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BEFORE THE DAWN.

The night was dark, save the twinkling stars which sprinkled
the velvet sky:
The air was still, save a little breeze that whispered in
tree-tops high:
The traveller wearily toiled on his way,
And earnestly watched for the break of day.
He fixed his gaze on a little star, which grew the farther
he went;
The little breeze touched his brow, and he thought of the
angels the Father sent
To the watching shepherds of old.

The little star proved to be a light, shining afar on a hill,
And when he listened again for the breeze, he heard a
familiar bird trill.
It turned his thoughts to his home when a child,
And the loving care of a mother mild.
He felt again the touch of her hand, and again he could
hear her say,
As she softly read from the Book of Life, words that
strengthened him many a day,
After he left the fold.

Tears filled his eyes and the light grew dim,
But his heart was happy and free;
For the light on the hill was shining for him,
And he knew 'twas his home he could see.
He lifted again his face to the breeze. Alas, it had hastened
away,
But a rosy tint now bathed his face, for behold! 'twas the
break of the day.

So we must follow the light of truth, and listen to God's
gentle voice,
And though it be dark, we shall finally reach home, and
with the angels rejoice.

VIOLA E. COOK.

WHAT WILL YOU GIVE?

When God and His Son, shrouded in the glory of
the Father, sat in council over the creation of this
earth, when all had been planned and committed to
the Son for accomplishment, one question there re-
mained to be answered: "If man should sin, what
would you give?" With the accumulated love of Eter-
nity reaching out after beings yet uncreated, "God....
gave His only begotten Son," and Christ became the
"Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

When the Lord had led Abraham away from his
kindred, out to a land that he knew not, and had given
him the promised seed, then He required of his aged
servant a mighty test of his faith. To obey, he must
give that only son, to withhold the son meant to lose
all that had been promised through that son. Perfect
obedience requires sacrifice; sacrifice in giving.

What will you give? The three Hebrew children
answered it in the fiery furnace, Daniel answered it
in the lion's den, Joseph in the dungeon, Moses in
the wilderness wandering. John the Baptist answered

the great question of life by placing his head on the
block, Stephen and Paul answered it with their lives,
and Peter answered it on the cross. Life and light,
the gospel and salvation, all have come because some-
one gave and gave freely.

When the "crisis hour" came in the life of the
Saviour,—“that moment which was to decide the
destiny of the world,” when “the fate of humanity
trembled in the balance,” that question must be settled
for eternity, “Will you give?” Will He say, “Let
the transgressor receive the penalty of his sin, and
I will go back to my Father?” Will he “wipe the
bloody sweat from his brow and leave man to perish
in his iniquity?” “The fate of humanity trembled in
the balance,” and the eternal destiny of your soul and
mine depended upon whether that man would give.

“There was silence in heaven. No harp was
touched.” In amazement and silent grief the angelic
host “watched the Father separating His beams of
light, love and glory from His beloved Son.” Will
he drink the cup? Will he give—all? “The mysteri-
ous cup trembled in the hand of the sufferer.” It
was a human hand, my brother, that held that cup,
one “made in the likeness of sinful flesh.” But Jesus
gave, O, how freely and fully He gave. Because He
gave, we, too, have the privilege of giving. It is
little enough that we may give, but “The Lord loveth
the cheerful giver,” and He measures the sacrifice not
by the gift, but by what we have left. Heaven was
bankrupt in the one Great Gift for us.

When upon Earth, Jesus spent much of His time
with the sick poor. He delighted to help them because
there could be no reward except what came from the
very giving. To us He said: “The poor ye have always
with you,” and “In as much as ye have done it unto
one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it
unto me.” Here is an opportunity to give for some
“of the least of these,” to provide a place where they
may be cared for in sickness. For the “Ellen G. White
Memorial Hospital,” *what will you do?*

NEWTON EVANS, M.D.

MISSIONS

We are living in that time of which the Saviour
spoke in Luke 21:25-26. “And on the earth distress
of nations with perplexity; men's hearts failing them
for fear and for looking after those things which are
coming upon the earth.” Years ago we were told that
what we failed to do in times of peace would have to
be done in the midst of war and other unfavorable cir-
cumstances. Now, as we see the prophecies fulfilling,
God's people are realizing more and more that the time
is short, and along with our increased efforts, God is

marvelously working upon honest hearts and opening doors of opportunity in all parts of the world, so that notwithstanding the perplexities and uncertain conditions in the world, there never was a time when the message was making such progress as today. From all the mission fields come notes of cheer and calls for more workers, and everywhere our faithful pioneers warn us that unless we step into the present openings they will soon close up.

