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TRUTH VERSUS STRONG DELUSION

The first test was the forbidden tree in the garden. Curiosity led the woman to that tree. Then left to herself and the philosophy of the serpent, she soon saw that what God had withheld from the human family was very desirable, but alas, the testimony of her own senses led her to disobey God's command and instead of bringing great wisdom only brought sin and death.

"Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." I. Cor. 1: 20, 21. "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God." I. Cor. 2: 12. "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but the things that are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever that we may do all the words of this law." Deut. 29: 29.

From these texts we see that God brings the same test to his children today that he did to their parents in Eden. He gives us a wide range of revealed truth that we may believe and study and love. The things God has revealed in the Bible, the humblest child of God, walking in the light of the Word may study and his path will grow brighter and brighter. John 8: 31, 32; Matt. 11: 25; Prov. 4: 18; I. John 1: 7.

It is equally clear that there are some things that for reasons of His own God has withheld the knowledge of from men. If we believe God, we will feast upon the good things God has revealed and not allow curiosity to lead us into forbidden paths of speculation. If we do venture upon forbidden ground, God gives us over to the deceptions of Satan, even as He did our first parents, and the results are the same, strong delusion followed by condemnation and death. II. Thess. 2: 10-12.

In Matt. 11. 27, Jesus says, "All things are delivered unto me of my Father and no man knoweth the Son but the Father." The origin, substance and incarnation of the Son the Father knows, but He has never revealed these things to any man. These are among the secret things which belong to God. Just as soon as man begins to philosophize about such things, he shows infallibly that he is in the grip of Satan and strong delusion. Of course, he will not see it himself, for he has lost his spiritual eyesight and while he is sure he has great light, he is led of Satan wheresoever he will.

While at Winnipeg recently, a tract was given me written by Henry Dirksen, who once claimed to be a

Seventh-day Adventist, upon the subject of the pre-existence of Christ, his Deity, nature and incarnation. This involves knowledge that belongs to no man. In writing upon it, man advertises his own disobedience to God and also the strong delusion that inevitably follows such a course. This man professes to believe the Bible, and writes in a very smooth, apparently even style and temper, mixing his philosophy with learned references to the Greek and various translations of the Bible, and this only makes his reasoning the more delusive to those who are not thoroughly grounded in the Scriptures. Sad to say, some who were once free in the Lord and who should be now working for the spread of the Third Angel's message, are accepting these delusions and are being led by them to destruction.

It is not my purpose to introduce a discussion of his philosophy, for I only know what God has revealed; but the writer of the tract not only tries to prove a knowledge of what God never has revealed, but endeavors to cover up the great central truth of the Bible that God revealed himself in and through His Son from the days of eternity to the virgin birth, as well as since that time; for while the Son tabernacled on the earth in the flesh and then returned to heaven, we are *distinctly* told that he is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13: 8), and we are warned in the Scriptures that Satan has power to transform himself into an angel of light and that his ministers often appear in speech and manner as ministers of righteousness.

What the tract presents as light, is simply a re-hash of arguments presented in the third century controversy with reference to the substance of the Son of God our Saviour. History furnishes no evidence that that controversy ever benefited anybody, but it does make evident that it led many to eternal death. The last part of Matt. 11: 27 reads, "Neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him." Perhaps some day the Father will give us a revelation of His Son. At present, He is revealing *Himself* to sinful man, in and through and by His Son. All that we know of the Father is revealed in and through His Son.

"No one hath seen God at any time." I. John 4: 12. In other words no one hath seen the Father except as He has manifested Himself in and through His Son. When the seventy elders of Israel, with Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, saw the God of Israel on Mount Sinai and did eat and drink, Ex. 23: 9-11, it must be that they saw the Son, for God has never revealed Himself otherwise than in and through the Son. In creation, Jesus revealed the Father, and in redemption or re-creation He again reveals the Father. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." "The

Father that dwelleth in me He doeth the works; and the words that I speak are not mine, but the Father's which sent me."

The Father by audible voice identified the person of His Son and commanded, "Hear ye him." Let us not try to be wiser than God. In doing so, we show clearly that we have the mind of Satan and not the mind of Jesus. Lucifer corrupted his wisdom by reason of his brightness.

Now, however much deceived the author of the tract may be, the teaching is from Satan. God speaks to us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things by whom He made the worlds. Heb. 1:2, and "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high": third verse.

"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them." It is unsafe to go where there is no light.

C. F. McVAGH.

WHAT SOME HAVE DONE

"Your letter only added fuel to the fire already burning in the heart of our church here. We are responding to the great call made by you and others for help for our foreign missionaries all over the world in this time of need. We began our work on time and set for our mark the goal of one hundred dollars for our little company of twenty, at five dollars each. We have worked only three days and some report their five dollars already. Yes, with the *Signs* in our hands, and prayers in our hearts, we expect to reach the goal."

