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OUR ANNUAL OFFERING

According to appointment, our Annual Offering for the year 1916 is to be taken on Sabbath, December 9. Heretofore the Mission Board has looked forward to this final special ingathering for missions with considerable anxiety. This year we are more than anxious that there shall be a very liberal contribution, in order that all of our plans for the work may be more nearly carried out.

Never before have we had so many new workers departing from North America for the foreign field as during the year now closing. Never before have we had so many touching and urgent appeals for additional laborers to be sent forth into the fields now white ready for the harvest. Never before have our forces in the foreign fields been so well organized for the directing of a large and great work as at present. New workers and additional facilities call for more generous donations from our people in the home land. Our work can move forward only as the means are provided.

In view of these many calls from fields now white for the harvest, we appeal to our brethren everywhere for a most generous offering to foreign missions on December 9.

W. T. KNOX, Treasurer.

DEDICATION AT IRVINE

Sabbath and Sunday, November 25th and 26th, was a joyous time for the church near Irvine, Alberta, and the Sabbath-keepers in all that vicinity. By self-sacrifice and earnest effort a neat church building, costing about \$1,500.00 had been completed, and the Irvine brethren had invited the officers of the Alberta Conference and the Western Canadian Union Conference, together with their friends and neighbors to come and join with them in dedicating the house to God.

In building, the brethren showed their confidence in our educational work by providing a light, convenient room for the church-school. About 150 people attended the services. Some coming from a distance of from forty to sixty miles. All were hospitably entertained in the homes of the nearby Sabbath-keepers. Some of the visitors were from Walsh, Fox Valley and Thema. The Conference laborers present were Elder H. H. Humann, Elder C. K. Reiswig, F. L. Hommel, Miss Beardsley, and the writer.

Three services were held, one Sabbath and two Sunday. At the last service, after appropriate remarks by the laborers present, on the meaning of such a service, drawing lessons from the dedication of Solomon's

temple and emphasizing the importance of having the Law of God written in our hearts and by personal dedication of our lives and all we have and are, to service, Elder Humann led in prayer, solemnly dedicating the house to the service and worship of God. After this a number of witnesses testified to the blessing of God and reconsecrated themselves to the message for the finishing of the work. It was indeed a solemn and joyous occasion, the influence of which will reach into eternity.

The offering taken amounted to over \$200.00, and the house was dedicated free from debt. I greatly enjoyed my visit with these dear conscientious brethren in the Third Angel's Message.

C. F. McVAGH.

THE HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

We have rapidly passed by another year and are face to face with another call to do service for God, and that in no ordinary way. That we are constantly evidencing a greater activity is seen on every hand, but it is also true that world conditions are developing at such a rapid rate and the sun of earth's probation is so rapidly setting in the western sky that we must still double our diligence, our activities. We are greatly rejoiced at what is being done throughout the field in preparation for a record-breaking Harvest Ingathering offering. For several years our goal has been one hundred thousand dollars, but we have come a long way short of this. We can and we must reach it this year, and we firmly believe we shall.

The Pacific Press Publishing Association has prepared a splendid paper. The cover design represents a mighty appeal. The subject matter is all that could be asked for. With the need so great, and millions upon millions in heathen darkness without hope and without God in the world, every soul should be stirred to its deepest depths, and a willingness to share with our brothers in need should be clearly manifest. If ever it were true, it is true now that our money means the salvation of souls. We have a large army at the front, and still more going, and many more must go. We are behind on our twenty-cents-a-week over \$139,000 and the burden is great. Here is an opportunity for every loyal heart to lift and at the same time bring a knowledge of what God is doing in all the earth to our friends and neighbors.

We are confident that if all our people would take this to heart seriously and consecrate their time and talents to God, we could raise the amount of our goal, one hundred thousand dollars, in one day. We like the individual goal of at least \$5.00. Unmistakeable

evidences point to the nearness of the end. Now is the time to work. Soon the night cometh when no man can work.

We trust and earnestly pray that God will lay this burden upon every believer. That each will repair to the work and under the guidance and blessing of God to do his best. F. W. PAAP.

OUR COLPORTEURS GOSPEL WORKERS

Our colporteur work has become so well established among us that no right-minded Seventh-day Adventist questions its utility as a divine agency for reaching the millions of earth's inhabitants with the message.

Much instruction has come to us through the servant of the Lord concerning this work: who should engage in it, and how it should be conducted. It is said that rightly conducted "it is missionary work of the highest order," and that "it is ordained of God as a means of reaching many that otherwise would never be impressed with the truth." It is therefore to be conducted "from a missionary standpoint," and never as a commercial enterprise. It is an evangelizing agency, and none should have a part in it whose hands are defiled with sin and whose hearts are not right with God, but only those who have a deep love for souls, and are willing to engage in a self-sacrificing work in order to reach them.

