

# Western Canadian Tidings

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## TITHE

I am persuaded that there are a large number of Sabbath-keepers who do not pay tithe. With many, doubtless this is caused by lack of knowledge, for it is inconceivable that any right-thinking person could expect a blessing while deliberately disobeying God. The fact that some people pay money into the cause at intervals and withhold it at other times, and that many ask questions as to how, when and where the tithe should be paid, makes it quite evident that some of these people are brought to the Sabbath without being instructed in the tithe and other matters of faith. The tithe is not a non-essential or indifferent matter. The Bible is as plain upon it as it is upon the Sabbath, and those who neglect it are losing a great blessing.

The third chapter of Malachi is very plain. God says that in the past we have all robbed Him, even the whole nation is cursed with a curse because of it. But He says further, "Return unto me and I will return unto you." God sanctified the seventh day. He also sanctified the tithe. "All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or the fruit of the tree is the Lord's. It is holy unto the Lord." (Lev. 27:30.) It is a recognition of the Lord's ownership and of our stewardship. "The silver is mine and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts." (Haggai 2:8.) "For the world is mine, and the fulness." (Psalm 50:12.) The tithe, then, since sin came into the world, is a recognition of God's ownership, just as the tree in the Garden of Eden was a recognition of His ownership before sin came.

How much is the tithe, and what use does the Lord make of it? "And behold I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation." (Numbers 18:21.) From this we see that the tithe is one-tenth and that the Lord uses it in supporting His gospel work in the world. In Gen. 28:19-22 we see that this obligation to support the cause of God by the tenth of our income was known and recognized by the patriarchs. Jacob promised the Lord at Bethel, "I will surely give the tenth to Thee." This recognized duty of the Patriarchal and Mozaic dispensation is carried over by our Saviour and also by Paul into the Christian dispensation. (See Matt. 23:23 and 1st Corinthians 9:13.) As the Levites lived off the tithes of Israel in the old dispensation, even so the gospel work is to be supported now.

### WHERE SHALL THE TITHE BE PLACED?

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now here-with, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the

windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:10.) The tithe should be brought into the storehouse or treasury and there the responsibility of the individual ends. The Lord will fulfill His promise and bless him, and will hold the treasurer and conference committee responsible for the way it is used. Neither the way it is given or the way it is used will escape the Lord's notice. The widow's mite was used by the unfaithful Scribes and Pharisees, but the Lord blessed the widow for her faithfulness. The people in Hezekiah's time tested the Lord's promises and the result is shown in 2nd Chron. 31:10. The Lord blessed His people then and He will bless His remnant people when we also turn to Him with our whole hearts and bring all the tithe and offerings into the treasury. If God gives bountifully, do not forget to return to Him His own in tithe and offerings, and in the day of adversity do not forget the Lord's promise to those who are faithful in that which is least.

In another article we will deal with some questions on how to reckon the tithe. C. F. McVAGH.

## EXAMINE YOURSELVES

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." II. Cor. 13:5.

How may we examine ourselves, and by what means may we know if we are in the faith?

There may be more than one answer to this question, but the Scriptures give us one way of testing the reality of our profession which is worthy of study.

"Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them." Matt. 7:17, 20.

It is by the outward actions of the daily life that the inward conversion will be manifested. The life of the true believer is summed up in these words. "I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Gal. 2:20.

If Christ lives in a person, the life of that person will be like the life of Christ lived when on earth. "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." I. John 2:6. The great aim and purpose of Christ's life was the salvation of sinners, the winning of souls for his Kingdom. This will be the purpose of all who love Jesus.

"All who receive the gospel message into the heart will long to proclaim it. The heaven-born love of Christ must find expression. . . . It is unnatural for any to keep these things secret, and those who are filled with the love of Christ will not do so. In pro-



portion as the Lord has made them the depositaries of sacred truth will be their desire that others shall receive the same blessing." *Christ's Object Lesson*, p. 125.

These statements make plain one way by which we may examine ourselves. Let us take our Morning Watch Calendar, and carefully note down all we have done during the past day to make known to others the love of Christ and the last message connected with His second coming. As we put these things down, and see what proportion of our thought and time has been given to soul-winning work, we will better realize what is our real spiritual standing. This is doubtless why the Lord has led to the connection of the reporting system with our missionary work. He knows human hearts and their need of something that will help them to know if the love of Christ is really working and through them. It is so easy for us to deceive ourselves, and think we are all right, when we are really far from God.

