

Western Canadian Tidings

"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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WILL YOU CROWN OR CRUCIFY?

"Pilate saith unto them, what shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?" Matt. 27: 22.

"You must either crown Christ or crucify Him."

I stood alone at the bar of God,
In the hush of the twilight dim,
And faced the question that pierced my heart:
"What will you do with Him?"
"Crowned or crucified? Which shall it be?"
No other choice was offered to me.

I looked on the face so marred with tears
That were shed in His agony.
The look in His kind eyes broke my heart—
'Twas full of love for me.
"The crown or the cross," it seemed to say;
"For or against Me—Choose thou today."

I knelt in tears at the feet of Christ,
In the hush of the twilight dim,
And all that I was, or hoped, or sought,
Surrendered unto Him.
Crowned, not crucified—my heart shall know
No king but Christ, who loved me so.
—Selected.

OUGHT CHRISTIANS TO REST ON SUNDAY?

Many honest people have, in the past, and some do still, observe the first day of the week in memory of the resurrection, and God has blessed them because they walked in the best light they had. For about three hundred years there has been confusion in the minds of the common people between Sunday rest and the Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment, and they have been encouraged to think they are keeping the spirit of the Fourth Commandment on Sunday. Every well-read man, however, knows that it is a flagrant violation of both the spirit and letter of the Fourth Commandment to apply it to Sunday. No writer of church history ever so applied it for eight hundred years after the resurrection, and but little countenance was given to the theory in England before the time of the Puritans in the 16th century. The Fourth Commandment speaks of the seventh day, and all the world agrees that Sunday is the first day. In fact, if it is not the first day of the week, it is not the resurrection day, and if it is the resurrection day, it is the day following the Sabbath day, according to the commandment.—Luke 23: 52-56.

NOT A MEMORIAL OF THE RESURRECTION.

The first day of the week is spoken of eight times in the New Testament, as follows: Matt. 28:1; Mark 16:1, 2, 9; Luke 24:1; John 20:1, 19; Acts 20:7; 1. Cor. 16:2. But in none of these texts is there any hint that the Lord commanded it to be observed in

memory of the resurrection, or that the New Testament writers so observed it. In fact Paul evidently continued to observe the same Sabbath day that the Jews did as long as he lived, and on that day he preached to Jews and Gentiles both in the Synagogue and elsewhere (Acts 13:42, 44; Acts 16:15; Acts 18:4). Another strong evidence that Paul's teaching about the Sabbath day was not objectionable to the Jews is the fact that while they constantly opposed his teachings with reference to circumcision and the ceremonial law and even sought to slay him because he taught that these had all passed away, they never objected to his position or practice concerning the Sabbath of the decalogue.

The practice of first day observance by Christians originated later than the lifetime of Paul. It is hard to understand why the church should observe Easter Sunday once a year in memory of Christ's resurrection, if every Sunday commemorates the same thing.

It is quite evident to the careful student of the New Testament that the example and teachings of Christ and the apostles is all in favor of the observance of the Sabbath of the Lord, and further, that the Bible gives no command or even a hint that resting on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, takes the place in the new dispensation of the Sabbath of the Commandment, which says, "The Seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." The Sabbath day according to the commandment is the day following the crucifixion and the day before the resurrection (Luke 23:52 and Luke 24:1). The events of Calvary being generally commemorated annually by Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, identifies the three days referred to in the above reference as our Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Again, if Sunday is to be observed, in what way is it proper to spend the day? The Bible gives us no light on this question, and there never has been any uniformity among men on the subject. Roman Catholics, after attending mass, may spend the rest of the day in recreation if they choose. The idea that it is a sin to work on Sunday is of comparatively modern origin. The more one studies the history on that subject, the more utterly hopeless the confusion becomes. To those who wish to study the whole history of Sunday by one who kept the day himself, I recommend the Bampton Lectures delivered before the University of Oxford in 1860, "Sunday: Its Origin and Present Obligation," by the learned Dr. James Augustus Hessey. For those who have not the time for exhaustive study I will quote a few extracts of trustworthy evidence.

(To be continued.)

C. F. McVAGH.

EFFICIENT SERVICE

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

"Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth." Eccl. 11: 6, 2.

Our efforts are largely spasmodic, our service rather intermittent. By such efforts we can never hope to effect any very decided reformatations. Morning, noon and night, we must be on our guard. We must watch for souls as they that must give an account.

We are never to become weary in well doing. We must never think that we have done all that God requires of us. We must never feel that we have reached a stopping place. "Give a portion to seven (seven represents completeness) and also to eight." Always go on to do better. This is to constitute the basis of our activities.

