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## DO IT NOW

When you've got a job to do,  
Do it now!  
If it's one you wish was through,  
Do it now!  
If you're sure the job's your own,  
Just tackle it alone;  
Don't hem and haw and groan—  
Do it now!

It doesn't pay to shirk—  
Do it now!  
If you want to fill a place  
And be useful to the race,  
Just get up and take a brace—  
Do it now!

Don't linger by the way—  
Do it now!  
You'll lose if you delay—  
Do it now!  
If the other fellows wait,  
Or postpone until it's late,  
You hit up a faster gait—  
Do it now!

—Breccia.

## ANOTHER LETTER FROM "ELMSHAVEN"

"Elmshaven" Sanitarium, California,  
Feb. 24, 1915.

Dear Editor:

Knowing that many of your readers will be interested in a further report regarding mother's condition of health, I write a few lines.

During the eleven days since her fall and the fracture of the femur, she has had some sleepless nights and some painful hours; but most of the time her sufferings have been remarkably light, considering the nature of her injury.

She expresses perfect resignation to the will of God, and confidence in his love.

The physician in charge says her respiration, temperature and circulation are unusually normal for a patient suffering from such an injury.

Regarding mother's interest in the preparation of her writings for publication, and the progress of this work, during the last two years, I quote from a statement prepared by Brother Crisler, as follows:

"Following the completion of 'Acts of the Apostles,' she went over many manuscripts that were being selected for inclusion in 'Counsels to Teachers,' and prepared some new matter for that volume.

"Nearly two years ago she began reading manuscripts that have since been forwarded to the printers for the forthcoming reprinted edition of 'Gospel Workers.' She has taken much delight in reviewing the manuscripts written in former years for the encouragement and help of our faithful workers, and in preparing this matter for re-publication in convenient form, in harmony with urgent requests from many brethren in the ministry.

"When writing 'Facts of Faith,' over half a century ago, Sister White included in that little volume matter that carried the story of Israel beyond the days of David. In the seventies, she wrote quite fully on the restoration of the Israelites from Babylon, dwelling in detail on the experiences of Nehemiah. In articles, and in the bound volumes of 'Testimonies for the Church,' she has often told and retold the story of Solomon, of Elijah and Elisha, of Isaiah and Jeremiah, of Daniel and the Hebrew worthies, and of the return of the exiles under Zerubbabel and Joshua and Ezra.

"When 'Patriarchs and Prophets' was completed, in 1890, Sister White hoped some time to go on with the story from the close of David's reign, and publish in connected form that which she had been impressed to write concerning the experiences of Solomon and of divided Israel, and their final restoration to divine favor as one united people,—a type of spiritual Israel, the church of God on earth today, to whom will finally be fulfilled all the covenant promises.

"It has been the hope of preparing, in some form suitable for publication, the story of the prophets and kings of Old Testament history, that has led Sister White to group such material into several series of articles, which have appeared in our various denominational publications through the years.

"Not long after her return from Australia, this was undertaken anew, and since that time, for more than ten years, she has continued this work, giving consideration to the manuscripts dealing with this period of Bible history not yet covered by her 'Great Controversy' series.

"To the completion of this volume, 'The Captivity and Restoration of Israel,' Sister White has given much thought during the past year. Six months ago all but a few chapters had been completed, and many of these had appeared in the columns of the *Review*.

At the present time only the last two chapters remain unfinished."

In speaking of her desire to do what she can in the Master's service, mother has often said, "When my voice can no longer be heard, the publications will continue to testify.

W. C. WHITE.

### OUR LITERATURE

Only eternity will reveal the influence our literature has had in moulding public opinion and preparing the hearts and minds of the people for the changes of these last days. Like silent messengers of good, it has gone into the homes of the people, and gradually changed their thoughts and actions till all at once they find themselves thinking and acting exactly different to what they formerly did.

The seed planted has been watered and nourished by the Spirit of God till a great change has been wrought in the lives of many individuals and families. Now, brethren, shall we not put forth more earnest efforts that greater results may be seen?

