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JESUS WILL COME

There is help for the tried and the lonely,
For the ties that on earth have been riven,
For the poor broken hearts, that can only
Find resting and comfort in heaven.
All the signs in the heavens are but tokens;
They are harbingers telling of home,
When the arch of the sky shall be broken,
And Jesus will come.

My heart with love's melody quivers,
There's a home and a crown over there,
In the land where the sweep of life's river
Shall banish each shadow of care—
The home of the jasper-walled city,
Where lives no transgression or stain;
Where Christ, in His infinite pity,
Gives joy without pain.

There is healing, though life's sorrow lingers;
There is rest, though life's sorrows are long;
For the harps touched by angelic fingers,
Breathe only a gladness in song;
For soon will be past every sorrow,
Where joy thrills the soul with delight,
Where life has no gloomy tomorrow,
And day has no night.

L. D. Santee.

WESTERN CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE

The fourth biennial session of the Western Canadian Union Conference is appointed to convene at Calgary, February 24 to March 2, 1916, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing union conference year, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the conference for consideration.

In connection with this meeting will be held a ministerial institute, and a colporteur's convention. Instruction will be given in Sabbath-school, home missionary and young people's work. Church officers can also find many things to help them during the session.

This will be perhaps one of the most important meetings ever held by Seventh-day Adventists in Western Canada. Since our last gathering of this nature, many grave happenings have overtaken the world, and at this time our country is engaged in the awful struggle into which the nations of the earth are being plunged. This meeting will mean more to those who attend than it could mean in an ordinary time. We expect a large attendance.

H. S. SHAW, *President.*

F. L. HOMMEL, *Secretary.*

FIRST THINGS FIRST

We are all pretty well agreed, theoretically, on what is really important in life. The difference comes in what we emphasize in practice. We say that the man who for the sake of keeping up with his well-to-do neighbor buys an automobile which he is really able neither to own nor to maintain, is over-emphasizing the value of appearances. He is not making first things first.

Everywhere we go today we are brought face to face with these words, "Safety first." They are printed on the trolley poles in some cities. You see them as you enter and leave the street cars. I recently saw them wrought into the grille of a railway ticket window. Those words are a call to men in the whirl of our modern life to remember that safety is more important than speed.

We are living in a reading age, and unless we master our reading, it will probably master us. Unless we plan for and persevere in a course of good reading, we shall probably drift into the habit of spending all our spare time in reading that which is of little worth. How do you suppose the time spent by Seventh-day Adventists in reading the daily papers compares with the time they spend in reading the Bible? How is it in your case? Many have never learned how to get quickly from the newspaper what is essential, that they may pass on to something more substantial and elevating.

Out of all the reading matter that is thrust upon us, are we giving the Bible first place? The daily paper is only for the hour of its publication; many books are only for a day, as it were; others serve to instruct a single generation; but the Bible is a book for all time and all generations. It contains all the foundation principles of civilization, culture and religion. It can never be outgrown. It widens and deepens with the years. "One gem from that ocean is worth all the pebbles from earthly streams."

Some of you have said, "When I have time, I'll read the Bible through." Yet as the days and the months and the years hurry by, you have not done it. If you will talk with God about your attitude toward His Word, very likely you will hear a gentle voice saying, "Now is the time, my child. Your days will always be full of cares. It is not, after all, so much a question of your having time as how you choose to spend your time. Now is the time. Begin today."

There began in our good church paper (which every true Seventh-day Adventist should read), in the issue of December 30th, an outline of the Bible Year for

1916. This is conducted by the Missionary Volunteer Department, but old and young are urged to join the circle. Have you begun? In order that we may know how many will take up this course, and as an aid to your own perseverance, please fill out this blank, and send it to your Conference Missionary Volunteer secretary.

A BIBLE YEAR

Please enroll my name as a member of the Bible Year Course. I will make an earnest endeavor to systematically read the Bible through during 1916.

Name.....

Address.....

Date..... M. E. KERN.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Pacific Press Publishing Association will be held at the office of the Association, in Mountain View, California, on Monday, January 24, 1916, at 10 o'clock a.m.

This meeting is called for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, receiving reports of the workings of the institution and its branch offices during the past year, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly and legally come before the meeting.

The members of this corporation consist of the following: (1) Those who have signed the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation; (2) the executive committees of the Pacific, Central, North Pacific, Northern, and Western Canadian Union Conferences, also the executive committees of the local conferences within the boundaries of the above mentioned union conferences; (3) such of the stockholders of the Pacific Press Publishing Company as assigned their stock to this Association, and who have made written application for membership, in accordance with the by-laws; (4) and other Seventh-day Adventists who have been elected to membership in accordance with the by-laws.

