

Western Canadian Tidings

"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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A PARAPHRASE

"There's so much good in the worst of us
And so much bad in the best of us"
That it best becomes the best of us
To praise the best in the worst of us,
And ill becomes the worst of us
To mock the faults of the best of us,
Then let the best and the worst of us
Extol the good in the both of us
And hide the fault in the lot of us.

—Geo. B. Class.

NINETEEN-FIFTEEN CONSECRATION

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Cor. 15:58.

As we enter the new year, these words apply with more than ordinary force. Surely we have reached a crisis in both the church and the world. No argument is needed to prove that we are face to face with the very things the prophets have foretold in connection with the last struggle through which the world is to pass. Just as the church is to enter the time of trouble, the faith of every one will be tested. To remain steadfast, unmovable, at this hour, is the greatest boon that could occupy the human heart. The following is a paragraph from a Testimony which came to the church some time ago:—

"Already the judgments of God are broad in the land, as seen in storms, in floods, in tempests, in earthquakes, in peril by land and by sea. The great I AM is speaking to those who make void his law. When God's wrath is poured out upon the earth, who will then be able to stand? Now is the time for God's people to show themselves true to principle. When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when his law is most despised, then should our zeal be the warmest and our courage and firmness the most unflinching. To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few—this will be our test. At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason." Vol. 5, p. 136.

Now is the time for every Seventh-day Adventist to take a firm stand for God's truth. In the world

people make what they call *new resolutions*; we call it a *new consecration*. Many of our people have made a *new consecration* to God, during the week of prayer just passed. The cause of truth has experienced a great uplift. It is like an ocean steamship, after taking on new supplies at some friendly port, and now she is putting to sea again, with new strength for the remainder of her voyage.

The Apostle Paul, when the brethren warned him of hardships ahead, said "None of these things move me." Bishop Simpson, in his "Lectures on Preaching," pages 65 and 66, makes reference to the Apostle's experience in the following words:—"You may be pressed, poverty may stare you in the face, but stand as 'the beaten anvil to the stroke.' Do your duty, and verily you shall be fed. God will care for you as long as the raven has wings, or a widow in the land has a 'handful of meal in a barrel.' Think of the early Christians, of the noble line of martyrs, and your sufferings will sink into significance."

Look at the great Apostle to the Gentiles. See him persecuted, arrested, imprisoned; see his back bared to the lash. Five times he received "forty stripes save one." I see him gathering his garments around his lacerated shoulders when he whispers, "None of these things move me." He is taken to the edge of yonder city, stoned, and left for dead. See him as friends gently raise him up and say, "Better abandon the gospel; they will kill you if you preach." Yet as soon as breath returns, he utters, "None of these things move me." I see him yonder, drawn out of the water; nature is overcome; he lies fainting on the bench, the water dripping from his hair; his friends say, "Surely he will never preach again"; but as the pulse beats once more, and strength returns again, I hear him say, "None of these things move me."

He is on his way to Jerusalem; the prophets tell him that he is to be bound and imprisoned; the people weep at the thought of seeing him no more; the elders of Ephesus come down to Miletus to meet him; he tells them he is going to Jerusalem, that he knows not what shall befall him there, save that the Spirit tells him in every place, that bonds and imprisonments await him; but he grandly declares: "None of these

things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." Bonds and imprisonments did await him. He stood before Nero. He was condemned to die; and out of the dungeon of his prison he sends, through Timothy, the heroic and joyous message: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Such a grand hero was the Apostle, living and dying. One work did he unmoved and immovable, and to us he speaks: "Follow me, as I have followed Christ."

The same undying fortitude will be given to every one who will place himself, with all he has, upon the altar in this *New Consecration* for 1915. H. S. SHAW.

