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"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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KIND WORDS

I love to smell the roses,
I love to see them grow;
I love a kind and gentle word
While I am here below.

My coffin cannot smell them,
Nor can my eyes behold
The beauty of the flowers
When I am stiff and cold.

So pass along the kind words,
And clip the flowers now,
Before the furrows get too deep
Upon the tired brow.

Though strange it seems to say it,
It still is stranger yet,
That the ones we love the dearest
Are the ones we seldom pet.

—Mrs. L. M. Eschmann.

MINNEDOSA CAMP-MEETING

We had a splendid meeting at Minnedosa. One that fully justifies us in the conviction that we are to have the best camp meetings this summer than we have ever had. And why not? We are in the time of the Latter Rain. Surely we may ask and expect greater things from God. The weather was rainy and chilly part of the time, but there was scarcely any sickness in camp, and all the services from the early morning devotional service to the evening preaching service were well attended. Some missed a part of the blessing by not coming at the beginning of the meeting, but all went home of good courage and determined to live close to the Lord and allow him to use them more fully in the work. In planning to come to camp-meeting be sure to come early and bring plenty of warm clothing and overshoes with you, as the weather is liable to be chilly and the grass damp in the early morning.

Elder Chapman voluntarily retired from the Presidency and a few changes were made in the Conference Committee. The book and literature sales were very good. The outside attendance and interest was quite encouraging. A large number of citizens listened to the presentation of the prophecies and Sabbath question and witnessed the baptism of 10 persons in the lake near by; others will be baptized at the home churches later.

Nearly \$2,000.00 was pledged to Home and Mission work. Brother Guldbranson is laboring away hopefully for the Icelandic people in the Province. Elder Schilling was present to help in the German work. Professor Dick and Professor Kellogg assisted in the Educational and Young People's work; Brother Manful and Brother Rowse in the interests of the Book and Home Missionary work; and Elders E. W. Farnsworth, W. W. Eastman, and the writer, represented the general interests of the cause. The outlook now is for the largest meeting ever held in Saskatchewan. On the way to Saskatoon I had the pleasure of looking over the new school site at North Battleford. The site is well chosen. The brethren have certainly planned a well equipped school plant. C. F. McVAGH.

IN THE FIELD

Last week I went out with Brother Ojala, who is working in Manitoba. We had some good experiences. I will say, however, that he finds some difficulty in his territory in taking orders, due to the fact that a large per cent. of the farmers have not threshed yet. He is working for "Bible Readings" over the territory he canvassed last year for "Patriarchs and Prophets." He is meeting some very interesting cases, and we believe some of these people will accept the Truth. From there I came to camp-meeting now in session at Minnedosa. Some good reports are coming in from the colporteurs in this Province for which we are thankful to the Lord. W. L. MANFULL.

THE ALBERTA ACADEMY

The ninth year of the Alberta Academy is in the past. As we look back over the year we feel to thank God for his protective hand which has been over us, and for the measure of success which has attended our school this year. From the first a deep spiritual atmosphere prevailed, and as the school year passed, each Friday evening meeting proved to be mile-posts in the experience of our Christian students. We are pleased to say that all but a very few of our dear children took a stand for Christ, and we believe all who did, received a richer and deeper experience in the things of God.

Enrolment

Our enrolment was the largest in the history of our existence, there being 223 in attendance, including the Primary Department. This number is 42 more than at any time previous. We are glad for this healthy

growth which represents our present capacity. However, plans are being made for these and others in the future.

Colporteur Work

As a whole our students were of a mature class, who had a definite work in view, and each sought earnestly to best fit himself for his desired work. We are glad to say that this school's largest band of colporteurs went forth into the field this spring with hearts full of hope and courage, believing that God would richly bless their efforts for Him. We are following them with our prayers and shall note each one's progress during the summer months with interest.

Week of Prayer

The "Week of Prayer" was a time of rich blessings in our school and was fruitful with results. Other seasons of like blessings were enjoyed while Eld. MacGuire was with us. The "Spring Week of Prayer" was also a time of seeking the Lord and personal examination of our lives. We all feel richly blessed by such seasons.

Prayer Bands

Among our sweetest spiritual remembrances are the morning prayer bands which were first introduced this year. Each morning at ten o'clock the teachers and student body retired into nine prayer groups for short seasons of devotional thought and prayer.

Class Work

There was likewise a very studious disposition manifested in all the class work, and a high standard of work has been attained. This matter, however, could be much improved upon by a more punctual attendance in the early part of the school year. Many of our students come four to eight weeks late. This tends to retard the class work, which condition if corrected would greatly enhance the efficiency of our class work.

