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A MOMENT IN THE MORNING

A moment in the morning, ere the cares of day begin,
Ere the heart's wide door is open for the world to enter in;
Ah, then alone with Jesus, in the silence of the morn,
In heavenly sweet communion let your duty day be born.
In the quietude that blesses, with a prelude of repose,
Let your soul be soothed and softened, as the dew revives
the rose.

A moment in the morning take your Bible in your hand,
And catch a glimpse of glory from the peaceful Promised
Land;

It will linger still before you when you seek the busy mart,
And like flowers of hope will blossom into beauty in your
heart.

The precious words like jewels will glisten all the day,
With a rare, effulgent glory that will brighten all the way.

A moment in the morning—a moment, if no more—
It is better than an hour when the trying day is o'er.
'Tis the gentle dew from heaven, the manna for the day—
If you fail to gather early, alas, it melts away!
So in the blush of morning take the proffered hand of love,
And walk in heaven's pathway and the peacefulness thereof.
—Selected.

UGHT CHRISTIANS TO REST ON SUNDAY

(Continued)

The Testimony of History

"The early Christian church, whether wisely or unwisely is questionable, in their earnest desire to elevate pagan worship, adopted, as far as possible, the sacred days of the older cults, and grafted on to them Christian commemorations." Wilberforce, Archdeacon of Westminster, in *Sunday Circle*, London, Feb. 1, 1908.

"Not the apostles, not the first Christians nor the councils of the ancient church, have stamped Sunday with the name and seal of the Sabbath, but the church of the Middle Ages, and the schoolmen." Bishop Grimelund, in *Geschichte des Sonntags*, p. 46.

"I believe that great confusion of thought exists on this deeply important subject, and that the institution in question, though sufficiently venerable in itself, has been regarded as identical with, instead of at the most analogous to, one of greater antiquity indeed, but of more limited application, the Sabbath of the Fourth Commandment. I believe that from this confusion have arisen not merely misapprehensions of a speculative nature, but errors affecting practice, and productive of misunderstandings among brethren. I see that the result has been on the part of the more learned Clergy, an avoidance of a topic which they cannot treat of logically and historically without being exposed to obloquy, and which they cannot treat of popularly without apologizing to their self-respect and sense of

duty:....." Dr. Jas. Augustus Hessey, D.C.L., in third edition of *Bampton Lectures*, 1860, p. 3.

"Sabbatarianism became at length systematized, in one of its phases, in the ante-Reformation church both in England and on the Continent, by the later Schoolmen....." *Id.* p. 15.

"That the civil power should interfere as little as possible with the observance of the Lord's Day..... That the subject of prohibitions should be approached both by legislators and by clergy, as practical men.... That the exercise of such consideration is no compromise of principle, but a lawful and necessary discretion in a matter upon which no definite directions are found in Holy Scripture." *Id.* p. 20.

"If you desire dogmatic statements on this class of subjects, I may say to the Sabbatarians, you will not find them in Scripture, in reference to Confirmation, Orders, Infant baptism, any more than in reference to the ordinance now in question....." *Id.* p. 29.

After quoting and referring to many writers during the third and fifth centuries, Dr. Hessey adds, "But with all this in no clearly genuine passage that I can discover in any writer of these two centuries or in any public document, Ecclesiastical or Civil, is the Fourth Commandment referred to as the ground of the obligation to observe the Lord's Day."

"In no passage is there anything like the confusion between the 'seventh day', and 'one day in seven', of which we have heard so much in England since A.D. 1595. In no passage is there any hint of the transfer of the Sabbath to the Lord's Day, or of the planting of the Lord's Day on the ruins of the Sabbath, those fictions of modern times....." *Id.* p. 86.

"But a more serious change is at hand. In the centuries ranging from the sixth to the fifteenth, we find Civil Rulers and Councils and Ecclesiastical writers by degrees altering their tone. Holy days are multiplied more and more. Then, as the church has established so many that it is impossible to observe them all, and as her authority, from being exercised so often and in a manner so difficult to be complied with, begins to be thought lightly of, holy days must be distinguished, and some sanction which shall vividly reach the conscience must be found for days of special obligation. The Old Testament has been already referred to for the analogy of many of her festivals. The step from analogy to identification is not a startling or a violent one. Thus a gradual identification of the Lord's Day with the Sabbath sets in....." *Id.* p. 87.