All who expect to attend this meeting are requested to notify the chairman of the committee on entertainment, Mr. H. G. Childs, Mountain View, Cal., in order that proper arrangements may be made.

C. H. JONES, *President.*
H. G. CHILDS, *Secretary.*

WINTER HOME MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN

At the Fall Council steps were taken to strengthen the organization of the home missionary department. We believe that this better organization will assure the soon coming of the reformatory movement which we have been told will come. "In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side, doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by

the true and humble people of God. I heard voices of thanksgiving and praise, and there seemed to be a reformation such as we witnessed in 1844." *Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. IX, page 126.

Goals

1. One soul each for Christ in 1916.
2. An average of one tract a day circulated by each member.
3. One subscription to the weekly *Signs* obtained by each member, and a club for each church and company.
4. The *Review* in every Sabbath-keeping family.
5. The systematic circulation of the Present Truth series in every large town and city.
6. A club of magazines in every church.
7. Systematic work for the foreigners around any church.
8. The *Testimonies of God's Spirit*, especially Vols. VI to IX, in the homes and read by all our people.

Already we have endeavored to get in touch with all our people, and have sent out our winter home missionary campaign program. We certainly trust that every effort possible will be made by each member to reach these several goals.

"It takes a little courage, and a little self control, And some grim determination, if you want to reach the goal."

We trust that 1916 will be the year when all our people, young and old, will put on the armour and go forth to the warfare, willing to do and dare for God, knowing that his omnipotence will supply our every need.

"The gospel message must ring throughout our churches, summoning them to universal action." "I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I, send me." Isa. 6:8.

F. W. PAAP.

THE FAMILY ALTAR

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." Isa. 40:31.

The one thing most needed and most neglected in the religious world is the family altar. There was a time when Christians felt the day was not rightly begun unless they gathered their family together to thank and praise God for His care, and ask His guidance for the day. They well knew the blessing that would follow.

It was a divinely founded institution. Note the stress laid by the Bible on family worship.

Abraham was an altar builder, wherever he went he set up an altar, and the influence of that family went down to succeeding generations.

We feel we must have three meals a day for our physical body, but think nothing of refusing to feed our spiritual life, the most important of all. Why this sad change? It must be traced to the growing spirit of worldliness and religious indifferences to sacred things which is coming to be so marked a feature in the life of the present age. Our religious people are so much occupied with secular things, so fully absorbed by the dizzy whirl of worldly pleasures, so generally abroad and so rarely at home; they have so little time to look into their own hearts and to look at the things which are unseen and eternal, that the next generation will be practically lost to God. His rightful place in their hearts and lives will be destroyed.

We see how Lot in his moral gravitation toward Sodom, and in his love for worldly pleasures and haste for wealth, forgetting to consult God, lost possessions, family, reputation, character.

Someone has likened family prayer to the roof over a home, every time it is neglected removes one shingle, until in so many homes the children are exposed to the pelting storms of worldiness and temptation. Then parents wonder why their boy or girl is lost to home and purity and Christ.

Many a man has been shielded from the thickly besetting temptations in business, many a careworn mother has been kept from fretting and worrying and from using the cutting word, by the abiding influence of the sacred season about the morning altar. Neglect everything rather than this.

What sadder thought than the realization of the number of professed Christian homes where, as on Carmel, the broken altars witness against God's people.

Let us ask ourselves this question—are we doing our duty to ourselves and families, or are we letting the world have the predominance in our lives? This is a serious question and one that will confront us at the day of judgment.

Would that in every newly-started home, in every group of room-mates at school or lodging house, the start might be made by at least reading a portion of Scripture and repeating together from the heart the Lord's, or rather the disciples,' prayer.

"Be not too busy with thy work and care

To look to God, to clasp thy hand in His.

Miss thou all else, but fail not thou in this,

Thou needest not alone thy burden bear.

Listen and wait, obey and learn His will;

His love and service all thy life can fill."

—Selected.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT

At a committee meeting held last fall it was decided to postpone our Annual Conference from mid-winter to some time in the summer, and hold it in connection with a general camp-meeting at some point on the Kettle Valley railroad, between Hope and Penticton. It has been thought best to change this, however, for the following reasons: The Hope branch up the Coquahalla valley is not completed, and we cannot find out when it will be. The road is open via Merritt, but trains only run three times a week, which would not be convenient for a meeting of this kind; and then again the route would be longer for the people from the coast. Also we have thought that the money stringency would be against a very full attendance at a general meeting this season, either from the East or West.