This is true not only of our smaller publications, but also of our subscription books. They have a special place and mission in the great unworked fields where our brethren do not live. And I trust we may have a goodly number of consecrated men and women who feel the call of the Spirit of God to take up the work this year in each of the provinces in this Union this summer.

If there ever was a time in which we should work, that time is certainly now. We are living in stirring times. Prophecy is being fulfilled, the hearts and minds of people are being stirred and shall we not step into the troubled waters and deliver the message God has for the world at this time. Who will respond?

We are planning for Colporteurs' Institutes in the different provinces, and let every one possible, plan to get a preparation to do something in the Lord's work.

W. L. MANFULL.

### MARCH TWENTY-SEVEN AND MALAYSIA

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for the first quarter of 1915 is soon to be taken. It seems but a short time since the last Sabbath of 1914, when we made a special offering to help meet the emergency which had arisen in connection with our work on account of the war.

It had been previously arranged that the Malaysian field should be benefitted by the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering last December. But owing to the urgent need of our work and workers in different parts of Africa, it was thought best to change the object of this offering, so Malaysia was called upon to wait three months.

This island field is a difficult one in many respects. The climate is most trying, being in the torrid zone, where the temperature is HOT practically the year around. This is very trying to the missionaries who are called to labor there. Money is needed to provide

homes for them; homes that are more sanitary than the native dwellings, and where they may have a better chance to help keep their health. A school is needed for the training of native workers. Indeed there are many needs, and \$14,600 is asked for, to support the work there for a year. We would not want them to be disappointed, would we? So let us each do our part.

The leaflet telling of this field and its needs has been sent to our schools and isolated members. Surely no one could read this without seeing the urgency of this call. And when we remember that the "cry of need is the call of God," we each have a duty in this matter.

Some may be able to give but little, others can give much, and thus help supply the lack. In view of the terrible conditions existing at the present time, we little know how many more Thirteenth Sabbath calls we may have the privilege to hear and answer. The present is the time for action.

So let the members of our Sabbath-schools and the Home Department members rally to the call on the Thirteenth Sabbath and

*"Give as you would if an angel  
Awaiting your gift at the door;  
Give as you would if to-morrow  
Found you where waiting was o'er."*

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

### CONTINUAL REJOICING

To man has been committed a great responsibility. Much has been done for him, and therefore much is required of him. Our responsibilities and our accountability are and will be measured largely in the light of our privileges and opportunities. These are much greater and more plentiful than is ordinarily appreciated.

On account of the great sacrifice made by God in giving his only begotten Son to die for man, Jehovah has first claim to all there is in man. He has a plan for every son and daughter of Adam. By virtue of his having created and redeemed man, the great I AM has claims upon him. We are invited to come to him. He has within his power every needed blessing for the entire human family. It is "in Him, that we live and move and have our being."

Not only does He say, Come; but He also says, Go. There are many millions who have strayed, who are in the darkness of sin, and He bids us, "Go, bring the lost ones to the fold, where they'll be sheltered from the cold." And again, "Not now; for I have sheep upon the mountains, and thou must follow them wher'e'er they rove." "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. "Go work today in my vineyard." Matt. 21:28. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6.

This work of soul saving is a responsibility that every true follower of Christ will recognize. God expects personal service from every one to whom he

has intrusted a knowledge of his saving truth. He has promised his children all power; and everywhere there are souls longing for help. The harvest is great; and it is ripe.

"He that winneth souls is wise." Prov 11:30. We must *win* men with the tender ministry of love. We are to break down prejudice and lead men to Christ. "They that be wise (soul-winners) shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Daniel 12:3.

More and more should the deep significance of soul-saving be impressed upon our minds. We must become possessed with the thought that we cannot "come again with rejoicing" unless we have some sheaves (souls) with us. "Ye shall not see my face except your brother be with you." Gen. 43:3.

There is before the church the dawn of a bright, glorious day in soul-winning work. We would urge upon every believer the necessity of doing something definite in this all-important service.