"The Council of Clovishoff, A.D. 747, forbade travelling; a law of Athelstane, A.D. 925, trading; and in a law of Edgar the Peaceable, A.D. 958, we find that

the Lord's Day is to commence at 'Three o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, and to last until the dawn of Monday'. It would be tedious to mention the number of holy days for which similar reverence is demanded, or the vexatious enactments relating them....." At the end of the eighth century, we find Alcuin asserting that "The observation of the former Sabbath had been transferred very fitly to the Lord's Day, by the custom and consent of Christian people....."

"Of course, as the dates will have shown, all this did not come in at once; and it did not come in at all without remonstrance....." *Id.* p. 92.

C. F. McVAGH

(To be continued)

British Columbia Conference

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MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER NOTES

I have just received from Washington, D. C., samples of the assignment leaflet for the assistance of those reading the Bible through during the year. Since that is omitted from the Morning Watch calendar this year, it is issued separate for free distribution and I shall be pleased to supply anyone applying through the Missionary Volunteer secretaries or direct. All who have signed and sent in the Bible Year slips will receive a copy as soon as the supply arrives, others need to order. Sister Cooper, of Grand Forks, reports that she has read the Bible through five times the last three years.

Are you reading the best books along with the Bible? Brother George Sterling reports having read during 1916, "Armageddon", "The Other Side of Death", "Ann of Ava", Volume 9 of the Testimonies, "Early Writings", and the Bible.

I would like to request the Missionary Volunteer leaders and isolated families to send me the names or at least the number who wish to take the Standard of Attainment test in March, so I can supply you with the test questions in time. There is no harm done if you should fail on one point; you will be better prepared for the next test in September. E. R. POTTER.

B.C. NEWS NOTES

Prior to leaving for the convention at Mountain View, Brother L. A. Philpott spent a few days in Victoria in the interest of the colporteur work.

Brother B. L. Grundset, secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota Tract Society, formerly of the Manitoba Conference, passed through Vancouver en route to Mountain View on February 1st. He was accompanied by Elder Anol Grundset, home missionary secretary, and Brother George Campbell, field secretary, both of the Minnesota Conference.

Brother F. L. Hommel has completed an audit of the books of the B.C. Conference Association and Tract Society for the year 1916. Financial statements of these departments appear in the "Tidings" and will be of interest to all.

We are sorry to lose from our midst two faithful sisters in the persons of Mrs. L. C. Neff and Mrs. S. J. Wilson. Both of these sisters are well known in Vancouver as having taken a very active part in the sale of magazines and other literature on the message. Sister Wilson of late has

been giving her time to the treatment work and her ministrations to the sick has been a blessing to many, and will be greatly missed. It is hard to say goodbye to such earnest and faithful missionary workers, and we can but wish them every success in their new places of labor where our loss will be gain to others. Sister Neff's home is in Southern California and Sister Wilson's in Alberta.

February 1st, 1917.

To Whom It May Concern:—

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

To my best belief, the accompanying Balance Sheets, Revenue and Financial Statements reveal the correct standing of the books of account as of date, December 31st, 1916.

Sincerely,

F. L. HOMMEL,

W.C.T.U. Auditor.

REVENUE STATEMENT

British Columbia Conference Seventh-day Adventists,
December 31, 1916

INCOME.

Tithe		\$9,649.00
Armstrong	\$ 239.55	
Conference	776.84	
Firvale	231.50	
Granview	1,117.42	
Lumen	569.14	
Manson	279.64	
Miscellaneous	825.78	
Mission City	50.30	
Nanaimo	489.82	
Nelson	439.14	
Penticton	287.81	
Silver Creek	237.71	
42nd Avenue	509.48	
South Vancouver	443.35	
Union Street	1,028.35	
West Vancouver	376.48	
Vernon	1,562.07	
Victoria	184.62	

Donations	1,421.38	
Total Income		\$11,070.38

EXPENSE.

