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HARVEST INGATHERING

The Harvest Ingathering campaign begins October 1st. It has been fully demonstrated that this is a plan of God's appointment. Therefore, we may be sure that the angels have received commission to be ready to co-operate at the time decided upon.

The executive committees in the Conference of the Western Canadian Union have decided to send some papers to each isolated member on their lists, as well as the churches. This does not mean that the supply is limited to the number sent. This is but a sample order to start with. When you see the beautiful paper and read it, you will want more. As many as you can use will be freely sent from your Tract Society office. Order as early as possible the extra papers that you will need and begin work early. Do your part faithfully and you will have many precious experiences in addition to the mission funds received. Do not be discouraged; persevere. This year we hope to reach the goal of \$100,000.00 for missions in the North American Division through the Harvest Ingathering.

Our members in the Western Canadian Union should endeavor to use an average of ten papers each. That means some will use one hundred or more, and most of the delegates at the camp-meetings voted to earnestly try to gather at best \$5.00 each for missions. All the laborers in the Conferences are expected to put in at least two days in soliciting funds with the papers. Should you desire further information, write to your Tract Society Secretary.

C. F. McVAGH.

STUDYING OUR BOOKS

We have some good experiences from the field that I am sure would be of interest to the readers of the *Tidings*. Taking it as a whole, the colporteurs are doing very well and we should be truly thankful to the Lord for all the good blessings He is giving us. Brother Ojala, writing from Southern Manitoba, where he is going over the territory for *Bible Readings* that he worked last year for *Patriarchs and Prophets*, says, "Last week I stopped over one night with a family near Sinclair that had the *Practical Guide*, *Daniel* and *Revelation*, and last year I sold them *Patriarchs and Prophets* and the *World's Crisis*; this trip I sold them them *Bible Readings* and took a year's subscription for *Signs* Magazine, and they seem to be studying the books. They have a family of three young men, three women. Surely they will have the message.

Last night I stopped with another man who had *Daniel* and *Revelation*, and said he took much pleasure

in studying it. He did not charge me anything over night, gave me an order for *Bible Readings* in half morocco, and said he would pay for it then. This man knew me from last year, but was not able to give me an order then. It pays to go over the ground the second time.

While some are not doing as well in taking orders as others, some of these good experiences help to tide us over the more unfavorable ones. In all these things the Lord shows us He is willing to guide and encourage us to become workers for Him.

W. L. MANFULL.

HARVEST INGATHERING EXPERIENCES

"Last Wednesday the publishing house closed and nearly all the workers spent the day gathering money for the Harvest Ingathering. At night they gathered at the prayer-meeting and told their experiences. It is needless to say that it was one of the most enthusiastic meetings held for many years. The experiences of the day were somewhat varied."

One brother writes: "We are having some real good experiences here in this work. I could not get out as I had to stay in the office and give others their territory and papers, but I was bound to do a little, so I wrapped up some papers and wrote some personal letters, with the result that in a few days I received a check for \$10.00 from one firm with whom we are doing business. A few days later I received two checks of \$5.00 each, so now I have \$20.00 from three papers, and I am still waiting to hear from other companies. My aim is \$35.00 for this year. Others are doing real well. Several have received around the \$20.00 mark."

"A sister reports about \$2.00 Harvest Ingathering money received up to this time."

"Another sister reports \$8.00 Harvest Ingathering money received, and is still working for more."

"A brother secured more than \$60.00 with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* from the merchants in one city."

An interesting experience from a sister comes to us: "I visited two old gentlemen who live alone about ten miles from the village. One is seventy years of age, and the other sixty-eight. They are not Adventists, but have taken the *Signs* for a long time, and are awake to the message. When I asked them if they cared to give, the one was glad to, and said that the Adventists were right in their beliefs and gave me \$10.00. We sang some good gospel hymns and I asked to have prayer, and they said that they did not do that, but I could pray, so we had a word of prayer.

They seemed to enjoy it so much, and said that I was the second woman that had been in their home in the last thirty-three years. I pray that God's richest blessing will rest on the money and that they will claim God's blessing for themselves before it is too late."

An elder of a church has already secured \$7.50 on his goal of \$15.00.

An isolated Sabbath-keeper sends in a remittance of \$5.00 on the Harvest Ingathering.

A young brother is among the last of those who have raised at least \$5.00 each in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Later he reached his goal of \$7.50 in the campaign work.

Another brother has succeeded in raising \$18.60 on the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

"The Harvest Ingathering work was done by we five sisters of our Sabbath-school. We had eighty papers. Have a half dozen left yet, which we will try and use and send later. Our home duties keep us busy, so we are a little slow. We enjoyed the work and trust the Lord will bless our donation."