Closing Days

June 2nd to the 6th were the closing days of our school. The exercises were marked by a spirit of earnestness and simplicity. The Class Day program was especially impressive. The frivolous nature which is sometimes included in Class Day exercises was omitted and every number breathed a spirit of the Message which our graduates go forth to proclaim.

The baccalaureate sermon was given by Elder P. P. Adams, who spoke upon "Loyalty to the Truth," basing his fitting remarks on Ps. 57:7. Elder McVagh delivered the class address, which was highly pleasing, and rife with deep thought, being suggestive of the class motto, "Into the Furrow of the World's Need."

Graduates

There were ten graduates from the academy this year, all of whom are thoroughly consecrated to the Lord's work. Most of the class immediately take up active service in some phase of the work. Aside from the academic class there were six who graduated from the music course.

Library

Shortly before the close of school steps were taken to increase the number of books in our library. This matter was laid before the students, who together with the teachers pledged \$350.00 towards this needy phase of our school work. This money is to be expended for books only. It is desired that this money be

paid in by October 1st so that the books can be on hand by the opening of the school. It is pleasing to report that over \$50.00 has already been paid in. It is to be hoped that others aside from those who have already contributed, who are interested in our school will feel to help us in this enterprise.

Improvements

During the past summer a new "Primary Building" has been constructed to better meet our needs. Aside from this we are taking steps to provide room for a library and other class rooms by the enlarging of the academy building. We are also endeavoring to reinforce the outside walls of the dormitories against cold in order that the buildings may be better heated.

Taking everything into consideration, we feel to say that we have had a very successful school year, and are looking forward to our next year with hope and courage, feeling that if God so wills we shall have a bigger and better school another year.

The future of the Alberta Academy is a promising one. The school has a large field from which to draw. God has blessed its constituency with means. God has given us an earnest devoted class of young people. May the Lord help us in proving true to Him by furthering his work in the training of our young people.

E. D. DICK.

THE MISSIONARY IDEA

"The missionary idea is a product of the mind of God." It will find a place in the heart of every person who gives himself to God, but it is like a tender plant, it needs to be cherished and developed.

A good book has been published to help develop this principle in the hearts of God's people, and it bears the name of "The Missionary Idea."

"A little girl who had spent a happy afternoon with a favorite playmate said: 'Mamma, Betty and I always have such a good time because she *always makes me think of things.*'"

"The child's words really embody, in simple language, the highest law of mental helpfulness. To stimulate to *definite thought*—is a real achievement. It is easy to lay out a plan or program in detail for others to follow, but when they have once used it, the same need still exists for other detailed plans and programs. But if principles and experiences can be skilfully set forth in such a way that, as one says, 'they *suggest and suggest and suggest*,' the active mind will form its own combinations, furnish its own settings, call into use its own available resources, and grow strong and capable in the effort."

This is just what this book does—it suggests and leads on to other plans and methods. It is a valuable book, not only for what it contains, but for what it suggests.

This book should be in every church library, as a study book for the missionary and missionary volunteer officers. My own well worn copy would soon show what good use I have made of it, so my recommendation is based on my own experience of its value in church work.

The price is \$1.10 in cloth binding and 55 cents in paper covers. A dollar will be well spent by every church that adds this book to its library.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

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AWAY TO THE NORTH IN DISTRICTS NEW

On Wednesday, May 17th, I started from Vancouver, on the Canadian Northern for Prince Rupert and Graham Island. There are isolated Sabbath keepers along the Grand Trunk Pacific and on Graham Island that we had not yet visited, and some had been waiting baptism many months. We felt that they should not be neglected any longer.

I reached Burns Lake, Friday the 19th, and there expected to meet Brother Dodds who lives on Ootsa Lake. In some way he had not received my card telling when I would be there, so was not at the station to meet me.

About 9 a.m. I started with the mail man for Francois Lake, a distance of 14 miles. He was heavily loaded, however, and I walked most of the way. I reached the ferry about 4 p.m. and crossed over. After having a lunch, I started toward Ootsa Lake which is 26 miles further on. Before sundown I reached a farmhouse 11 miles on the way and stayed there over night. The next morning after a few hours walk I reached the cabin of Brother Dodds only to find that he was not at home. He had gone to Endaco just a week before, and no one knew when he would return. I made myself at home, however, and waited till he came which was on Monday afternoon following. Then began a round of visits on horse-back, and on Tuesday evening we had a meeting 14 miles from Brother Dodd's home. Everyone along the way was invited and nearly all came. One man came 14 miles, and one woman walked six miles. Others came nearly that distance. They paid the best attention and seemed to appreciate the service. I was glad to note the respect Brother Dodd's neighbors show towards him. We went home after the service and arrived there at 3 a.m. After a short rest we were up again and prepared to start back so I could take the train for Prince Rupert. We rode on horseback all that day and stopped for the night at Francois Lake. The next day we walked on to Burns Lake, visiting two families on the way, one of them Brother and Sister Julin and the other Sister Juisen. We had never met or known of these people before.