Give a portion: It might be very profitable to study just what this means. Whatever our occupation, whatever line of work we are engaged in, wherever we may be, we can and we must give sympathy, show kindness, extend courtesy, to every soul with whom we come in contact. We are to let them see and feel the grace of Christ in action. This is a ministry within the reach of all and it must be made of paramount importance.

"There are many ways in which church-members may give the message to those around them. One of the most successful is by living helpful, unselfish, Christian lives. Those who are fighting the battle of life at great odds may be refreshed and strengthened by little attentions which cost nothing. Kindly words simply spoken, little attentions simply bestowed, will sweep away the clouds of temptation and doubt that gather over the soul. The true heart-expression of Christlike sympathy, given in simplicity, has power to open the door of hearts that need the simple, delicate touch of the spirit of Christ."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. IX., page 30.

If one has given himself to Christ for service, and dedicates every entrusted talent anew each morning to this blessed ministry, he will find opportunities on every hand to witness for Christ. He must constantly remember that the right attitude maintained while performing the more menial tasks will open the way for work in advanced lines of Christian service. It is results that we are seeking, and we know that right causes produce right results.

F. W. PAAP.

PROGRESS IN BOOK WORK

I have just received the annual statement of books sent out from our branch at Calgary this year, and it shows an estimate of the value of books delivered by our canvassers in the field this year. This sheet shows an increase of \$2,137.60 in the sale of our subscription books over last year, which is pretty good when we take into consideration that there were ten canvassers less in the field this year than last. But I wonder what our mark will be for 1917. It will depend on the response of the individuals upon whom the Lord is laying the burden of this work.

We have come to a time in the history of our world when all things will soon close, and as responsible beings, we owe a duty to the people of this Union to bring to them the light of truth for this time. There should be a good, generous and hearty response to the call of the hour for workers in this line of work. Every indication is that prices of produce of all kinds will be good, and, my brethren, we should take advantage of all these conditions to get the truth in the homes of the people in these provinces.

Last year we had forty-one canvassers in the field and this year we should have seventy-five. We will plan for early institutes in each province, and I trust we shall hear from everyone who feels impressed to enter this work. Write to your field agent or to me at Room 304, I.O.O.F. Bldg., Calgary, Alta.

W. L. MANFULL.

Saskatchewan Conference

Office address: 103 Willoughby-Sumner Block, Saskatoon, Sask.

President, A. C. Gilbert; Secretary-Treasurer, U. Wissner; Religious Liberty Secretary, M. Mackintosh; Sabbath School Secretary, Mrs. A. C. Gilbert; Tract Society Secretary, U. Wissner; Missionary Volunteer Secretary, W. A. Clemenson; Educational Secretary, H. W. Clark; Field and Home Missionary Secretary, R. H. Kitto.

BATTLEFORD SCHOOL

I am sure that the hearts of the fathers and mothers who have children in the school at Battleford would be greatly cheered if they could visit the school and see the way their loved ones are being cared for and instructed. It was my privilege to visit the school a few days ago, and it was a pleasure to see the good spirit manifested by both teachers and students.

Nearly every student in the Academy shows a willingness to co-operate with those in charge of the school. The teachers are doing all in their power to make each student successful in their studies, and also to help to know the Saviour. What a blessing it is to our people in this province to have this school where they can send their young men and women to get a Christian education; wherein they can get an all-round training for whatever line of work they may feel inclined to pursue.

The number of students enrolled at the school is ninety-six. This large attendance for the first year is surely very encouraging, and reveals the deep interest that our brethren and sisters have in the school. Let all pray for its continued success.

I would like again to call the attention of our people who have unpaid pledges. We are in urgent need of the money that has been promised, and sincerely hope that it will be convenient for you to pay these pledges soon. Even now we do not have enough furniture and other things for the proper comfort and care of our students that are at present in school. Last fall we purchased furniture and other equipment to take care of about sixty-five persons. But now that we have ninety-six enrolled, you can readily see that we are short. Next year there will be many more students, and we will have to supply more furniture and room to take care of them. In a few weeks the Academy Board will have to consider carefully what shall be done to provide for the increased number of students who will be present next year. So if we had the money

on hand now or in a few weeks, we could lay our plans more intelligently.

We have greatly appreciated the wonderful liberality of some of our brethren and sisters in helping along this school. God has blessed us wonderfully in all the plans to build this educational enterprise, so let our people in this province continue the sweet co-operation that has enabled us to do what has been done.

A. C. GILBERT.

BALANCE SHEET SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE OF S.D.A.