To such as enter the work with the right motive, heavenly angels, though unseen by mortal eye, become their helpers and companions. The work is of heavenly origin, and consequently the heavenly intelligencies are intensely interested in its success.

We cannot explain the marvelous growth and prosperity of this department of our work on any other basis than that it is God's work. Many are the souls rejoicing in the light of present truth through the efforts of the godly colporteur, and though he may not have the joy of meeting them personally and see the fruit of his labor in this life, he will, if faithful, ultimately enter into the fullness of that joy in the Kingdom of God.

In the *Review* of November 5, 1914, Sister White penned these significant words, "The success attending the efforts of ministers in the field is due in a great degree to the influence of the reading matter which has enlightened the minds of the people and removed prejudice." This is in harmony with the words of the Saviour in John 4: 36-38: "And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, 'One soweth and another reapeth. I sent you to reap, that whereon ye bestowed no labour: another man laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.'"

Thus the minister and the colporteur are co-partners in the work with God, who, after all, must give the increase, and when the work is finished will rejoice together. W. W. EASTMAN.

REVIEW WEEK

Every reader of this periodical will be interested to know what is meant by the above title. We hope December 16-23 will be a memorable date in the minds of thousands of advent believers. Why? Because on this date their subscription will begin for our church paper, the good old *Review*.

We are not satisfied with our present subscription list. We desire that every Sabbath-keeping family shall enjoy the rich spiritual repast provided in the columns of the *Review and Herald*. We have received hundreds of letters from *Review* readers who, without exception, declare they could not get along without this faithful minister, this pastor of the flock. Now, we fully indorse this statement, and agree that one must be a subscriber to the denominational voice in order to keep pace with the message.

We are hoping that every *Review* reader will do something to increase the subscription list. Ten thousand more than are now taking it should do so. Are you one of this number? If you are a subscriber will you not put forth an earnest effort to secure a new subscription to the present list? We are counting on you. Old price till January first. F. W. PAAP.

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MEETING OUR PLEDGES

It is earnestly hoped that all our people in Saskatchewan will soon be able to meet their pledges to the school and also to home and foreign missions. We have been anxiously waiting for the threshing to be done, and now that this is about completed, we sincerely trust that all will be able to send in the money that is so urgently needed for the school just now.

We must complete the work at the school, and the only way it can be done, is first to secure the money. If those who have promised money for this purpose will be able to send it in soon, then we can go right on. The school is going to have a large attendance even this year, and we must be prepared to take care of those who come.

So, brethren and sisters, may we not depend on you to come to our help at this time? Perhaps there are those in this field who have not given any to the school that would like to send in a good-sized offering for this purpose. There will be no objection to this act. It may be that some would like to add to their offering already made to the school. If so, there will be no opposition to receiving it.

We are truly glad for the generous support that our faithful brethren and sisters in Saskatchewan have given the cause, both at home and abroad. God will abundantly reward these sacrifices made for Him.

A. C. GILBERT.

COME TO BATTLEFORD ACADEMY

Do not stay at home because you could not get to school at the beginning of the year. It is better to come at the first, but it is a good deal better to come late than not to come at all. If you can possibly plan to get in even a few weeks or months, do not pass the chance by. We want you to come and stay until the close of the school year, but if this is impossible, we would like to see you here for even a short time. Every opportunity that you can gain to improve your talents will be worth your efforts. A little added

knowledge of the practical subjects you can get in school will give you a better chance to carry on the line of work you desire to engage in, and will give you a deeper insight into the problems of life. If you can get a good education, do so. If you cannot get much, get all you can. It will be worth your while.

H. W. CLARK.

VALUE OF A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In the book *Education*, page 13, there is a paragraph that quite fully sets forth the value of a Christian education. I would like to notice a few of the thoughts there expressed and see what foundation we have for the efforts we make to get our people interested in our school work.

"True education means more than the perusal of a certain course of study." If it did not, there would be but little except the Bible subjects to give our schools an advantage. But in reality the subjects studied are far from being the most important part of an education. The character and aims of the teachers, the ideals and purposes they constantly hold before their pupils, and the kind of class-room instruction they give, have more to do in molding the young hearts and minds than all the books they could read and study. I had rather learn one page in history from a teacher who sees it in its proper relation to God's eternal purpose, than study a whole volume from one who sees in it only the rise and fall of nations and the struggle for power. This is only one illustration. In all lines of study we find the same difference in the plan and purpose of the teaching.

