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WHAT DOES THE UNION JACK STAND FOR?

Ask the men and women of many climes, races and religions, who dwell in safety under its folds, and they will testify that it stands for the freedom of conscience and the largest measure of personal liberty consistent with public safety and equality of all before the law. The story of the struggle by which our liberty has been placed on the present substantial basis; the mistakes, the persecutions, the oppressions, the inconsistencies through which we have struggled to light and liberty, make interesting reading, but a story too long for this article.

We are always in danger of forgetting that the British Empire did not reach its place of influence in the world through conquest, neither is it bound together by bands of steel, but by bands infinitely stronger than military force. This great truth Rudyard Kipling has beautifully voiced in his great poem, "Recessional," written on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee, which reads as follows:

God of our fathers, known of old—
Lord of our far-flung battleline—
Beneath whose awful hand we hold
Dominion over palm and pine—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—Lest we forget!

The tumult and the shouting dies—
The Captains and the Kings depart—
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—Lest we forget!

Far-called, our navies melt away—
On dune and headland sinks the fire—
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Ninevah and Tyre!
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,
Lest we forget—Lest we forget!

If, drunk with sight of power, we loose
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe—
Such boasting as the Gentiles use,
Or lesser breeds without the law—
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—Lest we forget!

For heathen heart that puts her trust
In reeking tube and iron shard—
All valient dust that builds on dust,
And guarding, calls not Thee to guard,
For frantic boast and foolish word,
Thy Mercy on Thy People, Lord.
Amen.

It was Victoria the Good, who, in her proclamation to the people of India in 1858, expressed these noble sentiments:

"We declare it to be our royal will and pleasure that none be in anywise favored, none molested or disquieted by reason of their religious faith or observance, but that all shall alike enjoy the equal and impartial protection of the law; and we do strictly charge and enjoin all those who may be in authority under us that they abstain from all interference with the religious belief or worship of any of our subjects, on pain of our highest displeasure."

Later, in a letter dated December 2nd, 1858, from Windsor Castle, and addressed to Viscount Canning, she said: "The Queen rejoices to hear that her Viceroy approves this passage about Religion. She strongly insisted on it."

The "Grand Old Man," W. E. Gladstone, has also left on record many worthy sayings, none among them more noble than the two that I quote:

"On every religious ground, as well as on every political ground, the wise course is, not to deal out religious liberty by halves, quarters and fractions, but to deal it out entire, and make no distinction between man and man on the ground of religious difference, from one end of the land to the other." (W. E. Gladstone, on the Parliamentary Oath.) And, "I hold that civil equality—that is, equality of all subjects before the law—a law which recognizes the personal rights of all subjects—is the only foundation of a perfect commonwealth." (Taken from W. E. Gladstone's address to the students of Glasgow University, November, 1873.)

The British people are not the only people who have had right ideals of liberty and have struggled to exemplify them before the world. Other nations have done a noble part and in this world we are all debtors one to another, in matters of progress. No nation has a monopoly of truth, liberty, culture and progress, but the one thing that has given the English-speaking nations such a prestige in the world for so many years has been their loyalty to the Bible, the recognition of the Ten Commandment moral code, and the recognition of liberty of conscious.

Wherever the red, white and blue of the Union Jack

(or the Stars and Stripes, which was born of and stands for the same ideals) flies, there every man is protected in his right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. There he may be a Christian, a Jew, a Mohammedan, a Brahmin, or an infidel, and be protected in his right, and practice his religion in peace and persuade others to believe as he does, without hindrance. Thus the Christian missionary has been protected everywhere and Christianity has been freely permitted to demonstrate the superiority of its principles alongside its competitors. In the dark and sorry past the Jew, the Lollard, the Puritan, the Roman Catholic, the Quaker, the Seventh-day Baptist and others have been subjected to civil disabilities and religious persecution, but now, thank God, in all the English-speaking world these dwell side by side in peace and equality before the Law. C. F. McVAGH.

USE THE MAILS

Christ began his work in A.D. 27. This was the beginning of the preaching of the gospel of the present dispensation, the gospel of Jesus Christ. The disciples continued it after Christ's death, and about A.D. 64, when the epistle to the Colossians is supposed to have been written, Paul was able to say, "The hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven." Col. 1: 23.

How did those few people manage to make the gospel known to all the then known world? The world was not as big then as it is now, but it was big enough for a problem of that sort. The important thing is that they did it.

Once again there is a world to warn, much bigger in territory, but infinitely easier to reach, because of the wonderful facilities of the last days. So let us make more use of them.