"Many who profess to be Christians neglect the claims of God, and yet they do not feel that in this there is any wrong. They know that the blasphemer, the murderer, the adulterer, deserves punishment; but as for them, they enjoy the services of religion. They love to hear the gospel preached, and therefore they think themselves Christians. Though they have spent their lives in caring for themselves, they will be as much surprised as was the unfaithful servant in the parable to hear the sentence, 'Take the talent from him.' Like the Jews, they mistake the enjoyment of their blessings for the use they should make of them." *Id.*, p. 365.

I would therefore urge all our people to try this plan of daily noting down in the morning Watch Calendar the home missionary work they do, and when it is set down, of laying it before God, and praying that the efforts that have been made, small though they may be, may be used by Him in His great work for souls. This habit has been cultivated by some, and they say it is a continual inspiration to them. It has increased their love for God and for perishing souls. What it has done for some it will do for all who will follow the plan.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

### 1917 SUBSCRIPTION RATES ON GERMAN, DANISH-NORWEGIAN AND SWEDISH PERIODICALS

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##### *Christlicher Hausfreund:*

Weekly 8-page missionary paper—single subscriptions .....	\$1.50
Clubs of five or more, each .....	1.00
Lists of five or more, yearly subscriptions, each .....	1.25

##### *Deutscher Arbeiter:*

Weekly 8-page church paper—single subscription .....	1.50
No club rates.	

##### *Hausfreund and Arbeiter:*

One year to same address .....	2.75
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##### *Zeichen de Zeit:*

( <i>Signs of the Times Magazine</i> ), quarterly with two extra summer numbers, yearly .....	.60
5 to 50 copies of one issue, each .....	.06
50 or more copies of one issue, each .....	.05

#### DANISH-NORWEGIAN

##### *Evangelists Sendebud:*

Weekly 8-page missionary paper—single subscriptions .....	1.50
Clubs of five or more, each .....	1.00
Lists of five or more, yearly subscriptions, each .....	1.25

##### *Missionaeren:*

Bi-weekly 16-page church paper—single subscriptions .....	1.25
No club rates.	

##### *Sendebud and Missionaeren:*

One year to same address .....	2.50
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##### *Tidens Tegn:*

( <i>Signs of the Times Magazine</i> ), quarterly with two extra summer numbers, yearly .....	.60
5 to 50 copies of one issue, each .....	.06
50 or more copies of one issue, each .....	.05

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##### *Tidens Tecken:*

( <i>Signs of the Times</i> )—monthly 28-page missionary magazine, year .....	1.25
5 to 50 copies of one issue, each .....	.06
50 or more copies of one issue, each .....	.05

##### *Sions Vaktare:*

( <i>Zion's Watchman</i> )—weekly 8-page church paper—single subscriptions .....	1.50
No club rates.	

##### *Tidens Tecken and Sions Vaktare:*

One year to same address .....	2.50
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### WEEK OF PRAYER

The writer visited Winnipeg, Katrime, Carberry and Bradwardine. At all these places the brethren joined heartily in the services and appreciated the readings very much. These yearly seasons are looked upon as times of great spiritual refreshing, but it was expressed by many that the times demand that we make all time a time of special prayer that we may be prepared for what is before us. Surely we have no need to make any great preparations to remain long in this earth. Let us seek to be faithful each day in the place He gives us to fill, and soon the work will be done and Jesus will come to take His own.

Are there any Harvest Ingathering papers lying about your shelves unused? If so, we trust you will make every effort to use them in the good cause before the time passes. Let us not allow them to remain as a witness of any slothfulness on our part. We are still a little short of our quota. Come, brethren, let us win in this campaign.

### MARRIED

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Brother Jeremiah Pangman, of Hamiota, December 13th, when Miss Clara Gibson was united in marriage to Wallace Pangman. Both are former students of Lacombe Academy and plan to return.

E. M. CHAPMAN.



**MANITOBA MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT**

We are pleased to note that several Manitoba young people are attending our schools this term. Some have gone to Lacombe, some to Battleford, one to Maple Plains and one to Walla Walla. Alice Campbell, of Carman is employed in the Saskatchewan Conference office at Saskatoon. Elizabeth Nickle is teaching church-school in New Jersey and Margaret Nickle the same in North Dakota.

The young people of Winnipeg church spent two social evenings in homes this Fall, and as a result, twenty-five strong paper books have been made and pasted full of pictures to be given to a Children's Hospital in the city. The young people evidently enjoyed the work and the children will, no doubt, gladly receive the books.

As the end of the year is near, I would urge our young people to send in their reports so that they may be included in our yearly report. It may be interesting to you to know how near our goal the end of the third quarter found us. The following shows just how we stand:

	Our Goal.	Results to date.
Bible Year .....	10	1
Reading Course .....	15	8
Standard of Attainment....	5	1
Young People Converted...	10	9
Financial .....	\$145.00	\$110.00

Our work on some points is really encouraging and when the fourth quarter reports come in, we hope to be able to say that we have reached the goal on several points. But it all depends on working and reporting. Some are already telling of blessings received in the Harvest Ingathering work. Are there not many more who could do likewise? We like to hear of each other's success, even in small matters. May we all be steadfast and true, for our Master is soon to return. Please note your secretary's change of address.