December 31, 1916

ASSETS

Cash in Bank.....	\$6,432.41
Bills Receivable	204.20
Accounts Receivable	1,233.54
Inventories	3,045.09
Tent and C. M. Equipment.....	\$2,636.05
Furniture and Fixtures	330.92
Stationery	71.37
Expense	6.75
Total Assets	\$10,915.24

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Accounts Payable	\$ 394.83
Local Trust Funds	627.34
Home Missions	\$ 2.00
Religious Liberty	16.49
School Fund	388.53
Servean Fund	14.00
Tent and C. M. Operating....	52.46
Workers' Band	153.86
Total Liabilities	\$1,022.17

SURPLUS STATEMENT

Surplus, January 1, 1916.....	\$5,314.37
Plus Gain for Year.....	4,578.70
Total	9,893.07
Total	\$10,915.24

U. WISSNER,
Treasurer.

REVENUE STATEMENT SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE OF S.D.A.

December 31, 1916

INCOME

Churches Tithe	\$26,649.09
Donations	951.59
Collections by Workers.....	\$ 243.84
Home Missions Funds	707.75
Interest	72.95
Total Income	\$27,673.63

EXPENSES

Laborers' Salary and Expense.....	\$11,963.48
Salary	\$9,242.39
Travelling Expense	1,533.74
General	1,023.54
Appropriations	163.81
Expense	1,781.48
Committee Expense	\$ 177.85
Entertainment	131.50
Expense	236.94
Exchange	21.70
General Expense	408.99
Light	7.08
Office Rent	135.00
Room Rent	88.00
Postage	222.92
Stationery	222.20
Telephone and Telegraph....	129.30

Depreciation	550.85
Furniture	\$ 73.34
Tent and C. M. Equipment.....	477.51
Specific	8,527.71
Tithe to Union	\$2,664.92
Tithe to Missions	4,263.85
Sustentation	1,598.94
Western Canadian Tidings	271.41

Total Expense

\$23,094.93

Incomes Exceeds Expense

\$ 4,578.70

U. WISSNER,
Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SASKATCHEWAN TRACT SOCIETY

December 31, 1916

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES

Resources

Cash in Bank.....	\$2,188.42
Accounts Receivable	1,627.17
Real Estate	400.00
Inventories	1,769.38
Expense	\$ 26.11
Furniture and Fixtures	622.06
Merchandise	1,000.31
Stationery	106.25
Health Foods	4.65
Postage	10.00
Total	\$5,984.97

Liabilities and Present Worth

Accounts Payable	\$ 958.17
Stock—Present Worth	5,026.80
Total	5,984.97

LOSSES AND GAINS

Gains

Merchandise	1,540.88
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Losses

Colporteurs' Carfare	\$ 217.81
Doubtful Accounts	142.81
Exchange	6.35
Expense	110.10
Freight	31.94
Light	8.41
Office Rent	135.00
Postage	237.88
Scholarships	32.31
Stationery	130.28
Sustentation	100.46
Telephone	40.95
Furniture Depreciation	102.69
Net Gain for Year	243.89
Total	1,540.88

STOCK

Present Worth—Jan. 1, 1916.....	\$4,782.91
Net Gain for Year	243.89

Present Worth—Dec. 31, 1916

5,026.80

U. WISSNER,
Treasurer.

Jan. 30th, 1917.

To Whom It May Concern:—

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the vouchers of the Saskatchewan Conference and Saskatchewan Tract Society and have checked over the inventories and verified the cash.

To my best belief, the accompanying Balance Sheet and Revenue Statement reveals the correct standing of the books of account as of date, December 31st, 1916

Sincerely,

F. L. HOMMEL,
W.C.U.C. Auditor.

THE CALL OF THE HOUR

The twentieth chapter of Matthew furnishes us with an illustration of how the Lord is able to furnish employment to all who are idle. The Lord knew that making use of every moment would be the secret to success. He went out every hour to see if there were not others that would be willing to go *into* the vineyard. On each occasion He found some that were idle, not because they desired to be so, but because "no man hath hired us."

Truly we are living in the last hour. It is high time that we make sure that we are not idle, and at the same time shall we not help others to get employment. The Market Place is a dangerous place to be. Satan is busy there trying to draw the attention of those that are standing by, and many are charmed with the attractions that are presented and are lost to the work. The Lord by His Spirit has gone out to see if there are not more to be "hired into the vineyard." He is calling on every worker, church officer, lay member, and young person in this the eleventh hour, saying, "Go ye also into the vineyard and whatsoever is right that shall ye receive. When the even was come . . . Call the labourers together and give them their hire."