F. W. PAAP.

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#### HOW MOSES, DANIEL AND ESTHER PREPARED FOR THE STANDARD OF ATTAINMENT EXAMINATION

When God wanted a deliverer for the slave Israelites in Egypt, he sought a man who was acquainted with God, a man who had studied God and his works. When the Israelites were to be delivered from the sword of Haman, the wicked Agagite, the Jewish maiden, Esther, was selected because she was acquainted with God and was able to get an audience with him every day. When a representative was needed to represent Jehovah during the Babylonish-Medo-Persian captivity, beloved Daniel, who had grown up in his Judean home, studying God's word and his works, was selected.

"Many a lad of today, growing up as did Daniel in his Judean home, *studying* God's word and his works, and learning the lessons of faithful service, will yet stand in legislative assemblies, in halls of justice, or in royal courts, as a witness for the King of kings. Multitudes will be called to a wider ministry. . . . To every household and every school, to every parent, teacher and child upon whom has shone the light of the gospel, comes at this crisis the question put to Esther, the queen, at that momentous crisis in Israel's history, 'Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?' —*Education*, pages 262, 263.

A crisis is on today. Everyone is asking, "What do these things mean?" Are you prepared to take advantage of this war crisis? Or will you be told, like Ahimaaz, "turn aside, and stand there." The man had seen a great tumult, but knew not what it was. Could you have done what Philip did, when at the direction of the Holy Spirit, he joined himself to the African eunuch? The Ethiopian official asked, "Of whom speaketh the prophet this, of himself or some other man?" Philip "began at the same scripture and

preached unto him Jesus." The man and the opportunity had met. The result was a soul born into the kingdom of Heaven.

Conscientiously observe the Morning Watch, faithfully read your Bible through this year, and study the Senior Missionary Volunteer lessons appearing in the *Church Officers' Gazette*.

The Standard of Attainment examination will be held throughout the North American Division the first week in March (or the second week, if necessary). Those desiring to take this examination in either Bible doctrines or denominational history, or both, should speak to their church elder. He can secure the examination questions from your Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary, and arrange to give the examination.

C. L. BENSON,  
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#### HOW A WOMAN SHOULD SIGN HER NAME

Why do some women persist in signing their name in a way that the recipients of their letters cannot tell how to address them? It is embarrassing not to know whether the writer is married or unmarried; but it is even more perplexing not to know whether it is a man or a woman one is about to address.

In signing her name a woman should not use only the initials of her given and middle names with the surname. This is man's prerogative.

Custom and good sense have decreed that a woman shall have a name that will disclose her sex at least; and good form also demands that one shall in writing to strangers reveal whether she is married or unmarried. Then no woman should ever cast aside all conventions, and sign her name as P. Smith or S. R. Jennings. Even suffragettes should adhere to this decree of good form; for man alone, it is to be remembered, is allowed to use only initials without title or given name. The following from "Good Form" may dispel other perplexities that seem to trouble some feminine writers:—

"A married woman should never sign her name with the prefix Mrs., unless the Mrs. is in parenthesis; thus, (Mrs.) Irma Stuart. But the following form is preferable: If Bertha Smith is married to Mr. John Jones, she should sign her name Bertha Smith Jones or Bertha S. Jones, whichever she may prefer. This is the proper signature for all business matters, and the one to be used in writing to her friends and acquaintances. In concluding a business communication, if she has doubts whether the person to whom she is writing knows her married title, she writes it in parentheses beneath her name, or places it at the left, thus,—

"Bertha S. Jones.  
"Mrs. John Jones,  
"Takoma Park, D.C.

"An unmarried woman on her visiting cards should use the title Miss, but never in her ordinary correspondence. In business communications where she is a stranger to the person addressed, she should prefix the title Miss, making sure to inclose it in parentheses."—*Youths' Instructor*,

### DO YOU DREAD REVIEW DAY?

You need not dread quarterly review of the Sabbath-school lessons if you have the March number of the *Sabbath School Worker*. Two excellent plans of review are given for the senior and junior divisions. A Memory Verse exercise is suggested which will be very impressive and very easily managed in reviewing the children. A poem has been arranged with each stanza asking a question in verse, which is to be answered by the class by repeating the Memory Verse. The following is the first stanza of the poem and the Memory Verse for the answer:—

*When the angel appeared unto Joseph,  
As he dreamed of his promised Son.  
By what name was he bidden to call him?  
What great work would by him be done?*

"Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."

