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UNION CONFERENCE SESSION

The Fourth Biennial Session of the Western Canadian Union Conference convened at Calgary in the MacDonald Hall, Feb. 24-29. Though not the largest of its kind, yet without doubt it was the most important meeting we have held in Western Canada. In all there were present about 350 workers and lay members from the different conferences in the Union. The following are the names of the delegates who were in attendance:

Elders I. H. Evans, G. B. Thompson, Meade McGuire and H. S. Shaw; James Cochrane, Steen Rasmussen and F. L. Hommel; Elders H. H. Humann, J. G. Walker, E. M. Chapman, A. C. Gilbert, Prof. E. D. Dick and J. M. Rowse.

Alberta

P. P. Adams, Fred Johnson, C. K. Reiswig, J. L. Wilson, C. A. Hansen, C. C. Neufeld, J. K. Fish, H. E. Shelstad, Enoch Wilson, R. P. Mooney, T. S. Bowett, Harriet A. Beardsley, Ruby Rick, Mrs. H. G. Rick, L. V. Cobb.

British Columbia

J. B. Giddings, C. E. Wood and E. R. Potter.

Manitoba

B. L. Grundset, Geo Soper, D. Gulbrandson and V. W. Robb.

Saskatchewan

U. Wissner, M. Mackintosh, C. Sulzle, J. V. Maas, W. Clemenson, C. Ziprick, D. D. Neufeld, O. E. Lengren, W. G. Forshaw, T. T. Babienco and Mrs. A. C. Gilbert.

From the outset the presence of the Spirit of God was manifest. Power attended the timely discourses of the servants of God as they pleaded with all to make an entire renunciation of sin, and walk "not after the flesh but after the Spirit," which "is life because of righteousness." Marked attention was paid to the very profitable lectures on "The Victorious Christian Life," which were conducted by Elder I. H. Evans. These talks, which were based on the simple foundation principles underlying the faith of the Christian, brought courage to the weary and imparted new life and hope to the despondent. Attended by the quiet but effective moving of the Holy Spirit, they reached a depth in the hearts of those present, which it seemed had never before been experienced. There became manifest a quiet determination on the part of all to live henceforth, above the world and by the grace of the Saviour, to press on to the final triumph of a victorious Christian life.

It was impossible to listen to the talks given by Elder G. B. Thompson on "Soul-winning" without receiving an inspiration to engage in a more systematic

labor for the lost. Brother Thompson made it very clear that every individual who has put away sin and received the baptism of the Holy Spirit carries on his heart a burden for souls. Saved ourselves, we must be instrumental in saving others, and to do this we need a deeper realization of the value of one lost soul.

A live Sabbath-school was conducted on the one Sabbath of the Session. From Sister A. C. Gilbert, the Secretary, we learn that there was an attendance of 250. The offerings to mission amounted to \$75.85. On Sabbath afternoon following the reading of a sermon containing profitable exhortations delivered by the late Sister E. G. White, in California, in 1906, a consecration service was conducted. Nearly everyone present took advantage of this opportunity to make a new covenant with God, and Angels commissioned by Him were present and exerted a heavenly influence on the hearts of those who came forward and yielded their lives in complete consecration.

Perfect harmony characterized the business meetings of the Session. The reports of the President of the Union and those of the local Conference Presidents, showing the steady onward growth of the message in Western Canada, are being published in full in the *Tidings*, so it will not be necessary to include details. The following were elected as the officers for the ensuing quadrennial term:

President C. F. McVagh
Secretary-Treasurer and Auditor... F. L. Hommel
Field Secretary..... W. L. Manfull
Educational Secretary..... E. D. Dick
Religious Liberty Secretary..... C. F. McVagh
Medical Secretary..... F. L. Hommel

Eld. Shaw, who has so faithfully served the Union as President since its organization in the fall of 1907, laid down these heavy burdens for a rest before resuming responsibilities in another part of the Master's vineyard. Elder McVagh comes to this field from the West Michigan Conference, and we bespeak for him the prayers and support of our people. With the exception of this change, the officers and members of the executive committee continue the same.

To assist the work among the Young People of the Union it was voted by the committee to lighten the burdens carried by Professor E. D. Dick and secure a worker who will give his whole time and attention to the Young People's work in the Union. This is a step which we believe will result in great blessings to our youth. Professor Dick continues, however, as Educational Secretary for the Union.

Throughout the session, evening meetings were conducted for the outside by the visiting brethren, which were well attended. Altogether, this session was both

profitable and uplifting in every way and those who attended returned to their various fields with new courage and determination to undertake greater things for God in the finishing of this last message to the world.

F. L. HOMMEL.

**REPORT OF THE ALBERTA CONFERENCE,
S.D.A., FOR THE BIENNIAL TERM
ENDING DEC. 31, 1915**

It gives me pleasure to submit to the delegates to this Union Conference the report of the Alberta Conference for the biennial term covering the years 1914 and 1915.