As companies or bands of Young People, let us enter into the work heartily. Shall we not become real earnest and co-operate for a systematic work? There are various kinds of work in a vineyard. Some cultivate the soil, others plant, still others prune, and train the branches. In the same manner the Lord has a work for each of us. Some can distribute tracts and papers; some sell our smaller books; some to minister to the sick and needy; and again others can write missionary letters and give Bible readings. We all can have a part. In the day of reckoning the *hire* will be given to those that have had an active part.

If every Church Missionary and Young People's Society will co-operate and make a thorough canvass of the field, we will then be able to do much toward winning Saskatchewan this year. How greatly we should esteem the privilege of being a co-worker with the Lord. Let us counsel together and lay definite plans for aggressive work. I should like to hear from all who have not entered this work and who desire to have a definite part during the last hour.

W. A. CLEMENSEN.

Alberta Conference

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AMONG THE CHURCHES

It has been my happy lot, since last reporting in the *Tidings*, and in harmony with the Conference President, to visit the following churches: Didsbury, Harmattan, Burnt Lake, Bismark and Edmonton, for the purpose of assisting in quarterly meetings and in the

election of officers for the year 1917. A very good representation attended these meetings, except at Burnt Lake, where only a few members of the Lewisville Scandinavian church were able to be present.

It was a joy to me to be able to spend a few days at each of these places, visiting among the brethren, sharing their hospitality, praying with them, getting acquainted with their hopes and fears, and listening to the treasurer's account of tithes and offerings brought into the Lord's storehouse. The faithfulness of the brethren in rendering to God His own and walking in the light was to me a real encouragement. While there are those who do not realize their own danger, nor the darkness that they bring upon themselves and upon the church by their unfaithfulness in robbing God, yet we can be thankful that there are so many who are walking in the precious light of the Third Angel's message. To the faithful this promise is given: "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city." In all these churches, officers were elected and all the business transacted in perfect harmony.

I thank God for being connected with His church; with a people who are trying to follow the Master and have the patience of the saints, keeping the commandments of God and having the faith of Jesus. Brethren, let us strive to be more faithful and to reach higher and still higher spiritual ground.

Yours in the work of the Master,

FRED JOHNSON.

STATEMENT OF ALBERTA CONFERENCE FUNDS

Received during Year 1916

Church	Tithe	Home Funds	20c-a-Wk. Funds	Total
Conference	\$4,514.85	\$1,159.70	\$1,647.11	\$7,321.66
Acme	759.13	185.25	209.61	1,153.99
Bismark	1,109.44	58.50	325.36	1,493.30
Calgary	1,348.53	117.85	639.95	2,106.33
Clemens	946.60	61.15	234.35	1,242.10
Clive	374.70	139.50	422.60	936.80
Coronation	51.60	.....	32.80	84.40
Didsbury	559.95	35.25	257.75	852.95
Edmonton	1,029.71	69.79	512.61	1,612.11
Gadsby	1,478.58	30.45	432.78	1,941.81
Granum	1,706.17	750.90	644.95	3,102.02
Hanna	483.00	174.00	251.78	908.78
Harmattan	742.41	49.25	525.22	1,316.88
Hawksdale	231.40	24.10	120.38	375.88
Irvine	2,427.00	345.00	413.98	3,185.98
Lacombe	3,133.93	287.96	1,231.43	4,653.32
Leduc (English)	918.55	226.50	293.30	1,438.35
" (German)	357.00	32.50	261.30	650.80
Lewisville	863.85	221.33	326.67	1,411.85
Loyalist	466.55	84.00	528.80	1,079.35
Midnapore	417.85	11.00	287.16	716.01
Retlaw Company	152.75	54.00	87.30	294.05
Rosebud	3,886.20	1,863.50	1,770.80	7,520.50
Sedgewick	255.55	11.25	53.45	320.25
Vermilion Lakes	1,080.55	16.15	290.35	1,387.05
Winnifred	937.25	12.00	325.41	1,274.66
Miscellaneous	.....	68.45	41.62	110.07
Total	\$30,233.10	\$6,059.33	\$12,168.82	\$48,461.25

F. S. HOMMEL,

Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF CALGARY CHURCH FUNDS RECEIVED

For Year Ending December 31st, 1916

Tithe	\$1,348.53	
Home Funds—		
Southern Schools	\$ 1.00	
Women's Auxiliary	41.10	
Alberta Academy	63.50	
Colored Work	6.25	
		\$ 111.85
Mission Funds—		
Annual Offering	30.00	
Harvest Ingathering	267.96	
Missions	22.60	
Sabbath-school	319.39	
1915 Fund	6.00	
		\$ 645.95
Local Fund—		
Church Expense	154.19	154.19
Total received for the year.....	\$2,260.52	
MRS. E. P. BOSSARD,		
Treasurer.		