In this way all the Memory Verses of the quarter are used, and the exercise would be a most interesting one in every school. The very small children can be reviewed by the use of the Picture Roll. If you are perplexed to know how to conduct effective reviews, subscribe for the *Worker*. It is full of suggestions which are practical and helpful.

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### CHARGED WITH MURDER

The following narrative illustrates only too truly the responsibility and the guilt resting upon those who sanction or in any way help to legalize and perpetuate the liquor traffic:—

A prisoner at the bar, charged with, and convicted of, the murder of his wife, was asked by the judge if he had anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed upon him.

A solemn hush fell over the crowded court room, and every person waited in almost breathless expectation for the answer.

After a moment's silence, the prisoner arose to his feet, and, in a low, firm, but distinct voice, said:—

"I have! Your honor, you have asked me a question, and I now ask, as the last favor on earth, that you will not interrupt my answer until I am through.

"I stand here before this bar, convicted of the wilful murder of my wife. Truthful witnesses have testified to the fact that I was a loafer, a drunkard, and a wretch; that I returned from one of my prolonged debauches, and fired the fatal shot that killed the wife I had sworn to love, cherish and protect. While I have no remembrance of committing the fearful deed, I have no right to complain or condemn the verdict of the twelve good men who have acted as jury in the case! for their verdict is in accordance with the evidence.

"But, may it please the court, I wish to show that I am not alone responsible for the murder of my wife!"

This startling statement created a tremendous sensation. The judge leaned over the desk, the lawyers

wheeled around and faced the prisoner, and jurors looked at one another in amazement. The prisoner paused a few seconds, and then continued in the same firm, distinct voice:—

"I repeat, your honor, that I am not the only one guilty of the murder of my wife. The judge on this bench, the jury in the box, the lawyers within the bar, the most of the witnesses, including the pastor of the old church, are also guilty before Almighty God, and will have to stand with me before his judgment throne, where we shall all be righteously judged.

"If it had not been for the saloons of my town, I never would have become a drunkard; my wife would not have been murdered; I would not be here now, ready to be hurled into eternity.

"God knows I tried to reform, but as long as the open saloon was in my pathway, my weak, diseased will power was no match against the fearful, consuming, agonising appetite for liquor.

"For one year our town was without a saloon. For one year I was a sober man. For one year my wife and children were happy, and our little home was a paradise.

"I was one of those who signed remonstrances against re-opening the saloons of our town. One-half of the jury, the prosecuting attorney on this case, and the judge who sits on this bench, all voted for the saloon. By their votes and influence saloons were re-opened, and they have made me what I am.

"All of you know in your hearts that these words of mine are not the ravings of an unsound mind, but the truth of the Almighty God.

"You legalised the saloons that made me a drunkard and a murderer, and you are guilty with me before God and man for the murder of my wife.

"Your honor, I am done. I am now ready to receive my sentence, and be led forth to the place of execution. You will close by asking the Lord to have mercy on my soul. I will close by solemnly asking God to open your blind eyes to your own individual responsibility, so that you will cease to give your support to this dreadful traffic."

Not only does the Bible declare that no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9, 10), but it says, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to him, and maketh him drunken." Hab. 2:15. This shows that not simply the drinker, but all who are instrumental in tempting or influencing him to drink, God holds responsible for the results. They are parties to the act, and sharers in the guilt of its consequences.—*Selected.*

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### HOW DO MEN JUDGE CHRISTIANITY?

The religion of Jesus Christ is a religion of positive, not relative, standards and merits. It is to be judged by the perfect ideals and doctrines taught by the son of God and not by the imperfect lives of his followers. Nevertheless men will judge it by what they see in its fruits, and if they have not the ability or desire to

appreciate spiritual results, they will judge its value by what Christianity does for the temporal welfare of humanity.

