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AN APPEAL TO OUR BOOKMEN

Back in the '90s this denomination scaled the highest point in the sale of literature that we had ever before reached in any one year. Then, in the midst of this prosperity, there came a great change. A financial crisis swept over North America, which, in a short time, brought down our sales record more than 75 per cent. Those were trying days for all who passed through them.

I well remember the struggle we passed through in the book work at that time, when the "Colporter's Retreat" began to be sounded. The story of Gideon's experience came to mind, for when the dust had cleared away there were only a few of our men left in the field to face the situation; the rest had all gone home. By these few, however, the Lord saved the book work alive.

Strenuous efforts were made to revive the work and those who undertook to rally the army were made to realize that the condition was a real one. Many of our good brethren who had returned home from the field had become settled in the idea that the days of successful canvassing had passed.

One said: "Yes, I would be willing to try it again, if I knew I could succeed, but I know it cannot be done."

Another said: "Yes, I had success when I was in the field, and I am glad for the good I believe these books will do, but it is out of the question for any one to sell books now. It is unreasonable to expect it."

Others had reasons that appealed to them for believing the book work was destined to fail, and it seemed to them that it was unreasonable to expect what they called "impossibilities."

I freely admit that there were difficulties in the way. It was a serious situation. Factories were closing down, business firms were failing, banks were breaking, and there were thousands and thousands of men of all types and classes who were roaming the country from east and west, north and south, to find a chance to earn a dollar. It was, indeed, bad from the human point of view.

Among our colporters, however, there were persons who refused to be driven from the field. It seemed that nothing could move them from their purpose. These went about their work; they saw many difficulties, but they met them, and by the help of the Lord they conquered. They supported their families, too, and notwithstanding the adverse conditions, they "saved the day." They went on and on, saying "It can be done." Then others caught

the fire, and others, and others, until today the record of literature sales by this denomination has astonished the world.

Many of our best people today date their first knowledge of the message back to the days of the '90s, through reading the books carried to them by the canvassers who faced the crisis when the rest had gone home. I tell you, my brethren, I take off my hat to the men and women who stay by the rigging when the storm is on.

We hear a good deal today about hard times, and we must admit that in many places conditions are to be deplored. We face the horrors of war, and we hear rumors of things worse than we have yet seen. That we have reached a crisis in the world's career there can be no intelligent doubt. Every person who understands the message of God for today knows that conditions will grow worse and worse as we near the end of time.

But, brethren, what are we to do? How are we to view the situation? Is it a time to grow weak in the knees? I see scores of you rising up and girding on the harness. No time to be afraid now. We have reached the last ditch, and the difficulties are only opportunities for men of valor.

"I go bound in the Spirit in Jerusalem," said Paul to his brethren, "not knowing what shall befall me there, save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth that afflictions await me, *but none of these things move me.*" He had an all-absorbing purpose, one undying desire to finish well the course the Lord had planned for him to accomplish, and with this in his mind, there was nothing that could move him from it and make him quit.

Is the work in our time less important than in the days of Paul. What could be a more worthy endeavor than the placing of our literature in the homes of the people at this time. It is plain to all who observe the conditions into which we are rapidly entering that at no distant time the living preacher will not have the liberty to proclaim the message that is now given them. It will then be seen that the books now being distributed by our bookmen will work wonders in the homes of the people in the finishing of this work.

Now more than ever before it is important that the colporter should be busy with literature in the field. It would certainly be a great mistake to allow this factor of our work to slacken its pace just at the very time when the happenings about us so strongly emphasize the need and furnish the great

est opportunities for interesting the people to purchase and read our books.

I appeal to you, ye bookmen, ye strong men, the Lord has need of you in the field. Your work is not done, nor has it become less important. Open your *Canvasser's Manuel* and read. It says: "Men and women are wanted now who are as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men and women who will work without having their way smoothed and every obstacle removed" (page 22). And again: "A great and important work is before us. The enemy of souls realizes this and he is using every means in his power to lead the canvassers to take up some other line of the work. God has workmen in every age. The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man" (pages 70-71).

God is making the call of the hour and it will be answered by the coming of the man. Who will that man be? Answer it ye young men and women; ye jewels of His. Go to your prayer-chambers, make a new consecration, a new league with God. "Go ye" is the call of the hour, and the Lord is depending on some one to answer. Who will it be?

