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CHOOSE THOU FOR ME

"I dare not choose my lot;
I would not if I might,
Choose Thou for me, my God;
So shall I walk aright.
Choose Thou for me my friends,
My sickness or my health;
Choose Thou my cares for me,
My poverty or wealth.
Not mine, not mine the choice,
In either great or small;
Be Thou my Counsellor,
My wisdom, and my all."

WAR

What has occurred within the past few days has demonstrated at least a hint of what may be done in a brief space of time when the spirit of war has taken possession of the world. But little time is necessary for the whole world to become involved in a condition of nameless confusion and distress.

Last June, while the world was supposed to be moving along at its usual pace, and the dream of universal peace was being proclaimed everywhere, Francis Ferdinand, Archduke of Austria-Hungary, with his wife was visiting Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia, when, while riding through a street, they were both shot to death by a young Servian student, who rushed out from the crowd.

Austria held the Servian government responsible for the deed, and demanded that the assassin be brought to justice. This, Servia was willing to do, but would not comply with all the stipulations made upon them by the Austrian government.

The Servians agreed to every requirement of the Austrians except the one demanding that Austrian officers should have a prominent part in the investigation, and in searching out who were connected with the assassination of the Prince and his Consort.

This part Servia refused to submit to, for it would not be possible for any nation to preserve its self respect and dignity should it stand aside and allow officers of foreign powers to sit in judgment on its citizens at home. Servia said, "We will try them ourselves, and will punish the offenders, but we will not submit our subjects to the mercy of foreign officers, nor our courts to foreign judges."

At this refusal, Austria declared war on Servia, and at once moved an army on Belgrade. Russia immediately came to the assistance of Servia, to prevent her being ruined by Austria. Then Germany took sides with Austria and declared war on Russia.

France stood with Russia. Germany knowing of course that by former treaty, France would ally herself with Russia under such a condition of war, determined

to break the power of France at one great stroke, and immediately started an army marching on Paris, without having first declared war on France.

The shortest way to Paris lay through Belgium, which by international agreement long before, was neutral territory. Germany, however, marched her armies into Belgian territory, without leave or license, on the way to Paris.

Belgium refused to give them passage, and a terrible battle ensued between the German and Belgian forces before the city of Liege.

England then declared war on Germany. Then Roumania declared war on Austria-Hungary; and while at the time of this writing, other nations remain neutral, yet all the nations in the eastern hemisphere, as well as those in North America, are mobilizing their armies. It is asserted that there is now in the world more than twelve millions of men who are under military orders, armed and ready for action at a day's notice, besides millions more who are available when needed.

From the day that Austria declared war on Servia, till these vast fighting millions were in the field for action, occupied less than one week in time, and already within this period, thousands upon thousands have been slain in battle.

That this is the beginning of world's last struggle there can be no intelligent doubt. Whether the four angels of Rev. 7, which are commissioned to hold the winds of strife, will still cause the war spirit to be held in check, we are not able to say. There may be a short lull, but the war spirit is here in the hearts of men, and though there may be pretensions of peace, it is certain that the day of armageddon draws on apace.—Rev. 16:12-16.

"Prepare war," said the ancient Seer, "wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: Let the weak say; I am strong. . . . Let the heathen be awakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe, Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. . . . The Lord shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake; but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel."—Joel 3:9-16.

Looking down to our time, and beholding in vision what we see now in the nations of the earth, it is not a wonder that the prophet Jeremiah cried out ". . . . I am

pained at my heart; . . . I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled; suddenly"

—Jer. 4; 19-20

The great question now is, are we prepared for those things? Are we ready for the angels to loose the four winds? Have we done our duty to get this warning message before those around us? Are we ready for probation to close? Or will it be necessary for the winds to still be held a little longer for us to set our houses in order?

Every Seventh-day Adventist knows that the final war crisis will come some time before the close of this generation. Is this the beginning of that which will rapidly bring the close of probation, or will it yet be postponed? If the thread is lengthened a little again, it will be that we may have a moment more to do our duty.

"Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and the cares of life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth." Luke 21: 34-35.