"Enclosed you will find five dollars on the Harvest Ingathering fund. I have not had time to work much with my papers, but have used about thirty-five papers and the Lord blessed me with five dollars and a start on another five dollars."

"A brother sent a paper with a letter to a Senator in his state, and received a donation of five dollars. This shows that men in high places will respond if our work is presented to them properly."

"A sister of seventy-six placed forty-seven papers in the country and collected \$10.40, besides finding openings for missionary work.

"Another sister who is past eighty and quite feeble took ten papers and sent them out, with letters. She gathered in \$10.25. She says: 'Two I did not get anything for, but the Lord blessed me with the rest, and I praise His holy name.'"

"I used sixty copies of the *Ingathering Signs* and received thirty dollars. I received five dollars from a Catholic railroad man, also a good donation from a lawyer, who asked many questions relating to the war. I sold him a *Watchman*, and gave him the tract, *Is It Armageddon?* This work affords many opportunities for doing good."

"One sister reports \$2.20 and some good experiences for one hour's work with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*."

"The elder of one church reports eight dollars received from thirteen papers."

"Four of the young people started out on Sunday morning and in a little while collected nearly eleven dollars."

"It has been my privilege to start quite a number in this good work. One day three sisters went out with me and in two hours we had distributed fifty-two papers and realized \$8.72."

What some members have done all can do if they have the same "mind to work." Let us set ourselves to work with a settled determined purpose to reach the goal.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15.

There is but one object in true education and that is "to restore the image of God in the soul."

In this age of the world's history skepticism has become attractive. Satan and his angels are engaged in the work of beclouding the minds of all, but more especially the youth, so that the voice which says "This is the way, walk ye in it" may not be heard. And he has been doing this with success. He has succeeded in separating education from religion, and thus education as it stands alone, in the hands of Satan is a power which is destroying souls for whom the precious blood flowed on Calvary. Satan encourages novel reading and study of the worldly authors, for he knows that the mind will thus be led away from God. Many think that these are essential to education, but these have forgotten that "Christ is made unto us wisdom, righteousness and redemption." Christ says, "Come unto me and learn of me." Only as we accept this invitation and are led by His Spirit can we receive that education which will take us through life.

The standard of education must be lifted higher. All error and customs of the world must be set aside and the lessons of Christ must be taught. The distinction between Christian and worldly education must be a decided one. Jesus must be brought into all our studies.

God designs that His holy word shall be the main textbook for His children. In this book only is unquestionable wisdom found. Students have failed to see the treasures of this Word because they have failed to search it as for hidden treasures. Study of the Bible should come first. This will help in getting the others. And not only this, but if the principles of truth are woven into the student's life, they will be a safeguard in trials which beset the student's path. The Bible is the most ancient and comprehensive history in existence. It lights up the past where human research in vain seeks to penetrate. The history of nations that have come and gone also speaks to us. If this is studied in connection with the Bible we will see how beautifully the prophecies have and are being fulfilled; telling us that we have but a short time to perfect our Christian characters.

Nature as well as revelation speaks to us. In nature we can still see the hand-writing of God in spite of the sin, whose curse rests upon it. As nature is studied the Holy Spirit will flash convictions to the heart of God's will for us. Children should be taught about God from His wonderful works. They should be encouraged to search out in nature objects illustrating the teachings of Jesus. This is the real beginning of true education, and as they grow up and attend school, the love for God and His works which have been stimulated in their hearts when young will carry them

through trials and temptations which await them.

While the Bible and Nature are to form the student's chief studies, yet God designs that he shall pursue other courses of study. Among these we find one that is very essential. It is that of Physiology. We may ask Why should this be so essential? Because our mental and spiritual vigor are dependent upon our physical strength. This study should be the basis of educational effort. Physiology should be taught to the children at home by their mothers. They should be taught that the laws of nature are the laws of God. Therefore our health should be as faithfully and sacredly guarded as our character. Some students study too much and work too little. They get an education at the cost of their lives, thus dishonoring God. Among the first things to be aimed at in teaching physiology are, position, deep breathing, training of the voice, healthful dress, cleanliness, and ventilation. These should all be put into practise, for a knowledge of principles unless put into practise avails nothing.

(To be continued.)