An eminent layman recently remarked that "because there is so little social service undertaken in the name of the church by many congregations, the layman thinks that any enterprise which does so little good in his own town can not do any more good in the mission field."

There is some truth in this, but the difficulty is still deeper. It might be said that many laymen have little interest in giving the gospel of Christ to the heathen because Christ has so little sway in their own lives. If Jesus Christ has their full allegiance they can not but wish to obey his commands, whether or not they see the desired results. When men have actually experienced in their own hearts and lives the spiritual results of Christ's indwelling, they will wish to spread the "good news" to others, whether they are accompanied with temporal blessings or not.

But social and physical and intellectual improvement is sure to follow the rule of Christ whether in the individual or in the community. A man cannot give himself wholly to God without seeking to obey his laws; and a man can not obey the laws of God without bettering himself and his surroundings.

God's ideal for man includes a perfect physical, mental, and spiritual life. Sometimes the physical distress must be removed before a man can be brought to see spiritual truth, but the spiritual is of supreme importance, and all temporal things are important only as they prepare the way for the eternal, divine life. These things ought ye to have done, and not to have left the other undone.—*Missionary Review of the World.*

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## THE SERVIAN AND ROUMANIAN WORK

In a recent number of the *Tidings* in which I wrote an article mentioning the places where our workers were laboring, and also the scarcity of workers, I inadvertently failed to mention the names of Elder Milan Ostoich and Brother T. M. Krainean, and the work that they are doing. I regret this oversight.

I am glad to report that these brethren are doing faithful work for the nationalities which they represent. Elder Ostoich is located in the city of Regina, where he is laboring for the Servians especially. He is finding some honest souls. As the result of his and

Brother Krainean's united labor there is now an organized church in East Regina. Brother Krainean is working in behalf of the Roumanians, especially, and has obtained good results so far. These peoples are like many others—hard to reach, having been bound so strongly to their religious customs and creeds.

As we pray for the work in this province, let us not forget to mention these brethren and their hard field of labor. When the cause of God has triumphed all the saved from every class, race and tribe will rejoice in the deliverance soon to come.

A. C. GILBERT.

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## A CHINESE SCHOOL IN VANCOUVER

A mission school for the Chinese has been opened in Vancouver in a building at Keefer street and Gore avenue, the site of the former church. It has been operating now for a month. Besides paying expenses, it yields a small profit, which is used to supply literature.

Between twenty and thirty students receive instruction four nights a week in reading and writing, while some take arithmetic also. Assistance has been rendered in this line by R. Swan, the writer and others. Sunday nights our Chinese brother, L. W. Ping, addresses his countrymen on the prophecies. Surely the Lord has some sheaves among these and other foreigners. Pray that the truth may be quickly carried to them.

E. H. NEWTON.

## MANSON ACADEMY NOTES

Elder A. O. Burrill spoke to the students during chapel hour Tuesday, March 2nd. His subject was "The Value of a Christian Education."

Two former students, Fay and Raymond Haines, have recently enrolled at the academy. We are glad to have them with us again.

The farm work is well under way. The boys are busy plowing and planting.

The School Board was in session at the academy, March 2nd. Those present were Elder H. S. Shaw, Elder J. G. Walker, Elder A. O. Burrill, Elder H. E. Giddings, A. H. Nicholson, C. L. Koelsche and Geo Freeman.

Elder Walker visited the academy, Friday, March 5th, and gave a most interesting talk to the students, taking as his text, Gal. 6:7, "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Some splendid thoughts were brought out, beneficial to the students, now in life's sowing time.

Prof. E. C. Kellogg, of Walla Walla College, was a visitor at the academy March 10th. During his talk to the students he presented a table of statistics showing that a college education increases one's usefulness fifty fold. Prof. Kellogg emphasized the fact that an education fits men to be leaders, and this is the position God would have his people occupy.

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### CALL TO LABOR

"The fast fulfilling signs of the times declare the coming of Christ as near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important."

The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating, strengthening for the last great crisis. "Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones.

"There are not many, even among educators and statesmen, who comprehend the causes that underlie the present state of society. Those who hold the reins of government are not able to solve the problem of moral corruption, poverty, pauperism and increasing crime. They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis.

