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HOW SHALL WE GIVE?

Give—as the morning that flows out of heaven,
Give—as the waves when their channel is riven,
Give—as the free air and sunshine are given;
Lavishly, joyfully, utterly give.

Not the waste from the cup overflowing,
Not a faint spark from thy hearth ever glowing,
Not a pale bud from thy June roses blowing.
Give as God gave thee, who gave thee to live.

Pour out thy life as the spring shower pouring;
What if no bird through the pearl rain is soaring,
What if no blossom looks upward adoring,
Look to the Life that was lavished for thee!

Give as the heart gives, whose fetters are breaking,
Life, love and hope, all thy dreams and thy waking,
Soon at life's river thy soul-fever slaking,
Thou shalt know God and the gifts that He gave!

THE WONDERFUL SECRET

'Twas a night in June in the year 1896. I stood in the topmost gallery of Royal Albert Hall, the finest concert-hall in England, and looked down upon the many thousands in the vast auditorium. What rare attraction had so filled the great hall that late comers found only standing room? Patti, the most noted living singer, and in some respects the most wonderful singer of modern times, was to sing that night. She had sung before all the royal families of Europe, and after nearly a half century of public singing still draws the crowds as no other singer. What can be the secret of her marvelous success in her chosen life-work?

She sings difficult music, and her voice is wonderfully flexible and birdlike, clear and marvelously penetrating. But *this* is not the secret. Listen! I hear the opening bars of "Home, Sweet Home," the piano is faint, so far is it away, but a death-like silence has fallen upon the vast throng. I fear I shall not hear the singer; I strain my ears, intently listening. Ah, yes, I can hear, so slow and soft, like a spirit voice,—

"Mid pleasures and palaces, though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble—"

The hall fades from sight, the brilliant lights vanish. I see no more the great fashionable crowd. I forget that I am listening to the greatest singer in the world. Only a dream whisper; silver clear, yet faint and sweet and far away: "Home, home, sweet, sweet home." I am borne swiftly across the wide sea that has for years separated me from the land of my birth. The years of manhood vanish. I am a child again.

I see once more the dear old home—the old brown farmhouse in Iowa. The old orchard is here. I am swinging careless and free with my dear little brother under the old oak tree. I hear the sweet voices of my sisters; I see my father, so good and true; and O, I see my mother's dear face, full of tenderest, sweetest love! She is singing, and her voice comes to me as an angel's. Scarcely had I dared hope to see my home again. Yet now truly I see it all, clear and bright,—the blessed innocence of childhood, the sweet, free country air; yes, I hear the sweet music of gentle breezes whispering through the trees and over the waving grain—the dreamy hum of nature. Ah! it is too sweet to last. Almost with a shock I awake. I hear the last echoes of the piano notes. The singer is retiring, and the crowd, awakening from the wondrous spell, is beginning to applaud.

The vision was mine, yet not mine alone. There are tears in the eyes of many whose faces were weary and hardened. They, too, have seen the dear old home, and lived over again the dear dead days of childhood; and to many has come the longing for the Heavenly Father's home.

Now I know the secret of the singer's magic power. What is it? She went out of sight and hearing, behind her great art, her subject. Though born and through the early days of childhood living in poverty, she had been brought before the great, yea, even the crowned heads of the world through her wondrous talent of song. Truly she has roamed "mid pleasures and palaces," yet tonight her true heart returns in memory to early days. Forgetful of the years of fame, the tender visions of her childhood's home ("be it ever so humble") bring tears to her own eyes—eyes that see not the great throng of the wealthy and noble before her. Her heart sings; she sees her own childhood's humble home. We therefore behold our own, and forget the singer and all else. Our heart hears not the singer, but the song; we see not Madame Patti, but home, dear, sweet home.

This is true art. This is inspiration. This is divine talent. Keep self out of sight. Let your glorious work, your calling, however humble, appear; be unconscious of self and of selfish desire to be seen, to be applauded, to grasp, to seize for self, and you will succeed. Die to self. Let God be seen in you. Live to love, for the good you may do, the blessing you may be, and you shall have a home, a "sweet" and everlasting home, in the Father's house of many mansions.

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GATHER UP THE FRAGMENTS

"He said unto his disciples, gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." John 6:12.

"And as the disciples, by Christ's direction, gathered up the fragments, that nothing might be lost, so we should treasure every fragment of literature containing the truth for this time. None can estimate the influence that even a torn page containing the truths of the third angel's message may have upon the heart of some seeker after truth."—*Words of Encouragement to Workers*, p. 3.

We sometimes find in the homes of our people piles of weekly *Signs*, *Reviews*, *Instructor*, and other papers, and numbers of tracts lying idle on the shelves. All these should be sent out on their mission of mercy, to take light and truth into other homes.

