

# Western Canadian Tidings

"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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## TOO BUSY TO FREEZE

How swiftly the glittering brook runs by,  
Pursuing its busy career,  
Reflecting the beams of the cheerful sun,  
In waters transparent and clear;  
Kissing the reeds and the lowly flowers,  
Refreshing the roots of the trees,  
Happy all summer to ripple a song,  
In winter, too busy to freeze.  
Onward it glides, whether sunshine or rain  
Await on its vigorous way,  
And prattles of hope and sustaining love,  
Whether cloudy or bright the day;  
Chill winter around may his topor fling,  
And on lazier waters seize,  
But the nimble brook is too much for him,  
Being far too busy to freeze.  
May we, like the brook, in our path thro' life  
As active and steady pursue  
The course in which real utility lies,  
Which is lovely and useful, too;  
Still nourish the needy, refresh the sad,  
And, despising indulgent ease,  
Adorn life's current with generous work,  
With love that's too busy to freeze.

—Selected.

## THE SNARES OF SATAN

"As the people of God approach the perils of the last days, Satan holds earnest consultation with his angels as to the most successful plan of overthrowing their faith . . . Says the great deceiver: 'We must watch those who are calling the attention of the people to the Sabbath of Jehovah; they will lead many to see the claims of the law of God; and the same light which reveals the true Sabbath, reveals also the ministration of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, and shows that the last work for man's salvation is now going forward. Hold the minds of the people in darkness till that work is done, and we shall secure the world and the church also.

" . . . . . Go make the possessors of land and money drunk with the cares of this life. Present the world before them in its most attractive light, that they may lay up their treasure here, and fix their

affections upon earthly things. We must do our utmost to prevent those who labor in God's cause from obtaining means to use against us.

"Keep the money in our own ranks. The more means they obtain, the more they will injure our kingdom by taking from us our subjects. Make them care more for money than for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom and the spread of the truths we hate, and we need not fear their influence; for we know that every selfish, covetous person will fall under our power, and will finally be separated from God's people.

" . . . . . Until the great decisive blow shall be struck, our efforts against commandment-keeping must be untiring. We must be present at all their gatherings. In their large meetings especially our cause will suffer much, and we must exercise great vigilance, and employ all our seductive arts to prevent souls from hearing the truth and becoming impressed by it. I will have upon the ground, as my agents, men holding false doctrines mingled with just enough truth to deceive souls. I will also have unbelieving ones present, who will express doubts in regard to the Lord's messages of warning to His church . . . . .

"We must cause distraction and division. We must destroy their anxiety for their own souls, and lead them to criticise, to judge, and to accuse and condemn one another, and to cherish selfishness and enmity. For these sins, God banished us from His presence, and all who follow our example will meet a similar fate. . . . .

"The Scriptures declare that upon one occasion, when the angels of God come to present themselves before the Lord, Satan came also among them, not to bow before the eternal King, but to further his own malicious designs against the righteous. With the same object he is in attendance when men assemble for the worship of God. Though hidden from sight, he is working with all diligence to control the minds of the worshippers.

"Like a skillful general, he lays his plans beforehand. As he sees the messenger of God searching the Scriptures, he takes note of the subject to be presented to the people. Then he employs all his cunning and shrewdness to so control circumstances that the message may not reach those whom he is deceiving on that very point. The one who most needs the warning will be urged into some business transaction which requires his presence, or will by some other means be prevented from hearing the words that might prove to him a savor of life unto life. . . ."

"The followers of Christ know little of the plots which Satan and his hosts are forming against them. But He who sitteth in the Heavens will overrule all these devices for the accomplishment of His deep designs. . . . No man is safe for a day or an hour without prayer . . ." Spirit of Prophecy, Vol. 4, Chap. 27.

The fact that the Lord has thus pointed these things out to us should certainly cause all His children to rejoice; then to know that the Lord will deliver His people from every snare laid for them, is more comforting than can be expressed in words.