"AFTER MANY DAYS"

Some who learned of the truth through the spoken or printed word years ago, but turned a deaf ear to it, are now sobered as they actually see the prophecies being fulfilled. Letters similar to the following are becoming quite common:

"If I remember correctly, my mother took a paper called *Signs of the Times* and it contained comments on all the current events. That was years ago. If your paper is still published will you send me sample copy and price, also list of tracts of short articles you may print on Bible teaching concerning the present war?"

Our publications are often sent to individuals without any word of explanation. As a result the donors are deprived of many encouraging letters which of necessity are addressed to the publishers. Here is one from Ireland:

"Some unknown friend has been sending me for some time copies of the *Signs of the Times* addressed as per enclosed. Do you know as to who sent these? They have discontinued sending to me for some time, and as I am very fond of your paper and derive great help therefrom I desire to become a direct annual subscriber. Please say if subscription must be paid in advance. If so, please say if you could supply me with back numbers from August 1st to November 1st, and for how much. How shall I send the money? Please enter as subscriber from November 1st."

This is another of the multiplying evidences that it pays to use the *Signs* in our missionary endeavors.

DANGERS IN EDUCATION

The dangers in education are more dangerous than the dangers to natural life. The one puts the soul in peril, the other only the body. Spiritual dangers are far more serious than physical. The president of a Presbyterian college in North Carolina declares that the education now given in the secular schools is a menace to the moral and spiritual interests of the young. In the magazine *Christian Education* for January he describes the still greater exposure of our boys and girls when they enter higher institutions

away from home. The Christian college is the city of refuge for our children. If you want to keep in touch with the safe side of education in the school and in the home, invest one dollar a year or ten cents a month in the Seventh-day Adventist magazine *Christian Education*, published at our denominational headquarters in Washington.

Alberta Conference

Office Address, Lacombe, Alberta.

President, H. Humann; Secretary-Treasurer, F. L. Hommel; Educational Secretary, J. I. Beardsley; Missionary Volunteer Secretary, A. Pond; Field and Missionary Secretary, R. P. Mooney; Sabbath-school Secretary, Miss H. G. McCulloch; Tract Society Secretary, F. L. Hommel; Religious Liberty Secretary, W. A. Clemenson.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER

The experiences of God's people during the Week of Prayer have been very good as far as we have been able to learn. Reports from the brethren who visited the various churches are encouraging indeed. If this week of prayer has not spurred us on to a year of prayer, all our efforts will be in vain. The same purpose with which we entered the week should be ours for the coming year. How often have we had reports of blessed experiences during these seasons of prayer in the past, but in spite of this we have failed; for God is not a week God, but an eternal God.

If all the reports that have come in are true, then our increase for the year 1915 will be a most remarkable one. May the Lord grant that the home of every father and every mother may be blessed with a true Christmas gift, which consists of transformed parents and children. All other gifts appear meaningless on the face of the books of heaven. Yes, rather a waste of the things that belong to God. "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Now this "newness" can only be retained by living out in our daily lives such texts of Scripture as: Mark 1:35; Ps. 119:147, 164.

Beiseker, Calgary and Midnapore were blessed with the spirit of true conversion during the week of prayer. Yes, fathers, mothers and children have had deeper experiences with God than ever before. May the Lord greatly bless the efforts of all his children for the new year with renewed courage, renewed faith, renewed power, and above all a new life. H. H. HUMANN.

CALGARY

Our attendance here has not been quite so large the last two or three weeks. It seems quite difficult to get people in the cities to think seriously, and there are so many attractions, especially at this time of the

year. We are surely living over again the days of Sodom.

While the city is full of pleasure seekers, our people find pleasure in working for God. There is a good spirit in all of our meetings and an earnest desire to get ready for the coming of Jesus. All seem to be impressed with the solemnity of the times.

Brethren pray that the Lord will give us power to reach those poor souls who seek for nothing but pleasure. Our souls are stirred every day as we take up the papers and see how rapidly prophecy is being fulfilled.