"It (true education) means more than a preparation for the life that now is." The schools of the world prepare only for the present. That is their purpose; and as far as that goes, they are a very efficient instrument to that end. But we must look farther. If any are not sure that it is worth the cost to attend a Christian school, let me ask you, "Are you willing and satisfied to prepare for this life only?" Parents, are you willing to prepare your children for this life only, with the world events now pointing to the end of all things? And "as the twig is inclined, so the tree is bent." If the heart and mind are filled with plans and thoughts for the present, I care not how good morally the instruction may be, the future will be forgotten until the crisis has passed and the unwary are swept away in the great delusion, only to awaken when it is too late.

"It (true education) has to do with the whole being." The truth of this statement is one of the strongest reasons why the youth and children should have a Christian education. If arithmetic and grammar and science were all that is necessary, these could be gained in other schools. But in these schools the youth meet with the infidelity and higher criticism that fills the world. And do you think they can pass through such influences without being molded by them? It is impossible. Silently and unobserved, the daily contact with other youth and with instructors who view everything from a worldly standpoint, fills the mind with such ideas. The purpose and calling of the Christian life is dimmed and many times lost. The grand message for our time loses its wonderful significance, and trifling matters occupy the attention. To prevent this is the great purpose of our schools.

The aim of all our school work is to develop young people into well-balanced, polished, capable men and women, who can take their place in the work of the world, and intelligently fulfill their duty to God and man. They are constantly encouraged to fit themselves for service in the last message of warning to this world. Their energies and ambitions are molded with the idea of developing body, mind and spirit to their highest usefulness. The associations of students and teachers together are guided and controlled so as to give experience in dealing with others. At the critical period of life the thoughts are turned into right channels, and the life work of service is chosen.

One who has such a training has an opportunity for becoming a blessing in this life and partaking of the life that is to come, that is rarely enjoyed by those who are trained in schools which fail to give this most important of all studies, the study of God's eternal purpose for the human race. Far from being narrow in its scope, a Christian education is the broadest of all.

H. W. CLARK.

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NELSON

Building a church, and also a church building, have so occupied our time and attention during the past weeks that we have neglected to report through the *Tidings*.

Just six weeks ago we began work upon the cement foundation of a 27x52 church, and church-school building. It is at present ready for the plasterers, and we plan to have it ready to dedicate in December.

We have experienced much of the blessing of the Lord, as we have been engaged in this work; and have had many tokens of His divine guidance and providence in the selection of a lot, in the raising of a building fund; and in the many circumstances that have attended the erection of the building. This encourages us to believe that we are moving in harmony with His will, and also to press forward with renewed courage and zeal.

Seven were added to our church last month by baptism, and one upon profession of faith. Brother George Toombs, who is connected with us in Bible work, is enjoying his labor in this field, and the Lord is blessing his labors.

We wish to call the attention of those living in the vicinity of Nelson to the church Institute to be held here December 19-24. Accommodations will be provided those who come. Address the writer as soon as you know definitely what day you will arrive.

Owing to the fact that we canvassed so thoroughly the Nelson district in raising our building fund, we postponed our Harvest Ingathering effort; but this week our full force will give their attention to this important work. Mrs. Wood will accompany me to Trail and Rossland Tuesday, taking with us 150 "Ingathering" Signs. We will report later our experiences and success.

C. E. WOOD.

THE HOME SABBATH SCHOOL

The following is a letter sent in from one of our family Sabbath-schools. I greatly enjoyed it and felt that other like schools might find inspiration from it, hence I am sending it for publication. I trust the writer will pardon my use of it thus.

"Dear Sister Jemson,—Enclosed find our report for the quarter ending Sept. 30th. You won't find my report very good. I don't know how to make reports, but mother says it will do for a little girl. I'd like to go to a big Sabbath-school, I never have yet. It must be nice. Is there a big one at Nanaimo where you are? We are trying to be good so we can live with Jesus when He comes, but we don't always be good, though. Will you please to pray for me and my little brothers a whole lot? Yes, mother says her, too. With love,

I'm one of God's children,
_____,"

The following is the minutes of their little Sabbath-school on the fourteenth Sabbath of last quarter:

"Sabbath-school opened as usual at 2.30. After singing, reading, prayer and singing again, — gave us a short discourse on last Sabbath's lesson. His understanding is improving. We being all present, the superintendent heard the review, each one taking a lesson in turn and telling all we could about it, then repeating the memory verse and where it is found, till all the thirteen lessons had been reviewed. Then we sang, "Oh, to the rock that is higher than I." (506). Next we repeated the books of the Old Testament, then the Ten Commandments. Then we had prayer and singing and listened to a reading on the lesson from "Acts of the Apostles," which was very interesting, at least H— and E— and I enjoyed it. The Quarter's report I am sending you. After reading it, we sang and closed the Sabbath-school, taking God's blessing with us.