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INSTITUTES

We hope to hold three Institutes and General Meetings this coming winter and are sending this notice in ample time so that all in the different districts can have time to prepare to attend. One will be held at Nelson, December 19-24. This is the first that we know of in the Kootenay district, and we hope all our brethren living there will avail themselves of the opportunity to get in touch with each other, to take a part in the discussion on Institute subjects and to hear a few sermons on the Third Angel's Message. Something will be written later about accommodations.

The next meeting will be held at Grandview, near Armstrong, December 26-31. The Conference Committee will meet at this time, and we hope all the elders in the district will be present also. Important discussions will be held on different lines of church work and officers of the churches should especially be present. This appointment gives us the benefit of the Christmas rates. The brethren at Grandview will open their doors as heretofore to all visiting brethren, and there will be no expense while there.

The third Institute will be held in Vancouver, January 2-7. This takes in all our churches on the coast, and we hope all will be represented. Especially do we wish the elders and missionary secretaries, with those of the other departments, to be present.

Let us all pray that these Institutes may be a complete success, that we may have favorable weather at the time, and that all hindrances may be removed so that they may be fully attended.

Something more will be given later with reference to these meetings and outlines given of the subjects to be presented.

J. G. WALKER.

VICTORIA AND HARVEST INGATHERING

We have heard a great deal about Victoria, the capital city of our province. We have heard that it is the most English city outside of England. We have heard that it is a very conservative city and a very hard field to work with the truth. But a new report has just come from Victoria.

After prayerful consideration and counsel, Sisters Vace and Carmichael, of Vancouver, went over to Victoria last Sunday and returned home on Thursday night's boat.

In the four days they distributed 350 papers and received for Harvest Ingathering \$102.28. This splendid sum was collected in spite of the well-known fact that Victoria is one of the "dead" cities in a business way, and in spite of Red Cross tag-day, and other hindrances. They report that they did not get over the business district, and none of the residence district.

Needless to say, many are thanking God for the earnest efforts of these sisters, for the success given by God, and for the encouragement for others to do likewise.

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A WORD OF APPRECIATION

We feel very grateful to our dear brethren and sisters who responded so well to our call for an offering to be taken Sept. 23rd. The money sent in will help us to meet the small current bills. It is surely encouraging to see the interest that so many of our people have in their school. May this continue.

Now, brethren and sisters, we have the large bills to meet in a few weeks, and we are depending on the pledges you have made for this work. We sincerely trust that not one will fail to pay their pledge this fall. We do not believe you will. You will not allow the school to suffer.

We are paying cash for everything, and we must continue this plan. The money promised by our people is the only thing we can depend on. If it is possible for some to pay their pledges before the due date, it will certainly be appreciated.

The work on the main building is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. The men whom we have at work are pursuing their respective parts with all the vigor they have. Let us all work and pray for the success of this important enterprise.

A. C. GILBERT.

THE NIGHT IS FAR SPENT

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."—Romans 13:12. These words the apostle writes to the saints in Rome, reminding them of the fact that the night is past, and that it is necessary for them to change their daily avocation. Work done during the night when people are sleepy is not as perfect as when done in the light of day.

These words of the apostle also apply to the church of God today, for do we not see by the events which have taken place in times past, that the night is far spent and the whole world awaking to action. Surely the words of President Wilson describe the true condition of matters at the present time when he says: "The whole world is now in flames, and who knows how soon sparks will fall on our ground?" Sparks are flying in every direction and one kingdom after another becomes the prey of the angry fire. All the rulers of this world are stricken with terror, and soon the last fire, full of the wrath of God, will consume all who are found sleeping when He comes.

What is the church of God to do in these days? To give the last warning to the world. The time is passing very fast and soon the day will be over, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."—Romans 13: 11. Is not this word spoken to us, and have we not fallen asleep while waiting for our Lord to return? The apostle is speaking here to those who know the time. We know from the prophesies that we are living in the last days, but our life and actions many times show that we have forgotten.

That our salvation is nearer now, we all know, but what the apostle wanted to tell us is, "That now our salvation is nearer than when we believed." Do we remember the day when we were accepted by God and how happy we were? The truth we embraced was the dearest treasure to us, and we spoke full of energy to every man about the coming of the Lord, and we firmly believed that Jesus was coming soon. On that day we believed that our salvation was very near. Is not our salvation nearer now? Then how much more ought we to be active and pray! We do not fully realize that the last day is now very near. The Lord is speaking to us, through the words, "Now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

Brethren, let us take courage and purify ourselves from all sin that hinders us to run the race. Let us forsake all that is in the world, knowing that He is faithful that has promised "For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry."

T. T. BABIENCO.

THE BUGLE CALL OF MISSIONS

Much has been said at times of the Harvest Ingathering work. Not too much has been said as to its importance. The campaigns of the past have brought excellent results, both in the ingathering and also in the inspiring experiences gained.