H. S. SHAW.

### STANDING BY THE MINISTER

Soon after the death of a hard-working minister, some friends called upon the bereaved widow to express their sympathy. They spoke warmly of the loving deeds performed by the pastor, and tried to tell how much he would be missed. Sobbing through her tears, the good woman thanked them, and then exclaimed, "O, why did you not tell him these things while he was alive!" Ah, yes, how slow we are to speak out the word of approval and encouragement! We seem to forget that our ministers and workers need and appreciate words of sincere commendation; *and more than mere words—some one to come along and help them lift a bit; some one who can help do things.*

Permit me to emphasize some of the things we can all do to assist our ministers, and thus co-operate with the leading influences in building up the church of God. We can all *help our pastors by not criticizing them.* The other day I came across this statement: "We would not think of going to others with criticisms of our parents or brothers and sisters. If there is anything we dislike in those we love, we may tell them so, if it will help them; but we never tell any one else. And the same rule of family honor ought to include our ministers." We should never listen to or repeat one word of gossip or criticism regarding them.

We can pray for the minister in his work, in the presentation of his sermons while he is preaching to

us, in his special public efforts, in his work among the homes, in his own discovery of truth, for his own soul and for ours. We can render him invaluable help by prayer. Even if by reason of sickness or inability we can do nothing else to help him, we can in this way do more, perhaps, than in any other way.

We can help to prepare people to be won to Christ and His service. We can talk with them and get them ready for the minister's message and appeals. *We can provide them with our God-given literature.* The influence of the silent messengers can not be overestimated. Perhaps, by God's grace, we can win individuals to the Master, and bring them to our minister for reception into the church. Be assured that in so doing we shall share the minister's reward. Remember, the pastor is not to be the only Christian worker in the church. He is the leader of others in the work of soul-winning; but we are "*workers together.*"

We can *be on hand promptly*, with as many others as we can bring, to the church services and prayer-meetings. Being there in the spirit of love and prayer is in itself a great work. It is the accomplishment of something. It is a positive co-operation. Whoever brings a true and open soul to a gathering of Christians, helps them all to see the truth more clearly, and to draw nearer to the minister.

We can *help by never refusing* to do what we are asked to do, and by not waiting to do what we ought to do, and what we can at least help in doing. If we are called upon for any service, we can help by saying at once, Of course I shall be glad to do it.

We can *help by giving what we can* to the work of the church. It may not be much, but it can not be less than a little; and it is the collection of the many littles that makes the much.

The church is accomplishing great things to-day, not through the large gifts of the few, but through the moderate gifts of the many. Let no one lightly esteem the influence of small means. Every stone is essential to the strength and symmetry of the bridge. Some of the most important stones in a structure are often quite out of sight. Thus many obscure members are the real strength and power of a church. Let us fill our niche faithfully and gladly, no matter how small or obscure that niche may be. "I am only one, but I am one. I can not do much, but I can do something." Whoever will say that and act upon it, will be a real assistant to the minister, and a builder of the kingdom.

ERNEST LLOYD.

### TO CHURCH OFFICERS

An effort is being made to secure returns at the earliest possible date from all our conferences and missions throughout the world for use in compiling

the 1912 statistical report of the denomination. To accomplish this, however, the co-operation of the officers of our churches is enlisted. If each one who has any part to act in the matter of submitting returns for our churches and companies will act promptly, the secretary of the conference will be able to make his report without delay. Unless this is done, it will be impossible to prepare the report, prior to the coming session of the General Conference, which it is greatly desired to do. Will not each one, therefore, who has anything to do in the matter of reporting information for our various churches and companies, please forward his report without delay, and thus greatly assist in the prompt preparation of the report for 1912. Proper blanks for reporting have doubtless been furnished each church clerk for use in submitting returns, and these should be filled completely, and at the earliest possible date, and sent forward to the secretary of your conference.

H. E. ROGERS.

*Statistical Secretary*

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## Manitoba Conference

Office Address, 290 Bannerman Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba.

