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WORK WHERE YOU ARE

Perhaps you can not go away
To some far-distant clime,
To preach the glorious truth of God,
The message for this time;
But then your own dear little home
Can be your mission field.
Just work for God where'er you are,
Let love her scepter wield.

Perhaps you can not preach like Paul,
In language clear and plain;
But you can live the truth of God,
And work in Jesus' name.
Perhaps you can not do great things, z
Nor mighty deeds each day;
But you can speak of Jesus' love,
Or give a tract away.

C. P. WHITFORD.

NEARING THE HARBOR

The importance of the present hour grows intense as the days pass by. Events in the world are developing so rapidly that it seems impossible to realize what our ears hear, and our eyes behold. The mind seems dazed and stupefied amid the sights and sounds of a world seemingly gone mad.

During the first part of the present year, as far as outward appearance was concerned, the world moved on about as usual. Nothing of worldwide moment seemed to be seen to seriously affect the general tranquility, but suddenly a cloud was seen only the size of a man's hand, which has rapidly grown into a great tempest, indescribably terrible.

We now behold a world climbing over broken cities, and ruined homes by land, and groping its way amid the elements of destruction at sea. The voice of peace is drowned by the wail of sorrow; the song of mirth is supplanted by the funeral dirge, as millions of our dead and wounded are carried by.

On yonder hilltops are planted gigantic implements of destruction, while those beautiful plains and fruitful fields, spread out before the eye, are dugged into pits and trenches, and those once peaceful homes, nestled among groves of trees and shrubbery, lie desolate and bare. Many of the temples erected for the worship of God, are turned into barracks for soldiers, or hospitals for our wounded sons. Beneath you is a destructive mine; around you are millions of rifles, machine guns, and mighty cannon; while the air adds its horror of death.

The stupefied memory undertakes to recount some of the incidents connected with these appalling experiences, and while it seems that some of these things

must have happened years ago, it is remembered that they have all happened within the space of four months of time. It seems that we have lived years in these last few months. Are these only dreams? Alas, no, they are not dreams; they are realities which have thus begun quickly to overspread the earth.

These things are not a surprise to those who have studied the prophecies of the Bible written for our time. We have as a people, told our neighbors for many years, that these very things would overtake the world in the present generation. We have written books, and tracts, and published papers in many languages proclaiming these truths to the world. I say it is no surprise to us that this great and sudden destruction is come; yet it seems so sudden and is so dreadfully real, that it is almost beyond the faith of the mind. It seems as the tolling of the bells for the hastening of the greatest missionary movement that was ever lanunched upon the world.

It is equal to a definite call for every child of God to hasten with the tidings of mercy to the people who live about them, and to lend a helping hand to those who have gone to carry the truth to lands afar.

On board a ship in the midst of a voyage, there is nothing to be seen above the ordinary routine of life, as the vessel plows through the sea. The officers and crew move about at their leisure as duty requires. The men on the bridge keep a constant lookout day and night, frequently consulting the chart and making other observations to assure themselves of the location of the ship on the great deep.

The passengers content themselves in their waking hours with reading and conversing, or in walking the decks as their convenience may suggest, watching for the items of interest which appear on the bulletin boards from time to time.

But suddenly one morning, the announcement is made that we are about to enter the harbor; home is in sight, and immediately the whole ship becomes a scene of activity. Every passenger hastens to make the needed preparation for landing. Each man of the crew is at his post. There is no common lounging about now, everybody has something to do in this most important hour, to which all have been looking forward.

The above but faintly illustrates the position in which we stand at this time. Never, since omnipotence spoke the worlds into existence, did we read of such activity as is seen in every part of the world today. We are no more in the midst of this long voyage, but we have suddenly reached the very entrance of the harbor to which we have looked forward. To doubt this is but to close the eyes to the plainest evidence.

We as a people know that this is the last opportunity humanity will ever have to reach the harbor of safety, and knowing it as we do, what must be our responsibility in this hour?

There can be but little time left for us to fulfill the responsibility laid upon us to warn the world of the doom that awaits it. Just now when these mighty happenings in the world are causing the hearts of the people about us to tremble, there are many who are eager to read the meaning of the things they see and hear, who before would not listen.

Our foreign missionaries also are trying to double their efforts to meet the situation, in this great world crisis, and our people in the home land are determined to hold up their hands.