"In a special sense, Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light-bearers." To us has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world, and surely we have wonderful light from the word of God, and God is expecting us to give the truth for this time to all in our family, neighborhood and province.

The message from God to us now is that we should allow nothing else to absorb our attention. And we should make it the business of our lives to get ready to meet Jesus and to march out and warn every soul for whom He gave his precious life, so that they too may be ready. Can we afford to disappoint Him? I am sure you will say, "No."

E. M. CHAPMAN.

### CARBERRY

The work in Carberry is progressing nicely, notwithstanding the enemy of souls endeavors to keep the people away from our meetings and tries to scare those who do come and have a desire to walk in the way of God's commandments.

After the presentation of truths peculiar to us as a people, and following a sermon on "Obedience," ten souls covenanted together to keep all of the precepts of God. There are some others who are keeping the Sabbath and no doubt will be with us in time. A problem that confronts these people is, "How can I make a living and keep the Sabbath?" But may God cause to grow up within every one of them a spirit of determination to be true to him and remember the promise, "All these things shall be added unto him."

The manager of the Salvation Army Hall has kindly consented to allow us the use of the building for three evenings a week, hence we will continue public meetings as long as it seems practicable, and also continue visiting in the homes of the people and around the hearthstone study these great truths which are so dear to us.

We have enjoyed very much the help that Bro. Frank Finch has rendered in making these meetings a success. Elder Chapman was able to be with us only two or three evenings, on account of sickness in his family. While here he spoke on temperance, which was very well received.

We are very thankful for success which has attended our efforts in this place, where years ago much work was done. True it is that we may sow another water, but God it is who giveth the increase. My daily prayer is "For more power to reveal God's love, and plan in such a way that sinners may be converted to God."

V. W. ROBB.

### A WORD OF APPRECIATION

I want to thank those who have so kindly responded to my call for missionary reports. It exhibits a spirit of faithful co-operation which is encouraging indeed. I am looking forward to the time when all our young people will be Missionary Volunteers, and all reporting faithfully each month.

MRS. E. M. CHAPMAN.

### MANITOBA NOTES

Elder Dirkson is now at Morden, and reports encouragingly of the work there.

B. L. Grundset is absent from the office at present, attending the Bookmen's Convention.

Brother David Guldbranson has begun public meetings for the Icelandic people of Winnipeg, of whom there are about ten thousand. Pray for this brother and his work, brethren.

What are you doing to speed on the temperance work? Now is the time to send your friend a copy of that Temperance Instructor or sell it to that father and mother who will appreciate its influence in their home. The best paper published with which to sow seeds of temperance beside all waters.

## Alberta Conference

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### JOSEPHBURG

On my way from Lacombe, the 5th of February, I stopped off at Calgary, and had five well-attended meetings with the German people there. Two souls gave their hearts to Jesus, and prayed for the first time for a long time. We also visited the Pacific Press office and secured some books and tracts to bring home with us.

On Tuesday, February 9, Brother S. Leiske and myself went to Walsh, as we have some members of our church living at that place. We stopped off at Medicine Hat, but did not have time to visit Brother Niergarth.

When we arrived at Walsh, we spent the first night about five miles from town, and the next day went with Brother J. Begelau to his home. On the 12th we had our first meeting. The first meeting was not

very large, but later the attendance was more, and we had our house filled.

The Lord blessed us wonderfully. People came many miles to hear the message. One family, who were formerly Baptists, and later, Lutherans, heard of our meetings, and came one Friday and stayed right with us till Sunday. Three members of the family took their stand for the truth. Some of the members have become cold, but new ones are coming in to fill the ranks, and they are rejoicing in the truth.

On the 23rd we left for Irvin, and visited a friend in town. He seems to be interested. We also visited Carl Otto, seven miles south of Irvin. We went to the Gospel Trumpet meeting and had a good talk with their minister after the meeting.