EN ROUTE TO MARITIME

Once more I must add my testimony of praise to God for the glorious victories that have been gained during the past few weeks, especially in Edmonton. The enemy has been trying for some time to find a lodging place in this church, but thanks be to God, who always gives victory, the enemy was defeated and the captives set free.

Our quarterly meeting lasted during all of the service hours on Sabbath, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, before we dared to approach the Lord's Supper, but when we reached the sacrifice for sin we were able to sing, "My Sins Are All Taken Away." Hearts were made tender and tears flowed freely. God bless the dear brethren and sisters in Edmonton. I held quarterly meetings with Acme and Clive also, and in each of these places the Lord came very near to His people.

And now, brethren and sisters, I must say good-bye. When this copy of the *Tidings* reaches you I shall be crossing the continent for my new field in the Maritime Conference. The brethren have been so good to me it has made it very hard for me to say good-bye. My work in Alberta has been very pleasant, and now we part. My parting testimony is, be faithful to God. We are nearing the end. Faithfulness is what will make, and keep us, victorious. Faithful in keeping God's everlasting covenant (the Sabbath); faithful in recognizing God's ownership (paying tithe); having so much confidence in the brethren that we would not have any part in conversation that would injure anyone and always remembering a man's religion is made vain if the tongue is not controlled; also faithful in our missionary efforts for others.

Now may the Lord bless and keep you faithful until He comes. Pray for me.

J. L. WILSON.

ALBERTA NEWS NOTES

On the 23rd, Brother and Sister Rowse, who have so faithfully toiled for the interests of the cause of God at the Pacific Press Branch in Calgary, and Sister Shaw, whose refining and ennobling influence will long be felt by many here, left for their new field of labor in California. We wish them God's special blessings.

A party of twelve delegates from the Western Cana-

dian Union leave for the Mountain View Bookmen's and Educational Convention by boat from Victoria on the 2nd of February. The party left Calgary for B.C., Sunday morning. They desire the prayers of all the believers at home that this Convention may mean to them, and to the cause in general, just what God has intended, at this critical time.

We are sorry to have Elder Wilson leave us, but we can only wish him the Lord's richest blessings as he takes up His work in the Maritime Conference, where he has now gone to labor. May the Lord raise up laborers for this field which gives him up, and more laborers for all the fields, for the harvest is white and bending low, and must be garnered.

Manitoba Conference

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WINNIPEG

We are now getting well under way with our meetings. The effort at the one hall was not any great success, but at the Orangemen's Hall we had a good hearing both Sunday evenings. The lecture on the Papacy was especially well received by the people. There is a good class of people here, judging from our experience thus far.

We have a colored brother here who has been very successful in getting people interested. Just now he has a few who are beginning to obey. As the brethren have kindly asked Mrs. Hansen to take up the Bible work, we have hired a sister to do our housework, so Mrs. Hansen can devote all of her time to this much needed work. She will begin with these young converts just mentioned and endeavor to establish them in the message.

We were very much encouraged by the visits from the Conference Committee, also Elder McVagh and Brother Hommel. These brethren convinced us that they were deeply interested in our work and have done all they could to co-operate with the local president, Elder Chapman, in arranging for our work here in the city. Winnipeg has about one-half of the people living in the province, so we feel that it is well worth while to put forth a carefully planned effort. The local church is doing well in attending our services, which is a real help in a time like this.

Anyone having clean copies of the *Signs*, monthly or weekly, or the *Liberty* and *Watchman*, would do well to send them wrapped and postpaid to my address, so we can hand them out at the services to people who are interested.

C. A. HANSEN AND WORKERS.

MANITOBA NOTES

Brother Minchen reports many interested in and inquiring for the truth at Minitonas. A very urgent call has come for a worker up near there and Swan River. Mrs. Sims has recently started to obey the Sabbath truth and others are expected to start soon.

The Auditing Committee recently met at the office and plans for the work of the coming year were considered.

The meetings in Winnipeg are well attended, there being several very interested ones. Last Sabbath four new Sabbath-keepers were at the service.

Mrs. Soper's mother is visiting at the office during the absence of Brother Soper, who is attending the convention

for bookmen and Tract Society secretaries at Mountain View.

You are interested in the work in foreign fields. The workers and believers there hear with joy the advancement of the work here in the homeland also. How do you suppose they will find out? Answer:—Report your work.