"P.S.—About the collection for the Sabbath-school and the one for the 13th Sabbath offering. On Sundays we put the offering away for the following Sabbath; also the 13th Sabbath offering. We had an even 20c per member for the fourteen Sabbaths and 15c per member for the 14th Sabbath offering."

With great care did this little secretary make out and send in a report of their attendance each Sabbath for the full quarter, showing membership, attendance, visitors, absentees, tardiness, regular offerings and what was put aside each week for the 13th Sabbath offering. This little family, who is having a struggle in life, the mother being a widow, has faithfully, Sabbath by Sabbath, come before the Lord to worship Him with praise and offering. They have two neighbor children meeting with them.

If all in our church, isolated Sabbath-schools and homes who are more able to give than this family, and indeed those no more so, followed the same plan as they, in systematic giving, how our regular offerings would increase and our 13th Sabbath offerings multiply. I look for faithful workers for the Lord from this little flock.

MRS. SADIE McN. JEMSON.

AN APPEAL

As it is necessary for the conference records to close for the year on the 20th of December I would urgently remind all individuals and church officers to be sure that all Harvest Ingathering funds on hand be sent to the office at once. None need stop working on the Harvest Ingathering, however, and let us see that all our papers are distributed before the close of the year.

December is the month to renew or subscribe for our good papers.

This is the last month in which to subscribe for the *Review and Herald* at the \$2.00 rate. The study on Bible Doctrines during 1917 will be of great value.

The *Signs of the Times* paper being reduced to one dollar per year and coming in clubs of five or more at special rates, I would urge all members and churches to earnestly consider taking a club for missionary work.

Sister Edna Leary, of Hyda, Queen Charlotte Islands, writes that she has already saved \$11.00 to invest in the Present Truth Series.

This will give 44 individuals a whole year's subscription to this message filled paper. Who wishes to follow her splendid example?

She would like to correspond with any one having papers or magazines or tracts to send to individuals in that north country.

She offers to pay the postage if necessary.

I shall be glad to furnish names of interested individuals to whom the *Signs* or Present Truth Series may be sent or any funds sent in for this work will be especially appreciated just now. E. R. POTTER.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Many years ago I learned the books of the Bible in a way that has ever stayed in my mind. I would like to pass this on to all our Sabbath-schools and to every Seventh-day Adventist who may not have it.

Books of the Old Testament... 39

Books of the New Testament... 27 (3x9)

Total..... 66

OLD TESTAMENT DIVISION

The Pentateuch.—5 books: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.

Historical.—12 books: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1st and 2nd Samuel, 1st and 2nd Kings, 1st and 2nd Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther.

Poetical.—5 books: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Songs of Solomon.

Major Prophets.—5 books: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel.

Minor Prophets.—12 books: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi.

NEW TESTAMENT DIVISION

Narratives.—4 books: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Historical.—1 book: Acts.

Pauline Epistles.—14 books: Romans, 1st and 2nd Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Phillipians, Colossians, 1st and 2nd Thessalonians, 1st and 2nd Timothy, Titus, Philemon and Hebrews.

General Epistles.—7 books: James, 1st and 2nd Peter, 1st and 2nd and 3rd John, Jude.

Prophecy.—1 book: Revelation.

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FAITHFULNESS

We shall soon be bidding adieu to the year 1916 with all its joys and sorrows, its hopes and fears, its victories and failures. The past is beyond recall and only the present is ours. What shall we make it? There is a great work for us to do as a people and a short time in which to do it. How are we improving our present opportunities for service? Should we not fill these few remaining hours with earnest and persevering effort?

Manitoba has done well in all funds this year, excepting the tithe, which unless we double our efforts, will fall short of what we usually receive. It may be, dear reader, that you have given your tenth which belongs to the Lord; if so, you have done your duty, but if not, I trust you will not rest until you perform your known duty. In lifting a heavy load which requires a number of hands, if some take hold but do not lift, then the rest are obliged to do their share and enough more to make up for the ones who do not lift, or let the burden fall.

I realize this has been a hard year in many ways, but we shall see more difficult times before Jesus comes. We are now in the testing time. Brethren, let us not be found wanting. As the Sabbath is holy time, so one-tenth of our income is holy unto the Lord.
E. M. CHAPMAN.

NEWS ITEMS FROM MANITOBA

We are pleased to learn that the church-school at Bro. B. Johnson's is moving along nicely.