To reach a higher aim, to advance continually, is the watchword of God's people. How fitting that the witnesses of this great message are scattered throughout the world. It falls to our lot to represent the truth of God in every walk of life. We believe that our churches in Saskatchewan will vigorously prosecute this worthy cause and secure the co-operation of all under their influence.

There are thousands of people inquiring about the onward movement of the gospel. They want to know why this people are marching on to a definite victory. Do you not count it a privilege to be able to tell them why?

It is possible that some will not be able to help in the campaign during October, but it is your opportunity to work until the close of the year.

A number have already mentioned their intention to take part and many others would do so if they were encouraged. It takes persuasion on our behalf, and confidence in our Saviour to get results, but you may be sure the experiences gained will be precious ones. The experience meetings held after the work is done will be an inspiration to push the message with greater energy. We need the co-operation of all our churches, and of our isolated people, to make the effort this fall the most successful.

Organized plans are essential to success. Within the reach of practically all the churches are large towns. Some will be able to visit the smaller towns and villages, others can work the divisional points, and there is an excellent opportunity for the isolated believers to appeal to the rural population. It is the privilege of everyone to have some part in impressing minds that God is at work in all the earth.

The leaders of the churches should assign the territory and give instruction as to how to meet the public.

Read the paper through; study the beautiful frontispiece; leave people with the thought that God is seeking everywhere for men and women who will sacrifice for the carrying of the gospel.

The last issue of the *Tidings* contains an excellent suggestive canvass for this special number.

You may read any article and find the keynote of every appeal to be "Come over and help us"; "send us men and means."

Dear brethren and sisters, we can do better than we have done before. The annual ingathering is truly the bugle call of missions. An appeal is made to every loyal supporter. Will you not help send the call to those within your reach?

Remember the goal for 1916 is \$100,000. This means increased efforts on our part, too. If the annual campaign is not yet clear to you, you are free to write to the Tract Society or the writer for information. They can supply all the papers and solicitors' cards needed, free. Papers are issued in English, German, Danish and Swedish. Pledge cards may also be procured, and I believe these will help us aim higher. May every endeavor be onward, forward.

ROBERT H. KITTO.

BATTLEFORD LETTER

My Dear Young Friends:

Down across the river is an imposing brick structure. It is brilliantly lighted, and can be seen for miles. But all the same it is not a pleasant place to live. It is the Provincial Hospital for the Feeble-minded.

Up here on the hill a beautiful building is under construction. The light of good cheer and happiness shines forth from its walls. It is cozy and homelike in appearance. It is the "Provincial Home for the Strong-minded." It is the Battleford Academy.

Now, young people, do you know that the difference in the people who will be in these two institutions next winter is largely because of different ideas of education? Had the people in the Asylum been properly educated, they would not have been where they are.

True education is a complete development of mind, soul and body. If improperly trained, a person be-

comes one-sided. One idea grows too strong, and by this eccentric growth of one power, the others are crowded out of their place. If this goes on far enough, the person becomes insane. Nearly all the world today is insane. The ideas of selfishness and worldly things have crowded out better things. Surely we do not wish to have such a development as that. The one-sided growth of the mind makes it an impossibility for God to guide it.

On the other hand, see what a Christian education will do. The physical powers are kept in the best condition. A sound mind can dwell in a sound body. The spiritual life is made a powerful help in developing the mind, for by keeping close to God we can draw from His store of wisdom.

Now, which kind of an education do you intend to get? The one-sided kind that grows without help, or the complete training of mental, physical, and spiritual powers?

It is easy to get the first. Weeds grow without any cultivation. The true education means hard work, but it is worth while.

We want you to come to Battleford Academy. I am sure you would be anxious to come if you could see the way we are fixing a place where you can live and study. Many are planning to come. Are you?

You need an education. The more natural power you have, the more good you could do if you trained it. Some people are like a stick of dynamite. They have lots of power, but it is liable to go off when not needed. A steam engine has far more power, but it is under control, and accomplishes something worth while. So you may think you can get along all right without an education. Don't believe it! You can do much better if you get your power under control.

Come to Battleford Academy, and let us help you to learn to use what things you know. Come and learn more, and learn how to do more than you can now.

Remember November 1st. Make up your minds to gain an education. Pray for help, and you will get it. "Find a way or make one."

H. W. CLARK.

PROGRESS AT TUGASKE

From August 25th to September 10th we had a pleasant and profitable visit with the believers at Tugaske. Several meetings were held which were well attended by the public. Pastor Gilbert spent the time from Friday, Sept. 8th to the following Monday with us at this place.