H. S. SHAW.

"GET READY, GET READY, GET READY"

Since returning from the camp meeting it has been in my mind often to write to different ones whom I met at these meetings regarding the matter of their preparing themselves at once for a definite work in this message. As I have read day by day the portentous events taking place, that bid fair to involve the whole world in a terrible strife, I have wondered if our time of preparation is not shorter than any of us realize, and if many of our youth in this Union Conference will not be found lacking in the end, and regret that they had not planned on devoting their lives to this work rather than spending the time in their homes, on farms and in business pursuits of their own devising.

Parents, young people, what are we going to do when we come up to the judgment and find too late that our time has been wrongly employed, that the months and years that should have been spent in one of the Lord's institutions, studying how to work for him and then out in the field in active service, were all wasted in selfish employment, to pay for farms, unnecessary clothes, automobiles, and things used only for display? Or simply to pamper our disinclination to get out and do active service for Him who has redeemed us. What will we say, what will we do, HOW WILL WE FEEL?

We are nearing the time when our schools will be opened for the winter. Does the Lord, my parent, want that child in school this winter? Does he, my dear young man, young woman, want you in school this winter? Have you thought about it? What are you going to do about it? Several years since, the servant of God was told that "Time is short, time is short," and again the message came, "Get ready, get ready, get ready." How have we been heeding these injunctions?

In volume six of the "Testimonies," we are told, page 127, "The object of our schools is to provide places where the younger (Not a few of them, 'The Younger') members of the Lord's family may be trained according to his plan of growth and development." While this object is all right and the school plan what the Lord would have it to be, they will neither one help us if we do not place ourselves in contact with them. This means breaking away from temptations, often alluring ones, and sacrificing, oftentimes greatly, to leave home and procure the means with which to obtain this preparation. Are we going to do it this year, or will we say "Our Lord delayeth his coming," I will go next year; it is not convenient now; when I get this farm paid for, or a new house built, or another team of horses, or this business property on its feet, then I will send this child, or will go myself.

J. I. BEARDSLEY.

NOW IS THE TIME TO USE THE NEWSPAPERS

There never has been a more opportune time to proclaim the message concerning the Battle or Armageddon, through the newspapers, than now. While Europe is all aflame over the Austrian-Servian controversy, and the indications point to a general war, our workers ought to realize the wonderful opportunity they now have of telling the people, through the papers, just what is about to break upon the whole world.

An article on the Battle of Armageddon would make a very timely subject for any newspaper and would be read with more than ordinary interest, because of the turbulent conditions now existing in Europe. The publication of an article on this subject ought to be the means of opening the way for the printing of extracts of sermons or even of letters or interviews on various subjects dealing with the third angel's message. So eager are some newspapers to fill their columns with war news that they are reprinting what the soothsayers said a year or more ago about the troubles that would occur in different countries of Europe in 1914. The third angel's message is more powerful and inspiring than anything a soothsayer can ever think of saying, and, by asking help from the Lord, our workers wherever newspapers are published ought to be able to herald the message far and wide through this medium by using the strife in Europe and what the battle among the nations means in the light of prophecy as a basis for their articles.

Various phases of the message are being proclaimed through the secular press this summer, but while the whole world is being stirred by what is going on across the water, our workers should double their efforts to sound the warning of Christ's soon return by writing articles, and thus bring the attention of the millions of readers to the fact that such strifes were foretold by the prophets and are of more than ordinary significance. Brethren and sisters, let us work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

W. L. BURGAN,
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BRANDON

In harmony with the action of the conference committee on the camp ground at Morden, Brother Soper and wife have joined us in our work here, for the summer. We have a good location for our tent in the east part of the city, where the people have never heard this message proclaimed.

A fair audience has favored us with their presence every evening, and an encouraging feature to us is, that the same faces are to be seen continually.

The patriotic demonstrations in this city and park near our tent has had a tendency to lessen our congregation, and take up the time and attention of the people, but some are recognizing that they are receiving spiritual meat here that is not obtainable at other places, and are glad to avail themselves of this privilege.

As a company of workers, we are daily seeking for that living connection with God, that we may be able to present the beautiful truths of God, both in our lives and in public that sinners may be converted and turn from their evil way and serve the living God.

Surely the "King's business requireth haste" in these troublous times, and our continual prayer is, that we may be where God may clothe us with power adequate for the work to be done.