President, O. E. Sandnes; Secretary-Treasurer, B. L. Grundset; S. S. Secretary, Lizzie Nickel; Tract Society Secretary, B. L. Grundset; Field and Missionary Secretary, Robert Neuman; Educational Secretary, V. W. Robb.

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### ENLARGING OUR BORDERS

There are two good reasons why our tithes and offerings for 1913 ought to increase. The work of the message is continually enlarging in regions beyond, which necessarily demands larger donations to meet its need. We may sometimes be tempted to think that the calls for means come too often. But we must remember it is a tremendous undertaking to give this message to all the world in this generation.

From a human standpoint it would seem an impossibility, and I suppose it would be for a people numbering a little over one hundred thousand. But God has said it will be done. God has also raised up this people for that purpose. It is God that is doing this work, and it follows that it is He who supplies its needs. But He does this through His devoted children on earth. The Lord does not need us as much as we need Him. He could raise up another people. He could supply the need in some other way if necessary.

It is for our good that the work is so arranged that some of His children give their time and whole life to this message, while others give their means to keep them supplied with the necessities of life.

I am sure none of us would like to be excused from this work. Neither let any one think that because his means are limited, it is not appreciated. Let us remember the Lord looketh not as man, "For man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." 1 Samuel 16:1.

O. E. SANDNES.

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### REPORT OF LABOR

The work of the third angel's message is going forward in Winnipeg. We have become acquainted, and are studying, with a goodly company of very nice people; some of them are deeply impressed and we are praying earnestly that God will help us to seek out "such as should be saved."

The church is progressing in many ways, notwithstanding the fiery darts the evil one is hurling against us, and we are confident of victory. "For God will help me, therefore shall I not be confounded; therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know I shall not be ashamed." Isa. 50:7.

Recently, we have organized the missionary workers into a band for the purpose of engaging in the "Fireside Circulating Library." We hope and pray that the lessons gained from this work may deepen our Christian experience, and prepare us for greater service in the cause of the Master.

January 18, two willing souls imitated the example of their Lord by going down into the watery grave, and we pray that God may ever keep these young people, who have started out with the desire to walk in the path trod by their Saviour, free from entanglements of the world. We who are older are placed under heavy responsibilities to live the truth before the young people, that our lives may be good examples for them to imitate.

What a sad experience it will be for us if our actions, our words, our dress, our daily deportment before them, should mean the loss of just one soul, but we know not how far our influence will go. It is like the ocean wave that increases in volume, and gathers strength in its onward flow.

Sabbath, January 25, after an impressive sermon by Elder Sandnes on "The Hour In Which We Live," when opportunity was given, quite a number re-consecrated themselves to God and desired the prayers of God's people.

May the kind Father above, who watches over His children, lead us all to the fountain of Life and may we drink of that Life-giving water till our Christian character is perfected and the battles all fought and the conflicts ended. Remember the work and workers in Winnipeg at the throne of Grace.

V. W. ROBB.

REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
Quarter Ending December 31, 1912.

Place	Membership	Donations
Austin	14	\$ 8.62
Bradwardine	21	22.20
Beausejour	17	13.41
Bergland	9	7.22
Katrine	11	30.50
Minaki	4	5.00
Morden	53	17.78
Russell	50	31.75
Scandinavia	9	4.60
Winnipeg (English)	22	23.35
Winnipeg (German)	13	32.15
Carberry	4	2.03
Arden	6	5.30
Manitou	1	4.00
Wakopa	2	3.65
Waskada		
Harlington	3	1.00
Austin	3	1.80
	242	\$214.36

I appreciate very much the kindness of our secretaries for sending in their reports so promptly. I am this time able to give an almost complete report, for the quarter ending December 31. It contains a few very encouraging features. The offerings for this quarter, \$214.36, is an increase of \$55.47 over that of the first quarter in 1912.