A company of fifteen Sabbath-keepers have willingly taken hold of the Harvest Ingathering work. A sister who just came into the truth started out with meekness and fear, and with a few papers gathered \$4.60, and got two subscriptions for the paper. Another sister gathered \$4.75, and a brother with ten papers \$6.30.

"Since August 10 I have put in twenty days' time among the people. Of this only three were full days' work. While the other seventeen were shortened by starting out about ten in the forenoon and by some days quitting early in the afternoon.

During eighteen days of this period, I was accompanied by some good brother who was favorably known by the people where we worked. I find by counting that I have registered 442 contributions, and the sum of them is \$235."

WESTERN CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE

Statement of All Home and Mission Funds Received for the First Seven Months of 1916

Fund.	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	Sask.	Total.
Tithe	\$1,646.52	\$552.29	\$201.36	\$1,236.83	\$3,637.00
Missions	1,481.87	276.16	100.67	618.42	2,477.12
Sustentation ...	987.91	331.39	120.80	743.10	2,183.20
Annual offering.	79.25	73.47	...	58.05	210.77
Harvest Ing....	275.50	89.65	42.40	275.35	692.90
Midsummer off.	45.70	12.25	60.52	22.25	140.72
Missions	1,436.66	64.16	563.46	658.32	2,722.60
S.S. offerings ..	2,773.35	1,198.24	735.22	3,692.73	8,399.54
Y.P. Society	118.25	3.50	42.00	56.11	219.86
Misc.	133.90	...	12.70	213.00	359.60
Religious Lib'ty.	5.64	...	...	3.30	8.94
Swedish Relief..	5.90	...	...	5.00	10.90
Jewish	23.25	...	...	...	23.25
Southern Sch'ls.	4.10	7.18	1.70	8.30	21.28
Misc.	40.00	...	...	3.65	43.65
Clinton Sem. .	259.00	40.00	...	17.65	316.65
Tract Soc. Sust..	16.93	11.06	7.05	...	35.04
Women's Aux. .	301.90	8.30	22.71	199.85	532.76

Totals \$9,635.53 \$2,667.65 \$1,910.59 \$7,811.91 \$22,025.78

The above financial report denotes progress. The figures given are for the first seven months of 1916. That we may more fully see the advancement that has been made during the present year over the corresponding period of 1915, a few comparative figures are given.

The total tithe receipts of the four provinces for

the first seven months of last year amount to \$21,130.90; this year, \$36,370.00, or a gain of \$15,239.10; a forty per cent. increase. From the statistical report for the second quarter of 1916 of the North American Division, we learn there has been a general improvement in the tithe receipts. The report says:

"The total tithe receipts (for the Division) amounted to \$359,580.16, a per capita of \$5.00. With the exception of the receipts for the fourth quarter, which are usually heavier in all lines, this is the heaviest amount ever paid in this Division in any quarter, and also the highest per capita amount. The highest per capita amount paid by any local conference is that paid by the Saskatchewan Conference, namely, \$13.07. The Western Canadian Union Conference has again the distinction of paying the highest amount of tithe per capital of any of the Unions, paying \$9.37 for each church member in its territory. The Columbia Union stands second with a per capita of \$6.14."

Our 20c-a-week funds, comparing them with 1915, are as follows: Last year, \$10,336.67; this year, \$12,735.99; or a gain of \$2,399.32. As you will see, this shows a gain in totals, but the average per member is less by about 80c. This should occasion serious thought. It surely cannot be our interest in missions is declining! In order to keep the stream flowing into the darkened parts of the earth at our former rate, we shall have to whip up our flagging efforts. The progress of the message must not be hindered.

* A splendid opportunity will soon be afforded us to redeem our loss in the forthcoming Harvest Ingathering campaign. If each church member will covenant with God to raise \$5.00, the victory will be won and our mission fields will rejoice. Let us then press on until every nation has heard the blessed news of a soon-coming Saviour.

F. L. HOMMEL.

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THE FALL CAMPAIGN FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

We are far behind on our quota and before the end of the year should make it up. How can we do it? By large donations in the Sabbath school; by special donations, or by taking an active part in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, which commences in October. Let us enlarge our donations in the Sabbath school and encourage this systematic plan. Let us make a supreme effort during October and onward to get others to help us by soliciting with the Harvest Ingathering Signs.

We are taking the liberty to send a few of these papers to churches and to individuals, so that if you will, you can start early. As soon as you can deter-

mine how many you can use, write the office for a further supply to be sent to you.

The goal set is \$5.00 per member and we hope all will at least try to get that much. The workers will all take an active part. We hope the church elders and missionary secretaries will lead out in their respective churches, and we hope all our brethren and sisters will try to co-operate. Reckoning on the same basis of membership as the General Conference, 452, if everyone reaches the goal of \$5.00, we would then collect for Foreign Missions this year over \$2200.00. I think we can do it if we make the effort. Let us try a long pull, a strong pull, and we shall raise our quota.