V. W. ROBB.

THE CAMP MEETING YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

Another camp meeting has gone into eternity, but the blessings there obtained are still with us. We were glad to have Prof. J. I. Beardsley, Elder W. W. Ruble, Elder O. A. Olsen, Brother George Soper, and Sister E. M. Chapman give us so many good and helpful lessons in our young people's tent, which I am sure will stay by us in the future.

The attendance at the young people's meetings was very good. There were about thirty young people on the grounds, and so far as we can learn, all are observers of the Morning Watch. Seven of the eight who were baptized at the close of the meeting were young people. Three of them were English and four were German. On temperance day we passed our pledges around and obtained forty-five signatures.

A collection was taken up to help us reach our financial goal, which is \$75.00. Of this amount, \$55.50 was obtained in pledges and cash. The Winnipeg society having given \$8.00 towards this goal, we have a grand total of \$63.50. Surely we shall be able to make our goal. Let us all try to see how much beyond it we can go, and then we will have a nice little sum to devote to some other worthy enterprise. Surely the Lord blesses the cheerful givers!

A resolution was passed that we make use of the *Church Officers' Gazette* in the programs for our regular meetings, so far as possible.

Our goal for this year is:

1. Every member to bring one soul to Christ.
2. Twenty Reading Course Certificates.
3. Twelve Standard of Attainment Certificates.
4. Seventy-five dollars for school work in Korea.

With God's help and every member doing their part, we expect to reach our goal.

GEORGE S. BELLEAU,
Secretary.

CHURCH SCHOOL NOTES

"We have been warned again and again that the character of the education that has been current in the world cannot stand the test of the Word of God. The subject is one that should interest every Seventh-day Adventist. The Lord says to us, Seventh-day Adventists are not to place themselves under the counsel and instruction of teachers who know not the truth for this time. The moulding and fashioning of minds should not be left to men who have not comprehended the importance of a preparation for that life which measures with the life of God."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 401.

"Parents and teachers do not estimate the magnitude of the work given them in training the young. The experience of the children of Israel was written for us, 'upon whom the ends of the world are come.'—I. Cor. 10:11. As in their day, so now the Lord would have the children gathered out from those schools where worldly influences prevail, and placed in our schools, where the Word of God is made the foundation of education."—*Id.* p. 166.

"In all our churches there should be schools, and teachers in these schools who are missionaries."—*Id.* p. 168.

"Wherever there are a few Sabbath-keepers, the parents should unite in providing a place for a day school where the children and youth can be instructed."—*Id.* p. 174.

"Special care should be given to the education of the youth. The children are to be trained to become missionaries; they must be helped to understand what they must do to be saved. Few have the instruction in religious lines that is essential."—*Id.* p. 168.

"*Nothing is of greater importance than the education of our children and young people. The children should arouse and manifest a keen interest in this work; for now as never before, Satan and his host are determined to enlist the youth under the black banner that leads to ruin and death. God has appointed the church as a watchman, to have a jealous care over the youth and children . . . but the church does not realize the situation. She is sleeping on guard. . . . While we should put forth earnest efforts for the masses of the people around us, and push the work into foreign fields, no amount of labor in this line can excuse us for neglecting the education of our children and youth.*"—*Id.* p. 165.

"If ever we are to work in earnest, it is NOW. The enemy is pressing in on all sides, like a flood. Only the power of God can save our children from being swept away by the tide of evil. The responsibility resting upon parents, teachers and church-members, to do their part in co-operation with God,

is greater than words can express. . . Let the church take hold of the school work in earnest, and make it what the Lord desires it to be."—*Id.* pp. 166, 167.

In view of these words of instruction from the Lord, showing the importance of church schools, should not every parent and church member take the interest in this branch of the work its importance demands. No sacrifice is too great to insure the salvation of the children and young people. Manitoba should and can have several church schools this year. Now is the time to begin plans and preparations. I shall be glad to hear at once from any desiring help in planning for a school, and from those needing a teacher. Eternity alone will reveal the results of the sacrifices made and the efforts put forth in educating our children according to God's plan.

G. R. SOPER.

OBITUARY

Harkness—Pearl, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harkness, of Dauphin, Manitoba, was born December 11, 1889, and died July 22, 1914, at the age of 24 years, 7 months and 11 days, having been in poor health for a number of years. She was a good young woman, beloved by all who knew her, and will be greatly missed in her home, in which is left her father and mother and two brothers, to mourn their loss. But we are glad that they mourn not as those without hope, for Pearl had made her peace with God and had the assurance of his acceptance.