God does not call every person to canvass, but He calls some people to that work. Are you one of these? Settle it by prayer and in counsel with your responsible brethren, who are able to give you wise advice. If then it seems clear that you are one the Lord is calling to this work, set your heart to do your duty.

Fears may intimidate you at times and pleasing prospects may beckon you to turn into other paths; difficulties may stand up and dare you to pass them, but heed them not; all these are but the howlings of beasts that are chained. Fear not, you have a message in your hand and it must be delivered. Whether confronted by things present or threatened by things to come, prosperity or adversity, peace or war, let nothing frighten you from your purpose, but, like our hero brother in other days, *Advance* while you repeat the countersign: "NONE OF THESE THINGS MOVE ME." H. S. SHAW.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF MANITOBA CONFERENCE BIENNIAL TERM, 1914-1915

This Conference covers a large territory, reaching from Port Arthur and Fort William on Lake Ontario on the East, to the Saskatchewan line on the West, a distance of 668 miles. From Minnesota on the South to the frozen regions of the North, taking in the Province of Manitoba and the Western part of Ontario.

The population is scattered, except in the four cities, Winnipeg, Brandon, Fort William, and Port Arthur, which together have a population of 402,000, which is more than half of the whole population. Before the war, Winnipeg claimed a population of 250,000. Almost every nationality is represented in the population of Winnipeg, with thousands of Jews and Icelanders.

The chief industry in this field is farming and stock raising. In the cities considerable manufacturing is carried on, Winnipeg being the chief center.

The past two years have been an eventful period. All indications are that this work may be closed up within a very short time. When I visit the city of

Winnipeg, where there are 29,000 soldiers training, with drums beating and calls still coming for more men to join, I am impressed with this text: "And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged and that thou shouldst give reward to thy servants the prophets and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great: and shouldst destroy them that destroy the earth." Rev. 11:18. When the nations are angry the judgment is going on and we as a people know that it has been going on since 1844. How will it fare, friend, with thee and me when the King comes in? Surely, it is time for us to enter into the experience of the loud cry of the Third Angel. It seems to me that everything in the world is ready for the coming of the Lord. The people of God and the giving of the message go hand in hand. When the people of God are ready it will not take long for God to finish the giving of the message to every nation and kindred and tongue and people. The message is already planted in every nation. We are certainly on the verge of eternity.

As we look back since last we met in conference we are impressed with the rapid changes that have taken place in the world. Two years ago the world was in a condition of comparative peace; it was supposed that we had reached such a high state of civilization that all trouble would be settled without war. These sentiments were uttered from thousands of pulpits and platforms of the nations, but lo, there was a sudden crash as it were, and we were awakened by the clash of arms, one nation after another being drawn into the awful struggle.

In 1914 our membership was 228. At present we have 11 organized churches and 3 companies, with a total membership of 273, including the conference church. There has been 69 baptized during the biennial period. We expect soon to organize a church at Dauphin and an Icelandic church in Winnipeg. Our membership is about one-third German. We also have a Scandinavian church.

Evangelical

At present we have two ordained ministers, two licensed ministers and three holding missionary license. During the last six months we have been without a German worker and one of our licensed ministers has been teaching church school the past few months. Evangelistic efforts have been held at Brandon, Carberry, Winnipeg, Minitonas, Beausejour, Morden and vicinity, Swan River, Dauphin, and Rivers. All of which have been successful. This is considerable ground to cover for so small a force of workers. The president has taken his share of the work with the rest. There are more than 20 persons waiting baptism. One church has the excellent record of having brought one family into the truth each year since its organization. We have \$5,000 worth of church property.

Canvassing Work

In 1914 there were eight canvassers in the field, some of whom worked only a part of the time. Their sales, together with those of the office, amounted to \$5,868.68. This year (1915) ten agents, five of whom only worked a short time, the sales amounted to \$7,257.56. The two years together totalling \$13,126.24. Thus we find a falling off of \$5,358.66 from the last biennial report. One might naturally think that this

falling off in book sales is caused by the war, but we find to our surprise that the average sales per canvasser amounted to as much as before.

Thus far the canvassing work has been carried on from the office and by the help of the Union Field Agent. We hope that the time will soon come when we can support a field agent.