There are many ways of using these back numbers to good advantage. We frequently receive letters from aged Sabbath keepers who have taken the *Review* thirty years and more, saying that they have used up all their money, are too old to earn more, and that they must drop the paper, though it almost breaks their hearts to do it. There are plenty of members who could send their *Reviews* to some of these dear souls when they have read them. Why not ask your conference tract society for the address of some brother or sister who wants the *Review* and cannot afford to subscribe for it, and send your copy to cheer some other soul, when you have read it?

The *Review* may also be given or mailed to strangers. A short time ago the periodical manager received the following letter:

"Can you please tell me how and where I can learn about the true Sabbath (Saturday)? I got a copy of the *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* through the mail and have read it over and over.

"I have never had a chance to meet or talk with an Adventist or anyone believing Saturday to be the rest day. I was raised in a Christian home, but always used Sunday as the Lord's day. It has always been my belief that Saturday was the real Sabbath.

"I never heard of Adventist churches and ministers until I saw your paper. I will enclose a self-addressed envelope and will be very glad if you can give me some way of finding out more about the Sabbath. My neighbor is also much interested in finding out more about it."

Possibly the individual who mailed away that *Review* will not know the result until the great gathering day. Do not waste your *Reviews*, but use them in some judicious way.

The *Signs* weekly, *Present Truth* Series, the various magazines, the *Youth's Instructor*, and *Little Friend*, may be distributed in many ways. They can be given to trades people who call at the door, to inmates of hospitals, prisons, benevolent institutions. They may be mailed to absent friends. In the *Review* and *Signs* weekly there are frequently lists of people who would be glad to get parcels of papers for use in missionary work.

All tracts too that are clean can be distributed in the same ways. Good judgment should be used in determining how to use them, as some subjects will interest some people, while others may best be reached by some other topic. Reading racks in waiting rooms

are an excellent means of using back numbers of periodicals, magazines and tracts.

Let every Sabbath keeper look carefully through his house to see what literature he has stored away, and get it out, and make use of it. In these times of warfare, nations are looking carefully to their stores of war material, searching the houses for them. In these closing days of our warfare we should be doing the same.

E. M. GRAHAM.

THE SUMMER'S WORK

Not very long ago we were present at a school near its close, when the president of the conference in which the school was located was asked to address the students. One of the statements he made has clung to memory's walls and seems to be the very message we wish to give to the young people of our conference just now. "Students, my counsel to you for vacation is, *Chase the dollars.*" And so we say "Go after the dollars." They will not come to you without some effort on your part. Some dollars are remarkably elusive, and more, when chased and caught prove terribly slippery; but nevertheless, "Chase the dollars," not to hoard them but to use them in getting that education you need for the better service of the Master.

Perhaps a few words may be in place as to methods of capturing those helpful "cartwheels."

First, the method must be honest. Ill-gotten gain is a canker.

Second, some methods may win dollars but no good will come until the money is being used. That is better than not to secure the money for the schooling, but suppose a way can be found whereby the dollars will flow in, and much good will flow out at the same time; would that not be a fine method?

Suppose, young man, you can get a place on a farm at a dollar a day and expenses. During June, July, and August you should succeed in laying aside eighty dollars. That is just about enough to pay your way during five months of school. Your work on the farm is not specially productive of good to anyone. You can get the dollars, of course, but now suppose a way should open by which you could get not only that eighty dollars but another seventy with it. Suppose that in the earning of that one hundred fifty dollars you put three hundred dollars' worth of message-filled books into the homes of the people. Suppose that in addition to that you put into your own soul a hundredfold more of heaven-born joy and satisfaction at the thought of helping others, an equal amount of power of prevailing prayer, and the almost certain prospect that some soul will live through eternal glories because you stopped at his door and left the message. Which job will you choose?

Now of course something can be said on the other side. "By staying with father on the farm, he will not only pay me the eighty dollars but will help me to clothes and enough more so that I can make the year's school." All right, that may be just where God wants you, so stay right there and get the joy of faithful service for father and mother; but think a good many times before you hire out to that Sabbath-breaking neighbor, where constant temptations harass your soul, where prayer is never heard, and where you will dry up like clay in the August sun.

Maybe you think you have education enough. Not unless you are fitted for the work God would have you do. God can use an uneducated man, but not for very many jobs. He has a thousand places for the trained man to only one for the ignorant. The very fact that a man is willing to put himself under discipline for a period is in itself a recommendation. The man who will set his powers to the definite performance of some good work under rules and regulations will bring his life to be obedient to God's rules. The training received by being in a school is one of the most valuable kinds of training. It is not listed in the calendar, charged up in the monthly statements, or very often mentioned, but in some cases it is of more actual worth to the student than all text book classes combined.