Mrs. B. COWAN.

605 McGregor Street, Winnipeg, Man.

**REVIEW CAMPAIGN**

December 16-23 was *Review* Campaign Week. We greatly desire that this be a united effort on the part of all our people to put this, our only denominational church paper, in every Seventh-day Adventist home. This is a move in the right direction. It is often a wonder to me how our people expect to keep up with the message and not read the *Review*.

I always dislike to hear the expression, "I cannot afford to take the *Review*." The truth is, not one of our people can afford to be without it. Before I would go without this good paper I believe I would fast until enough was saved to pay the price. According to reports there are a number in Manitoba who do not take the *Review*. Subscriptions taken or renewed during this week will be given at the old price, \$2.00 a year. After January 1, it will be \$2.25 a year. It would be a good time to renew, no matter when it expires. Newspapers all over the land are raising the subscription price, and we have to do the same, as paper has advanced so much in price.

Our church paper is filled with sermons and other

articles calculated to build up the Christian. Now, brethren, you should have this paper; it is a necessity in these times of soul peril. I trust if you are not on the list you will join the *Review* army before the time passes. Send all orders to our Tract Society, 418 Lansdowne Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

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**VISITING THE CHURCHES**

On returning from Bella Coola the 25th of October I surely thought I would have ample time at home before taking up our Institute work which commences December 19; but circumstances seemed to shape themselves so that I was denied this privilege except for a few days.

The Pacific Press had asked for Bro. J. B. Giddings to take charge of the Calgary branch, and since the latter was willing to accept on the condition of his release, we were obliged to secure an adjustment of the matter. The advice of the Committee was to counsel with Eld. McVagh in regard to an exchange, and accordingly I met the latter at Banff, November 13, for that purpose. It was thought best to select someone from the Union if possible, though competent persons from the other side were recommended. We decided to ask Bro. T. S. Bowett, who has been connected with the Alberta office for five years, to take the place made vacant by Bro. Giddings, who has done a most acceptable work in our office in Vancouver. We are sorry to see him go, but glad that he has a greater responsibility and enters a wider sphere of influence.

Returning from Banff I visited Grandview, Kelowna and Vernon, where I found the brethren of good courage and also became acquainted with some new Sabbath keepers. Important business matters brought me back to the coast again, where I stayed till time to go back to the Okanagan for the Week of Prayer. So I started November 30 for Penticton and spent the first two days of the prayer season at that place. We had a most precious time together, and at that time appointed the officers for the next year. After a year's experience as leader, Bro. E. W. Wyles was appointed elder of the church and ordained to his charge. Bro. Barney Wolfe was appointed deacon, and his wife missionary secretary. I left them all of good courage.

On Monday, December 3, I went to Grandview, and that evening presented the Week of Prayer reading before the Lumen church, which is made up of English brethren on the Grandview flat. The audience that night was mostly young folk, and I was glad to see the interest shown.

The next two days were spent with the brethren and sisters at Glenema, where I had time to visit six families, beside presenting the readings for those days. Though the weather was somewhat severe the brethren came to the meetings and everyone present seemed blessed and helped by the effort.

Thursday, December 7, I returned to Grandview, as



matters there seemed to press. On Friday I visited the church school conducted by Brother and Sister Noble and was encouraged by what I saw. The enrolment is now over 60 and more than expected. The school is attended by a bright class of students, and a good work is being done. At the meeting Friday evening, December 8, fifteen of the advanced students signified their aim to get ready for a call from God to work anywhere in His vineyard.

I was with the German brethren at two of their meetings and also presented the closing reading to our English brethren. Everyone seemed greatly blessed and I was pleased to see the meetings so well attended. It is an evidence that our people are not getting tired of the Week of Prayer arrangement, but rather that they want to be in harmony and continue with the Message as it swells to the "Loud Cry."

These two churches are having a struggle to support their church-school with its two teachers, and many of the brethren are financially embarrassed; yet the donations were \$56.00.

At this writing I am at home, but expect to be at Nelson December 19, the day appointed for the General meeting and Institute to begin at that place. Following this the Institute at Grandview will be held December 26-31, and January 2-7, 1917, another Institute is appointed for Vancouver to be held in the Union Street church, 1758 Union Street.

We hope the brethren in each of the districts will try to attend these meetings as the instruction to be given will, we hope, suit the needs of everyone. The Lord will be present by his Holy Spirit to impress the lessons on hearts, thus preparing us for more active and efficient labor for our fellowmen. J. G. WALKER.