So with these reasons in mind the committee now thinks it rather impractical to postpone the conference

till midsummer, and gives consent to have it in Vancouver, commencing a few days before the "Workers' and Church Institute" to be held there in February.

The Conference is called for Feb. 1-13, 1916. The Institute is to be held Feb. 4-13.

The business of the Conference will be mostly finished Feb. 1-3; but will not adjourn *sine die* till the close of the Institute.

We greatly desire a full delegation at this Conference and hope the delegates who come will stay through the Institute, which we believe will be a great benefit to all who attend.

I presume our brethren in Vancouver will be able to accommodate with a room some of the visitors who come, but if they are not able to do this, rooms outside can be found at reasonable rates. The Conference does not expect to operate any Cafeteria at this meeting, but let each delegate find his own place to eat. There are many Cafes and Careterias in Vancouver and board is reasonable.

Those who come *should purchase a return ticket*, as we cannot expect to get any cheaper rate on the certificate plan.

We hope the elders will attend to the matter of having the churches appoint delegates on the following ration: One for the church and an additional delegate for every ten members.

As we get nearer the end our Conference meetings will become more and more important, and this one just before us will have weightier matters to consider than any preceding one. Let us pray that God may give grace and wisdom for the occasion, and keep those who participate in the business from making any mistakes.

J. G. WALKER.

NOTICES

A WORKERS' AND CHURCH INSTITUTE will be held in the Union Street Church, Vancouver, Feb. 4-13, 1916. We hope to have all our workers present at this meeting. We desire, also, as many of our lay brethren as possible, the church elders, treasurers, clerks, missionary secretaries, Sabbath school superintendents, Young People's leaders, and in fact all the church officers in the Coast district. This Institute is calculated to be a great help to all our churches in the West.

Elder H. S. Shaw and Elder Meade McGuire are on the program and expected to be present.

J. G. WALKER.

A CHURCH INSTITUTE for the Okanagan district will be held at Grandview (near Armstrong), Feb. 14-20, 1916. We want all our church officers in the Okanagan district at this meeting, and as many of the church members as possible.

As Elder Meade McGuire, the Field Secretary of the American Division, Young People's Department, will be present, we desire a full attendance of our young folk that live in the district.

The brethren at Grandview have kindly promised to entertain all the visitors that attend this meeting.

J. G. WALKER.

COMPARISON OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES
DURING 1914 AND 1915

| | 1914 | | | 1915 | | |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | Tithe. | 20c. Wk. Funds. | Home Funds. | Tithe. | 20c. Wk. Funds. | Home Funds. |
| Armstrong.. | \$ 151.40 | \$ 37.00 | \$ | \$164.10 | \$ 59.96 | \$23.90 |
| Abbotsford.. | 170.00 | 54.80 | 10.16 | .... | .... | .... |
| Conference.. | 1,842.19 | 485.15 | 641.27 | 560.07 | 354.54 | 32.90 |
| Cumberland.. | 251.35 | 50.30 | 2.42 | .... | .... | .... |
| Firvale..... | 242.75 | 71.65 | 2.95 | 244.48 | 62.51 | 30.05 |
| Grandview.. | 1,474.28 | 395.95 | 7.72 | 773.56 | 486.90 | 19.00 |
| Isolated.... | .... | .... | .... | 1084.71 | 300.35 | 227.60 |
| Lumen..... | 528.56 | 148.10 | 23.35 | 352.61 | 203.48 | 8.65 |
| Masset..... | 119.15 | 37.15 | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Mission..... | 77.20 | 93.55 | 5.75 | 37.80 | 62.55 | .95 |
| Manson..... | 522.46 | 82.84 | 10.80 | 376.31 | 120.92 | 28.94 |
| Nanaimo... | 1,040.95 | 218.55 | 41.62 | 638.47 | 244.53 | 30.73 |
| Nelson..... | .... | .... | .... | 21.75 | 40.92 | .... |
| Penticton... | 405.85 | 116.25 | 4.35 | 538.39 | 118.48 | 18.51 |
| Port Simpson | .... | 2.50 | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Silver Creek. | 273.55 | 73.45 | 4.35 | 275.15 | 129.22 | 12.85 |
| Vancouver— | | | | | | |
| 42nd Ave.. | 391.71 | 153.95 | 20.19 | 542.80 | 229.99 | 65.25 |
| South.... | 390.25 | 156.06 | 12.00 | 374.10 | 242.80 | 12.90 |
| Union St.. | 609.39 | 332.37 | 113.48 | 798.66 | 324.03 | 36.90 |
| West.... | 1,225.32 | 295.74 | 14.63 | 945.25 | 292.91 | 79.38 |
| Vernon..... | 164.75 | 76.65 | .90 | 355.26 | 180.04 | 25.34 |
| Victoria..... | 302.70 | 85.57 | .... | 169.10 | 123.34 | 10.83 |
| Totals... | \$10,183.81 | \$2967.68 | \$915.94 | \$8252.57 | \$3577.47 | \$664.68 |
| Grand Total... | \$14,067.43 | | | \$12,494.72 | | |