The next morning I left Brother Dodds and went on to Prince Rupert. Shortly after arriving there I met Brother and Sister Henry Pierce. They had come all the way from Port Simpson to meet me. We spent the Sabbath together in Prince Rupert, most of the time in their little boat.

The "Prince Albert" was due to leave Prince Rupert Sunday night for Massett, Graham Island, but I did not get started till Tuesday noon, and arrived in Massett Wednesday morning. There I met some of our own people. I first met Sister Thos. Russell, and her little son, a lad just five days old. Brother Russell was not then at home. I was glad to meet Sister Russell, and to find both her health and courage good.

Others I met there were Brother Hudson, and Sister Holland, and Sister Moe from Woden River.

As soon as the tide was favorable I went on to Woden River where I met Brethren Don and Roy Hazelton with their wives, and Brother Louis Moe.

I stayed a week between these places and held seven services. On Sabbath afternoon June 3rd, we had baptism, and baptized Brother Whitehall, Sister Moe, and her brother Louis, in Massett Inlet. Wednesday, June 7th, Brother Don Hazelton took me to Port Clement in his motor boat. From that point I took the trail to Telet River, a distance of 14 miles. The path was somewhat dim in places, but the blazing on the trees along the trail helped me to keep my bearings. The walking was heavy, as the land is mostly Muskeg and very wet. Muskeg is not objectionable to walk upon if you can spare the time and are not afraid of leg-weariness. I arrived at Brother and Sister Niel Walsh's at about 8 p.m. having been nine hours on the trail.

I stayed at Brother Walsh's till Sunday morning. We had two services while there and a very enjoyable visit. This family came from Oregon four years ago, and we only got into communication with them a few months ago. We found them of good courage and determined to press onward.

Sunday morning, June 11th, we all drove to the wireless station near Hydah, a distance of 16 miles. We had a service in the afternoon with a little company of the settlers that had gathered in. At this meeting I met Sister Edna Leary, who began to keep the Sabbath only a few months ago. She accepted the Sabbath through reading, but had heard Elder Wilson when she was a little girl at a series of meetings held in Dadner. No doubt some seed was sown there that was to bear fruit later. Sister Leary seemed of good courage and in harmony with the message. After a short visit with her on Monday, I walked to Skidegate, there to take the boat back to Prince Rupert. The boat "Prince John" came along after three days of waiting, and on Sabbath about noon arrived at Port Simpson. The only visit I could make there was with Sister Sarah Abbott, whom I had never met before. Brother Pierce and his wife were both away on a fishing tour, and could not be reached. This was a disappointment to me as it prevented me from reaching our Mission farm to satisfy myself further in regard to its resources and real value. Brother Pierce had failed to get my letter sent to him.

On Monday, June 19th, I took the train for Telkwa, which is about 235 miles east of Prince Rupert. Here I again met Brother Dodds, who had come about 75 miles by trail to meet me and to transact some further conference business. In the morning we rode out to the home of Sister Irene Caldwell, who lives with her son in Tyee Lake, about two miles from the town. Sister Caldwell has been about 15 years in the Truth, and the most of the time isolated. She is still firm and of good courage. Tuesday evening we had a cottage meeting in her home as she could not very well attend a meeting in the town. There were some young Indians present and paid good attention as I talked on the wonderful age in which we live, basing my remarks on Daniel, 12:4. I enjoyed this brief visit with Sister Caldwell and her son.

Wednesday evening I started toward the east intending to take the Canadian Northern at Rainbow for Kamloops, but found on coming to the line that no trains were running, and perhaps would not be for two weeks. As the trains on the Grand Trunk Pacific run only every other day I had to go on to Jasper to get a place to stay. I took the next train back to Prince Rupert, where I arrived Sunday night, June 25th.