J. L. WILSON.

British Columbia Conference

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

President, J. G. Walker; Secretary-Treasurer, J. B. Giddings; Sabbath-school and Missionary Secretary, Bertha Lofstad; Tract Society Secretary, J. B. Giddings. Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Lydia Stickle; Field Secretary, E. S. Horsman; Educational Secretary, H. E. Giddings.

*PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

The following words of the apostle come with a peculiar force and meaning, as I address the delegates assembled in another session of our conference: "And that knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand." *Rom. 13:11, 12.*

Another year is past. This fact forces upon us one question that should engage our attentions with more solemn import than any other. Has the cause of God, the promulgation of which has been intrusted to his people, made advancement at the same pace with which the days and months of the year have gone? We are beyond the time when the coming of the kingdom of God can be long delayed. Our saviour is at the door. He is waiting for His people to finish the work which He has left for them to do.

Surely everything that is passing before our eyes today in the great panorama of world events has a startling significance when we view them in the light of God's messages through his ancient prophets. Just before the war some one said, "We are in the very midst of the busy whirl long foretold, when men should 'run to and fro' and when 'knowledge should be increased.'" It seems to me now that we are long past the very midst—we are approaching the impending judgment of God so soon to fall upon a world whose iniquity has come to its full. And the events transpiring now should be enough to startle and arrest the serious attention of the most careless and indifferent.

Soon "The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

*Extracts.

"For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up, and he shall be brought low.

"And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low; and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

"To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth." *Isa. 2:11, 12, 17, 21.*

The question as to whether or not we have done our best during the year to warn our fellow men, and to point them to the only refuge when the storm breaks upon us, is the first and foremost to engage our thought at the outset of this meeting. With this also should come the paramount question to give mould and direction to the sessions of this conference, what can we do and what plans can we formulate so that during the year to come we may make better progress in the work of God and accomplish all that the situation, as it has been described, demands of us.

Let me invite you, brethren and sisters and fellow-workers, to join in a review of our experiences during the past year, and if the spirit of God awakens a conviction of unfaithfulness, or of a neglect of our sacred trust, let us seek earnestly by humble confession for the assurance of forgiveness. And I also earnestly solicit your fullest co-operation during the session of this conference to the end that broad and effective plans may be laid for the work during the year to come. If we will in this way spend these days together, seeking for a fuller consciousness of sins forgiven, and of acceptance with him, and in that deep consecration to his work that the interests of this conference will have the first claim upon our time and attention while we are together, he will help us in our deliberations, and will bless our future efforts to carry forward his work, so that "the years which the locusts have eaten may be restored to us."

A few more years in the conflict with the hosts of evil and in the work of rescuing from the enemy the blood-bought souls who are held in his unyielding grasp, and then we shall enter the everlasting rest and taste the joys of the redeemed.

"We are living in the time of the end. The last fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude."

Our province has perhaps been more affected by the war, so suddenly thrust upon the world, than any of the other conferences in the west. Farming interests here are always light; manufacturing enterprises are either only planned or in their infancy; railroad development has set a very much slower pace, and the lumbering concerns with the coal, copper and iron mines, all requiring so much capital to operate have been obliged to shut down, nearly all of them, on account of the present money stringency. Necessarily these conditions must result in throwing men out of employment and in causing much distress among the poor. Those who live in the cities tell us that the poverty and suffering experienced by many is something startling for western towns where such experiences are very unusual. I presume something more complete will be stated on this question while we are together, for what we want to know is the actual condition in our own field.

With the conference church included, we now have twenty churches, with a membership of 542. This shows a gain of 26 in 1914. From reports received, 55 were baptised during the year. Our isolated list shows an enrolment of 74 Sabbath-keepers not members of any church in British Columbia. There are over 95 Sabbath-keepers in British Columbia who cannot have church privileges, not counting some of the younger members of families who understand something of the truth and are keeping the Sabbath. Many of our brethren and sisters thus situated are having a rich experience in circulating the message in their immediate neighborhood and a real interest is being shown. Thus the message of God is being presented in different localities. So now the number of Sabbath-keepers in the province is at least 526. Besides these there are a number awaiting baptism. At the meeting here last year I reported a membership of 426 and 51 isolated ones. We have experienced a gain of 49 Sabbath-keepers.