J. B. GIDDINGS, Treasurer.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES

We were very pleased to see Captain and Mrs. G. Le-Marquand, of Naden Harbor, Graham Island, B.C., who have been visiting in Vancouver and Victoria. They left for their home on Tuesday.

Mrs. M. E. Toombs, of Nanaimo, passed through Vancouver a short time ago from Revelstoke. Sister Toombs took orders for our small books on her way up the country and had a large supply of magazines ready for her use on the return trip. The books had been shipped to the different stations where she had taken orders, and these she delivered, as well as selling all the magazines which she had with her. Surely this is a good work. Sister Toombs enjoys it and you ought to hear her tell about her experiences.

J. W. Lowther was a visitor at the office last week. We are always glad to see Brother Lowther, as he brings a good report and his words of courage are an inspiration.

Elder A. O. Burrell has been conducting a series of Bible classes in different parts of Vancouver, on the historical part of the prophecies of Daniel. Although the attendance has not been large on account of so much la grippe, those who are meeting each Wednesday afternoon are very much interested in the study. Elder Burrell is certainly a splendid Bible teacher and those who are not taking advantage of his help are missing an opportunity to become familiar with important lines of Bible history.

Manitoba Conference

Office Address, 418 Lansdowne Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba. President, E. M. Chapman; Secretary-Treasurer, B. L. Grundset; Sabbath-school Secretary, Mrs. V. W. Robb; Educational Secretary, Geo. R. Soper; Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Mrs. Barbara Cowan; Tract Society and Home Missionary Secretary, B. L. Grundset; Religious Liberty Secretary, E. M. Chapman.

TEMPERANCE CAMPAIGN ON

In Vol. 6, page 110, of the "Testimonies," we read that "In our work more attention should be given to temperance reform." Just now especially does the temperance reform demand our attention and support here in Manitoba.

The citizens of this province will have the privilege of voting against the liquor traffic in Manitoba on March 15th.

It appears to me that now is an excellent time for us

as a people to show our colors. We must work shoulder to shoulder with those who are battling against this great evil; thus we will have opened to us many opportunities of diffusing light on other topics of God's message for this time.

The new *Temperance Instructor* for 1916 has just arrived and is certainly the best ever issued. As a people, we are well scattered over the province. Would it not be a grand thing if we could put a copy of this paper in every home in the province? I believe that almost every family could sell at least fifty copies and some many more of this paper. It is exactly what the people need. Shall we not organize our forces immediately to assist in this great work? Let someone visit the chairman of the temperance force in your locality and co-operate with them in planning a campaign with the *Instructor*. This number should be scattered like the leaves of autumn all over Manitoba. Dear reader, will you be one to help? *Never have we had such a chance before, and we may never have another.* Let us swing in with all our might and "strike the iron while it is hot," asking God to bless our efforts.

The papers can be had at five cents each and may be sold for ten cents. They should be ordered from the Manitoba Tract Society, 418 Lansdowne Avenue, Winnipeg.

While interviewing a prominent temperance lecturer from Winnipeg recently, I was pleased to hear him say: "Oh, yes, I know how all your people stand; they are always very loyal in temperance lines." The workers for the vicinity of Rivers are delighted with the *Temperance Instructor* and are planning to sell them at the public meetings which are to be held in all the school houses and other available meeting places in this part. They will also be used from house to house.

Shall we not all arise and "do our bit" in every way possible between now and the date set for the vote, and when the day comes, cast our vote in favor of the McDonald Act? This prohibits the sale of liquor in Manitoba, except for medicinal use, and then it must be procured from the regular licensed drug store. It may not be sold or given away by anyone within the province.