Why not use the mails now? We have two of the finest possible papers for this purpose. There is the *Signs* weekly in its new form, now so much more within the reach of our people by reason of its lower price. Save a dollar, subscribe for a year, and send the paper away every week after you have read it. Watch for opportunities to save another dollar, and have another paper to send out after another soul. Perhaps you can spare several dollars for this work. Write a letter full of Christ love to send with the papers, and pray for God's blessing on them. You will surely see results some day.

The other paper is the *Present Truth*. For twenty-five cents you can have this sent every two weeks for a year to any name and address in the North American Division territory. Why not use the mails, and send in a long list of names, writing a letter to each one yourself to introduce the paper. God's chief purpose in these wonderful mail facilities has been to enable His people to give this last message quickly. Let us be God's fellow-laborers in using the facilities he provides to good effect.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

The figures given in the following report will be of deep interest to the readers of the *Tidings*. The whole report shows good increase in the various named funds. The Lord's people have been faithful in the payment of their tithe, as is revealed in this report. The total amount for the union is \$71,131.20, or an amount equal to \$38.61 for every member in the Union.

STATEMENT OF HOME AND MISSION FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE WESTERN CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE

For Year Ending December 31st, 1916

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	Sask.	Total
Tithe	\$3,023.30	\$964.90	\$460.00	\$2,664.92	\$7,113.12
Tithe to Miss..	6,046.62	482.45	230.00	4,263.85	11,022.92
Sus. Fund	1,813.99	578.94	276.00	1,598.94	4,267.87
Missions—					
Annual Off. . .	1,380.42	291.76	164.68	729.86	2,566.72
Harvest Ing. .	2,194.57	896.05	404.47	940.69	4,435.78
Mid-Sum. Off.	167.60	40.83	115.03	205.79	529.25
Missions	2,696.22	248.28	1,183.49	1,844.58	5,972.57
Sab.-School . .	5,121.16	2,297.74	1,352.41	6,063.13	14,834.44
Y.P. Society . .	337.95	13.45	167.11	233.46	751.97
Native Worker	242.70	....	....	395.40	638.19
China & India.	28.20	....	40.00	17.00	85.29
South America	....	....	6.10	....	6.10
Philippines . .	....	....	6.60	....	6.60
Home Funds—					
Clinton Sem. . .	259.00	40.60	....	420.00	719.00
Women's Aux.	770.30	176.07	107.50	622.87	1,676.74
Relig. Liberty.	5.64	....	....	3.30	8.97
Swed. Relief . .	5.90	....	....	5.00	10.90
Jewish Work . .	29.25	....	....	....	29.25
Burroway Organ	40.00	....	....	....	40.00
Southern Schls.	5.10	7.18	1.70	8.30	22.28
Swed. Sem.	35.00	....	....	....	35.00
Colored Work .	40.05	13.75	32.55	93.15	179.50
German Lit. . .	1.00	....	....	.50	1.50
Jamaica	25.00	....	....	....	25.00
Tract Soc. Sus.	77.45	38.32	48.92	100.92	265.15
Total	\$24,346.42	\$6,089.72	\$4,596.56	\$20,211.20	\$55,243.90

F. L. HOMMEL,
Treasurer.

It will be observed that the offerings from the Sabbath-schools are unusually large. The Saskatchewan conference having met its quota of the Twenty-cent-a-week fund in this department alone. The totals of the Harvest Ingathering are also most encouraging, and the average raised by each member in the Union was \$2.40. This donation is a splendid contribution from those not of our faith, and is an indication that the Lord is using every means for the furtherance of His work in the earth.

The gifts toward the Women's Auxiliary movement have been greater than anticipated. This shows that the believers in Western Canada are interested not only in the fields afar, but in worthy enterprises in our home field. This report does not include money that has been paid to the various conferences for work within the Union, such as the Battleford Academy, Alberta Academy, and other home enterprises.

Every believer should raise their hearts in thankfulness to God that such a report has been made possible. May God continue to bless His people throughout all the fields.

F. L. HOMMEL.

THE COST OF LIVING

Ten clear, snappy, right-to-the-point articles in the February number of *Life and Health* will help you solve the cost of living problem in your family. What will benefit you will benefit every home in the Western Canadian Union. Five to forty copies cost 5 cents each; fifty or more copies cost 4 cents each. Your conference tract society will be glad to handle your order.

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CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE AT LACOMBE

The education of our children is one of the most important factors in our lives; therefore we as a people must take care of our children the first thing above all. To give our children a Christian education, we as a people must be in unison in our educational system; therefore a Church School Teachers' Institute was called at Lacombe on December 25-31. There were present twelve church school teachers. It was my privilege to attend this institute, and it was very interesting to listen to all the different topics which were presented.