At this writing I am on the Grand Trunk steamship "Prince Rupert" homeward bound, after an absence of six weeks, less one day. On this singular trip I have traveled by railroad 2,650 miles, 1000 miles by boat, walked over 100 miles, rode by team 25 miles, and rode on horseback over 70 miles. The last experience not the least of my troubles. I have visited 14 families or homes of Sabbath keepers. Met 16 whom I had never seen before, and baptized three people. In nearly every place I have found the brethren and sisters of good courage and determined to stand by the Message. Nearly all are poor in this world's goods, but they have shown a liberality befitting their profession, pledging apparently beyond their means like the devoted Macedonians commended by the apostle Paul. I appreciate very much the reception they all gave me, and will long remember their kindness on this, perhaps the most interesting and peculiar trip I have ever experienced. I am now hurrying home to get ready for our camp-meetings, which are soon to be held.

J. G. WALKER.

INFORMATION CONCERNING CAMP-MEETING

There will be two camp-meetings this year in British Columbia. One in Nanaimo, July 24-30, 1916, (the workers' meeting in connection with this meeting, commencing Tuesday, July 18) and the other meeting in Kelowna, August 14-20, 1916, and there will also be a workers' meeting held prior to the camp-meeting proper. The workers' meeting in connection with the Kelowna camp-meeting will commence August 7, 1916.

Rates have been secured over the following railway and steamship lines: The Canadian Pacific Railway, the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway, the Kettle Valley Railway and on the Canadian Pacific Steamships operating from points on the coast where meals and berth are not included in the rate.

In purchasing tickets to either of the camp-meetings over the lines mentioned be particular to observe the following instructions: Purchase first-class, full fare, one-way ticket to place of meeting, (or to nearest junction station if through tickets cannot be obtained) and secure certificate to that effect on standard certificate form. Ticket agents are supplied with standard certificates and are instructed to issue them on application. Those boarding train at flag stations should retain duplex ticket issued by conductor, which will be honored for ticket to original starting point under similar conditions applicable to standard certificates. Where persons have to travel over more than one railway to reach place of meeting, they will have to purchase tickets and obtain certificates from each railway, unless arrangements have been made so that through tickets may be purchased.

Tickets may be purchased for the Nanaimo meeting

within three days (Sundays excluded) prior to opening date of meeting, which would be July 14, 1916, or at any time during the continuance of the meeting. For the Kelowna meeting, also within three days (Sundays excluded) prior to the opening date of the meeting and at any time during the continuance of the meeting. From this it will be seen that tickets to the Kelowna meeting may be purchased as early as August 3, 1916. You will notice that in speaking of the opening date of both meetings we refer to the commencement of the workers' meeting. Do not get the dates confused.

Nanaimo, Workers' Meeting, July 18-24.

Nanaimo, Camp-meeting proper, July 24-30.

Kelowna, Workers' Meeting, August 7-14.

Kelowna, Camp-meeting proper, August 14-20.

If the instructions given are not sufficiently plain to be fully understood we hope that you will be free to write for more information.

We expect a good attendance at both meetings, and trust if you have not already made up your mind to attend that you will begin at once to plan definitely to be at one of them. The servant of the Lord has given much instruction concerning the importance of attending these yearly gatherings and we urge all to come that possibly can. We are promised splendid assistance from the Western Canadian Union Conference and the General Conference, and feel sure that those who come will receive many rich blessings.

Tear out the following and keep for your reference when purchasing your ticket.

1. Be at the depot at least fifteen minutes before the arrival of your train, so as to give the agent time to supply you with both ticket and standard certificate.

2. Purchase a one-way full fare ticket.

3. Be sure to ask the agent for a standard form certificate for every ticket purchased. Do not fail to obtain this.

4. If you must travel over more than one railroad be sure and secure standard form certificates for every ticket purchased at the different ticket offices.

5. On arrival at the camp-ground hand all certificates to J. B. Giddings, at the book tent, as soon as convenient.

J. B. GIDDINGS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

June 21st, Elder Boettcher, from Russia, arrived in Vancouver. Several of us met him at the wharf and persuaded him to stop over with us for a few days. He spoke four times in the different churches.

Eighty per cent of the people of Russia cannot read. They have no public schools, and will not allow religion taught in private ones if different from the established church. Seventh-day Adventists have not been allowed to hold public meetings since 1910. Even our ministers are not allowed to visit our churches. The conference office and tract society have been closed by government authority. Baptisms have to be done secretly. The candidate is blind-folded so if brought to court, he could not testify that he had seen the administrator.

With all these obstacles, there are 7,000 Seventh-day Adventists in Russia. They pay their tithes and are spreading the message. The laymen work and the people are ready to hear. They will gather in groups

where one will read, eagerly receiving the word. No power on earth can stop the message.