Sabbath School Work

This important branch of the Lord's work is growing both in membership and donations. At present we have 16 Sabbath schools, 16 home schools, and a membership of 361. Our secretary is also in touch with the isolated members. So far we have only reached ten cents a week per church member. Our gain in schools over the last two years is 12, membership 111, counting home schools. Gain in donations, \$258.60 over two years ago. The donation for 1914 was \$1,049.46. For 1915, \$1,116.36; for the two years, \$2,165.82. It is always noticeable that where there is a live Sabbath school there is always a live church.

Home Missionary Work

We have reason to believe that the majority of our people will average well with those in other conferences in this important line of the Lord's work. We have one brother and a sister in the Winnipeg church who are giving all their time to selling magazines. Another sold 100 copies of the *World's Crisis*. Others devote a part of their time to this work. A number have been added to the church largely through their efforts. Some in the conference are taking clubs of the *Signs of the Times* for distribution among their neighbors. Nearly all make use of the papers that come into their homes for missionary work. One of our canvassers brought a family into the truth and have them well instructed in all points of the message. This same brother continues his work in the winter, even when it is 56 below zero.

The Harvest Ingathering work has not come up to what we would be pleased to see it in Manitoba as yet, owing to the fact that it seems hard for a great many to ask persons of other denominations to give for our work, especially in war time. And yet we lack but \$12.00 this year of making our quota. Last year we fell short only a few dollars. At present we are in a temperance campaign. Our people over the province are doing a noble work selling the *Temperance Instructor*. We are trying to do our part in the effort to get rid of the liquor curse.

Foreign Mission Work

Last year we raised 18c. per week per member, which amounted to \$1,976.56. In 1915 we raised \$2,558.22, or a little over 21c. per member. Having no landslides in big donations, it has been a hard and steady pull that has produced these figures. We have a loyal people in Manitoba.

Educational and Young People's Work

Two church schools, one family school, and a night school have been conducted in the province during a portion of the past two years. We have some young people at the Lacombe school, and at the Minnesota Academy. When we view the large number of youth and children among us we are deeply impressed with the great need of building up the educational work in our midst. We have over 130 young people, less than half of whom are in the truth.

Surely here is a great and important work to save

our youth and enlist them in the work. What a mighty force of helpers they would make! We are glad to be able to say that something is being done. Although it may not appear to be very great, there is a steady progress, and the interest is growing among the young people. They are taking up the standard of attainment, the reading courses, and the reading of the Bible through. They also have regular meetings and engage in missionary work.

Tithe

In 1914 we raised \$4,573.66. In 1915, \$4,811.20. For the biennial period it was \$9,384.76. Hence we see a falling off of more than \$1,000, because of hard times.

Our Needs

We need a German worker, one who is rooted and grounded in this message. We need canvassers developed in our own field. So far we have had to secure them from other fields. Saskatchewan supplied us with some good men last year, for which we were very thankful.

Were we able to support a field secretary it would greatly aid in securing workers in our own field. We need to carry on a strong evangelistic effort in the city of Winnipeg. We have received calls from Port Arthur and Fort William. As workers we need to consecrate our hearts to God for the saving of souls. We express our gratitude for the many blessings of God, and pledge ourselves to do our part in the finishing of the message in this generation.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

REPORT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TO THE WESTERN CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE

As I begin to pen the lines of this report the following words of the Saviour come into my mind with peculiar force: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37, 38.

Calls are continually coming from different parts of our province that a laborer be sent to care for the interests that have been aroused, sometimes by the printed page, often by the earnest efforts of our lay brethren and sisters, and again by agencies that only the judgment can reveal. We cannot begin to answer them all, and in our perplexity we can only repeat the prayer of the Master of the harvest, that in some way these calls may be answered.

At the present time we have a membership of 468. We have also 134 Sabbath keepers in the province who are not members of any church, making a total of 602. In the near future many of these isolated ones will no doubt become members. We have 18 churches, including the Conference Church. One of these is at Nelson, in the Kootenays, organized last fall. Five are in the Okanagan district, and the others on the coast from Mission City, west and north. We have isolated Sabbath keepers in the Kootenay and Okanagan districts; along the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway; on the Canadian Northern Railway north of Kamloops; on Vancouver Island; on Graham

Island; on islands along the coast and in the north along the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

Because of our peculiar situation we have mostly held our Conference sessions separate from the camp-meetings, which have been held in two districts, the Okanagan and the Coast, because of the great distances between our Sabbath-keeping population. The railway facilities of the province are getting better, however, and we hope to combine the two meetings in the year 1917.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway is now completed to Prince Rupert; the Canadian Northern Railway runs from Vancouver to Yellow-head Pass; the Pacific Eastern Railway is pushing rapidly from Vancouver to Fort George, and the Kettle Valley Railway will soon shorten the route from Nelson to Vancouver by many miles. These facilities will greatly aid in uniting the province which has hitherto been in very distinct parts because of the great and almost impassable mountain chains.