The two new names on the list of our Sabbath Schools shows that the Sabbath-School work in this conference is advancing. In both places, namely, Winnipeg, (German) and Bergland, most of the members are new Sabbath keepers, and the splendid amount of their offerings shows that they appreciate what the Lord has done for them, and that they mean to help bring the third angel's message to others who are still in darkness.

How grateful we ought to be that the Lord is so richly blessing the efforts of our dear brethren in the salvation of souls. Let us praise the Lord for what He has done for our Sabbath-Schools in the past year.

The total annual report for 1912, also shows a gain of \$103.86 over that of 1911 (Camp-meetings offerings not included). I am sure we all have given what we could, and the Lord does not ask more of us. Let us be of good courage and press right along, faithfully doing the very best we can, and we can be assured that the Lord is pleased with us, and will bless our Sabbath-school work for the salvation of souls.

LIZZIE NICKEL.

THINGS TO PRAY FOR

- That I may learn how to pray for missions.
- That I may learn how to study missions.
- That I may learn how to work for missions.
- That I may learn how to give to missions.

## British Columbia Conference

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President, J. G. Walker; Secretary-Treasurer, Andrew Roedel; Educational Secretary, C. O. Smith; 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; Assistant Field and Missionary Secretary, E. S. Horseman; Medical Missionary Secretary, F. H. Conway.

### MANSON ACADEMY NOTES

Sister S. H. Horning visited her son Gordon last week.

Sister Fannie Stewart arrived a short time ago, from Nanaimo.

Sister J. J. Dougan, of Vancouver, called last week in company with her niece.

A. H. Brigham has been with us the past week, while auditing the academy books.

Miss Pearl Hodgins, who attended school several years ago, enrolled again this month.

We are sorry to learn of the sickness of Sisters Potter and Edith Lowther, who have undergone surgical operations in Vancouver. At the last report, they were doing nicely.

The enrollment is now larger than for any year in the history of the school. The chapel seats are nearly all occupied, and it has been necessary to provide extra table room in the dining department.

## Alberta Conference

Office Address, Lacombe, Alberta

President, C. A. Burman; Secretary-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.

### WHICH PLAN SHALL WE FOLLOW?

While visiting one of our churches some weeks ago, I found a man who said that he could not afford to pay the tithe, but he expected to do so when able. This is not the only man who is working on this false and uncertain basis. Those who are trying to quieten their consciences by such a course of reasoning have no assurance that they will ever turn over to God His own, for what reason have they for believing that prosperity will come to them while continuing to rob God?

Such a course of reasoning is like that offered by one who says that "When I have overcome my bad habits, I will give my heart to God." Some who would scorn at such an idea, are waiting for a more favorable time when they will pay the tithe.

Now listen while He speaks, who is able to carry out His promise and give prosperity: "Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse, and I will pour you out a blessing." The blessing is to come as a result of having brought the tithe. Only those who bring the tithe are promised the blessing. Many in this

day are suffering financial and spiritual loss because they do not take God at His word.

C. A. BURMAN.

### EDMONTON SOUTH

The battle is still on, and the victory is still on the Lord's side. Two more souls have taken their stand on the side of the truth, awaiting a more favorable opportunity for baptism. Others are in the valley of decision, and still others are becoming interested.

The question of the Turk leaving Europe is causing many to stop and think. Some who once were Sabbath keepers are now beginning to feel stirred, and think of returning. Besides, the action taken by the Protestant Federation, to eliminate the word Protestant, is startling some to sense that probation is very limited, and they see, right at the doors, the fulfillment of some prophecies that they thought, according to their own reasoning, would take a long time to fulfil.

We are living in a time of great momentum, a time of rapidity not only in the physical but the spiritual. It will not do to become discouraged, but "Hold on to the plow, and weary not now, for the work is almost done."

H. A. NIERGARTH.

### NEWS FROM INDIA

This week's mail brought a copy of the "Tidings,"—the first I have seen. It was indeed encouraging to read reports from the home field again, and now I am glad for the privilege of sending greetings by this means.

As most of you know, I have now been working in India more than a year. I can truly say that the Lord has been very good to me. Although this is a very unhealthy climate, I have had no serious illness.