The Conference allowed the expenses of all the teachers to this institute, and the churches the time of the teachers. If all our members of the church school boards could attend such a meeting, they would learn what high ideals were presented to the teachers, to get their children to recognize their Creator in their youth and prepare them for eternity.

Miss Beardsley, the secretary of the Educational Department, and Prof. Dick, the principal of the Academy, were the instructors at this institute, and the importance of a Christian education was held before the teachers. The following topics were on the program:

Bible Teaching in the Grammar Grades....B. Saxild
Primary Reading and Spelling.....Mrs. C. Hubbard
Written Work in the Grammar Grades...L. W. Cobb
Supervised Recreation.....Josephine Renville
Home Credits.....Harriet Beardsley
Opening Exercises, Morals and Manners. Anna Barker
The Call to Teach (Sabbath sermon).....E. D. Dick
Manual Training in Our Schools.....Mamie Grimes
Reading and Spelling in the Grammar Grades....

Phyllis Sargeant
World Plan of Teaching Geography.....Anna Barker
Junior Work in the Church School...Phyllis Sargeant
What is Good Discipline.....Bertha Gillbank
Nature Teaching.....E. D. Dick
Devices for Stimulating Interest.....Lillian Hilde
Co-operation of Parents and Teachers.....

Harriet Beardsley

At the close of the institute a consecration service was held, in which all the teachers re-consecrated their lives fully to God to work for the saving of our children in this Conference.

At the present time we have twelve schools in operation, with about 160 children attending; and a number of other churches would like to have a church school if they could secure some consecrated teachers for them. I wish all our churches would lay their plans for 1917 early, so that all can be provided with suitable school buildings and teachers.

I have had the privilege of visiting some of our church schools in different places in the Conference,

and I was very much pleased with the work that was being carried on. The only difficulty I find in our schools is that our parents do not recognize the time which we are living in and are not exact enough in keeping their children for seven or eight months in school. Some of our schools started too late in the first place, and then quite a number of our grown-up children are kept at home, and by staying at home more or less they lose the interest in their school work and will be crippled up in their Christian education. I wish that we could consider the education of our children first, and all other things as secondary matters.

H. H. HUMANN.

—o— THY KINGDOM COME

I am glad to be able to add my testimony to that of others in the *Tidings* who have engaged in the Harvest Ingathering work. I can say that the Lord fulfills His promise to go with us and assist us.

I came to Edmonton a week before Christmas and have continued there in the same work ever since. During this time I have distributed about 500 papers and received for the Lord's foreign mission work \$125, in Edmonton alone, where the people are burdened with calls for money day after day. One morning, soon after I had started to solicit, a lady told me two other causes had already been solicited for that very morning, but I went on and did not do so badly. Surely the Lord has this cause on His heart and will help those who go out in faith, "nothing doubting," as Peter said when he went to Cornelius.

This work should have been done before. There was a time for it, but if we fail to do that for which there has been an appointed time set, it will have to be done under greater difficulties later. May God help us all to learn this lesson, not only in the Harvest Ingathering work, for other years, but in all lines of His work, in training our children in the home and church school, in home missionary work among our neighbors, etc. I am thankful that God forgives our mistakes and accepts us and our labor for Him at any time.

I shall continue in the Ingathering work in Edmonton for a little time.

Your brother in His cause,

R. E. ROBINSON.

—o— IS YOUR REPORT IN?

Someone has said that "the secret of success lies in doing the common duties of life uncommonly well." Just now the Sabbath-schools are anxious to see the returns of *their school* printed in the *W. C. Tidings*. What has been the record? We have about half of the reports in. Will not every secretary do his or her duty by sending in the fourth quarter's report promptly? The Lord has promised a blessing to those who are faithful over a few things.

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

—o— ALBERTA ACADEMY NOTES

We are glad that Miss Ethel Kitto, who has been ill for several weeks, is again able to resume her studies.

A young son came to brighten the home of Bro. and Sister Harder on Sabbath, January 13th.

Bro. J. L. Beane and family left Lacombe for Walla Walla, Sunday, January 7th.

Elder Babienco, from Saskatchewan, was a welcome visitor. He is taking up work among the Russians of this conference.

We were pleased to have Mrs. Wm. Carison, from Gull Lake, Sask., with us while visiting her son and daughter, who are attending school here.

A very interesting program was given Sunday evening, January 1st, in the chapel, by the church-school department. A number of small children took part and each one did well. All present were highly pleased with the evening's entertainment.