The books as closed for the year show a substantial gain, both for the Conference and Tract Society. We trust all will continue to aid and help the cause the coming year.

BALANCE SHEET

MANITOBA CONFERENCE OF S.D.A.

December 31, 1916

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$4,417.18
Bills Receivable	1,175.00
Accounts Receivable	245.59
Inventories:	
Camp-meeting Equipment	\$510.00
Fuel	15.00
Furniture and Fixtures	208.20
	733.20

Total Assets \$6,570.97

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Local Trust Funds	\$3,414.71
Church-school Fund	\$ 116.50
Icelandic Lit. Fund	38.28
Religious Liberty	10.90
School Fund	3,249.03

Total Liabilities, etc. \$3,414.71

SURPLUS STATEMENT

Surplus—January 1st, 1916	\$2,434.87
Plus Gain for Year	721.39
	3,156.26

\$6,570.97

GEO. R. SOPER,
Treasurer.

REVENUE STATEMENT

Manitoba Conference of S.D.A., December 31, 1916

INCOME

Tithe	\$4,600.04
Churches—	
Austin	\$ 603.55
Bradwardine	804.90
Beausejour	14.20
Brandon	295.65
Conference	574.45
Carberry	103.66
Dauphin	152.25
Morden	218.70
Russel	513.75
Scandinavia	48.12
Winnipeg (English)	966.43
" (Icelandic)	237.34
" (German)	67.04
North American Division Approp.	784.29
Local Funds Transfer	1,793.90
General Relief Fund	\$ 554.79
General Conf. Refund	1,053.49
Donations	185.62

Interest	104.95
Refund Tithe	3.71

Total income \$7,286.39

EXPENSE

Laborers' Salary and Expense	\$4,522.06
Salary	\$3,859.33
Travelling Expenses	332.29
General Expense	330.44
Expense	855.25
Committee Expense	\$ 48.55
Tent and C. M. Expense	65.86
Poor Fund	35.64
General Expense	195.93
Exchange	5.53

Postage	41.95
Stationery	61.18
Heat and Light	94.61
Rent	306.00
Depreciation	60.01
C. M. Equipment	\$ 41.84
Personal Property	18.17
Specific	966.00
Tithe to Missions	\$ 230.00
Sustentation	276.00
Tithe to Union	460.00

Western Canadian Tidings 162.18

Total Expense \$6,565.50

Income Exceeds Expense \$ 721.39

GEO. R. SOPER,
Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT MANITOBA TRACT SOCIETY

December 31, 1916

RESOURCES

Cash in Bank	\$1,839.52
Accounts Receivable	634.50
Inventories	650.00
Merchandise	\$477.00
Postage	6.00
Stationery	2.00
Personal Property	165.00

Total \$3,124.02

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 1.28
Trust Funds	5.46
	6.74
Total	\$3,117.28

LOSS AND GAIN

Gains

Merchandise	\$ 916.59
Ministry of Healing	180.40
Interest	42.48

Total \$1,139.47

Losses

Colporteurs' Licenses	\$ 10.00
Colporteurs' Carfare	104.87
Expense	53.25
Exchange	3.97
Doubtful Accounts	80.40
Postage	111.33
Stationery	79.53
Scholarships	30.15
Sustentation	48.92
Personal Property (Depreciation)	61.10
Net Gain for Year	555.95

\$1,139.47

STOCK

Present Worth—Jan. 1, 1916	\$2,561.33
Net Gain for Year	555.95

Present Worth—Dec. 31, 1916 \$3,117.28

GEO. R. SOPER,
Treasurer.

Jan. 30th, 1917.

To Whom It May Concern:—

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the vouchers of the Manitoba Conference and Manitoba Tract Society and have checked over the inventories and verified the cash.

To my best belief, the accompanying Balance Sheet and Revenue Statement reveals the correct standing of the books of account as of date, December 31st, 1916.

Sincerely,

F. L. HOMMEL,
W.C.U.C. Auditor.

British Columbia Conference

Office Address: 1708 Maple Street, Vancouver, British Columbia.
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MISSIONARY REPORTS

I have just compiled the missionary reports from all churches and individuals reporting for quarter ending December 31, 1916. If you could look over these reports I am sure they would be as encouraging to you as they are to me. The one thing I regret is that four of the churches did not get their reports to me in time. I have written to the General Conference on my report that I believe next quarter every church will send in theirs on time. What say you at Grandview, Silver Creek, Forty-second Avenue and West Vancouver? The isolated ones are setting the churches a good example, and we do appreciate the reports from them.