On Sabbath, Sept. 9th, the believers met at Wesley View school-house for baptismal service. Pastor Gilbert spoke of the meaning of baptism to the believer, and emphasized the privileges of the Christian to live above sin by faith in the power of the Spirit of God.

It is not only the privilege but the duty of the baptized child of God to answer the subtle suggestions of Satan with the Scripture statement that having been baptized into Christ Jesus he is dead to sin, having crucified and buried the man of sin in the watery grave, and therefore will not, dare not, comply with the deceiver's suggestion. Such a manifestation of faith in the power of the new life received from Jesus, exercised daily in each contest with the adversary, cannot fail to produce a life of continued victories over sin,

and consequently a life power to draw others to the Saviour.

A little distance from the school-house we baptized six more believers, who thus covenanted to hold up the light of truth as those keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

On the day following, the company met again and were organized into the Tugaske S.D.A. Church, with a membership of thirteen. Four others were to be received into church fellowship as soon as requests and church letters could be obtained. The ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated at the afternoon service.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus enable these dear brethren, with all His faithful children, to perfect holiness in the fear of God by watchful waiting until the glorious return of the King of kings.

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MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

UNDER MARCHING ORDERS.

In all parts of the world today we are witnessing a self-sacrificing spirit among the common people. They are voluntarily giving their time, their talents, their money, their sons, their husbands, their fathers, yea, their own bodies for the support of their native lands in the great conflict going on. We cannot help admiring this spirit. Neither can we help esteeming the unanimous obedience which an army renders to its commanders. When marching orders are given, every soldier marches. How could success be the result of any other condition?

Now, we as Missionary Volunteers have a country to be loyal to. We "desire a better country, that is an heavenly." We "look for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Our King has given an order—a life-giving command—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." And shall we not respond with as much promptness and sacrifice as we see manifested by the subjects of earthly kings? We cannot all go to foreign lands. Neither can all the citizens of the warring nations go to the "front," but we see clearly that the support of the soldier in the trenches depends upon the people at home. Just so the support of our brave soldiers at the front who have given up all to obey the Master and help to give the gospel to the world devolves upon us who cannot go. Shall we not rise to the occasion? We all say, "Yes."

So let us be up and doing. Let us each and every one do all in our power to make a success of the great Harvest Ingathering campaign now on. This is for the support of those at the front. This is for the finishing of the gospel work in this generation. We are under marching orders. We must go forward or suffer individual defeat. The cause will be victorious; shall

we not triumph with it? Our King will come when the work is done, and we may hasten the time.

Young people, no matter how little or how much you can do, do not leave it undone. Let us see how much we can accomplish this year. Send to the office for papers. Send money collected to the office, and report the amount to your secretary, so that I may let you know at the end of the year how much assistance we in Manitoba have been to the cause—how far we have marched.

MRS. B. COWAN.

HOME WORKER'S BOOKS

One of our sisters has ordered the prospectus with samples of our Home Worker's books. She plans to canvass the town of Rivers between now and the holiday season for a Christmas delivery.

In looking it over I see so many pretty and yet good books which we as a people could scatter by the thousands at this time of year. People always buy presents for their children or friends and many would be glad to use these good books if they were given the opportunity.

I was wondering if there were not many more of our people who might take up this line of work, scatter the truth, get an experience and some money as well this year. Think it over. Order a prospectus which formerly sold for \$1.00 and are now but 50c.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

MANITOBA NEWS NOTES

Bro. Manful made the office a pleasant call this week. He is visiting different parts of the Province in the interest of the book work.

Bro. Grundset and wife are back for a short time before leaving for their new field in Minnesota, where they have recently been called to labor.

Bro. Manful spoke to the Winnipeg church Sabbath, October 14th, and a good service was reported. He also conducted the prayer meeting the following Wednesday evening.

Some may find it difficult owing to financial conditions this year, to pay their tithe, but we hope all will strive to be faithful, for the Lord will surely bless. His promises are sure. Our tithe so far has not come in as well as we had hoped.

Is your order for Harvest Ingathering papers in? Manitoba's orders are 766 copies behind what they were last year. Let us press on, brethren, and work while the day lasts. Soon these opportunities will be in the past. The work will all be done and the faithful gathered home.

Elders V. W. Robb and E. M. Chapman took the tent down at Dauphin on October 18th. Bro. Robb will work the city during the winter. He will continue the work at Grandview, however, a few weeks longer. Some have promised to keep the Sabbath and there is hope for others.

Sabbath, October 14th, Elder E. M. Chapman and family visited Bradwardine church. The church was well represented, as nearly every member was present. The ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated and a goodly number of young people who took part are planning to enter the work in the near future. It is a great joy to meet Christian young people. What a privilege is theirs to work for the Master in these closing days of earth's history.