#### REPORT OF HARVEST INGATHERING FUNDS RECEIVED BY CHURCHES

Armstrong .....	\$ 1.00
Conference .....	33.25
Grandview .....	10.05
Lumen .....	17.15
Manson .....	4.40
Mission .....	14.00
Nanaimo .....	139.65
Nelson .....	58.15
Penticton .....	30.80
Silver Creek .....	5.70
Vernon .....	38.20
Victoria .....	19.09
Vancouver—42nd Ave. ....	23.00
Vancouver—Maple Street ..	53.55
Vancouver—Union Street ..	55.19
Individuals .....	271.83
Total .....	\$775.01

E. R. POTTER.

#### FIRVALE SCHOOL

On the 17th of October, both parents and children assembled at our school-house for the opening hours of school. Only one person of the four families here was absent. We were glad to have Elder Walker with us and the instruction given by him was very much appreciated. Each of the parents spoke words of encouragement and help.

It has been a great struggle for our people here to keep up the school from year to year, but the parents realize the importance of a Christian education for their children and are willing to sacrifice, trusting in the Lord.

The first few weeks the attendance was rather small, but now all have started and we have a membership of fourteen. One of the young people expects to finish the tenth grade this year and several expect to finish the ninth grade. The young people here feel the needs of the message and desire soon to have an active part in the Lord's work. They do not have many privileges that our young people on the outside enjoy, but are thankful that they can get their education right in the heart of nature.

SARAH STICKLE.

#### NOTICE

After the 20th of December (1916) all mail relating to Conference business, all checks, money orders, etc., should be addressed to, and the latter made payable to, the British Columbia Conference, The British Columbia Tract Society, or to T. S. Bowett, 1708 Maple Street, Vancouver, B.C. The latter will assume the different offices held by Bro. J. B. Giddings, hence the reason for this announcement.

J. G. WALKER.

#### MISSIONARY WORK AND THE MORNING WATCH

A very interesting letter was received a short time ago from our Brother Lambert, who lives back in the interior from Ashcroft, and who has a deep interest and practical experience in home missionary work. Among other things he mentions the matter of reporting and gives what I am sure is the experience of many.

He says that many times he goes out calling on neighbors or goes to town and makes several calls and has short Bible studies or leaves papers or tracts, and because he has not had a convenient place to record, or does not put down the items they are forgotten and then do not get into his report.

It is in this connection that I wish to call attention to the Morning Watch calendar. This calendar is so convenient in size that it can be kept in the Bible or pocket and it has a place to record missionary work for every day of the year.

Brother Giddings tells me that orders are coming in better for the Morning Watch calendar than ever before. This is as it should be and why should not every person, young and old, own and use daily one of these during 1917 and make it a part of our devotional exercise to record the missionary work the Lord has helped us in doing.

The price is only five cents and it will be of great value for every member.

E. R. POTTER.

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#### HOME MISSIONARY INSTITUTES

It is a pleasure to announce to our brethren and sisters in Saskatchewan that a Home Missionary Institute is to be held in each church in this conference during the winter months. All will remember the great good and blessing that came to our churches two years



ago when this work was first started. The missionary institutes held at that time proved a mighty inspiration to every church, and started a missionary and soul-saving spirit that is still working.

Three or four days will be spent at each place. At least three meetings a day will be held. Studies will be presented by the conference laborers who will be present to lead out in this work. God has a message for every church member, and therefore, it is earnestly desired that all lay aside unnecessary labor during the time of these institutes in order that the time may be devoted to prayer and study.

Let all pray for the outpouring of the blessing of God at this time. Co-operate closely with those who are appointed to conduct these institutes. Valuable plans and suggestions for helping to save our fellowmen, how to obtain a better and deeper Christian experience, how to find our individual place in the closing work, and many other themes of vital interest will be given to our people.

The first series of institutes will be held as follows: Prussia, Dec. 19-21; Fox Valley, Dec. 23-24; Swift Current, Dec. 26-28; Queen Centre, Dec. 30-Jan. 1; Rouleau, Jan. 4-6; Regina, Jan. 8-10; McLean, Jan. 11-13. Dates for the other churches will appear later.

If any of our isolated brethren and sisters are living near the places where these institutes are to be held, it would be well if they could arrange to attend.

A. C. GILBERT.

### SWIFT CURRENT

On the evening of December 1, I left for Swift Current to visit the church there and other scattered believers during the Week of Prayer. On Sabbath and Sunday we held our meetings in the church in town. At the Sabbath meeting, the beginning of the Week of Prayer, all stood to their feet, expressing their determination to live nearer to God and fill the place He has for them in His work.

