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IT WILL BE SABBATH IN ZION

(Isa. 50: 7)

Friends, it will be Sabbath in Zion;
No time to wipe tears have we now;
The cruel and fierce roaring lion
Is tolling, and we must, I trow.

O, it will be Sabbath in Zion;
There's room in that city for all,
Beyond the celestial Orion,
We can't let the foe have them all.

Yes, it will be Sabbath in Zion,
Our rest shall be perfect and sweet—
We'll know no rebuff from the lion,
But battle till vict'ry's complete.

O, it will be Sabbath in Zion,
The arts of the tempter we'll foil,
Determined, we'll march on to Zion,
Well filling our vessels with oil.

LULU M. ANDERSEN.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND PRESENT-DAY TENDENCIES

At the present time and under the stress of present circumstances, there is a growing tendency to deal with all questions of duty from a class or community viewpoint, to the exclusion of the rights of the individual and freedom of conscience. Even in the work of the church, supreme effort towards the salvation of the individual soul is gradually giving way to a plan unknown to Jesus in the New Testament,—of wholesale salvation of the community and nations, and largely through social service, philosophy, philanthropy, and even civil legislation.

These tendencies all show a growing lack of faith in the Bible, in the new birth, and a consciousness of the lack of divine power in the church. As the withdrawal of the Holy Spirit leaves the church more and more powerless to influence the consciences of men by appeals to God's law, we find many religious leaders attempting to make up for the lack of divine power by appealing for the help of civil law to enforce the church's teachings upon all, regardless of individual conscience and individual responsibility to God at the judgment day.

A study of history will show that invariably religionists and churches appeal for help to the civil authorities only in times of great spiritual dearth and backsliding. The organization and activities of such

a body as the Lord's Day Alliance, with the avowed object of compelling all to observe the first day of the week according to an arbitrary, man-made standard, and the threats of persecution to the farmers who, during the fall months, sometimes threshed on Sunday, are all ominous signs. If public opinion should be educated to the point of supporting to the extreme, the campaign of these would-be reformers of public morals, it would be a distinct step backward towards the dark ages and the bloody persecutions of the past. It would also be a denial of the principles of the reformation of the sixteenth century, inevitably lead to a return to the civil and religious chaos of the dark ages, and result in the final overthrow of the church and nation that adopts the unchristian program.

We sincerely hope that the principles of civil and religious liberty that under God have made Britain such an influence in the world during the past, will be maintained by the present generation. This is no time to forget the struggles by which Magna Charta and constitutional religious liberty have been won.

C. F. McVAGH.

IN TUNE WITH GOD

"All stringed instruments quickly get out of tune. The action of the atmosphere, and the constant vibration in playing relax the strings so that they need to be re-tuned very often, sometimes many times a day.

"Man is like a violin. He soon gets out of tune with God. The wear and tear of life, and the demoralizing atmosphere which sin creates so affect his disposition that he needs to be brought into harmony with God every morning. It is not surprising when we consider the subtlety of sin and the weakness of the flesh; rather it is 'strange that a harp of a thousand strings should keep in tune so long.'

"Nothing else will bring the believer into touch with God so soon as a little taste of the Divine Word. For devotional purposes the Psalms are perhaps the best, because they cover so wide a range of experience. Here we find aspiration and confession, joy and sorrow, adoration and praise. Here we behold the calm confidence which grows out of a sublime faith: 'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.' Again, we meet the bitter anguish which comes from ingratitude or unrequited love; or the ecstasy of sins forgiven, as in Psalm 32; or the passionate plea for mercy, in Psalm 51; or the shout of triumph, in Psalm 68. It is

doubtful whether there is any experience in life for which we cannot find a duplicate in the Psalter, and, noting how the man after God's own heart behaved in similar emergencies, we are unconsciously led into the same feeling."

Could any words be more appropriate as an introduction to another admonition to procure the Morning Watch Calendar and form the Morning Watch habit? For your own soul's sake, and for others' sake, we again invite you. For the joy and comfort, for the strength and victory, and for the added power for service that will come to you we *urge* you to make haste.

"Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong, Or others, that we are not always strong?"

True, the year has already begun. Wait till next year to begin? Wait? Does anyone dare say that? Another year without the joy of daily fellowship with Him? To some who read these lines, it's "now or never."

M. E. KERN.

LIFE

What is life? It is a question which has many answers, and yet in the end it means the same to all. It is like putting a question to a class in school. They all hold up their hands and give answers which in some cases have no connection, and yet, after each and all have been submitted and the teacher calls out the correct solution to the problem, asking if that is what they meant, the whole class nod their heads, yes. But we find that it depends upon the quality and sense of the answer, whether the members of the class obtain promotion.