I believe that every S.D.A. should favor this act, as it is the best that Manitoba can do at present, and if passed it will be a great step in the right direction. Again, I would emphasize the thought that we must "work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work." E. M. CHAPMAN.

A DIARY WELL KEPT

Not long ago, in Europe, a man died at the age of 73 years, who began to keep a diary at the age of 18 years, and continued to keep it for 52 years. His life was not consecrated to a high ideal. In the book he left he states that in the 52 years he had smoked 628,715 cigars, of which he had received 43,692 as presents, while for the remaining 585,023 he had paid about \$10,433.

In 52 years, according to his book-keeping, he had drunk 28,786 glasses of beer and 20,085 glasses of spirits, for which he spent \$5,350. The diary closes with these words: "I have tried all things, I have seen many, I have accomplished nothing."

A strange contrast between this testimony and that of Paul, 2 Timothy, 4:7-8: "I have fought a good

fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."—Selected.

Alberta Conference

Office Address, 502 Seventeenth Ave. West, Calgary, Alberta. President, H. Humann; Secretary-Treasurer, F. L. Hommel; Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Hattie A. Beardsley; Field and Missionary Secretary, R. P. Mooney; Sabbath-school Secretary, Mrs. H. Gertrude Rick; Tract Society Secretary, F. L. Hommel; Religious Liberty Secretary, J. L. Wilson.

THE MORNING WATCH

How many Missionary Volunteers in the Alberta Conference are acquainted with the Morning Watch Calendar? I know that some of you have made a personal friend of this little booklet, and to those who have not let me present this friend whose intimate acquaintance will to you be a source of daily comfort.

The Morning Watch comprises both prayer and Bible study. The Psalmist said: "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning," and Jesus himself, "Rising up a great while before day, he went out and departed into a solitary place and there prayed." Are these not two worthy examples to follow?

The first topic considered in the calendar this year is, "What Jesus is to us." As volunteers we should have experimental knowledge of this subject, but in order for him to be the very most to us, we must seek his face earnestly every day. You who have observed the morning watch faithfully know that the chamber of secret prayer is the only place to begin a successful day. This is where we get in touch with the great dynamo of heaven and secure power for the day's duties and trials.

I am very glad to tell you that 185 calendars have been purchased by the students of the academy; and now if each volunteer throughout the conference would secure one from the office in Calgary, and if all would be faithful in the use of this most interesting booklet, what a volume of prayer would ascend each morning from Alberta!

Our Heavenly Father invites us to seek his face, and in "Desire of Ages" we are told that "We would do well to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ." The morning hour is the very best time to seek our Father's face, and here is this little reminder of our morning devotion. It is prepared especially for our convenience. It just fits our Bibles, it just fits our needs, and now shall we fit into the plan and be faithful to our morning watch throughout 1916?

HARRIET A. BEARDSLEY.

BISMARCK—EDMONTON

On Sabbath, Jan. 1, I met with the company at Brooks, where Enoch Wilson has been laboring for some time, and held quarterly meeting with the Bismark church. The Bismark brethren and sisters came over to Brooks, which is a distance of about 12 miles, so that we had the two companies together. Brother Fish was present with us and assisted in the meeting, which lasted from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. "It was good to be there." We took seven new members into the Bismark church, one by letter and six on confession

of faith. This will strengthen our work very much in this section of the country. A great deal of earnestness is being manifested by this company in the salvation of others. Thank God for this.

On Jan. 8th we held a quarterly meeting at Edmonton. This was also a lengthy meeting, as we had a number of candidates to examine for baptism. A good spirit was manifested all through our meeting and on Sunday we baptized eight precious souls with their Saviour.

Since the cold weather has set in our public meetings have not been so well attended, but the interest is good among those who do attend. The brothers and sisters here are doing all they can to make this work a success, and the Lord is blessing their efforts.

It is very encouraging to see the earnestness in which our faithful people are warning their neighbors of the wrath to come and the faithfulness in bringing their tithe into the Lord's storehouse. This co-operation with the Lord is making His people a mighty power in the earth in finishing His work in this generation. May the Lord continue to bless His people.

J. L. WILSON.

OUR WORK IN CALGARY

On Sunday evening, Dec. 16th, there was a much better attendance, owing to the weather being milder. It is a little unfortunate that our hall cannot be kept very warm on the coldest nights, as this has hurt our interest some.