How different it is with us. Here, we can have church buildings, regular Sabbath schools, preaching, public baptisms, tract societies, conference offices, church schools, academies, colleges, sanitariums and camp-meetings. Brother Boettcher remarked how good it seemed to him to be where there is liberty to preach the word. Our people were highly gratified with the talks he gave us and much benefitted.

We should remember in our prayers the workers in Russia, some of whom are banished and all oppressed.

O. D. BURRILL.

GRAND VIEW SCHOOL

June 7th marked the close of a very profitable school year demonstrated in part by the expressions of the student body regarding spiritual development and their resolutions to prepare still further for service in the Master's vineyard.

With few exceptions these and many others are planning to attend another year, and we trust that all who should be in our school may be impressed with the importance of gaining a Christian Education.

R. E. NOBLE.

THE ELLEN G. WHITE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

I presume that ere this our sisters living in British Columbia have received a letter from Mrs. A. C. Gilbert in behalf of the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital to be erected in Los Angeles, California, with the donations from and solicited through the women of the denomination in North America. We would be pleased to have our sisters in British Columbia give this matter the attention it merits and offer their mite toward the establishment of this much needed institution. It will enable our young physicians to qualify without being compelled to attend other medical institutions, which at the present time they are obliged to do. We hope to see our Conference contribute its share of the \$1,200.00 to be raised throughout the Western Canadian Union.

All gifts for this purpose should be sent to J. B. Giddings, 1708 Maple Street, Vancouver, B.C.

J. G. WALKER.

GENERAL FUND

Just recently we sent out a pledge blank to our brethren in British Columbia asking for a pledge or contribution toward our home work and we hope all who receive the blank will feel impressed to help. We know, brethren and sisters, that you pay tithe for the support of the ministry, and this is right for it is the Lord's. We know you contribute liberally toward the work in foreign fields, but there is a need at home as well, and our treasury is almost depleted. This is all for home missionary uses, that are as important as any other. Pledge something, give something, please. One dollar a month *at least* is not too much, and surely the Lord will help us to make this good. Some can pledge

more than this, some perhaps not so much, but we hope all will contribute something. Some of the pledges are already being returned with liberal promises which will be redeemed in due time. I take this opportunity to thank the donors.

All the pledges and contributions to this fund for home missionary needs, should be sent to J. B. Giddings, 1708 Maple Street, Vancouver, B.C.

J. G. WALKER.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Statement of Funds, Six Month Enging June 30th, 1916

Church.	Total.	Tithe.	20c Week Home	
			Funds.	Funds.
Armstrong	129.05	120.85	5.50	2.70
Conference	305.39	171.30	130.74	3.35
Firvale	117.70	102.00	15.00	.70
Grandview	717.00	493.42	173.58	50.00
Lumen	238.84	201.96	24.41	12.47
Manson (Pitt Meadows) ..	179.65	134.54	30.11	15.00
Mission City	16.20	11.60	4.60	
Miscellaneous	747.24	458.02	91.65	197.57
Nanaimo	234.79	150.49	60.47	23.83
Nelson	197.68	155.52	42.16	
Penticton	199.49	153.95	43.01	2.53
Silver Creek	217.47	123.13	84.34	10.00
Vancouver Churches:				
42nd Avenue	369.59	299.05	68.84	1.70
River Road	387.10	239.00	148.10	
Union Street	404.81	340.99	63.82	
West Vancouver	221.11	151.15	64.34	5.62
Vernon	1,463.05	1,404.64	48.82	9.95
Victoria	54.80	54.80		
Totals	6,200.96	4,766.41	1,099.49	335.06

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SUMMER SCHOOL

In accordance with the plan of a few years ago, also in harmony with the action of the Academy Board of Managers, there will be conducted a summer school at the Academy beginning July 26, and continuing seven weeks.

The object of this session is to encourage our church school teachers to do review work or continue their advanced schooling. It also allows those students who are lacking a portion of a year to complete their course, to make up their work at this time.

It is impossible to announce at this time the subjects which will be taught, but we shall endeavor to adjust the program to the demands as far as is consistent. Tuition will be charged at the rate of \$5.00 per semester's work in this session. Suitable arrangements for board can be provided at the school by those attending.

Those interested in attending should write to Miss H. A. Beardsley, P. P. Adams or Mrs. H. G. Rick, or make arrangements for work with them at the camp-meeting.