Is it not the same with us, who make up the world and are endeavoring to solve the problem of life? It is merely an opportunity to fit or prepare ourselves for something higher; a means by which we obtain promotion to a higher, more advanced class, as it were. You often hear people mention something as being "written in the Book of Life." Do you know we all have "a Book of Life" to fill? The pages are beautiful and white and only turn when the last line of the preceding one is finished. We may turn backward, but never forward. Each day our deeds, thoughts and mistakes or victories are left imprinted and fills a line. Each year completes the records on a page, and another is turned for us to fill. As the last one is turned we think of the many blots and attempted erasures, the crooked lines, and we make an earnest resolution to keep the new page as neat and clean as we possibly can. But, alas, how few pages, on looking back, do we find without their blot or some little mistake, and often we turn them over in a hurry, we are so ashamed. Sometimes, though, it helps us to keep the present page clean. Thus, each line finished brings us nearer to the completion of a page, and each page (do we realize it?) brings us nearer to the end of the book.

As we turn these pages it is impossible for us to know how near we are to the end. If we were certain the one we were writing was the last, would we not put forth every effort to make that one page as perfect as possible? But we do not know, and so it is very important for us to do our very best as we go. Did you ever sit and review the past on New Year's eve, and try to make up for all the mistakes by promising the future? Do you know it is not ours to promise,

for we may be on the last page of our book? If people were given a thousand years to live, there would be many at the end of that time begging for "just one day more to do what I should have done." Another important reason why these pages should be kept clean and in order for inspection is, we cannot tear them out. Once they are filled they must remain.

Can you remember when you were a small child in school and waiting for the teacher to come around to inspect your work? Each desk visited brought him or her a little nearer, and perhaps you were busy with pencil and erasure trying to improve some difficult character. Will we be waiting so eagerly for the One Great Teacher when He comes to inspect our Book of Life? I am afraid not, unless we go to Him each day for help and guidance in doing every line, and I feel sure if we go to Him in a humble spirit He will forgive the past blots and errors and even set us a copy. By this means shall we be rewarded Eternal Life.

We are now beginning a new page, and I believe the Morning Watch Calendar for 1917 would serve as a splendid ruler with which to keep our lines straight. The last page of a book, if neatly written, indicates that the writer has made progress from the beginning. May our page for 1917 show the same, if it may be the last one for any of us.

V. E. COOKE.

WHAT THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS HAVE DONE FOR ME

The Sabbath School lessons have done much for me. Situated as I am from any of like faith, deprived of church privileges, I still feel myself a part of the great family of God through the study of these lessons, knowing as I do that my brothers and sisters are united in learning the same truths.

I find the present lessons in the book of Acts particularly interesting and helpful in making me understand the scriptures, and I have a greater desire to follow Jesus in a life of service.

Aside from the lessons learned, the blessings received from the time spent at Jesus' feet each Sabbath are of untold value.

Often I come to our hour of study with a burden upon my heart—a feeling of weariness and oppression; but after a prayer, a song or two, and the study of the lesson, all this passes away and only peace reigns within. I feel that the Lord has been very near, and has given new strength, so that I can face the coming week with new courage.

I could not live a true Christian life without this help, and the prayers of God's people, which I know are offered for all.

LAURA B. SCOTT.

NEED OF PREPARATION

Let no man despise thy youth (I. Tim. 4:12). Immediately Paul states how this may be avoided: "Be an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." These attributes include every phase of religion.

Timothy had been born and raised in a God-fearing home (II. Tim. 1:5), hence Paul made the above statement as an exhortation and not as a rebuke. Youth may be compared to a tender plant; it requires constant care, sincere efforts must be asserted, lest through a moment's neglect it is injured beyond remedy. So

is youth: born into a corrupt and wicked world, innocent to sin, but surrounded by hidden evils and secret snares masterly prepared by the arch enemy, this sinless child may easily be induced to a life of sin through neglect of its guardian or parents.

The first seven to ten years of a child's life are those most susceptible to external influences. If the primary years are rightly nurtured, the remaining portion of a boy's or girl's career is invariably successful.

This is true in whatever aspect of life it may be considered; but much more so in the Christian aspect. In order to circumvent the influences of evil, a hedge of religious attractions, sufficiently inducive to draw the child's interest, must be thrown around him. This is the parents' duty while the children are at home; but later, upon the child's maturing into youth and manhood, other ways must be found—and that way is knowledge, and enlightenment is acquired through study, and that studying should be done in our schools—or some other—which?

Every occupation of life demands its specific preparation. The world is rapidly advancing in wickedness; pleasure, greed, self-aggrandizement is the spirit of the day. Who are to warn the multitude against impending destruction? Seventh-day Adventists! Can dirty water clean? Can bad convert bad? You answer no. Neither can the world convert itself.