But every advance move in the mission fields calls for more money and more sacrifice from the more favored lands. Notwithstanding the terrible war that has called overseas so many of the best and bravest of her citizens, Canada is enjoying financial prosperity, and most of our people in the Western Canadian Union are sharing in a fair degree in the prosperity. Some of our farmers had a double crop last year and a bountiful one again this year. Let me plead with those who have been thus blessed not to set their hearts on uncertain riches and shut their eyes to the needs of God's cause. Consider that as the Allies are looking to Western Canada for our grain and are paying good prices for it, so God is looking to His people in Western Canada to press the battle for souls in the mission fields.

A liberal portion of what God has made us stewards of, returned to Him as a thank-offering, is most appropriate. Read Mal., third chapter, and do what God's spirit tells you to do. Above all else, be honest with your own souls.

So far this year the Western Canadian Union has done well on the 20c-a-week fund. One Conference is about \$1,200.00 behind its quota and one is quite a little over. None of our Conferences or people can afford to relax their efforts for missions. If those who are behind will work together unitedly from now until the close of the year, all may come up to December 31st with a full quota. The Treasurer of the General Conference in his last report says that the North America Division, as a whole, is farther behind on mission funds now than at the same time in 1915. Surely we will not do less than last year in the Western Canadian Union! As resources on the 20c-a-week fund, we still have in addition to the Sabbath-school weekly mission offerings, the Harvest Ingathering and annual offerings. We have three months more to work this year.

C. F. McVAGH.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DAY, SABBATH, OCTOBER 14

Since my last letter to the Tidings regarding the raising of means for the building of the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital, matters have developed into a more mature condition in connection with the work of the Woman's Auxiliary of this Union Conference.

Am glad to say that some good work has been done in some of the conferences and definite results obtained. My heart has been greatly encouraged and cheered by the hearty response which has come from many of our sisters. Some have really sacrificed in order to give something to this good work.

One Sister came to us and while weeping tried to tell how she did long for a meager education at least that she might be able to get hold of the message quicker. But this had not been given her when young. However, she wanted a part in the good work of helping to build the memorial to Sister White, where the

sick might be cared for, and at the same time our young people could be getting the necessary training in the medical profession. This sister with her family live in a house made of sod, at least partially, and in such condition that the heavy rains beat through into the inside. But she wanted a part in this, I say, and handed us five dollars, wishing it might be more. Think you her sacrifice is unnoticed in Heaven? Surely the Lord has abundant reward for such as that.

Another sister, a widow, pledged \$10.00. May the Lord richly bless her in her efforts to raise this amount.

But we cannot mention all the sacrifices which have been made by sisters in this union. And indeed we do not know of all of them either. But the Father above sees and knows all about them. Precious thought, is it not?

But there are many of our sisters who have not yet had a part in this most noble work. It is to all such we appeal at this time. Our quota as a union is not met as yet, and we need several hundred dollars to make it up. It would be met at once if all did their part. Will not those who have given nothing as yet esteem it a privilege to do so at once?

Perhaps you cannot give much, but the Lord wants the "little." "He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much." If you have not the cash at present, send in a pledge for the amount you will be able to give a little later on.

The North American Division Committee has set apart Sabbath, October 14, as the "Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital Day." On this day a special collection is to be taken in our churches in behalf of this fund. Will not all of our church elders and leaders of companies take notice of this fact and prepare for a good collection?

You understand this has nothing to do with the Sabbath school offering. But is taken in connection with the church service. The Sabbath school offering is to be taken as usual for missions, and the collection for the hospital in connection with the church service.

We have been unable, so far, to find out what paper is to contain the programme for that day. There is a possibility, perhaps a probability, of its being in the Church Officer's Gazette, but the last word we had from headquarters gave us nothing definite in this line. We plan to write our church elders more personally in the near future, and hope to have definite information for you at that time.

Some of the needs of this proposed hospital have already been placed before you. Surely none can say it is not needed.

So shall we not arise to our duty as well as our privilege in his Union and quickly make up our part for this most noble and worthy undertaking. Thus we will have a part in establishing this institution (and free from DEBT, remember) so that our young people who wish to complete a medical course will be able to do so without jeopardizing their Christian experience and faith in God and His message.

So may God impress your hearts with what you should do, and bless you as you do it. May none fail to have some little part at least in this matter.

Shall we not then put forth every effort that our full quota may be met by the middle of October? If all will rally it can be done.

MRS. A. C. GILBERT,
Sec. Woman's Auxiliary Department, W.C.U.C.

LOYALTY TO GOD

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." "We are to be waiting, watching, working; it is most inconsistent for the church to whom has been opened the treasure of truth, to be dull, worldly, and indifferent. Casting away all unbelief, we should by faith put every capability and every power into exercise." "*An Appeal to Our Churches.*"—p. 22.