To those who may be unacquainted with the conditions in this country, perhaps a little explanation will be helpful. God has truly prepared this field for the third angel's message. During the last few decades, civilization has spread to every part of this great empire. A good system of railway, telegraph, and mail service is in operation. Education and printing are also well established.

Being under British rule, the English government sends out a great many people from England as officials. There are large European regiments stationed in all the principal cities. Many Europeans come here in pursuit of wealth. There are also many Indians who understand English. It is the colporteur's work to visit these people. Of course there are millions who cannot read, but by supply-

ing their brothers with literature, we hope they will learn the truth from those who can read. We are publishing quarterly and monthly magazines in five native languages. These are sold largely by the native workers, in the villages.

When I see this great land with its millions in spiritual darkness, with only a handful of workers, my heart almost melts, but I know God is able to finish the work. Then my mind goes back to the large army of young people with every advantage in our training schools, and prosperous believers whom God is calling to consecrate their lives and means to this cause, and I lift up my heart in prayer that the Lord of the harvest will send forth more laborers for the fields are white already to harvest.

I cannot offer any inducements, such as an easy or enjoyable time, or a chance to make money, but it is the great need of these people that appeals to me, and I believe it does to you. May the Lord grant that strong, able, consecrated workers may come forth from the training schools with hearts filled with a love for God and a burden for dying man. India must have such workers, and that soon. Remember us, brethren, before the throne of grace, to pray for this needy land, and if any feel a burden for the work here, especially colporteurs, I will be glad to hear from such and answer any questions I can.

P. A. RICK.

17 Abbot Road, Lucknow, India.

### WEEK OF PRAYER AT HARMATTAN

This soul-refreshing time for our people is now in the past, but we hope the blessings that attended us will remain and bring good fruit to all. Brother Burman was with us for a few days, and all were glad to have him here to share a part of his time in our presence.

The readings from day to day were very invigorating, and we received deep thoughts concerning God's work in these last days. The spirit of God seemed to work mightily in the heart of each and every individual. Nearly all members took part in prayer and testimonies, and many decided to renew their efforts to live more earnestly for Him who died for us. We hope that all will remain steadfast in prayer, for it is men and women of prayer that God can use to do His will and work.

The time passes rapidly, and we do not know what will take place before another week of prayer. By the signs of the times we see very clearly that this world's history is drawing to its close, and the end is very near. May God's people now awake and not slumber, but be steadfast, for now is the

time to put forth our best efforts in God's terminating work.

R. J. NELSON.

### ORDINATION SERVICE

On the evening of December 31, 1912, a few hours before the passing away of the old year, it was the privilege of the students and resident members of the Lacombe church to witness the most impressive service yet held within the walls of the academy chapel.

The occasion was the ordination of Brother Walter A. Clemensen as one of the elders of the Lacombe church and Brother George J. Hansen as deacon. Elder Burman, who officiated, was assisted by Elder P. P. Adams.

These brethren had been previously nominated to these sacred offices by the committee appointed for this purpose and their choice proved to be in full accord with the wishes of the members of this church.

After singing a hymn, followed by prayer, Elder Burman read the Scriptures pertaining to the office of elders and deacons and made a few appropriate remarks, calling attention to the fact that God's work in the earth is the greatest and most important of any undertaking in the world, and therefore those set apart by the laying on of hands were ambassadors of the highest order and their offices should be looked up to with respect.

As a token of reverence the congregation then stood and witnessed the most solemn part of the service, the laying on of hands, and listened to the ordination prayer offered by Elder Adams. As this earnest supplication, that these young men might become channels through whom the blessed truth would flow out to others was ascending to the throne of God, the presence of the Holy Spirit moved upon the hearts of those present. Elder Burman then committed the charges to the newly ordained brethren and the benediction was pronounced.

May God bless every member of this church and give the officers wisdom in caring for the flock committed to their charge, so that from them may radiate strong rays of light to the surrounding neighborhood.