So, young friend, we say, "Chase the dollars," go after them with vim. Slacken not for weather; wait not for wind or tide. Gather as you sow beside all waters. Set the eyes on the goal of a thorough education and—*reach the goal.*

J. G. LAMSON, in *Academic Advocate.*

THE PRESENT TRUTH SERIES

For the past three months the writer has been in the field attending general meetings, conventions, and visiting the larger churches and institutions. This has afforded an excellent opportunity for getting acquainted with our people, and with the various phases of the work. Particularly in the light of this great soul-winning movement are we studying the entire field; and more and more are we convinced of the necessity of a strong, clear setting of this great three-fold message in the form of the printed page. This literature must be handled by those who believe the message.

We have on previous occasions spoken with regard to the *Signs* weekly, and we are glad to see our people taking hold of this effective agency; but we wish to say a word also in favor of the *Present Truth* Series. There is room in the field for both. These little truth-laden papers are making possible some things that formerly were beyond us. The exceptionally low price enables us to reach all our friends and neighbors. The *Present Truth* Series is doing a great work. It is greatly appreciated and we feel like urging our people everywhere to circulate it by the hundreds of thousands.

We are enjoying wonderful privileges now. How soon they will be taken from us we cannot tell, but let us work while the day lasts, for soon the night cometh when no man can work. Try one thousand copies of the *Present Truth* Series in your neighborhood. Give the people an opportunity to know the truth. Do not try to sell those papers, but you can give the people a chance to contribute something so as to increase the circulation.

The work is onward. Our people are rallying to the gospel message now ringing through our churches summoning them to action. The outlook is very encouraging. Let no one delay to enter heart and soul into this great harvest time. "Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion," is the command given us through the prophet Micah.

F. W. PAAP

THE FIVE-MINUTE EXERCISE

I am told that the original purpose of the five-minute exercise was for map study. This was very good, but as improvements are made in all lines of work the five-minute exercise has been no exception.

Variation is the spice of life. Very often people ask me if I do not get dreadfully tired of painting and papering every day. I always say, "No, I get so much variation, meeting strange people and new conditions nearly every day, that really my experience is quite interesting."

There is so much chance for variation in the five-minute exercise that there is no reason why these should not be the most interesting moments of the Sabbath school hour. We are living in an age of wonderful improvement and knowledge.

Recently I picked up a souvenir of Austin, and it is surprising to note that sixty years ago the territory where we now have flourishing cities, with paved and electric lighted streets, electric car lines, beautiful shaded roadways with thousands of electric lighted automobiles to buzz over them, beautiful stock farms, etc., was only a hunting ground for the "red man." A trail was the only improvement between the Iowa line and Minnehaha.

Sixty years ago the Adventist message which we so dearly love was in its infancy, and today we are led to exclaim, "Oh, the wonders which God hath wrought." With this truth going to all the world, is it not possible to glean reports to give as a five-minute exercise? I know of nothing that will infect us with the missionary fever germ, and reach heart and hand more readily than the encouraging report of a consecrated mission worker, unless it is a personal visit to our needy fields.

I often think of the time when our Sabbath school offering was less than one dollar each week, and when it reached two dollars we thought that was superfine.

One of our brethren visited the southern states and Cuba. He didn't get affected with malaria, but he did get the mission fever right. He came home; he didn't say much, but everyone commenced to notice the increase in Sabbath school offerings. Well, one got affected after the other until our state secretary said she hardly knew what to expect next from the Austin Sabbath school in the way of donations to missions. Last year our offering to missions was twenty-five cents and a fraction per week for each church member. I sometimes think that our whole conference has been affected by the experience of this one man.

There is a saying all have heard, "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men." We might add a new one to the list and say, "A little praise now and then is relished by the worst of men."

We remember Paul commended Timothy for the faith that was in him and others, and God has said, "If thou doest well thou shalt live," etc. What more appropriate opportunity could be found for an occasional word of praise and appreciation than the five-minute exercise time?

We have received this occasionally from our superintendent, our state secretary and others, and this has done me more good than all the Sabbath school thermometers and other devices in vogue. What we need is a thorough infection of the missionary fever germ, with a heart full of the love of Jesus.

There is a way of giving these five-minute exercises that will affect and infect. I often think what a splendid example of this our local secretary is. Have you noticed the twinkle in her eye, with the smile upon her face while she reads her report? She has something to tell that interests her and others. Sister White says, "The time will come when our faces will shine with the love of Jesus." I am glad some are commencing to shine; aren't you? Oh, the amount of pleasure we might get if we always praised and never found fault. "There is so much bad in the best of us, and so much good in the worst of us, that it ill behoves any of us to talk about the rest of us."