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HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." The fulfillment of Rev. 14:16 is going with a mighty force to all the people on the face of the earth. God looks upon those who are carrying this message as flying angels. I have wondered why God calls those people who carry this message "angels," but considering the matter a little closer, I find something like this:

The angels are the messengers of God, carrying out His plans under a great organization. Hosts of angels are organized so that each one follows out the instructions direct from the throne of God. This great movement, according to Rev. 14:6, is given to man, and the message can only be carried to the world by a thorough organization. This is why God calls those who carry this message "angels." God organized the message according to His own plans and so we must have proper organization in order to accomplish results as He would have them. From the child, up to the grandmother, God has given each one a part to do in this message, so there can be no excuse about not being fitted to help in giving the message to others who know it not.

Our Harvest Ingathering is one of the most important branches in the organization and everyone can have a part in it. I know all those who have accepted this message as a whole, would like to have a part in it before it closes, so we want all our people over this great field to take an active part in our Harvest Ingathering campaign, which commenced October 1st.

Now, you must remember that this paper is printed in four different languages—English, German, Swedish and Scandinavian—so you should study your neighborhood and find out exactly what nationality you will be obliged to work with, then send in your orders on time so that the Tract Society may be able to supply you with whatever you need. The paper does not cost you anything. Only tell us how many you want and when you get them, ask God to give you the real message in your mind to present them before the people so that you can win their hearts. When they realize the important work of the missions, they will want to help.

If you need any information or help, please write to the office immediately so that we can help you to plan and organize your field. Please do not tell the people you want 10c, 15c or 25c for the paper. Tell them it is free, only give them the privilege of helping some of our foreign missionaries to carry the everlasting gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. All our churches in this Conference ought to have their field organized, so that each and every one may know their portion of the territory and pray over the matter, that the love of Jesus Christ may constrain everybody to do their share in this campaign.

H. H. HUMANN.

ALBERTA ACADEMY

Many of the readers of the *Tidings* have, perhaps, wondered where I have been during the long silence which has intervened since I last spoke through the columns of this paper. Should you, however, come with me to our school here on the hill, I am sure I would have no trouble in explaining clearly to each of you.

Since the camp-meeting season closed and our plans for improvements at the school laid, I have buried myself amidst the work at this place. We found that our time of preparation before November 1st was all too small unless we had favorable conditions. The plans were that we should build an addition to the Academy building to include two storeys and a basement, thus allowing increased space in the chapel, library and class rooms. Furthermore, we have endeavored to lay plans for the installing of steam heat.

The building as planned is completed, and it will prove a great benefit to the school in years to come. Our heating plant is as yet not installed, though the work is going forward as fast as can be done. We have purchased for the purpose of heating our buildings, an 80 h.p. boiler. This has been located in our basement and is now being bricked in. We plan that we shall be able to have heat in the dormitories early in the school year. In the meantime, however, the buildings will be heated as formerly, and all is in readiness for the students' comfort.

Aside from the construction of the addition, the Academy has been wired for electric lights and also replastered throughout. Further than this, we have re-enforced the outside of the building to protect it against cold, so the building should be very comfortable. This same improvement was carried out in the West Hall and it is believed that warmer quarters will be furnished than before.

Both East and West Halls have been freshened in appearance by a coat of paint and kalsomine. We are sure that our students will much appreciate our efforts in their behalf and believe they will show their appreciation by a careful regard for the school and its property.

The school will open as scheduled, November 1st. Our faculty have all been chosen, and I am sure all are determined by God's help to make this the Academy's best year. We trust that we may have the earnest support of the constituency of our school by encouraging a prompt attendance. Remember, it is much better for the student and teacher, if the child can be with us at the beginning of the school. We have promise of a full school this year and hope that we can have a large enrollment early in the year.

Pledging for the school, its earnest endeavor in careful service to its students, I am,

Faithfully yours,

E. D. DICK.

WORK OF THE CALGARY CHURCH

The quarterly meeting of the Calgary church was held September 30th at its new place of meeting in the Oddfellow's Hall on Center Street, most of the members being present, and as the roll was called response was made by a word of testimony by each one. Those who were not able to be present testified of their faith through letters sent to the officers of the church. As far as could be learned, all were of good

courage. For those who were passing through trying experiences of various nature it was arranged that different members of the church visit these tried ones in an endeavor to encourage and strengthen them.

In a letter from Elder H. S. Shaw, Mountain View, California, we learned that his health had greatly improved and that he was hard at work in the cause of God. Elder and Mrs. C. A. Hansen are planning on devoting all of their time soon to the spread of the message.