The population of the province is about 375,000, according to the last census. It is made up of very many who are Canadian and English born; very many Americans from the United States; of a large number of Chinese from the coast to the Okanagan; many Japanese and Hindus living along the coast, and an Indian population of perhaps from 8,000 to 10,000. At the present time nothing is being done for Indians, the Hindus and the Japanese, and only a small night school in Vancouver affords a means of working for the Chinese.

As Vancouver has always held from one-third to one-half of the population of the province, the greatest amount of the work has been done in that city, where we now have four churches with about 200 Sabbath-keepers. Nothing has been done on the Canadian Pacific Railway between Mission City and Kamloops; not much in the Kootenays; many places are untouched on Vancouver Island, and the great districts to the north we know very little about.

At the last Union Conference we reported a membership of 426. This report shows a membership of 468. The total number of Sabbath-keepers reported then was 477; at this time we have 602. In the two years 149 were baptized, 55 in 1914 and 94 in 1915. The slow increase in membership is partly due to removals and partly to revisions of our church lists.

In two years our tithe has been \$18,436.38. In 1914, \$10,183.81, and in 1915, \$8,252.57. In my last presentation before the Union Conference delegates, I reported \$20,115.74, so we have sustained a loss of \$1,679.36, comparing this with our report of two years ago.

It might be interesting to you to hear of our receipts both in tithes and offerings during four biennial periods:

	Tithe	S.S.	For. Miss.	H. Miss.
1910	\$ 9,149.35	\$ 798.62	\$1,536.81	\$ 691.85
1912	15,248.32	1,459.39	4,860.34	1,773.07
1914	20,115.74	3,610.58	6,813.93	4,700.31
1916	18,436.38	4,339.97	6,474.47	2,016.83

Thus we notice that in the tithe we lost \$1,679.36; for home missions, \$2,683.48; for foreign missions, \$339.46, and in Sabbath school donations we have gained \$729.39. Our gain for foreign missions in 1915 over 1914 was, however, \$594.37. This brought our

quota from 13½c. per member to 15.95-100c. per member in 1915. While our home work has suffered in a measure, yet we are glad for the increasing interest in regions beyond.

Our Sabbath schools show a healthy condition from two standpoints. We think our people are well established in the habit of making a daily study of the lesson. In most places I visit I find it the subject occupying the morning worship hour. Again, our Sabbath school donations are steadily increasing. Last year, 1915, the increase was \$295.53 and the amount averaged by each member was 10c. The number of Sabbath schools, home and church, is 23, and the membership is 653.

The subscription book sales for the two years of 1914 and 1915 were \$4,038.52. For 1912 and 1913, \$9,684.10, a loss in the last biennial term over the previous one of \$5,645.58. Our miscellaneous sales for 1914-1915 were \$10,475.11. The magazine sales alone were \$6,434.67. The total sales for 1914-1915 were \$14,513.63. The total sales for the preceding biennial term, 1912-1913, were \$16,631.74. Loss, \$2,118.11.

Last year our canvassers did well, especially in the mining districts, notwithstanding the hard times, and we had no field secretary after the month of April. Before he left, however, he did good work in preparing for the summer's campaign. In 1914 a large work was done by our magazine workers, and the sales were \$4,680.77, but 1915 shows a heavy loss, the sales being only \$1,753.90. The number of canvassers in 1914 was 17, in 1915 only 8.

Our Tract Society is in good condition and free from the burden of debt which it has been struggling against for over two years. Our Home Missionary department has received some attention in the active correspondence kept up by our missionary secretary. We have held some institutes with good results and I think I can safely say that Home Missionary work is increasing and our people awakening to their responsibility. The following table will show that an effort has been made to get our people to faithfully report their missionary work.