There are many things that might be mentioned as subjects for five-minute exercises:—The different Bible drills, mission exercises, plans for missionary reports, exercises by the children, etc. Sometimes an unpleasant task comes along and the five minutes must be used for that. In case all the brethren get edge-ways it may be necessary to give a little rebuke and love talk to straighten them out. Then the sisters might get the desire to follow the fashions of the world and a plea for the plain beauty of the Christ life is in order.

There is one more thing I will speak of. What is more beautiful occasionally for a five-minute exercise than a sweet soul-stirring song? How thankful we should be that God in setting the different gifts in the church did not forget the gift of a sweet voice in some. I have often wondered how much I would give could I sing with the voice some are blessed with, and yet I have so much to be thankful for that I will not complain as did the little freckled faced boy with a crooked nose and bowed legs at school when they were having their thanksgiving program. All had told what they had to be thankful for except little Tom. The teacher said, "Well, Tom, have you something to be thankful for?" Tom said, "No, I haven't got nothin' to be thankful for, for I think God nearly spoiled me when he made me." On the other hand I am more thankful that in a very short time all will be able to sing the song that the angels sing. That will be a song worth while, standing on the sea of glass, singing the song of victory and praise, making heaven echo and re-echo the praise to our God.

That will be a long five-minute exercise. I want to be there: don't you? It is the privilege of everyone in this room to be there. Shall we accept it? We must accept it. What do you say?—Presented at the Austin Convention by Chas. Rosenthal.—*Northern Union Reeper*.

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LANGHAM

About three months ago, Brother D. D. Neufeld and I went to Langham (a small town on the main line

of the C.N.R.) to try and find an opening to present the Message.

It was impossible for us to secure a hall or church in which to hold our meetings, and as we did not like to leave before we had presented the solemn truth to the people, we rented an empty house, fixed it up as best we could, and put in enough seats to seat about eighty persons. Twelve persons visited our first meeting. However, the attendance grew from evening to evening, so that our house was pretty well filled, and sometimes we did not have room to seat them all.

It became necessary, however, for Brother Neufeld to leave me and return home, and with God's help I continued the meetings alone. The Lord helped me in many ways—in visiting the people, and in the evening meetings.

I am also glad to report that the Lord, through his Word and Spirit, has convinced fifteen souls of the truth, and these have decided to keep his Sabbath.

On the eighth of May I had the privilege of organizing a Sabbath-school of twenty-three members. If the Lord is willing, we will have baptism soon.

O. ZIPRICK.

EAST REGINA

When Jesus saw the multitudes coming out of Samaria to listen to him, he looked over and said to his disciples, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." He is also bidding us to lift up our eyes over the wide field of our time and see it ripe for the harvest. We should not only lift up our eyes, but the heart and soul in prayers to our heavenly Father from whence all our help is coming.

Thinking over the work in Regina among the foreigners, I can not help but think of the words of our Saviour when he sent out the twelve disciples: "Be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves." The work in the city for our people is a difficult one. They are all poor, and depend on their daily wages. It requires courage, faith and the wisdom of God to talk the truth to them, for they live in poverty and want. Yet, while the work is difficult, it is encouraging. We give thanks and praise to our heavenly Father for all his goodness towards those that are trusting to him.

The Lord has provided necessities for his people here. There are many here in this city who would be glad to work seven days a week, but have had no work for eight or nine months, while our people are working. In one instance, which is quite encouraging, many people were turned out of work last Sabbath, but our people are still working. It is certainly wonderful how God does help his people. And among all these difficulties there are honest souls that are listening to "the still small voice."

We have one lady who is waiting for baptism, and another man began to keep the Sabbath, and some others will soon begin. But there are hundreds of our people (Roumanians) in this province that have never heard about this truth, and we must go and tell them to come and make peace with God. I earnestly ask our brethren to pray for these poor souls that are in the darkness of the Greek church.

These people are very ignorant. Many of them can not read nor write, and the great majority never had

the Bible. The Greek Orthodox (Catholic) church does not allow its members to read the Bible. The priests keep them in darkness and unconscious of their sins. Great is the mystery of Babylon, and one is surprised at the way people are kept in the bondage of sin. But we must proclaim the news with a loud voice, "Come out of her, my people."

In travelling north and south among the Roumanian settlements I found souls who are hungering and thirsting for something that will satisfy them. The spirit of the Lord is working in the hearts of men and women, stirring them up, and causing them to see the danger of their souls. And may the Lord give us wisdom and power to stand up in this critical time and proclaim this blessed truth which we love so much.