During the week I had the privilege of meeting with believers and other interested ones at Gull Lake and Tompkins, returning to Swift Current for the Sabbath. Owing to the change in the weather, meetings were held in the country, at the close of which the Annual Offering was taken. On my way home I had a very pleasant visit with some isolated members at Morse.

With every individual there seemed to be that one determination to live nearer to God, and to stand in his lot until Jesus comes.

W. G. MCCREADY.

### YOUR PART

Cheering reports have come in of experience gained in the annual campaign. The fact that the Ingathering is becoming more needful every year shows that it is worthy of the support of all.

One sister whom I visited lately is not very well and cannot get away from home, but she talks about the special *Signs* to everyone who calls at the home. In this way she has collected quite a few dollars. Perhaps there are others who cannot get away from home who can follow her good example.

I have enjoyed soliciting for funds very much, and in what I have been able to do this year have found a ready response on the part of the majority. At this time there are different societies gathering funds for

various objects. Have you once thought how much more important it is to support, or help to support, the work of God than that of man. We, as members of this Conference, bear an individual responsibility to God to advance the truth we love. If you have not had the opportunity before, begin right now. It is not too late to have a part. Approach people of every occupation and without doubt many will respond according to the appeal made. "We can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth us." Then let us ignore the "can'ts" and remember the "cans."

A number have followed the plan of mailing papers to their friends, who will in return be glad to give as they are able. There is a blessing in giving and there is also a blessing in receiving funds that will help push the message on to lands beyond. Doubtless your first experience in this profitable work will make you regret not having started sooner. Present the papers in such a way that the people may see that efforts are being made to reach every nationality. Also endeavor to touch upon the subjects which you feel will appeal to them particularly.

Shall we not over-reach the personal goals we have made? There are always heights to be attained. This will require special effort but it can be done, and before 1916 closes there will not only be a sense of duty done, but there will also be a means to carry the glad tidings "Till earth's remotest nation has heard Messiah's name."

ROBERT KITTO.

### BATTLEFORD ACADEMY

ROLL CALL, DECEMBER 13, 1916

Mary Haynal, Katie Haynal, Lena Farnsworth, Margaret Schwartz, Hazel Hawkins, Martha Brehmer, Alice Haynal, Nina Williams, Emma Hughes, Adolph Zweigle, Ira Mooney, Ellis Maas, Louise Unruh, Toby Kunkel, Emma Peterson, Gertrude Vogt, Jesse Henkes, John Henkes, Arthur Henkes, Martha Henkes, Lydia Wimer, Olga Zawadski, Christian Hoehn, John Hnatyshyn, Vernon Stewart, John Jewkes, Alex Jewkes, Carl Adolf, Percy Eglin, Theo. Arnold, David Andrews, Hulda Hoehn, Emma Herman, Mrs. Harry Cameron, Merle Speed, Day Speed, John Bodrug, Fred Dukes, Hiram Dukes, Gilbert Roberts, Hetty Roberts, Walter Taylor, Edmund Finkle, Walter Smith, John Sutherland, William Smith, Elizabeth Kajner, John Schick, Alex Weis, Samuel Weis, Theo. Weis, Merle Ralston, Edna Wall, Harold Jewkes, Clifford Jewkes, Noema Maas, Carl Maas, Wassa Krivosheina, Anantasia Kirichenko, Alexandria Melaschenko, Maria Malaschenko, Harry Tkaschuk, Mrs. G. A. Scott, Sergey Fedotoff, Lillian Martin, Paul Rowse, Mary Miller, Nettie Neufeld, Walter Neufeld, Linda Neufeld, David Neufeld, Caroline Neufeld, Anna Neufeld, Robert Geates, Geo. Bandas, Peter Shostokoff, Maggie Burgess, Herbert Burgess, James Burgess, Ray Rowse, Wilfred Rowe, R. Rossander, S. Jergenson.

### NOTES

Elder C. Sulzie paid a visit to the Academy for a few days last week.

Our new steam heating plant is running in excellent shape these cold days, and we appreciate its efficiency.

We enjoyed a short call from Prof. W. E. Howell, from Washington, D.C., who visited Battleford in the interests of the educational work.



Elder Clemensen spent the Week of Prayer with the brethren and sisters at Canora. While in that part of the country he held a few meetings at Rama, where one family decided to keep the Sabbath.

We were glad to see Brother Sulzle in the office, on his way to Rosthern and Waldheim. His health seems to be improving, and we appreciated his assistance during the Week of Prayer.

The time has come to order Sabbath-school supplies for another quarter, and we trust that all our people will attend to this in good time, so that they will be ready to begin the new year with all the supplies on hand.