T. S. BOWETT.

### A NEW CHURCH

December 19, Elder N. J. Aalborg arrived in our neighborhood and arranged to hold meetings for the next three days. Friday evening Elder Burman also came, bringing with him several scattered believers. We were all very glad to see them, for this was the first visit from any of our ministers.

The following day, after Sabbath-school, a testimony meeting was held, and the Holy Spirit manifested itself in our presence. The effect was felt throughout the meeting, and we were strengthened in our determination to consecrate ourselves for the Master's work.

Sunday we came together for a business meeting, and proceeded to organize a church. Beginning with a nucleus of seven, members of another church, by vote the membership was raised to eighteen. After the officers were elected for the coming year, we started our missionary work with an order for twenty-five subscriptions to the "Signs of the Times" and five "Dollar Tract Packages."

Though small in the beginning we hope soon to increase and make our church a light in our neighborhood. The meetings were well attended. May God bless our humble efforts in this part of the field.

EARLE CARLE.

### ALBERTA NOTES

Some missionary work with the printed page is being undertaken by the Lacombe church, a report of which will appear later.

We are glad to again welcome in our midst Sister Maud Bergmann, who left here last spring for Halkirk, but who has returned to Lacombe for a few months.

Word comes from Brethren Halsvick and Shelstad that they are holding a series of meetings in the neighborhood of Calmar, west of Leduc. Let all remember these brethren before the throne of Grace.

The newly elected officers of the Lacombe church are as follows: Elders, J. C. Christensen and W. A. Clemensen; Deacon, George J. Hansen; Deaconess, Sister G. J. Hansen; Treasurer, U. Wissner; Librarian, H. D. Middleton; Clerk, T. S. Bowett. On Sabbath, following a touching sermon on the death of Christ, the ordinances were celebrated. There was a large attendance and a beautiful service was enjoyed.

### OBITUARY

HANSEN—Mabel, infant daughter of Brother and Sister F. G. Hansen, was born December 25, 1912, and died January 20, 1913, of pneumonia. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

H. A. NIERGARTH.

### YEARLY MISSIONARY REPORT, ALBERTA CONFERENCE, 1912.

Number of missionary visits made .....	3,408
Hours spent in Christian help work .....	770
Number of sick persons assisted .....	41
Number of treatments given .....	144
Number of meals provided .....	21
Articles of clothing given away .....	43
Pages of tracts given away .....	125,397
Total copies of all our papers received .....	37,427
Number of papers lent, mailed or given away .....	4,014
Number of books lent or given away .....	77
Sermons preached .....	844
Retail value of literature given away .....	\$122.00

Number of missionary letters written .....	1,505
Number of letters received .....	570
Number of periodicals sold .....	9,624
Number of yearly subscriptions taken for periodicals .....	815
Retail value of all literature sold .....	\$1,087.65
Bible readings or cottage meetings held .....	1,253
Amount collected for missions .....	\$454.45

**COLPORTEURS' SUMMARY—JULY 1 to DECEMBER 31**

	Book	Hours	Value
C. D. Smith .....	B.R.	298	\$327.00
J. B. Wagner .....	B.R.	365	217.00
Chas. Blaine .....	B.R.	350	285.50
R. E. Robinson .....	D. & R.	48	20.00
W. G. McCready .....	D. & R. and P.G.	284	495.85
G. A. Stiles .....	D. & R.	50	121.50
Geo. Polinkas .....	D. & R.	284	232.00
A. Walgamott .....	D. & R.	35	65.00
John Bates .....	P.G.	71	57.30
R. Hippach .....	P.G.	380	511.00
Ida Hansen .....	P.G.	274	327.00
L. T. Heaton .....	P.G.	56	150.00
<b>Totals .....</b>		<b>2,495</b>	<b>\$2,809.15</b>
 Magazines sold .....		 9,664	 \$ 966.40
 <b>Total sales .....</b>			 <b>\$3,775.55</b>