The number of Sabbath-schools is 24, with a membership of 570. This includes both churches and home schools. 1912 and 1913 show a large increase in Sabbath-school donations, the amounts being respectively \$1,597.00 and \$2,013.58. This year there has been a lively interest among the churches in trying to hold up their quota. Some have made their goal, some have nearly accomplished it, and some have come far behind, with all good intentions; yet the amount donated by all our Sabbath-schools this year has been \$2022.22, a gain over last year of \$8.64.

On the basis of 426, the membership reported last year, and the isolated Sabbath-keepers membership 51, the brethren and sisters gave per capita through the Sabbath-school, \$4.23 for the year or 8 cents per week.

Personally I am in favor of bending all our energies to make up our quota to foreign missions through the Sabbath-school.

The following is a paragraph from the pen of our Sabbath-school Secretary, Sister Lofstad: "To me, the most encouraging feature of our Sabbath-school work is the interest manifested by our schools and the readiness with which new plans are adopted and carried out. This shows that our Sabbath-schools are alive, and only living schools can bear their part of the responsibility placed upon them. There is nothing that has brought more courage and cheer to my heart during the past year than the letters and reports that have come to me from our members. We may not have accomplished all that we wanted to, but we have worked together and have tried to do our best and we hope that another year this best may be better, and that with the Lord's blessing upon our efforts we may reach the goal."

The last three years a good work has been done in establishing and operating church schools. Last year we had five church and three family schools in operation with an enrolment of 121. This year we have five church and four family schools with an enrolment of 115. Of this number, fifteen are doing work this year in the 8th grade.

In a report just received from our Missionary Volunteer Secretary, some encouraging features appear. Here is the report about as it comes to me: Number of societies, 10; total membership, 125; Standard of Attainment members, 11; Reading Course members, 50. Last year I reported five societies with a membership of 80. This year there are ten with a membership of 98. The number striving for the Standard of Attainment is not as large as it might be but perhaps with the advancement in education there will be a better showing. To me the most encouraging part is the missionary work done by our young people. The report of course is only partial.

Letters written	187
Missionary visits	418
Bible readings held	178
Papers sold	2648
Papers given away	1297
Books loaned or given away	76
Tracts loaned or given away	4411
Hours Christian help work	1182
Clothing given away	101
Meals provided	109
Treatments given	47
Donations to Foreign Missions.....	\$43.78
Donations to Home Missions	22.65
Tithe paid	76.70

Last year our tract society was heavily involved, but this year finds us with the debt somewhat reduced, with accounts receivable to cover. We have been having some trying experiences because of the credit plan and are about ready to suggest that the best for all con-

cerned in our book and tract work is to settle accounts at least monthly, and order nothing without the money absolutely in sight.

Our book work has fallen off this year account of the hard times, but our magazine work has enlarged. The following comparative statements may interest you all:

	1912	1913	1914
Subscription Books Sales....	\$6,704.94	\$2,979.16	\$1,617.39
Forty-per-cent book sales....	136.95	258.59	221.89
Trade book sales	475.81	376.05	273.01
Tract sales	265.57	236.35	213.22
Magazine sales	463.83	1,286.90	4,680.77
Bible sales	145.20	199.90	118.60
School and song books sold.	380.01	269.72	217.16
Supplies sold	186.64	1,068.52	114.24
Subscriptions for periodicals.	483.10	714.60	833.00
Miscellaneous book sales			68.56
Total sales	9,291.95	7,389.79	8,357.84

The academy is not operating on a paying basis on account of the small attendance. We should have about forty pupils in order to operate evenly. The prospect looked brighter than ever to make the school pay from the farm standpoint; as we have found in the short time we have controlled it that it *will produce*. Along these lines we have been blessed, but we must have students. As I have gone among the people I have learned of the spirit of loyalty prevailing, but so many are unable to send because of the lack of means. I urge on the part of this delegation a careful study of the situation as it stands now and such plans formed as will meet with the Lord's approval and insure the support of his people throughout the conference. The fruit of sanctified judgment was never more needed than in this matter now before us.