Brother W. G. McCready, who spent the Week of Prayer with the church at Swift Current, also visited the isolated Sabbath-keepers at Gull Lake, Tompkins, Leitchville and Morse, and reports an interesting time. The brethren and sisters at these points enjoyed his visit very much.

We are planning to hold missionary institutes in our churches again this winter. The local elders will be duly notified of the dates. Elders Gilbert, Clemensen and Brother Wissner will leave for Prussia and Fox Valley the coming week, where the first of these institutes will be held.

Many of our brethren and sisters have expressed their willingness to enter into the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, and the month of December has brought quite a few orders for the Ingathering signs. The prospect for reaching our goal looks very promising. We would ask all to send in the money before the end of this month if possible, so it can be credited to the 1916 fund. However, any funds sent in thereafter will be gladly received, and applied on the fund for next year.

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### THE RECENT WEEK OF PRAYER

As far as time is concerned, the Week of Prayer is in the past, but as far as experiences are concerned, they should still remain with us to the present and give us strength to gain victory over every besetting sin now, as well as those in the past. The experiences mentioned in Heb. 6: 4-5 are such as all God's people should have, because it is their privilege to have them. It is not too late even now, and the invitation is: come, partake, taste, and rejoice in God.

Last year our annual offering amounted to \$1,088.60, this year it was nearly doubled, as far as I can learn. May the Lord bless His sacrificing people both spiritually and financially during the coming year.

H. H. HUMANN.

### BEISEKER

I left Beiseker for the Week of Prayer, and found the brethren very busy threshing. On Sabbath we had a large meeting. During the week they were smaller, and the last Sabbath we had a very large meeting and God came very near. I started the first part of the week to pull for a load of wheat, as the Lord has blessed the brethren with a good crop. They gave willingly. The donations for the Sabbath were \$750.00. After the donations were taken we had a season of prayer. Earnest prayers were made that God should bless the money, and especially those that gave. After prayer we had a testimony meeting. It did me good to hear those good testimonies, and they all promised God that they would live a faithful life this coming year.

May the Lord help us that we may live and keep our promises.

A word about the Harvest Ingathering. I hope that we will not get tired of that good work. It is our privilege to help in the work of God. Let us do all we can. I and my wife have not reached our goal, yet we have now \$79.75, and I hope we will soon reach it. I love to sing that good hymn, "Work, for the night is coming." Your brother in Christ,

C. K. REISWIG.

### HARVEST INGATHERING BY THE STUDENTS AT THE ACADEMY

Tuesday, November 21, was the field day in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign for the students at Alberta Academy. School was dismissed for the day, and quite a number of the students started early to their assigned territories. One group in charge of one of the teachers left for Red Deer, where they brought in \$18.00. Another party went to Wetaskiwin by early morning train, and received there \$25.05. Still another party left for Innisfail, where they received \$9.35.

The country around Lacombe was divided up, and two by two, the students left for their respective districts, on foot, and some in rigs lent for the occasion, bringing in such amounts as \$4.50, \$3.10, \$1.50, \$5.05.

In all for the day, they brought in \$96.55. The following Sabbath, at the usual Fourth Sabbath Missionary Service, time was given for an experience meeting and many interesting experiences were given.

The work is still going on in this church and by the close of the year quite a substantial sum will doubtless be gained for missions, as well as valuable experiences in the lives of those who are taking a part.

Mrs. M. JOHNSON.

### EDMONTON

The Week of Prayer was welcomed by the brethren and sisters at Edmonton, and all who could made it a point to attend regularly. The readings this year seemed of more than usual interest, having been so thoughtfully planned to build up the various phases of the Christian life.

The young people, as well as the older ones, took an active part in prayers and social meetings, thus adding a good deal to the interest. The Edmonton church has a beginning, which, if followed up with evangelistic effort, and faithful co-operation on the part of the church, should make a strong citadel for the truth in that north country.

Brother Cordis is faithfully pursuing his work and some nice people are learning to love the precious truth.

The church school being taught by Sister Gillbank is getting on nicely; although the church building is used as a school-room it does not have the general appearance of one. The benches have been made so neatly that I was impressed at once that the evil effects of using the church as a school-room would here be reduced to a minimum.

Altogether the writer, with the members of the Edmonton church, spent a very profitable as well as pleasant season together, and all hearts were strengthened to enter the race for another year.

C. A. HANSEN.



## GRANUM

In harmony with the plan of the Conference Committee the writer spent the Week of Prayer with the Granum church, sixteen miles north of McLeod.

The members composing this church are scattered over a wide area; some live around Claresholm and Stavely, and others up in the hills west of Granum, hence the church as a whole can meet only a few times during the year, or at quarterly meeting occasions.