J. G. WALKER.

JUST A REMINDER

Some time ago we sent out a pledge blank in behalf of our General Fund, and many have been returned to us with a promise of help. The pledges range from \$1.00 to \$24.00 per year, but not enough has been pledged and we hope many more will contribute to help along the home work.

It is not too much to pledge \$1.00 per month for home work in the Conference, and if each could do this the work would not be so badly hampered at times.

If you have mislaid your blank, send for another and help a bit. Unless replenished soon, there will be nothing in the fund. Will you help us?

J. G. WALKER.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The question of education being or not being a valuable asset is no longer, in these days of enlightenment, a debatable one, for the world recognizes the value of education, and accordingly looks for young men and women who are capable of carrying on its business; so important a factor has education become in accomplishing this that young men and women are valued today according to their intellectual worth rather than upon their pecuniary possessions. It has been well said that "Sense in the head is more valuable than dollars in the pocket."

Education does not consist, as many think, of simply the accumulation of facts. This is knowledge, and must be coupled with wisdom or the ability to utilize this knowledge for the accomplishment of an undertaken enterprise.

Education is usually understood to be the uplifting of humanity, for it brought men out from heathendom and has given to us the principles of freedom which we all love.

Considering for a moment the first essential—knowledge—we are given the expression "knowledge is power"; and twentieth century developments show that the capabilities of this power are almost inexhaustible, for men have delved deep down into the hidden recesses of knowledge and their discoveries do in the fullest sense measure up to the prophecy recorded in Daniel 12 regarding this.

God, looking down to the very time in which we live, saw that men would have become so engrossed in the things of earth that He, by a mighty revelation of His creative power and His blessing of humanity in enlightening it, might cause men to realize His might. But ah, men fail to look behind it all and recognize God's face, and so while having knowledge they are lacking in the wisdom and fear of God, pos-

sessing the wisdom of this world by which He is unknown to them.

Wherein then does the failure lie? In possession of knowledge? By no means. The power of knowledge is potential and the capacity in which it operates depends entirely upon the direction of this power. For instance, the mighty Niagara has been a power for centuries, but until directed down those immense turbine tubes, accomplished nothing particularly good; but now the electricity generated by its power illuminates many towns and cities. So it is with the possessors of knowledge directed by wisdom.

The life of Saul, afterwards the mighty apostle Paul, furnishes us with a striking illustration of this truth. He was a man who had been schooled in all the Sanhedran knowledge, yet his life was out of harmony with God because his power was misdirected; but when the controlling power and wisdom of God operated in his life, for the direction of his ability and energy, God was able through him to do a mighty work of righteousness.

Many men, such as Thomas Payne, Ingersol and others, some of whom are responsible directly for the terrible condition which exists today on the earth, have been and are men of intelligence; they are acquainted with facts, and are able to accomplish much. They are considered highly educated, but it is a false education because it fails in his ultimatum to measure up to the true object of education.

This is one of Satan's most direct ways of deception and, worked out by men, is one of the inventions spoken of by Solomon, which are contrary to the righteousness which God at first gave man. On this point I read from *Special Testimonies on Education*, page 55, as follows: "Cold philosophical speculations and scientific research in which God is not acknowledged are a positive injury, and evil is aggravated when, as is often the case, books placed in the hands of the young, accepted as authority, and depended upon in their education, are from authors avowedly infidel. In all the thoughts presented by these men, their poisonous sentiments are interwoven. The study of such books is like handling black coals; a student cannot be undefiled in mind who thinks along the line of skepticism. The authors of these books, which have sowed the seeds of doubt and infidelity broadcast over the world, have been under the training of the great enemy of God and man, the acknowledged head of principalities and powers, the ruler of the darkness of this world. The word which God has spoken concerning them is, they become vain in their imaginations and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, because that when they knew God they glorified Him not as God. True education has a far different termination. We are given its definition and told of its object by the Spirit of Prophecy, thus: "True education means more than the perusal of a certain course of study; it means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come, and the source is from Him in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

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EDMONTON

How good it is that we can be workers together with God in finishing up the work of the Lord in the earth! There never was a people blessed with such privileges as this people who are carrying the Third Angel's Message. Why, brethren and sisters, this is the finishing work. The most important part in the whole structure is the finishing. No person can be a successful workman in the message unless he himself is in perfect order with this finishing work. If a person is not in harmony with the tithe, with offerings, with Sabbath observance, with health and temperance, etc., how can it be said of him that he is a worker with God? And how can he place the finishing touches to his work? For these, with others, are the finishing touches that are being put into the character of God's people so that they may be polished for the kingdom of God. So this is the finishing or polishing work. (Matt. 3; 1-18.)