The enrollment of the Academy is still increasing. Among the latest to arrive are Miss Francis Clark, Hubert Hafner, Joseph Wilson, Stephen Wilson, Norman Brown, William Brown, Warren Mabley, Lawrence Mabley, Bennie Mabley, Emery Long, Samuel Lang, and Theo. Lang. Total number now enrolled is 213.

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THE INSTITUTES

The three institutes held at Nelson, Grandview and Vancouver were a success. At Nelson only Elder McVagh and myself attended from outside the district of the Kootenays, but Brethren Wood and Tombs, both living there, furnished us ample help for the small attendance at the meeting. Only a few succeeded in getting out during the day, but those who came appreciated the instruction. Elder McVagh lectured each evening in the new church which had just been completed in time for the institute. The building does credit to our message and the citizens of Nelson are proud of it, having contributed largely to its erection. It is not quite finished yet, but when that is done and the building entirely free from debt, it will be dedicated.

Monday morning, December 25th, we started for the next institute, to be held at Grandview. That night we were entertained at the home of Brother and Sister Greenslade, of Penticton, and the next morning we took the boat for the north, accompanied by Brother Wood, Brother Potter and Brother Wyles. At Kelowna, Brother Bellehammer and Brother Barber joined us. That evening we arrived at Grandview and Elder McVagh spoke in the church to a company of over 150 people. All through this institute we had a good attendance. From seventy-five to one hundred came to the day meetings and from one hundred and twenty-five to one hundred and seventy-five at night. Some who couldn't understand the English came, and some who couldn't hear very well came. School was dismissed and work was set aside, allowing everyone to attend, and about all attended. This earnestness was an inspiration to us all and the institute was indeed a great blessing.

Tuesday evening, January 2nd, Elder McVagh opened the third institute at Vancouver, speaking to a fair-sized audience in the Union Street church. The

next day was spent discussing the work of the Sabbath-school department, and everyone appreciated the presence and help of Sister Jemsen, our Sabbath-school secretary. The balance of the time of the institute was spent in discussing the Young People's work, the Home Missionary situation in its different phases, and general church work. The meeting closed Sunday evening with Elder McVagh's sermon on the Sabbath question.

The brethren and sisters of Vancouver are doing a good work with our literature, both English and foreign, and in the Christian help work; and the discussion of those lines provoked no little interest at this meeting. We believe the effort was a success, and the blessing of the Lord attended us on our way.

J. G. WALKER.

THANK GOD AND TAKE COURAGE

All our brethren and sisters will be interested to know that when Bro. Bowett closed the accounts for 1916, the Harvest Ingathering account had reached within four of \$900. More has come in since, which will go toward reaching our goal for 1917. It is not too early to think of praying for and working toward \$1,000 for 1917. During 1916 we have passed our assigned quota of \$632 by nearly \$300, but most encouraging of all is the spirit of earnest work on the part of all, even those away back in the interior, and those who have never taken part in this work before. \$17 was sent in by Bro. Ford Dodds, of Ootsa Lake, with these words: "Here are seventeen bundles from fourteen grains." Speaks well for the soil in your district, Bro. Dodds, and thanks to the Lord of the Harvest and the faithfulness of the reaper.

From Sister Jenson, of Burns Lake, came a letter enclosing \$5.50 from seven papers. Sister DeGreek's experience from Texoda Island ought to encourage others for the work during 1917. She writes: "You ask for my experience in the Harvest Ingathering work. If I tell it, you will call me a coward, and so I am. If I said otherwise it would be false. I had a great struggle with myself. It seemed that I could not go out and ask for money. In the Lord's strength I went out and found the people and the money both ready and waiting for me. I did not get money at every place but all were very kind and the Lord gave \$6.50."

If you have a few papers left, it is not too late or too early to distribute them and help our Ingathering for 1917. One missionary success leads to another, and judging from the way our new Tract Society Secretary has been "snowed under" with orders, all our people are taking hold of their work with greater earnestness than ever before.

While on the trip to the Okanagan Institute it was my privilege to receive orders for four sets of the Testimonies, nine sets of the Reading Course books, over one hundred Morning Watch Calendars, and other publications amounting to \$125. The elder of the Grandview church expressed the feeling of many when he said he had attended three institutes, but the one just held was the best, and we all rejoice in the omens of success and victory for this cause.

E. R. POTTER.

A REMINDER

If all who have finished reading the Bible through during 1916, or even during 1915 and 1916, will promptly let me know by card or letter, I shall be glad to secure for you one of the William Miller Bible Cards, which will be a worthy keepsake.

