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## HE LEADS

I cannot always trace the onward course  
My ship must take;  
But looking backward, I behold afar  
Its shining wake  
Illumined with God's light of love, and so  
I onward go,  
In perfect trust that He who holds the helm  
The course must know.

I cannot always see the plan on which  
He builds my life;  
For oft the sound of hammers, blow on blow,  
The noise of strife,  
Confuse me till I quite forget He knows  
And oversees,  
And that in all details with His good plan  
My life agrees.

I cannot always know and understand  
The Master's rule;  
I cannot always do the task He gives  
In Life's hard school;  
But I am learning with His help to solve  
Them, one by one,  
And, when I cannot understand, to say,  
"Thy will be done."

—Selected.

## OUR COMING UNION CONFERENCE SESSION

The third biennial session of the Western Canadian Union Conference is appointed to convene at Lacombe, Alberta, February 11-22, 1914. Each local conference in the union is requested to elect their delegates to this conference, and send a list of their names to the union secretary as soon as possible.

Regarding the basis of representation from the local conferences, Article 4, Section 3, of the Constitution reads as follows: "Each local conference shall be entitled, aside from its president, to one delegate for every fifty members in the conference."

There will be held in connection with this meeting a colporteurs' convention, a ministerial institute, as well as instruction for church officers, and in Sabbath-school, home missionary, and young peoples' work. It is planned to have all our conference laborers in this field present at this meeting.

We are promised the pleasure of having with us

at that time, Elder A. G. Daniells, President of the General Conference; Elder I. H. Evans, President of the North American Division Conference; Elder G. B. Thompson, Secretary of the North American Division Conference; W. W. Eastman, Secretary of the North American Division Publishing Department; W. L. Burgan, Secretary of the Press Bureau of the General Conference; and James Cochran, Assistant Manager of the Book Department, of the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

With this corps of instructors spending ten days with our conference laborers and many of our laymen of Western Canada, it is easy to see that this will be an important occasion, and one which none can well afford to miss.

The usual arrangements will be made with the railroads for the benefit of those who attend. All persons coming from British Columbia or from Southern Alberta, should ticket through to Lacombe, over the Canadian Pacific, being sure to secure a Standard Certificate from the agent when the ticket is purchased.

Those living most convenient to the Canadian Pacific from Regina, east in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, should ticket direct to Lacombe over the Canadian Pacific, having the ticket read via Wetaskiwin, and take a Standard Certificate from the agent where the ticket is purchased.

Those living most convenient to the Canadian Northern or Grand Trunk Pacific railroads, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, or Alberta, should first ticket to Edmonton, and then ticket again from Edmonton to Lacombe, and do not forget that you should take a Standard Certificate each time a ticket is purchased.

These Standard Certificates must be handed to our union secretary at Lacombe, soon after you arrive, and he will make necessary arrangements for returning at reduced rates. If you should fail to secure these certificates it will be impossible to secure reduced rates for you. It is expected that all will be able to return free of charge. This will require one hundred certificates, and we have no doubt there will be more than this if each will remember these instructions.

The Alberta Conference has kindly offered to furnish rooms free to all who attend the conference. It being winter time, however, and so many people to accommodate, it will be necessary for those coming to bring bedding along, such as quilts, blankets, sheets and bed-ticks. Remember the rooms are free, but bedding will be needed. Board will be furnished at twenty-five cents a meal, or five meal tickets may be secured for one dollar.

Those who plan to attend this meeting are requested to write as soon as possible to F. L. Hommel, Lacombe, Alberta. This will be necessary, so as to be sure that plans are made for your accommodation when you arrive.

Watch for further information in the Tidings about the meeting.

H. S. SHAW.

### LIKE LEAVES OF AUTUMN

"The silent messengers of truth should be scattered like the leaves of autumn."—Gospel Workers, p. 333. We all know how the leaves of the trees scatter in autumn. They fall in heaps and blow in all directions. It seems impossible to keep them under control. So the Lord evidently wishes it to be with our tracts, that our people shall scatter them so widely and in such large quantities that they shall be beyond the control of the enemy.