The treasurer's report, which was given at the regular business meeting of October 18th, was most encouraging. The tithe for the quarter is \$318.06; the Sabbath-school offerings were \$105.80; for the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital \$21.10, and a goodly amount for church expense. The report also showed that the tithe per capita for the nine months of 1916 was \$28.68, and the Sabbath-school offerings 17½¢ per member per week.

The report of the librarian was also of interest. The members had sold 248 of our small books, given seventeen Bible readings, given away 387 papers and tracts, besides doing other work of missionary nature.

The Harvest Ingathering campaign was discussed, and definite plans were laid for aggressive work. After careful consideration it was voted to set the goal for the church at \$175.00, or five dollars per member. Up to the present time \$140.00 have been received by the various members. When the goal of \$175.00 was first considered it was feared that it was rather high, but as the members have gone diligently into the work it has been seen that the task was not an impossible one. The largest amount collected by any one member up to the present time is \$22.95. It truly is wonderful what can be accomplished when all have a spirit to work. Those members living at a distance have been invited to share the burden of this campaign, and they are responding nobly.

As a church we have every reason to be thankful to God for His special blessing, and we praise Him for His manifold gifts to us.

Mrs. L. B. HOMMEL, Clerk.

ALBERTA NEWS NOTES

Elder Reising is now in Calgary holding meetings, with the German brethren.

Brother Fish has been ill with the typhoid fever for the past few weeks, and we hope his recovery will be sure and complete.

Elder Johnson left for College View, Nebraska, on October 5th, with the intention of removing his family to Alberta, but a letter from him tells us that his daughter is ill with typhoid and he will remain at her bedside for a time.

Brother Scott Littlefield called at the office the other day, and we were very glad to see him.

Brother Shelstad is now at Sedgewick. He plans on entering the Harvest Ingathering campaign in the near future. His work has been delayed owing to the fact that the Scandinavian papers have not yet reached the field. He reports the believers of good courage wherever he has gone.

At the home of Mrs. F. Lazier, Spalding, Sask., on October 9th, Mary Robina Adams was married to Clinton F. Hubbard, both former students of the Alberta Academy. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. A. Francis.

Brother Enoch Wilson and wife are going to spend some days gathering funds for missions at Lethbridge and vicinity. They have ordered four hundred Ingathering Signs, therefore plan on doing some definite work.

Brother Steeves of Millet hands in his solicitor's card bearing twenty-three names. His total receipts amount to \$15.00, nine of the amounts being for \$1.00 and over.

Brother Braunberger and wife were recent welcome callers at the office.

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F. L. HOMMEL - - - - - Editor

The P.T.S. September list for relatives and friends totaled a little over thirty thousand when closed October 8. Another general list for all classes will begin with the new series, January 1, 1917. Names for this list may be sent in any time before this date.

In a recent letter from Elder C. F. McVagh from Washington, D.C., we learned that he planned on reaching Calgary, October 27th. He reports that the Fall Council has been a most profitable one, and that many advance steps have been taken for the furtherance of the work in the earth.

Dr. Hans Bonde, and Dr. Dale Bonde, both graduates of the Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelists, have been invited by the Alberta Conference to labor in Alberta. These faithful and tried workers have accepted the call and will plan on leaving their present field of labor in Nevada, as soon as they can arrange their work satisfactorily.

The readers of the *Tidings* will be interested in the article by Brother E. R. Potter, telling of the good work done at Victoria in the interests of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. This report reveals to us that there is no crisis with God, but that He can accomplish His will even amidst the most trying conditions.

The financial report for the first nine months of 1916 for the Western Canadian Union reveal the fact that three of the Conferences have more than reached their goal on the 20c-a-week fund. Manitoba is the last Conference to step over the line, and we rejoice with her in this. The total amount of funds received in the union by the four Conferences is \$15,676.12. Our quota is \$14,446.35, which leaves us \$1,229.77 in excess of our quota. This, though, should not cause us to withhold our gifts to missions, for we learn that the Division Conference is over \$150,000 short on its receipts for missions for the first eight months of the year. Unless diligent effort is made, the total for the Division will not come up to that of 1915. In the Harvest Ingathering campaign now on we have an excellent opportunity of assisting the proclamation of the message in foreign lands. Let us continue our sacrifices until every kindred, tongue and nation shall have received the news of the Saviour's return.

