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WEEK OF PRAYER, DECEMBER 2-9

The Week of Prayer has been appointed for Dec. 2-9, this year, and the Week of Prayer special number of the good old *Review*, bearing date Nov. 2, is already in the hands of its readers. The articles prepared for the occasion are worthy, not only of reading and re-reading, but of prayerful study.

The old Sabbath-keepers need not be told of the meaning and blessings of the Week of Prayer, and among old Sabbath-keepers we must include those who are over one year old and who have perhaps only experienced one such privilege. Nothing is more encouraging than to see those who have recently accepted the message, taking hold and entering into experiences and blessings of knowledge that it has taken some of us years to reach, and praise the Lord, many who have accepted the message during the past year will enjoy the Week of Prayer for the first time this year.

For the benefit of such we will explain that the custom of setting apart a special week for united prayer and study to be entered into by the whole church, has been observed among Seventh-day Adventists for many years and has proven one of the most helpful means of grace given us by the Spirit of God. It does not mean that we are not to pray without ceasing, for earnest prayer is one of the most distinguishing characteristics of the life of Jesus and should be of all his professed followers. We neglect our private devotions, the family altar, and the weekly prayer-meeting, only at great peril to our spiritual life, but once a year the whole church the world over enters into a week of united prayer and study of our blessings and needs as a people and the progress of the work God has committed to us.

It should be a season of revival in all our churches and in all our hearts. If the suggestions to church officers and leaders are followed, it will result in reclaiming the backslidden, encouraging the cold and discouraged, uniting hearts that have been separated, winning souls to take their stand for the Lord, and a spiritual uplift to the whole people. The effect of the Week of Prayer has ever promoted unity of heart and action. It stands as a barrier between us and the spirit of worldliness and frivolity that too often characterizes the holiday season.

The annual offering for missions which is taken up the last Sabbath turns much means into the Lord's cause that otherwise would fall into Satan's channels. The spirit of giving and of Christian sacrifice tends to dry up the roots of covetousness, that constantly seek to supplant the love of God in our souls.

All these and many more blessings have accompanied this appointment in the past, and never before did we

come up to the Week of Prayer beset with greater need than at the present. As we pray for the termination of the dreadful war and the removal of all hindering causes to the advancement of the gospel in all the earth, let us also work for those about us and reconsecrate ourselves and all we have to the completion of the message.

C. F. McVAGH.

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY WORK

It is with pleasure we pass on to you a few words regarding the work of the Women's Auxiliary in our Union Conference. Considerable advancement has been made since our last report.

Our people have taken hold so loyally and some real sacrifices have been made. Rich blessings have also been experienced. One brother wrote not long ago telling of his experience, which I will pass on to you, for I am sure you will be glad to know of it. This brother's wife gave \$10.00 for the hospital at the camp-meeting, and later one of the children was taken ill. These parents believed in prayer and decided not to call a doctor right away, but engaged the services of a nurse. The child recovered nicely, and the father sent their thank offering of \$10.00, this being the difference between the nurse's charges and what the doctor's would have been. Surely the Lord will honor such a spirit of thankfulness and faith.

One sister wrote thus: "I realize I am tardy in sending my donation to the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital, but hope it will still do its part. I wish it might have been many times more, but this year we have absolutely no crops of any kind. What little the hail left the frost took, so I am praying that God will add his blessing to my little mite."

And beloved, do you not believe the Lord will answer a prayer like that, and indeed bless the offering from one who gives from the heart?

Another sister sent her offering, which she called "small," with the words, "If I had a thousand dollars to give I would be grateful to do so. That is the way I feel about giving to such a worthy call.

I would also mention the experience of another sister. She sent three rings to us, which, of course, she had laid aside, as her offering for the Hospital fund. We took them to a jeweller and received \$5.50 in cash, which, of course, made a very good offering from this sister.

And so we might mention other encouraging instances, but these will suffice to show that there has been a desire to help. Our people have indeed arisen to the call of the hour, and as the result over \$1,200 has already been received in cash by our Union Conference treasurer for the Ellen G. White Memorial

Hospital. Am sure you will be pleased to know this and happy, too, for the part you have had in raising means for this enterprise.

So may the Lord abundantly bless His people in return for their liberality in the past, as well as that which is to be seen in the future in connection with His work.

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CAMPAIGN WORK AT LETHBRIDGE AND VICINITY

Since last writing to the *Tidings* we have been engaged in the Harvest Ingathering work. We have been out at the mines close to Lethbridge soliciting. We have found the people very willing to give. Most of them seemed to consider it a privilege to be asked to give, although the most of them were Roman Catholics.

We are now working Lethbridge from house to house with the *Signs*, and the Lord is opening the hearts so that they are willing to give to help carry forward this great message that we as a people hold so dear.