There are many ways in which this may be done. Reading racks may be placed in depots and other public places, and kept filled with a good assortment of tracts. This work should be attended to regularly and systematically. It has proved effective in the past in saving souls, and how many thousands have been warned by this means only the future will reveal.

Keep a stock of tracts on live questions in a pocket or hand bag. When you talk with a friend or chance acquaintance about the terrible storms, rumors of wars, political upheavals, money matters, etc., and he shows his interest in these things, hand him a tract on the subject discussed. Your conversation will have inclined him to read it.

Leave tracts on the seats in trains and street cars, on the reading-room tables in public libraries, in depot waiting rooms, on ferry boat seats, and in every place where people may pick them up and read them. Do not leave so many at one time that they will be a nuisance, but place a few judiciously.

Give them to the tradesmen who call at the door. Visit hospitals, poor-houses and similar institutions, and in a kindly way hand a suitable tract to all who will take them. If you live near a market where farmers congregate, place some tracts in the wagons and buggies. Use your ingenuity in devising ways of sowing tracts where they are likely to attract attention.

Use tact and good judgment in the selection of the tracts you use. Tracts on the second coming of Christ, the unsettled condition of affairs at the present time and similar topics are not likely to arouse prejudice. Use plenty of good, practical tracts, such as "Justification By Faith," "Way to Christ," "Benefits of Bible Study," etc.

At all times, and in all places manifest the spirit of Christ, and pray much over your work, and some day you will surely see fruits of your labor. Psalm 126: 6: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

E. M. GRAHAM.

### SOME REAL EXPERIENCES

Sometimes we hear questions like these: Do our books lead people into the truth? Does the work of the colporteur awaken interest? Let us allow some real experiences from the field answer these.

The Vice President of the Epworth League of Montana, and local elder of the Butte Methodist church found a copy of Great Controversy in his father's library. It had been there over a year, but he had not seen it before and none of the family had read it. A few pages convicted him that it contained truth, and noticing the name of the publishers in the back, he wrote to the Pacific Press for several tracts. These came in due time together with a kind letter thanking him for the order and suggesting that he could secure other literature from the Tract Society at Bozeman. He did so, but kept reading Controversy, until one Sabbath morning he informed his astonished father that he was going to keep the day.

Monday morning he went to his employer, the owner of a large wholesale grocery, and told him of his decision and why. After listening closely, the owner told him he had never discharged a man because of his religious convictions and was not going to begin now with him. He hopes now to attend one of our colleges and complete his preparation for the ministry,—but for another church.

A resident canvasser in one of our large cities presented his book to a policeman who unceremoniously refused it, stating that he had no interest in such subjects. But the talk was not forgotten and a short time after, he crossed the city to the section where he understood the canvasser lived and began a house to house search for him without even knowing his name. He finally found his wife who was not a little startled to find a burly policeman asking for her husband. But he soon put her at ease by stating that he wanted "one of those Bible books" which he is now eagerly reading. Let us hope that his interest may deepen until he becomes an officer in the army of the Lord.

Brethren and sisters, do not these experiences inspire the whole soul with a desire to DO SOMETHING?

J. M. ROWSE.

## Manitoba Conference

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### THE MORNING WATCH

We have reached the time when most people are forming their New Year's resolutions. Have we lacked power in the past to meet temptation? Do we feel the need of a closer walk with God, that we may grow in grace and holiness? Steps to Christ, page 87, says, "Consecrate yourself to God in the morning. Make this your very first work."

The Psalmist says, "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." How can we do this better than by the daily use of the Morning Watch Calendar. This neat little booklet is for every one. Thousands are learning the value of its use. All who have observed it for any length of time are ready to testify of the help and blessing gained.