Let us notice a few interesting points about the reports. The isolated ones report 91 books sold and 1,105 papers mailed, lent or given away. Six members from Firvale report 39 papers given out in that sparsely settled district. Seven from Lumen report 625 papers given out and 297 hours of Christian help work. Seven from Manson—10 missionary visits and eight letters written. Two from Mission City—100 papers and 200 tracts given. Twenty out of thirty at Nelson report 600 missionary visits and 290 articles of clothing given away. Five out of eleven at Nanaimo—206 letters written, 29 Bible readings and 23 treatments given. Ten from Penticton—11 visits and 30 articles of clothing given. Eleven from South Vancouver report 23 visits, 676 papers given. Twenty-five from Union Street—342 visits, 1,619 papers given, and 185 hours of Christian help work. Eight report from Victoria 12 visits, 50 papers sold. Six from Vernon—13 visits, 189 papers given and 30 hours Christian help work, besides 39 articles of clothing given.

Let us remember that it is not so much the amount we do but the spirit with which we do it that makes it of value. So if you are faithful to report so that others may thank God and take courage to do their part, that is acceptable with God. One isolated sister reported one tract given away. I appreciated that report very much and who knows the results from that done in the name of the Master. So I appeal to all, to first of all, improve the opportunities God gives you and then give Him the glory of it by reporting to His honor.

E. R. POTTER.

NOTICE

It will be my privilege this year to attend the Convention at Mountain View, Feb. 9-15, which will necessitate my leaving Vancouver, Feb. 2nd, in order to arrive at the opening of this meeting. During my absence the office work will be carried on as usual, and letters received containing funds and orders will be given prompt attention.

T. S. BOWETT.

A WORD OF GREETING

It is now over a month since we bade goodbye to friends in Alberta and boarded the train for British Columbia in response to the invitation to connect with the office in Vancouver. The trip through the beautiful mountain scenery, though undertaken midst the snow of winter, was very interesting. Our minds were led to dwell upon the majesty and power of God as we wended our way around those towering heights and rugged peaks.

We are enjoying the work in our new field, and have been privileged to make the acquaintance of most of the brethren and sisters of the Vancouver churches, and to learn of their love for this wonderful message which unites the hearts and desires of the children of God.

Especially encouraging have been the cheery letters which have been received at the office from various parts of the field, some coming from those living on the islands of the sea. Accompanying these messages were tithe, offerings and orders for literature. Such evidences of faithfulness have assured us that God has a loyal people in British Columbia who love the truth and are willing to sacrifice and work for its speedy advancement. We esteem it a privilege to be associated with these brethren and sisters, and solicit the prayers and co-operation of all that the work in the office may be conducted in a way that will bring praise and glory to God.

MRS. T. S. BOWETT.
 T. S. BOWETT.

B.C. NEWS NOTES

After visiting churches in the eastern part of the province, Elder Walker returned to the coast and attended a meeting of the committee at the office on January 23rd. We are glad that Elder Burrill's health has so improved that he was able to be present at this meeting.

Brother Robert Swan has left for Denham Island on a visit to his home. He plans to return to Vancouver and continue in Bible and missionary work.

Our field secretary, Brother L. A. Philpott, has been looking over territory adjacent to the coast and in a letter to the office he reports good prospects for canvassing in the country around Mission and Matsqui. An interesting paragraph in his letter, confirming his report, reads as follows: "Today I gave seven exhibitions and received five orders." This is surely encouraging, is it not?

It is not too late to start the Morning Watch habit. If you have given up the idea because you have let time slip by and neglected to order your calendar, take courage and send for one now. We can supply your needs direct from the office.

Brother J. M. Rowse, well known as manager of the Pacific Press Branch at Calgary, arrived at Vancouver on Wednesday, Jan. 17th, en route for Mountain View. He was accompanied by Sister Rowse and Sister Shaw. We greatly appreciated a visit with these friends and bade them farewell with many wishes for success and blessings in their new home in California.

We were pleased to greet Brother D. McNaughton, of Midway, who called at the office on his way home from a visit to Victoria.

Another welcome visitor to the office was Brother George Foulston, of Tugaskie, Sask., who is visiting relatives in Vancouver. Brother Foulston, who travelled to the coast via Edmonton and Prince Rupert, reports a pleasant and interesting trip. Both these brethren purchased a supply of literature at the office to aid them in missionary effort.

Miss Ruth Watson, who has been visiting her home at Burnaby for a week, has returned to the city.

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We give below a comparative statement of the funds received by the various conferences of the Western Canadian Union for the Harvest Ingathering campaign for 1915 and 1916. Such a splendid increase as this is most encouraging, and we trust it will furnish inspiration for still greater results in our 1917 campaign.