Number of churches	18
Membership	452
Number persons reporting	403
Number churches holding missionary meetings	5
Letters written	1,687
Letters received	370
Missionary visits	3,571
Bible readings	1,342
Subscriptions to periodicals	248
Papers sold	17,496
Papers given away	19,955
Books sold	556
Books lent or given away	827
Tracts sold	408
Tracts given away	13,199
Hours of Christian help work	3,144
Articles of clothing given away	1,230
Meals provided	811
Treatments given	328
Signers to Temperance Pledge	83
Offerings to Home Missionary work	\$215.20
Number of conversions	52

We have four church and five family schools, with an enrollment of 123. Our largest school is in the Okanagan district and has an enrollment of 62, with two teachers.

British Columbia is now in the struggle for Prohibition and our plan is to assist in every way we can legitimately to make the campaign a success. Wherever possible our people are encouraged to unite with the local committees, and we think this will in a measure disarm the prejudice that exists against the message we carry. I presume most will be accomplished in the circulation of our temperance literature, which temperance workers are recognizing as a helpful means of educating a sentiment against the liquor traffic.

We are suffering no inconvenience as yet in the enforcement of the Lord's Day Act, as our Attorney-General is unfavorable to the Act as it stands. We have kept in touch with him in some measure and have his assurance of protection should the Sunday law be enforced. We are, however, trying to educate our folk to devote that day to missionary work and thus avoid any possible conflict with the Lord's Day advocates.

Our Conference is also free from debt, except partial audits due our laborers for December, 1915, and January of this year. The amount is about \$500.00. Our association has a debt of \$6,381.00, which is amply covered with property that we will sell at the earliest opportunity. We have the school farm of 140 acres, a 100-acre farm in Bella Coola, a tract of 215 acres near Port Simpson, a seven-room house and three lots in Vancouver.

With you we follow on to do our best, pledging our co-operation, not only in this meeting, but in every case where the interests of God's cause in our Union is concerned. We continue our labors with renewed courage, determined, by the Grace of God, that the honest in heart shall hear the Truth in our province through the efforts of those who now believe the Third Angel's Message, the remnant's only hope.

J. G. WALKER.

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A CALL TO SERVICE

"There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at its flood, leads on to victory"; "Strike while the iron is hot," and other like expressions are forcible just now, when we consider our opportunities at the present hour in British Columbia in connection with the temperance cause.

If ever the tide of temperance sentiment could be said to be at its "flood," that time has come. The temperance advocates in B.C. have more to encourage them now than ever before in the history of the province.

At this supreme hour shall a people who are a long way in advance of other organizations on this question

be indifferent and backward in taking their part? On all hands it is recognized that we have the best temperance literature published.

In the next issue of the *Tidings* we hope to publish an outline of plans for our temperance campaign in the province, and in the meantime let us all pray that we may each be prepared to take hold most earnestly and do our part in this great battle against the liquor traffic.

E. R. POTTER.

HOW THE TRUTH WINS

After six persons at Rutland had expressed their convictions and their determination to keep the Sabbath of the Lord, the Methodist minister of the district announced that he would speak on a certain Sunday evening on "Saturday, or Sunday—Which is the True Seventh-day?" and publicly and privately gave me and other Seventh-day Adventists a special invitation to attend. I accepted the invitation and took many notes during the discourse. At the close I arose and said: "I wish to express my appreciation of the kind Christian spirit in which the subject has been presented tonight, and in view of the kind invitation extended to me and my friends, and in view of what has been said tonight, I wish to return the courtesy by inviting the pastor and congregation to the Rutland hall next Tuesday evening, when the same subject will be considered. The pastor did not attend but sent one of the members to take notes.

The Lord gave special help that evening and the result was that not only the interested ones were more firmly settled, but one who had not been attending our meetings, and after hearing the pastor declare that Christ abolished the ten commandment law, studied the question and began keeping the Sabbath.

The pastor put a report of his "sermon-lecture" in the paper, which gave me an opportunity to put in an article on the Sabbath question.

There are 12 now who have expressed their convictions that Christ would keep the Seventh-day Sabbath if He were on earth. The D. M. Canright books and tracts are being circulated in the district, but the inconsistencies and plain contradictions in those writings have helped to establish, rather than unsettle, the interested ones.

The Lord has opened the way for Brother and Sister Bellchamber to be with us now for a few weeks, for which we feel very thankful

E. R. POTTER.

OBITUARY

Sophia Giles was born in Faulkoping, Sweden, in the year 1861. She came to the United States when 16 years of age and was married to Earnest Giles in 1884. Four children were born of this marriage, all of whom have passed away except Mrs. Gertrude H. Muench of Nelson, B. C., the sole survivor of the family.