Miss Harkness was bapt'zed at the age of fourteen years, and has kept the Sabbath with her mother since that time. We rejoice that other members of the family have resolved to serve her God and pray that they too may follow on to know him perfectly.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Revelation 14:13 to an appreciative attendance of relatives and friends.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

MANITOBA NOTES

The German company report about eight that are deeply interested and attend the meetings each night.

Brother Jensen, of Hutchinson, Minn., sold \$550.00 worth of books in two weeks. Our colporteurs are doing well in spite of the times.

Our brethren are coming up on the offerings. If we will all lift a little harder we will make our amount to missions. I am sure we have loyal people in Manitoba, and we feel sure before the year closes we will be up on all our funds.

Elder Chapman spent Sabbath and a few days with the brethren at Bradwardine and Rivers. He reports a nice time and finds the brethren busy and of good courage in the message. While there, a lady called up one of our sister asking what this war means, expressing that "Adventists know the times." She heard Elder Huntley preach a few years ago and thinks he told the truth. Now is the time to answer this question as all are wondering "what this means." The *Review* will be out by the time you read this, with an answer which ought to be scattered like the fall leaves. Be sure to get some for your neighbors.

The world is stirred as it has never been stirred before. People—Christians and unbelievers—are asking the meaning of the great clash of arms in Europe. The *Signs of the Times*, bearing date of August 18, contains two excellent illustrated articles, covering four pages, on this question. The editor writes under the title, "Is Europe's War Armageddon?" and Elder M. C. Wilcox writes interestingly and illuminatingly under the title, "The Greatest War Storm in History." Extra copies have been printed. The price, as usual, is 2½ cents per copy for five or more.

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FROM THE FIELD

Since the close of the camp meeting my time has been occupied with administrative duties, and visiting some of our churches and isolated brethren and sisters.

Sabbath and Sunday, July 11 and 12, were spent with the Fenwood church. We had a good time together, as each member reconsecrated himself to the Lord, and renewed confidence in one another. Satan has been trying to discourage some of the members of this company, but God gave us his Holy Spirit as we counselled together, and a united shout of victory went up from the hearts of this camp of Israel.

The church at Rouleau has been visited recently. Almost all the members were present on the Sabbath, July 25. This church is trying to do its best to do the work that God has for it, and new Sabbath-keepers are being added from time to time.

Sabbath and Sunday, July 31 and August 1, were spent with the brethren and sisters at Swift Current. In spite of the almost complete failure of crops in this district our brethren are of good courage, and are striving for victory over all sin.

At Dundurn and Hanley I found all of excellent courage in the truth of God. Every one in these places seems to have the work of God close to his heart, and is putting forth vigorous efforts to extend a knowledge of the blessed message of salvation to those around them.

In behalf of the Saskatchewan school enterprise, Pastors Shaw, Farnsworth and myself (the committee chosen to draft a reply to the citizens of North Battleford who offered a school site to us) met in North Battleford the 15th and 16th of July. After the land was thoroughly investigated we drew up a reply to their offer. A few days ago favorable word was received, and I am now on my way to this place to ascertain more fully in regard to this whole matter as pertaining to the site at North Battleford. After all the facts have been secured it will be a pleasure for me to give them to our brethren in Saskatchewan. All are deeply interested in this important question, we know.

In view of the war that is now in progress the money market is at a complete standstill, and this is seriously affecting the plans of our people everywhere. It is possible that the Saskatchewan Conference will have to let the school project lay over until the future brightens. If this has to be done it will be an extreme disappointment to us. The large school committee appointed at the camp meeting will be called together just as soon as the harvest is over. We are at present going ahead with the matter as fast as our time, wisdom, and judgment will allow. If God wants this conference to build this fall in the face of the darkest clouds that have ever arisen on the horizon

of modern times, we know that he is able to provide a way. We need the prayers and counsel of God's people in this province in order that a wise course shall be pursued.

The work in the various departments of the cause in Saskatchewan is making good progress. Let us praise God for this. Pray earnestly for our workers who are laboring zealously for the salvation of souls.

A. C. GILBERT.

TIMELY LITERATURE

In view of the events passing before us, our people everywhere ought to bestir themselves to great missionary activity. The situation in which the world is at this present moment, is a most significant warning to God's people. May our brethren and sisters, lay brethren and conference workers, lay hold upon every means to arouse their friends and neighbors to the solemnity of the times.