In this great field of 253,540 square miles we have twenty-six churches, having a total membership of 985. Our corps of workers consists of four ordained and six licensed ministers; ten licensed missionaries, ten colporteurs and three other workers. This gives us a total laboring force of thirty-three; yet we have been unable to fill the increasing number of calls which have come in from week to week for experienced help to proclaim the message of truth to those bound by the fetters of sin. That God has blessed the untiring and faithful efforts of our workers is shown by the fact that during the biennial term, 354 souls have been won to Christ and baptized into this sealing message. Of this number, 261 received the rite of baptism in the year 1915. Our church membership as reported at the last Union Conference session was 607.

During the biennial term covered by this report eight new churches have been raised up and organized. All these figures, while perhaps uninteresting in themselves, nevertheless give proof that the message we are carrying to the people of Alberta is finding an abiding place in the hearts of many.

Notwithstanding the fact that during the greater portion of the biennial term, Alberta has been seriously affected by the financial stress which has been prevalent all over our fair Dominion, due to the great struggle in Europe, our church members and isolated believers have stood by and wholeheartedly furnished means for the support of this cause. In 1914 there was paid into the treasury, as tithe, the sum of\$16,200.29
In 1915 our tithe receipts amounted to.... 19,260.23

Making a total for these two years of.....\$35,460.52
Tithe per capita for the biennial term.....\$41.55

Our people in Alberta have been deeply stirred as from time to time the needs of the foreign fields have been kept before them. We have over-stepped the twenty-cent-a-week mark, as revealed by the following figures:

	Quota	Amt. Raised	Over
1914	\$4,940.00	\$ 5,901.72	\$ 961.72
1915	6,302.40	10,234.82	3,932.42
Total	\$11,242.40	\$16,136.54	\$4,894.14

The amount paid per week per capita to the twenty-cent-a-week fund for the biennial term is 28.23 cents. As we consider these figures we cannot refrain from expressing our thanks to God for the loyalty of our people in Alberta to the cause of God in foreign fields.

We have in operation in the Alberta Conference 46 Sabbath-schools, having a total membership of 1,310. Ten new schools have been organized and 710

new members enrolled during the years 1914 and 1915. The amount of offerings from our Sabbath-schools for the biennial term, every cent of which has been sent through the proper channels to missions, are contained in the following totals:—

1914	1915	Total
\$3,716.03	\$4,555.79	\$8,271.82

At the last session of the Union Conference, held at Lacombe, the total amount of Sabbath-school offerings reported for the years 1912 and 1913, was \$5,347.22. We are thankful to be able to report a gain over that total of \$2,924.60 for the biennial term just closed.

If there is one branch of our work that deserves warmest co-operation and continual support it is that of our Sabbath-school department, which fosters systematic study of the Holy Scriptures among church-members and isolated believers alike, and at the same time brings constantly to view vivid pictures of the needs of the cause in foreign fields. We believe that the Sabbath-school work in Alberta will continue to grow. Prospects for the organization of new schools are excellent.

Educational.

In the work of training the young people of the Alberta Conference for active service in this cause we are thankful to report that the Lord has blessed us with some degree of success. The Alberta Academy, which is located in the Lacombe district, is enjoying an excellent patronage. Young people from all the conferences of the Union are in attendance. The present enrollment is 216, the highest in the history of the institution. To meet the increasing attendance, additions and improvements have been made in the buildings from year to year, but in spite of these provisions the accommodation is taxed to its limit. The finances are in excellent shape and we are glad to state that during the past biennial term we have been able to release the institution from indebtedness. When the accounts of the school were audited, June 30, 1915, it was recorded that the present worth of the institution was \$31,333.57. There are twelve teachers, all of whom, we believe, are wedded to the work of saving and training our youth for the cause of God. The Academy has a growing primary department which is doing a good work for younger students who live in the vicinity. Its enrollment is 63, which is included in the total Academy enrollment of 216.

To reach the younger children of our people found in the churches and isolated families scattered over this wide field, we have made a start toward establishing church schools. Prior to 1914 but little had been accomplished in this direction, beyond educating parents to realize the importance of placing the lambs of the flock in our own schools. In 1915 a qualified Educational Secretary was elected to give special time and attention to this branch of the work, and as a result we are able to report that a beginning has been made. Eight schools are in operation, having an enrollment of 98 students, in charge of eight teachers. We trust that the efforts we are planning to put forth will result in this work being largely extended until we can see a network of church schools established all over the Province of Alberta.

Literature Sales.

In this field we have had a loyal class of colporteurs during the years covered by this report and we can say with confidence that there are but few homes in Alberta which have not been visited by these bearers of good tidings. The retail value of books and periodicals sold during 1914 and 1915 is as follows:

	1914	1915	Total
	\$7,254.06	\$9,807.08	\$17,061.14
Tot. value sold during the two previous yrs.			11,305.70

Gain for biennial term ended Dec, 31, 1915. \$5,755.44

In closing we can but render tribute and praise to our Heavenly Father for the unmistakable evidences of His guidance and helping hand over the work in Alberta during the two years covered by this report. In the great prohibition movement that has been sweeping over the world, the Province of Alberta has enjoyed a part. We are thankful to state that the 1st of July next should see the entire closing up of all liquor saloons throughout this field. Our people have taken an active part in the waging of a vigorous campaign against the forces of intemperance. Active co-operation with temperance societies has been enjoyed and thousands of copies of the *Temperance Instructor* have been scattered broadcast over the province.