For my own part personally, I refuse further to endorse plans that will further involve the school or conference. We have believed all along that the institution was planted in the order of God and have lived hoping and praying that in some way relief would come. It has come to the point now that something decisive must be determined. Either suggest something better in the way of a financial policy, institute a campaign that will crowd our doors with students, or close down the school indefinitely.

This has been a trying year. With the greater demands for help coming from different quarters, came the most stringent time for money our treasury has experienced for some time. During the summer we were compelled to choose between going into debt to pay our laborers or lay them off for a season. The committee judged it best to follow the latter course and accordingly our workers were nearly all laid off during July and August, the best period of the year for public meetings. The tithe fund caught up in these months however and work was resumed. We are now nearly a thousand dollars ahead. The exper-

ience has taught us the wisdom of having a working capital always, or in other words a reserve fund for emergencies. I hope we can manage to have it thus.

The tithe per capita for all our Sabbath-keepers throughout the Conference for 1914 is \$21.34; total receipts, \$10,183.81. It will also be interesting yet disappointing to learn that our quota to foreign missions on the membership basis has only reached the meager rate of 13 cents. We have no word of criticism, no fault to find, but we had hoped to see the rate larger, even to the limit required. Let us try to do better next year.

All of you take the *Tidings* and are acquainted with the location of our laborers. A good interest is being manifested in Vernon and Brother Potter's public efforts are very well patronized. Brother Burrill's efforts have been mostly confined to Vancouver, where quite a number have accepted the truth within the past year through the efforts of Elder Warren, Elder Burrill, and the workers who helped them.

Perhaps the best feature about the situation is the activity that some of our local elders and lay brethren are showing in trying to get the truth before the people. Brother Wood, who has been holding meetings in his own church in Penticton reports nine who have accepted the truth. Word has come to me of Sunday night meetings held in the Victoria church by Brother Freeman, with some considerable interest.

Here and there I have heard of interest aroused by meetings held by some of our lay brethren and I feel like encouraging as much of this as possible among those who are loyal to the message and want its promulgation to be the first thing in their lives. The servant of God saw men everywhere with the Bible in their hands hurrying from place to place, their faces lighted up, telling the people that the Lord is coming soon. It must soon be here. We want the Lord to come quickly, and end this reign of tyranny ruled by sin. There is something vastly better in store for us.

After the Union Conference held this year at Lacombe five church institutes were held with good results. Three of these institutes were held in the Okanagan and two on Vancouver Island. I feel sure they served the purpose of educating our brethren and sisters in regard to their relation to the church, and inspired them with a greater desire to do missionary work. The institutes were only short, but we tried to present enough to get the closing missionary campaign started. There is no doubt in my mind that the missionary activity among this people will continue and enlarge until the third Angel has lighted the remotest spot that darkens this trembling earth, and when the last note of warning has been responded to, the Angel of Mercy withdraws while Heaven pro-

nounces the fateful words that seal the destiny of all—"It is done." Well would it be for us, brethren and sisters, could we hear that solemn sentence without alarm.

I am glad we are here to study and plan for the work of God and to seek him for wisdom and grace, and that a larger blessing may be ours in the gift of the Holy Spirit.

I am truly grateful for the degree of harmony and good will that prevails among the workers and for their unmerited loyal support in the work that has fallen to us during the year. Neither can I forget the helpful co-operation that has been given by all the churches during this time. My earnest prayer is that the Lord may bless us at this conference and help us to plan only those measures that will aid in the furtherance of his cause.