A TIMELY WORK

"They found even as He had said unto them." Luke, 19:32. This has been my good experience as I have been laboring the last few days for the Harvest Ingathering. I chose some territory along each side of the large Beaver Lake among well-to-do, English-speaking farmers. My start was encouraging at the home of a rancher who, with his manager's wife, gave me \$3.00. I found the people willing to give, although already

burdened with many calls. I had to endure snow and rain and cold, but one cannot but read what the Magazine says about the urgent calls for help and want to do something. The articles about the Inca Indians and the New Hebrides cannibals had an influence on me. I would sometimes read them to people.

One family said they had been longing for some time for a good spiritual talk with someone. They gave me \$1.00, and invited me to return and spend the night there, which I did, giving them a Bible reading. I met a young man, just recently over from England, a Baptist, who came outside to my buggy and spoke in confidence. He gladly received some Sabbath tracts and we knelt in prayer.

I thank the Lord for a part in this work. He has already given me over \$20.00 towards my goal of \$50.00. I have also sold a few *Armageddon* and other literature.

RALPH E. ROBINSON.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

Alberta—Three Weeks Ending October 6, 1916

	Book.	Hrs.	Ord.	Mag.	Helps	Totals
Casey, Harry†.....D.A.	74	26	...	\$ 4.50	\$	93.50
Hansen, Howard†...D.R.	194	45	...	...	...	179.50
Jones, Floyd*.....B.R.	24	4	...	11.26	...	27.26
Schafer, Sam†.....B.R.	90	20	...	8.55	...	79.55
Stanley, E. S.†.....P.G.	70	8	...	5.35	...	38.35
Steeves, Fred†.....D.A.	112	34	...	19.75	...	121.75
Wagner, Jas*.....D.A.	49	10	...	...	...	41.00

British Columbia—Three Weeks Ending October 6, 1916

Bristol, John†.....D.R.	96½	17	...	7.50	...	48.05
Lawson, J. H.†.....P.G.	94	22	...	20.15	...	115.15
Philpott, L. A.†.....B.R.	81	44	...	10.70	...	191.70
Wright, F. P.†.....G.C.	75	16	...	18.25	...	79.25

Manitoba—Three Weeks Ending October 14, 1916

Johnson, Miss S.†...S.T.	189	139	...	1.00	...	151.00
McGee, A. E.†.....B.R.	191	39	...	29.30	...	182.30
Ojala, G. F.†.....B.R.	126	32	...	34.15	...	149.35
Segurdson, O.†.....S.T.	212	150	...	18.31	...	191.21

Saskatchewan—Four Weeks Ending October 14, 1916

Cameron, Mrs. Ella*..D.R.	½	2	...	...	...	9.00
Fitchett, Myrtle*...B.R.	31	3	...	1.70	...	14.20
Haynal, Katie†.....P.P.	77	38	...	14.60	...	164.60
Hoehn, Edward†....P.P.	132	49	...	6.00	...	197.50
Hoehn, Huldaf.....B.R.	39½	10	...	...	...	38.00
Long, Etta*.....B.R.	31	10	...	...	...	40.00
Long, Emery*.....B.R.	17	12	...	...	...	49.00
Neufeld, Anna*.....B.R.	79	33	...	...	...	142.10
Sanders, J. E.†.....B.R.	185	109	...	3.50	...	472.50
Swanson, L. M.†....B.R.	37½	8	...	...	...	30.00
Unruh, T. E.*.....B.R.	17	7	...	...	...	30.50
Voelker, Henry†....B.R.	105	38	...	...	...	154.00

27 Colporteurs..... 2,428½ 925 ... \$214.57 \$ 3,030.32
Amount previously reported..... 23,613.80

Total..... \$26,644.12

* One week; † Two week; ‡ Three weeks; § Four weeks; || Five weeks.

WANTED—A man for the winter to look after cows. Must be Seventh-day Adventist. For further particulars correspond with Benj. F. Banks, Pashley, Alta., Can.

NEW AND BEAUTIFUL SONGS—A number of new songs have been published by Brother Charles P. Whitford, of Orlando, Fla. Among these songs are "The Paradise Home," and "A Light in the Window Up There." The words are beautiful and the melody is pleasing. These songs will be a valuable addition to any music collection. For years Brother Whitford has been acknowledged a "Sweet Singer of the South," and everywhere his songs have taken well. Those desiring these songs should address him as above. Price of the above songs postpaid, 25c.

FOR SALE—Modern House and Lot in College View, Nebraska. Will consider trade for land in Alberta. For particulars, address Fred Johnson, Room 304, I.O.O.F. Building, Calgary, Alta.

SANITARIUM COOKING OIL—No animal fat; 40-lb. can, \$6.75; 80 lbs., \$13.25; barrel of 400 lbs., 15½c, f.o.b. Address Cotton Seed Oil Co., 757 Henry Ave., Winnipeg, Man.