The Lord likens the whole movement to an angel standing with one foot on the land and the other on the sea, with the message in hand in all its fullness and with all the force and energy of a lion's voice. (Rev. 10:3.) By the reading of the next verse, it would seem that some mightier power than the lion will soon be joined to the movement, but we must do our part and I am sure the Lord will do His. We must keep before us the goal (Joel 2:3).

The Lord has made provision for every man, woman and child in this denomination to be at work to make up that loud cry. If there is one who does not do his or her work, the cry is weakened and the thunder is delayed. It appears to me that the Harvest Ingathering is heaven born for it furnishes the opportunity for our people to all be at work and to see that every unconverted soul has the privilege of getting the message and of helping to send it to others.

Brethren and sisters, can it be that in joining all our forces in the Ingathering work, we will fulfill Joel 2:8? It has that appearance. The Lord says, the people are united and organized with the garden of Eden as their goal and their tread is like horses going to battle; their ranks are unbroken (nobody stays at home saying they cannot do anything); and their work is so organized and the territory in their districts so allotted to each child of God that they do not thrust one another, and it makes no difference what the enemy may say, they are not discouraged (verse 8). If they cannot get in at the front door, they will go around to the back and will even deliver the message through the window (verse 9).

The idea is that nothing will prevent them from doing the work God has given them to do. I hope every Seventh-day Adventist will say "Amen," and tell the Lord they are going to do their duty in this Harvest Ingathering. If we do, the Lord will pour us out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive. Let us begin now to lay our plans to get

organized; divide the territory, and send in our orders for the papers.

Our work here is going right ahead. We have some waiting for baptism and others have just begun to keep the Sabbath. This church is working for souls and the Lord is blessing His people. There seems to be quite an interest awakened among the colored people. Brother and Sister Payne are taking hold and doing all they can for this people. May the Lord bless them in their efforts. Pray for us.

J. L. WILSON.

PERSONAL WORK IN THE SABBATH SCHOOL

"One of the first requirements of those who would be successful soul winners is to live close to God, to walk with Him daily as did Enoch. One must have that love for souls that will make one willing to give up time to work for others; yea, to lay down one's life for others if need be. One must cultivate tact and the power of persuasion. The personal worker must learn to 'pray without ceasing,' for this work is accomplished 'not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts.' We have the greatest personal worker the world ever knew for our Example and Helper. We are also told that the angels of heaven are waiting to co-operate with us in the least effort we make to win souls."

The Lord has said that we should "watch for souls as they that must give an account." Truly the harvest is ripe, and many are waiting, eager and hungry for the truth.

Personal work implies going and doing. The command, "Go ye into all the world. . ." was given to every child of God; the ripening grain is waiting to be garnered, but where are the laborers?

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS.

GADSBY

Since I enjoy reading reports from others, I thought that some might like to hear from us. It is less than two years since our church was organized. Several young people have united with the church since, but some members have moved away, leaving our number at present, seventeen. Some have lately moved back among us and will likely remain. We appreciate their presence and help. There are a few interested in the truth. One family believes the truth of the Sabbath, but the man seems a little diffident about beginning, as he fears he will not have sufficient courage to stand fast. We have tried to help him and trust that this family may have strength to step out and keep the commandments of God. We are sure that there has been much gain spiritually among us, for which we thank our Heavenly Father. Phil 2:13.

Our quarterly meeting in June was very profitable. Elder Christensen spoke for a little of the beauties and pleasures of that home with Jesus in the New Earth through eternity. In the testimony meeting following, all spoke of their hope and determination to be there. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt and all hearts softened.

Truly this is a time that will try men's souls, and we need to heed the admonition of Paul: "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." Brethren, let us work and pray to be in a condition to receive

the Holy Spirit. May the promise of the Father be soon fulfilled, that His people may go out and speedily finish the work. Then we can go home. Remember us at the throne of Grace, especially our sick ones, that they may be healed.

We would like to correspond with S.D.A. families who would be able to move here for church school privileges.

W. M. McCARTY.

Red Willow, Alta.

REPORT OF WORK AMONG THE GALICIANS

I always look forward with pleasure to learn how the work is going with each one, whether as church member or as Conference laborer. We can encourage one another by sending news to the *Tidings* occasionally.

In the last four weeks since camp-meeting I have visited about 225 homes in Lamont and Chipman districts and distributed the following in Russian and Polish—a few in English:

- 156 tracts,
- 12 *Mystery Unfolded*,
- 10 *Steps to Christ*,
- 27 *Glorious Appearing*,
- 13 Bibles and Testaments,
- 17 small books and pamphlets,
- 63 temperance and other papers.

These few figures tell you some of the story. Many in harvest time have no money, and so the ground should be gone over again and again. These are mostly Catholic homes where but little light has entered.