J. G. WALKER.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

December 26, 1913—December 25, 1914

Resources		
Cash in drawer	\$ 528.31	
Cash in bank	774.47	
Personal accounts	219.57	
Advanced to laborers	103.05	
Furniture and fixtures, inventory....	84.50	
Heat and light inventory	4.00	
Postage, inventory	2.84	
Stationery, inventory	15.99	
Tent and equipment, inventory	325.18	\$2,057.91

Liabilities and Present Worth

Personal accounts	\$ 241.43	
Credit check account	256.48	
Tent and Equipment	273.94	
Local trust funds	212.38	
Stock—present worth	1073.68	\$2,057.91

LOSS AND GAIN

Gains		
Tithe	\$ 10,183.81	
Donations	300.00	\$10,483.81

Losses

Tithe to Union Conference	\$ 1123.34	
Tithe to missions	509.19	
Sustentation fund	610.99	
Exchange	9.64	
Expense	223.98	
Heat and light	14.52	
Salaries	5429.36	
Postage	46.14	
Rent	36.50	
Pooling fares to 1913 Conference	55.65	
Travelling Expense	962.69	
Stationery	44.85	
Western Canadian Tidings	243.55	
Camp Meeting fund	543.73	
Furniture and fixtures, depreciation..	15.50	
Tent and equipment, depreciation ...	101.66	
Net gain for year	512.52	\$10,483.81

STOCK

Present worth December 26, 1913....	\$ 561.16	
Net gain for year	512.52	
Present worth, December 25, 1914....		\$ 1,073.68

J. B. GIDDINGS, Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TRACT SOCIETY

December 26, 1913—December 25, 1914

Assets

Cash in drawer	\$ 115.86	
Cash in bank	59.18	
Personal accounts receivable	1,405.90	
Due from institutions	372.32	
Notes receivable	100.25	
Expense inventory	17.99	
Fuel inventory	4.00	
Furniture and fixtures	163.05	
Merchandise	1,110.75	
Postage	11.56	
Stationery	24.50	\$ 3,385.36

Liabilities and Present Worth

Personal accounts payable	\$ 14.72	
Due publishers	1,272.92	
Trust funds	68.46	
Stock—present worth	2,029.26	\$ 3,385.36

LOSS AND GAIN

Losses

Cartage	\$ 20.40	
Duty	4.30	
Exchange	2.05	
Expense	47.90	
Freight	26.32	
Fuel	16.00	
Furniture and fixtures, depreciation..	37.70	
Light	11.51	
Postage	94.01	
Rent	103.63	
Stationery	44.95	
Telephone	42.65	
Doubtful accounts	377.43	
Express	16.20	\$ 845.05

Gains

Merchandise	\$ 741.88	
Net loss	103.17	\$ 845.05

STOCK

Present worth, December 26, 1913 ..	\$ 2,132.43	
Net loss for year	103.17	
Present worth, December 25, 1914		\$ 2,029.26

J. B. GIDDINGS Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

Vancouver, B.C., January 31, 1914.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the British Columbia Conference and the British Columbia Tract Society for the fiscal year ending December 25, 1914. I find all accounts accurately kept, and the books in balance. The statements rendered by the treasurer, represent the present standing of these organizations, and I believe that all funds passing through the office, have been carefully and honestly handled.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. BRIGHAM,
W.C.U.C. Auditor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

December 26, 1913—December 25, 1914

Assets

Cash in bank	\$ 80.83	
Notes receivable	785.00	
Personal accounts	198.19	
Manson Academy	3,064.57	
Odlum Street property	217.35	
Grandview School farm	485.32	
Indian Mission farm	400.00	
	6.50	
Stein estate	1,258.84	\$ 6,496.60

Liabilities and Present Worth		
Notes payable	3436.40	
Accounts payable	\$ 272.22	
Stock—present worth	2,787.98	\$ 6,496.60