Expense—Laborer's Salary, etc.	7,035.66	
Salary	5,492.51	
Travelling Expense	1,189.91	
Miscellaneous Salary	104.75	
General Expense	248.49	
Expenses	1,120.84	
Camp Meeting	581.14	
Exchange	7.46	
Sundry Expenses	223.04	
Fuel and Light	43.20	
Postage	126.22	
Rent	67.27	
Stationery	45.16	
Telephone	27.35	

Depreciation	75.31	
Furniture and Fixtures	20.20	
Tent and Camp Meeting	55.11	

Doubtful Accounts	6.94	
Specific	2,026.29	
Sustentation Fund	578.94	
Tithe to Miss.	482.45	
Tithe to Union	964.90	

Western Canadian Tidings ..	330.83	
Total Expense		\$10,595.87

Income exceeds Expense \$ 474.51

T. S. BOWETT, Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA
TRACT SOCIETY

Year Ending December 31, 1916

ASSETS.		
Office Furniture	\$162.95	
Less Depreciation	21.00	
		\$ 141.95
Cash in Bank.....	332.31	
Accounts Receivable	1,043.59	
		1,375.90
Inventories—		
Merchandise	764.00	
Expense	29.54	
Fuel	13.62	
Insurance (Rent)	29.35	
Postage	12.37	
Stationery	8.73	
		\$57.61
Total Assets		\$2,375.46
LIABILITIES.		
Accounts Payable		133.48
		\$2,241.98
GAINS.		
Interest on Savings Account.....	\$ 7.54	
Gross Profit on Merchandise Sales..	579.12	
		\$ 586.66
LOSSES.		
Cartage	\$ 3.25	
Canvassers' Fares	32.87	
Doubtful Accounts	26.45	
Duty	3.80	
Exchange .....	.55	
Expense	82.09	
Freight	9.87	
Fuel	15.88	
Furniture and Fixtures.....	21.00	
Light	10.44	
Postage	113.79	
Rent	37.91	
Sustentation	35.68	
Stationery	29.29	
Telephone	19.45	
Vancouver Temperance Fund	22.58	
		464.90
Gain for Year.....		121.76
Surplus, Jan. 1, 1916.....		2,120.22
Surplus, Jan. 1, 1917.....		\$2,241.98

T. S. BOWETT, Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE
FUNDS

Received During Year 1916

Church.	Tithe.	Home Funds.	20c-a-Wk. Funds.	Total.
Conference	\$ 776.84	\$ 34.55	\$ 340.93	\$ 1,152.32
Armstrong	239.55	12.70	14.61	266.86
Firvale	231.50	3.35	24.00	258.85
Grandview	1,117.42	63.79	501.65	1,682.77
Lumen	569.14	9.50	211.03	789.67
Manson	279.64	6.05	118.75	404.45
Mission City	50.30	1.09	33.10	84.49
Nanaimo	489.82	62.49	320.95	873.26
Nelson	439.14	5.31	151.08	595.51
Penticton	287.81	12.94	106.46	407.21
Silver Creek	237.71	....	140.44	378.15
Vancouver—				
42nd Avenue ...	509.48	14.30	186.29	710.07
South Vancouver	443.35	13.70	300.98	758.03
Union Street	1,023.35	29.75	344.94	1,403.04
West Vancouver.	376.48	14.57	238.83	629.73
Vernon	1,562.07	12.84	135.94	1,710.85
Victoria	184.63	.90	70.71	256.23
Miscellaneous	825.78	1135.02	988.92	1,949.72
Total.....	\$9,649.00	\$438.68	\$4,234.44	\$14,322.12

T. S. BOWETT, Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET

British Columbia Conference of S.D.A., December 31, 1916

ASSETS.		
Cash in Bank.....		\$ 15.62
Accounts Receivable		806.97
B.C. Assn.	\$718.51	
Philpott, L. A.....	1.48	
Potter, E. R.....	61.78	
Rottacker, J.	25.20	
Inventories		579.88
Expense	15.37	
Furniture and Fixtures...	60.10	
Postage	4.44	
Stationery	3.92	
Tent and Equipment....	496.05	
		\$1,402.47
LIABILITIES.		
Accounts Payable		\$ 22.41
Noble, R. E.....	\$ 22.41	
Credit Cheque Account.....		306.19
Local Funds Account.....		486.70
Canvassers' Fund	10.43	
Chinese Mission	13.70	
Educational Fund	100.64	
General Fund	360.48	
Poor Fund	1.45	
		\$15.30
Surplus, Jan. 1, 1916.....	112.66	
Net Gain or Year.....	474.51	
Present worth, Jan. 1, 1917		587.17
		\$1,402.47

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HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

Among the important matters considered by the Conference committee in council a few days ago, was the needs of the Home Missionary department. We were anxious to make this department a stronger factor potentially. We felt that the personal contact with the churches was most essential, and yet the secretary of this home missionary work could not possibly handle all the details of this department that must be done at the office.