May the Lord greatly bless his people as they plan to make sacrifices for the speedy finishing of the work.

H. S. SHAW.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

The call to service now sounding throughout the ranks is being responded to nobly on the part of many. World war conditions serve to arouse God's people and deepen the longing in every heart for the ushering in of that bright and glorious day, when pain and tears and death and sighing will be no more. What a few realize in this direction is what we want every Seventh-day Adventist to know. "God expects personal service from every one of whom he has intrusted a knowledge of the truth for the time." *Vol. 9, p. 30.* "It is an eternal law of Jehovah that he who accepts the truth that the world needs is to make it his first work to proclaim the truth." *Vol. 7, p. 13.*

We wish that every church in the North American Division, would do as well as the Northside German church of Chicago. The following is taken from a letter just received from the leader, David Voth:

"Last Sabbath the Northside German church of Chicago had their Harvest Ingathering program. At the close of the program the money was collected, that had been solicited by the members of the church, which amounted to \$202.16. Our church has 51 members, so we raised about \$4.00 per member. We made up our 20-cents-a-week fund for the whole year and about \$5.00 more. Last Sabbath was a happy day to our church. We were all glad and happy for having a part in the Lord's work."

We trust that our dear people everywhere will take hold and make good at this needy and most opportune time. Now is the time to labor. Soon it will be too late. May the spirit of Israel's God, the spirit of service, rest upon this people. We are surely nearing the end. May we all be ready for the midnight call.

F. W. PAAP.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The daily reports of the great European war bring many thoughts to our minds in connection with the still greater war being waged between Christ and Satan. This war is reaching its great crisis, in the final struggle that takes place just before Christ comes back to this world. To meet this crisis, the Lord has sent forth a great cry all over the land for volunteers to enlist in active service for him. This call is made

through this home missionary movement, for the interest that is being taken in it, and the attention that has been turned to it, in so many parts of the world shows that the movement is inspired by the Holy Spirit.

The question is, how many will respond to the Lord's call to service? Many are doing so, and it is inspiring to read the many good missionary reports in the union conference papers. But not all are yet working, and perhaps some who are working can do more.

There is one very important thing about this call to service, and that is that the Lord tests the love of his followers by the work they do for him. "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not unto me." *Matt. 25:45.* He said to this class, "Depart from me." Are we really followers of Christ? If we are, every call to service will be to us another opportunity to show more of our love to Jesus. We will welcome it as giving us another outlet for the warm love we have in our hearts. Just as Christ has poured out his love for us, so we will want to pour out our love for him. As we do this, it will come back to us in fresh evidences of the Saviour's love for us.

One call to service is the plan to circulate an average for every member of two weekly *Signs of the Times*, each week. The first eight weeks of the campaign brought in additional subscriptions to the number of 17,605, but while we are very thankful for this increase through the efforts of some loyal disciples, it does not seem a very great work for 71,000 believers. We feel sure that you can do better than that, for of this number one sister alone sent 137 subscriptions.

Here is the situation: On one side is the Lord, looking longingly, yearningly, at the souls he died to save, who do not know him. He has only one plan for reaching them, and that is through the work of those who do know him. He is depending upon them to do it, but they are so slow, and time goes fast. On the other side are honest-hearted people, longing and groping for something, they know not what. They are unsatisfied, craving for that alone which will help them, the saving power of Christ.

Who will bring these together? Every Sabbath-keeper may have a part in doing this, and there is no better way than by circulating our literature. Just now special efforts are being made to build up the circulation of the *Signs* because it has proved again and again to be a very effective instrument for soul-saving. Are there not more who will take at least two copies of this paper each week? They cost only five cents a week, or \$1.20 for the two copies for six months, if ordered with the church club. They will sell readily, as they are full of the very things the people are interested in just now. Those who do not care to sell them can give them away, or mail them to friends and neighbors. The method of circulating them is not so important, as it is to get them into the hands of the people in some way, that the Holy Spirit may have channels through which to work.

The Lord is depending on you, and he has no other plan. You will not disappoint Him, will you?

E. M. GRAHAM.

SIGNS WEEKLY

Every lover of this cause, and especially those who have taken hold with a new grip in connection with the call for *advance moves all along the line*, will appreciate the success that is attending our united efforts in increasing the circulation of the *Signs of the Times* weekly. When the campaign opened the subscription list stood at about 15,000. It has now passed the 30,000 mark, and the orders are rolling in.