L. T. HEATON.

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**THE CHURCH SCHOOL WORK**

"Wherever there are a few Sabbath-keepers, the parents should unite in providing a place for a day school where their children and youth can be instructed. They should employ a Christian teacher, who, as a consecrated missionary, shall educate the children in such a way as to lead them to become missionaries. Let teachers be employed who will give a thorough education in the common branches, the Bible being made the foundation and the life of all study. Parents should gird on the armor, and by their own example teach their children to be missionaries. They should work while it is day; for the night cometh, when no man can work. John 9:4. If they will put forth unselfish efforts, perseveringly teaching their children to bear responsibilities, the Lord will work with them."—Test. vol. 6, p. 198.

So does the Lord speak of the purpose of our church schools, and of the kind of teachers that should be employed. Surely a tremendous responsibility rests upon both parents and teachers, in reference to this work.

I am happy to report very favorably in regard to

the school work in this province. In every place where a school is in operation there is the fullest co-operation between church members and the teacher. This means success for the school work in these places.

There are eight schools at present, and below is a partial report of six of them. I hope to receive reports from the two other schools shortly, and then will give a fuller report of all the schools:—

Name of School.....	Name of Teacher .....	Enrollment .....
Canora.....	Mrs. W. H. Clark .....	17
Swift Current.....	Mrs. A. A. Banks .....	10
Rouleau.....	Miss Hazel Farnsworth .....	24
McLean.....	Miss Bertha Gilbank .....	6
Warmley (family).....	Miss May Mooney .....	4
Sonningdale.....	Mr. H. W. Clark .....	6
Total enrollment .....		67

There are nine or ten pupils in the schools (family schools) which have not reported, which brings the number attending our schools to about seventy-seven. This we will all agree is very encouraging. And now, as Spring comes on, and a few of these schools will close, let them close with the determination that next Fall they will open again. Begin now to devise some plan whereby the children can earn all—or at least a part—of their school expenses for the coming term. Let the parents and teacher in counsel talk the matter over, and God will give direction to your plans. Read again the last sentence in the paragraph quoted at the beginning of this article.

Next year we will see other churches supplied with schools. Let us pray that God will raise up teachers for the work that He wants us to do for our children. Also let us pray that the Spirit of God will rest abundantly upon those who are at present engaged, that they may be able to lead the children and youth's minds into the ways of peace and righteousness. "The object of our schools is to provide places where the younger members of the Lord's family may be trained according to His plan of growth and development."—Test. vol. 6, p. 126.

A. C. GILBERT.

"I have gone through Old Testament prophecy, and have collected 151 definite predictions concerning the birth, life, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and glorifying of our Lord Jesus Christ. Every one of them has been minutely fulfilled."

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Elder J. N. Loughborough, the oldest active minister in the denomination, is now starting to read his Bible through by course, the sixtieth time.

The Youth's Instructor was first printed at 124 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester, N.Y., in the summer of 1853, sixty years ago. It was then issued as a monthly, at twenty-five cents a year.

Every penny used unnecessarily deprives the spender of a precious opportunity of doing good. It is robbing God of the honor and glory which should flow back to Him through the improvement of His entrusted talents.—Mrs. E. G. White.

The College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda, California, has at present an enrollment of sixty-four medical students and fifty-two nurses. These are all earnest, consecrated workers. During the week of prayer, the students visited the near by towns with the special Signs, and secured \$350 for the Harvest Ingathering fund.

### SEVEN REASONS FOR SUNDAY-KEEPING

"A lady who became somewhat disturbed on the Sabbath question, went to a prominent member of her church, who she thought might give her some help on the question, and asked him to explain to her the point. The gentleman said he would be glad to be of assistance to her, but as he did not have time then to sit down and talk it over with her, he would send her something on the subject to read.

"Soon after this he was passing through the railroad station where he saw a paper-rack that our people had placed there. He noticed a tract, entitled, 'Seven Reasons for Sunday Keeping.' Thinking this was just the thing he had been wanting to

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