Go ye. Yes, please write your full name right down in place of ye. Then please read again this very pointed message from God's chosen servant. If you are already in the field you will be encouraged and stimulated. If you are hesitating your duty will be made clear and plain. "God expects personal service from every one to whom he has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time." None at this hour can excuse themselves on the basis of not knowing what to do. There is in this great Harvest Ingathering Campaign for missions an opportunity for all to take part. Under no consideration should we allow ourselves to hesitate or come short at this time. Everyone can have a part. Those who cannot go out can solicit of those who may come to the home. They may do their share by correspondence. Many helpful suggestions have been given in the instruction leaflet along these lines. Study how you can do your part and ask God earnestly to bless your efforts.

"When we give ourselves wholly to God, and in our work follow his directions, he makes himself responsible for its accomplishment. He would not have us conjecture as to the success of our honest endeavors. Not once should we even think of failure. We are to co-operate with one who knows no failure." *Christ's Object Lessons.*—p. 363.

Our motto in this united effort is "Every one to the work, each to do his best." This is all that can be asked of any one. Let it be recorded in the books, opposite the name of every believer, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

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ACADEMY DAY

A few more weeks and our students will be leaving home to spend the winter months at our academy at Battleford. Daily we are receiving names of some who are planning to come and the prospects for a fair attendance are good. The work at the school is moving along nicely, and school will open at the appointed time, November 1.

Dressers, washstands, bedsteads and other necessary equipment for the students' rooms have been ordered, and these supplies together with chairs, tables, desks for the class rooms, and cutlery and dishes for the dining room will be in Battleford in due time.

These supplies draw quite heavily on our finances, and believing that our dear people, in this Province,

would be glad for an opportunity of giving toward these expenses, we arranged to have Sabbath, September 23rd, set apart for a special day, on which, after a study on *Education*, each one may give a free-will offering.

The people in Saskatchewan have always been loyal whenever a call was made for missions in whatever part of the globe, and dare we not hope that an earnest response will be made on that day for the urgent need in our home field? Brethren and sisters, we are establishing this school for our youth according to your desire. The Lord has blessed us wonderfully and led in the securing of the place, the buildings and supplies. Shall we not show our appreciation in doing our share gladly?

The Battleford Academy will give our young people an education and fit them to unite with God's laborers in giving the message in the last hour. Can we therefore estimate the good of our offering on that day?

The school needs your prayers and your support.

U. WISSNER.

CANORA

A public effort was begun at this place on August 17th, with an attendance at the first meeting of six. The following night it dropped down to two; since then it has reached the fifty mark on Sundays, with an average of twenty during the week. The busy season of the year has no doubt kept some away, while others have been taken up with the amusements of the world.

The interest manifested by those in attendance has been very encouraging. So far, every point of the message has been accepted. Some have expressed their intentions of leading a better life, while others are under conviction. I feel confident that in the near future there will be some souls from this place that by the help of the Lord will step out and take their stand with the remnant.

Brethren, pray that this may be the result here.

W. A. CLEMENSEN.

THE RUSSIAN WORK IN SASKATCHEWAN

"Thanks be unto God which always causeth us to triumph in Christ." Notwithstanding all opposition, God has blessed the Russian work in Saskatchewan.

On the 26th of August we dedicated the first Russian church in Canada. Elder A. C. Gilbert was with us and the Lord blessed us very much. On the 27th we had baptismal services, during which fifteen souls were baptized, and then we organized the first Russian church in Saskatchewan. It has forty members. We are very thankful for what the Lord has done and we need his help here, as we are meeting with great opposition. Pray for the Russian work in Saskatchewan.

T. T. BABIENCO.

THE CALL OF THE HOUR

God's purpose for the children growing up beside our hearths is wider, deeper, higher, than our restricted vision has comprehended. From the humblest lot, those whom He has seen faithful have in times past been called to witness for Him in the world's highest places, and many a lad of today, growing up as did Daniel in his Judean home, studying God's Word and His works, and learning the lessons of faithful service, will yet stand in legislative assemblies; in halls of justice; or

in royal courts, as a witness for the King of kings. *Multitudes will be called to a wider ministry.*

The whole world is opening to the gospel. "To every household and every school; to every parent and teacher and child upon whom has shone the light of the gospel, comes at this crisis the question put to Esther, the queen at that momentous crisis in Israel's history, 'Who knoweth whether *thou* art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?'" (Education, pages 262-3).

"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly." Zeph. 1:14. The crisis upon us is greater than the world has ever met, and upon the church of God is laid the awful responsibility of warning the world of its impending doom. The work will never be done until all who have the truth rally to the service of Christ, and join the ranks of the workers. It is largely through the efforts of the home missionary workers that the message will swell into a loud cry. "The heaven-appointed purpose of giving the gospel to the world in this generation is the noblest that can appeal to any human being." Such an aim is worthy of the endeavor of every ambitious person.