Brothers and sisters, let us consider it a great privilege that we have once a year to go out to our neighbors and friends to ask them for a donation to help in this great work. Let us all be faithful to our privilege in this, and the Lord will not only bless us, but will look after the seed sown, that it may bring forth a harvest of souls for the kingdom.

Pray for us, that we may be faithful in the work we are doing.

MR. & MRS. E. R. WILSON.

NOTE.—Brother Wilson and wife have collected over \$60 for missions. They plan on continuing their efforts.

WEEK OF PRAYER APPOINTMENTS

We would like to give you a little report of the work in Alberta. Since our last issue of the *Tidings* quite a number of reports are coming in. In regard to our Harvest Ingathering work we have nothing but good reports to give. Every individual who has tried to do something has been very successful in getting means for the foreign missions, but sometimes it seems very hard to get the campaign started. It is like an old freight car—you must use a crow-bar if there is no steam engine in sight, and so it is the same with the Harvest Ingathering. The most of our people have taken hold very good, but some of them are very slow to meet the people and speak a word for their Saviour. At the same time, we have received a very good donation from all over the field and we would encourage our dear believers to keep at it until the New Year at least. We have asked several members in the Alberta Conference to spend all their time in this work and I hope that we shall be able to report good success from them.

Our ministers are reporting a successful month in October. We learn from Bro. Neufeld that a new

company of Sabbath-keepers have been raised up at Lunnford and all the workers speak of good progress among the other churches.

In regard to the Week of Prayer, we have arranged as best we can to give help to all our churches and isolated believers. The following list will show what churches the laborers will visit during the Week of Prayer:

Edmonton—P. P. Adams	Gadsby—A. C. Anderson
Edmonton and Woodbend	Ponoka—Carl Courser
—C. A. Hansen	Bittern Lake—J. C. Christensen
Leduc (Eng.)—J. L. Bean	Clive—E. D. Dick
Leduc (Ger.)—A. C. Harder	Granum—Fred Johnson
Lacombe and Calgary—C. F. McVagh	Beiseker—C. K. Reiswig
Calgary and Acme—J. L. Wilson	Hawksdale and Clemens—R. P. Mooney
Didsbury and Vermilion Lakes—L. W. Cobb	Loyalist and Hanna—C. C. Neufeld
Harmattan and Didsbury—T. S. Eowett	Lewisville—H. E. Shelstad
Harmattan and Olds—F. L. Hommel	Foremost—A. A. Roth
Irvine and Winnifred—H. H. Humann	Retlaw—E. R. Wilson
	Bismark—A. P. Pond
	Walsh and Midnapore—Sam Leiske

There have been two church buildings erected during the past summer. One at Irvine, which will be dedicated Nov. 26th, and the other one at Loyalist. There has been no date set for the dedication of the latter.

Concerning our church-school work, will say, if I remember rightly, we will have about twelve church-schools by the 1st of December in operation, and we are trying our very best to help our young people in this conference.

H. H. HUMANN.

ACADEMY OPENING

No doubt if there's one place of more interest than another to the parents of our constituency of this conference at this time, it is our Academy; here where you have sent your children. We believe that each morning and evening there ascend from the various homes represented in our school, earnest prayers for the keeping and prospering hand of God to be with your children in our trust. Indeed we know that your interests are keenly centered with ours here and we trust that we may enjoy a successful school year enriched by the many blessings from our Heavenly Parent.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 1, the faculty and students, together with a few visiting friends and resident patrons, gathered in the chapel for their first public exercise of the new school year. A feeling of solemnity seized the audience as all sang together, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow." Indeed we were all reminded of the Divine care which had been over us through the summer and which has brought to us so many cheerful faces beaming with hope and courage.

The exercises of the evening were very simple, bespeaking a successful school year. Elder McVagh and Elder Humann were with us to speak words of courage to the students. Several members of the faculty responded with cheerful words for the students. The chief thought of the evening was that one's success or failure in school depended upon one's relation to God.

The enrollment for the first day of our school was 94. This is very encouraging to the management. At the time of this writing, after two weeks of our school is

in the past, we have 139 enrolled, with others soon to come. It will, no doubt, be of interest to the reader to know our students and from whence they come to us. This is as follows:

ALBERTA

Ilah McVagh	Ruth Hecht
Lucy Ritz	Sam Leiske
Jessie Unwin	Marie Hansen
Nellie Shankel	Max Popow
Roy Zumwalt	Leah Huther
Cecil Shankel	Bertha Reiswig
Edwin Johnson	Helen Jacobson
Florence Hamilton	Ruth Anderson
Lillie Humann	Martha Huther
Myrtle Knutson	Harold Smith
Lylace Hayward	Clarence Haffner
Carrie Broeder	Cecil Smith
Minnie Broeder	Gilbert Anderson
Helen Knutson	Harvey Anderson
Jacob Leiske	Arthur Neufeld
Ivy Hance	Robina Adams-Hubbard
Emma Wall	Clinton Hubbard
Reinhold Wall	Vera Alcock
Bernhardt Wall	Albert Reiswig
Elmer Leiske	Julius Humann
John Wilson	James Wagner
Donald Vanbuskirk	Earl Carle
Samuel Schafer	Alfred Pond
Ralph Patterson	Samuel Hance
Hulda Neufeld	Della Mabley
John Befus	Alta Homan
Virgie Dobbs	Mildred Shankel
Rosie Humann	May Wallace
Alex Befus	Mike Philbrick
Lora Huther	Cal Smith
Dorothy Davis	Elwin Rick
Orvin Ryan	Charles Prest
Lloyd Dobbs	Alice Penstock
Olga Dobbs	Chrystelle McClaffin
Leona Neufeld	Amy Henderson
Harvey Humann	Florence Sanborn
Mary Sharpe	Allie Patterson
Cecil Adams	Bessie Smith
Olive Huther	Margaret Wilson
Pearl Huther	Audrey Taylor
Nina Davis	Cecil Ritchey
Elizabeth Befus	Merlan Vaughn
Mary Befus	S. M. Ryan
Elmer Reiswig	Adolph Bernhard
Eva Davis	Emil Reiswig
Pearl Davis	Edward Cook
Paul Adams	Rachel Miller
Worley Patterson	Henry Kiehlbach
Willie Taylor	Mildred Bergey
Josie Patterson	Vesta Bergey
Huldreich Humann	Isabelle McPhail
Stanley Sharpe	Xeni MacPhail
Vickie Patterson	Sadie Gibson
Ida Neufeld	Lizzie Dick
Allen Sargeant	Matilda Kindopp
John Litzenberger	Jessie Humann

SASKATCHEWAN

Mary Swansen	Bernice Clark
Nina Carlson	Bennie Clark
Elmer Carlson	Leonard Light
Lizzie Buhler	Toby Unruh
Florence Clark	Susanna Haynal

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Grace Oke	Lucretia Oke
Davis Oke	Almeada Willett
Harry Oke	Eva White
Luella Oke	John Lamb

MANITOBA

Rudolph Bauer	Roy Fitzsimmons
John Reichenbach	Percy Foote
Pearl Pangman	

MINNESOTA

Erwin Nelson

NEBRASKA

Ronald Olsen

A GOOD REPORT

The figures given below are of unusual interest and should be studied with care. The plan of the report is to reveal what the churches have raised on their 20c.-a-week funds for the year 1916. The membership as given is taken from the reports of the church clerks early in the year. It will be noted that the quota for the entire membership is \$10,244.00, and that \$6,842.57 of this has already been raised. Seven of the twenty-five churches have already more than made their quota. When it is remembered that the two best months of the year are still to be reported, it will be seen that the record is a most excellent one. The receipts from the Harvest Ingathering and the Annual Offering will materially change the report as it now stands.

Several churches will be able to meet their entire goal through the Harvest Ingathering campaign. I am sure that every church has done splendidly, and with a little more effort the majority of the churches will be able to raise their full 20c. per member per week. How thankful we should be to God for His providences! Such a report is alone possible through His prospering hand. Every member should be of good courage, for the Lord has used the money in winning many precious souls for Him. Now we see through a glass darkly, but the day is not far distant when we shall see the results of our sacrifices.

Church.	Memb.	Quota.	Amt. Received.	Amt. to be Raised.	Over.
Conference	86	\$ 894.40	\$1,143.95	\$	\$249.55
Acme	34	353.60	117.16	236.44	....
Bismark	30	312.00	145.15	166.85	....
Caigary	33	343.20	451.74	....	108.54
Clemens	18	187.20	130.95	56.25	....
Clive	20	208.00	261.08	....	53.08
Coronation	40	416.00	27.55	388.45	....
Didsbury	35	364.00	178.41	185.59	....
Edmonton	74	769.60	218.86	550.74	....
Gadsby	23	239.20	270.73	....	31.53
Granum	44	457.60	525.75	....	68.15
Hanna	23	239.20	149.18	90.02	....
Harmattan	30	312.00	98.24	213.76	....
Hawksdale	24	249.60	95.43	154.17	....
Irvine	39	405.60	177.63	227.97	....
Lacombe	136	1,414.40	494.45	919.95	....
Leduc (Eng.)	22	228.80	134.20	94.60	....
Leduc (Ger.)	42	436.80	120.67	316.13	....
Lewisville	18	187.20	147.98	39.22	....
Loyalist	30	312.00	351.60	....	39.60
Midnapore	35	364.00	198.06	167.92	....
Rosebud	94	977.60	902.17	75.43	....
Sedgewick	4	41.60	15.95	25.65	....
Vermilion Lakes	27	280.80	162.25	118.55	....
Winnifred	24	249.60	325.41	75.81
	985	\$10,244.00	\$6,842.57	\$4,027.69	\$626.26
		6,842.57			626.26
			\$3,401.43	\$3,401.43	

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TRIALS

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings."