LOSS AND GAIN		
Gains		
Interest and discount	\$ 234.17	
Unpaid check returned	50.00	\$ 284.17
Losses		
Expense	\$ 9.02	
Taxes	36.50	
Doubtful accounts	67.75	
Net gain for year	170.90	\$ 284.17

STOCK		
Present worth, December 26, 1913....	\$ 2,617.08	
Net gain for year	170.90	
Present worth, December 25, 1914....		\$ 2,787.98

J. B. GIDDINGS, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

Vanvouver, B.C., December 31, 1914.

To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby certify that I have audited the accounts of the British Columbia Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists for the fiscal year ended December 25, 1914, and found the accounts accurately recorded, and the statement rendered by the treasurer, correct.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. BRIGHAM,
W.C.U.C. Auditor.

THE PRESENT TRUTH SERIES

Beginning in January, a series of twenty-five or thirty Extras of the *Review, Signs, and Watchman* will be issued simultaneously until the series is completed.

This series will be made up in the form of an illustrated four-page document, 11x16 inches in size, and mailable at pound rates, it being regular second class matter. It will cover quite comprehensively, when the series is completed, every leading feature of the Third Angel's Message, each issue dealing fully and exclusively with one general topic.

Each issue of this Series will contain as much reading as a 32 page tract on each subject. Besides, this matter will be presented in the more appreciated form of an illustrated periodical. The cost of this attractive matter is also greatly reduced to the worker, it being supplied for 1-2c. per copy in hundred lots, whereas the same matter in tract form would cost the worker 2c. a copy.

The Present Truth Series has been brought into existence in compliance with the appeals often sent to us in connection with making plans through which the church may be a strong factor in giving the message. For more than twenty years we have been told that, "The very simplest modes of work should be devised and set in operation among the churches.

Ask your Tract Society to send you a descriptive circular containing plans for using the Series.

MAY I SUGGEST A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION ?

"Next to your associates, what you read determines what you are."

A little girl who attended a Union Conference meeting said, "Mamma, they talk and talk and don't say anything." That was because she was not old enough to comprehend. But I think sometimes "We read and read and don't learn anything." Many have never learned how to read the daily newspapers. I presume our young people in the aggregate waste years of time reading newspapers. Some of it is worse than wasted.

The Bible says, "A wise man will.....increase learning." (*Prov. 1:15*) Have you made that intellectual progress during 1914 that you wish you had? Can you do it in 1915 unless you resolutely lay out a course of reading and study and pursue it with an iron will?—You know you can not.

The General Conference and North American Division Missionary Volunteer Departments are asking all our young people (and any one else who will) to read the Bible through during 1915. May I suggest that you include this purpose among your New Year's resolutions? And would it not belong near the top of the list? See the *Instructor* of December 29 for further information. Send your name to your Missionary Volunteer Society to be enrolled in the Bible reading circle. Do it today.

And having made the resolution to do this, may I ask, "Should not this blessed task take precedence over everything else?" The great preacher, Phillips Brooks, even deplored the reading of devotional and religious books to the exclusion of the Bible. He said, "Religious people read thin, superficial books of religious sentiment, but do not meet face to face the strong, exacting, masculine pages of their Bibles."

If you want to be strong eat strength-giving food, remember that the Christian lives "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." M. E. KERN.

"OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES"

At Nancy a man told Colporteur Riner that he did not believe in God, because he could not see Him. Thereupon a little girl who was listening said in a modest way, "When you put a piece of sugar in a glass of water, you can see it; but when it is melted, you see it no longer." "No," said the other, "but I taste it." "Just so with God," said the girl. "We don't see Him, but we taste Him. He acts in the world as the piece of sugar in the water. You ought not to believe in the piece of sugar when you can not see it." The unbeliever grew so confused that he walked away.—*Bible Society Gleanings.*

"Being busy does not always mean real work. The object of all work is production or accomplishment, and to either of these ends there must be forethought, system, planning, intelligence and honest purpose, as well as perspiration. Seeming to do is not doing."