In view of these facts the committee decided to try a new plan which makes Pastor W. A. Clemensen the field secretary, and Brother Wissner the corresponding secretary of the Home Missionary department of the Saskatchewan Conference. Brother Robert Kitto, who was our Home Missionary secretary, felt that he was unable to give this feature of the work its proper attention in connection with his heavy duties as field agent in the colporteur work. Brother Clemensen, who is our Young People's secretary, will be able to take the field end of the Home Missionary work without difficulty.

Brother Wissner will receive all the missionary reports, send out all the campaign literature, and look

after such correspondence of the Home Missionary department as pertains directly to the office. Brother Clemensen will have to do with the execution of the plans, showing and working with our people in their efforts to save souls.

We are anxious to see this line of work advanced as rapidly as possible. We hope that all our brethren and sisters will feel free to write to us in reference to burdens that rest upon them in view of the near coming of the Lord. Let us not slacken our pace, but move forward with increased momentum. If every member of this denomination receives the right burden for perishing souls, we can soon finish the task required of us, and bring an end to the awful reign of sin.

Two successful Home Missionary Institutes were held recently in the Rosthern and Waldheim churches, respectively. The brethren and sisters co-operated with us in every way to make the most out of the meetings. We, (Brethren Clemensen and Wissner, and myself) would have gone to Carlton after leaving Waldheim, but the weather became so severely cold that the brethren could not be expected to come to the meetings. The thermometer has been hovering around 30 to 52 degrees below zero for several days. Just as soon as the weather moderates sufficiently we will continue our missionary institute work until we have been to all our churches.

It is good to see the interest our people are taking in these institutes. We truly hope that the spirit of zeal and burden for souls will continue to grow until every member in every church becomes a unit of power in helping to finish the work of God in this generation.

A. C. GILBERT.

VISITING THE BRETHREN

At Christmas-time I went to visit my brother for a few days and on the way home I called on the small companies and isolated members along the line. On reaching Canora, where Elder Clemenson had organized a company last fall, we found that two of the families had gone to the States to visit relatives. The others attended all the meetings in spite of the fact that it was very cold; the thermometer registering 46 below zero. One brother and wife, who have not yet been baptized, came in three miles with two babies and stayed over Sabbath. From Canora I went to Rama, and on reaching the home of Brother Youngquist I learned that he was in the hospital in Canora. Sister Youngquist drove me to the Fitchett home, where we found all well. Next day we had a very pleasant visit with Brother and Sister Freeman, who have recently commenced to keep the Sabbath. On returning to Canora, I met Brother Youngquist, on his way home.

My next stop was at Leslie, to see Brother Dodd and family. He is anxious to get his children into the school at Battleford and I think will soon arrange to do so.

Four miles south of Mogart we found Brother Chase and family. They would like to send their children to the Battleford school, but cannot afford to do so. The past year their crop was almost entirely destroyed by hail; nevertheless they cheerfully ordered the *Review* and talked courage.

At Viscount we learned from Sister Stewart that they have sold their farm, and Mr. Stewart expects to move his family to Mervin, where he is to be manager of the lumber yard. Those who know Sister Evenson, of Earl Grey, will be glad to learn that her husband is studying the "Message" and will pray that he may soon be free in Jesus. Brother Noah Palmer and family are keeping the light burning in Southey. I should not fail to mention Wynyard, where Brother Denham did his best to make me comfortable and where I was glad to have the privilege of speaking to a few souls who are interested in God's truth.