At the Okanagan Institute fifty-two signed the Bible Year Cards, expressing their decision to read the Bible through systematically during 1917. If you have not decided, why not make that decision now, and make it a daily pleasure to read three or more chapters from the Book of books?
E. R. POTTER.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES

Brother Wm. Brown, of Grandview (near Armstrong) has now returned home after a three months' sojourn in Portland at the Sanitarium. He is still very weak.

Elder Walker left immediately following the institute meetings to attend the Union Conference Committee meetings at Calgary, which were set to convene January 10th.

We were pleased to have with us during the institute, Sister Sadie McN. Jemson, our Conference Sabbath-school secretary. Her instruction along the line of Sabbath-school work was greatly appreciated.

Brother L. A. Philpott, our field secretary, and Brother T. S. Bowett, our new secretary-treasurer, are expected to attend the Bookmen's Convention in Mountain View, California, February 5-15.

Our people in B.C. are rejoicing greatly over the good work done in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, and are especially thankful to those who made an unusual effort to raise our quota. The amount reported for this last year was \$896.00. Our quota was \$632.00.

Those using the Morning Watch Calendar will be pleased to know that they can obtain a pocket edition of the book of Psalms from this office for the small sum of five cents. Those using this help, marking the texts daily, are finding it a great help in the study of this book.

We are sorry to report that Elder Burrill is quite poorly and confined to his bed with an attack of grippe. We ask on his behalf an interest in the prayers of our brethren and sisters, that this faithful soldier of the Lord's army may be restored speedily to health. An encouraging letter to him would be appreciated.

During the evenings of the institute week Elder McVagh gave a series of greatly appreciated Bible studies. These gave added strength and new life to our own people as well as proving a benefit to those who attended from the outside. The meeting held on Sunday night, January 7th, was especially well attended and all listened attentively to the truths presented on the New Testament Sabbath. We were glad to have Brother McVagh with us during this season and appreciated his timely help and counsel.

Brother George Freeman, of Victoria, attended the institute at the Union Street church, and at the same time meeting with the Conference Committee. We were glad to meet Brother Freeman and have him with us during these days. Another welcome visitor was Brother A. H. Nicholson. It was feared, at first, that he would not be with us as he has been laid up for some time, but we were very much pleased that he was able to attend the institute and meetings of the Conference Committee.

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TRYING TIMES

There is no doubt in the mind of the writer that 1917 will be one of the most eventful years in the history of the world. We will be brought into trying places, perhaps the worst ever experienced, as the war con-

tinues. I wonder sometimes if we will ever have any more times of peace. It is surely a time when we should get back to our first experience in the message.

Be sure each day that you are pleasing God. If the family worship has been discontinued, build the altar up again. Brethren, I am sure we are going to need the Lord as we have never needed Him before. It is surely no time to get slack in anything. This is a life and death question, but one thing is sure, and that is, God will care for His people. The battle will soon be over. Shall we gain the victory?

While in Calgary I find that they are still pushing the Harvest Ingathering work. One sister has promised to gather \$100 and at present writing has \$70 of this already. She went out a few hours today and came in with almost \$6. A number in the Conference are still at work and having good success. One minister has gathered \$100 in small amounts. This branch is of very great importance, as it is a means in our hands to help finish the work. If you have papers still on hand, try and use them up, and let us make up our minds to do more in this line during the coming season. We passed our quota this year, so we must keep up the good work in 1917.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

WINNIPEG

We are now nicely located in the city of Winnipeg—a city of more than usual interest. It is a large city, hence offers freedom in our work. We are finding the people very kind and courteous. The City Street Car Company gave us \$150 worth of advertising, which we very much needed, and for which we are thankful.

We have rented two prominent halls down town for Sunday services—one for the afternoon, the other for evening, for two weeks, after which we will only have one hall for Sunday evenings. We have fallen in with the Orangemen and they promise us their support. Also the Trades and Unions offered us their support; so we are going at it, with the prayer that we may do something for this nice city. The church raised \$31 just lately to carry on the work, but we need more funds. Pray for us when petitioning the throne of grace.
C. A. HANSEN.

GRANDVIEW, MANITOBA

Our meetings in Grandview continue with a good attendance and a deep interest is shown by some in the solemn truths applicable to our time. One family has signified their intention to walk in all the light that God gives them. The mother has already begun the observance of the Sabbath and the father is endeavoring to arrange his business affairs so that he may be in a position to do the same. The kindred truths connected with this message are accepted by them as soon as presented. Several others are convinced of the truthfulness of our position but have not taken their stand. We are confident, however, that the Lord has some jewels here, and in His own good time will bring them to light and polish them fit for the Master's use.