I earnestly ask our brethren and sisters in this Union to pray for those poor souls that are in the darkness of Greek Catholicism, that they, every one that wants eternal life, may find the way of salvation which is by keeping the commandments of God and having the faith of Jesus.

T. M. KRAINEAN.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

Elder Gilbert and Brother Clemensen spent Sabbath, May 29th, at Prince, where seven souls were baptized. We are glad to say that the work in the northern part of the province is progressing.

In order to assist in getting things ready on the camp ground for our coming conference, it will be necessary for the office workers to be in Saskatoon on June 16th. The office will be closed from that date to July 7th.

"The Shadow of the Bottle," the new temperance booklet has arrived, and we will be able to fill orders promptly. We will have a good assortment of books, Bibles and tracts on the camp ground, on which special reductions will be made.

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LAST CALL TO CAMP MEETING

It will be observed that the meeting begins on Friday the 18th. We hope everyone will plan to be on the ground in time to have all preparations completed before the Sabbath draws on. To do this some may have to come Thursday, but we hope this will not cause any to put it off until after the Sabbath. Let us plan, if possible, to improve all the time by being on hand at the start.

This will be our last opportunity to invite you to come. If there are those who have already decided they will not attend, we would urge you to think the matter over again and decide to come.

God's spirit is moving on hearts as never before and he is waiting to pour us out a blessing. The most important work in all this earth at this time is the saving of souls. I fear we are not fully awake to the responsibility resting upon us.

Surely we are on the brink of the time of trouble and the earth (nations) is now being shaken. With the awful events transpiring in Europe and the fact that the end is near should stir our hearts. Let us get ready for the coming of Jesus. This meeting will help you, so come.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

RATES TO THE CAMP MEETING

We are glad to announce that the usual reduced rates on the certificate plan have been granted by the three continental railways in connection with our camp meeting. Most of you are familiar with this plan, but for the benefit of those that may not know about it, we give the following rules governing these rates:

Delegates must purchase first-class full fare one-way tickets to place of meeting and obtain certificates to that effect on Standard Certificate Form. Ticket agents are supplied with Standard Certificates and are instructed to issue them on application.

Passengers boarding trains at flag stations should retain duplex ticket issued by conductor, which when properly endorsed and validated, will be honored for ticket to original starting point under similar conditions applicable to Standard Certificates.

No reduced rates will be granted to children on half fare tickets, therefore it is necessary to purchase full fare tickets also for them.

Where delegates have to travel over more than one railway to reach place of meeting, they will require to purchase tickets and obtain certificates as above from each railway.

Tickets for the meeting must not be purchased more than three days prior to the opening of the meeting.

Brandon is a very good railway center, and without a doubt all can reach there in one day. Those coming from the southern part of the province will change trains at Boissevain or Napinka, those coming from the northern part change at Minnedosa, while those living on the main lines of the different railways can reach there very conveniently.

We hope that as far as possible all of our Brethren are planning to be there. Many have written us that they are coming. We are looking forward to a real good meeting. We are living in stirring times, and we need to come together to seek the Lord most earnestly. We hope that it will be possible for all to be present at the opening meeting, June 18.

B. L. GRUNDSET.

OBITUARY

Brother Herbert Vanderpant died at his home in Manitou, Manitoba, May 21, 1915, of tuberculosis, at the age of twenty years, four months and one day.

Herbert was born in England and came to this country about eight years ago with his parents. He was never a very robust boy. However, he was of a cheerful and congenial disposition, fond of companionship and generally liked.

About three years ago he became acquainted with the truths of the third angel's message through literature and visiting. He accepted them and took his stand for them, although until about ten months ago he had never heard a sermon from the pulpit. He was received into the church a few months ago, and has ever been an earnest Christian and faithful.

He longed to do something for his Saviour and greatly desired to regain his health that he might devote his life to the giving of this message. His brief Christian experience was a bright one. Even in his weakened condition he ceased not his efforts to give to others the truths that were so precious to him. While confined to his bed he sold papers and books

whenever he had opportunity. He was also very particular to pay an honest tithe.

Words of comfort were taken from Rev. 14:13, Surely "he rests from his labors and his works do follow him." Services were conducted by the writer and also by the family pastor. He leaves a father, mother, two sisters and a brother to mourn their loss.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

MANITOBA NOTES

Don't fail to attend camp meeting, June 18-27, at the beautiful Assiniboine Park, Brandon.

Don't forget your Standard Certificates in connection with your ticket in going to camp meeting.

Elder Chapman and family are enjoying a visit from his mother. She plans to again attend our camp meeting.

Brother Cowan is visiting in the west these days, going from here to his old home at Wakopa, thence to Alberta.

We are glad to learn that Brother Gretzinger, who was recently kicked by a horse, is improving and is able to be about again.