We are planning to begin our lectures over again, and a lecture on India will also be given in the near future. In this way we trust to reach a new class of hearers. Of the first class, we are glad to report that a good percentage are keeping the Sabbath. It is our hope that they will prove faithful in attending Sabbath meetings and become fully established in present truth.

The Holy Spirit is today visiting the honest in heart and often we are quite surprised in those who really are seeking for light. Often, as in the days of our Saviour's ministry, it happens that those whom we thought as most likely to accept the truth, hang behind, while others not so promising step out early. These are days when the decisions are made. The Angel of Mercy cannot remain long in this troubled world. The powers of darkness are becoming angry, and soon we shall know what is meant by the "time of trouble."

Now is the time to become closely connected with Jesus, by daily intercession and by seeking the constant aid of the Spirit in this great day of preparation. God's people will often be in peril and severely tried, but says our Commander: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

C. A. HANSEN.

FROM THE NORTH

Leaving Vermilion Lakes Church on December 22, where we enjoyed a precious season during the Week of Prayer, the writer started on a tour into the northern part of the province to spy out the land with a view of placing some of our message-filled books in the homes, this coming summer.

I called on the isolated believers wherever I heard of them, and spent several days with each family, where we held meetings or Bible study. These were more for the benefit of our own people rather than

for outsiders. What marked results we see from the efforts put forth by our own isolated people in giving out literature, selling our books or any unselfish sacrifice they make in this way.

At Boyne Lake they were expectantly looking for me, not for themselves, but that I might visit an interested minister living far north on the Indian Reserve. The weather was very severe, but Brother Webber accompanied me to Whitefish Reserve, where we met a missionary who is laboring earnestly among the Indians. He was very glad that we came. We spent the night with his family, had a Bible study, and talked on the different truths on which this message is founded. This is another family who have become deeply interested in the message, and we certainly had a pleasant and profitable time together. The Lord came very near to us as we studied precious truths contained in His word.

This messenger of God loves the poor Indians and it is a great joy to him to tell them of a Saviour's love. He expects to remain near the reserve for some time yet, teaching them how to prepare to meet the Lord at His second coming. This he is well able to do since he speaks the Indian language. One of our sisters had previously lent him a copy of "Daniel and Revelation," and through reading it he has become very friendly to our message. He purchased this book and speaks favourably of entering school in order that he may become better prepared to labor for the Master.

Surely this should encourage our people not to grow weary in laboring for those around them. There are honest souls everywhere, and though we may not see immediate results from the efforts put forth, we know that God will water the seed sown.

Let us scatter more tracts and make use of our shelf worn books among our neighbors and thus let the light shine. Now is our golden opportunity.

R. P. MOONEY.

ENJOYS HER WORK

It gives me much pleasure to write a few lines to the *Tidings*. I think so often of the years spent in Canada, and my thoughts of the school are among my most pleasant memories. In my little school are only nine pupils, but there are almost as many grades. I enjoy my work so much.

We have organized a Junior Volunteer Society, which meets Wednesday afternoon at the opening of the session. We voted at our last meeting to raise money to buy the books for the new Junior Reading Course. We will use these books in our opening exercises in the mornings. We have also ordered the Morning Watch Calendar and have resolved to study the texts every day.

Another year has passed and with it another Week of Prayer, which we enjoyed very much. The blessing of God was with us in a marked manner. I was so glad to see the interest manifested by the children. What blessed seasons they are and how glad I am that we have them.

There is a small church here of about 35 or 30 members. They are all of good courage and a spirit of earnestness characterizes most of the members.

At this writing I have just returned from a two-

weeks' vacation spent at my home in Iowa. Quite a little snow has covered the ground around the Florence district and sleighing has been the mode of travel for three or four weeks.

Please remember me in your prayers. May God grant that the work in the Western Canadian Union may go forward speedily and that much may be accomplished.

ALMA ANDERSON,

Florence, So. Dakota.

ALBERTA NOTES

Thursday, January 13th, Elder Humann left the office on a trip to Beiseker.

Brother S. D. Ludlow, of Acme, spent a few days in the city before leaving for the coast on a visit to his parents.

Brother R. P. Mooney spent the week of prayer at the Vermilion Lakes church. He is now visiting believers sixty miles north of Vermilion.

Sister Gertrude Rick made a brief visit to the office recently in connection with the Conference Sabbath School work, of which department she is secretary.

Brother H. E. Shelstad spent the week of prayer in the Hardisty district with members of the Sedgewick church and others. He reports a very profitable time.