Life is so full and our worldly cares so often choke our good intentions, that we need to watch and pray, to acquire this habit of early communion with God. The Morning Watch Calendar will help you form the important habit. Will you not try its faithful observance the coming year if you have not done so before?

It can be obtained from your tract society at five cents. It is published also in the German language and would make a nice little New Year's remembrance.

MRS. E. M. CHAPMAN.

### CLOSING OF ERICKSON CHURCH SCHOOL

November 28 was the closing day of the first year's work of the church school at Erickson, Manitoba, where Miss Bertha Gillbank has been teaching for the past six months. From all reports of patrons and children this has been a very successful year for the school at that place.

On Sunday evening a very interesting programme was rendered by the teacher and students. The children knew their parts real well, showing that they had been thoroughly drilled. There were quite a number of neighbors in for the evening and all expressed themselves as having enjoyed it very much.

After refreshments had been served and all were preparing to leave, one gentleman who seemed to

take an especial interest in what he had seen and heard, arose and expressed his appreciation and suggested a donation from those not connected with the school. He himself took the lead and collected \$1.25 toward the expense of the school. This little taken was much appreciated as it shows the kindly feeling toward the school.

WM. T. TALL.

### TO THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

At the last meeting of the Conference Committee I was invited to take charge of the Young Peoples' work. Accordingly I am desirous of becoming personally acquainted so far as possible with every young person in our ranks.

I hope our mutual acquaintance will be a pleasure and blessing to each and all. I desire to be a help and encouragement to you in every way I can, and should you choose to write to me, which I hope you will, I assure you I shall be pleased to answer your letters.

I am trying to come in touch with all I can through correspondence, and I hope by camp-meeting time to be able to know you all by name. I hope you are all trying to live for Jesus by consecrating your lives to him each day. No young person can do a more noble thing than give his heart to the Lord in his youth.

In youth and childhood is the time we sow our seed for after life, so let us all see to having it only good seed, and God who is the rewarder, will certainly yield us a bountiful harvest.

MRS. E. M. CHAPMAN.

### MANITOBA NOTES

Brother Martin and family are moving from the northern part of the province, and will locate at Erickson.

Brother and Sister J. C. Ramsay, of Bradwardine, are the proud possessors of a baby girl.

Elder E. M. Chapman preached to the Germans of Winnipeg last Sabbath, and Elder Dirksen translated for him.

It is expected that Brother George Soper will conduct an effort at Arden after the week of prayer.

Elder E. M. Chapman visited at the home of Brother James McCreary, of Arden, the last week.

It is reported that a young lady who has accepted the truth at Brandon, is going to Lacombe to attend the academy.

The Conference Committee met in council the third and fourth of this month. Those in attendance were H. S. Shaw, E. M. Chapman, H. J. Dirksen, V. W. Robb, R. Cowan, J. McKelvy, and D. Carmichael. At this meeting Sister E. M. Chapman was elected Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

Elder H. J. Dirksen returned from Morden in time for the committee meeting. He has held a series of meetings in and around Morden, and as a result four have taken their stand for the truth.

We were glad to greet at the office last week, Sister Bertha Gillbank, who was on her way from Erickson to

Lacombe. Sister Gillbank closed her church school at Erickson the last of November and intends to spend the winter at the Lacombe academy.

Brother William Tall passed through the city last week and spent a day here. He was on his way to Lacombe. Brother Tall has had a very successful delivery, and left books to the value of over \$2,000 in the field as a result of the summer's work.

It is planned that the coming Western Canadian Union Conference will be held at Lacombe, Alberta, February 11-22. Special instruction will be given to conference laborers, and in view of this the Manitoba committee voted that all of the laborers attend this meeting, as delegates.

Elder E. M. Chapman organized a Missionary Volunteer Society at Morden, with Sister Maggie Nickel as leader. During the meeting emphasis was placed on the danger of our young people drifting to the world. This touched the heart of a young lady present who arose, asking what she should do to be a Christian. The instruction was given, and she accepted the Lord.