It requires something better to cause badness to see its true condition. From this it is evident that those who are called to do this warning work must have a particular fitness: this is the work of our schools. There the young are impregnated with truth; the beauty and power of the Gospel is presented in its simplicity and holiness. There the precious youth, God's sanctified vessels, are molded and shaped to become useful instruments in His hands to do His appointed work. There they are taught how to combat and cast down the various false and delusive doctrines of Satan. Here the mind is developed, understanding broadened, the wits sharpened; here habits are determined, manners dignified.

No occupation should be permitted to hinder or thwart the youth from obtaining this pearl of inestimable value—education. Let all other considerations be subservient to this one end—efficiency.

It is not uncommon to hear a person speak thus, "I wish I had gone to school when I had a chance." Such a one suffered the precious perfume (opportunity) to escape, and bows himself to the empty vase that held it.

Our talents, be they great or small, are never known till occasion requires them, but if not improved, another steps in and performs the neglected work. Though you may think that life must be enjoyed, injurious though it may be; though prosperity or poverty seemingly prevents; *resolve*, and bend everything to that resolution. Only the life that has struggled for improvement, overcome difficulties, conquered obstacles, and rendered to the world its energies thus developed—only that life can boast of complete success, through the co-operation of Divine guidance. Permit not yourself, young man or woman, to be looked down (that's the meaning of *despise*) on because of your own disregard, but be an example of self-esteem, earnestly improving God-given ability.

B. SAXILD.

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WEEK OF PRAYER AT BELLA COOLA

Our little church at Firvale consists now of the remnants of four families and our teacher, situated thirty miles up the valley in the dense woods of the coast district. We have been practically cut off from the rest of the world since 1905. Poor and worn with the hardships of pioneer life, we listened to Elder Evans' message the first Sabbath, "Be ye reconciled to God." Evening meetings not being practicable for many of us, we arranged for the children's meetings through the week to begin at 1.30 p.m., led by our teacher, followed by a meeting for all, and going the rounds of all our homes through the week. As we listened to Elder Prescott's article, "The Signs and Issues of Our Times," we saw that while many of those signs preceded other great crisis in the history of the world, they now are signs that the "Crisis of the Ages" is just before us; that one of the issues of the present great war would no doubt be the healing of the deadly wound of the papal head of the Roman beast; and that the beast with the ten horns (kingdoms) would then aspire to world dominion.

It seemed to us that the plan of the Week of Prayer readings was a "Preparedness" plan, and we sought to apply ourselves daily to the instructions given in the different readings. Each meeting was opened with the Word of God and prayer, with holy, solemn song, and the leading thought of the readings was reviewed. The patience and steadfastness of Elder Conradi's article were pondered and sought for. The readings on "Tithes and Offerings" and "Call of Missions" were read Thursday afternoon, as preparation day is very short with us in the far north. The children's meeting, however, was held on Friday and we believe an effort was made to prepare them for the surrender and consecration meeting on Sabbath.

On Sabbath worship began with hymn No. 120. Isaiah 53 was read, together with the last three verses of chapter 52. We knelt in prayer, led by Sister Johnson and followed by many others with a freedom and devotion which indicated our meetings had not been in vain.

After singing, Sister Hober read Elder Daniell's "Call to Surrender, and Consecration to the Finishing of the Gospel Work on Earth." The elder of the church then announced his purpose of making that surrender and consecration at that meeting. His example was promptly followed by every adult in the room in humble, earnest words, and with many admissions of our weakness and request for the prayers of all. The children all held up their hands to show their desire to be included. All stood while the elder presented the offering to the Saviour and begged Him to accept us with it also. After singing "I Must Have the Saviour With Me," the benediction was pronounced, each bowing silently before the Lord. The Elder feelingly shook hands with all, but no one seemed to desire to

part. Then we sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." It seemed like I. Chron. 29:9-22.

Thus passed away, including a visit to where our loved ones sleep beneath the snows, the moss-hung branches of the firs, and the great Table and Pilot mountains, the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer.

Oh day of rest and gladness,
Oh day of joy and light,
Oh balm of care and sadness,
Most beautiful, most bright.

A day of sweet reflection,
Thou art a day of love;
A day to raise affection
From earth to things above.

New graces ever gaining
From this our day of rest;
We seek the rest remaining
In mansions of the blest.

T. ASTLEFORD.

PARTING WORDS

When this issue of the *Tidings* reaches you we will have left British Columbia and entered upon our new duties. We have greatly enjoyed our work in British Columbia, and it is with feelings of regret that we leave this part of the Lord's vineyard and the many kind friends with whom we have become acquainted and learned to love. Our association with the conference laborers and with our people in the different parts of the province has been most pleasant. We thank you one and all for your many kindnesses and courtesies extended to us during the time we were among you, also for your hearty co-operation in connection with our work, which we have appreciated very much.