Elder E. M. Chapman made a hurried trip to Morden last week, shipping some of the camp meeting goods left there from last summer.

Preparations for the camp meeting have already begun at Brandon, by Elder Robb. It is to be held in the nice shady park on the Assiniboine.

We are glad to report that Sister Dirksen is improving some in health, and we have hopes that Elder Dirksen will be able to be back to attend the camp meeting.

Brother D. H. Carmichael has been busy the last week making nice comfortable seats for the large tent at our camp meeting. You will find them to be a great improvement over our usual seating.

A nice supply of books and tracts will be on display at the book tent at our coming camp meeting. Shall we not plan to secure more literature than ever before, so that we might give the message to those about us.

Sunday laws are becoming quite stringent in the city of Winnipeg. Recently two of our Brethren have been in court for working on Sunday. One of them was in jail a short time, but was soon released through efforts on the part of others of our Brethren.

We are glad to have with us again in the work, Brother George Soper. He is at present holding meetings at Minnetonka. A great interest has been aroused in that community, and we have hopes of seeing some from there taking their stand for the truth.

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VICTORIA

It was my privilege to spend a week with this church and hold meetings with them nearly every night and over two Sabbaths. This church has assisted the elder, Brother Freeman, in holding Sunday evening meetings, and as a result seven adults were received into the church by baptism on the last Sunday of the meeting. Others are keeping the Sabbath and will later unite with them in church fellowship. The war has greatly abridged all kinds of work in the city, so our brethren are looking for opportunities to go onto the land.

A. O. BURRILL.

A CARD

Since the Conference Committee were obliged to close the Manson Academy for lack of support, our

work in the British Columbia Conference comes to a close, and as we take our leave of the people whom we have learned to love and the work to which we have become attached, we take this occasion to express our sincere regret.

While we must be separated for a time here it is to be hoped that we may be remembered at the throne of grace and that all may be faithful and finally gather where parting will be no more.

MR. AND MRS. H. E. GIDDINGS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES

We were very agreeably surprised a short time ago to receive a pleasant visit from A. H. Brigham.

Elder and Mrs. H. E. Giddings made a short visit to Vancouver, remaining over Sabbath and Sunday. Mrs. Giddings will remain for awhile, visiting her son, J. B. Giddings.

Elders J. G. Walker and A. O. Burrill have left for Vernon, to attend to the arrangements of the camp grounds. Brother E. R. Potter has been looking after the preliminary preparations.

Have you seen the July number of the "Signs" and "Watchman?" If you have, we know that you will want at least twenty-five. This number of both these magazines is exceptionally good. Order early so that you will be sure and receive your supply.

We have just received the first canvassing report of C. O. Smith. His report covers Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the week ending May 29th. He canvassed twenty-one hours and took orders for nineteen books. He says that the Lord is opening the way for the placing of our books in the hands of the people. His courage is good.

Brother H. H. Hall spent Sabbath in Vancouver recently and spoke to our people at the Union Street Church in the morning and to the young people in the afternoon. He reports the book sales in the Pacific Press territory for the first four months of 1915 as \$41,598.85, against \$25,862.40 for the corresponding period of last year. Quite an increase, isn't it? We agree with Brother Hall that these figures are very encouraging.

Alberta Conference

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A NEW CHURCH AT ACME

Less than six months ago Brother J. K. Fish started an effort at Acme. In the meantime he was assisted to some extent by Elder Wilson, and the Lord greatly blessed the efforts of his humble servants.

On Sunday, May 23rd, we had the privilege of organizing a church of twenty-eight members at this place. I was pleased to spend two days with these new believers and so had the privilege of becoming acquainted with them. The Lord has certainly garnered in a nice class of people there. They love the message as much as anyone that I have ever met, and after questioning them thoroughly I found that they were in harmony with all points of the message. It took us quite a number of hours to question them all, but there was not a single point with which they did not agree. We had a most blessed time together.

The following officers were elected: Elder, Brother Cal Thompson; deacon, W. J. Smith; clerk, Brother Saunders; treasurer, Brother Ludlow; librarian, Brother Wise.

We all hope and pray that this church may continue to grow and be the means of bringing many souls to a knowledge of the truth.

H. H. HUMANN.

THE CAMP MEETING

The camp meeting for the Province of Alberta will be held at Lacombe, July 8-18. This, I believe has appeared in the columns of this paper several times before this, but I thought it would not do any harm to call the attention of our brethren to it again.

Now, brethren, the coming camp meeting means more to us than any previous one, because the fulfillment of the prophecies of God have nearly all come to a point during the past year and the present one. The next great prophecy that we are all anxious to see fulfilled is for all of God's people to come up to the Bible standard in religious experiences; therefore we should all pray and plan to attend this meeting.