A good interest is manifested in the meetings held by Elder Dirksen for the Germans in Winnipeg. At the meeting last week over thirty were present. Elder Dirksen thinks there will soon be some that will take their stand for the truth.

While in session the Conference Committee arranged for the workers to visit the following places during the week of prayer:

Winnipeg and Bradwardine ..... Elder E. M. Chapman  
 Brandon, Austin and Katrime ..... Elder V. W. Robb  
 Russell and Winnipeg ..... Elder H. J. Dirksen  
 Scandinavia ..... B. L. Grundset  
 Carberry and Brandon ..... George R. Soper

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## GRAND VIEW CHURCH SCHOOL

As we like to read the reports from the different parts of the Union and know how the work is progressing, we feel it our duty to send in a short report of our school here at Grand View.

We opened school November 3, with a good attendance. Our present enrolment is 55, including four nationalities—German, Polish, Russian and Indian. About 20 of them are young people, the rest are children. My wife assists me in teaching the little folks. We have classes in all grades from one to eight.

Most of the pupils show a great interest in their studies and the Lord is blessing us, especially in the Bible classes. The Indian children get along very well, too. When we have worship, they kneel with us for prayer.

About twelve of the young people take the reading course besides their daily studies. Some are planning to get an education as soon as possible and enter the work. We hope to see some of them out in the field soon.

HENRY BERG.

## REPORT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SABBATH-SCHOOLS Quarter Ending September 31.

Place.	—Offerings—				
	Mem.	Av. Att.	Regular.	13th Sab.	Total.
Firvale .....	27	22	\$ 8.96	\$8.40	\$17.36
Glenemma .....	24	19	12.60	1.10	13.70
Grandview, English 15		12	.....	.....	15.95
Grandview, German 92		75	37.29	13.15	50.44
Janes Road .....	15	13	1.40	3.40	4.80
Kelowna .....	11	9	8.95	1.20	10.15
Little River .....	4	4	3.80	1.30	5.10
Midway .....	4	4	8.75	3.55	12.30
Mission City .....	12	12	13.55	5.00	18.55
Molly Gibson.....	7	7	4.40	1.35	5.75
Nanaimo .....	35	32	34.01	6.85	40.86
Penticton .....	25	20	13.95	6.40	20.35
South Vancouver..	20	16	12.05	6.20	18.25
Straiton .....	4	4	4.40	4.00	8.40
Vancouver .....	60	49	41.67	10.87	52.54
Victoria .....	26	23	10.93	2.75	13.68
West Vancouver ..	50	41	37.88	16.94	54.82
Camp-meetings					161.43
Seventeen schools.	427	362	\$264.79	\$92.46	\$518.68

LYDIA STICKLE, Secretary.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES

Word has just been received that two new Sabbath-keepers are added to the number of our people on Graham Island. It rejoices our hearts to hear that the work is progressing in the North.

Our Sabbath-school studies for the first half of the new year are from the book of Romans. Copies of the book can still be obtained at the office. They are sent post-paid for five cents each.

Several money orders for twenty-five dollars each have been received for the Harvest Ingathering, from individuals. Reports from the churches are being received. We have not yet come up to the amount given last year, although the number of papers ordered this year exceed that of last. We expect more reports soon.

Many subscriptions for the Sabbath-school Quarterly expire this quarter. The new quarterlies are now at the office and orders should be sent soon so you will not lose any of these important lessons. Is it time for your subscription to expire? If so, now is the time to renew. Price, five cents each, twenty cents a year.

An excellent order for Home Workers' books has just been received from a sister in the Okanagan. Other fine orders have come in recently. Those engaged in this work seem to enjoy it very much, and we know the children who read the books will get something they will not soon grow tired of. Brother Victor Mayor has been sending a nice report each week of his orders in Victoria.