E. D. DICK.

STETTLER

Ten days ago, Brother W. G. McCready and his wife and the writer opened an effort in the Lutheran church at this place. Stettler is a busy town. Many people may be seen at almost any hour of the day, yet only 15 were present at our first meeting, including ourselves. The attendance has decreased since that time. Few seem to have any interest in spiritual matters.

However, the outlook is not without its encouraging phases, for we have been able to get into touch with a few honest, sincere people. The brethren of the Botha church and Brother R. Watchorn have been faithfully scattering literature among the people, which will surely bear increase.

We were gratified on finding, early in our effort, that one of the most attentive listeners was the student who is occupying the Presbyterian pulpit. On meeting him later, however, we found that he is taking an antagonistic position. His subject for Sunday evening's sermon is "Seventh-day Adventism." From his words with us, we conclude that the authority for many of his statements will be—Canwright. Pray that God may direct us in our search for souls, and cause the efforts of the enemy to be made to glorify our Father's name.

A. P. POND.

AMONG THE GALICIANS EAST OF EDMONTON

I was sorry to leave these people West of Leduc as many seemed to be interested and needed help, but I thought of the thousands of them up North yet to be given the message.

I am now working around Chipman and Mundare. There are four distinct religions among them: The Galician Ruthenians, Galician Greek Church, Russian Greek Church and Polish Catholics. I can truly say this is not a barren field. Even from a hasty visit one can recognize souls plainly seeking for light.

A Polish man who was under the spell of witchcraft was glad to get the light about such things from the Bible, and recognized the deceptions of the priests and the workings of Satan through fortune tellers or spiritualistic mediums whom he had consulted. I spent the night there and his wife and boy who opposed me at first, became more interested. Another Polish man who was present, said after our talk: "I want one of those Bibles." Praise God for the light of His word which dispels darkness and troubles.

These people cover an immense territory of more than 2800 square miles, and it is a territory as fruitful as any in souls for our Saviour's kingdom, but they are waiting for those "witnesses" that are going to the ends of the earth.

RALPH E. ROBINSON.

OBITUARY

DAIS—John Dais was born Nov. 27, 1866 in Gluckstahl, Southern Russia, and died at 3 p.m., June 24, 1916, in the Western Hospital, at Calgary, Alta., six days after undergoing an operation for cancer, at the age of 50 years.

Our brother had been suffering for some months prior to his death and decided to undergo surgical treatment in the hope of obtaining relief. Before entering the hospital, he was careful to adjust his family affairs and also to leave the financial records of the church, of which organization he acted as treasurer, for some years, in good order.

In the year 1892 Brother Dais was married to Miss Apolina Stock, and to them were born four sons and three daughters. Besides Sister Dais and the children, he leaves to mourn his loss an aged father and two brothers of Eureka, S.D., at which place he and his family lived for ten years after emigrating from Russia.

Brother and Sister Dais gave their hearts to God in 1894, and one year later embraced the Third Angel's message. Since then they have passed through some severe tests of faith, but through all such trials remained loyal to the truth. Brother Dais came to Alberta from Endicot, Wash., seven years ago and made his home in the Beiseker district. He was a faithful member of the Rosebud church and during meetings was always ready to speak words of courage and cheer to his brethren. He was a devoted husband, a kind father to his children, a loyal officer of the church, and his death is a great loss to all.

Before his operation he spoke of the possibility of going to rest, of his trust in God and readiness to die.

Words of comfort were spoken to a large congregation at his funeral by Eld. C. K. Reiswig from Matthew 26:16 and other texts of scripture. We look forward with confidence to the time when our brother, in response to the blessed voice of the Light-giver, shall rise from the grave to be re-united with loved ones and friends, never more to part.

A. A. ROTH.

WALSH—Cathleen Walsh, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Walsh, was born October 6th, 1911, and died June 19th, 1916, at the age of 4 years 8 months and 13 days.

The funeral was held at the home of the parents in Edmonton, by Elder Wilson, who spoke words of consolation to the bereaved, from the text found in Lam. 3:33. "The Lord doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men."

We find great consolation in the thought that the dear little child is sleeping in Jesus, and therefore sorrow not as do others who have no hope. The all important thing for us is to see to it that we are ready to meet Jesus in peace when he comes to raise our sleeping ones from their graves.

We trust that this bereavement may prove a blessing to these parents and bind them closer to the Lord.