"As the 'whole creation groaneth and travaileth together in pain' the heart of the infinite Father is pained in sympathy. Our world is a vast lazaret-house, a scene of misery that we dare not allow even our thoughts to dwell upon. Did we realize it as it is, the burden would be too terrible. Yet God feels it all. In order to destroy sin and its results, He gave His best beloved and He has put in it our power, through co-operation with Him, to bring this scene of misery to an end."—(Education, pages 263-4.)

Read Matthew 24:14 and Mark 16:15.

"Not that all are called to be ministers or missionaries in the ordinary sense of the term; but all may be workers with Him in giving the 'glad tidings' to their fellow-men. To all, great or small, learned or ignorant, old or young, the command is given. In view of this command, can we educate our sons and daughters for a life of respectable conventionality, a life professedly christian, but lacking His self-sacrifice?" (Notice these words. It is not enough that our children are brought up to be respectable, honest men and women. It is not enough that they grow up church members; simply working for a living or for an honorable position in the ordinary vocations of life. While all these are good, yet unless they have a deep love for souls and the spirit of sacrifice that leads them to do all in their power to uplift and glorify the Saviour before their friends and neighbors in showing them the way of life; notice what the Lord says of such a life.) "A life on which the verdict of Him who is truth, must be, 'I know you not.'" (Education, page 264).

Brethren and sisters, we are living in times when we cannot afford to lightly regard these words of warning. The rapidly moving events among the nations, the fulfilling prophecies all show us plainly that we have but a moment of time left in which to prepare for the final conflict. What is the use in educating our children for a life of ordinary circumstances? We have reached the time when we must make sure work in preparing for the closing work. We can no longer neglect the opportunity of placing our children where they will be fitted and prepared to take their places in the world. Surely they are called to the kingdom for such a time as this. Shall we not sacrifice

until we feel it severely, that they may have the chance to co-operate with God in His plan for using them to finish the work? H. W. CLARK.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES.

Elder McVagh passed through Saskatoon on his way to and from Winnipeg, and called at the office between trains. We were all glad to see him again.

From Southey several appeals came for a German worker, and Elder Ziprick was asked to look into the interest there. He left from Loreburn for Southey last week.

We received word from Moose Jaw, where Elder Mackintosh and Brother W. G. McCready are working, that five of those who are attending the services are now coming to Sabbath school. We hope that they will soon become members of the church.

Elder W. A. Clemensen is writing encouragingly from Carora. He says, "Some are showing signs of a willingness to keep the Sabbath." The Sabbath question and the Spirit of Prophecy will soon be presented, and the prayers of God's people are asked in the interest of the work there.

Elder G. W. Forshaw has been working in Tugaskie, preparing some people for baptism. He had the privilege of baptising six souls. Elder Gilbert was present, and it was a great pleasure to them to be able to organize the believers there into the Tugaskie church with a membership of thirteen.

ACADEMY NOTES.

Once more remember our "Academy Day" Sabbath, September 23rd. We feel confident that you will do your share in a liberal donation. The Lord bless you.

The School Board will meet September 19 and 20 in Battleford. Elder McVagh, who is a member of the Board, will be present. Prof. E. D. Dick and Brother F. L. Hommel are also expected to be with us.

Elder Gilbert and Brother U. Wissner spent a couple of days in Battleford last week. They attended a special meeting of the Board of the City of Battleford, in which the city decided to run a line for electric light to the school. We are glad our buildings can be lighted with electricity this winter, which for a while was quite questionable.

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MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER ITEMS

Killarney now has an interesting little M. V. Society.

We were pleased to see George and Wilfred Belleau at our Young People's meetings occasionally during the summer. They return to school soon.

Jessie Johnston is spending the Summer at Minaki.

Elizabeth McCreery returned home from Nebraska recently.

Winnipeg's M. V. leader, Sister Grundset, and assistant leader, Sister Hogg, have returned from having a rest and will no doubt take up the work with renewed energy.

Eight young ladies in one Society have formed a prayer band and are meeting on Sabbath afternoon.

An isolated M. V. writers: "Please send the review questions on the Junior Reading Course for this year. I am anxious to get another certificate before I go to school."

Another says: "I pledge \$20.00 for literature for India." He spends his spare time distributing reading matter and has learned its value in his own home town.

A secretary reports: "Our members will each give \$2.50 more to apply on our M. V. goal if possible."

And so the work goes on. May not every young person in Manitoba have a part in it? Young people, read the Junior Reading Course for 1916-17, if you wish to find answers to the following questions:

Why do birds always hide their nests?

Why do some birds have more down than others?

Why is Dr. Grenfell called the St. Nicholas of Labrador?

How did God use the digging of a well to further missionary work?

What missionary died on his knees?

MRS. B. COWAN.

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VALUE OF SEED SOWING.