Our Field Agent, Brother E. R. Potter, has just returned from a visit to Victoria. His stay there lasted a little more than a week, and was much appreciated by the brethren of that church. Before returning he and Sister

Potter called at Seattle to bid farewell to Brother J. T. Thompson, who was leaving with his bride, to their field of labor in South America.

Elder Walker visited the churches of Nanaimo and Cumberland this last week. At the latter place he officiated at the marriage of Brother J. Irving Hartnell to Miss Viola White, which took place the evening of the 3rd, at the home of the bride's parents. Both of the young people are well known in the conference, having spent several years at the academy. Friends in Vancouver were pleased to see them as they passed through en route to Seattle. Brother and Sister Hartnell are to make their home at Clayburn for a short time. We join in extending congratulations, and wish them much joy and many blessings in their married life.

We are glad to know that some are still busy with the Harvest Ingathering papers. While the minds of the people are filled with thoughts of giving, shall we not give them opportunity to give to Him whose birthday they are claiming to celebrate? One sister who has had a real experience with this fine number of the Review, writes: "This is my fourth year at it and it seems to get better every year. I just enjoy the work and the experience that goes with it." Although orders are coming in, there are still a few papers on hand at the office. If you cannot order more, make sure at least that none are left unused at your home.

Brother C. E. Wood, of Penticton, writes as follows: "We had our Harvest Ingathering service Sunday night, at which quite a nice programme was rendered. So far we have collected \$98. We expect to increase this amount. I wrote to one of the Vancouver wholesale houses, with whom I deal, sending them a paper, and they sent me a cheque for \$25. I think I shall give some of the other houses the same privilege."

## Alberta Conference

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## COMMITTEE MEETING

The auditing committee, consisting of the following members, met at Lacombe Monday afternoon, December 8, and continued their work during the following day: H. S. Shaw, C. A. Burman, P. P. Adams, H. Humann, L. Halsvick, Chas. Rick, U. Wissner, W. M. McCarty and H. D. Middleton. Wednesday was spent in conference committee and school board work. Some very important matters came up for consideration, among others the need of more workers in the English and German languages in this field.

The need of literature in the foreign languages, such as the Russian, Polish, Esthonian, and Ruthenian, was considered, and it was decided that we create a fund for the purpose of purchasing such literature for free distribution among the people of these nationalities. It was decided to take up a

special offering for this purpose on Sabbath, February 28.

The sittings of the committee were very pleasant and unity prevailed throughout the entire session. Many times expressions of gratitude from members of the committee were made for the way God had blessed the various lines of the work in this field.

C. A. BURMAN.

## SOUTHERN ALBERTA

The twenty-eighth of October I left for the southern part of Alberta. The first visit I made was with the Midnapore church, and I found the brethren of good courage, especially faithful in giving to the cause of God. There are only four families, and their Sabbath-school donations were \$75 last quarter.

Comrey was the next stop. I spent nine days with the new company of believers there, and I enjoyed my stay with them very much. They had many questions to ask, and the spirit of God helped in answering them from the Bible. Two brethren were baptized in the Milk River on October 8.

Thelma was the next place, where I spent a little time with the new German believers. God's blessing was present in all these places. It is a blessed privilege to speak of saving power from all sin, to a fallen world.

H. HUMANN.

## A SPLENDID REPORT

We read many reports of success in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. As a people we should not expect otherwise, if we truly believe that this campaign is as much a live branch of the Lord's work as any other.

Here at Lacombe, I am pleased to report that over thirty members of the church enlisted for active service in the 1913 campaign. Our mark was set for \$150, but the Lord helped us to reach a higher standard—\$160.

Five of our members visited the town of Red Deer, and gathered in the sum of \$29.40 in five hours. Lacombe was the next place, and in the short space of three hours there was deposited in the treasury of our King, \$56.20. This was certainly encouraging to all who participated.

The next step was to present the people of Ponoka and Wetaskiwin with the message-filled papers and solicit their co-operation. In the former place the Lord blessed the effort with the sum of \$16, and \$31 in the latter. The two sisters who worked these places averaged forty-seven cents for each paper handed out, and felt much repaid for the trip.