The following day we went to Josephburg, where we held three meetings, and then went on to Thelma, and had good meetings there. We had announced meetings for Josephburg, and had decided to leave on Monday morning, but Sunday evening we had our meeting in the Baptist church, which was filled to the last seat, and the interest was so great that we thought it would be best to hold some more meetings, and Brother Leiske remained.

I came back to Josephburg, and last night had a good meeting here. There was not room enough for those who came, so we have decided to have the meetings in the school house. Two have taken their stand for the truth.

May the Lord help us to see the fulfillment of Mal. 4:5, 6, and that we may not fall short, is my earnest prayer.

A. A. ROTH.

#### A TIME TO WORK

This is the year when the great battle for province-wide prohibition will be fought to a finish. Which side will gain the victory? Will the hydra-headed liquor monster be crushed, or will he emerge from the conflict prepared to go on wrecking lives, smashing homes and destroying property?

July 21st will be the day of decision. Between now and that date (what a brief span of time) every Seventh-day Adventist should make a special business of enlightening the minds of the people on the true principles of temperance. People who obtain a right understanding of the great question will be able to vote intelligently on the side of right.

Thousands, however, lack a true understanding of the tremendous injury caused by the liquor traffic. If every child of God will take hold in earnest and circulate the 1915 *Temperance Instructor*, scores of individuals will have their minds swept clear of doubts and misunderstanding, and will be ready and anxious to vote for a dry Alberta on the above date.

We speak of opportunities to work for the up-building of the cause of God. They abound at this hour. Who will embrace them before the morrow comes and they have forever gone?

T. S. BOWETT.

#### LOYALIST

As I read the *Tidings* I see so many encouraging articles about the progress of the work, that I thought I would write a little about the work here.

We have organized a Young People's Society, and when I see the work they are doing, it fills my heart with joy. Some of the young people here are willing to work for the Master, and learn to do what is asked of them.

I wish all the brethren and sisters would pray for us, so that we may faithfully do our part until the Lord comes.

HENRY VOELKER.

#### ALBERTA NOTES

Elder and Mrs. P. P. Adams and family left on Friday the 12th, for Innisfail, where they will spend Sabbath with Sister Heine.

Brother Mooney spent Sabbath and Sunday, Feb. 27 and 28, with the Gadsby church.

Elder Humann is visiting the believers near Irvine and other places in Southern Alberta.

Brethren Hommel, Mooney and Philpott left on March 1st for Calgary. There they were joined by Brother Rowse and the same night all left for Mountain View, Cal., to attend the Bookmen's Convention.

Ever since the announcement of the publication of the "World's Crisis," the office has been busy attending to orders for the same. Those who are anxious to labor for the Master can greatly assist in giving the warning message by circulating copies of this excellent book on the war question. Remember the price: Single copies, 25c each, postpaid. Ten or more copies for \$1.50, postage extra.

#### ACADEMY NOTES

Brother A. C. Harder spent Sabbath, the 6th, with the church at Leduc.

Sister Hagen, of North Dakota, is visiting her daughter, Sister C. K. Reiswig, near the academy.

Sister C. J. Merry, of Irma, is visiting her daughter at the home of Sister J. K. Fish.

Brother Fitzpatrick, of Woodbend, spent a few days at the academy recently.

Alpha Scoggins, of Manville, is visiting relatives and friends in Rosedale.

Twenty-four tons of baled hay were shipped to Claremont by the academy recently.

Sister R. P. Mooney, of Rosedale, has left for McLean, Sask., where she will visit relatives.

William Graham and Mr. Christopherson, of Olds, made a pleasant call recently.

Ernest Draper, Mary Lemp and Ida Randlett are the latest to enroll.

Beulah Gillbank has left for Ponoka to visit her grandmother for a few days.

The academy has just received a large shipment of health foods from the Sanitarium Health Food Factory in Des Moines, Iowa.

Elder J. L. Wilson, accompanied by Brother Smith, of Acme, recently paid a visit to the academy. Brother Smith is thinking of locating here, that his children may attend the school.

Brother and Sister C. F. Hubbard, H. Schlenker, Harvey Braun, Adolph Dick and Fred Sulzle have left for home to prepare for spring work. We hope we may see them all here when school shall open again in the fall.