Our needs for present and future work for the building up of the cause of God in this field are many. That which we need most and which every one of our people must have in this conference, is a real baptism of the Holy Spirit to spur us on to greater activity in winning souls to Christ. To this end may we all labor and pray.

H. H. HUMANN.

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RESOLUTIONS
ADOPTED AT THE FOURTH BIENNIAL SESSION OF THE WESTERN CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, God has manifested His gracious care over His cause and people thus far during the troublous times that have overtaken the world since our Union Conference two years ago; and

WHEREAS, Fruitful results have attended the evangelical efforts of our ministers, colporteurs and lay-members to extend the Third Angel's Message in the several conferences of this Union;

RESOLVED, That we express our appreciation of these Divine favors by consecrating ourselves more fully to our God-given work—the saving of souls; and that we dedicate all our temporal blessings to the finishing of the work in home and foreign fields.

RESOLVED, That in harmony with the recommendations of the last Fall Council, held in Loma Linda, California, the sessions of this Union Conference be held quadriennially instead of biennially as heretofore, and that the constitution be amended to harmonize with this action, and further,

RESOLVED, That we recommend to the local conferences in the Union that hereafter the sessions of their conferences for the election of officers be held biennially instead of annually.

RESOLVED, That we approved of the following recommendations passed at the recent Council held in Loma Linda, California, looking toward the general improvement of the gospel ministry.

WHEREAS, We believe that the coming of the Lord is at the door, and our opportunity to seek for the lost will soon be past, and

WHEREAS, Upon every soul to whom has come the light of the everlasting gospel rests the great responsibility of enlightening other souls; therefore

RESOLVED, That we consecrate ourselves to the work of winning souls as never before, and that to the very utmost of our power we will inaugurate a revival of soul-winning in every church, and endeavor to set every believer

in the Message to the task of bringing others into the fold of the Message; and that by the help of the Lord and a united effort, we will endeavor to double our membership during the quadriennial period.

WHEREAS, The recent Council of the North American Division Conference, held in Loma Linda, California, approved of the erection of a hospital at Los Angeles for the work of the Medical School, as soon as the funds are raised so that no debt will be incurred; and

WHEREAS, It has been recommended that a "Woman's Hospital Committee" be appointed in each Union Conference to secure the funds with which to erect this hospital; therefore

RESOLVED, That we approve of this action and request the Executive Committee to take such steps to carry out this plan as may seem wise in this field.

WHEREAS, The Sabbath School is becoming a more and more important factor in the prosecution of the work of God in the saving of souls, and raising of means,

WE RECOMMEND That our ministers and other workers thoroughly inform themselves in regard to the methods and plans of the Sabbath School Department; and that they emphasize among our people the importance of the three-fold goal of the Sabbath School Department: The winning of souls; daily study of the Sabbath School lesson, and the raising of means for missions.

WHEREAS, When the study of the Testimonies is taken up by the members of a church, there is manifested by them a fuller consecration to the Lord, and a deeper personal spiritual experience which leads to active labor in the winning of souls—

WE RECOMMEND, That in every conference an effort be made to place the Testimonies, especially volumes 6 to 9, in the home of every Sabbath-keeping family, and that the members be urged to read these volumes during 1916.

RESOLUTION—MINISTERIAL READING COURSE

Recognizing that of all man's vocations none is of so great importance nor makes so heavy demands as that of the Gospel worker, and that he more than other men must study most to show himself approved of God, seeking for a keen mind as well as a strong faith, and that to this end the completion of regular courses of study is a source of great strength and inspiration, be it therefore

RESOLVED, That we approve of the steps which have been taken by the General Conference to make possible the pursuing of regular courses of reading and study by the establishment of the Ministerial Reading Course, and hereby express our strong desire that each of our laborers take these courses regularly as a means of growth and greater efficiency in the work of God; and further—

WE RECOMMEND these courses to the elders and members of our churches as a most valuable means of educational growth.

WHEREAS, There is a growing and urgent demand for a more broadcast and general circulation of our truth-filled foreign literature among the thousands and tens of thousands of foreigners in our field; and—

WHEREAS, The Pacific Press Publishing Association has recently taken some very important steps toward the publication of periodicals magazines and tracts in the Russian, Italian, Bohemian, Roumanian and Servian languages—

WE RECOMMEND, That careful study be given this important branch of our work, and that a strong agitation be made throughout the Union Conference for a wide and liberal circulation of these and other foreign publications, and that through our church missionary societies, the members be encouraged to interest themselves and assist in this important phase of giving the Third Angel's Message to these many foreign nationalities within our territory.