At the places named above meetings were conducted every night, and it was my privilege to visit them all. In Brother Wallace's house at Stavely on Sunday night the attendance was about all that could be taken care of. A number of outsiders had come, good attention was given to the reading, and a spiritual social meeting followed.

The same Sunday, by previous invitation from a member of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, I went eight miles to a country school house and held a service. Being a stormy day, only six persons were present, and they expressed themselves as being benefited by the word spoken. After having presented the needs of foreign missions and our campaign, a collection amounting to \$3.50 was taken.

In council with the officers and brethren it was thought best to have the quarterly and business-meeting at this time, or the last Sabbath, December 9. Accordingly, as many as could be reached were notified and there was a good attendance. The keynote of the reading that Sabbath, entire consecration to God, made a deep impression on all present, as was manifested in many of the testimonies borne. The Spirit of the Lord certainly was present, pleading to be admitted to come in to the heart, there to take full control of all lives, actions and words. My prayer is that the impressions and decisions made that day may stay with us until the end shall come.

After the going down of the sun a short business meeting was held, in which reports were read and officers elected for the coming year. The treasurer's report revealed a sum of \$2,200 and some cents, the total of all funds paid by the church during 1916. This report was a cause for rejoicing by all who had been instrumental in bringing it about, and those who had no part in it were determined to give the Lord his own from now on.

A good work is being done with the Harvest Ingathering papers. Let this work continue as long as there is a copy left. Good results are reported by those that are working. Some are a little timid, afraid to try; others are tied to their home duties. Such should use the mail and thus everyone do something in this grand and glorious campaign.

FRED JOHNSON.

### SELECTIONS FROM THE SABBATH-SCHOOL WORKER FOR JANUARY, 1917

#### PREPAREDNESS

"Among the issues brought to the front as a result of the great European struggle, 'preparedness' stands foremost. Perhaps no word is more used at the present time, or fraught with greater meaning. Newspapers, magazines, and books deal with the subject in one form or another. For months American Congress has been urged to increase her standing army, to enlarge and

strengthen her navy, so if at any time her country should become involved in the conflict it would be prepared."

#### OUR HELP IN PREPAREDNESS

"The purpose of the Sabbath School Worker's Training Course is to increase the efficiency of our great army of Sabbath-school teachers, and to help the young and inexperienced to gain a preparation for the work, that they, too, may join the ranks. To secure the benefits of the course may require some of the time you have planned for other things. It is left for you to decide which is the more important. 'He who discerns the opportunities and privileges of his work will allow nothing to stand in the way of earnest endeavour for self-improvement. He will spare no pains to reach the highest standard of excellence' (*Education*, p. 281). A clarion call is sounding to those who are already teachers in the Sabbath-school, as well as to those who are not teachers, but who desire to become efficient workers for God, to heed the instruction here given. The Sabbath School Worker's Training Course offers the preparation needed by every Sabbath-school teacher."

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS,  
Sabbath-school Secretary.

#### OBITUARY

On Wednesday, December 13th, Sister Emma Christine Grovet, wife of Brother O. Grovet, of Galahad, was laid to rest in the quiet cemetery at Pleasington, near Killam. Sister Grovet, who was 35 years of age at the time of her death, came to Canada from Sweden in 1906.

Five years ago she accepted the truth through reading our literature, and since that time has been seeking, with her husband, to lead her neighbors and relatives to step out into the light of the Third Angel's Message.

For two years our sister has been suffering from tuberculosis, and on Wednesday, December 6th, fell asleep in Jesus. She leaves her husband and four little boys to mourn her loss. Their hearts are comforted by the fact that she died trusting in the promises of God, being conscious to the last. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer at the home of Brother Grovet, where about a score of the neighbors and friends had gathered to express their sympathy for the bereaved ones.

A. P. POND.

#### ALBERTA NOTES

Sister Ilah McVagh expects to be home for a few days about Christmas time. This will be gladdening to her mother especially, as well as to others who miss her while she is away attending school.

Brother and Sister Middleton and Miss Bush remained in Calgary for a few hours on their way toward Lacombe, and were able to spend the evening at one of our Week of Prayer services.

Brother Mooney had a day of grand success in the Harvest Ingathering work just before his arrival at the office last week. He reported having collected \$21.35 just in a few hours one day. He is out in the field again, still continuing the same good work, and will stay with it until the close of the year at least.

Sister Reilswig has been having splendid success in the Harvest Ingathering work. So have a number of others this last week or two. It rejoices our hearts as we see the working spirit among our brethren and sisters. It is a blessed contagion, which makes us each feel more constrained to do our utmost to fill the place we might in the ranks of Christian soldiers, till the struggle is over and the victors gather home.