Brother Hoskin, who has been with the *Signs* for years as circulating manager, says, "that they have never before seen anything like the flood of orders that is pouring in." Praise the Lord for this.

Have you, dear reader, ordered your two copies? Is this great increase due to your sympathy? If every believer in the North American Division Conference were doing as well as you are, where would the list stand? By the way, we would like to suggest that you make an effort to secure subscriptions from your friends and neighbors. This is a good time. We want to see the list rise till we reach the 100,000 mark. Will you help us? We would be glad to hear from you regarding your efforts with this soul-winning agency.

F. W. PAAP.

GETTING OUT AN EXTRA

The launching of the circulation of the *Review* Extras is not only interesting, but serves as a test in the operation of our organized forces. The following is a brief outline of the way an extra is launched.

The managers and editorial staff are called into council. It is decided to issue an Extra. The contents are critically studied and each part assigned to different writers, who immediately begin their work. The linotypes are soon busy on parts of copy provided. A constant stream of copy passes rapidly through the typeroom and foundry until complete electro-forms of the Extra are ready for the presses. The presses are started with orders to run at high speed without stopping day or night, until they get ahead of the orders already coming in.

As soon as it has been decided to run an Extra the department of circulation has been notified, and at once the whole force of stenographers are busy getting out notices for our papers, and to the general workers, union conference presidents, conference presidents, tract society secretaries, and a large list of those who are known to be "live wires" in the circulation of our literature. All these workers at once communicate with their local workers, churches, and companies, and in most surprisingly short time, everybody knows about the Extra, and orders begin to flow in from all parts of the field, the nearby localities getting their orders there first.

The *Review* of November 5 carried the first printed notice of the issuing of the second Extra, "The Eastern Question." The first copies of this issue were mailed on the 9th, but sample copies were not mailed until November 11 to 13, yet on November 16 orders for half million copies had been received, and at that time orders averaging from 50,000 to 90,000 copies per day were coming in. Two presses were run 24 hours each day until the 20th before they caught up with the orders that had reached the office. They

continued to run, being able to gain but little on orders for some time.

Extra Number 2 gives the Advent and Sabbath messages combined. Our people seem to like it, and are giving it a hearty welcome. In many localities this issue is being placed in every home. In the New Jersey conference 115,000 copies had been ordered up to November 19, and at that time orders were still coming in from New Jersey. This Extra Number 2 is being printed by request of the New Jersey Tract Society in the Bohemian language. There is opportunity, therefore, for other conferences to have this Extra in Bohemian from the *Review and Herald*, New York City, N.Y.

Manitoba Conference

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THE WEEK OF PRAYER IN MANITOBA

Every Bible student knows that the men who had power with God were men of prayer. It is also noticeable that they had set times to pray. As a people we were never nearing a more important week of prayer than this one that is right upon us. It appears to me we ought to lay aside our work as far as possible and make this a time of seeking God as never before.

Let us clear up all differences, if there are any between us and our brethren, and humble our hearts before God, that he may show us any sin which may be about us, that there may be nothing in us to hinder the work of his Spirit at this time.

As we glance over the readings which have been prepared for the week we believe they are right to the point and just what we need at this time.

It is time for us to "weep between the porch and the altar" for the wayward and unconverted. If you know of some one in your church who is cold and in a back-slidden condition, make it the burden of your soul to do what you can to help and encourage.

All young people in your family and Sabbath-school who are not converted should have your most earnest prayers and help to lead them to the Saviour.

We have only two ministers who can get out and visit churches during this week, so you can see that we cannot get very far. You may have to get along the best you can, but we hope all will try to have regular services daily if possible, even if there are no more than the members of your own family present. God will meet with you. At the close of this important week, remember to bring your annual thankoffering to Him "from whom all blessings flow."

Let us recount our many blessings throughout the year and compare our lot with some of our dear brethren and missionaries in the war zone. Should we not resolve to make a sacrifice to God for his goodness to us?

If we could give two dollars each, I think this would cover our quota to missions. Now perhaps all cannot do this, but some could give more so that the average

would make up the amount. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

May this be the richest season our Manitoba brethren have ever experienced is my prayer. Make it indeed a week of prayer—December 12-19. E. M. CHAPMAN.