The North American Division Conference has quickly prepared a four-page illustrated paper showing what these things mean. This literature will be furnished at 50 cents per hundred, or \$4.00 per thousand.

Let every Sabbath-keeper in Saskatchewan get a quantity of this timely material, and scatter it far and wide. Sound the warning in every place. Make no delay. We must act quickly. Send to the Saskatchewan Tract Society, Box 244, Regina, Sask.

A. C. GILBERT.

**REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1914.**

Name	Mem.	Donations		Total
		Regular.	13th Sab.	
Carlton	28	\$ 33.17		\$ 33.17
Dundurn	22	28.80	\$ 6.74	35.54
East Regina	25	15.34		15.34
Edenwold	72	40.94	9.90	50.84
Fox Valley	43	15.23	1.85	17.08
Fenwood	41	10.49		10.49
Hillesden	9	5.90		5.90
Hanley	23	60.75	35.00	95.75
Happyland	28	11.25		11.25
McLean	34	29.85	3.60	33.45
McGee	6	.62		.62
Queen Center*	30			
Red Deer Lake	23	22.40	1.95	24.35
Rouleau	46	31.47	11.00	42.47
Regina	19	21.12		21.12
Rosthern	26	29.97	13.65	43.62
Sonningdale	25	30.91	3.90	34.81
Sunset	16	13.00	7.00	20.00
Swift Current	25	15.05	8.75	23.80
Waldheim	45	4.32	7.40	11.72
Prov. Home Dept.	169	161.02	15.33	176.35
Camp-meeting			100.50	100.50
Totals: 20 schools....	754	\$581.60	\$226.57	\$808.17

*No offering reported.

I feel happy to present to you such a good report. You notice we now have 20 schools and of course our membership is increasing.

The donation for the quarter is a good one. In fact it is the largest Sabbath-school offering ever given by Saskatchewan in any quarter except one, when it reached \$950. How encouraging it is to see our people lifting nobly with their means to spread this message.

The following words from the pen of Elder Evans express the sentiment of my heart. "And so I say, God bless the work the Sabbath-schools are doing, not alone in the study of the lessons and the training of the youth for God, but in the great work of giving for the greatest and grandest work there is today."

Let us not forget our \$3,000 goal, and may we do everything in our power, amid these serious times, to keep our Sabbath-school offerings up to the mark. For the nearer we get to the end, the faster we must work. May we pray earnestly for the faithful missionaries in foreign lands and continue to give of our means to help support them.

In view of the seriousness of conditions at the present time, the following paragraph from the dear old Sabbath School Worker seems encouraging and applicable.

It is worth many re-readings. "Every day let us renew the consecration to God's service; every day let us, in his strength, pledge ourselves afresh to do his will, even in the veriest trifle, and to turn aside from anything that may displease him. He does not bid us bear the burden of tomorrow, next week, or next year. Every day we are to come to him in simple obedience and faith, asking help to keep us, and aid us through that day's work; and tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow, through years of long tomorrows, it will be but the same thing to do; leaving the future always in God's hands, sure that he can care for it better than we. Blessed trust! that can thus confidently say, 'This hour is mine with its present duty; the next is God's, and when it comes, his presence will come with it.'"

May the Lord help us each to be faithful lights for him and at last be among those who receive a crown.

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

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**THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE
WORLD**

During the past few days we have been brought face to face with tremendous issues. How shall Seventh-day Adventists meet the situation which has become universal? What do these things mean?

With thrilling interest this denomination has been watching the fulfillment of prophecy for years, and during the last few days we have become witnesses of most striking omens of the Saviour's return, prophesied by his own divine lips: "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." The present crisis in Europe is a fulfillment of prophecy which ought to stir the heart of every believer so thoroughly that the principal motive of each will be the proclamation of the last saving message.

So rapidly is the end approaching that God is now permitting to come upon land and sea the very things that will shake the minds of men and prepare their hearts for the reception of truth. Never before have we had such a live opportunity to respond to minds who are asking, "What do these things mean?"