Sister Giles was connected with the sanitariums at Portland, Ore.; Walla Walla, Wash... and other cities for about thirty years. Since coming to Nelson her energies have been directed along the same lines in ministering, and although she rests from her labors, her works do follow her. She died March 8 in the blessed hope of the soon coming Saviour. The funeral services were conducted by the writer.

C. E. WOOD.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

BALANCE SHEET

Dec. 31, 1915

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$ 142.92	
Bills Receivable	459.90	
Real Estate—		
Manson School Farm....	\$14,300.00	
Odlum Street Lots	1,700.00	
Stein Estate	1,354.16	
Indian Mission Farm	400.00	
Kenny Lots	225.00	
		\$17,979.16
Inventories—		
Buildings	\$ 7,592.28	
Less depreciation	515.65	
		\$ 7,076.63
Farm Equipment	\$ 1,516.33	
Furniture and Fixtures..	849.93	
Library	284.64	
Culinary	185.66	
Bookstand	105.44	
Fuel	87.83	
		\$ 3,029.83
Accounts Receivable		\$28,688.44
		1,095.16
		\$29,783.60

LIABILITIES

Bills Payable	\$6,381.94	
Accounts Payable	753.67	
		\$ 7,135.61
		\$22,647.99

LOSSES AND GAINS

LOSSES

Doubtful Accounts	\$108.37	
Expense	69.35	
Grand View Farm	485.32	
Interest	610.35	
Insurance	12.00	
Repairs	42.39	
Taxes	619.04	
Bookstand	26.35	
Culinary	46.41	
Farm	168.48	
Furniture and Fixtures	94.43	
Fuel	21.95	
Library	31.62	
Building depreciation	151.84	
		\$2,487.90

GAINS

Donations	\$1,436.12	
Rent	152.00	
		\$1,588.12
Loss		\$ 899.78
Present Worth—Academy	\$20,759.79	
" " Association	2,787.98	
		\$23,547.77
Present Worth		\$22,647.99

February 10th, 1916.

To Whom It May Concern:—

I have audited the accounts of the British Columbia Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, and the Manson Academy, for the year ended December 31, 1915.

I have verified the cash inventories and other current assets as of December 31, 1915. Sufficient reserves have been made for probable losses on accounts receivable. Ample allowances have been made for depreciation on property. All known liabilities have been included in the accounts.

I hereby certify that in my opinion the accompanying Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss statement correctly represents the financial condition of the Conference and Tract Society as of December 31, 1915, and its operation for the year ended with that date.

F. L. HOMMEL,
W.C.U.C., Auditor.

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and Home Missionary Secretary, O. Ziprick.

CALLED TO ENLIST

Who is not acquainted with the word "enlist" in our days? In bold letters you see it almost everywhere, no matter where you look. Signs of all sizes are displayed in conspicuous places in all the cities and towns. The first thing that meets the gaze of those coming in from the country is this word, "enlist."

No one would ask for its meaning or purpose, for every one knows that men are needed for the great conflict that is raging in Europe today. But what then is the purpose of all these schemes for enlisting? Yes, brother, everybody knows it, but all do not realize what this great struggle means to the country, and so the need of more men has to be kept before the people from day to day, to remind them of their duty toward their king and country.

But there is another King—even the King of all kings—who is calling to His people to enlist in active service in the great warfare against the powers of darkness. The world is facing the last great struggle in this controversy, and He wants His soldiers to warn the world of the terrible day so soon to come. His army is not to destroy life or to increase the misery of this world, but is to bring life and peace to every soul who will accept His overtures of mercy. His followers will not be defeated, for all power is given to this King whose command is "Go."

All of God's people have had a call to enlist, but reader, have you responded? God's people, too, do not realize the tremendous crisis we are facing, and so the call to enlist has to be kept constantly before them.

It is not too early to lay plans for our work this summer. Some will be called to do missionary work among their friends and neighbors, while others will be called to the front to give the message to those whom they have not met before. This is the work of the canvasser whose work "cannot be estimated too highly." To those who feel that the Lord has called them to this work this summer a special call to enlist is given. "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9.

Let us do our appointed work as the Lord has ordained, and the world will soon be warned. Expect great things of the Lord, for we are living in the time when the "latter rain" is due.

U. WISSNER.

THE EFFORT AT ABERDEEN

Two weeks before the union conference, Brother D. D. Neufeld and I went to Aberdeen with the object of looking for an opening to present the message to the people of this little town. Not being able to find a more convenient place in which to hold meetings, we rented a vacant store building. Seats were

put up and the public invited to the meetings. The people responded to the invitation and the interest increased rapidly.