Brother J. K. Fish, after meeting with the Auditing Committee at Lacombe, left for the Cayley district, where he hopes to find an opening for a series of lectures.

Olivie Huther, daughter of Brother and Sister Huther, of Beiseker, is spending a few days in Calgary at the home of Brother and Sister Hommel. Her older sisters, Martha and Katie, also made a brief visit to the office on Sunday, the 16th.

We were glad to have a little visit recently with Sister Alice Rick, of Claresholm. Mrs. Rick called at the office while on her way to the Alberta Academy at Lacombe, where she and her daughter Ruby spent a few days visiting members of the family at the school.

The Auditing Committee meeting of the Alberta Conference convened at the Alberta Academy on Jan. 11th. This committee consisted of the Alberta Conference Committee and Brethren W. M. McCarty, S. Leiske, Henry D. Middleton, W. H. Hamilton and Albert Eklund. Elder H. S. Shaw was also present, his counsel being much appreciated.

Remember that "When the Clock Strikes Twelve" on Tuesday, February 1st, the special club rates on papers and magazines, as advertised in a recent issue of the "Tidings," will expire. If you want to save money on your subscriptions to periodicals send in your order now while these special rates are in force. Any further information desired regarding these club rates will be cheerfully furnished on application to the office.

Sister V. E. Cook, of Edmonton, arrived on the 17th inst., to assist with the work in the conference office. We are glad to have this additional help and wish her success. In a recent letter received from Sister Unruh we were glad to learn that her health has much improved since leaving the office. At the time of writing the letter, Sister Unruh was working in the Harvest Ingathering in Saskatoon, in which she was enjoying a goodly degree of success.

Elder Fred Johnson, of College View, Nebraska, recently arrived in Alberta, which will be his new field of labor. Elder Johnson will labor principally among the Scandinavian people of the province. We rejoice with our brethren and sisters that the long expected help for our Scandinavian work is now provided by the arrival in our midst of Brother Johnson. We join in wishing him abundant success in his work in this conference.

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AN ENCOURAGING REPORT

Since returning from the council held in Loma Linda my time has been occupied in visiting some of our churches and assisting in advancing the work of the school.

Elder Shaw, Professor Griggs and I visited the place where we expect to conduct a school next year. We felt that it was quite a privilege to have Professor Griggs with us as we investigated more fully the needs of our school in respect of class rooms, and the general arrangement and plan of our school project. His long association with our educational institutions enables him to give us the much needed help we will require in developing our plans along right lines.

According to appointment, I spent the Week of Prayer in Regina with the two churches there—the Regina and East Regina. I enjoyed my work very much with all the brethren and sisters, and appreciated their co-operation to make each meeting an individual blessing.

Immediately after this I went to Battleford to see the brethren who are pushing forward the work of remodelling the buildings that we are to use for our school next fall. Brethren Finkle and English have been working very enthusiastically and are glad that they can have a part in the work of the Lord. Brother Phillips has now joined them. He is securing estimates on the heating and lighting of the main building.

December 31 to January 4 was spent in the vicinity of Macrorie. Brother Forshaw was with me. During this time we organized the company of 19 Sabbath-keepers, south of Macrorie, into a church. After finishing our work there we went to the Macrorie church, where quarterly meeting was held and officers elected for the new year. On account of special circumstances the name of this church was changed from that of Macrorie to Surbiton.

The brethren and sisters in these two churches are doing some real successful missionary work. Some are giving Bible readings in homes, others are giving studies in school houses, while others are improving their opportunities in distributing literature and making missionary visits. It is earnestly hoped that all our brethren and sisters throughout the province will improve the many openings that come before them for doing missionary work. If everyone will help as they ought, a mighty work for the Lord will be done during the year before us. God has certainly blessed the efforts of our members in the home missionary work they did during the year 1915. But let us all do more and more with each passing day.

The Week of Prayer which has just passed was a precious season to all who took part in it with the desire to have a blessing. Reports of courage and victory are coming in from different parts of the province as the result of seeking God in an earnest manner during the special season of prayer. May we all move forward daily to a deeper and still deeper Christian experience.

A. C. GILBERT.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

Elder Gilbert, accompanied by Brother Forshaw, spent a few days at Macrorie last week, where another church was organized. We are glad to learn that there is a good interest at this place, and this will be followed up by one of our workers as soon as possible.