WHEREAS, The reports rendered at this conference reveal the fact that we have an army of young people in our Union who are not being won to Christ and trained for service by the means now in use—

RESOLVED, That efforts be made to secure as soon as possible a strong worker, having ability as an evangelist, teacher and leader, to give his whole time to the Missionary Volunteer and Educational work in this Union Conference.

WHEREAS, The greatest asset of this cause is our young people, and

WHEREAS, The Spirit of Prophecy has urged the organization and systematic training of all our youth—

RESOLVED, That as conference laborers, church officers and parents, we pledge ourselves to a more earnest and active effort wherever we go, to enlist the young people in the organized Missionary Volunteer work, emphasizing the Morning Watch, Standard of Attainment, Reading Courses, Bible Year, Raising Money for Missions, and all the plans of this department.

WE RECOMMEND, That the following change be made in the Constitution of the Western Canadian Union Conference:

That in Article 6, Section 5, the word "biennial" be changed to "quadrennial";

That the expression "two years" be changed to "four years";

That in Article 8, Section 1, the word "biennial" be changed to "quadrennial."

RESOLUTION ON TEMPERANCE

WHEREAS, It is of the utmost importance that every believer in Christian Temperance become an active propagandist in the great forward movement to free the Dominion of Canada from the blighting influence of the liquor traffic,

WE RECOMMEND, That a continuous temperance campaign be carried on by all our churches and isolated members, not ceasing our efforts until national prohibition is secured.

WHEREAS, The success of our biennial Conference has been greatly facilitated by the courtesies and favors extended to us by the several railways in giving the delegates reduced rates; and by the local newspapers for the liberal space provided for reports of our meetings; and by the citizens of Calgary for their kind hospitality, therefore—

RESOLVED, That we hereby express our appreciation of all these favors and instruct the Secretary to transmit a copy of this resolution to those who have so kindly assisted us.

Alberta Conference

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 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.

PONOKA

The Lewisville Scandinavian church met on March 4th and 5th at the home of Brother Albert Eklund, Ponoka, for the election of officers and to celebrate the ordinances of the Lord's house. This meeting, which should have been held in January, was for some reason postponed to this time.

As the brethren composing this church are scattered over a large territory it was difficult for them to come together for an occasion like this. In order to reach the place of meeting, some travelled fifty miles by team. Notwithstanding, we are glad to say the attendance was very good and a spirit of earnestness characterized the meeting throughout.

The preaching was practical and to the point. Emphasis was laid on living a victorious Christian life. We are to step from the 7th chapter of Romans into the 8th, there to enjoy the glorious freedom from sin made possible for us all, through the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, who hath made us free from the law of sin and death. These truths struck a responsive chord in the hearts of those present, to which their testimonies also bore record. The meeting was a time of refreshing to all.

In the business meeting that followed the treasurer's report revealed funds to the amount of \$900.00 paid

in during the year. The amount given to foreign missions per week per member was thirty cents. The membership of the church is nineteen. A full set of officers was elected and the brethren departed full of faith and courage.

Personally this meeting and the association with the brethren was a feast to the soul. And not only did I enjoy meeting the brethren at this place, but in every place where I have met our people since arriving in Alberta on January 6th last, the loyalty and friendship of the brethren have been a source of comfort and encouragement to me.

FRED JOHNSON.

FOREMOST

At the close of our Union Conference the writer was asked by Elder Humann to visit Foremost in company with Brother Zweigle, who has a relative there who is interested in the truth.

We spent four days holding meetings at this place and our efforts were greatly blessed by the Spirit of God. Two families took their stand for God's law and others are deeply interested. Not only did German people come out to hear the messages delivered, but a company of English formed a large part of the congregation. These made a request that an English minister visit Foremost as soon as possible and conduct a full series of lectures on the truth for this time.

At the close of the sixth meeting the writer received orders for \$10.00 worth of literature, which is an indication of the interest manifested by some. I trust that one of our regular workers will soon be able to conduct a series of meetings at Foremost, for I am sure that there are honest souls to be found there who will gladly receive the truths of the Third Angel's Message.

S. LEISKE.

EDMONTON

Since last reporting the work here in Edmonton, we have been made to rejoice by seeing prosperity attend the work of spreading the message. The Lord is pleased when the church takes hold and lifts, in a decided effort to banish debt and make an advance step in mission work. We have indeed realized a great blessing.

Since the 1st of March there has been sold by three of our young sisters, over one hundred *Vatican* and *Crisis*, and three hundred *Signs* magazines. Surely the Lord has blessed the distribution of literature in this city. While doing this work, some have been found who are seeking for truth. These are being visited and prayed with, and we believe the Lord will soften their hearts to accept His love and the gift offered that all might have life.

We also have a free circulating library of tracts and books that is being developed, so that more than 25 families are now on our list of readers. The plan was only begun last January and is already furnishing proof that this system of work with our literature will bring good results, and that many may be reached in this way who would not come to hear a minister speak.

Surely there is a great work to be done and Oh, such a short time in which to do it! When our people realize that they are in danger and the world is in danger, and rise to the rescue, this work of spreading the message will soon be accomplished. May each child of God realize that there is a work to be done

ly him, personally, which no one else can do, and then this work will soon be finished and our dear Saviour will come to gather His people home.