BRANDON

Sabbath, November 21st, was a good day for the believers in Brandon. We have looked forward to this day, for a long time, and with a great deal of anxiety.

A little over a year ago Elder Chapman, Brother Soper and myself began a series of meetings here. At times the outlook seemed bright, and at other times dark, but we held on with the assurance of success, for we knew many prayers were ascending to the throne of God that souls in this city might be won to the truth, and a beginning be effected in this important center.

Sabbath afternoon, after some appropriate instructions by Elder Chapman on the organization and work of Christ's Church, setting forth the duties and responsibilities of the members, we buried by baptism, eight willing souls in a watery grave, to rise for a better life. In the evening we again met, and organized the Christian band into a church, with a full corps of officers, and celebrated the solemn ordinances of the Lord's house. These people were overjoyed by the fraternal feeling manifested. May God grant that this Christian spirit may continue to grow in the hearts of this dear people, till "they shall see eye to eye" and "be like Him," that they may be a nucleus around which a large company shall gather in the near future.

The work here has only begun. Several others will soon be ready for baptism. The members are taking hold of missionary work in a way that would put older members to shame. There is young talent stored here, which we are sure, in time, will be used as efficient help in the cause of God. The promise has been verified, "They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

There has come a call for some meetings to be held at Rivers, so for a little while we will leave the work here in the hands of these new workers, with Mrs. Robb to assist them by counsel. We rejoice that we can have a closing part in this work. Our very souls cry out for the speedy fulfillment of this great truth and the realization of our hopes. May God grant that it may be so.

V. W. ROBB.

HARVEST INGATHERING EXPERIENCES

Our hearts are cheered as the reports come from over the province. We are always glad to hear how God has blessed the efforts of his faithful children as they have tried to engage in this work.

Many very good reports have come from both old and young, and although to some, the work has been quite a cross at first, and some have had hard experiences at times, all have received a blessing, and I am sure will have their reward.

One old sister whose health is not very good, rejoiced very much over being able to collect nine dollars, and I am sure we all rejoice with her.

Another woman in this country, sends in twenty dollars. We feel that this is very good.

The donations are not large this year, especially in the city where the people are constantly receiving so many calls for various things, but we find the people willing to help what they can, when we give them a chance.

One young man, not yet a church member, received something at nearly every house. A young woman very recently baptised, went out with trembling and did very well. One young brother, but a month old in this message, helped to collect over twenty dollars. Now, Brethren, isn't this good?

Does it not rejoice your heart to hear these things? The money is needed greatly to carry on the Lord's work at this time, and the more we collect, the more we hasten his coming. But this is not all. The blessing that comes to our own souls, in this active service, cannot be compared in value to any amount of money.

God could get means to carry on his work without any effort upon our part at all should he choose to do so. He is not dependent upon us. But in his love he chooses to give us the privilege of being coworkers with Him, that we may share in the joy of His salvation.

When the campaign started, many of us were very busy getting the fall work done, but now we hope more of our people will be able to find time to enter.

Many of the conferences are just fairly started with this work, so let no one think it is all over, or that it is too late, for this is something we can do all the time or at any time.

I am wondering if it could be possible that any who read this have not yet tried this work. Can you not plan to spend a few hours at least and get a taste of the blessing?

The Germans entered the work with much zeal and have used all their papers. If you are among this class we invite you to continue work with the English papers, of which we have a good supply still on hand.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

MANITOBA NOTES

Brother Charlesworth, of Minaki, Ontario, is spending a few days in Winnipeg.

We are glad to report a fully organized church at Brandon. Seven were baptised last Sabbath, the 28th ult. They expect to have another baptism in a few weeks.

While the air is full of the Christmas spirit and most people are planning for feasting and presents, shall we not make an effort to give to Jesus Christ our best, and seek to please him in the use of all the means he gives us?

By the time this reaches you, Brother B. L. Grundset, our Secretary-Treasurer, will be back at the office. I am sure we are very happy to know he is able to resume his work in our midst.

Brother David Gulbrandson, and family, arrived in Winnipeg this week from Iceland. He will locate here to labor for the Icelandic people of Winnipeg. We are very glad to have the privilege of welcoming them into our conference, and very earnestly pray that God may richly bless his labors.

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 tary, J. V. Maas; Sabbath-school Secretary, Mrs. A. C.
 Gilbert; Educational Secretary, A. C. Gilbert.