	1915	1916	Gain
Alberta	\$ 557.74	\$2,194.57	\$1,636.83
British Columbia	518.19	896.05	377.86
Manitoba	299.44	404.47	105.03
Saskatchewan	529.70	940.69	410.99
Total	\$1,905.07	\$4,435.78	\$2,530.71

Some have secured the vest-pocket edition of the Psalms, to use in connection with the Morning Watch this year. The American Bible Society manufacture a leather cover that will slip over the Psalms or any of the other Bible parts which they publish in this size. Some may wish this cover. It cost 10 cents. Order of your tract society (or the American Bible Society, Bible House, Astor Place, New York).

The following resolution was passed by the North American Division Conference Committee at its autumn session:—

Whereas, the Morning Watch has been greatly used of God to deepen the spiritual life of our people, young and old,

We recommend, That all our workers observe the Morning Watch and encourage all our people to do the same; and that our ministers endeavor to see that new converts and all church members are supplied with the Morning Watch Calendar.

OBITUARY

Anna Lewis was born in Parkhill, Ont., September 28, 1867, and died near Whitla, Alta., March 11, 1916. Her death was caused by cancer of the stomach.

Miss Lewis was married to Robert Schram in 1882, near Frazee, Minn. She was a faithful member of the Adventist church during the last ten years of her life. Her two children, Roy Schram, of Claresholm, and Mrs. Ruby Works, of Whitla, are left to mourn but not without hope. The remains were laid to rest in the Claresholm cemetery to await the coming of the lifegiver.

Services were conducted by Elder C. A. Hansen.

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."

A HOME IN SUNNY FLORIDA

"Desiring to be more free to do gospel work, I am offering for sale at a sacrifice my beautiful country home and valuable farm of 115 acres, two and one-fourth miles northwest of Bowling Green, on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

"The dwelling is a ten-room house—bath-room, four bedrooms, sitting-rooms, etc. A few rods from this house there is a second house with eight rooms; very comfortable and suitable for help or renters. Two large barns, small packing house, excellent for storing, etc. Near large dwelling is one of the finest wells in Florida, of pure soft water.

"Very valuable orange and grapefruit grove of 12 acres, planted 20 years ago, and now in full bearing. Ten acres of excellent grove land could be easily planted to increase the grove.

"Also about 5 acres of the very best kind and quality of grafted pecans, rapidly coming into bearing. Pecans are fully as valuable per acre as orange groves.

"Upwards of 50 acres are fenced and in cultivation. Soil, much better than the average Florida soil. There are 20 acres of muck land,—muck,—from one to eight feet deep. When drained, cleared and cultivated, very valuable for gardening and truck land, requiring far less fertilizing than ordinary pine land. It can easily be drained.

"A nice spring pond near the barns, for watering stock. A fine stream of water flows across part of the place, affording facility for irrigation if desired. An excellent quality of hay readily grows on the place, sufficient to fill the barns.

"The place is excellent for raising horses and other stock. Ideal for poultry and bees.

"Two immense magnolia trees in front yard (I have never seen finer), with other ornamental trees; oak, chestnut, camphor, etc.

"The orange and pecan groves of 17 acres alone are cheap at \$10,000; but that we may be free to do ministerial work, we are offering the entire place for the sum of \$10,000 cash.

"We heartily invite visits and personal inspection. Write to the owner at once, at Twin Magnolias, Bowling Green, Fla.

ELD. GEO. I. BUTLER,

—From The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald.

REPORT OF SALES, CANADIAN BRANCH, PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,

Month Ending January 20, 1917

January, 1917.	Sub.	40%	Trade.	Educ.	Tracts.	Tot'ls
Alberta	\$115.50	\$36.05	\$79.55	\$40.79	\$6.71	\$278.60
Brit. Columbia ..	62.45	5.30	91.85	4.25	21.13	184.98
Manitoba	99.65	9.50	75.10	...	10.10	194.35
Saskatchewan ..	30.10	2.30	49.65	103.15	2.80	188.00
Others	5.45	1.10	...	...	6.74	13.29
	\$313.15	\$54.25	\$296.15	\$148.19	\$47.48	\$859.22
January, 1916.						
Alberta	21.00	13.30	97.70	68.30	3.30	203.60
Brit. Columbia ..	4.35	7.00	46.00	20.85	6.35	84.55
Manitoba	8.00	5.50	42.05	8.05	.50	64.10
Saskatchewan ..	117.20	2.80	37.90	3.55	1.00	162.45
	\$150.55	\$28.60	\$223.65	\$100.75	\$11.15	\$514.70