We would like to have all missionary reports in and all pledges paid before the end of the year.

Elder E. M. Chapman spent a short time at Grandview in council with Elder and Sister Robb over the work there. The meetings are still well attended and a good interest is manifest.

If there are any Sabbath-keepers in Manitoba who do not receive letters from Eld. Chapman, he would be pleased to have their names and addresses. If you do not hear from him, it is because he does not have your address.

Bro. McGee reports from Rainy River, Ont., an interest among the people of that vicinity to hear the Message. A few are keeping the Sabbath. He finds this a good field for the canvasser. Bro. Frank Finch, who lives there, is faithfully scattering literature.

Elder Chapman called at Arden on his way back from Grandview, and is pleased to report Bro. McCreery's family still of good courage and busily engaged in faithful home missionary work. The mother, along with other work, gives the children regular school work and music. It rejoices our hearts to find these dear isolated people so faithful and earnest. I wonder how this example compares with that of those who enjoy church privileges every Sabbath.

"I saw one weary, sad and torn,

With eager steps press on the way,
Who long the hallowed cross had borne,

Still looking for the promised day;

While many a line of grief and care,

Upon his brow was furrowed there:

I asked what buoyed his spirits up,

'O this!' said he—'the blessed hope.'"

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ALBERTA ACADEMY

A further line from us in regard to our school and school work will, I believe, be appreciated by our parents and friends. As we write this we are reminded that one month and more of our school year is in the past. So far, our school days have been busy days and the grind of work makes the time go very rapidly.

This is the Week of Prayer and it is hoped that we shall enjoy rich blessings in this season. Elder McVagh will be with us the first part of the week to lead out in the work.

Since we last reported we have had several enroll with us, so that our school now numbers 165. Those who enrolled recently are: Edwin Leiske, Eddy Humann, Emmanuel Humann, Clarence Dunker, Henry Humann, Chas. Schafer, G. F. Ojala, Lee Siler, Rudolph Christianson, Julius Christianson, Henry Christianson, Wilfred VanBuskirk, Lilly VanBuskirk, Margaret Pangman, Ethel Kitto, Jessie Kitto, Theodore Wick, Mathias Wick, Bertha Reisky, Albert Zweigle, Lydia Zweigle, J. B. Hamren, Etta Long, Samuel Huther, Orlo Mabley, Fred Steeves, Henry Voelker.

Thus far our enrollment is heavier than it was last year. It might be of interest to know that in 1915 our enrollment was 162 on December 8th. This year it is 165 on December 1st. Of course, we recognize that numbers do not make a school a success, though it may be one feature of a successful school. Our success can be measured by the intellectual and spiritual accomplishments which we experience.

We hope that this year will be the brightest in our school's progress and to this end we shall earnestly work and pray.

E. D. DICK.

LET EVERY MAN BORROW OF HIS NEIGHBOR

"Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbor and every woman of her neighbor, jewels of silver and jewels of gold." And the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. This was a wonderful condition. Israel was about to leave Egypt forever and one more effort was to be put forth for the Egyptians. This was by way of an Ingathering and every man and every woman was to have a part in this Ingathering. This, no doubt, was a big missionary effort and the results were good because it was the last effort. These Egyptians saw the earnestness and the haste the people of God put into the effort. They could not help but question what it all meant, which resulted in the salvation of many, so that when the Israelites left Egypt they took with them many of the Egyptians, besides enough silver and gold to complete the sanctuary service which was to prepare the people for entering into the promised land.

How similar are conditions today! The work of the Third Angel's Message is closing. The generation the Lord has given His people in which to finish the work is fast closing. What call has the Lord made? Let every man receive of his neighbor and every woman of her neighbor silver and gold. How glad I am to find that many of our brethren and sisters in Alberta are alive to the situation. As I have met with the different companies over the conference I find the brethren and sisters' chief conversation is the Ingathering, and this is as it should be until this work is done. I went to one place expecting to give the brethren and sisters some instruction and encouragement. Before I had time to take the matter up one brother said, "We have started and are going away beyond our expectations." I met with the Calgary church and they had gone away beyond the goal they had set and are determined to continue until every man and woman is given a chance to help finish the work.

In Edmonton I found that everybody is alive to the situation, but not quite as far ahead as Calgary, although they are at work and the Lord is blessing them and everyone else who is doing their part. "They helped everyone his neighbor and everyone said to his brother, *be of good courage*. So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith and he that smoothed with the hammer, him that smote the anvil, saying, *It is ready* for the soldering, and he fastened it with nails that it should not be moved." (Isa. 41:6-7).