THE THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING

Never before in the history of the Thirteenth Sab-
 bath Offering, have we been face to face with a
 situation like this. Never before has the bloody hand
 of war wielded its bloody weapons over so vast a terri-
 tory, thereby affecting so many nations.

Our imagination can hardly picture the conditions
 now existing in the war zone. Think of the thousands,
 yes hundreds of thousands who are already numbered
 with the slain. Think of the widows trying to com-
 fort their fatherless children, perhaps by the ruins
 of a once comfortable home or maybe in another
 country where they are refugees.

There is the suffering from hunger, cold, plague,
 and devastation which makes the heart sick. But stay.
 What can we do?

Of course this has all had its effect on our work
 to a greater or less degree. Many of our missionaries
 in Africa who formerly have been supported by the
 European Division Conference, are now left without
 means for obtaining the necessities of life.

In order that the General Conference may be able
 to meet this condition, an Emergency offering of
 \$18,000 is called for to be taken in our Sabbath-schools
 on the next thirteenth Sabbath, December 26. The
 leaflet telling about the "call" has been sent to the
 schools and Home Department members. This will
 give you more definite information.

We cannot help the carnage with its awful results,
 but we may be benefactors to those affected by it.

This is our opportunity. What will be the answer
 from Saskatchewan?

"Give as you would to the Master,
 If you met his searching look:
 Give as you would of your substance
 If his hand the offering took."

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

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 tary, Lydia Stickle; Field Secretary, E. R. Potter;
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THE BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

The thirteenth annual session of the British Columbia
 Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists will be held at Pitt
 Meadows, B.C., December 25-30, 1914. The purpose of meet-
 ing is the election of officers for the ensuing year and
 the transaction of such other business as properly belongs
 to the conference. Services are to be held in the church
 Friday at 7.30 p.m., and the first meeting for organization,
 appointment of committees, etc., will be held the following

evening at 7.30. Each church in the conference is entitled
 to one delegate and an additional delegate for every ten
 members. A full delegation is desired from all our churches.

J. G. WALKER, President.
 J. B. GIDDINGS, Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

The British Columbia Conference Association will hold
 its annual meeting in the church at Pitt Meadows, B.C.,
 in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Conference,
 announced for December 25-30, 1914. The first meeting of
 the Association will convene Monday, December 28, 1914,
 at 11.00 o'clock a.m. Officers for the ensuing year should
 be elected and other business transacted that properly be-
 longs to the Association.

J. G. WALKER, President.
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 Culloch; Tract Society Secretary, F. L. Hommel; Religious
 Liberty Secretary, W. A. Clemenson.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER

The week of prayer, for the year 1914, representing
 one of the most precious occasions in the history of
 this denomination is at hand. It should be the very
 best experience of this people. Marvellous things have
 developed this year. Great omens foretelling the end
 are being fulfilled day after day. It is the fact that God
 is preparing a people who will stand before him with-
 out spot or blemish. Not one of us, however, will ever
 attain that state of perfection until Acts 3:19 has been
 fulfilled in the life: "Repent ye therefore, and be con-
 verted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the
 times of refreshing come from the presence of the
 Lord; and he shall send Jesus Christ, which before
 was preached unto you."

Dear Brother or Sister, I trust that you have already
 asked the Lord to give you just the very experience
 you need. It is important that you should not wait
 until the week of prayer begins before seeking God.
 And it is more important that you should continue
 to pray after the week has passed by. It will be
 praying people who will soon find their way through
 the pearly gates of the city.

Our committee has made the following arrangement
 for workers to visit the churches and companies in
 Alberta, though in order to reach all our churches and
 companies, it may become necessary to deviate a little
 from this plan:

Vermilion Lakes.....	W. A. Clemensen.
Woodbend	L. T. Heaton.
Edmonton	P. P. Adams.
Leduc German, and Edmonton.....	A. C. Harder.
Leduc English	A. P. Pond.
Sedgewick	C. A. Hanson, H. E. Shelstad.
Didsbury and Neapolis.....	R. P. Mooney.
Clive	S. M. Ryan, H. D. Middleton.
Harmattan	W. Landeen.