J. L. BEANE.

REPORT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Alberta Conference—2nd Quarter, 1916

Church.	Tithe.	Home Funds.	20c-a-Week Funds.	Total.
Conference	\$ 674.20	\$118.75	\$ 150.45	\$ 943.40
Acme	407.50		52.83	460.33
Bismark	151.30		69.35	220.65
Calgary	314.21	2.00	70.54	386.75
Clemens	278.00	10.65	46.30	334.95
Clive	24.35	3.65	106.08	134.08
Coronation	5.65		4.55	10.20
Didsbury	166.00		42.00	208.00
Edmonton	203.50	2.00	73.97	279.47
Gadsby	455.13	13.00	43.90	512.03
Granum	638.17	6.60	36.70	681.47
Hanna	53.00		11.35	64.35
Harmattan	179.36	1.00	23.85	204.21
Hawksdale	1.90	1.60	13.20	16.70
Irvine	661.00		36.75	697.75
Lacombe	663.42	31.40	137.58	832.40
Leduc	164.60		35.70	200.30
Leduc (Cerman)	7.25		17.95	25.20
Loyalist	317.55	80.00	134.60	532.15
Lewisville	102.05	1.00	34.74	137.79
Midnapore	55.55		40.85	96.40
Retlaw			3.95	3.95
Rosebud	1,108.00		87.10	1,195.10
Sedgewick	57.20		4.05	61.25
Vermilion Lake	230.55	1.00	46.25	277.80
Winnifred	334.50		31.50	566.00
Miscellaneous		15.55		15.55
Totals	\$7,453.94	\$288.20	\$1,356.09	\$9,098.23

F. L. HOMMEL, Treasurer.

GREETINGS AND THANKS TO THE COLPORTEURS

I wish to express my thanks in this article to the faithful canvassers for the cheering and encouraging testimonies delivered in the "Colporteurs' Special." I have used a couple of them in my mission field here, and would like to get more copies if possible, to give to the young folk.

They recall an incident in my own experience. At an eastern academy which I attended, all the students took one day off to sell papers. My territory was far out in the country. It was a beautiful day, but the work went slow, as the farms were far apart and I had to walk. I determined to collect a certain amount, and said to God, I would work till the day was gone and not go home at supper time. It was getting late and I had one more home to canvass, and had two papers left with which to raise the amount I had determined on. I met the husband at the stable. He seemed cross and very little inclined to take my papers. "Well" he said, "You go and ask my wife." Entering the house the wife met me though not very friendly, but I did not give up. Again my prayer ascended to the Lord, and I claimed His promises. Little by little things changed. They decided on one paper and then he suddenly said to his wife, "Why I think we will take them both."

Dear sisters and brethren, the living God is back of all His promises. "I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me." (Psalm 57:2). "Faithful is He that calleth you. Who will also do it." (Thes. 5:24).

I started for home happy that evening. The sun had set but what a sweet experience was brought to me by my dear, heavenly Father! Dear young people, may God bless you all in your work for Him and remember you are encircled by the prayers of God's people. Only a short time and the last silent message will be given and Jesus will come as the king of kings to claim His own.

Blessed thought so sweet
For the pilgrim band,
In this valley of death and grief!
Press onward! to the promised land.
Be the motto: Trust and Believe.

MRS. F. G. HUNZIKER.

Manitoba Conference

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MANITOBA CAMP-MEETING

The Manitoba camp-meeting and conference was held according to appointment at Minnedosa, June 15-25. The English speaking attendance was especially good during the latter part of the meeting, there being encamped upon the ground about one hundred.

We were glad to have with us, Eld. C. F. McVagh, the Union Conference president; also Elders E. W. Farnsworth, W. E. Eastman and J. H. Schilling, who rendered efficient service during the entire meeting, Prof. E. D. Dick, Prof. E. E. Kellogg, J. M. Rowse and

W. L. Manful also assisted, Prof. Dick taking charge of the Young People's meetings. Children's meetings were held regularly each day under the direction of Sister Robb and were well attended, some coming from the city regularly through all kinds of weather. The Lord came very near from the first and graced our meeting with His presence, for which we praise Him.

The work of the conference passed off harmoniously. A few changes were made in the committee. The writer, not wishing to carry the burden of the presidency another term, which has been lengthened to two years, requested that another man be chosen to fill this vacancy. No one as yet has been found, and so I am carrying on the work hoping soon to be released.

The conference treasurer stated that the conference is in the best financial condition of any time during its history. Our offerings reached almost 22c per week per member for 1915 and up to date for 1916 we are above 20c per week per member. This is unusual, as other years we have fallen short the first part of the year and made it up the latter part. All other funds are also on the increase.

In my report to the conference, 36 had been baptized during the year and there were 20 others keeping the Sabbath. Since then 17 more have been baptized, 10 of whom took the step during camp-meeting.