We would especially urge parents to bring their children with them, for with God's help we expect to do more for our children and youth than at any time in the past. God will have a special message for his people and for this reason all should plan to attend in order to obtain a deeper experience with Christ.

Should there be any who desire to secure rooms in a private house, we would ask such to kindly write to the chairman of the camp meeting committee, Elder C. K. Reiswig. As we are always short of tents, we would ask those of the brethren who have their own tents to kindly bring these with them. Meals will be served on the European plan, as usual.

Now, we would ask all those who come to bring with them the faith of God and be prepared to enjoy the blessings which God has in store for us. Let those who remain at home pray between porch and altar.

H. H. HUMANN.

RETURNING TO ALBERTA

It is my privilege after three years' absence and active labor in Oregon, to be back in Alberta, where I spent over twelve years before. As the damp climate affects my health it was thought best to make this change. It was hard to leave the brethren there, and we hope that soon the time will come when we can all be together.

The brethren in and around Portland came together for a farewell meeting, and we left the following morning, arriving in Calgary the morning of the 7th. Elder Reiswig had made arrangements and all the brethren living south of Calgary came in for the Sabbath. We were glad to see them again. The Lord blessed our meetings there. On Sunday, the 9th, eight were baptized by Elder Reiswig.

We left Calgary the 10th, coming to our home in leduc.

H. BLOCK.

ACADEMY NOTES

The closing examinations for the year began on Wednesday June 2, and continued through Friday the 4th.

Miss Campbell left last week to answer a call from the hospital in Stettler. She expects to spend the summer there.

Brother W. L. Manfull spent a few days last week with the young men and women who are planning to engage in the colporteur work during the vacation.

Brother L. A. Philpott, who has been very seriously ill with pneumonia for the past few weeks, is improving, and

his many friends hope to see him about again before many days.

On Wednesday, June 2nd, Professor and Sister Harder and Sister Harriet Beardsley left for St. Helena, California, where they will attend an educational convention. Following this they will visit the Panama Exposition.

This morning a very interesting letter from Professor and Sister Beardsley was read to the academy family. Professor Beardsley spent five years here as principal of the school, and his many friends were glad to hear from him.

Elder E. N. Sargeant, of Washington, spent a few hours with his sister, who teaches the Primary Department at the academy. He is at present visiting relatives near Clive. While here he gave an interesting talk to the students at the chapel hour.

The organ recital rendered on Tuesday, June 1, by the graduating class composed of Sister E. Clark and Sisters Sargeant and Adams, showed that earnest effort had been put forth in preparation. Short biographies of Rubenstein, Mendelssohn and Schumann were alternated with instrumental pieces. The recital closed with Schumann's well-known "Traumerei," it being beautifully rendered by Sister Robina Adams.

Prof. E. D. Dick, from Union College, Nebraska, who is to act as principal of the academy next year, arrived on Monday, May 31st. He gave an interesting talk to the students the following morning at chapel. Prof. Dick expressed himself as being well pleased with the location of the academy, and is favorably impressed with the town of Lacombe and vicinity. The prospects for the future of the academy are very encouraging.

ALBERTA NOTES

Baptism was held at Claresholm on Sabbath, May 29th, when three souls were baptized. The following day, Sunday, the Granum church was re-organized.

Churches which are planning on conducting church schools, and individuals desiring positions as teachers, should apply to Sister H. A. Beardsley, Lacombe, Alta.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

Alberta—January 1 - March 10						
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ord.	Mag.	Helps	Totals
Wm. Tall.....	G.C.	348	126		\$ 96.95	\$ 530.45
British Columbia—January 1 - May 22						
C. O. Smith.....	H.M.	20	17			\$ 70.25
Various Workers	W.C.		1370			342.50
Various Workers	Mag.		8010	\$801.00		801.00
		20	9397	\$801.00		\$1213.75
Manitoba—January 1 - May 29						
A. E. McGee.....	G.C.	937	72	\$ 9.50	\$145.20	\$ 431.70
Fred Kingston....	P.G.	62	9		2.70	42.70
G. F. Ojala.....	P.P.	166	47		7.75	188.25
O. Sigurdson....	C.O.S.	183	238			166.60
D.Gu'dbrandson	C.O.S.	15	38			26.60
S. Meikle.....	Mag.		2465	246.50		246.50
Frank Finch.....	Mag.		150	15.00		15.00
Mrs. Finch.....	Mag.		200	20.00		20.00
		1363	3219	\$291.00	\$155.65	\$1137.35
Saskatchewan—January 1 - May 22						
Hulda Hoen.....	B.R.	103	48		\$3.25	\$ 177.25
G. F. Knowlton...	P.P.	92	44			164.00
Mrs. L. & E. Long	B.R.	138	72		2.65	266.65
Luther Long.....	B.R.	142	54		2.25	205.75
Chas. Sissons....	B.R.	92	50		3.50	200.50
E. A. Light.....	D.R.	28	7		.50	29.00
O. Meilicke.....	P.P.	79	53			192.50
J. D. Neufeld....	D.R.	26	22			66.00
Agnes Vester....	B.R.	18	7		.25	25.75
Ida Coles.....	Mag.	169	1628	162.80		162.80
		887	1985	\$162.80	\$12.40	\$1490.20
Twenty-one Agents..		2618	14727	\$1254.80	\$265.00	\$4371.75