Many, who at the beginning thought they could do nothing, are today among the most active. The blessing to the persons thus engaged is so much greater than the sacrifice made. When they meet in Sabbath service they can sing, "Anywhere, dear Saviour," as a new song that has been put in their mouths. If there are those who have not taken hold of this work, my advice would be, don't put it off another day. "The King's business requires haste." It will help you to sing, "I am a child of the King." The Lord alone knows what the result of this effort will be to the missionary fields abroad and at home, and let everyone see to it that no soul suffers because we neglected to do our part. May the Lord help us to be faithful until Jesus comes.

J. L. WILSON.

REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF ALBERTA CONFERENCE

For Quarter Ending September 30, 1916

Name.	Memb.	Twelve	Thirteen	Total.
		Sabbaths.	Sabbaths.	
Acme	43	\$ 12.00	\$ 2.83	\$ 14.83
Beiseker	32	18.00	1.15	19.15
Boyer Lake	14	.60	2.40	3.00
Burnt Lake	8	11.85	2.00	13.85
Brooks	13	23.30	12.40	35.70
Calgary, No. 1	39	29.38	26.20	55.78
Calgary, No. 2	22	10.50	11.00	21.50
Claresholm	23	14.95	3.20	18.15
Clemens	20	20.30	3.55	23.85
Clive	32	30.05	9.80	39.85
Coronation (no financial report)	50			
Castor (no report)				
Didsbury	24	19.30	2.75	22.05
Edmonton, South	43	38.01	7.55	45.56
Edmonton	12	7.40	....	7.40
Granum	35	83.00	10.95	93.95
Gadsby	16	25.85	10.50	36.35
Gadsby, No. 2	25	17.86	....	17.86

Harmattan	20	11.70	3.05	14.75
Hanna	36	14.13	....	14.13
Hawkesdale	11	30.00	6.40	36.40
Josephburg (no financial report)	20			
Leduc	20	15.15	2.70	17.85
Lockhard	13	7.00	1.10	8.10
Loyalist	54	47.75	9.60	57.35
Leduc—German (no financial report)	42			
Lacombe	90	45.93	18.80	64.73
Lewisville	12	8.33	3.15	11.48
Markerville	7	4.55	1.00	5.55
Manville	11	11.20	4.80	16.00
Midnapore	36	30.96	20.24	51.20
Neapolis	8	12.46	19.35	31.81
Olds	12	9.80	2.25	12.05
Ohaton	9	60.10	....	60.10
Rosebud	131	68.20	18.20	86.40
Retlaw	10	13.90	3.00	16.90
Stevenville	14	11.05	3.70	14.75
Sedgewick	3	3.40	1.25	4.65
Staveland	15	23.75	10.00	33.75
Trochu	6	12.95	....	12.95
Thelma	28	6.25	1.00	7.25
Travers	8	....	....	....
Vermilion	23	20.45	1.30	21.75
Winnifred	35	29.11	21.15	50.26
Woodbend	24	12.11	2.00	14.11
Bismark	26	13.10	4.40	17.50
Ponoka	22	21.70	....	21.70
Loyalist, No. 2	50	80.40	6.00	86.40
Walsh	24	....	....	....
Home Department	119	111.03	....	111.03
Conference .....	...	476.84	....	476.84
Camp-meeting .....	...	373.61	....	373.61

Totals (49) 1,353 \$1,986.46 \$270.72 \$2,257.18

We would like to draw the attention of our church-elders, superintendents and secretaries of the Sabbath-schools to the above excellent report. Examine carefully *your* Sabbath-school's record, and compare with last quarter, and note if you are making progress, or have you fallen behind in some particular?

Then after careful reading of the above, read the comparative statement below. You can not help but say, it is splendid! It should cause us to rejoice and thank God for the help He has given, to enable you to give such a good report. We have gained in membership during the year, from September 30, 1915-1916, 269, and the financial gain is \$839.01.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Offerings for third quarter of 1916.....\$2,257.18
Offerings for third quarter of 1915..... 1,418.17

Gain.....\$ 839.01

We have added three new schools to our list since last camp-meeting, and in the near future we are looking for two or three more to be added.

Surely the above figures make us feel that we should not rest with present results, but press forward and put forth more energy and determination to do better work for the advancement of our Sabbath-schools in members and finances. The time has come when we should do greater things in our schools, and expect greater things from the hand of the Lord.