Brother T. S. Bowett and family have arrived and we know you will like them. Give them the same co-operation that you have given us and their work will be made easy and pleasant, and wonderful results will be manifest in all departments of the conference. We trust that we may all be faithful in the part the Lord gives us in finishing the work, and finally meet in that place He has prepared for them that love Him, where partings shall be no more.

We shall be glad to hear from any of our friends. Our address will be: 1109 Fourteenth Street West, Calgary, Alberta. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. GIDDINGS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS ITEMS

Brother T. S. Bowett and family arrived from Calgary on Dec. 25th, and have taken up duties at the office.

Brother J. B. Giddings left Vancouver on Sunday, Dec. 31st, for Calgary, where he will take over the management of the Pacific Press Branch. Brother Giddings leaves behind many warm friends in the B.C. Conference, all of whom join in wishing him success in his new sphere of labor.

Judging from the orders still coming in, it is evident that many of our people in B.C. are going to be users of the Morning Watch Calendar during 1917. This is an excellent habit to acquire, and a splendid means of placing the Word of God where it ought to be—in the heart.

We were made sad to learn of the death of Sister G. F. Grant's husband, which occurred suddenly in Vancouver last Wednesday. The funeral service, which was conducted by the Knight Templars, was attended by several members of the West Vancouver and Union Street churches. We extend our deep sympathy to Sister Grant and her family, and unite our prayers that the Lord will be their comfort and stay during these hours of sorrow.

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THE NEW YEAR

By the time you read these lines we shall be well started in the new year 1917. As a conference I feel that we have done very well, considering the circumstances. Our showing would have been much better could we have enlisted everyone in the work. However, we are greatly encouraged and hope for much better results in the future.

The new year is before us. What shall its history be? Did you ever stop to think that it lies in your own hands? God will give you the power if you are earnestly yearning to do more for Him. I feel very thankful for the loyalty of our Manitoba brethren and sisters. I trust that all will make it one of your New Year resolutions to endeavor, as far as lies in your power, to carry out the plans made for us by those whom God has set at the head of the work, and upon whom rests so great burdens and responsibilities in carrying this precious message to the ends of the earth.

We live in a solemn time, brethren. It is a time when serious responsibility rests upon those who know this great truth which contains salvation for all who will accept it. There are so many ways to help, that no one is excused. You can pray for the work; you can give of your means, be it much or little; you can pay your tithe, whatever it is; and you can scatter the printed page, talk the message and live the message wherever you are, and God will give the increase. Let us plan to make this coming year the best ever experienced in our history as a conference, both in souls won and in money collected to finish the work.

We have good reports coming from Elder Errington in the East, where he and his wife are working in the two cities of Port Arthur and Fort William. Elder Robb and wife are in the West, at Dauphin and Grandview and other nearby places. Bro. Gulbrandson and wife are at Gimli and plan to hold an effort still farther North. Now we can report Elder C. A. Hansen and wife in Winnipeg, and the writer will fit in somewhere.

Brethren Meikle, Parker and Greenslade are selling and scattering the printed page in Winnipeg and Bro. McGee is doing the same work at Rainy River. Bro. Minchen is selling our truth-filled books in the Northwest. We hope to have even more laborers than this in the field and with the faithful efforts of each lay member, what a record will be made! Let us work, hope and pray that each day may be one of faithful service to our blessed Master, who has done so much for us.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

PROGRESS OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK IN MANITOBA

Just a bit of good news to pass on to our Sabbath-schools in Manitoba for the last quarter of the year 1916. We have done well, both spiritually and financially, and I know this will appeal to each one in our schools and cause your hearts to rejoice as it has mine.

I am glad that some of our schools were able to fill

in the blank calling for the number converted and baptized. When I receive such reports I think of the statement made in the "Testimonies on the Sabbath-school Work." In speaking of the work of the teacher it says: "Let the spirit of Jesus vitalize the souls of the workers, then their plans and methods of labor will be of that character to win souls to Jesus Christ. There is earnest work to be done just now. We have not a moment's time to use selfishly. Never rest till every child in your class is brought to a saving knowledge of Christ."