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The June number of the *Protestant Magazine* contains a full report of an address by the editor, Prof. W. W. Prescott, on the subject, "Why We Are Protestants." It would probably be rather a difficult matter for many of our own people to put into definite form the best reasons for separation from Rome, but those who are giving a message against the beast and his image ought to be most intelligent on this subject. Those of our people who are not readers of the *Protestant Magazine* would find many things of interest and value to them in it. Why not send 50c for a six months' trial subscription to commence with the June number? Address the *Protestant Magazine*, Washington, D.C.

RINGS TRUE TO THE MESSAGE

And full of the very things you wish your friends and neighbors to know. That is what the *Signs of the Times Magazine* for July is. Here are titles to most of the articles:

"The Pope and the European Crisis," "Russia and the Papacy," "Second Probation a Myth," "The Greatest Apostasy of the Ages now Impending," "Science and the Sabbath," "Heroes of the Cross," "The Great Deceiver," "Newspapers Teaching Prophecy," "His Definite Foreknowledge Demonstrated by the Scheduled Movement of the Stars," "Shall There Be No More Wars?"

The publishers think the July "*Signs*" Magazine cover is the best that has appeared in a long time. It shows Uncle Sam in the act of cleaning and preparing his old musket for possible use.

Our readers will make no mistake in getting back of this splendid issue in a strong way. Send \$1.25 to your tract society for twenty-five copies, or \$2.00 for fifty copies.

SOMETHING NEW AND NICE

One of the most pleasing scenes I have witnessed for some time was a division of children singing the new motion song, "The Boat on Galilee." This song was written for the *Sabbath School Worker* by Miss Barbara Knox, and it is receiving an enthusiastic welcome. It tells in song that story which the children never tire of hearing, of Jesus asleep in the little

boat, of the fearful storm that arose, and the wonderful ending. The melody is pleasing, and is well within the range of children's voices, and the suggested "motion" are such as will please them.

This song appeared in the June number of the *Sabbath School Worker*. An extra number of copies were printed, and the song may be obtained of the Sabbath School Department, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C. Price: two copies, five cents; five copies, ten cents. Please send cash with your order, as the Department has no accounts.

We wish this song might be sung in every school. It is one that will never grow old, and it will bring the keenest delight to the children wherever it is used.

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

READING COURSE BOOKS

The books for the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course for 1915 have been decided upon. We give herewith a list of the titles of these books, with the retail price of each:

Junior Course—

Friends and Foes.....\$1.10
Sketches of Bible Child Life..... .85
Life of Livingston..... .70

Senior Course—

Life of Miller..... 1.10
History of the Sabbath..... 1.10
Things as They Are..... .85

There has been quite a demand among our people for something regarding the life of William Miller, and we feel certain that not only the young people, but many workers will be glad of the information contained in this story of the life of this remarkable man. The "Life of Livingston" to be used in this Course is the "Pathfinder Series," well illustrated and attractive. We expect one of the heaviest sales on this book of any similar book which we have ever handled. The author of "Things as They Are," Miss Carmichael, has been a missionary to India, and speaks from a long experience. The book is well illustrated and very interesting.

Copies of these books will be found at the book tent at the camp meetings.—*Pacific Press*.

REPORT OF SALES CANADIAN BRANCH PACIFIC PRESS

	May, 1915					
	Sub.	40%	Trade	Educ.	Tracts	Totals
Alberta	\$ 7.00	\$ 99.50	\$55.95	\$14.50	\$176.95
British Col. ...	7.50	20.00	3.10	\$4.90	.75	36.25
Manitoba	3.50	4.85	1.45	9.60
Saskatchewan	63.30	125.00	8.60	1.55	34.70	233.15
	\$77.80	\$247.80	\$72.50	\$6.45	\$51.40	\$455.95

CAMP MEETING DATES

British Columbia, Vernon.....	June 7 - 13
Manitoba, Brandon.....	June 18 - 27
Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.....	June 24 - July 4
Alberta, Lacombe.....	July 8 - 18

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