Brother Neufeld then left and I continued the meetings alone until the time of the union conference. After the conference I returned to this place for the purpose of following up the effort. The Lord added His blessing in the proclamation of the truth, and up to the present one family has commenced to keep the Sabbath. Besides this there are a number of families who are deeply interested, and I have great hopes that these, too, will accept the truth and take their stand on the Lord's side.

The meetings are still being well attended, from 40 to 60 people being present every night. Remember the work here in your prayers. O. ZIPRIK.

NOTICE

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 an 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.

U. WISSNER.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

Mrs. A. C. Gilbert and daughter Marjorie arrived in Saskatoon the other day, and are now making this their home, after spending the winter months in Sunny Alberta. Elder Gilbert is happy to have his family with him. They will be located at 909 Seventh Ave. North.

Among the visitors to the office were Elder Sulzle, Brother and Sister Harry Cameron from North Battleford, Brethren D. D. and J. D. Neufeld from Waldheim, and Brother John Bodrug. The latter is on his way to his home near Macrorie, having spent the winter at the Alberta Academy.

Elder Ziprick writes that he still has a good attendance at his meetings in Aberdeen. He was joined by Elder Sulzle the other day. One family is already keeping the Sabbath, and others are expected to follow soon.

Brother Babienco also reports good meetings among the Russians near Radisson. He is holding meetings in two school-houses 12 miles apart, thus giving opportunity to a large number to attend.

The Building Committee of the Battleford Academy will meet in Battleford, April 3 and 4. Elder Shaw and Prof. Dick are expected to meet with the committee. Many questions of importance will have to be counselled over, so that the Academy can be opened in time for school next fall.

Alberta Conference

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GO WORK IN MY VINEYARD

"For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an house holder, which went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard. And he went out the third, sixth, ninth and eleventh hour and found laborers" (Matt. 20: 1-16), but they were idle, waiting for someone to hire them. Said the Master: "Go work in my vineyard." It would seem from this reading that the Lord wants His people to be very busy. We

are trying to keep this thought before our people in Edmonton and the results are good. Everybody is getting hold of the Message in a way that is putting them to work.

Now, the work that the church is especially taken up with is that of selling literature in the homes and on the streets. Since we began this work, a little over one month ago, we have been able to dispose of nearly \$150 worth of pamphlets and magazines. More than half of this time we have been out of material to work with. But the reason for being out of supplies was our fear to order. We have not passed that stage, for this month we have ordered 500 copies of *Armageddon* and 500 of *Signs Monthly*, but the workers think we ought to have ordered 1,000 of each.

A few days ago we sent to the office for some "Sure Word of Prophecy," which is a 10c. pamphlet. Bro. Hommel sent us 49 copies, thinking this would keep us busy for a while or until the other literature reached us. Three of our girls went out with them and in two hours they were all sold. This work is opening up places all over this city for Bible work and the church is taking right hold of this work also. What is being done in Edmonton can be done in every city and town in Alberta.

Surely we are in a time when the printed pages are to be scattered like the leaves of autumn. Brethren and sisters, help us in doing this fall sowing. The way to help: Get a few *Monthly Signs* and a few 10c. and 25c. selling pamphlets and take at least one day per month to work your nearest town by selling these. The Lord only knows what the result will be, but you can be assured the experience you will get will give you compound interest for your effort.

I am now with the company at Gadsby. We hope to see this company lay some plans for taking up this work. The eleventh hour is here. Says the Master: "Go work in my vineyard." Do not say, "no man hires us," but go to work by mailing your order to the office on the next mail. Read or sing Hymn No. 589.

J. L. WILSON.

ACADEMY NEWS NOTES

Sister C. M. Anderson, of Acme, last week visited her daughter, Ruth.

Mr. Fred Steeves, one of our students, was agreeably surprised by the visit of his mother, Mrs. A. W. Steeves, and his two sisters, Emma and Angie, of Millet, Alta. They spent Sabbath, March 5, with him.

Edward Roth, one of our students from the primary department, has been called home on account of failing health.

Our chorus class is now busily engaged in preparing a cantata entitled "The Building of the Temple," to be given the last of April. Leaders have been appointed whose duty it is to work up the different parts.