WORK WANTED

Strong, husky young man would like employment with Seventh-day Adventists, on farm or ranch. Will furnish good recommendations. Address Wm W Whelpley, 208 Calvary Street, Waltham, Mass.

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Brother W. L. Manfull has returned to the Okanagan, after attending the conference at Pitt Meadows, B.C.

A. H. Brigham is again at the office, having spent the time since the last issue, in the British Columbia Conference, auditing and attending the conference at Pitt Meadows.

Elder Shaw and Brother Rowse attended the British Columbia Conference last week. Elder Shaw has now gone East to be at meetings of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Conference Committees.

The sands of time have rolled around another calendar year, and we have come to the beginning of a new year. The past is gone. If mistakes have been made, sins committed, there is but one remedy, forgiveness through the Lamb of God, the Saviour of the world. The year just closed will be recorded in history as the most important and momentous one in modern times, made so by the mighty conflict of world powers now being on the European continent. What the future has in store, no one can foretell. May the Lord greatly bless our readers during 1915, and we wish you each a happy, prosperous and blessed new year.

ONE YEAR AND A HALF

For a year and a half all divisions of the Sabbath-school will study the Book of Matthew, beginning January 1.

Valuable helps on the lessons will be found in "Desire of Ages," "Christ's Object Lessons," and "Ministry of Healing."

An especially good help to kindergarten teachers will be "Bible Object Lessons and Songs for Little Ones." This book contains pictures and object illustrations that will fit many of the lessons for the year. Every teacher of small children should have a copy. Price, board, \$1.65; cloth, \$2.25.

We hope our people everywhere will greatly enjoy this series of lessons, and that the teachers in every school will equip themselves for effective work.

NOTICE TO ALL OUR WORKERS

The General Conference Committee has prepared a new Ministerial Reading Course for 1915, open to

our workers of all classes. The course is conducted by the General Conference Department of Education through its magazine Christian Education. The January number is especially good for the course reader, containing among others the important articles, "Business of the Ministry," "What Does It Mean?," "Plagiarism," "Learn the Laws of Nature," "Our Second Year" of the reading course. This magazine and the four books for 1915 are clubbed together at the remarkably low rate of \$5.00 postpaid. Send for a registration blank. It will save time to send the money also. On the instalment plan you pay \$3 now and \$2.50 later. Address the General Conference Department of Education, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

"THE HEATHEN WILL LAUGH"

Mission work in heathen lands has been made infinitely harder on account of supposed Christian nations being at war. How will our faithful missionaries answer Japan's leaders of thought who ask for evidence that belief in Christ is more humanizing, more civilizing than Buddhism, Shintoism or Hinduism? The *Signs Magazine* for February contains two articles of great value on this very topic. One of them is entitled "Attacking Christianity," the other, "Christianity Needs no Defense." Yourself, your neighbor, and missionary friends in foreign countries, all should read these articles and be able to meet this question which is sure to bob up from time to time.

A SPLENDID IDEA

We have heard of and seen in operation many plans for reaching interested ones with our exangelical literature. New ways are devised and tried out from time to time, most of which are good. One of the best, most workable plans heard of in a long time is the one now being employed at Berrien Springs, by the students of Emmanuel Missionary College. We quote from the *Lake Union Herald*:

"A new band was organized last Sabbath, known as the Literature Band. The plan is to use the special *Signs*. Cards are being supplied with return cards attached, stating that the person whose address appeared on the return card would like to receive the *Signs* six months free of charge. The canvassers mailed these to their interested customers of the past summer. The church and Young People's Society raised funds to finance this effort. Thirty-two cards have been returned. A definite follow-up work with letters and tracts is planned. The band consists of thirty-six members. We pray that this may mean souls in the kingdom."