M. MACKINTOSH.

REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

For Quarter Ending December 31, 1916

Name.	Member-		Offerings	
	ship.	Regular.	13th Sab.	Total.
Battleford Academy	119	\$ 122.40	\$126.00	\$ 248.40
Beaver Creek	35	42.52	13.15	55.67
Canora	25	33.00	21.55	54.55
Carlton	29	53.21	14.70	67.91
Dundurn	20	44.30	7.90	52.20
East Regina	38	18.98	17.27	36.25
Fenwood	13	17.35	5.65	23.00
Fox Valley	45	28.20	12.00	40.20
Hanley	19	73.35	31.65	105.00
Happyland	16	13.85	....	13.85
Hillesden	12	12.95	10.10	23.05
Langham	12	12.00	7.75	19.75
Loreburn	21	13.05	15.35	28.40
Macrorie	25	69.45	76.00	145.45
McGee	5	6.42	.45	6.87
McLean	9	18.91	8.60	27.51
Morse	19	7.15	....	7.15
Prince	11	37.30	9.10	46.40
Queen Centre	31	43.00	20.50	63.50
Regina	24	27.83	11.35	39.18
Rouleau	25	23.15	6.45	29.60
Rosthern	16	17.20	8.40	25.60
Saskatoon	13	30.13	9.70	39.83
Sonningdale	25	47.71	14.54	62.25
Sunset	13	28.60	20.00	48.60
Surbiton	16	30.05	10.00	40.05
Swift Current	14	16.20	8.00	24.20
Truax	12	12.30	....	12.30
Tugaske	25	37.23	12.30	49.53
Waldheim	47	41.71	25.21	66.92
Prov. Home Dept.....	146	206.86	108.54	315.40

Total: 30 schools..... 880 \$1,186.36 \$632.21 \$1,818.57

It affords me much pleasure to pass on to you a report like the above. There are several items that I would particularly refer to. The first is the number of schools. Our last quarterly report showed a total of 26 schools and this one shows 30, we should be glad for this.

Another thing which gives me much satisfaction is the completeness of this report. You will notice that every school has been heard from. It shows something of the faithfulness of our secretaries in reporting, making it possible for us to give you a complete report for the last quarter of the year. Such co-operation and faithfulness on the part of our people is what brings success to the work.

And we would of course make special mention of that splendid offering. It is interesting to compare it with that of the last quarter of 1915.

Offerings for last quarter 1916..... \$1,818.57
Offerings for last quarter 1915..... 1,395.15

Gain..... \$ 423.42

I am sure this is very encouraging to you, for it

shows advancement and that is what we are always glad to see in any work.

And now as we look back over the year and see what has been accomplished by our Sabbath-schools, we find much to cheer us on our way. We notice the financial side in this connection and find it interesting to note the increase in offerings, quarter by quarter as compared with 1915.

Offerings, first quarter.....	\$1,370.68	\$1,009.52	\$ 361.16
Offerings, second quarter....	1,373.54	1,093.39	280.15
Offerings, third quarter.....	1,887.79	1,212.36	675.43
Offerings, fourth quarter.....	1,818.57	1,395.15	423.42

	1916.	1915.	Gain.
Total.....	\$6,450.58	\$4,710.42	\$1,740.16

A gain of \$1,700.00 is surely splendid and should make us feel to thank the Lord for His blessings of the past and to ask for strength and grace to press on to greater things in the future.

But I am thinking of our goal for 1916. Do you remember what it was? Yes, it was \$5,000.00 and we received \$6,450.00. So we reached our goal and have a margin of \$1,450.00.

These good figures which you have been noticing, however, do not show all that has been accomplished by our Sabbath-schools in Saskatchewan. Oh, no. It is beyond the power of the finite mind to tell what has been gained because of the help received from the have been brought out of heathen darkness through the means which you have given. This is one of the beautiful truths to be revealed to the redeemed on Canaan's shore.

Who can ever know of the many hearts that have together from week to week; how many victories have been cheered in our Sabbath-schools as they have met Sabbath-school lessons; and how many determinations been accomplished in foreign lands; how many souls have been strengthened to press on in the narrow way. No, beloved, this we cannot know but may only resolve, one and all, to make the record for 1917 far surpass any of previous years, both in blessings received and offerings given.

Worthy mention should be made of the faithfulness of our isolated members who have so loyally aided in making so good a report. During the year, 1916, the offerings from our Home Department members amounted to \$1,068.00. May God abundantly bless these lonely ones in their efforts to be lights for Him.

But my report is becoming too lengthy and I must close. My message to you is contained in those grand words found in Exodus 14: "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward".....The splendid success of last year must only be an inspiration to greater advancement during 1917.

Mrs. A. C. GILBERT, Secretary S. S. Department.

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CORONATION

The 10th day of January I came to Coronation. Here we had a Russian church of about thirty mem-

bers, but the church has had a very dark experience and the enemy of God's work has destroyed hope, love and courage so much that some have given up their hold on the light the Lord had given to them. On the 12th day of January we started meetings with only four in attendance. On Sabbath there were five present, and I tell you, my brethren and sisters, my heart was bleeding and I prayed to God to do something to bring the people in.