The students were granted a holiday on Wednesday and about thirty went out into the surrounding country and nearby towns to work in behalf of temperance. A report of their work will be given in the next issue.

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### THE APRIL WATCHMAN

The editor of the *Watchman* says that the April issue is one of the best that has ever come from the press. Titles of seven articles in this issue are as follows:

"All Nations Courting the Vatican;" "Hearing on the Anti-Free Press Bills;" "Who Will Win Possession of the Earth?" "Russellism—or the Coming of a False Christ;" "Christ's Second Advent and Gospel Blessings;" "An Unquenchable Thirst and Its Causes;" "The Eastern Question and the European War."

### CARDINAL GIBBONS QUOTED

"Less than a year ago a man was called a crank if he said the end of the world was at hand. How different now! Frequently an item by some prominent person is seen in the newspapers, or perhaps a cartoon, suggesting that this greatest of events is about to take place. Cardinal Gibbons was quoted in the San Francisco 'Examiner' a few days ago, as follows: 'We cannot grasp its magnitude, or what it means (referring to Europe's war). Does it not seem that the Scriptures are being fulfilled—'Nation shall rise against nation, and there shall be sorrows throughout the world, and then shall the end come.'"

Is it any wonder that the *Signs Magazine* is in demand? Such utterances will set thousands to thinking, and their minds will be most receptive to the Truth. A great opportunity awaits us. The April number of the *Signs Magazine* answers many of those questions now being asked by the people. It is a good number, and deserves a large circulation.

### DECIDE NOW

A large part of our lifetime is wasted because of our deferred decisions. It is always easier to postpone a decision than to make it; so it usually gets postponed. Nine times out of ten we could, if we would merely insist on a slight effort of will, decide matters the

first time they come before us, and thus leave the future just so much freer for new duties and decisions. Instead, we take a thing up, consider its pros and cons, and lay it down again. Sheer laziness of will is the reason. "Don't pick over things," once said one of the greatest business men America has produced. It is better to make some mistakes while we are forming the habit of prompt decision than to avoid all mistakes at the cost of dallying with our time and energies. But prompt decisions are more than likely to be correct decisions, for the very effort of deciding quickly means a concentration of one's best powers on the subject in hand. We have no right to burden to-morrow with decisions that ought to be made to-day.—*Sunday School Times*.

### WHERE TWO SHIPS MET

Victoria was eighteen years old when she began to reign; and she reigned threescore years and four. And in the sixty-fourth year of Victoria, Edward began to reign, and he reigned nine years and was gathered unto his fathers. In the ninth year of Edward began George, his son, to reign in his stead. And the people waxed mighty, for the hand of God was upon them for good. But the hearts of the people were far from God, for there was much gold. And behold it came to pass that in the ninth year of Edward, the king, the mighty men of wisdom said one to another, "Go to. Let us build a ship of iron and steel; eight hundred and fourscore and two feet shall be the length thereof, whose strength shall be as the strength of the mighty deep. And let us make unto us a name."

And the Spirit of God moved upon the waters and troubled them, and lo, there was created a ship of ice, as it were a mighty mountain. And the waters of the earth moved the great mountain of ice.

And behold! In the second year of King George, in the fourth month, it came to pass that when the people of the Eastland had made an end of building the great ship of steel, they called the ship "Titanic," which is to say, being interpreted, great, mighty, of Godlike power. And lo, there were upon the ship two thousand four hundred onescore and ten souls. And the "Titanic" set sail for the land of America. And on the fourteenth day of the fourth month of the second year of George, the king, while it was night, the ship of ice which the Lord loosed from the Northland and the ship of steel which man loosed from the Eastland did meet upon the great seas. And the bows of the ship of steel were rent in sunder and the great sea did open her mouth and swallowed her. And there perished with the ship of steel sixteen hundred and thirty and five souls.—*The Evangelical*.

### COLPORTEURS' INSTITUTE DATES

British Columbia .....	March 22-31.....	Vancouver
Alberta .....	April 9-18 .....	Lacombe
Saskatchewan ..	April 22 - May 2	Hanley