As I was showing an earnest Protestant Galician the book *Glorious Appearing*, and telling him the time of the stars falling, his wife, a Catholic, said, "Why has not someone come to tell us before this?" It cheers my heart to hear such remarks; as an old man said to me when he was reading *Christ, Our Saviour*, "O, that is a good book." Many young people and children are much interested in my work.

I praise God for His wisdom and power and ask your prayers for further help and blessings in this work.

RALPH E. ROBINSON.

OBITUARY

Samuel Mabley was born February 6th, 1826, and died at his home in the district of Vermilion, Alberta, August 26th, 1916; being ninety years, six months and nineteen days old at the time of his decease. His wife, Ellen Mabley, died on May 21st, 1914. They had travelled up the hill together for sixty-nine years, sharing each other's sorrows as well as joys. Now he follows on.

Brother Mabley was a man full of good works and charitable deeds; his chief delight being to share with others the benedictions and blessings God had bestowed upon him. He was raised in the Church of England, but eighteen years ago he was converted and espoused the Third Angel's Message, in which faith and hope he fell asleep.

Among the last acts of his life, while still retaining his full consciousness, was to pay his tithe, as he considered it to be holy unto the Lord. He knew he could not live and was prepared to die.

He leaves two sons and one daughter to mourn his loss, together with their families. The funeral was attended by a large number of friends and neighbors from near and far. The writer was glad to avail himself of the opportunity of speaking to about one hundred people, all adults, on the importance of being ready to meet Jesus in peace when He comes the "second time without sin unto salvation," at which time he will call forth the sleeping saints to immortality, and together with the living saints they will be taken to heaven. The body was followed by a procession of twenty-five teams to its last resting place, where it will sleep till Jesus calls it forth from its dusty bed.

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DAUPHIN

The work here is onward. Our meetings have been attended quite well on Sunday evenings, though few have been regular attendants during the week. A few interested ones have been found, though Satan has worked hard by means of pernicious literature, etc., to hinder the work.

At present from four to five hundred *Present Truth Extras* are being scattered each week at the different homes in the city. Many are reading them. Our people here are taking a lively interest in this work. What the final results of the scattering of these papers and the faithful efforts of Brother and Sister Robb, during the past year, may be, we may never know until we reach the kingdom. We are greatly encouraged by the results already visible.

Brethren and sisters, we need your prayers. In days of old, while the apostles worked the church prayed. Great results followed. As God's people we need keen vision to see God's way, grace to walk in it and power to live and speak His message. That the close of probation is near is very plain, from the decided stand people are taking for the world, or for "the kingdom of God and His righteousness." God's appeal in Zeph. 2:1-3 comes to us at this time. Let us earnestly do our God-given work and hasten the glad day. "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things that God hath prepared for them that love Him."

GEO. SOPER.

MANITOBA NEWS NOTES

Elders Robb and Chapman have begun tent meetings at Grandview with a good attendance.

A baptism service was held at Dauphin recently by Elder Robb and Brother Soper. They expect to have another baptism in the near future.

Brother Soper has pitched his tent in a different location in Dauphin and is continuing the work in that city.

Brother David Gulbrandson is still at his post at Gimli. The attendance is still good. We hope to see a number accept the truth. Elder Chapman made a visit to this place of late.

We are glad to see Brother and Sister Grundset back in

the office after their short visit to the States.

Our colporteurs seem to have good success in their deliveries and also in taking orders.

Brother and Sister Ben Johnstone, of Rivers, are happy over the arrival of a little daughter at their home.

Sister Hamilton, of Rivers, is in the city. Her little child is to undergo an operation.

Sister Wickert, of Morden, has a daughter in the city about to be operated on for appendicitis.

Brother George Belleau, of Winnipeg, is the first to start the Harvest Ingathering work that we know of. He has secured 100 papers and is hard at work. We hope our people will all order their papers in good season and will take hold in earnest at the opening of the campaign.

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OUR FIRST RUSSIAN CHURCH

The work among the Russian people in this province has seen many hindrances and met with much vigorous opposition. But at last we can rejoice in the results of diligent labor among these people.

Some time ago calls came for a Seventh-day Adventist minister from a large Russian settlement located about midway between Purdue on the Canadian Pacific Railway, and Radisson, on the Canadian Northern Railway. These calls were the result of an interest in the truth created by the distribution of some of our Russian literature by members of the Sonningdale church who live in the Eagle Hills, about ten miles distant.

In view of this interest Pastor and Sister T. T. Babienco were invited to go to this settlement and labor there, which they have faithfully done since last January. Their efforts have been crowned with success, for on the 27th of August we organized the first Seventh-day Adventist Russian church in Canada with a membership of thirty-nine. A large interest is still in progress there, and soon several more will be ready to join this church.

A neat, comfortable church building has been built and fully equipped by this company. This building is surely a credit to our workers and lay-members in that community, and stands as a proud memorial for God's truth in that section of the country. This church was dedicated to the service and worship of God, Sunday, the 27th of August.