It means considerable for some of them to even attend our services, for the wily foe has not been idle and what cannot be accomplished by other means is

often attained by the finger of scorn. Quite a number followed us closely in our studies and seemed deeply impressed with the truth, but when the cross became heavy and the way so straight they showed the spirit of Demas, "having loved this present world." Since closing nightly services most of my time has been spent in soliciting for Harvest Ingathering, visiting and holding Bible readings and conducting one public service a week at this place and Dauphin.

Recently I spent a few hours with Bro. Ullett and family at Gilbert Plains. This dear family are new in the truth and do not have the weekly encouragement of those of like faith, and are dependent upon the world for work to gain a livelihood, yet their love for the truth is growing and they give tangible evidence of its effect on the heart by sacrificing to assist in spreading the message they love so well.

In looking over the year's work we are led to praise the Lord for the many tokens of His love and care, and we are profoundly grateful for His leadership and deeply conscious of the fact that what has been done is due to the influence of an all-wise Creator
V. W. ROBB.

MANITOBA NEWS NOTES

Elder E. M. Chapman spent a few days at Calgary, Alberta, the presidents of the Union being called together in council.

Elder C. A. Hansen has begun his first public effort in Winnipeg, holding services Sunday the 14th, in the Taber and Orangemen's Hall.

Brother Ed. Minchen reports a brother who kept his first Sabbath, and is in harmony with our faith. Should not this be an example for all our people to follow, win one soul this year?

The Manitoba Auditing Committee will meet January 18th, at which time our Union President, Elder C. F. McVagh, and Union Auditor, Bro. F. L. Hommel, will also be in Winnipeg.

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THE RUSSIAN WORK IN SASKATCHEWAN

I am glad to say that the Lord is blessing the Russian work in Saskatchewan. On the 28th day of November I went to see some Russian believers at Viceroy, and on the 1st day of December we started with the meetings. The weather was very good and the people came every night to the meetings. Here I have remained two weeks and during this time the Lord has blessed us. Four souls have accepted the truth, and those who were in the truth were strengthened, and with new courage firmly determined to be faithful unto the end. We celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house and with joy in our hearts we separated.

From Viceroy I went to Lonesome Butte (it is indeed lonesome), sixty miles from the railroad. Here we have also seven believers. The weather turned cold, but notwithstanding the cold weather we had meetings every night. The Lord blessed us richly here. During

the two weeks five souls accepted the truth and a company of twelve was organized. Then we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house, and with new courage parted.

Now I am ready to start for Alberta, where I will work this winter. Pray that the Lord will greatly bless His work there.
T. T. BABIENCO.

BATTLEFORD ACADEMY

I am sure our brethren who have children at the Academy are kept informed as to the progress of our work, but there may be others who are wondering how things are going. I am sure you would like to step in and see how we are all working together for the success of our school. One of the visitors to some of the classes made the remark, "I have learned more about that subject today than I ever did before."

All our class work is making good progress. For a while we were much unsettled because the building was not completed, but we are gradually overcoming the obstacles in the way of concentrated effort, and are settling down to real hard study.

Our school building is very comfortable and warm on these cold days. The steam heat and electric lights make life pleasant and are an encouragement to better work. We are getting the doors hung and the floors varnished in the class-rooms. One by one, the different fixtures and conveniences are being put in place, and in the course of time we shall feel ourselves very well situated indeed. In all lines of work there is progress, besides the regular book study. We have a new Sherlock-Manning piano, and the practice hours are filled, as also are those on the organ. There are fourteen or fifteen pupils in instrumental music and a large class in sight-singing.

Our Sabbath-school now has a membership of about 104. For the last Thirteenth Sabbath the offering was over \$125. Professor Degering and his fellow officers are having excellent success in this important branch. The organization of a Missionary Volunteer Society and a Junior Missionary Society is under way, and we are planning for active missionary work and study. Already there are prayer bands which are doing efficient work among the students. This is real missionary work which counts, and is a training for service in the field when the school days are past.

Our attendance has been steadily increasing until now it is about 96 or 97. The growth of the church school grades has made necessary a reorganization of that work. A few of the older students are conducting some of the classes under the supervision of the Primary teacher. This is a start on our Normal work. We need to develop some experienced teachers to send out into the field to meet the calls, and we are glad to see a step toward preparing workers for this needy branch.

Not the least by any means is the daily association our young people are under. Many lessons of unselfishness, gentleness, thoughtfulness, faithfulness, and duty to one another are being learned every day. These are really the lessons that are of most value, and it is in school that they are most thoroughly learned.

We are all of good courage, and are pressing on against the difficulties before us with a resolute determination to prevail in the battle against the forces of darkness.
H. W. CLARK.