One of our sisters has collected the sum of \$57, and averaged eighty cents per copy for every paper distributed. Others are working in different ways

and we believe that before 1914 is ushered in, the substantial sum of \$200 will be raised.

Truly God is leading his people in this work, and wherever they will unite in effort to advance the cause, his blessing always follows.

H. D. MIDDLETON.

#### ACADEMY NOTES

W. L. Manfull is spending a few days at the academy. Brother L. T. Heaton recently visited the believers near Alix.

Wednesday, December 10, was the beginning of the third month of school.

Brother Azur Hastings recently made a call at the academy.

Brother C. C. Neufeld and family left a few days ago for a few weeks' visit at their old home in Minnesota.

With the return of Sister Barber, the classes in hydrotherapy and physiology have taken up their work.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Johnson are visiting his brother, Jalmer Johnson, and family. We learn that they may locate here.

Brother D. D. Neufeld, of Waldheim, Sask., was a recent visitor. He may return with his family later, to locate.

Miss Bessie Easton, who was with us the last two years, was a visitor at chapel last week. She is now working in Lacombe.

Pastor Christian Reiswig, of Minnesota, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. H. Humann. He spoke in chapel one morning during his stay.

Brother Wm. T. Tall, of Manitoba, arrived last week and has rented rooms from our neighbor on the north. He will enter school as soon as his family arrives from Oregon.

At present there are 110 being served in the dining room. We have room for a few more here, and by asking a few more of our students to take in one or two more in their rooms, we can care for a few more in the dormitories, but we appear to have run out of chairs, for the supply of the past has been exhausted.

An open recital of the Public Reading Class was given a week ago Sunday evening. The following students took part in the programme, and showed that they had made good advancement in the art of public recital: Vera Alcock, Louis Manfull, Scott Ryan, Sholto Middleton, A. T. Babienco, Marian Rathje, George Belleau and Clara Gibson. Special music was rendered by Messrs. Christiansen, Landeen, John and Andrew Haynal.

A spelling test was recently given in chapel to those who were desirous of not taking special work in spelling. Nineteen took the test, ten of whom failed to make the required ninety per cent. Three large spelling classes have been organized in this important branch.

Those recently enrolled are Ida Carlson, Lily Swanson, Jonathan K., Jonathan E., and Pauline Jaeger, Lizzie E. Buhler and Perry Finkle, all of Saskatchewan; Della, Lawrence and Benjamin Mabley, Wm. Landeen, Olaf Skau, Howard Merry, Angus Campbell, James Galloway, Henry Voelker, D. A. Dobbs, J. K. Fish, Edward and John Rathje, Jacob Lang, Gordon Randlett and Milford Givens, all of Alberta. This brings our enrolment up to 157, including the 25 regularly enrolled in the church school.

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#### WEYBURN

Th readers of "Tidings" will be looking for a word from Weyburn again by now. We are glad to report that evidences are to be seen constantly of God's working to thoroughly warn this city.

By the interest awakened at the time of the tent effort, we have been able to get into three or four homes to give Bible studies. As yet no definite stand has been taken by any of these people, though they enjoy listening to the message and seem favorably impressed. The 25 copies of the Signs each week, supplied by the friends at Hanley, help us materially in seeking for the honest-hearted.

A few weeks ago the Presbyterian young people invited me to speak to them one evening. This brought us into touch with quite a number we have not known before, and enlarged our sphere of influence.

Then again last week the Baptist minister asked me to present to the Baptist Young People's Society the particular points of doctrine in which we differ from the other denominations. We were glad to accept this opportunity, and last evening presented Scriptural evidence for as many points of present truth as we could in the allotted time.

God's hand is clearly seen in this opening, in view of the fact that this minister is well acquainted with our work. While pastor of a church farther west a few years ago, a number of his members accepted this truth. He told me his church came near being broken up by one of our evangelists.