On Sunday I went with one brother from house to house and got the people in the sleigh and brought them to the meeting. From that time on, the attendance has been good and the Lord came very near to us. On the third night there were all the Russians that were to be found in the surrounding country present, and while I spoke of the conditions in which we are living now, and that the signs of Christ's soon coming are fast fulfilling, the Spirit of the Lord touched the hearts of the people and they have now yielded to God. Every night the meetings were well attended and the Lord has done great things for the discouraged brethren. They all came back and confessed their sins and were received into the church again.

On Monday a business meeting was held at which the election of the new elder, treasurer and clerk took place with a good spirit. The Sabbath-school has also been reorganized and officers elected. Next, the church organized their first Church Missionary Society, which will be the means of putting each member to work. A collection was taken with which to start this work and \$35.00 was the result. May God help them to continue in giving and working for Him. On Thursday we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house, and with new courage in our hearts we separated.

Now I am at Loyalist, where we have some believers. I came up here to do business for the Lord. Dear brethren, pray for the Russian work in Alberta and for God's humble servant.

T. T. BABIENCO.

OBITUARY

Ernena Ellen Draper was born on March 27, 1916. She died at the home of Brother Hansen, of Lacombe, on January 28, 1917, after about a week's illness from bronchial-pneumonia. The funeral service was conducted in the Academy chapel on Tuesday, January 30, where the teachers, students, and other friends met to show their sympathy for the bereaved parents and relatives. The little one was laid to rest in the Lacombe cemetery, there to await the coming of the great Life-giver.

A. P. POND.

REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF ALBERTA CONFERENCE

For Quarter Ending December 31, 1916

Name.	Members.	Twelve Sabbaths.	Thirteen Sabbaths.	Total.
Acme	37	\$ 26.35	\$ 3.76	\$ 30.11
Beiseker	120	71.74	4.07	75.81
Bismark	20	24.85	1.50	26.35
Calgary	41	62.35	8.54	70.89
Calgary, German*	26	.....	.....	.....
Clemens	20	22.25	16.05	38.30
Coronation*	50	5.25	.....	5.25
Clive	21	59.52	7.63	67.15
Didsbury	34	17.90	3.05	20.95
Edmonton South	40	44.00	4.43	48.43
Edmonton, German* ..	12	32.98	.....	32.98
Granum	17	43.10	.....	43.10

Gadsby West	20	21.90	10.20	32.10
Gadsby East	22	10.90	.....	10.90
Harmatten	27	15.91	2.10	18.01
Hawkesdale	11	8.75	1.50	10.25
Hanna*	36	10.25	.....	10.25
Irvine*	20	77.20	.....	77.20
Leduc, No. 1.....	15	14.15	6.95	21.45
Leduc, No. 2.....	34	44.45	17.50	61.95
Loyalist	34	39.50	3.10	42.60
Lacombe	225	142.87	18.81	161.68
Lewisville	29	28.41	.....	28.41
Midnapore*	36	63.58	.....	63.58
Neapolis	8	12.19	1.45	13.64
Ponoka	24	17.71	5.25	22.96
Retlaw*	10	52.25	.....	52.25
Rosebud*	131	103.91	.....	103.91
Sedgewick	3	4.55	.....	44.55
Winifred	26	25.06	3.80	28.86
Vermilion Lakes	16	17.60	2.70	20.30
Family Schools—				
Boyne Lake	19	.80	.90	1.75
Burnt Lake	6	11.60	.....	11.60
Brookes	12	26.10	1.70	27.80
Claresholm	29	8.30	7.20	15.50
Castor*	5	.....	.....	.....
Lockhart	15	5.50	.....	5.50
Markerville	7	6.60	.40	7.00
Manville	15	13.70	.....	13.70
Olds	11	9.00	1.75	10.75
Ohaton*	9	50.10	.....	50.10
Steveville	7	13.00	.90	13.90
Stavely	16	29.00	.....	29.00
Trochu	7	10.60	.....	10.60
Thelma	35	6.85	7.40	14.25
Travers	8	.....	.....	.....
Woodbend	24	13.06	1.90	14.96
Walsh*	12	.....	.....	.....
Kinuso	20	2.00	.....	2.00
Isolated	118	66.77	.....	66.77
Conference .....	.....	342.91	.....	343.91

Totals (50)..... 1,633 \$1,788.93 \$148.14 \$1,937.07

Another year has passed into eternity. Another quarter has gone, another report will soon be disclosed in the books of heaven. A new year is before us when new records will be made. The Lord has dealt bountifully with us since camp-meeting closed. It has been a time of growth and progress.

