. In this sad bereavement the family has the sympathy of all the brethren in Alberta.

### NOTICE

The office address of the Western Canadian Union Conference has recently been changed. All mail intended for this office and its officers should now be sent to Regina, Saskatchewan, Box 244.

If our correspondents will kindly make note of this change, we will greatly appreciate the favor, and will be able to receive our mail much more promptly.

H. S. SHAW.



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### SUMMER SCHOOL

At our recent Union Conference, held at Didsbury, Alberta, it was voted to hold a summer school at such time and place as should be determined by the Union Conference Committee.

In order to plan more definitely for this we would like the names and addresses of all who would like to attend such a school this year. It is planned to pool the fares of those attending, thus equalizing the expense. This will be an excellent opportunity for teachers and prospective teachers to prepare for their coming year's work.

It is planned to choose some location easily accessible to all. If you are interested please address the undersigned at once at Lacombe, Alberta, and we will hope to be able soon to give more definite information.

J. I. BEARDSLEY

In this issue we are publishing the address delivered by the Union President at the late Union Conference at Didsbury, Alberta. As we have been without a union paper it has been impossible to give this earlier, but even though coming a little late, we feel that it will be of interest to all.

Brother F. L. Hommel, who has been successfully operating treatment rooms at Calgary, has answered a call to connect with the sanitarium at Takoma Park, D.C. On account of the failing health of his wife it became necessary that she be taken to a lower altitude. We greatly regret to have Brother and Sister Hommel leave us, but our prayers and good wishes follow them, and it is hoped that the change of climate will prove beneficial to Sister Hommel.

Arrangements have been made for Elder G. B. Thompson to attend the British Columbia and Alberta camp-meetings. Elder Charles Thompson of the Northern Union Conference, is to attend the meetings in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and we have the promise of Elder G. F. Haffner for all the camp-meetings in the Union. Good help will also be provided for our Scandinavian people at the Alberta and Manitoba meetings.

Elder H. S. Shaw left Regina Tuesday, May 28, for the West, where he will attend the British Columbia and Alberta camp-meetings.

### MANITOBA CONFERENCE

The Ninth Annual Session of the Manitoba Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene in connection with the camp-meeting at Winnipeg, June 27 to July 7, for the election of officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the conference. The first meeting will convene July 1, at 9.00 a.m.

It is desired that all churches be represented at this meeting. Each church is allowed one delegate for each seven members, not counting the elder, ordained ministers, or members of the conference committee, as they are delegates by virtue of their office.

The churches ought to elect their delegates at once and send their names to the conference secretary. It is importance that each church send a full delegation.

O. E. SANDNES, President.

B. L. GRUNDSET, Secretary.

### ALBERTA CONFERENCE

The Seventh Annual Session of the Alberta Conference will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at Stratheona, June 20-30. Church officers should see that delegates are chosen to represent their respective churches at this conference. Each church is entitled to one delegate for each and every ten members. Church elders and conference workers are delegates by virtue of their positions. Please look after this matter at once and send the list of delegates' names to the conference secretary.

U. WISSNER, Secretary.

### CAMP-MEETINGS FOR 1912

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| British Columbia, Kamloops..... | June 6-16         |
| Alberta, Stratheona .....       | June 20-30        |
| Manitoba, Winnipeg .....        | June 27 to July 7 |
| Saskatchewan, Bulyea .....      | July 11-21        |