"God works in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform." Surely the Lord must have some here who have not bowed the knee unto Baal. We want to be humble instruments in God's hand, to seek and find such honest souls and direct them to the full light of gospel truth.

Unexpected doors are being opened on every hand throughout the world. Surely the time is at hand when the work will be "cut short in righteousness." Now is the time to press the battle hard home to victory. O, for an ever increasing faith that will pray down the fulness of the Holy Spirit's power for this work!

To-morrow we plan to leave for Macrorie for the week of prayer. We pray that this may be a season of refreshing from the Lord, unprecedented in the history of this people.

W. G. FORSHAW.

**DECEMBER TWENTY-SEVEN**

How quickly the time has passed since September 27, which was the thirteenth Sabbath of last quarter. You well remember the object of that offering and how gladly you gave to help provide the necessary amount to pay the transportation expenses of that one hundred and fifty missionaries to the different countries in which they are to labor.

A part of these workers must go still farther into the interior of some of these countries. A headquarters and Mission Home must be provided in central China. A knowledge of the different languages must be obtained before the workers can intelligently labor for the people of their respective fields. We need to open a new mission station in Africa, and where? Why, in the very part where that loyal worker, David Livingstone, lived and died for the down-trodden people of that country. Can you think of anything more appropriate than that Seventh-day Adventists, who have the light of the everlasting gospel, should plant the banner of the Cross in that country?

The leaflet telling of these needs has been sent to the several schools, and as far as possible to the members of the Home Department. As you read it, may your hearts be cheered and encouraged in thinking of how rapidly the Message is going and how much it means to us as a people.

May the Lord richly bless you as you work, give and pray for the advancement of this great cause.

Give of thy life to His service,  
Give of thy basket and store,  
Give Him thy heart. He redeemed it,  
And doth require no more.

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

**SASKATCHEWAN NOTES**

Brother Oscar Ziprick reports a good interest among the people in Melville. He has a good attendance at the meetings held in his home.



Delivery "Great Controversy" in Saskatchewan.

Miss Bertha Gillbank, who conducted the church school at McLean last year, has been visiting friends there the past few days. She is going on to the Lacombe Academy.

The January Life and Health is a special number on "How to reduce the cost of living." Sample copies have been received and carefully examined. It is worth far more than a year's subscription, and only costs ten cents a copy.

Brother W. L. Manfull has finished the delivery of about fifteen hundred dollars' worth of books for Andrew and John Haynal, losing but very few orders. He has returned to his home in British Columbia. We appreciate very much this assistance given in our province by the Union Field Agent.

The December sales of the Signs magazine are already 7,500 copies ahead of the same month last year. This magazine is accomplishing a wonderful work, and there are thousands of people who never have seen it. The winter issues contain some especially good things. Why not obtain a few copies and circulate them this winter? Let us hear from you.

The Protestant Magazine for December is an especially timely one. It has several strong articles dealing with the Roman mass. Some of these should be on file in every worker's scrap book. It is a world of valuable information for only ten cents. Order from the tract society.

Information recently received from the Review and Herald shows that there are but seventy-five copies of the Review and Herald going to this province each week. This is far short of what it should be. We fear that many homes are being deprived of much valuable help in living the present truth. Whether this condition is caused from a spirit of economy or indifference, it matters not. It calls for a reformation. We trust that every family that is not now receiving the Review and Herald will subscribe for it during the cheap club rates continuing through December and January.