We read also in Heb. 12: "For whom the Lord loveth them he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth.

"If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?"

"But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons."

God's children in all ages have suffered trials and afflictions. Job had great afflictions, and Daniel and his three companions were severely tried. John, the revelator, and all the apostles passed through many trying circumstances. When Stephen was being falsely accused and stoned for his faith his face shone as that of an angel. Paul was publicly whipped and chased from place to place, and finally put to death.

We often feel that we have great trials and it seems to us that they become heavier than we can bear. The fourth verse of this same chapter says, "Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin." And again we find these comforting words: "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

From the foregoing scriptures we gather that if we are truly God's servants or children, we must expect trials and to be called to suffer hardship for His sake. We are admonished to rejoice in tribulation. When trials are taken aright they build us up spiritually and only serve to prepare us for Heaven.

When church members become offended and there is division in the church over something that someone has done (perhaps declining to attend the services if certain ones are to be present), it is a true indication of the work of the enemy. The devil is very pleased with this way. I do believe we must overcome this if we ever expect to enter the City of God. Our troubles look much larger than they really are and the more we think of "how poor me has been abused," the worse we will feel, until it becomes unbearable. Brethren, I am fully convinced that this sort of thing will be the means of keeping many in darkness. It is the most dangerous practice in which we can indulge. If it could be remembered and fully believed that "All things work together for good to them that love God," we would not allow ourselves to become discouraged.

We sometimes hear how smoothly things went along until we accepted this message; and now we have so many trials. This can be accounted for very easily. Satan, knowing that his time is short, puts forth greater effort against us. It is well illustrated in the story of the hunter who upon shooting into a flock of ducks killed three and wounded five. He gave no heed to the dead ones but put forth great effort to capture the wounded ones who were making their escape. Just so it is with us when we attempt to leave his ranks. He makes haste to catch us in his net.

Rather than allow our minds to become troubled over what someone has said of us or of what someone thinks, let us remember that the overcomer is to win in this gospel race. If we are to overcome it means a battle with self. Says the poet: "Must we be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease, whilst others

fought to win the prize and sailed through bloody seas?"

If you have enemies, pray for them. If you are misrepresented, rejoice that the thing is untrue. Let us make sure of Heaven at any cost.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

FAREWELL

Having accepted a call to labor in the Minnesota Conference, we will have left Manitoba ere this reaches the readers of the *Tidings*.

We have greatly enjoyed our work in Manitoba, and it is with feelings of regret that we leave the many kind friends with whom we became acquainted and learned to love.

We have greatly enjoyed the associations and labors of the workers in this field, as well as the Union, and thank you all for your kindness and co-operation. We believe the Lord directed us to our work in Minnesota and trust that He will continue to lead.

May the Lord continue to bless the work and workers in Manitoba and His dear people scattered throughout the province. Should we not meet here again, we hope to meet on the other side when the work is all finished. Our new address will be 679 Holly Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota, and we shall be glad to hear from any of you.

B. L. GRUNDSET.

MRS. B. L. GRUNDSET.

SOWING THE SEED

Dear *Tidings* readers:

For some time I have devoted one day each month to the sale of the monthly *Signs and Life and Health* magazines here in the little town of Rivers. I began with *Temperance Instructor* during the temperance campaign last spring. My success was so good in this effort that I resolved to try the other magazines. At first I ordered 25, but have since increased to 50. The work has become very interesting, so that I really look forward with pleasure to the day I spend in this work. I hope and pray that God will water the seed thus sown so that some results may appear in His kingdom. God has greatly blessed my soul and kept me through many trials. I thank Him every day for His goodness. I am a firm believer in the text that says, "All things work together for good to them that love God," and also in the one that says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro, throughout the whole earth to show himself mighty in behalf of those who put their trust in him." His word has indeed been an anchor to my soul.

MRS. E. M. CHAPMAN.

ITEMS

Word received from Eld. E. Errington states that they have organized a Sabbath School of nineteen members.

Eld. Robb and wife are dividing their time between Dauphin and Grandview, spending a week at each place.

Do not forget in writing the office that Bro. Geo. R. Soper has taken the place of Bro. Grundset.

Gilbert and Hetty Roberts, of Austin, left on the 15th for Battleford to attend school this winter.

Brother and Sister Grundset left on the evening of the 8th. We are glad to learn of their safe arrival in their new field.

Eld. E. M. Chapman made a hurried trip to Minneapolis on business for the office and also secured a church school teacher for Bro. Ben Johnstone's school. The teacher will arrive on Monday, the 20th.

We understand that Wallace Pangman, who suffered the loss of his left arm in a threshing machine recently, is improving.

Almost every day the Harvest Ingathering fund is increased by the funds received at the office. Let us all remember that this is the best time of year to carry forward this line of the Master's work.