Since camp meeting and during the month of August, the writer in company with Brother Shelstad, has visited a number of places East of Ponoka as far as Killam, placing literature in the hands of the people, holding meetings and Bible studies. As people in the country are very busy this time of year, many meetings cannot be held, but we can usually find opportunity to talk with them and to sell or give away our good literature containing the truth. And in regard to it, we have the promise, "It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

We were made to realize the truthfulness of this statement the other day when we chanced to meet with a man who was keeping the Sabbath and seemingly in full harmony with us, from reading "Bible Readings," which book he purchased about two years ago from some of our faithful colporteurs. He was glad to see us and asked if he could be baptized. As he didn't know there were any organized Adventist churches in Alberta, but thought there were some in the States, he had been planning on going there to be baptized. It is needless to say that he was thankful for the opportunity to be buried with the Lord in baptism.

We are of good courage and ask an interest in the prayers of the "Tidings" family.

FRED JOHNSON.

THE NEED OF MISSIONARY EFFORT IN OUR SABBATH-SCHOOLS

"With every age God's plan deepens and widens to embrace the world. God's instrumentalities, His light-bearers, are to adjust their movements to His progressive plans. . . . The churches are to be wide-awake, moving with the force of omnipotence because they move in harmony with God's purpose. The churches and Sabbath-schools are to labor with greater zeal for the promulgation of the last message to be given to the world; they are to seize every opportunity for blessing a world in darkness." This can only be done by giving, first, our life for service; second, by laying all upon the altar. Our life and our means, for the advancement of the message.

"Missions at home and missions abroad demand far greater consideration than has been given them. While the church, and the Sabbath schools, in comparison with the past years, have made some advance, yet in comparison with what should be, in comparison with the great sacrifice made in Gethsemane and on the cross of Calvary, they are far behind in the greatest work given to mortals."

"Christ came to our world to teach us the importance of missionary effort. The world was His field of missionary toil. . . . The reproach of indolence will never be wiped away from church and school till everyone who believes the truth is willing to labor as did the self-sacrificing Redeemer."

Christ's work is an example to all who go forth as missionaries. It is the model for all missionary endeavor. It calls for unreserved surrender of time, talents and our means. It demands that we return to God the goods He has entrusted to us, with the interest that has come to us as we have traded upon them. All is to be put into the cause to advance the work Christ came into the world to do. It is impossible for the man or woman who believes in Christ to see the work that needs to be done, and yet do nothing. Daily we are to receive from heaven the healing balm of God's grace to impart to everyone of those whom He came to save. The following poem is significant:

NO STARLESS CROWN.

You have read of the dream of the woman
Who served God in a nominal way:
How she died, and ascended to heaven,
And knocked for admittance, one day.
"Who is with you," the angel enquired,
"From that land of dark sorrow and sin?"
"No one else," the good sister responded.
"Then I cannot, I fear, let you in."
"But I've attended the church every Sabbath;
I've given my goods to the poor;
And paid to the Lord every penny
Of tithe that I owed Him, and more."
Said the angel, "The order is given:
The Master cannot see the face
Of the Christian who comes empty-handed
From earth without souls, to this place."
In great terror the woman awakened,
The lesson impressed on her mind;
She went into the streets of the city
Another lost sinner to find.

Brethren, are we standing the test?

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS.

LET US PLAN EARNESTLY

The Harvest Ingathering is a work that all should engage in. I would suggest that those going out would first study the paper, so that they can talk intelligently about it with persons they meet.

Who can engage in this work? Nearly all can go out. Remember that heavenly angels go with you to prepare the way.

Some can send the papers through the mail, with a nice letter explaining the object of the paper.

One brother last year who was successful in bringing a good sum, headed his own solicitor's card with \$2.00.

I think a good plan would be for each one to be responsible for a certain sum as their individual mark. In fact, there are many plans which could be carried out, but the main one is to seek God earnestly for His help before going.

Brothers and sisters, this is a *very* important work, and brings blessings to those who hand out the papers and blessings to those who receive them, and the money for the Foreign Missions, which is so much needed at this time, will be welcomed by the workers in the field.

Read Joshua 1:9, and I feel sure you will all plan to have a part in this great work. It is a verse full of promises. Here it is: *"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."*

I have determined that with *such* help promised me, I will be responsible for \$10.00. H. D. MIDDLETON.

EDMONTON

Since the last report of our work here we have seen some interesting experiences, and many are being aroused to the facts contained in the Word of God concerning the end of the world and the condition of the nations at the present time.

But the message is not going along without friction, for as the old adage runs, "Where the stones are the largest and nearest the surface in the water fall, there is where the most noise is created." Where the water is deep and nothing to hinder its progress, it runs along nicely and without much noise, but when it comes to the falls, the same water makes a terrible roar. What is it that causes this? You say, the stones. So it is with the word of God and this message. When there is little opposition it is hard to see much disturbance, but when the devil throws his influence in the way of truth, then we hear a great noise. That is the experience we are having in Edmonton, and yet while there is much opposition, the truth of God will triumph, and we can see some results from the efforts that are being put forth for the cause of Christ.