It was an esteemed privilege for me to meet again with Brother and Sister Babienco, and to become more fully acquainted with the flock which they had gathered together for the kingdom. May God abundantly bless this church, and be enabled to work through it for the salvation of many more in that part of the province who are looking for hope and comfort to be found only in Jesus Christ.

A. C. GILBERT.

PRUSSIA, SASK.

After the camp meeting I have had the privilege of visiting believers at various places, strengthening one another in the Word of God.

I was at Waldheim for a short time, where I devoted my time especially in the interests of the youth. The

Lord gave grace and a number of souls surrendered themselves to Him. On August 6, baptismal service was held, five dear souls being baptized.

After leaving the above place, I went to Herbert, where Brother Berg was already waiting for me. The message was to be given to the people in this vicinity also. We drove about 18 miles into the country, where a number of families, it appeared, had shown some interest in the truth. Upon getting out, however, we found a great deal of prejudice, and the result was that we were unable to secure a school or church building in which to hold meetings. However, a number of meetings were held in a private house, and we are happy to say that the family in whose house the meetings were held, surrendered to the Lord and desire to follow Him in all His ways. Last Sabbath they kept their first Sabbath according to the commandment of God, and rejoiced in the Lord. Brother Berg will remain with them for the present, also visiting the people in that neighborhood, while I am going on to Prussia.

I rejoice that the Lord is still working mightily upon the hearts of men and that souls are being won for Him.
O. ZIPRICK.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR THE BATTLEFORD ACADEMY

Sabbath, the 23rd of September, has been set apart as a day when we would like all our people in Saskatchewan to give a special offering for the Battleford Academy. The needs of the school at this time have been clearly set forth in a letter which has been sent to all our people in the Province. It is earnestly hoped that God's people in this field will quickly respond to the needs of their school where they want their children to go and get an education.

The elders and leaders in all our churches are specially requested to bring this important matter before the members of their respective churches at once, so that all will be ready with an offering to be taken Sabbath the 23rd.

Remember the school opens November 1. Be sure to do your part in helping us to get things in sufficient readiness so that we take care of all the students who will come. Pray for the school that success may attend all the efforts that are being put forth to make it what it ought to be.

A. C. GILBERT.

TO THE WORKERS' BAND

Dear Children:

I have been wanting to write you for some time, but have been so busy. Have thought of you, though, and hope you are getting along well in your efforts to raise money for the Workers' Band fund. I trust, too, that you are not forgetting the good lessons we had at the camp-meeting. May Jesus bless each of you and help you to serve Him all the time.

Perhaps a few of the children who read this were not able to be with us at the camp-meeting and would like to know what we are to work for this year, so I will tell you.

We thought we would like to raise money to support Mrs. Joshi for another year, so left it that way.

Are you not glad you can work for Mrs. Joshi and her little boys another year? And while we are working for her let us pray for her too, that Jesus will comfort her heart and make her a real blessing to those little children she is teaching in India.

I suppose those of you who have had gardens this year are beginning to think of harvesting what you have raised, as fall is beginning to come on. Hope you will be able to realize a nice little sum that you can send in for the work in India. Those of you who have raised chickens are planning to sell them later on.

Not long ago I had the privilege of seeing some of the chickens which belong to a member of our band. They are indeed fine-looking birds. He thinks so much of them too and calls them his "missionaries."

I am sure that Jesus likes to see the children taking an interest in His work and trying to raise money to help support the missionaries in foreign lands.

And now, dear children, do not forget that Jesus wants you to give Him your hearts and live for Him every day. You are not too young now to be a missionary, you know, for Jesus wants you to be a missionary for him in your home, while you are working to raise what money you can for mission work in the foreign lands. In this way, you see, you will be a home missionary and a foreign missionary all at the same time.

And oh, may Jesus help you to be true to Him and always to say "no" to temptation. I would so enjoy having a letter from you at any time.

This will be all for this time. So hoping you will all have some nice little sums of money to send in the fall, I am

Lovingly yours,

Mrs. A. C. GILBERT.

UNITED IN MARRIAGE

A pretty wedding was celebrated August 24th at Keppel in the home of Brother and Sister A. D. Fauver, when their daughter, Opal, and Frederick Guderian, of Dundurn, were united in marriage.

Our best wishes and earnest prayers go with these Christian young people as they unitedly thread their way through this earthly life. It is our sincere hope that they may be spared to share each other's joys and bear each other's burdens till Jesus comes.

Brother and Sister Guderian have returned to Walla Walla College, where they will continue their education and training for some definite line of labor in the cause of God.

A. C. GILBERT.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

We are thankful to escape the severe storms and the frosts that have stricken the farmers in some places. Only a slight injury has been done to our crops, not enough to be considered serious.