Our leading brethren connected with the publishing houses have prepared special articles for the magazines, and other literature, dealing with this great war. Particulars of these, together with prices of same, are published in this issue of the *Tidings*. The time is ripe for the carrying forward of an aggressive missionary campaign, and I hope that the missionary leaders of all our churches and companies, as well as all isolated members, will awake to the situation by ordering some of this literature from the Tract Society. It should be placed in the hands of as many relatives, friends and neighbors as possible. At this time, we do not need to pray for opportunities to work for souls. They are here. From now on shall we not improve them until the work is cut short in righteousness.

H. HUMANN.

NOTICE

For some time it has been growing evident that duties in the States would demand the attention of Mrs. Beardsley and myself. The thing was deferred hoping that some arrangement would be made whereby the enforced absence of several months could be our vacation next summer; but on my return from the Manitoba camp meeting we saw that this could not be, and accordingly the matter was laid before the Academy Board with the result that my resignation was accepted.

While we have enjoyed our work in this field very much, and feel that we have many friends in Canada, and would be glad to remain, this only makes us regret the more the necessity of leaving at this time. God has greatly blessed our feeble efforts and bungling plans, for all of which we are deeply thankful.

Elder C. A. Burman was asked by the Board to take the work, and has accepted, taking charge September 1. We trust that all the co-operation and sympathy that has been ours in the past will be shown to Brother Burman as he takes up this work. While it is a work in which both he and Sister Burman are deeply interested, having been with this school since its organization, yet he feels very much the need of the assistance and above all the prayers, of all the friends of the institution. May God be with these workers as they shoulder the burdens that we know are by no means light.

J. I. BEARDSLEY.

AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO WORK

"Coming events cast their shadows before them." If ever this maxim was true it is now. The very atmosphere seems laden with an influence that bespeaks intensity.

The enemy, knowing that he hath but a short time, is working with all his might to get full possession of the minds of humanity, in order to keep them from getting in touch with the last warning message. He uses varied methods to accomplish his end. By excitement, pleasure, money-making, etc.

Just now is the time to work. And our work should not lack zeal, earnestness and diligence, any more than the enemy's. Conditions at present are exceptionally favorable to speak of the Blessed Hope. The question on many lips is, "What does this war mean?" Now we want to be able to give a "reason for the hope that is in us, with fear and trembling."

Since the war commenced we have had some wonderful experiences. People seem eager to listen and question. Last week a man came to the city, searched in the directory and found my address, and called for literature. He left again the same day, but promised to write. He is an evangelist of another denomination.

One of our magazine workers came across a lady that has been keeping the Sabbath for two years, not knowing that she was living three blocks from one of our members.

The Lord has set his hand to do a quick work. From now on we shall have to be alert and step into openings. Pray for us.

H. A. NIERGARTH.

WESTCOTT

Pursuant to the plans made at camp meeting, I came to my field of labor at Westcott and vicinity very soon after its close. I secured the school house in which to hold meetings, and after ten days of house to house work, began holding public services.

The first public meeting was largely attended, the minister himself being present. Hitherto they had not been holding Sunday night meetings, so I was at liberty to announce services on that night, as it is the best night of the week to get a congregation in the country.

However, the preacher and his coadjutors got busy and spent the greater part of the week, warning the people against us. The next Sunday morning I attended their service, and the minister from town gave me a splendid lashing. He said that those people who are preaching that man is a mortal being and that the wicked will finally be destroyed, had better read the first three chapters of their Bible, if they wish to find out that man is an immortal being.

He also said, very emphatically, that this day (Sunday) was the Sabbath, and that God had blessed and sanctified it. And many of the people said amen. While I had not preached on either of the three cardinal doctrines mentioned, he evidently wanted to forewarn the people as well as notify me of the error.

My next meeting was very poorly attended, but I was not discouraged, and since that time the attendance has been increasing. One Presbyterian lady, who refused to let me in her house, has started coming, and told one of our sisters that she was so much interested that she should continue.

Another, the postmaster, threatened me if I did not leave the neighborhood, but I am here yet, and the Lord did not permit him to strike me either. I had a similar experience with a young preacher, though he did not offer to strike me: he insisted that I should leave the community. I told him that the only way to get me to stop preaching was to show me that I am wrong and that he is right, by the Bible. He declined to undertake so arduous a task.

I am of good courage, believing that the Lord has directed my steps this way. It is so sweet to trust in Jesus and to know at every step that he is leading. How much we need to be found in prayer, that the evil one may not destroy us or deceive us by any of his sophistries.