Our offerings for the first three quarters are nearly what they were for all of 1915, there being over three hundred dollars a quarter. The third quarter we only lacked two dollars of reaching four hundred. When we add to this the offerings for the last quarter of the year, I am sure it will place us beyond anything heretofore reached in this branch of the work in our province. Praise the Lord! Let everyone say it. Maybe you are like a brother in the Malaysian field, who told Elder Daniells that when the Lord came he did not want to have two pennies in his pocket to jingle. Well, every school has done splendidly, anyway, and I thank you for your noble work, which has furnished material for a good yearly report to forward on to our Sabbath-school Department at Washington, D.C. How glad I am that our Sabbath-schools have become a great factor in the closing work of God in the earth. I like to think that the Lord is counting on us to do our part in carrying this work forward to a successful finish.

Mrs. V. W. ROBB,
S.S. Sec'y.

GIMLI, MANITOBA

As previously reported through the *Tidings*, our tent meetings last summer were all well attended and we had the pleasure of working for quite a while without any public opposition, which is unusual in the Icelandic work. Many were deeply interested in these lectures and confessed that they believed this to be the truth. Some of the campers remained a month longer than they first intended to, in order to hear all the lectures on the program. Even among the young people and the children were many who attended the meetings regularly and sent in questions.

One mother said of her eleven-year-old boy, that one day she could not understand where the lad had gone. A little later she went upstairs for something, and there on the floor in one of the rooms she discovered the boy with the Bible in front of him, eagerly studying the books of Daniel and Revelation. To his mother's question of what he was doing, he answered: "I want to see if all the wonderful things that the preacher in the tent read out of these books are to be found in the Bible, and they are all there."

When the weather became too cold to hold meetings in the tent we secured the town hall at a very reasonable rent. As soon as the Lutheran minister heard of this, then he got busy. He went from house to house to warn the people against our doctrine, but as it did not have the effect he expected, he thought he could do better by giving a good strong lecture against us. The church was filled to hear this. He said in his speech that the doctrine of Seventh-day Adventists was "delusive, abominable, unchristian, from the evil one, and detrimental to the society of men," and many other

things that were not true. The next day I went to him and asked him if he dared to meet me before the public and prove his statements against Seventh-day Adventists. He promised me an answer the next evening. In his letter he said it was below his dignity to meet a heretic like a Seventh-day Adventist preacher. The only thing I could do then was to write and publish an open letter to the community, in which I proved with quotations from the Bible and the writings of Luther that he had spoken against both, and offered the minister \$100 if he could prove the following seven statements he had made:

1. "That Mr. Wm. Miller is the founder of the S.D.A. denomination."

2. "That Seventh-day Adventists have set a time for the second advent of Christ in 1831, 1843, and oftener."

3. "That Seventh-day Adventists teach that only Christians will rise from the dead."

4. "That the wicked do not rise in the second resurrection."

5. "That Christ speaks of the soul of the rich man and Lazarus in the parable of Luke 16:19-31."

6. "That the doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventists is 'unchristian like' and 'abominable'."

7. "That the doctrine of Seventh-day Adventists is 'detrimental to the society of men'."

With the exception of a few seats in the front rows, the town hall was filled to hear the minister prove his assertions and get the \$100, but the poor man could prove nothing.

Dear brethren and sisters, pray much for this hard field of labor, that the souls who are convinced of the truth may come out on the Lord's side and walk in all His commandments.

DAVID GULBRANDSON.

OBITUARY

Word has been received of the death of Brother George Smith, of Minitonas. Brother Smith attended our late camp-meeting, where he was baptized. He was a well-informed man and we are sorry indeed that he was not spared to have a larger part in the finishing of the work, but we know that God doeth all things well. He leaves a wife and large family to mourn his loss. To them we extend our heartfelt sympathy and trust and pray that they may all accept the message and be prepared to meet him where parting will be no more. The funeral service was conducted by the Methodist minister. Brother Smith's death was not known to the writer until several days later.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

NEWS ITEMS FROM MANITOBA

Elder Chapman has been spending some time in Winnipeg in the interests of the work.

Sister Lilly Belleau is making her brother Wilber a visit during the holidays at Maplewood Academy, Minnesota.

Elder C. A. Hansen and family, having accepted a call to Manitoba through the Union and North American Division Conferences for work in Winnipeg, are now located there.

Brother Delbert Henks and wife passed through Winnipeg on their way to take the nurses' training course at Hastings, Nebraska. We wish them success.

Mrs. Chapman spent a little time just before Christmas, selling magazines at Brandon and visiting our people there. She reports some very interesting visits and success in the magazine work.

At this writing it looks as if we will make our quota on the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. It will be the first time

in the history of Manitoba. However, we have usually made our 20c.-a-week.

At a recent business meeting of the Winnipeg church, the president of the conference occupying the chair, Elder C. A. Hansen was elected pastor of the church. Brother Soper was elected superintendent of the Sabbath-school.