OBITUARY

DIED—Mrs. Mary Denham, December 26, 1916, age 50 years and 4 months. Sister Denham was born in Arthur, Ontario, August 26, 1866. In 1889 she was joined in marriage to Brother Thomas A. Denham, in the Province of Manitoba, where they lived until they moved to Wynyard, Saskatchewan, four years ago.

A husband and eight children are bereft of this devoted companion and loving mother. But they sorrow not as those who have no hope, for Sister Denham was a Christian and fell asleep in Jesus.

The bereaved are more determined than ever to be faithful to every Christian duty, so that when Jesus comes they will meet their loved one in the resurrection morning. What a blessed experience it will be when Death has been conquered and the reign of sin broken forever.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer, assisted by the local Presbyterian pastor.

A. C. GILBERT.

 SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

Brother Gilbert Severson, from Macrorie, was a visitor in the city last week.

Sister Alberta Fitchett has returned to Saskatoon after a visit to her home at Rama.

Sister Margaret Denham, from Wynyard, is taking Normal work in the city at present.

New Year's day was given as a holiday, and nearly all the students went to the ice for skating.

Recent visitors at the Academy were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Haynal, from Rouleau, and Wallace Farnsworth, from Sonningdale.

Elder Mackintosh, who has been visiting his brother in Manitoba, is also paying a visit to a number of our isolated people in the northeastern part of the province.

After spending a few days at the school at Battleford, Elder Gilbert left for Calgary, via Regina, to attend a meeting of the W.C. Union committee.

The Conference and auditing committee will hold their annual session at Saskatoon, January 15-18. Elder McVagh is expected to be present.

Elder W. A. Clemensen and Brother Robert Kitto have been visiting the churches at Swift Current, Rouleau, Regina and McLean holding missionary institutes.

Brethren Gustav and Rudolph Mellicke, Dundurn, spent a few days in Saskatoon this week. Among other callers at the office were Brother and Sister D. D. Neufeld, and Brother Graham.

Elder Ziprick is holding meetings at Langham, and is having a fair attendance considering the inclement weather. Prospects are favorable and he hopes that a few will take their stand for the truth.

The following is a list of students who have enrolled since the last list was sent in: Albert Birch; Ed. Hoehn; R. H. Williams; R. Carille; Henry Kirbs; Peter Romansky; Ed. Rocharts; Dorothy Stevens; Harry Cameron; Chas. Paul. The name of Annie Vogt should have been on the first list that was printed.

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all on New Year's eve. The Faculty gave a formal reception to the students and at the close a short program was rendered. The last number was a surprise to the program committee, for the students presented the teachers and workers with appropriate gifts as remembrances.

Our Harvest Ingathering funds for 1916 amount to \$940.69. This is \$338.69 above our goal, and exceeds our 1915 total by \$411.19. We are glad to say that the work is still going on. Many of our brethren and sisters who for various reasons were unable to engage in the work sooner are doing their share now, and up to this writing \$182.00 has been received by the conference treasurer during January.

AN UNUSUAL APPEAL

For some time we have been burdened with property which, with the exception of one holding, we have made no special effort to sell. It has come into our mind to seek the assistance and co-operation of our friends and the help of the Lord in disposing of it in some way to the advantage of the cause. Accordingly, at a session of the committee recently held in Vancouver, it was decided to set apart Sabbath, February 3rd, as a day of fasting and prayer that we may have the help of the Lord in clearing His cause of this heavy burden.

The following paragraphs contain a description of the property:

The school farm at Pitt Meadows, having about 135 acres, 55 acres of which is cleared and 25 partly cleared. The rest is in timber. The buildings on the place are the two used for school purposes and an old farmhouse and barn. This place joins the C.P.R. station and is convenient for the market.

We have a seven-room house and lot on the corner of Odlum and Parker Streets, Vancouver, several blocks east of the new G.N. and C.N. depot. Should peace be concluded soon and prosperity revived, this will be a desirable property, situated as it is.

We have a 44-ft. lot next our Union Street church, in Vancouver, and a double and single lot in Collingwood, and one in Salmon Arm, that we will sell at greatly reduced prices.

We have also a farm of 215 acres on Work Channel, near Prince Rupert. This was originally secured from the government for Indian mission purposes, but never used. It is covered with timber, except that it has on it a shallow lake that might be drained to make a 10-acre meadow. There is water-power on it sufficient for an ordinary mill.

This is a list of the property that we ought to dispose of in some way advantageous to the cause in British Columbia; and on Sabbath, February 3rd, we especially invite our brethren in the Conference to unite with us in asking the Lord to help us. This is His cause, it is His property, and if best to sell at this time He will surely help us to do so on our united prayer and effort. I would suggest this to our brethren and sisters living in isolated places, that they pray within the hours of 11 and 12 a.m. and 3 and 4 p.m. These are the hours our churches meet for services.