Pray for us and the work, for there is much prejudice that must be broken down. There are mighty Jericoes to be thrown down before God's people can take the field. The same God lives that went before his people of old and drove out their enemies before them.

We have had many blessed seasons, studying God's Word with the people—in their homes, in the field, in the barn, by the road side, and often while riding with them on their way to town. All I ask is that I may be a blessing to some one each day—that I may be wise to speak the right word at the right time, and be still when He wants me to.

We are expecting the Lord to do something for this people. Pray for us. J. L. BEANE.

CALGARY

Our work here in Calgary presents a very encouraging aspect. Our congregation is about the same as when we began. We have now presented the Sabbath question and many have expressed themselves in favor of it.

We are in the trying time of our work, and need your prayers more than ever. We appeal to you to offer up special prayers for this work. Souls are before us every night, who are in the valley of decision, and are studying for deliverance. We are sure you are praying for us as we come before them.

Our company are all of good courage and are having splendid experiences, especially in the cottage work. We are meeting some opposition from the Russelites. This, I suppose, is because we are penetrating their lines and taking some of their people, but we feel that God wants to save them as well as others. Pray for us. J. L. WILSON.

THE WAR AND OUR LITERATURE

Soon after the outbreak of hostilities we received a letter from the office of the *Signs of the Times*, part of which reads as follows: "This week's issue of the *Signs* (Weekly) will contain good strong articles on the situation, fully illustrated, entitled "The Greatest War Storm in History," and "Is Europe's War Armageddon?" The paper is dated August 18th and is now ready for mailing from Mountain View. Price, 2½ cents per copy for five or more, while they last. Don't miss this.

The *Review and Herald* announce the publishing of a four page paper containing five illustrations, bearing the name of the "The Coming Conflict; What Do These Things Mean?" Price only one-half cent each. Every one should have fifty of these.

Special matter on the great war appears in a coming issue of the *Watchman*, prepared by Prof. P. T. Magan, the well-known writer of articles on the eastern question. Price, five cents a copy. Illustrations will be good.

We are sure that our churches and companies, as well as all isolated believers, will recognize the importance of securing some of the above-named literature for immediate circulation. With a variety to choose from at such remarkably low prices, there should be no excuse for anyone who realizes the solemnity of the present world crisis, to neglect such a grand opportunity for swelling the loud cry.

Avoid disappointment by ordering early. Address all orders to the Alberta Tract Society, Lacombe, where they will receive prompt attention.

F. L. HOMMEL.

ALBERTA NOTES

Brother J. K. Fish, who has been laboring at Clive, is now holding meetings in the Gadsby district, east of Lacombe.

Elder H. Humann left Lacombe on the 13th inst. to spend the following Sabbath with the believers of the Vermilion Lakes church.

We learn from Brethren Wm. McCreedy and Cal Smith, who have just arrived from Boyne Lake, that the believers are of good courage up in that distant part of the country. Brother Clemens is still there holding meetings.

Brother Gottlieb Jahnke, whom we reported as being confined to his bed as a result of an operation, is anxious that all the believers in Alberta unite in prayer to the Lord for his recovery. We are sure that our people will respond to his request. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

We are pleased to welcome in our midst Brother and Sister Mooney, from Saskatchewan. Brother Mooney, it will be remembered, has been appointed Field Agent for this conference. We pray that the Lord will bless them richly in this new field of labor. They are planning to make their homes in Lacombe.

Elder Humann has recently visited Calgary and Beiseker. At the former place he reports that there are prospects for about twelve precious souls taking their stand for the commandments of God. The workers there are of good courage and Brother Humann says that the smiling face of those serving in the English effort tell the story of victory for the Lord. At Beiseker, Elder Humann says that the brethren have every reason to render thanks unto God for the blessed prospect of a fairly good crop this year.

Several members of the conference committee recently met at the academy. Among other actions taken was one inviting Elder C. A. Burman to fill the position as principal and business manager of the academy for the coming year. This step was taken on account of the recent death of Prof. Beardsley's father-in-law which occurred at Sutherland, Iowa. Prof. Beardsley's presence is required at that place for some time. We are all sorry to lose the valued services which he has so faithfully rendered to the school during the past five years.