As I passed down the streets of Calgary, I saw on some of the cars, a large placard bearing these words: "Contributions for the Patriotic Fund," and on a little farther were other words, "Give Until It Hurts." I thought, what a fine "slogan" for our Sabbath-schools,

"Give Until It Hurts." They are asking for funds, and getting them too. The people are giving, giving to destroy men, but our work is far different. We are asking for funds, and getting them too, to *save* men. But we want to give, shall I say it? "Until It Hurts!" to advance the cause of Christ, to send more missionaries far and near, to *save* men and not *destroy* them.

Dear worker, do you not think it would be an excellent plan for every Sabbath-school in the Alberta Conference to say that our donations must come up to the twenty-cent-a-week, and never rest until we have reached the goal, and our name be written on the "Honor Roll." This plan would enable those at headquarters in Washington to lay plans that more missionaries may be sent abroad.

The Lord has abundantly blessed us, and He has still larger blessings in store. If a spirit of willingness and unity be manifested, we will find ourselves of one mind, and rapid progress will be made in our Sabbath-school work. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." Ps. 110:3.

"Work for the night is coming,
Under the sunset skies;
While their bright tints are glowing,
Work for daylight flies.
Work till the last beam fadeth,
Fadeth to shine no more;
Work while the night is dark-ning,
When man's work is o'er."

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS,
Secretary, S.S. Department.

EDMONTON

Since our last report to the *Tidings* we have been very busy getting out church-school started, and doing a little in the Harvest Ingathering work. The school is now in running order, and at present there are, I believe, twenty-two pupils enrolled, doing work in all the grades from one to eight. Our teacher has a task before her of caring for and training our children for the Lord. We are thankful for the way in which most all have responded to support the school, and I believe all realize to some extent the importance of a Christian education. I believe with the support as promised by the majority of the members, that our school will be a success; and if we fully realize what it means to have our children outside the ark of safety, we will do our best to make it a success.

While our Harvest Ingathering work does not show just as lively a work as it perhaps should, yet the small amount that we have gotten represents some good experiences; and while the city is in very poor condition to donate to any cause very bountifully, yet we find those who are ready and glad to help along in this line of work, and express themselves as being desirous of knowing what this message that we carry means. There are some who have done but very little as yet, but have been waiting for the threshing to be finished, when they expect to work in the vicinity near the city, among the farmers, who have been blessed with good crops. I believe the Lord will give us more than we have yet expected.

Our work in the city with literature and in the Bible work is still growing, and has gone beyond our

expectations. It seems the Lord is opening the way for the people to hear the message. Those who are hearing it from time to time take up the subjects and discuss them among themselves, and in this way there is much being said about the prophecies, and the Second Coming of Christ.

As we read Ezk. 33:7-9, "So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul. Therefore, O son of man, speak unto the house of Israel,"—we see how the Lord has set those who know the truth to be watchmen and give the message to their brethren and to those with whom they come in contact. Then let us pray that the Lord may help us to stand as sentinels of truth to give the trumpet sound of alarm in this time of peril.

Pray for the work in Edmonton that we may each be true to the calling wherewith we have been called.

R. C. CORDIS.

ALBERTA NOTES

On November 29th Brother Adolph Bernhart, from the Academy, joined our office force, and we bid him welcome. Elder McVagh is spending the week of prayer at the Academy, where his daughter is attending school.

Sabbath, the 26th, we had the pleasure of having Brother Aubrey Scarfe with us.

Brother Smith, from Acme, was in the other day and related that he had twenty threshers at his home, being delayed on account of the weather. Brethren Cal Thompson, S. W. Shankel, and J. L. Beane were in the same day.

Elder Neufeld led the prayer meeting for us last week and we had a most blessed season together, which gave us all a firmer trust in God, who knows all about us and the way we take, and who will take care of us.

We are glad to have Elder Wilson with us during the first few days of the week of prayer. His earnest words should help us all as individuals and as a church to awake out of slumber and put away sin and all the petty incinations to criticize and ridicule one another; and to put on the whole armor of God that we may be ready to endure hardness as good soldiers for Jesus Christ. O, our thirsting cry is for Christ in our lives, from now on till we cross into heavenly Canaan.

Just received from Sister Enoch Wilson the following lines:

"We have just \$72.00 now. Have disposed of 300 papers and have 150 left. We still have more territory here, so will try hard to finish this month. You will notice the donation much smaller this month according to the number of papers used. The strike is making the collecting harder now, and there are so many calls here in town."

Bro. H. E. Shelstad reports as follows:

"I have now \$65.25. Hope to get at least seventy-five or one hundred before I stop, if it goes as well in the future as it has in the past."

A letter from Sister Lillian Chappell contains the following:

"Now, about the Harvest Ingathering: I think most of us are striving for our \$5.00. We are all very busy here at home, having moved about five miles from where we were, and now we are four and a half miles from church school. I have nearly \$5.00 now and the promise of a donation from three other parties and expect to raise at least \$10.00. My courage is good in the Lord, and I have no desire but to do His will."