In Ezekiel's vision he heard a loud voice, "And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof." Eze. 9:4. Notice, it is those that sigh and that cry, or in other words, detest sin and all its forms, who are longing for a change to come. In this day we are expecting a great event to take place soon, and as we see the abomination running riot in the land, how many of us are sighing and crying to God for deliverance, from the awful doom that is just before us. Sad, sad, it is that so many, even of those that are professing to believe in the soon coming of Jesus, are not crying for the abomination, but are going right along with it, with one hand holding on to the pleasures of this world and its goods, and trying to hold on to the Lord with the other.

Brother, Sister, where are we today? The call is, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing." It is impossible for us to go on and try to stay with the world at the same time.

Let us rise to the situation and with one voice, and one work proclaim this last message of warning to the world, that the work of soul-saving may be finished, and then Jesus will come and put an end to sin and all its results.

I believe that in the coming campaign for the Har-

vest Ingathering we will have the opportunity of giving the message as we have never had before. It enables us to put into the hands of the people a message that will be to the glory of God, and gather in means that many more workers may be sent out to carry the word of God to the darkened countries where there are so many that are perishing for want of the Word of Life.

Let us send forth this word with a *loud cry*, such as the world has never heard.

R. C. CORDIS.

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A WORKER FALLEN

The late Jacob Rottacker was born in Russia near the Crimean Peninsula in the year 1871. When about four years old, he was taken by his parents into Roumania, where they lived till the close of the Russo-Turkish war of 1877-78, when his father died. The family then moved to America and settled in Milltown, S.D., at which place some of Brother Rottacker's older brothers had already settled.

His parents were Baptists and he was brought up in that faith. However, in 1889 he had his attention called to the Seventh-day Adventist doctrine, which he accepted heartily as in harmony with the Bible.

In 1891 he was joined in marriage with Miss Mary Reising, also of Milltown, S.D. Four years later the family moved to North Dakota, and settled near Wilton, where they lived for nine years, at the end of which time they removed to British Columbia. Here they experienced some of the privations of pioneer life till finally settling at Grandview Flat in 1909.

He was made a licentiate of the B.C. Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, to work among his own people and nationality in 1911. At our Conference in Pitt Meadows, January, 1914, a more significant sign of our confidence in him was shown in his ordination to the ministry.

He has always been respected as a Christian man, and shown himself an earnest defender of the Bible and of the faith he espoused. It is gratifying to learn that he held his faith till the last, and died with the full belief that he is accepted of the Lord. We have reason to believe that when the Life Giver comes, our sleeping brother will be called forth from his dusty bed to share the joys of the future life, and to enter fully into the pleasures and occupations of the earth made new, where no taint of sin will mar our experience, but health and happiness reign supreme.

He leaves behind him a faithful, but sorrowing wife, who has stood nobly by him through all their married life, and who, during the twenty-six months of illness just closed, has suffered and borne a great deal. Our sympathies are for her and our prayer is that God may sustain her further; adding the needed grace and wisdom she will need in grappling with the problems of life without her companion as a friend and counsellor. Our sympathies are also extended to the ten children left behind. They will miss the counsel and

fatherly advise, and we can only commend them to the care of our Heavenly Father, whom to know, is to love, and whom to serve, brings joy unspeakable.

On Sunday, September 3rd, at 3.30 p.m., after a service in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Grandview, near Armstrong, Brother Rottacker was buried in the little cemetery set apart by our people living in the Grandview settlement. Nearly 150 people were present at the service, and at the grave where our brother was laid away to rest till the Saviour comes.

J. G. WALKER.

NOTICE

A change in our departmental work has been made necessary, by the resignation of Sister Lydia Stickle, who has had charge of our Young People's work for some time, and also that of Sister Sadie McN. Jemsen as secretary of the Home Missionary work. Both have done excellent work in their different lines, but the change seemed necessary.

Sister Stickle has gone to the Pacific Union Conference school at St. Helena, and Sister Jemsen does not feel able to carry the Home Missionary work along with that of the Sabbath Schools.

Brother E. R. Potter has been asked to take up the duties of secretary of the Home Missionary Dept., and also the Young People's work, together with all correspondence relating to them, which should be addressed to him at 1999 8th Ave., West, Vancouver, B. C.

J. G. WALKER.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS ITEMS.

On Monday, 8 a.m., August 14th, Brother Edward Hoover and Sister Cecil McLean were united in marriage at the home of Brother and Sister McLean. Our good wishes and our prayers for their success go with this young couple as they commence life together.

After the close of the Sabbath services in our little church at Penticton, Brother Barney Wolfe and Sister Alice Pearse of Cumberland were united in marriage. This was a very impressive ceremony, as it was in the church and on the Sabbath. We pray for their success, that they may have happiness and ample power to witness for God.