Through the faithful efforts of many of our brethren and sisters in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, Saskatchewan has passed beyond her quota, the amount received being \$529.70, while our quota was \$388. Needless to say, we are very glad for this, and hope that our conference may always keep up this good record.

Brother and Sister Gilbert Severson, from Macrorie, are spending a few days in Saskatoon. They are the guests of Brother and Sister Forshaw.

Elder Ziprick and Brother D. D. Neufeld were visitors at the office one day last week on their way home, after spending the week of prayer at Fox Valley, Prussia and Queen Centre.

The Conference Committee will meet at Saskatoon on the 18th and 19th of this month. Matters in connection with our school will come under consideration, and some items of interest will be passed on to our people soon after.

Among the visitors to the office last week were Elder Maas, from McLean, Brother E. A. Smith, Mawer, and Brother Andrew Bodrug, Macrorie.

Miss Martha Kunkel, who has been spending a week at the home of Brother and Sister Wissner, returned last Sunday to her home in Rosthern.

It will be interesting for our people to learn that during the past year the sum of \$8,309.57 has gone through our office to the General Conference treasury on the twenty-cent-a-week fund. This amount is made up as follows:

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| Sabbath-school offerings | \$4659.51 |
| Foreign Missions | 2124.27 |
| Harvest Ingathering | 529.70 |
| Annual Offerings | 527.67 |
| Midsummer Offerings | 278.02 |
| Miscellaneous Offerings | 191.50 |

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It is estimated that about 20,000 casualties occur daily on the battlefields of Europe and Asia.

Elder H. S. Shaw left Calgary on Jan. 17, for Saskatoon, where he will attend the meeting of the Saskatchewan Auditing Committee.

The enrollment at the Alberta Academy continues to increase. The goal of two hundred has been reached, others are planning on attending soon.

The believers in Western Canada contributed \$24,764.73 to missions during the year 1915. Of this amount, \$12,745.51 was given by the Sabbath-schools.

A third of the city of Bergen, a thriving Norwegian maritime city with a population of 90,000, was destroyed recently by fire. The damage is about \$15,000,000.

Elder H. H. Humann spent several days in Calgary recently. He reports that a deeper consecration is manifest in the lives of the believers throughout the province. Many are planning to do some definite missionary work during the winter months, as the fields are ripe for the harvest. Prospects are bright for a harvest of souls.

There is considerable discussion in parliamentary circles at Ottawa just now concerning the movement on foot to secure national prohibition. Sir George Foster is reported as saying: "I am quite sure whenever it is absolutely manifest that the people of Canada desire this action, public men will be found ready to coincide with and carry out their wishes." There is a splendid opportunity now to widely scatter the Temperance Number of the *Youth's Instructor* and thus help to create a public sentiment in favor of national prohibition.

Books and tracts to the value of \$270,010.85 were circulated in the Pacific Press territory during the year

1915, or \$55,425.95 more than during the year 1914. The full sales report of the Pacific Press, inclusive of periodicals, is not quite complete, but we are assured that it will pass the half-million mark by several thousand. In writing of these successes, Brother H. H. Hall says: "You see men and women of mature years selling their farms, and in some cases their homes, and entering this work for life, because they have been convinced that the circulation of our books is a missionary work of the highest order, and they want to be missionaries. A great year for seed-sowing, certainly! What will the harvest be?"

Watch the next issue of the *Tidings* for information regarding the matter of railroad certificates and other instruction which will be to the advantage and help of those who plan to attend the union conference at Calgary. Arrangements are being made with all the railroads in the four provinces of Western Canada, so that those coming can have the least possible railway fare from any point in the territory of this union field. Now is the time to begin to make plans to attend this very important meeting.

STRANGE MEANS

The means that God sometimes employs to win souls to himself are indeed strange. Most of our readers have heard of the sister who used copies of the *Signs* for wall paper because she knew her husband would read them as he stood by the stove to warm himself. Thus he got the light of truth and obeyed. We also recall the experience of another who found a wind-tossed page from the *Signs*, which awakened his interest in the truth, and finally led him to take his stand with us.

Now comes a letter from New Mexico which tells of some campers who stopped one day near an Adventist family. Some seed wrapped in the lower half of a copy of the *Signs* was given the campers. One of the party read all of that lower half of the paper, and her interest became so great she tried to get the other half, but it had been destroyed. Other copies were given her, however. These, which were eagerly read, caused her to unite with our people.

When such fragmentary means will accomplish so much, what may we expect when nice, clean, complete copies are mailed or handed to people? Are you taking and using your quota,—two copies?

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