We would like to request any of our people who know of anyone living in Winnipeg whom you would like to get in touch with Brother Hansen, to send their name and address to Eld. C. A. Hansen, 433 Macray Ave., Winnipeg, Man. It might be well for you to write the party at the same time also, telling them of Eld. Hansen and asking them to attend his services when invited.

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MIDNAPORE AND WALSH

Again we are at the close of the year, and though the world is involved in strife and bloodshed, this message has gone forward, and the words of Christ in Matt. 24:14, "This gospel shall be preached to all the world . . ." are being fulfilled. God, through His holy spirit, opens the way, and I am sure that during this past Week of Prayer He has enlightened His people and given them courage to continue faithful until victory is won, and they receive a reward at that crowning day spoken of in Rev. 21:7. During this season of prayer the people of God earnestly reconsecrated their lives to the Lord and many have won victories and are pressing forward. Is this your experience, dear reader? We are just on the borders of the heavenly Canaan, and there are many spies to discourage the people of God. Many will be kept back till it is too late, and they will have to say: "The Harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." But let us strive to be among those who are ready.

It was my privilege to spend the first part of the Week of Prayer with the believers at Midnapore, when the Lord was earnestly sought by those present. Opposition from Satan was felt at first, but with the help of the Lord we were able to overcome and many victories were experienced.

After the first half of the week, I left the believers at Midnapore and spent one evening with the German brethren at Calgary, and the Lord seemed especially near. On the same night I left for Walsh to spend the rest of the week with the brethren there. Again the enemy's influence was felt, but the power of God can overthrow the strongest forces of the enemy, and victory was once more given to us. Many of the brethren reconsecrated their lives to God's service. Others who had not been as faithful as they would have liked, made a new start. Though the brethren there are not very rich in this world's goods, they donated \$42.00 as their annual offering. With tears in their eyes, many regretted they had so little to give and promised that they would do better in the future.

Let us all be faithful with that which the Lord gives to us, so that He can say of us at the judgment day: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

SAMUEL LEISKE.

TO THE SABBATH-SCHOOLS, HOME DEPARTMENT AND ISOLATED SABBATH-KEEPERS

I feel sure the members of our Sabbath-schools and those who are isolated and have not the privilege of attending Sabbath-school will be interested in the contents of a letter received from the Sabbath-school Department at Washington. Therefore it gives me pleasure to send the matter on to you, praying it may prove a source of encouragement to know what is done with the funds you give from quarter to quarter. Truly "God loveth a cheerful giver."

"Thank you for the report for the quarter ending September 30th. I have just compared it with the report for the previous quarter and find there is a gain of \$1,056.38. This is almost too good to be true! We seldom see such a gain. Your report all through is excellent. You have a nice number of new schools and your membership has grown, and your perfect attendance is also fine. The people of Alberta evidently must have a better record for getting to Sabbath-school than in some parts of the world.

"I am glad for the number you report as finishing the training course for the year. We are extremely anxious, Sister Crothers, to close up our work for this year in a good, strong way.

"I suppose by this time you have received the package of training course leaflets and enrollment blanks that we sent you. I hope you will get busy right away and get all your teachers lined up for the new course which begins with the January number of the Sabbath-school *Worker*. You of course know that the text book we are to study is 'Learning to Teach from the Master Teacher.' It is an excellent book, I think one of the best we have ever had. The language is simple, inspirational and helpful; it is all its name implies. In addition to this book, we will continue the Training Course article in the *Worker*.

"The summary for the second quarter of this year is made up and will appear in the February number of the *Worker*. The financial part of it is not so chilling as the one for March. We have a nice little gain of \$12,704.10 over the first quarter. The total amount of gifts to missions is \$106,325.66. Poor war-stricken Europe was almost left out this time. But just at the last we received a report or two, so it has its usual place on the summary, even though the report is very incomplete.

"The thirteenth Sabbath offering on June 24th was a splendid one. You remember we were asked to give to the education work in Brazil. The call was for \$20,000, but as usual our Sabbath-schools rallied loyally to the needs of the work and instead of giving \$20,000 they gave \$24,318.90. In response to this splendid gift the Brazil Union Conference committee has sent on to us the following resolution for us to pass on to our Sabbath-schools:—

"Whereas: The second thirteenth Sabbath offering of 1916 was devoted to the purpose of establishing a training school in Brazil and has enabled us to purchase this property and erect this splendid building, therefore be it

"Resolved: That we, the Brazil Union Conference committee, the school board, faculty and student body in counsel assembled at the school, do hereby express

to our brethren and sisters our deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks for this splendid gift to our field.