Pray for the work here.

R. C. CORDIS.

CALGARY

Our work has been more interesting of late. The cold weather has passed and we are having much better attendance. Some interest was created by the Conference, though not what we had hoped for. The delegates did all in their power to create an interest and we hope that some results may yet be realized. Some Catholics, of late, have become interested and have come a long way to receive Bible readings.

One man living eight miles from the city had become interested through reading the *Signs* magazine. He found his way to our office, enquired for more reading matter and was supplied with "Daniel and Revelation." After reading this work he returned and purchased "Coming King." Last week he called at the office and expressed a desire to know something more about the Sabbath, and after we had given him a reading he went home a Sabbath-keeper. It pays to place our good papers and books in the hands of the people.

Our work has sustained a heavy loss in the removal of Sister Ruby Rick, who has left Calgary to attend college at Walla Walla. This has placed a double burden on Mrs. Hansen, yet we are endeavoring to ripen the new Sabbath-keepers for baptism as soon as possible, and to enlarge our circle of interested ones. The burning need of the hour is more consecrated Bible workers to seek out the hungry ones and feed them the words of eternal life. Kindly remember us often at the throne of grace.

C. A. HANSEN.

NEWS NOTES

Class work began in the study of the Testimonies, American History, and Botany with the second semester. Astronomy and some other subjects have been completed, while bookkeeping and other studies have an increased enrollment.

The recent arrival of Jennie Rits, of Lacombe, and Hilbert Haffner, of Stavely, Alta., swells the enrollment to 217. Thus our second goal is exceeded by seven.

Monday, Feb. 14, will long be remembered as the second annual wood cutting day by at least thirty of the Academy boys and two teachers. A large amount of good wood—all that was not cut in the piece of timber started last year—was prepared for being drawn to the Academy, which has its own sawing outfit, and will be split and corded up as soon as possible, ready for use next year. A warm dinner was taken to the woods and all reported an excellent day. Arrangements were made by the faculty so that no school work was lost.

A splendid Sherlock-Manning organ, purchased by the school for the music department, was recently placed in the chapel. This instrument cost \$165 and fills a real need, since there were only three organs and one piano for students' practice. The music department consists of over twenty members, a number of whom will finish this year.

The Academy business office was moved on Feb. 16 from the new church school building to the second floor in the Academy building. It is now in room one, at the head of the stairs. This room is well lighted and its location will be much more convenient for the treasurer, who is teaching several classes in the Academy, as well as for the students.

Brother Mooney, the provincial field missionary secretary for Alberta, recently spoke to the students in the chapel, preparatory to the organization of the colporteurs' bands. The following Sunday afternoon, forty-five, mostly students, gathered by themselves and after earnest remarks by Brother Mooney were divided into the following bands or classes: Bible Readings; "Daniel and the Revelation";

"Patriarchs and Prophets"; "Practical Guide to Health"; and "The Desire of Ages." These classes will meet every Sunday afternoon in separate rooms, to become thoroughly familiar with the books mentioned.

The students who finish the normal course this year have reached the practical part in their training in observation and teaching. These prospective teachers, ten in number, each have different assignments in the Academy primary department, where they are each to teach the assigned study for twenty minutes each day and also observe the work of his fellow teacher for twenty minutes each day for five weeks. Then each teacher will be given a different subject or grade and the same plan will be carried out for the next five weeks, when they will all change again. This will be kept up until the Academy closes.

Each teacher is required to prepare his lesson in written form three days before he is to teach it, and submit it to the two normal critics who make all necessary corrections, to help the inexperienced teacher. These written lessons are then returned and used. This teaching mentioned above takes only a small part of the regular church school teacher's work, as the normal students teach only from 10:40 to 12. The school session is from 9:30 to 4. A normal director and two critics have the general oversight, planning and correcting of this work. They are members of the faculty.

Brother Wissner, formerly Secretary-Treasurer of this Conference, paid us a short visit the early part of this week and spoke during chapel hour on Monday; his main thought being that consecration and education are the great essentials for efficient evangelistic work.

Professor Dick made a trip to Edmonton on business Monday and brought back a fine rug for the young ladies' parlor of East Hall.

Tuesday, Feb. 22, we were favored with a chapel talk by Elder Gilbert, of Saskatchewan. He spoke on the unlimited range of knowledge and the necessity of specializing along certain lines, emphasizing the thought that students should study to be specialists in the art of soul saving. He also met with the Saskatchewan students for an hour in the afternoon to talk over some plans for carrying on the work in that field.

Professor Cobb, of the Academy English Department, has been conducting a series of chapel talks on the art of studying and remembering facts. These talks are very beneficial and are greatly appreciated by the students.

Manitoba Conference

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TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE

In Volume I. of the Testimonies you will find these important statements:

"I saw that unless there is an entire change in the young, a thorough conversion, they may despair of Heaven. From what has been shown me, there are not more than half of the young who profess religion and the truth, who have been truly converted." P. 158.