Calgary	J. L. Wilson, H. S. Shaw.
Midnapore	Sam Leiske.
Beiseker	H. H. Humann.
Charesholm	H. A. Niergarth.
Holborn	D. A. Dobbs.
Winnifred	J. L. Wilson.
Comrey	L. Halsvick.
Josephburg, Thelma	A. A. Roth.
Gadsby	T. S. Bowett.
Hanna, Loyalist	C. K. Reiswig.
Coronation	A. T. Babienco.
Clemens	H. H. Humann.
Alix	E. Clark.
Acme	J. K. Fish.

Those of our scattered brethren and sisters who can do so should arrange to meet together for the readings and prayers. Let all plan to make their offerings as large as possible. Our brethren in the foreign fields, cut off from their regular channels of support need our help as never before. Added to this, Alberta is still behind in her quota to the twenty-cent-a-week fund to missions. Let us all lift together so that when the year 1915 is ushered in our share will have been fully met. Remember that the week of prayer offerings are counted on the twenty-cent-a-week fund, and we trust that they will go a long way in reducing our shortage.

May the Lord help each one to make the right preparation of heart so that his richest blessings may descend upon Israel at this precious season, is my prayer.

H. H. HUMANN.

DAILY PROGRAM AT THE ACADEMY

To become acquainted with the benefits to be derived from a daily program, as carried out in one of our schools, one must visit the institution and see its working, and even then they cannot be fully appreciated, as the value of such a training is not seen at once.

Long before the six o'clock rising bell, the program for the day begins. At about five will be heard the quiet movements of the night-watch, as he slips from room to room awaking the faithful young men who have been asked to care for the horses and cows. This done, the watchman proceeds to stir the fires in the homes and dining room. Soon the matron with her corps of workers arrives, and the dishes begin to move preparatory to the morning meal, which is always ready at the appointed time.

At six o'clock the inmates of the homes are awakened by a prolonged ringing of the outside bell. At 6:45 students and teachers assemble around the dining tables for family worship before the fast of the past night is broken. During the half hour following breakfast, the tables are cleared, dishes washed and the private rooms tidied. Students, at this time may be hurrying from place to place about the academy buildings, while a long broken column is seen approaching from the valley below. Eight o'clock finds students and teachers assembled in the various class rooms ready to recite the lessons prepared the night before. With the exception of forty minutes devoted to chapel exercises, the time until 1.20 p.m. is divided into seven recitation periods of forty minutes each. Those not engaged in recitation may be found in the chapel or assisting in the kitchen.

The chapel exercises, which are attended by all, consist of a song, Scripture reading and prayer, followed by announcements or general remarks by some member of the faculty, or a visiting worker. Thus the forenoon of each day quickly passes away.

At 1:30 every member of the home family will be found in the dining room where an abundance of well prepared food is in readiness. Upon reaching the dining room the guests linger just inside the door until the signal is given and all take their appointed places while God's blessing is asked upon the food and partakers. Each table is numbered. When its number is called the guests of that table move in single file to the counter where they select from the food there provided and return to their places. Each teacher and student has a ticket from which is punched the value of the meal. At present there are eleven tables and eight at a table.

Dinner over, each student goes to his appointed work, and soon they are scattered over the farm and about the buildings. The work is divided among them that should one fail to be present at his post of duty there is an interruption, a jar in the system. Some of the students are asked to bear heavy burdens and should they fail to do their appointed work at the proper time great loss might occur. By such an arrangement it is easily determined whether it would be advisable to ask each student to bear heavier burdens when school days are over.

For one hour each day, except Sabbath, from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. each student has been asked to lay aside books and spend the time in recreation. At present skating affords the greatest amount of exercise and pleasure. It has been proved by past experience that an hour spent in this manner each day is a great preventative of colds and other sickness.

Six o'clock finds quite a company again assembled in the dining room for evening meal. At 6:40 the outside bell rings and the young men assemble in the chapel, and the ladies gather in their parlor for evening worship. This lasts about thirty minutes, when the study hour begins and continues until 9:45. During this time the home students are assembled in two large rooms preparing lessons for the following day. With the exception of five minutes recess not a word is spoken above a whisper and then only regarding lessons. Fifteen minutes later the lights are out and the homes quiet. Thus one day follows another in quick succession. The weeks and months pass by and soon a school year has passed into eternity.