It is gratifying also to see how greatly the schools seem to enjoy giving to the special enterprises. With many it is becoming a settled thing to begin early in each quarter to plan and save for the "Thirteenth Sabbath Offering". The children are as anxious to give as are the older ones.

The quarterly summary is as interesting as ever, and we would draw the attention of each school to their own report, and if by chance you see mistakes, and where improvement could be made, send us suggestions.

AN INTERESTING COMPARISON

The accompanying report indicates the standing of the Sabbath-schools in the Alberta conference for the quarters ending December 1915 and 1916:

1915 Membership	1,310	Financial.....	\$1,185.92
1916 Membership	1,633	Financial.....	1,937.07
Gain.....	323		\$ 751.15

The gain for the quarter ending December, 1916, would have been much larger if we had made the progress we did for the quarter ending September. We made a gain in membership but we came behind in finances. Look up the *Tidings* for December 7, 1916, and note the difference. There are one or two items we would like to draw the secretaries' attention to. You will notice some of the schools have a star

following the name. These failed to send in their report. A few came in too late. We held over our report as long as we could so none would be disappointed, but ours had to be made up and sent off to headquarters at Washington. The question may be asked: How could the report be made out, if our reports were not received on time? The answer is easy. We obtained the financial part from the books of the conference. The membership and other items, we had to take from the last report of September. We are sorry to have to report this, and would have been glad if it could have been avoided; but we feel confident our secretaries will be more faithful in reporting. If we have been unfaithful in the past, there is all the more reason for faithfulness during the year we have just entered. The time for active labor is before us. We must never give up the battle. Plan for large things. "Mr. Moody, on the last days of his life, was listening to passages from the Bible as they were read to him by one of his sympathetic friends. At last he asked that the Bible be laid beside him, and he wrote on the margin of it: 'If God be your partner, make your plans large.'" The trouble with most of us is that we do not make our plans in life large enough. Why do we not enlarge the horizon of our life and let God be our partner in very truth? When we have done this we can say with very truth and confidence, "Nothing is too hard for God."

We plan, and plan: "This shall be so, and so. This shall I do", and "thither shall I go". Yet, as the hours shape themselves to days, we tread not in the same self-chosen ways; our feet are led along paths we had not guessed. And so, we find those newer paths are best.—Selected.

Mrs. M. H. CROTHERS,

Secretary S. S. Department.

A MISSIONARY REPORT

Report of the Sedgewick church for the quarter ending December 1st, 1916:

Number of members in church.....	4
Number reporting	3
Letters written	24
Letters received	8
Personal work, missionary visits.....	13
Subscriptions taken	15
Papers sold	21
Papers lent or given away.....	500
Books sold	9
Books lent or given away.....	8
Tracts lent or given away.....	65

Our church had a good week of prayer, although the members had to drive eight and twelve miles and some travelled by train over twenty miles. We must say that God blessed us so much the more and the aim and desire of all is to live nearer to God and do His blessed will.

Yours in the work,

EDWIN A. STROME.

Manitoba Conference

Office Address, 418 Lansdowne Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba. President, E. M. Chapman; Secretary-Treasurer, Geo. R. Soper; Sabbath-school Secretary, Mrs. V. W. Robb; Educational Secretary, Geo. R. Soper; Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Mrs. Barbara Cowan; Tract Society and Home Missionary Secretary, Geo. R. Soper; Religious Liberty Secretary, E. M. Chapman.

MANITOBA MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

No doubt our young people are anxious to know

how nearly we came to reaching our 1916 M.V. goal. The following is the yearly report:

Our Goal. Results obtained.

Bible Year	10	1
Reading Course	15	10
Standard of Attainment...	5	1
Young People Converted..	10	18
Financial Goal	\$145.00	\$201.34

On two very important points we have reached the goal set. For this we are indeed thankful. The items included in the goal do not cover all the work done by any means. A complete report would take considerable space, but probably our kind editor may find room for a few points.