One church of 11 members was accepted into the conference under the labors of Elder V. W. Robb and wife.

Over \$15,000.00 were collected in cash and pledges for home and foreign work. The secretary reports large book sales at the book-tent. The exact figures will appear later.

Our hearts were cheered and greatly encouraged by the timely instruction given by the Lord's servants. The entire congregation went forward renewing their consecration and some presented themselves for the first time. We wish all our people could have been there to enjoy these great blessings with us. However, we are sure that the influence of this gathering will be felt throughout the Province, and that the cause will be greatly blessed of God during the coming year.

The committee decided that Elder Robb return to Dauphin, with Brother Soper to assist, and continue the work there. It was also voted that Brother Gulbrandson hold a tent effort at Gimli, which is an Icelandic town of several thousand inhabitants. It was the mind of the committee that next year we plan to hold our camp-meeting at Minnedosa later in the season, thus giving time to conduct a tent effort there previous to it, so that the interest might be followed up by the camp-meeting.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

NOW READY

The July *Life and Health* is now being mailed to subscribers. The cover page of this number is most attractive. It is a scene of a man in a boat, pulling an oar. Any person who is at all a lover of water—and who is not?—will certainly desire a copy of this particular number. The magazine is brim full with timely articles on how to keep our health in the hot summer months. It should have a broad circulation. 25 copies cost \$1.25; 50 or more at the rate of 4 cents each. Send orders through your tract society.

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The *Signs of the Times* weekly for July 4th will be a special number, devoted exclusively to the discussion of the liquor question. It will be filled with striking facts. Sound and convincing arguments characterize every article. It will be well illustrated with a special cover design. Some of the writers are as follows: Professor B. G. Wilkinson, Professor M. E. Olsen, Doctor W. B. Holden and C. S. Longacre. Also, brief articles and paragraphs from leading authors and speakers of the world. The matter will be divided into the following sections:

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A WARNING

DIED:—In Laodicea, the prayer-meeting, aged one year. The health of this meeting was poor most of the year, and its life was despaired of. But anxious friends kept it alive, and sometimes it would so revive as to encourage them. Discouragement, however, at last prevailed, and the meeting is dead. It died from neglect. Not a Christian was present when it died. Over forty are living within a mile of it, and not one was there. Had two only been there, its life might have been saved, for where two are agreed as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them. Two-third of the forty might have been there, had they been so disposed, but they were not, and the prayer-meeting died. (Selected).

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

Alberta—Week Ending June 24th

	Book.	Hrs.	Ord.	Mag.	Helps.	Totals.
Campbell, Angus	B.R.	35	10		\$	\$ 35.00
*Casey, Harry	D.A.	76	32		10.50	130.00
Dinwiddie, W. E.	B.R.	6	11			43.50
*Hermann, Alexander	D.R.	114	14		1.75	52.75
Milne, R. M.	G.C.	59	43		7.85	176.35
*Popow, Max	D.R.	84	30		2.40	122.40
Sargeant, Allen	B.R.	23	7			32.50
Schafer, Sam	B.R.	61	22			78.00
Shankel, George	B.R.	62	22			85.00
*Stanley, E. S.	P.G.	51	15		3.25	75.25
*Steeves, Fred	D.A.	82	43			162.50
Wagner, Susie & Rose	P.G.	32	17			88.00
Wagner, James	D.A.	21	10		.25	38.25

British Columbia—Four Weeks Ending June 9th

Bristol, John	D.R.	148	31		12.75	105.50
Falk, J. E.	B.R.	93	26		22.00	129.70

Manitoba—One Week Ending June 16th

Belleau, George	B.R.	16	7			28.50
Emery, Earl	B.R.	46	27			110.50
Olson, Ronald	B.R.	35	25			103.50
Ojala, G. F.	B.R.	52	17		13.90	84.90

Saskatchewan—Two Weeks Ending June 9th

xAdams, Phemia	B.R.	72	13		.50	51.00
xClark, Florence	B.R.	72	11		2.00	43.50
Crocks, S. A.	P.P.	15	5			20.50
Knowlton, G. F.	P.P.	54	24			108.00
Sissons, Chas	G.C.	18	2			8.00
*Wells, Frank	B.R.	57	23		3.85	99.35
Wick, Thoe	B.R.	10	4			15.00
Coles, Ida		12			193	19.30

27 Agents 1,406 491 193 \$81.00 \$2,046.75
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Total \$3,852.80

* Two weeks.
x Three weeks.

FOR SALE—One lot (about an acre) and house, one and one-half storeys, in Rosedale, 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.

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