C. A. BURMAN.

BEISEKER

We are glad to say that the Lord has imparted his blessing at this place. Thursday, November 26, my brother came from St. Louis, Mo., so we called a meeting, and have had meetings every night since that time. Last night every one in the house re-consecrated their life to God. Sinners confessed their sins, back-sliders renewed their stand on the side of truth; young and old cried to the Lord for help, and surely help came from above, for many were converted.

We have longed for such a time, and God heard our prayers, and we praise his name. Outsiders are com-

ing and taking part, and we are deeply stirred by this movement. I have not seen any such interest for a long time.

The writer, and Brother Neufeld and Kindopp, also visited the meetings at Acme, and found Brother Fish of good courage. A few are keeping the Sabbath for the first time, there.

On Sunday the 29th, we visited the Baptist church and my brother was invited to address the congregation. He spoke on the Millennium, and after the meeting a number expressed themselves, saying they believed the truth as presented. May the Lord help that some more will see the truth. A. A. ROTH.

ALBERTA NOTES

Elder John H. Roth from St. Louis, Mo., recently spent sometime with the church at Beiseker, of which his brother A. A. Roth is Elder. We appreciate his work at the Rosebud church and are sure that his presence was a strength to the members.

Brother J. K. Fish is laboring with good results at Acme. Some families have taken their stand for the truth, and a message has reached us stating that others are in the valley of decision. Let us pray that the labors of Brother Fish will be so blessed that these will also be won to Christ.

Elder Humann and Brother T. T. Babienco visited Coronation, Loyalist and Calgary together recently. At each of these places they report having experienced a blessed time. Brother Babienco returned to his home in Saskatchewan November 23rd. His work among the Russian believers is greatly appreciated.

Elder C. K. Reiswig is laboring among the German-speaking people in the Leduc district. He reports a growing interest and that some have decided for God. Elder Humann spent Sabbath, November 28th and the next day in that district and while there had the privilege of speaking to a company of 135 people from the outside. Surely the Spirit of God is at work.

Elder H. S. Shaw arrived from Calgary on Wednesday, November 25th to attend some committee meetings and assist Brother Manfull, who arrived the day following, and Brother Mooney in the organization of a Canvassers' Band. Elder Wilson was also in attendance at the committee meetings from Calgary.

The Conference Committee has decided to ask Brother H. A. Niergarth to locate, in the near future, in the city of Medicine Hat. We are glad to be able to have a laborer among the people of that city, many of whom doubtless are hungering for the Bread of Life. We invite all our brethren to pray for Brother Niergarth to the end that the Lord will lead him as he seeks out the honest in heart in Medicine Hat.

ACADEMY NOTES.

Miss Phyllis Sargent spent the 29th and 30th of last month at her home near Clive.

A baby girl has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Buskirk. All are doing well.

Elder P. P. Adams paid a short visit to Millet, going up on Monday and returning Tuesday morning, December 1st.

Last Saturday evening the students and some of the teachers spent a pleasant hour on the lake.

Two of our young men have moved into the Cloninger house across Barnet Lake. They are caring for six new teams which are being broken for the Academy.

Elder H. S. Shaw, of Calgary, made us a pleasant visit last week. He addressed us at chapel one morning on the importance of the present times, and the special need of gospel work in the world now.

A large number attended the students' gospel meeting held at the home of Mr. F. Butcher last Sunday evening. The speaker, Brother Heaton, chose as his subject, "The

significance of the present war." Another meeting will be held next Sunday, December 6th, at Mr. Butcher's.

The students enrolling since last week are John A. Wiens, Elizabeth Buhler, and Merle and Day Speed from Saskatchewan; Stephen Wilson, Joseph Wilson, Margaret Wilson, John Wilson, Audrey Taylor, William Taylor, Mrs. Lylace Hayward, Alice Van Buskirk, Elmer Van Buskirk, Robert Hallberg and Lorenzo Dewey from Alberta. This makes our enrollment one hundred and fifty-one.

A very interesting program was rendered by the Public Reading Class and the Music Department of the Academy on Saturday evening, November 21. The numbers were as follows:

Male Quartette—"Sowing in Tears."

Prayer.

Recitation—"The Old Red Cradle," Mildred Bergey.

Piano Solo—Lydia Christensen.

Recitation—"The Little Shoes," Georgia Heaton.

Male Quartette—"Sometime, Somewhere."

Dialogue.

Piano Solo—Mrs. Abbie Adams.

Vocal Solo—A. T. Babienco.