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ADVENT VOICES

Hark to the many voices calling to you today;
Heed now God's kindly heralds, nor lightly turn away.
They bring this proclamation, "Free from earth's sinful strain;

O'er all who love His coming, Jesus returns to reign."

First from the voice of Nature the message true is given;
Sun, moon, and falling meteors their warnings give from heaven.

Robed in the veil of evening the sun looked down of old,
And clothed in a dress of crimson the moon her story told.

Then falling stars betokened the Saviour's Advent blessed,
While men in tones of anguish their fears and sins confessed.

Now with a mighty rumble the earth her bosom rends,
And tidal waves with fury the sinners' doom portends.

And famines tell His coming, "'Tis near, yea at the door."
The pestilence bespeaks it, telling it o'er and o'er.
The blood of saints and martyrs its warning echoes back
By papal persecution, by sword, by fire, by rack.

But louder than these voices, sterner than nature's roar,
The kings of earth give warning as forth they march to war.
Can this be Armageddon? Is earth's probation past?
Must every saint, each sinner, his Saviour meet at last?

Nation shall conquer nation, kingdom shall rise and fall,
Ere Christ, the mighty Captain, rides forth to conquer all.
But by the voice of Nature, by earthquake, famine, sun,
And by the canons' thunder Christ calls to every one.

"Come unto me, ye weary; seek pardon, heart oppressed;
Haste to the Fount of Mercy, and I will give you rest."
This tender call of Jesus, itself a token grand,
This gospel, shall be carried to earth's remotest land.

Then shall the conquering Saviour with heavenly hosts descend,
This strife, and war, and trouble, for evermore to end.
And those who spurned His mercy to rocks and hills shall call,
"O hide us from His anger; O mountains, on us fall!"

But those who love and trust Him, who for His coming look,
Whose sins have all been blotted from heaven's record book,
Will greet their blest Redeemer, who trod this earth's low sod,

"This is our glorious Saviour; lo 'tis the Lord, our God.

Long years we've waited for Him, our cross we've borne below;

Now He has come to save us; to heaven with Him we'll go.
For aye in realms of glory to Him our praise we'll sing,
And tell the matchless story of Christ, our Saviour, King."

A. P. POND.

The work of the Harvest Ingathering is moving along splendidly in the entire Union, Alberta has exceeded its goal, and Saskatchewan is within ninety dollars of their goal. The reports from Manitoba and British Columbia are not in, but there is every indication that both of these conferences will meet their goal too.

A new song, not found in any book, entitled "Keep Sweet," can be secured from F. W. Paap, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C. Lovers of music will do well to secure a copy. Price 5c; 6 for 25c.

You will hardly recognize the *Signs Magazine* when you see the January number. From now on, its size and shape will be the same as the Harvest Ingathering special. This is the size that so many magazines have adopted and that has become so justly popular with the reading public. Here are some improvements that you will see: larger, brighter, better illustrated pages; one size smaller, easily read type; improved, interest-getting headings; more carefully prepared articles, shorn of every non-essential. New life is being infused into the *Signs Magazine*. You will say so when you see the January number.

Beginning January 1, 1917, a new Present Truth Series will be started. The old *Review* headings will be omitted. Subscriptions will be 25c. Bulk orders mailed at one time will be 1-20 copies, 1c each; 25 copies, 20c; 50 copies, 35c; 100 copies, 60c; and 1,000 copies, \$5; foreign postage added. The new series will cover the same subjects and in the same order given in the old series. As the serial numbers of the new series are printed, the corresponding numbers of the old series will go out of print. Five million copies have been circulated during the first two years of its existence, but this is only its beginning. It bears the message to our friends and relatives in plain, simple, yet attractive, well ordered form; and it is cheap. This has been the crying need for years. Let all faithfully use it, who have a friend or relative who knows not the truth. Order through Tract Society.

Attention is called to the fact that at a special meeting of the North American Division Conference Committee the week of December 16-23 was set apart to be known as "Review Week." Inasmuch as the price after January 1st will be raised to \$2.25, it is urged that during this week all believers who are not now subscribers will make arrangements to receive this faithful minister into their homes to stay, as the old price of \$2.00 will stand until the first of the year. A special number is going to be gotten out during Review week, in which our leaders are going to speak to us. We will make an effort to see that a copy is placed in the hands of all. We all surely want to arrange so that we can hear this denominational voice, week by week, as we draw up towards Zion, lest we should be too lonely in not hearing it. We want to press together as a family.

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