"Perhaps you will be interested in knowing to what field we are to give on the first thirteenth Sabbath of 1917. The Mission Board voted, not long ago, that we devote our offering on that day to the work in South Africa. We are getting splendid reports from that field. The call for out-schools and native teachers is very urgent, as they do not have schools enough to meet the demands. They are not able to accommodate all the people who want to attend. The offering on March 31st is to go especially to strengthen our mission schools in that part of Africa.

"I wonder if you know that the subscription price of the Sabbath-school *Worker* has been raised to 60c.? The new rate goes into effect the first of the year. Hereafter the club rate will be 45c. instead of 35c. as heretofore. This includes the *Youth's Instructor*, as well. We either had to cut the *Worker* down to sixteen pages or raise the price on it."

Praying God to abundantly bless all our faithful Sabbath-keepers, with love and best wishes for a bright and happy New Year, I am,

Your sister in faith and courage,

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS,

Sec'y Sabbath-school Dept.

READY TO LEAVE EGYPT

There are many things which have made my soul joyous since I commenced distributing the Harvest Ingathering number this fall. The first week it did not go so well, because the people had not threshed. The second week has gone very well. I believe if we would take the advice God gave to Moses, that success would follow, "Go and I will go with thee."

When the children of Israel were ready to leave Egypt the Lord said: "Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man ask 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. Moreover, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt . . . in the sight of the people. Ex. 11: 2-3, Dan-Norwegian translation.

The second week, as I said, God blessed me. One man gave me \$5.00, and said: "If you come around after I have finished threshing I may give a little more." Another man gave me \$3.35, and said, "When you come back from the north come and stop with us and we will give a little more." When I returned he said to his wife, "Here are two dollars you can give." On Monday morning, as I was ready to leave (for I stopped over Sabbath and Sunday with this family) he took up \$10.00 and said, "Take this and use it as seems best."

We are also ready to leave Egypt, and to reveal to the people who sit in darkness the soon coming Saviour, and why should not God move upon our neighbors? "For I am the Lord, I change not," "And even to your old age I am He, and even to hoar hairs will I carry . . . and will deliver you." Isa. 46: 4.

Brethren, if you have never tried to get something from your neighbors, do it now. God will bless, for it is not our work; it is His. H. E. SHELSTAD.

NOTE.—Brother Shelstad's last report shows he has now reached his goal of \$100.00.

REPORT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Alberta Conference—3rd Quarter, 1916

Church	Tithe	Home Funds	20c.-a-Wk. Funds	Total
Conference	\$1,218.98	\$703.55	\$569.24	\$2,491.77
Acme	135.25	101.00	39.83	276.03
Bismark	599.35	50.00	22.60	671.95
Calgary	337.91	73.25	108.30	519.46
Clemens	162.00	2.00	46.75	210.75
Clive	225.85	37.10	105.65	368.60
Coronation .....	....	....	....	....
Didsbury	110.90	5.00	43.91	159.81
Edmonton	168.08	22.00	60.35	268.43
Gadsby	385.65	....	168.45	554.10
Granum	328.45	276.00	93.95	698.40
Hanna	26.00	30.00	44.13	100.13
Harmattan	230.90	....	42.64	273.54
Hawksdale	145.10	19.30	40.65	205.05
Irvine	639.00	10.00	50.10	699.10
Lacombe	642.10	102.45	97.98	842.53
Leduc	150.05	75.00	44.40	269.45
Leduc German	93.00	6.00	53.72	152.72
Lewisville	281.51	187.08	78.82	547.41
Loyalist	19.50	4.00	143.50	167.00
Midnapore	184.80	....	73.81	258.61
Retlaw Company	76.00	....	16.90	92.90
Rosebud	747.00	422.50	479.45	1,648.95
Sedgewick	30.90	....	10.90	41.80
Vermilion Lakes	429.15	5.00	70.05	504.20
Winnifred	139.60	8.00	82.50	230.10
Miscellaneous	44.10	44.10

Totals\$7,525.03 \$2,183.33 \$2,588.58 \$12,296.94

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WINNIFRED, IRVINE AND THELMA

It was my privilege for the first time to meet with the dear brethren at Winnifred the first half of the Week of Prayer. Some of our brethren were threshing and found it hard to meet, but we had a blessed season together, and it was hard to part from them just in the midst of the week. Brother A. A. Roth arrived the last day from Foremost and joined me on my trip to Irvine, where we were together with our dear brethren and sisters, who have a new church building, and a basement in which Brother Armeneau is teaching a church-school. The enemy tried hard to keep us from having the blessing the Lord had in store for us. We had a very hard battle for a while, but with the help of God we gained a victory and hearts melted and the Spirit of God could work. Consecration and the spirit of sacrifice came in. The sum of \$39.20 was donated.

We left the dear people of good courage and went across the Cypress Hills to another little flock where we are holding meetings now. The Lord is very good to us. Pray for the work in this district.