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F. L. HOMMEL - - - - - Editor

Prof. E. D. Dick spent Tuesday, December 19, in Calgary, making purchases for the Academy at Lacombe. Prof. Dick reports the enrolment being 186. The Week of Prayer at the Academy brought many definite victories to the student body.

Elder C. F. McVagh left Calgary on December 18 for Nelson, B.C., where he will attend the first institute of the British Columbia Conference this winter.

Prof. W. E. Howell, of Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., made a short visit to the Battleford Academy recently.

Attention is called to the change in price of our foreign periodicals. In this issue we give the price of the foreign papers and trust those interested will take note. We are sorry that an advance in price has been made necessary, but owing to the fact that the cost of paper has more than doubled, it has been found necessary to make these changes.

### The Time for the "Present Truth" January List to Close is Extended to January 1

Send us all the orders you can for this special list. Order in the name of "Present Truth" without the words, "sets," "series," or "lists," attached in any way. Give number of copies wanted, with time expressed in months or year. Price, 25 cents each subscription.

We are pleased to report that the sisters in the Western Canadian Union Conference have thus far contributed \$1,420.77 towards the erection of the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, California. Each of the conferences in the Union have done splendidly. As a result of these sacrifices, many students will be saved to the cause of God. It has again been demonstrated that the Western Canadian Union can bear its part in all of these great enterprises which call for our financial assistance.

Many splendid reports have come in from the churches, which reveal that a very definite work was done in the hearts of many of the believers during the Week of Prayer. Many have found new hope and courage, backsliders were reclaimed, and a large number who had not previously given their hearts to God, took this step during the prayer season. It has become evident that it is through prayer our victories are gained, and it is hoped that the believers throughout Western Canada will continue to seek the Lord during the year 1917, so that perfection may be seen in the lives of all those who believe in the Third Angel's Message.

The last report we received from the Battleford Academy was, that the enrolment had reached eighty-six. It is encouraging to see the deep interest the believers in Saskatchewan are taking in this new enter-

prise. In these days of strife we are learning to appreciate the value of Christian education. The present conflict in the earth reveals the fact that there has been something wanting in the educational system of the world. Although the governments of the earth have performed a great service for the youth in providing them with facilities for obtaining technical knowledge, they have not been able, for it is not within their province, to give that training which prepares our youth for the kingdom of God. In our schools the youth are fitted, not only to fill positions in the financial and industrial world, but in the spiritual as well.

We give below, a comparative statement of the funds that have been received by the various conferences for the first eleven months of 1915 and 1916, in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. The increase is marked in each field.

	1915	1916	Gain
Alberta . . . . .	\$297.05	\$1,168.38	\$ 871.33
British Columbia	302.19	467.26	165.07
Manitoba . . . . .	83.91	232.47	148.56
Saskatchewan ..	238.50	511.63	273.13
	\$926.68	\$2,379.74	\$1,453.06

During December of 1915, there was received by the four conferences \$978.39. If as good a record is made this present month, the Union will have far exceeded the amount raised last year for foreign missions for the Ingathering fund. We extend to the believers of the Union our sincere thanks for their earnest endeavor in placing *Signs* in the hands of their friends and neighbors and for the nice sum that has been gathered to send on to the mission fields. It is too early yet to state whether each of the fields will make their quota. It is hoped that during the remaining days left to us, we shall work diligently so that it can be said that each conference in the Dominion of Canada has performed the task assigned to it.

### THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH

*The Christian Sabbath: Is It Saturday or Sunday*, is a new illustrated book of 128 pages by Elder Carlyle B. Haynes. It is a companion volume to *The Other Side of Death*, by the same author. The book is written in Elder Haynes' forceful style, of which the following paragraph is suggestive:

#### "EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON THE DAY.

"To illustrate: The writer was born on May 24. That is his birthday. Nothing that he can do, and nothing that all the nations of the earth can do, can ever change the fact that May 24 is his birthday. He might decide to celebrate June 24 as his birthday, or might even claim June 24 was his birthday; but celebrating June 24 or claiming June 24 as his birthday would not make it so. May 24 would still remain his birthday simply because of a fact that could not be changed, the fact that he was born on May 24. So with the Sabbath. On the seventh day God rested. That is a truth, a fact. It cannot be changed. I cannot change it. Congress cannot change it. The Pope cannot change it. And it follows, and must ever remain true, that the seventh day, and the seventh day alone, is the Sabbath, the rest day, of the Lord."

In addition to a thorough study of the Sabbath question from the viewpoint of the Scriptures, it also contains valuable data from both Protestant and Catholic authorities on the change of day, thus making it especially valuable to Bible students. The prices of single copies, cloth 50c, paper covers 25c, postpaid. In lots of ten or more, 40 per cent. discount plus transportation. Order of your tract society.