At the last meeting of the Academy Board, all of the members of the faculty were re-elected for the coming year. At the meeting the advisability of putting in a steam heating plant was considered, though no action was taken. A heating plant looking forward to economy and service is to be installed. It is a question for the Board to wrestle with.

Miss Harriet Beardsley, secretary of the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Work of Alberta, is now visiting the different church schools of the Conference. She expects to be gone about two weeks.

Miss Helen Buhler has been called home, owing to her mother's sickness.

It is a privilege for some of our students to go out and visit the local churches over Sabbath. Brother Fish and our student, Brother Ryan, visited Clive on Sabbath, March 12th. Brother Courser and Wallace Pangman also visited Bismark at the same time.

Western Canadian Tidings

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F. L. HOMMEL - - - - - Editor

W. L. Manfull is holding a colporteurs' institute in British Columbia at present. He will soon be at Lacombe, where he will continue his work of instructing those who wish to enter the field this summer.

We call special attention to the appeal made in these columns by Elder H. S. Shaw for young men and women to enter the field as colporteurs. Never have the fields been so ripe, and therefore the prospects for gathering an abundant harvest are most promising. Surely, this is the time to ask, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

The following letter, received by one of our secretaries, is a sample of a number that have come to our offices lately, from individuals who have been drawn to the truth through the study of the Bible and the reading of our literature:

"I desire information as to whether there will be any Adventist camp-meeting this year. If there is I would like to know, in order that I may attend for the purpose of placing my membership with the Adventist brethren. As yet I am only an outsider, but fully converted to the truth of God's word, and am only waiting for an opportunity to join myself with the Adventists. I was converted about two months ago, not by hearing the word of God preached, for there are no churches in this locality, but by reading and studying the Bible, and by the assistance of a few Bible references sent to me by a brother who is a member of the Adventist church. Since the time of my conversion, I have kept the Sabbath, also all the other commandments, as well as I understand how. Anything you can do for me in regard to this matter will be most sincerely appreciated."

How true it is that "the fields are all ready to harvest." Doubtless there are thousands who are waiting for an invitation to unite with God's people. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

Contents of another letter from an isolated believer: "Rejoice with me for I have been an instrument in God's hands for bringing two sisters into the truth, and Oh, how they love it. We have regular Sabbath school and Bible readings, and on Wednesday nights prayer meeting. Please pray for me, that I may do what God wants me to do, and for these sisters, that they may be faithful. We give Jesus all the praise." How nice it would be if every isolated believer would bring two souls to Jesus before the year closes. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," is the promise. Let us claim it.

We have the following words from Brother J. R. Ferren, Circulating Manager of the International Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, College View, Nebraska: "A new location for the headquarters of the foreign publishing work has been secured in a suburban town near Chicago. This is a

result of the council meeting held at Battle Creek, March 9, in which the whole question of the International work was discussed. It was unanimously decided to establish the work near the great foreign metropolis, Chicago. The German quarterlies for the second quarter will be ready for mailing in a few days."

MANITOBA NEWS NOTES

Elder E. M. Chapman has been working in the interests of the temperance work since the Union Conference. He has been working together with the Methodist minister of Rivers.

We all rejoice to see that Manitoba has gone dry, and feel glad that the Temperance Instructor had a part in the work. A great many of the leading temperance workers got some of their pointers from the Instructor, and the windows of some of the polling booths were decorated with pictures and cartoons clipped from the Instructor.

Sister Bradley, of Austin, is in the General Hospital, and at this writing has gone through a very serious operation. She is getting along as well as could be expected. Let us pray that the Lord may restore Sister Bradley to health again if it is His will.

We are expecting Elder Haffner to be with us soon. He plans to visit all of the German churches in the province.

Brother McGee reports orders to the value of \$69.50 for week ending March. He says the roads have been almost impossible to travel. The Lord has gone ahead and prepared the hearts of the people, and as a result the books have been placed in their hands. We are glad for this excellent report during this very cold and stormy weather.

The church members of the Winnipeg church took hold of the temperance work in earnest, and as a result about 2,000 copies of the Temperance Instructor was sold in Winnipeg. We are glad for this good work that has been done.

THOSE PORTLAND LECTURES

In keeping with the promise made a few weeks ago, the weekly *Signs* will soon reproduce Elder Daniells' Portland lectures in its columns. The first will appear on page 1 of the April 4 issue. There will be from six to ten installments, one each week, until completed.

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