"If you expect salvation you must pray." "Young friends, seek the Lord with all your heart." P. 159.

"Christ is our pattern . . . He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. . . . Compare your course of life with that of your Master who made so great a sacrifice that you might be saved. He frequently spent the entire night upon the damp ground in agonizing prayer. You are seeking your own pleasure. Listen to the vain, frivolous conversation; hear the laugh, the jesting, the joking. Is this imitating the pattern? Still listen,—is Jesus mentioned? Is the truth the theme of conversation? Are the speakers glorying in the Cross of Christ? It is this fashion, that bonnet, that

gress, what that young man said, or that young lady said, or the amusements they are planning. What glee! Are angels attracted and pressing close around them to ward off the darkness which Satan is pressing upon them? Oh, no." P. 505.

"Girls and boys get together and chat and laugh and joke and drive Christ out of their hearts and angels from their presence, by their foolish nonsense," etc. F. 392. And oh, the unprofitable words they speak! Young friends, your deeds and words are written in the BOOK." P. 158.

Dear young people, if these words describe your lives, will you not turn at once and seek God earnestly, that you may have hope of Heaven? God will forgive if you repent; confess and forsake these things. He loves you. Jesus loves you. Your eternal reward will be a thousand times better than you have ever imagined it to be.

When Jesus was here on earth he loved, cheered, comforted and healed all the needy. He is the same Jesus now, as loving and kind as then. He loves the sinner but hates the sin. You will find Him a friend. Prov. 8:17; Jer. 29:11-13. If you have wandered from Him, return before it is too late. Do not put it off. He's coming soon. One last look to the world may mean your destruction and eternal loss. That is what it cost Lot's wife. Gen 19:—

Do not wait for someone to urge you. "Study God's Word prayerfully. This book convices of sin. It plainly reveals the way of salvation. . . . It reveals a complete Saviour and teaches you that through His boundless mercy *alone* you can expect salvation. Do not neglect secret prayer, for it is the soul of religion. . . . Plead for purity of soul as earnestly . . . as you would for mortal life." P. 163. "If you expect salvation, pray." P. 159. "Prayer is the strength of the Christian." P. 504.

The money you now spend for candy and a hundred other harmful things that draw you from God, use to purchase the Testimonies and other writings of God's servant. Then set to work in earnest to study them and get acquainted with the truth. You will never regret such a course, and in the final gathering time, you with those you have been instrumental in saving, will hear the "Well done" of Jesus. Nothing on earth compares with that. Will you be saved or lost? It depends on you. Choose for yourself. "Get ready, get ready, get ready!" GEO. R. SOPER.

DID YOU?

Did you give him a lift? He's a brother of Man,
And bearing about all the burden he can.
Did you give him a smile? He was downcast and blue,
And a smile would have helped him to battle it through.

Did you give him your hand? He was slipping down hill,
And the world, so I fancied, was using him ill,
Did you give him a word? Did you show him the road?
Or did you just let him go on with his load?

Do you know what it means to be losing the fight,
When a lift just in time might set everything right?
Do you know what it means—just the clasp of a hand,
When a man's borne about all a man ought to stand?

Did you ask what it was—why the quivering lip;
Why the half-suppressed sob and the scalding tear drip?
Were you brother of his when the time came of need?
Did you offer to help him, or didn't you heed?

(Selected.)

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THIRTEENTH SABBATH?

Yes, another thirteenth Sabbath will soon be here and we should associate it with the Phillipine Islands this time.

I have been greatly cheered by seeing the interest our people are taking in the thirteenth Sabbath and how they look forward to it with so much pleasure. Truly this is as it should be. What blessings have been brought to our work in foreign lands by the liberal thirteenth Sabbath offerings which our people have given so gladly in the past.

But the work is onward and of course as it advances the calls for help keep coming. How thankful we should be that Mercy's door is still open and that we may yet give of our means to aid in carrying the blessed news of a soon-coming Saviour to other lands, that the honest hearts in every clime may be sealed for the kingdom before probation's hour shall close.

Away yonder in the Pacific Ocean, near the mainland of China, lies a group of islands called the Phillipines. Here, too, the Lord is gathering out a people for Himself. As those young people accept this message to be fitted for service in the vineyard, the workers find themselves greatly in need of a training school where all such may be thoroughly established in the truth and trained to work for their fellow-men.

And now it has been arranged that this field shall receive the benefit of our next Sabbath offering, which is to be taken March 25th. The leaflet telling of the work and conditions there has been sent to the schools and isolated members. The information it contains has been very interesting to me. It is indeed inspiring to read of the loyalty of these people to the truth. How much even the young people endure for the truth's sake. Surely they merit our help and shall we not make this thirteenth Sabbath offering a most liberal one and thus help to hasten the giving of the message in that field?

The words used by Elder Daniell's in closing his article which is in the leaflet are so timely, and we would do well to think of them often as we plan for our offering, March 25th. He says: "Now is the day and hour of opportunity for these dear people. No time should be lost in stepping into these opening providences of God. Money and effort spent in this field just now will bring large returns. May God's people be quick to see these opportunities and prompt and earnest in improving them."