Recitation—"The Song His Mother Sang," Eleanor Alcock.

Piano Solo—Harriet A. Beardsley.

Recitation—"The Ruined Merchant," Clara Gibson.

Double Male Quartette—"The Old Wayside Cross."

Dialogue—"Bishop Wiseman and the Commercial Traveller."

Piano and Organ Duet—Mrs. Adams and Miss Christensen.

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Brother W. L. Manfull visited this office last week while on his way to British Columbia. He had returned from Lacombe, and reports a splendid interest in the colporteur's bands recently formed at the academy.

There will be but one more issue of the *Tidings* this year. We request that all copy for that issue be mailed a few days earlier than usual to insure publication, as it will be *impossible* at that time to hold the forms open for *late articles*.

Brother B. L. Grundset, Secretary-Treasurer of the Manitoba Conference, has returned to the office in Winnipeg, after an absence of several weeks. Brother Grundset underwent a serious operation while away, from which he is recovering as rapidly as could be expected.

At the recent Fall Council of the North American Division Conference, it was voted "That David Gulbranson, of Iceland, be recommended to locate in Winnipeg to labor under the direction of the Western Canadian Union Conference, etc." Brother Gulbranson and family have now arrived in Winnipeg, and are entering upon their work among the Icelandic people of that city. We trust that God will richly bless the efforts put forth in behalf of these foreigners who have settled among us. We heartily welcome these new workers in our midst.

We are grieved by the news that comes to us of the death of Elder B. C. Haak, who has for some time been stationed in Argentina, South America. Brother and Sister Haak labored for a number of years in this Union Conference and were well known to a large number of our people, whose prayers and sympathy will go out in behalf of Sister Haak and the little ones, who are left to mourn their loss. As we are sure it will be of interest to our readers, we are quoting regarding his death from the *Northern Union Reeper*:

FALLEN AT HIS POST

"Another faithful worker has fallen at his post. We were shocked and made very sad last Friday when there came to us, over the wires, the news of the death of our beloved brother, Elder B. C. Haak. The only particulars given is that he died of typhoid-pneumonia at his missionary station in Argentina, South America.

"The following day, Sabbath, I received a long letter from him, dated October 22, in which he speaks of the good conference and camp meeting just closed.

"The letter told of their plans for strong, aggressive work this season, of the numbers who had embraced the truth, and of the desire to unite their efforts for the speedy finishing of the work. The whole letter indicated his confidence in God, and that the final triumph of the people of God is near at hand. May God grant his special blessing to the sorrowing wife and fatherless children.

G. W. WELLS."

THE HARVEST INGATHERING

It is a pleasure to note the interest that is being manifested in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Two or our conferences have ordered more papers that were used in last year's campaign, and no doubt future reports will show still further orders. One hundred thousand dollars is the goal set by the North American Division Conference to be raised in the campaign this year. The amount allotted to this Union is \$2008.16, divided as follows: Alberta, \$731.50; British Columbia, \$560.56; Manitoba, \$328.02; and Saskatchewan, \$388.08. The Saskatchewan Conference has already passed this amount by \$109.72. The total receipts to date are \$1232.69, as follows: Alberta, \$499.84; British Columbia, \$213.05; Manitoba, \$21.91 (report of last month not yet received); and Saskatchewan, \$497.80. This leaves a balance of \$775.47 yet to be raised. Shall we do it? Let each church and each individual plan to have a part in this work, and the blessing will surely follow. We are each one responsible to the full extent of our ability for the work God has given us to do, so let us be "about our Father's business."

EMPOWERED TO ANSWER

When God calls a man to do anything, he always accompanies the call with a gift. The gift is the power to answer the call. To hear God's call in any detail of life is like receiving an invitation from a friend at a distance to make a visit, and finding that the friend has enclosed with the invitation a check for an amount more than sufficient to meet all expenses. That is the way God invites us to do as he suggests.

He always encloses with the invitation more than enough to cover the cost. If God is calling you today to do anything, and he certainly is, be sure that he is also empowering you to answer his call. We may have to step right on faith; but the power is there, and will not fail. We may reject the power, and reject the call, and wound God, and suffer unspeakable loss; but our failure will not have been because the way was not clear to our succeeding. When God calls, God empowers. If He calls us to the impossible, He empowers us to the impossible. He never miscalculates. Why should we ever hold back?

—*Sunday School Times*.