Summary of Book Work in British Columbia to August 25, 1916:

Name.	Bk.	Hrs.	Exh.	Ords.	Helps.	Total.
1. Wright, F. P. ....G.C.	158	258	71	30.40		308.90
2. Philpott, L. A. ....P.G.	101	119	60	8.75		250.75
3. Lawson, J. H. ....P.G.	171	346	38	24.95		200.95
4. Bristol, J. ....D.R.	415	562	70	32.00		191.05
5. Falk, J. E. ....B.R.	107	197	27	27.35		139.55

"It has surely been warm work delivering these books, but it was worth it all and more to see how pleased the people were and to know they had the truth. Am of good courage."

L. A. PHILPOTT.

"I am sending you another report, not quite as good as I hoped, but I thought a visit with the brethren in Nelson would do me lots of good, so spent a few days there, which was a blessing to me. I am of good courage and enjoying the work."

F. P. WRIGHT.

"I have had trying experiences the last couple of weeks in the way of opposition tracts given out against our belief, which is termed an erroneous doctrine. The people have been instructed to leave our 'soul-withering prophecies and pamphlets alone, and have nothing to do with them.' But as I see how industrious Satan is all the time, I realize that I must work harder also, with the help of the Lord. My courage is good, although the time has been strenuous."

J. BRISTOL.

"I hope you had good meetings in the Okanagan. I am of good courage and enjoying God's blessings. I certainly have great opportunity of presenting this message, and the Lord is helping me and I praise Him for the privilege, though I feel very much unworthy. I send my kindest

regards to the other canvassers, and trust that they will keep up their courage and press on, for the work will soon be done."

J. H. LAWSON.

Prof. and Mrs. F. Griggs arrived in Vancouver Tuesday, August 29, 1916, and sailed Wednesday, the 30th, on the Canadian-Australasian Steamship "Niagara" for Australia. They expect to be away some time, and will visit many places in the Orient in the interests of the school work that is becoming quite well established even in the mission fields.

H. Bawtree, of Enderby, has been visiting in Vancouver for a few days, and he will also visit friends in Nanaimo before returning home.

At this writing a telegram to Elder Walker has just announced the death of Brother Rottacker, of Grandview. Brother Rottacker has been confined to his bed for some time, but his death came as a surprise and shock to his many friends. Our sincere sympathy is with the wife and children, who mourn the loss of the husband and father.

H. H. Hall, vice-president of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, passed through Vancouver on his way east to the new branch the publishing house are establishing at Brookfield, a suburb of Chicago. Brother Hall expects to make several stops at different points on the way. He was only in Vancouver a few hours, but his words of counsel and advice were very much appreciated.

Elder A. O. Burrill, who has been holding meetings at Ladner since the Nanaimo Camp-meeting, has returned to Vancouver. Brother R. Swan, Sister R. Watson, and Sister Burrill assisted. Brother Harold Broder was with them part of the time also.

Since Elder Burrill's return to Vancouver he joined a party consisting of Brethren E. R. Potter, A. E. Shantz, and J. G. Walker, who have been helping Brother H. W. Dutton on the Pitt Meadows farm. Brother Dutton is alone there, and at this time of the year there is an abundance of work, so their help was appreciated. Those who helped enjoyed the time spent at Pitt Meadows very much.

E. Toombs and family have moved from Nanaimo to Grandview, where they expect to make their home. They will now have school privileges for their young people.

Mrs. W. H. Hildebrand, the mother of Mrs. J. B. Giddings, has been visiting her daughter in Vancouver for a few weeks. She is on her way to visit the home of her childhood and birth, Coaticook, Province of Quebec.

HARVEST INGATHERING INTRODUCTION

After the salutation, presenting the paper, say:

"I have brought you a free copy of the Mission number of the *Signs of the Times* (showing front cover). (Turning to back cover and pointing to the words on the ribbon) You will remember that our Saviour said, 'Go ye into all the world and teach all nations.' This number shows that the circulation of the Bible has come to be (pointing to first article in paper) a 'World-wide Movement.'

"The paper contains over one hundred beautiful illustrations and letters from the world-wide mission field.

"As I said, the magazine is free. I am giving my time and am authorized to accept donations (pointing to note 'To the Public,' on page 32). All the proceeds derived from the distribution of this issue go direct to missions. Any amount you wish to give will be gladly received."

We also instruct the members who go out, that if they are asked as to what others give to say, that some have given very large sums; some give sums of ten dollars, five dollars, etc.

* Where the prospect does not seem inclined to give anything, we instruct them to say, "Well, you want the magazine to read anyway. This one article (pointing to some article) is worth the regular price of the magazine, if we were selling it. You will surely want to donate ten cents to this worthy work."

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"Pray hardest when it is hardest to pray."

"Usefulness is the rent we are asked to pay for room on earth. Some of us are heavily in debt."