Brother Gulbrandson reports the enemy of souls to be working hard at Gimli. Let all remember this work and worker at the throne of grace. "Satan is enraged at the sound of fervent prayer, for he knows that he will suffer loss."

Brother Boettcher also visited the churches at Beausejour and Russel and reports many openings and calls for help. On his return to North Dakota he visited the Morden church. He plans to return to Russia in the near future, if possible, to continue the work in that part of the vineyard.

During the past week two men called at the office, one from Edmonton and the other just to leave for Toronto. Both purchased literature. We may not realize how far the message has gone or how quickly it may close. Are any of our friends, relatives or neighbors yet unwarned. Are we ready?

Elder Boettcher spoke three times in the Winnipeg English church recently. He has just returned from Russia, where he has labored as a missionary for about nine years. The many experiences related caused many present to realize anew the blessings of peace, liberty and freedom of speech. In that field we now have about seven thousand believers, and this in spite of the many difficulties to be met.

Manitoba is doing very well in the Harvest Ingathering work, but so far we have not reached our goal. We are still 546 papers short of the number ordered last year. However, we have sent in \$132.00, which is very encouraging. Have you tried yet? Don't forget that the small amounts count. If you are not so fortunate as Sister Cowan, who was reported in our last issue, remember God is counting on you for something, however small the sum. It is the willing service that He loves.

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HOME MISSIONARY AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S NOTES

I wish to heartily thank the several hundred of the brethren and sisters and young people and children who have responded so remarkably well in carefully filling out the information blanks sent them.

So many coming in at once makes it impossible to reply to all as promptly as I wish. I take pleasure in sending you the leaflets you select from the list sent you.

One letter from an isolated member is so interesting I quote: "We were so thankful for those papers. I am reading them from cover to cover and shall pass them on when finished with them. They seem to draw me nearer to the Master than ever. I will enclose postage on the papers. Many thanks for the *Review and Herald*. You will never know the good it has done me. If I can possibly send for it I certainly shall. I am sending to you what Harvest Ingathering money I have taken in (the first she had ever collected), and will enclose my tithe money which I have been saving for a good long time (the first tithe money she had paid). I am trying harder than ever to live a more Christian life. I hope to have all your prayers that

both myself and family may be found faithful."

Do you wonder that I enjoy this Home Missionary correspondence work? Such a letter as that more than repays me for all my feeble efforts.

I examine the blanks sent by the young people and children with great interest and note with pleasure the large number who wish to read the Bible through during 1917, and the large number taking the Reading Courses, and those taking the Standard of Attainment work.

E. R. POTTER.

INSPIRING EXAMPLES

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into his harvest."

This forcibly represents the real situation and the great need just now in the Ingathering harvest field.

One sister after returning from the harvest field with a \$70 sheaf said with enthusiasm, "The money is there just waiting for us."

The following is the beginning of our Harvest Ingathering report as collected so far this year:

Amount turned in before Oct. 1.....	\$ 97.89	
Vancouver—		
Union Street Church.....	\$68.23	
West Vancouver Church.....	44.45	112.68
Victoria—Sisters Vass and Carmichael.....		102.28
Kamloops, North Bend, Hope and way points—		
Sister M. E. Toombs.....		75.00
Nanaimo—Nanaimo Church.....		61.50
Powell River—Sister Smeed.....		25.00
Mission City—Brother Nicholson.....		15.00
Texada Island—Sister De Greek.....		6.00
Graham Island—Sister Edna Leary.....		5.00
Steveson—Brother Lawson.....		3.00
Okanagan Center—Sister Joslyn.....		1.75
Denman Island—Sister Robt. Swan.....		1.00

Total to date.....\$506.10

It will thus be seen that we are now starting on our second \$500, and who doubts that the Lord will enable us to raise the second \$500. We think of and pray for the churches and the many isolated members that we have not heard from yet.

One of the most inspiring examples is set by the church at Nanaimo. When they first talked over this work some suggested that there being so few members there now they could perhaps take 100 copies. One brother said he wanted 100 copies himself.

The spirit was catching, under the encouragement of Sister Jemson, and last night a message from Sister Jemson reports 350 papers distributed and \$61.50 collected, and orders 200 more papers.

One Sunday recently Bro. Burkman kindly took Bro. Giddings, Bro. Lawson and myself to Steveson in his auto, where we solicited from the Japanese people. In five hours the Lord helped us collect \$13. It has been my privilege to continue this work among the Japanese and Chinese people, and to date I have personally received \$29.15 from these people.

I would be glad to furnish valuable suggestions to anyone who can reach any of these people.

Will not the church officers and isolated members drop me a card frequently and report the amount received so far, so we can pray and rejoice together.