Brethren and sisters, what will be our answer to this plea for help from the Phillipine Islands?

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

We would ask all those who are planning to attend the canvassers' institute, to be held this spring in Saskatchewan, to write at once to Brother Wissner, so that he can get in communication with you. We are trying to arrange for institute at a location which will be as central as possible for our canvassers. The prospects for the canvassing field are very promising; the time is serious, and the need

for consecrated young men and women to engage in this work is great.

Elder Gilbert and Brother Wissner spent a few days last week in Battleford, counselling with the brethren there with regard to the work at the school.

Brother Wm Vogt passed through Saskatoon the other day on his way to Macrorie, where he will be working for Brother Geo. Severson.

Elder Ziprick spent a few hours in the office on his way to Aberdeen, where he will follow up the interest which was created there before he went to Union Conference. Elder Sulzle will join him in the near future, and we hope that some souls may be won at this place. Remember these brethren in your prayers.

Brother Swanson, from Hillesden, and Brother Taylor, from Hanley, called at the office the other day.

Brother Clemensen has been spending the last week with the brethren at Sunset. He was joined by Elder Gilbert, who also spent Sabbath and Sunday with the brethren there.

Our supply of English Sabbath-school quarterlies has arrived, and we would ask our brethren to order their supply as soon as possible, so that they will not be hindered in their study for next quarter. We do not know when we may expect our supply of German quarterlies, since the fire destroyed our publishing house in College View.

OBITUARY

DIED—Mrs. Mabel Schuler, 1035 Elliott St., Regina, Sask.; was born in Bruce County, Ontario, and died in the Regina General Hospital, Feb. 28, 1916, at the age of 28. She leaves a husband, four children (all under 9 years of age), and many relatives and friends to mourn her death. As the baby called for mama, the writer pointed the weeping friends to the Saviour and the promise of His coming to reunite the faithful, urging all to prepare for that glad day. Sister Schuler was a faithful wife and loving mother, and we are glad to be able to add that for about two months previous to her unexpected call, she spent a portion of each day in the study of the Bible, searching prayerfully for the "Way to Glory" and with a peaceful smile upon her face, she fell asleep in Jesus.

M. MACKINTOSH.

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TEACHING THE TRUTH

There is a Teachers' Training Course given in outline in the *Sabbath-school Worker*, and as I have not heard much about what has been going on in this matter, thought I would just write a few lines about it.

It is surely essential that such a course be given, but more important that we encourage the brethren and sisters to take such a course. They should assume the burden of teaching others the truth presented in the Word of God. Happy and blessed is the pupil that can listen to a good teacher, but it is a greater blessing to teach others about their salvation.

Is the early teaching not the foundation of manhood? Is not the teacher responsible for the impressions he leaves with his pupils? Considering these two questions, this should be enough to spur us on to teach correctly.

Now of course one cannot begin to teach success-

fully at the start, but if God is with us, who can be against us? Then let all those that are taking this training course spend much time in secret prayer. We must be consecrated ourselves and practice what we preach and teach, in order to have the right influence on our pupils. Let us also be an example in humbleness, cleanliness, simplicity, purity, faithfulness, energy, charity.

This training course should be taken even by the best of teachers. It serves as a guide, as an instructor, as a reviewer. It tells us how to teach in the different classes; how to draw attention; how to ask questions; how to individualize questions; how to keep order; how to do personal work, which is so essential at the present time, as our Sabbath-school lessons are teaching us to get ready and to help others to get ready.

I am surely thankful that God has led me into this truth and that He has called me to teach this truth. May God give His blessing to all those that are taking the Teachers' Training Course, so that they may be real teachers, that they may bring converts to God through His power and their influence.

J. SALLENBACK.

REPORT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Number of churches and companies	18
Membership of churches	452
Number of persons reporting work or donations, members or not	71
How many churches hold missionary meetings during the week?	1
How many churches hold the Fourth Sabbath Missionary service?	3
Membership of Conference church and isolated members, including Missionary Volunteer isolated members	70
Letters written	442
Letters received	23
Missionary visits (personal work)	285
Bible readings or Cottage meetings held	66
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	38
Papers sold	800
Papers lent, mailed or given away	2352
Books sold	4
Books lent or given away	41
Tracts lent or given away	1612
Hours of Christian Help work	257
Articles of clothing given away	106
Number of meals provided	31
Offerings for Home Missionary work	\$7.15
Number of conversions	4

BERTHA LOFSTAD.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES

Elder H. S. Shaw and Brother W. L. Manfull were with us during our recent Conference at Vancouver Institute. We greatly appreciated the help they gave us at these important meetings.

Elder Meade MacGuire, of the North American Division Conference, attended our Institute in Vancouver. His help was surely appreciated and the timely instruction which he gave will long be remembered by all who had the privilege of being present.

Brother F. L. Hommel, Western Canadian Union Auditor, was in Vancouver during our recent Conference. He audited the books of the British Columbia Conference, British Columbia Tract Society, and British Columbia Association.