"A man must be one of two things: either a reed shaken by the wind, or a wind to shake the reeds."

"God alone can give us that truth that shall reach the hearts of our scholars, and all work that has not his blessing on it will be vain."

The special September list of the Present Truth Series for relatives and friends will not close until October 1st. The time is extended because it will be impossible for the publishers to get the large list of names entered before that time. Everybody seems to be sending in a long list of names. These may continue to come until October 1.

Word has just come from the International Branch, Pacific Press Publishing Association, now locating at Brookfield, Illinois, that the foreign editions of the Harvest Ingathering paper will be ready for circulation about October 1. They have already booked a large number of orders for this Ingathering number in the German, Danish-Norwegian and Swedish languages and will mail papers at the very earliest possible moment. The installation of the presses and machinery at the new plant in Brookfield is taking a little longer than expected, but ere this note reaches our readers a large amount of the press work on the foreign editions will be finished and as suggested, orders can be filled by October 1.

A SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER

Not often are such letters sent, for Uncle Sam charges 10c in addition to the regular postage, for the extra haste his post office officials put forth in speeding the letter on its way and in furnishing a messenger on a bicycle to carry it, to its street and number before the regular mail carrier could deliver it.

Such a letter was delivered not long ago at one of our tract society offices. What do you think it contained? Nothing of less importance than a year's subscription to the *Sabbath School Worker*. It seems that the lady's subscription expired with the September issue, and she feared that she would miss one number if she did not renew promptly. The *Worker* prizes its friends. Are you one of them?

ONE OF OUR RALLY SONGS

The department is giving careful study to our united efforts in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign and has selected several songs, believing that the singing of these will wonderfully help in lifting the load. The words of these Harvest Ingathering songs are given in the October number of the Church Officers' Gazette. One of these will be sung to the tune, "It Must Be the Breaking of the Day." If you do not have this song you can secure it by sending direct to the writer, Takoma Park, D. C. Price, single copy, 5c; 10 copies, 25c.

F. W. PAAP.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

Alberta—Two Weeks Ending September 15, 1916.

	Book	Hrs.	Ord.	Helps	Totals
Casey, Harry*	D.A.	43	7	\$ 1.15	\$ 27.15
Campbell, Angus	B.R.	72	11	2.00	41.50
Hansen, Howard*	D.R.	29	5	....	18.50
Jones, Floyd*	B.R.	41	15	....	53.50
Schafer, Sam†	B.R.	123	34	5.80	125.80
Stanley, E. S.†	P.G.	122	22	9.75	108.75
Steeves, Frey*	D.A.	48	13	7.15	52.65
Wagner, Jas. B.	D.A.	97	15	....	54.00
Wagner, R. V.*	P.G.	29	12	....	58.00

British Columbia—Three Weeks Ending August 25, 1916.

Bristol, J.*	D.R.	13	2	1.50	8.50
Lawson, J. H.†	P.G.	57	16	8.20	86.20
Wright, F. P.	G.C.	87	34	6.50	138.50

Manitoba—Three Weeks Ending September 9, 1916.

Bauer, R. J.	B.R.	165	48	....	212.00
Hoehn, Christian†	B.R.	182	20	....	71.00
Johnson, Miss S.†	S.T.%	87	55	1.50	62.00
McGee, A. E.	B.R.	143	44	8.70	180.70
Ojala, G. F.	B.R.	75	9	37.50	70.00
Minchen, E. A.	B.R.	52	34	17.55	131.60
Sirgurdsson, O. X.	S.T.%	106	65	3.80	74.80

Saskatchewan—Two Weeks Ending September 8, 1916.

Adams, Phemia*	B.R.	45	8	....	29.00
Cameron, Mr. & Mrs.*	D.R.	20	3	3.65	15.15
Clark, Florence	B.R.	41	12	1.55	48.55
Fitchett, Myrtle	B.R.	112	19	.85	80.35
Haynal, Katie*	P.P.	32	13	11.40	63.90
Hoehn, Hulda	B.R.	115	37	....	135.50
Hoehn, Edward	B.R.	97	31	3.50	124.00
Jewkes, John*	B.R.	39	30	.50	118.50
Long, Eva	B.R.	112	27	1.45	111.95
Long, Every*	B.R.	25	9	....	36.50
Saunders, J. E.	B.R.	99	45	....	125.50
Swanson, May	B.R.	114	21	....	82.50
Unruh, T. E.	B.R.	62	32	....	142.00
Voelker, Henry	B.R.	81	24	....	93.00
Wick, Theo.*	B.R.	27	7	.80	29.30
Coles, Ida	....	12	..	187	18.70

35 Colporteurs	2,604	779	187	\$134.80	\$ 2,899.55
Amount previously reported	20,714.25

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*One week; †two weeks; ‡three weeks; %Icelandic.

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