E. R. POTTER.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Statement of Funds Received During the Nine Months
Ending September 30, 1916

Church	Total	Tithe	20c.-a-Wk.	Home
Armstrong	\$202.06	\$189.75	\$ 9.61	\$ 2.70
Conference	673.79	476.95	186.99	9.85
Firvale	136.65	112.85	17.50	6.30
Grandview	917.80	629.42	238.38	50.00
Lumen	429.62	360.74	56.41	12.47
Manson (P.M.)....	283.39	205.21	45.47	32.71
Miscellaneous	1132.54	616.15	296.87	219.52
Mission City	31.35	22.15	9.20	....
Nanaimo	454.75	316.44	104.76	33.55
Nelson	322.05	263.69	58.36	....
Penticton	229.62	175.35	47.98	6.29
Silver Creek.....	282.79	165.43	107.36	10.00
Vancouver Churches:				
42nd Ave.	473.46	398.80	72.96	1.70
So. Vancouver ..	519.55	325.70	193.85	....
Union St.	797.15	670.61	126.54	....
W. Vancouver ..	434.04	302.40	126.02	5.62
Vernon	1561.95	1485.77	66.59	9.59
Victoria	154.80	130.22	24.58
	\$9037.36	\$6847.63	\$1739.43	\$400.30

(Signed) J. B. GIDDINGS, Treas.

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OPENING OF BATTLEFORD ACADEMY A
MEMORABLE DAY

The first year's work in the history of the Battleford Academy commenced Nov. 1. Appropriate opening exercises were held at nine-thirty with Professor Hughes in charge. It is a day that should be long remembered by our people in Saskatchewan. All over this province our people have toiled and sacrificed to make this day possible, which marks the beginning of our advanced educational effort.

The Battleford Academy Board and the Executive Committee held a joint meeting Oct. 30 and 31, at the school, and so these brethren were favored with the privilege of being present to unite their expressions of praise and thanksgiving with the teachers and students.

The enrolment, Nov. 1, was 18. Today, Nov. 14, we learn that there are about 45 in attendance. Quite a number are yet to come.

We praise God for the way in which He has led out in the establishing of this educational institution for the training of our young people. Let us earnestly pray that this school will prove all that it ought in preparing men and women for the fields that are calling for consecrated soul-winners. It is desired that this school shall give to all who enter it a broader view of life's duties, whatever their occupation or calling may be.

May all the fathers and mothers who have children old enough to send away to school, do their utmost in giving their sons and daughters a training in one of our schools, where they can receive a Christian education. This will be a mighty aid in enabling them to

shield themselves from the many deceptions that are lurking everywhere to entrap the souls of men.

The teachers in the Battleford Academy are consecrated to God, and are determined to do all they can to educate, encourage and strengthen those placed under their charge. Pray often for the success of the Battleford Academy.

A. C. GILBERT.

REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT,
SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE,

For Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1916

Name	Memb.	Regular.	14th Sab.	Total
Battleford Academy.....	15	\$41.80	\$22.50	\$64.30
Beaver Creek.....	45	47.72	16.20	63.92
Carlton	25	52.42	16.55	68.97
Dundurn	28	43.44	27.20	70.64
East Regina.....	37	19.65	34.30	53.95
Penwood.....	14	19.60	8.15	27.75
Fox Valley.....	70	40.00	20.65	60.65
Hanley	21	61.00	51.95	112.95
Happyland (No report)				
Hillesden	15	18.20	6.65	24.85
Langham	14	9.26	7.90	17.16
Macrorie	32	72.30	87.10	159.40
McGee	6	5.15	1.40	6.55
McLean	14	24.42	18.40	42.82
Prince	13	42.90	17.00	59.90
Queen Centre.....	32	25.60	17.45	43.05
Regina	22	27.06	11.90	38.96
Rouleau	37	36.09	7.66	43.75
Rosthern	12	13.50	17.15	30.65
Saskatoon	12	23.75	4.90	28.67
Sonningdale	22	38.36	10.00	48.36
Sunset	20	12.05	12.25	24.30
Surbiton	18	26.80	12.35	39.15
Swift Current.....	17	2.60	4.20	6.80
Tugaske	25	35.05	4.05	39.10
Waldheim	55	18.68	26.55	45.23
Provincial Home Dept.....	180	298.30	130.25	428.55
Camp-meeting .....	..	237.41	...	237.41
Totals: 26 schools.....	801	\$1293.13	\$594.66	\$1887.79

This report surely breaks all previous records for our conference, and indeed should make us feel encouraged. When we compare it with the third quarter of 1915, the gain is really splendid, as is seen by the following figures:

Offering for third quarter of 1916..\$1887.79

Offering for third quarter of 1915.. 1212.36

Gain.....\$675.43

Surely you will all be happy because of this splendid gain. And is not that a fine 14th Sabbath offering? Almost \$600 on one Sabbath.

I would also call your attention to the goodly sum given by our faithful Home Department members. It seems to us that \$428 is indeed a good offering from this department.

May the Lord richly add His blessing to these splendid offerings to the good of His cause in foreign lands.