Every week is making rapid progress in the work of preparing the Academy for use, and also in the plans for the school. Teachers are being secured and necessary arrangements are being made, so that we can start in our school and carry it to success.

The fields of grain are becoming yellow—a reminder that autumn is approaching. As the crops are maturing, we hope our young people are maturing their plans to attend the Academy.

Elder Mackintosh reports from Moose Jaw that owing to the cool evenings, he is planning to hold meetings in a hall instead of the tent. As a result of the tent effort there a few are interested.

Elder W. A. Clemensen is having a good attendance on Sundays in his meetings; as many as sixty from the little town of Canora are attending the meetings. At present, owing to the busy harvest season, he is only able to hold a few meetings during the week. Some of the attendants seem to be very anxious to hear the truth presented. Remember the work in this place.

Sister Louise Bissiger has a nice little list of names who are taking regular Bible studies from her in Saskatoon. She is kept quite busy by making visits and distributing the Signs Weekly. The work looks encouraging.

Elder W. G. Forshaw is laboring near Tugaskie, where some have requested baptism. Elder Gilbert will join Bro. Forshaw there in the course of a week and stay there for baptismal service.

After spending a week or more in Queen Centre and Herbert, where Brother Henry Berg was holding meetings, Elder Ziprick went on to Prussia. From there he will go to Loreburn to look after the interest in this place. Bro. Berg is now doing house-to-house work near Herbert; this work seems to be more profitable than holding meetings during the busy harvest time.

We have now received our Sabbath-school quarterlies for the last quarter in the year. Do not delay to send in your order for supplies such as quarterlies, Memory Verse Cards and Picture Rolls. If you do not have the book, "Acts of the Apostles" you are missing much in connection with the study of the Sabbath-school lessons. Special price, \$1.10 a copy.

Since his return from California, Elder T. T. Babienko has been laboring near Radisson among the Russian people. A church of thirty-nine members was organized at this place last Sabbath, August 26th. The new church building was dedicated at the same time. We are glad to pass the good news on.

The work among the Rumanians is moving along very encouragingly. Brethren T. M. Krainean and B. Ilescu are doing good work among these people. Brother Krainean plans to spend two weeks with the East Regina church before he leaves for Maple Plain, Minn.

ACADEMY NOTES

Elder Gilbert has been spending a few days in Battleford lately in the interest of the school. Lathing has begun, and the plasterers will soon be at work, which will change the building inside considerably. During the last few days the brethren have been doing the concrete work, putting in strong foundation walls, as well as a coal bin, which will hold at least two carloads of coal.

Steamfitting will be the next largest work on the main building. When the radiators are connected with the large boilers and the heat is steaming through the pipes, our students will not mind the ezro weather this winter. The Conference is glad to offer the students this great comfort.

Remember Sabbath, September 23rd. Don't forget it. Do your share. Much depends on you. Much depends on all. Young people, you too have an opportunity to manifest your interest in the school. The Lord will bless you, the school board will thank you, and the faculty and students will praise you. Let us all do our part and lift.

REPORT OF SALES, CANADIAN BRANCH, PACIFIC PRESS PUB. ASSOCIATION August, 1916

	Sub'n.	40%	Trade.	Educ.	Tracts.	Totals.
Alberta	\$1418.80	\$227.00	\$166.05	\$2.00	\$40.50	\$1854.35
British Col. ...	151.00	115.40	32.90	...	1.00	300.30
Manitoba	1810.15	109.20	12.40	...	13.35	1945.10
Saskatchewan	502.50	319.20	146.65	2.65	79.30	1050.30
	\$3882.45	\$770.80	\$358.00	\$4.65	\$134.15	\$5150.05
Total sales, August, 1916.....						\$5150.05
Total sales, August, 1915.....						997.45
Gain						\$4152.60
Total sales, eight months, 1916..						\$13,270.00
Total sales, eight months, 1916..						8,540.15

Gain \$4729.85
NOTE—The large gain is largely due to earlier deliveries.
J. M. ROWSE.

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BIGGER DISCOUNTS—SMALLER PRICE

Those who are interested in our popular home worker's books will be glad to know of two advantages being offered this year. In the first place, the discount on a number of the books has been increased from forty per cent. to *fifty per cent.* The list now shown in the Home Worker's Prospectus, with prices and discounts, is as follows:

BOOK	PRICE IN CLOTH	DISCOUNT
Advance Guard of Missions...	\$1.65	40%
Elo the Eagle	1.10	"
House We Live In	1.10	"
Making Home Happy .....	.85	"
Making Home Peaceful .....	.85	"
Mount of Blessing .....	.85	"
Those Bible Readings .....	.85	"
Vegetarian Cook Book	1.10	"
Uncle Ben's Cobblestones	1.10	"
Best Stories From the Best Book	.85	50%
Christ Our Saviour .....	.85	"
Gospel Primer No. 2 .....	.60	"
His Glorious Appearing .....	.60	"
New Testament Primer .....	.60	"
Our Paradise Home .....	.60	"
Steps to Christ .....	.85	"

The other point of advantage is the reduction in the price of the Prospectus from \$1.00 to 50 cents.