C. C. NEUFELD.

ALBERTA NEWS NOTES

Brother Beveridge is away at Bentley to spend a few weeks.

The students at the Academy are greatly enjoying their new chapel. The room is large, well lighted and ventilated.

The Lacombe church, together with the Academy students, met one evening to make definite plans for the Harvest Ingathering work. About forty of the students offered themselves for service. The church has thus far been successful in raising \$97.00. The students have worked in the country, while the older members have worked nearer home.

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We wish for the readers of the *Tidings* a most happy and prosperous New Year.

A Morning Watch Calendar for every Seventh-day Adventist in the W. Can. U. Conference.

Sister J. Hooper, Retlaw, Alta., sends in her Harvesting Ingathering solicitor's card with eleven names on in and \$34.00 and says:

"In my Harvest Ingathering work I sent out two papers by mail, for one of which I received \$20.00, and the other I have not heard from, but I thought the people I solicited offerings from were very generous and I could have done more had I had the time to put into the work."

Order your Morning Watch Calendars from the Tract Society. Five cents each. Stamps will be accepted for one or a few, but why not speak to others and send in a large order?

A card just received from Bro. Wissner, Secretary of the Saskatchewan Conference, reads: "The amount of Harvest Ingathering for December is \$429.06. This added to amounts previously sent in makes a total of \$940.69." Saskatchewan now has gone nearly \$500.00 beyond her quota.

From a recent letter written by Elder C. F. McVagh we learn that the Institutes in British Columbia are accomplishing much good. Those attending the Institutes have manifested a deep interest, and it is felt that the work in British Columbia will be materially benefited by these Institutes.

Brother T. S. Bowett and family have reached Vancouver and are settled in their new home in the Tract Society Office. The Alberta Conference has yielded up one of its most faithful workers, but we can only wish for Brother and Sister Bowett the special blessing of God as they take on newer and larger responsibilities.

A returned missionary said that twenty-five years ago he decided to observe the Morning Watch, and in looking back over his life he regarded it the most important decision he had made during the last quarter of a century. He considered his faithful observance of the Morning Watch one of the chief secrets of the success he had enjoyed in the mission field.

The attention of our readers is called to the fact that Brethren A. O. Tait and L. E. Froom have been appointed editors of the *Signs of the Times* Magazine. This is one of several changes that were made to reduce the publishing cost, due to an abnormally high paper market. Judging from the January number, which is the first under the new management, we are led to believe that a prosperous future awaits this splendid evangelical magazine.

Brother J. B. Giddings, who has just reached Calgary, states that when he left the British Columbia office on the last day of 1916, \$632.00 had been received on the Harvest Ingathering Fund. This is another of the Conferences of the Union having met their goal. The total Ingathering receipts of the Alberta Conference at the present writing are \$1,780.29. No report has been received from Manitoba. We are awaiting with interest the outcome of the Fall Campaign.

RECEIPTS OF THE 20c-A-WEEK FUND FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF 1916

Conference	Memb.	Amt. Raised.	Quota.	Less.	Over.
Alberta	721	\$ 8,155.03	\$ 6,861.65	.....	\$1,293.38
B. C.	452	2,645.01	4,301.68	\$1,656.67	.....
Manitoba ..	242	2,457.81	2,303.11	.....	154.70
Sask.	430	8,556.40	4,092.31	.....	4,464.09
		1,845	\$21,814.25	\$17,558.75	\$5,912.17
			17,558.75		1,656.67
Net Amt. over		\$ 4,255.50			\$4,255.50

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

SANITARIUM BATH AND MASSAGE PARLORS—Massage, Hydrotherapy, Electricity. Rheumatism, Indigestion, Nervous Troubles and Kidney and Liver disorders are successfully treated. S. H. LOGAN, 314 Underwood Bldg., Calgary, Alta. Phone M3537.

FOR SALE—Trade or rent; nine roomed house and lot in Rosedale, near Alberta Academy. Price \$1,000.00. Would consider trade for stock. Apply to L. D. Sutherland, Lacombe, Alberta.

FOR SALE—Near the Academy, a good eight-roomed house, now occupied by Elder Wilson. For price and terms, apply or write to Elder J. L. Wilson, Box 418, Lacombe, Alberta.

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

WANTED—Clean late copies of Signs and other denominational papers, also tracts, for distributing rack. Address, Mrs. Minnie Mabley, Elk Point, Alta.

WANTED—Seventh-day Adventist Young Man to work in Bicycle and General Repair Shop. Good opportunity for one who wishes to take up this line of work.—Pioneer Cycle Works, P.O. Box 324; 717 Fourth Street West, Calgary, Alta.