Among those attending the Institute held in Vancouver were Geo. Freeman, of Victoria; A. H. Nicholson, of Mission City; Mrs. McDonald, Miss Mabel Hallberg and Mr. H. Broder, of Nanaimo; Mrs. J. G. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dutton and Mr. Cecil Haines, of Pitt Meadows; Mrs. T. Link, of Stave Falls. Those present from the Okanagan were C. E. Wood, E. R. Potter, Miss L. Stickle, Geo. Reiswig, Senior; Dan. Reiswig, Geo. Toombs, H. Toombs, A. Bell-chamber.

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The membership of the Union now stands at two thousand three hundred eighteen, a gain, by baptism, of seven hundred and sixty-seven in the past two years.

Elder Meade McGuire spent several days at the Alberta Academy recently, and his services were greatly appreciated by both faculty and students. A deeper consecration has taken hold of nearly every member of the school family. A large number manifested their desire to enter the field as colporteurs during the summer months.

The Young People's Department in British Columbia has eleven societies, nine Senior and two Junior, with a membership of 132. In 1915, twenty took the Reading Course, seventy-five the Bible Reading Course, fifteen received Reading Course Certificates, and eight passed the Standard of Attainment. The donations for two years amounted to \$249.23.

It is pleasing to note that the citizens of Manitoba declared themselves in favor of prohibition by a majority of about 25,000. Winnipeg, one of the strongholds of the liquor interests, voted dry by nearly 5,000. Temperance workers, encouraged by latest success in Manitoba, now plan for national prohibition by the year 1918. The editor of *The Morning Albertan*, Calgary, in commenting on this victory, says: "The result of the Manitoba vote is that in a few months the traffic in liquor from the Rocky Mountains to the Great Lakes has been abolished. . . . Alberta led the way, and Manitoba comes along even stronger. Saskatchewan, though in somewhat different fashion, is already in the field. Ontario, New Brunswick or British Columbia will be next. They are all coming."

In calling attention to Elder Daniells' lecture the following headlines appeared in *The Daily Eastern Argus*, Portland, Me., on February 21: "Crowd Biggest Ever Seen in New City Hall. For Safety's Sake,

Police Have to Drive Many From Auditorium." In the article which followed, these words are given: "A half hour before Dr. Daniells began his lecture every available seat was taken in the great amphitheater. Hundreds stood on the main floor and also in both balconies. More than a thousand people were turned away, the police taking precautions that no more forced their way through entrances." One of our workers writes: "The interest at Portland keeps up in a marvelous manner. People have come from distances to hear Elder Daniells preach. His sermons are not unusually remarkable, but there is a power attending his preaching, and his work, that is manifestly felt. The question is raised by various ones, 'Why cannot this same thing be done in other cities in the country?' Possibly this is the beginning of a great movement in this direction."

If it is true that "the world is on fire" because of the spirit of war that lives in the hearts of men, why can not the church be on fire because of mighty power of God manifested in His followers? Let us pray that the power now attending the work in the east may be felt in the west.

Fire broke out in the Pacific Press Branch, College View, on February 27, at about 7 o'clock in the morning. The workers had just risen from morning worship, which was conducted in the chapel, when smoke was seen issuing from the adjoining stock room. Upon making investigation it was found that the entire basement, which contained the heating plant, was in flames. The fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to get it under control. The entire stock of books, pamphlets and tracts is lost. Fortunately, however, the barn in which the signatures of several of our important books was stored escaped. The insurance on the plant is something like \$18,000. The total loss above the insurance will be about \$12,000. About 100 of the prominent men of College View have inaugurated a movement to raise \$5,000 to help rebuild the plant. A meeting of our leading brethren is being held at Battle Creek, Michigan, for the purpose of laying plans for strengthening the work carried on by the Pacific Press Branch.

STUDY AT HOME—The Fireside Correspondence School will show you how. Agents wanted. Send for our "Nutshell" Calendar. Address C. C. Lewis, Principal, Tacoma Park, D.C.

FOR SALE—House of five rooms and garden of over two acres, close to Alberta Academy. Barn, having hay loft, 24 x 24. Two chicken houses, 14 x 16; six colony coops, and 250 yards of woven wire poultry fencing, five feet and six feet high. Well of good water. A good place for poultry and garden produce. Address: H. D. Middleton, Box 278, Lacombe.

TO RENT—Cheap and on suitable terms, a quarter section, 8 miles east of McCrorie, Sask.; 9 miles from church. 30 acres under cultivation. Shack and barn; Spring water. Suitable for sheep and mixed farming. Will assist renter to stock up or assist otherwise. Apply Fred Vester, Verne, Sask.

FOR SALE—One lot (about an acre) and house, one and one-half storeys, in Rose Dale, near the Alberta Academy. Ground all broken, in splendid condition for garden, is fenced. House 18 ft. x 26 ft, and stands above a large, deep cellar. Chicken house and yard. Rear end of lot extends to lake. Price \$390.00. Apply E. S., Stanley, Lacombe, Alta.