Another item I would mention in this connection is the faithfulness of our secretaries in reporting. Their promptness and interest in this matter has been a great help and is highly appreciated.

We expect to add some new schools to our list in our next report. One of them, which bids fair to be one to be depended on, has been organized at Canora, where Brother Clemensen has been laboring. Another one is at Loreburn. We understand there are two or three schools which have been organized in the province

and will probably have more definite information from them later.

And so the work is growing, thank the Lord. Of course as our membership increases our offerings should also do the same, should they not?

May the Lord continue to add His blessing to His cause and people.

MRS. A. C. GILBERT,
Secy. S.S. Department.

APPOINTMENTS FOR WEEK OF PRAYER

The Week of Prayer—December 2 to 9—will soon be here. This is a good period for all our people, and they look forward to it with joy. It is a time that brings light, and peace, and power to those who earnestly seek for the blessings God has in store for His children.

It is sincerely hoped that all our brethren and sisters in Saskatchewan will so arrange their work that they can take full advantage of this season for special prayer and study. The times in which we live are so solemn, and certainly demand of us a deeper consecration to the work of the Lord, and also a fuller knowledge of the Divine will.

The following appointments for the Week of Prayer were arranged by the Conference Executive Committee: H. W. Clark, Prince; W. G. Forshaw, Carlton; John Neufeld, Langham; T. T. Babienico, Radisson; M. Mackintosh, Regina; Henry Berg, Queen Centre; D. D. Neufeld, Fox Valley and Prussia; Oscar Meilicke, Tugaskie and Loreburn; O. O. Farnsworth, Dundurn and Sunset; C. Sulzle, Waldheim, Fenwood; O. Ziprick, Waldheim, Rosthern; W. A. Clemensen, Canora; C. B. Hughes, Battleford; Theo. Diminyatz, Rouleau; W. G. McCready, Moose Jaw and Swift Current; J. V. Maas, Macrorie and Surbiton; Ilija Belu, Early Grey and East Regina; A. C. Gilbert, McLean and Hillesden; U. Wissner, Saskatoon.

It was a difficult matter to fill all the places with so few workers as we have in our conference, but we did the best we could under the circumstances. We are sure that all our people will co-operate with those sent to take charge at the places mentioned above.

A letter has been sent to the Sabbath-keepers in Saskatchewan giving more detailed information regarding the Week of Prayer and the Readings appointed for this period. However, should any not get this letter, and find themselves without a copy of the Readings, please send to the office for one. It is free. You can not afford to miss these good Readings arranged for each day during the Week of Prayer.

A. C. GILBERT.

A NEW INSTITUTION LAUNCHED

According to our announcement, we opened our school on the first day of November. Circumstances which were beyond our power to control made it impossible to have the main building in complete readiness for our occupation, so we were very glad that there are many other buildings around the grounds which we could use for a few days until all is ready to move into our new Academy building. Comfortable dormitory and chapel rooms have been fitted up, and we have been getting hold of our school work in real earnest. All have taken up their part of the work with an excellent spirit.

We did not expect a large attendance at the opening

on account of the delay in threshing, but our expectations have been exceeded. The first day 18 were present, and 30 enrolled the first week. At the end of the first two weeks our enrollment is 38 in the English department, 6 in the Russian, and 6 in the primary. More are coming right along, and we look for our attendance to grow considerably larger yet.

We have organized classes in all the grades from 7 to 10. All grades are well filled, but our heaviest grade is the 7th.

Our faculty as organized since the opening of school is:—

C. B. Hughes, Principal, Science.

Mrs. C. B. Hughes, Preceptress and Matron, Domestic Science.

Claude Degering, Preceptor, English.

Eld. J. V. Maas, Bible.

H. W. Clark, History, Mathematics.

Mrs. H. W. Clark, Music.

Mrs. T. T. Babienico, Russian Department, German.

Chas. Sissons, Primary Teacher, Accountant.

The new chimney is now done, the electric lights are in, and the steam heating plant is about completed. The third floor is ready for occupancy and the others will soon be ready. We have reason to believe that we shall have a very profitable school year, both in mental and in practical lines. We are glad to see this new, comfortable school building nearing the place where we can fill it with earnest, consecrated young people. Surely this school should be a memorial to the people of Saskatchewan of the goodness of God. As he has opened the way whereby we can give our youth a Christian education, we hope that all our people may do all in their power to keep it full of the best talent the conference can produce, that many workers may be fitted for a place in the work.

H. W. CLARK.

NEWS ITEMS

Sister Wm. Rowse, from Hanley, spent a few days with her daughter, Sister Forshaw, of this city.

We were pleased to receive a call from Sister Dukes, of McGee. She was in the city with her sons, Hiram and Fred, who are going to the Academy.

At the recent meeting of the Conference Committee it was voted to ask Brother Akre from North Wisconsin to connect with the work in this conference. We are sure this will be good news to our Scandinavian brethren, who have been waiting for a minister who could speak their languages.