FARM WANTED.—I would like to rent on shares a farm not more than five or six miles from the Academy at Lacombe, so that my children can attend the school. Will need pasture or outside grazing for eight cows and a few work horses. Have had nine years of experience in Alberta farming. Please write to J. S. Averill, Hawksdale, Alberta.

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It is a pleasure to note that our Union Conference is again ahead on the twenty-cent-a-week fund, having raised enough during the month of July to more than cover the deficit for June. During the month of July every conference in the union paid more than its full quota. This is certainly a splendid showing, considering the times.

Our people in Western Canada will learn with pleasure of the new book fresh from the pen of Elder G. B. Thompson, entitled "The Ministry of the Spirit." This book is now on the press and will be ready for delivery soon. A number are being ordered by the Canadian Branch Pacific Press for this field, and it will be well to place your orders early while this stock lasts. This is the only book published by our denomination on the office and work of the Holy Spirit, and will prove a great help to those who will read it. The book contains 224 pages, printed on eggshell paper and bound in cloth. Price \$1.10. Order from your tract society.

At the North American Division Council held at Loma Linda, Cal., plans were laid for conducting a special missionary campaign beginning October 1st and continuing until next spring. Our conference workers are preparing to push this line of work to the utmost of their ability, and it is hoped that they will meet with a hearty response from our people everywhere. We are in a time when this work must be closed up quickly. The European situation should remind us that the end is near. Let us pray that God may effectually use each one of us to the speedy furtherance of his cause. Plans for this special campaign will be kept constantly before our people, but in view of the situation, we must not wait until October 1st to begin. If you are not already at work, *begin now*.

Since mailing our last issue the nations of this world have been making history, perhaps faster than at any other time since creation; and there has been begun what has already been termed "the greatest war of the ages." It seems almost incredible that within so short

a time nearly every nation in the world could become involved in this great crisis which has brought sorrow everywhere. There is not a country, nation or people anywhere that is not already feeling the disastrous results.

The situation is one that is proving to be the gravest perplexity to the greatest statesmen this world has ever produced, and the whole world is looking for its meaning. The future is dark to those who are conducting the affairs of the nations. Only the diligent student of the prophetic Word of God can truly understand the events that are transpiring about us.

We cannot determine the outcome of this present struggle, but we do know that it is leading up to the last great conflict, and we know that God has given us a definite work to do at this time. If the nations are again held in check for a time, it will only be because there are yet honest souls out of the ark of safety.

This is a most favorable time for presenting our truth to those about us. To assist in this our publishing houses have prepared special literature. The *Review and Herald* has issued a four-page illustrated extra under a special title, "The Coming Conflict: What Do These Things Mean?" It is fully illustrated, and sells at 50 cents a hundred or \$4.00 a thousand.

There have also been prepared, special issues of "His Glorious Appearing" and "Coming King" in paper binding, to sell at 10c. and 35c. respectively. All our magazines have prepared special articles suitable for the times, and may be had at the regular rates.

Now, while the people are interested, is the time to handle this literature. There could be no greater opportunity for placing in the hands of those about us the plain Bible truths regarding the current events. "Work . . . while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work."

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

Manitoba, Week Ending July 31

Name	Book	Hrs.	Ord.	Helps	Total
Carl J. Jensen.....	P.G.	55	43		\$202.00
Carl Andersen	P.G.	36	13		52.00
George Belleau.....	D.R.	29	17		62.50
Three Agents...		120	73		\$316.50

Alberta, Two Weeks Ending August 7

Maggie Burgess....	P.P.	23	4		\$14.00
D. A. Dobbs	B.R.	36	6	\$3.00	27.00
Howard Hansen....	P.P.	60	4		14.00
Lillian Hayward....	P.P.	61	7		29.50
Martha Heuther ...	P.P.	49	7	3.00	29.50
Jalmar Johnson ...	P.P.	43	6		23.00
Robert Kittle	P.G.	101	26		120.00
Melvin Milne	P.P.	36	9	1.10	36.50
Sam Shafer	G.C.	78	23		82.50
Cal Smith	P.G.	122	30		112.00
Ten Agents		609	122	\$7.10	\$488.00
Thirteen Agents		729	195	\$7.10	\$804.50

Summary to date this Year

Subscription books	\$12,913.06
Magazines	1,586.25
Home Workers' Books	145.60
Total	\$14,644.91