In view of the splendid character of the foregoing books and the very convenient and attractively arranged Prospectus for their display, may we not expect that their circulation will be largely increased this fall and winter?

J. M. ROWSE.

THE GOAL A POSSIBLE ONE

It may seem at first thought that one hundred thousand dollars is an almost impossible goal. A few figures may give us some encouragement.

There are in the North American Division Conference approximately one hundred million people. Our goal means the collection of one dollar on an average from every one thousand people. This allows a large margin for the children, youth, and poor, and makes the task one that is easily possible, if only all will work.

Another factor which makes success possible is that

we have members all over the field, in churches, companies, and in twos and threes. This enables us to reach all the millions of people, if we look around us and study our territory.

Every church should work its own district and the officers should see if there are cities or towns near where we have no members. If there are, parties should be made up to visit them and solicit funds.

Let us make a real business of this campaign this year, and miss no opportunities for getting offerings for this great closing work. EDITH M. GRAHAM.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

Alberta—Two Weeks Ending August 26th

	Book	Hrs.	Ord.	Helps	Totals
Casey, Harry.....	D.A.	95	25	....	\$ 72.50
Hansen, Howard*....	D.R.	45	6	....	24.00
Henderson, Amy.....	B.R.	69	5	....	18.50
Milne, R. M.....	G.C.	85	73	\$ 3.50	235.00
Pangman, Pearl.....	B.R.	69	11	....	42.50
Schafer, Samuel.....	B.R.	120	26	....	92.00
Stanley, E. S.....	P.G.	52	14	4.00	71.50
Steeves, Fred.....	D.A.	102	30	....	124.50
Wagner, R. V.*.....	P.G.	64	23	....	106.00
Wagner, J. B.*.....	D.A.	52	7	....	27.50

Manitoba—Two Weeks Ending August 18th

Bauer, R. J.....	B.R.	130	37	....	149.00
Belleau, George*....	B.R.	35	3	....	11.50
Cromer, W. L.*.....	B.R.	32	3	1.70	12.20
Hoehn, C.....	B.R.	122	18	.60	65.35
Minchen, E. A.*.....	B.R.	32	12	4.90	48.90
Olson, R.*.....	B.R.	32	2	2.00	11.00
Ojala, G. F.....	B.R.	72	13	14.85	62.35
Sigurdsson, O.†.....	S.T.	180	157	5.70	183.10

Saskatchewan—Three Weeks Ending August 26th

Adams, Phemia*.....	B.R.	22	4	....	15.00
Buhler, Lizzie*.....	P.G.	44	26	....	114.00
Cameron, Mr. and					
Mrs. Harry.....	B.R.	27	18	3.50	68.50
Clark, Florence*.....	B.R.	22	...	3.55	3.55
Fitchett, Myrtle.....	B.R.	162	37	9.50	157.00
Hoehn, Edward†.....	P.P.	100	44	8.00	193.00
Hoehn, Hulda.....	B.R.	146	34	2.40	126.40
Jewkes, John*.....	B.R.	20	10	1.75	32.75
Knowlton, G. F.†.....	P.P.	68	27	10.50	119.00
Long, Etta.....	B.R.	160	49	4.80	192.30
Long, Emrey.....	B.R.	120	72	....	300.00
Neufeld, Anna*.....	B.R.	53	26	3.10	110.60
Saunders, J. E.....	B.R.	134	59	4.50	257.00
Swanson, Mary.....	B.R.	128	25	.85	93.55
Voelker, Henry.....	B.R.	150	43	....	177.50
Wick, Thoe.†.....	B.R.	81	29	4.80	130.30
Coles, Ida.....		67	...	713	71.30

36 Colporteurs 2,892 968 713 \$94.50 \$ 3,578.95
Amount previously reported..... 17,135.30

Total \$20,714.25

*One week; †two weeks; ‡three weeks.

WANTED—A reliable couple to rent an improved farm with or without outfit. Must come this fall. Write immediately to O. P. Johnson, Hughenden, Alta.

WANTED—Bro. Delbert L. Henkes, of Dnieper, Manitoba, would greatly appreciate the kindness of anyone who might send him papers for free distribution.

WANTED—Able man and wife for farm work. Man must be a first-class milker. Wife good housekeeper and cook. Wages, \$45.00 per month and board. Seventh-day Adventist people preferred. Stephen Dougan, Cobble Hill, Vancouver Island, B.C.

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