**COLPORTEURS' REPORT**  
Eight Weeks Ending December 4.

British Columbia.					
Agent.	Books.	Hrs.	Orders.	Helps.	Totals.
W. T. Rogers . . . . .	P.G.	48	12	\$ 5.05	\$ 57.05
E. S. Horsman . . . . .	P.G.	53	35	17.00	180.00
Harold Toombs . . . . .	P.G.	39	18	6.25	85.25
J. E. Roberts . . . . .	P.G.	11	1		4.00
Four agents		151	67	\$28.30	\$526.30
Total subscription book sales this year . . . .					\$31,988.82
Total magazine sales this year . . . . .					1,727.50
Total sales to date this year . . . . .					\$33,716.32

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### Western Canadian Union Conference Directory

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It is interesting to note that the Sabbath-school Department has become ashamed of their goal which was set at the beginning of 1913, as "A Million Dollars to Missions in Four Years." It has now been changed to "A Million Dollars to Missions As Soon As Possible," which sounds much more plausible considering the rapid increase in offerings, and we are sure our people everywhere will continue in their endeavor to reach the goal. The next thirteenth Sabbath offering will be taken December 27, and the proceeds will be used as follows: Opening new Mission in Africa, Settling new missionaries in fields, Aiding missionaries in language study, and Establishing headquarters in Central China. Who will aid in these worthy enterprises?

Great interest has been manifested by our workers throughout the field in the revision of "Bible Readings for the Home Circle." A large amount of work has been done in revising this book. It will contain 202 readings—about 40 more than the old book—and the general arrangement has been much improved. It will have 280 illustrations, 80 of them being full page. In the point of art work, or the matter of artistic design, the work will be one of the best ever issued. The book will contain about 800 pages, and the price will be the same as for the old book; namely, cloth, \$3.50; half morocco, \$4.50; full morocco, \$5.50. It is expected that completed books will be ready about January 1, 1914.

The first edition of the Morning Watch Calendar appeared in 1908. About 6,000 copies were used that year. The next year 14,500 were circulated. For 1910, 17,000 were needed to supply the demand. During 1911, 22,000 were distributed, and for 1912 the edition reached 25,000. For 1913 the English

edition reached 33,000 and the calendar texts were also printed in Spanish, German, Japanese, Korean and Chinese. The 1914 edition is now ready, and one has been printed for you. Save five cents somehow, and get a copy of the calendar from your tract society. Persuade others around you to procure copies also. Do not fail to get this little daily reminder, a guide to the path that leads to a life of spiritual power.

### ADVANCED SHORTHAND COURSE

We have completed arrangements for giving an advanced course in shorthand. This will be especially helpful to stenographers desiring to become more proficient. After entering active work many stenographers frequently fail properly to apply the principles of abbreviation which they should to the work in hand. A little help at this point would be of great benefit to them. This advanced course will enable the writer to apply the principles of abbreviation in matter that is specially difficult to most stenographers who are beginning—the writing of phrases and proper names. There is also given a thorough review, by practical work, of word-signs, contractions, shorthand numerals, and the most helpful expedients which a stenographer should have who is determined to succeed. A special drill is also given in speed writing that is of great benefit to any stenographer, enabling him to do the best work of which he is capable. This course is conducted by H. E. Rogers, the veteran stenographer and statistical secretary of the General Conference. Matriculation fee \$1.00. Tuition for the course, 20 lessons, \$7.00. If you are interested in such a course, or know of any stenographer who would be glad for the opportunity of taking it, please correspond with us at once, and further information will be furnished. Address "Fireside Correspondence School," Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

The twelfth annual session of the British Columbia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Manson church at Pitt Meadows, B. C., in conjunction with the annual conference announced for December 25-29, 1913. The first meeting will be at 7.30 p.m., December 25. The ratio of representation is one delegate for the church and an additional delegate for every ten members. At this time officers for the ensuing year will be elected, and such other business transacted as may be needful. It is hoped that a full delegation will be present as there are important matters that demand attention.

JOHN G. WALKER, President.  
 CHAS. O. SMITH, Secretary.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

The annual session of the British Columbia Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Manson church at Pitt Meadows, B.C., in conjunction with the annual conference announced for December 25-29, 1913. The first meeting of the Association will be held Friday, December 26, at 11 o'clock a.m. Officers and Board of Trustees for the ensuing year will be elected, and such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

JOHN G. WALKER, President.  
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