Further inquiry in regard to any of the above listed property should be addressed to me at Pitt Meadows, B.C. I shall be pleased to give any information desired.

J. G. WALKER.

A neat edition of the German Morning Watch Calendar has been published by the Pacific Press at Brookfield, Illinois. It is a translation of the English edition, containing the same scripture references, the individual report pages, the sunset features, etc. Let all our German people, old and young, secure it. The Morning Watch habit means success in Christian living. Doubtless many of our English people have German friends who are Christians who would appreciate a copy. This little devotional booklet might prove to be an opening wedge for other literature.

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Below is given a summary of the total amount of the Twenty-cent-a-week fund for the year 1916:

	Memb.	Amt. Raised	Quota	Less	Over
Alberta	721	\$12,168.82	\$7,498.40	\$	\$4,670.42
B.C.	452	3,788.11	4,700.80	912.69	.....
Manitoba	242	3,439.89	2,516.80	.....	923.09
Saskatchewan ..	430	10,429.91	4,472.00	5,957.91
		1,845 \$29,826.73	\$19,188.00	\$912.69	\$11,551.42
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Net amount over.....\$10,638.73 \$10,638.73

The per capita for the four conferences is as follows: Alberta, 32½c.; B.C., 16c.; Manitoba, 27c.; and Saskatchewan, 48½c. This gives an average of 31c. per capita for the entire Union.

It is very evident that the hearts of the believers in Western Canada have been made tender as they have listened to the call for means to finish the gospel message. The record that has been made is a most excellent one, and God is to be thanked for the tender care He has had over His people. No doubt the year 1917 will show results of even more marked nature. As the end approaches, we are led to consecrate ourselves and our means to the God of Truth.

F. L. HOMMEL,
Treasurer.

The new *Temperance Instructor* is printed under date of January 30, but is now ready to mail.

We can assure the many friends of the annual that the coming issue will maintain its reputation in each number being an improvement of the preceding issue. Notwithstanding the necessity of reducing the number of pages in order to retain the old prices, the 1917 edition has been so skillfully arranged it possesses merits that will more than make up for the loss in the amount of former space and bulk sacrificed because of the increased price of printing.

The contents have been electrified and pleasingly seasoned by condensation. The illustrations are ample, appropriate, and, as usual, good. It will be an all-round, good, strong number, and will go forth on its beneficent mission shorn of none of its attractiveness and powers for good.

Special attention is called to the financial report of the Western Canadian Union, given in another column of the *Tidings*. The prosperity that has attended the work is most marked and the report as given will be of deep interest to all our readers.

The results of the Harvest Ingathering campaign have been most encouraging throughout the entire Union. Every conference has met its portion of the \$100,000 fund. The per capita for Alberta was \$3.04; British Columbia, \$1.98; Manitoba, \$1.67; and Saskatchewan, \$2.19. These results could only be obtained by the hearty co-operation of all the believers throughout the field. The year 1916 has closed, but the campaign is still in progress. This is a good time to lay the foundation for the 1917 campaign. Let every believer continue the good work, for the time will never come when it will not be appropriate to ask of the people means with which to forward the message.

The report of the book sales of the Canadian Pacific Press branch for the year 1916 has just reached our office. Their report shows that the total sales for the year amounted to \$34,954, or a gain of \$3,670.40 over that of the previous year. Thus in every department of the work we see the prospering hand of God. These tens of thousands of pages of literature which have been scattered throughout this field will result in bringing souls into the Kingdom. Let us not forget to remember the faithful colporteurs in our prayers from day to day. We hope in another issue to give a report in detail of the work in this department.

NEW AND BEAUTIFUL SONGS

Brother C. P. Whitford, of Orlando, Florida, who for many years has been connected with the Adventist people as a singing evangelist, has recently published two new and beautiful songs, entitled: (a) "The Paradise Home," and (b) "A Light in the Window Up There." The words are beautiful and the melody is pleasing. These songs will be a valuable addition to any music collection, and those desiring them should address Brother Whitford as above. The price for the two is only 25 cents, and every purchaser will be made a present of a song entitled "The Call of the Vesper Bells."

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.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—Two five-room houses and a large lot in Lacombe, Alberta. A bargain if sold for cash. Will consider exchange for stock or farm land in Alberta, Washington or Oregon. For particulars, write to F. J. Hippoch, Fall City, Ore., or C. A. Burman, College Place, Wash.