We trust that those of our brethren and sisters who do not have a copy of the Review containing the Week of Prayer Readings will write for it, so as to have it in good time. We feel that this week will bring many blessings to God's people, and none can afford to miss the splendid readings that have been prepared for this time.

The enrollment of the Battleford Academy is increasing steadily. Sister Hulda Hoehn, who has finished the delivery of her books, spent last Sabbath in Saskatoon, going on to Battleford on Sunday. Brother John Bodrug, from Macrorie, also stopped here on his way to school; and Brother Wm. Smith, Surbiton, is in the city at present and will leave for the Academy in a few days.

The beautiful weather we are having at present will be welcomed by our brethren and sisters who are engaged in the Harvest Ingathering work. We are encouraged by the good reports which we receive from those who have entered this campaign. One sister who is having her first experience in this work wrote us that she received \$4.00 for the first seven papers she distributed. Orders for the Signs keep coming in. We do appreciate the willingness of our people to help in this work, and know that their efforts will be richly rewarded.

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F. L. HOMMEL - - - - - Editor

Elder C. F. McVagh and Elder J. G. Walker met at Banff, Alberta, recently, for council regarding the work in British Columbia.

The work of the Harvest Ingathering campaign is still going forward splendidly in British Columbia. Over \$500 has already been received by the workers, and the campaign has only fairly started.

Sister J. M. Rowse left Calgary several days ago for Saskatoon, where she, together with Sister H. S. Shaw, will spend some time with Elder and Sister Gilbert. Brother Rowse is still holding the fort in Calgary.

A few words just received from Brother Soper, secretary of the Manitoba Conference, reveals the fact that Brother Soper is getting hold of the work nicely in his field and looks forward to the association with the brethren in that conference with a great deal of pleasure. We wish the special blessing of God to attend our brother in his new duties.

Those desiring some cheap literature should write to their Tract Society at once. The *Watchman* publishers have a quantity of back numbers which they will sell for one dollar per hundred, postpaid. This is a splendid opportunity to get some good literature for free distribution.

We take the following from a recent letter from Brother Wissner: "As to the amount of papers ordered for this province in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, we have now ordered, up to date, about as many English as we ordered English and foreign papers last year, besides this we must have close to 1400 papers, which would be about the amount we are above our number of papers taken last year." Saskatchewan was the only field in the Union last year that made their quota in this campaign. It will be seen that this field plans to do full work this year also.

A few words have been received from Brother B. L. Grundset, from his new field of labor in Minnesota, in which he states that he is enjoying his work in the new field and wishes to be remembered to his many friends in Western Canada. The Union is sorry to lose so valuable a worker. We wish for Brother and Sister Grundset the special blessings of God as they take up their duties in our sister conference.

The reports from Battleford and Alberta Academies are most encouraging. Both institutions have had a large number enrolled for so early in the year. This reveals how much the parents in the Union appreciate the value of having their children obtain a Christian education. The prayers of all of God's people will

ascend in behalf of the workers and students of these two institutions. It is the aim of each faculty to train these young people that they may be used of God in giving the last message to the world.

At a recent meeting of the Alberta Conference Committee it was decided to make the week of December 2 to 9 a week of work as well as prayer. Workers will be visiting various churches and giving such help as they can. It is planned during this week to do some active work in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. With every member working and praying, results will be attained that heretofore have not been known. The Lord has blessings in store for His people, and they can be had for the asking.

We call the attention of our readers to the reduction in the rates of the *Signs of the Times Weekly*, which is as follows:

"Single subscription, one year, \$1.00; six months, 60c. Clubs of five or more, one year, 80c. each; five or more, six months, 45c. each. Five or more, three months, 25c. each. Lists—Five or more to separate addresses, one year, 85c. each; five or more, six months, 50c. each; five or more, three months, 30c. each. Single subscription, one year, with premium book, "Questions and Answers, \$1.50. All singles and clubs now on mailing list will have time extended proportionately to the amount due.

Special offer: The remainder of this year, together with the full 50 issues of 1917, at the prices quoted."

These low rates should be taken advantage of by all. The paper will still maintain its high standard and the editors assure us that their forthcoming numbers will be full of live, useful articles.

NOTICE TO SABBATH SCHOOL WORKERS

All who have satisfactorily completed the study of any part or all of the studies of the present series of the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course are entitled to a certificate. Only three requirements are necessary:

1. Send your name and address to your Conference Sabbath School secretary.

2. State whether or not you have completed the three studies included in the Course. If you have not taken all the studies, name those which you have taken. The three studies are as follows:

"The Seven Laws of Teaching."

"Testimonies on Sabbath School Work."

Training Course Articles in the *Sabbath School Worker*.

3. Write a short paragraph setting forth the points on each study which have been of greatest help to you.

The certificate is issued in Washington, and the above information must be sent to the General Conference Sabbath School secretary that the certificate may properly be made out.

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