Tithe reported	\$274.35
S.S. Offerings	36.65
Home Missions	30.42
Missionary visits	213
Papers sold	1,106
Papers given	6,215
Tracts given	824

If the above is the very best we can do our Master is well satisfied, for He accepts the willing mind, but let us decide in our own hearts whether we can by close application accomplish a little more, and if we can, the Lord will be well pleased to have us do so. After all, we enjoy reading a good report, don't we? So may each of us add our little towards making the 1917 record one which we could present to Jesus personally if He were here and feel that He knew we had done our best.

And let us not forget the Morning Watch texts, for from these we receive part of our daily spiritual food which strengthens us for labor for the Master.

MRS. B. COWAN.

REPORT OF MANITOBA SABBATH-SCHOOLS

For Quarter Ending December 31, 1916

		Reg.	13th	
	Memb.	Offerings.	Sabbath.	Total.
Austin	11	\$ 6.30	\$ 1.25	\$ 7.55
Bradwardine	27	42.26	8.75	51.01
Brandon	3	12.45	13.00	25.45
Carberry	22	8.50	.35	8.85
Dauphin	29	23.10	8.75	31.85
Katrine	7	50.00	5.00	55.00
Killarney	9	2.25	2.10	4.35
Minnetonas	17	2.55	2.00	4.55
Morden .....	..	..	..	..
Russell	32	28.50	16.20	44.70
Scandinavia	13	1.60	2.00	3.60
Winnipeg	44	37.52	10.78	48.30
Home Schools	56	44.52	23.12	67.64
Totals.....	270	\$259.55	\$93.30	\$352.85

It is with pleasure that we render our financial report of the Sabbath-schools of Manitoba for the year 1916. In the table above you will notice a marked increase in the offerings of 1916 over those of 1915; notwithstanding the onslaughts of the enemy on our ranks, capturing some prizes, our advance has been steady

which shows that our people quickly close the broken columns and push the battle a little harder.

	1915.	1916.
First quarter	\$ 242.37	\$ 310.16
Second quarter	281.42	327.28
Third quarter	268.66	389.10
Fourth quarter	323.91	352.85
Total.....	\$1,116.36	\$1,379.39

You will see by the last *Sabbath-school Worker* that Manitoba is on the "Honorable Mention Roll", which means that we have reached 10 cents a week. This is commendable when we know that in the last five years we have increased our offerings 50%, but are we satisfied? I am sure Manitoba will not be content till we reach the *Goal* which is 15 cents per week per member. Let all the officers of our Sabbath-schools keep this matter before the people and I am sure Manitoba will not be left behind. Our people love this truth and when appeals are made they always nobly respond to the call and I know this appeal will not be left unheeded at this time. May our kind heavenly Father bestow rich blessings upon everyone who is sacrificing to help carry the last message to those less favored in the darkness of heathenism.

As an incentive to reach our *Goal* we will publish this year the names of the schools, both organized and home, which attain to the Honor Roll. May God inspire each one to do their part and the victory will soon be won.

MRS. V. W. ROBB, Secretary.

MANITOBA ITEMS

The auditing committee of the Manitoba Conference convened at Winnipeg, January 21st. It was voted to hold the annual camp-meeting, June 28-July 8, at one of the following named places: Minnedosa, Winnipeg or Brandon. The selection will depend upon openings in these places.

Sister Hansen was given a Missionary license and has begun work in Winnipeg in connection with her husband, Elder C. A. Hansen.

Elder O. Zipric has come to Manitoba to labor in the interest of the German work for two months. We are glad to welcome him back and pray that God may make his stay with us a fruitful one.

Brother Geo. A. Soper, our secretary and treasurer, was elected to fill the place made vacant on the committee by the resignation of Brother Grundset. At present Brother Soper is attending the Bookman's Convention at Mountain View, California.

Sister Mattson, from Minneapolis, is visiting her daughter, Sister Soper, in Winnipeg, and will remain while Brother Soper is away.

We were pleased to meet Brother B. L. Grundset, Elder A. Grundset and Brother Campbell, the field secretary of Minnesota, as they passed through Winnipeg on their way to the Convention at Mountain View.

Brother Henry Wickert is very low at the General Hospital of Winnipeg after undergoing an operation on the lower portion of the spine.

Brother Ed. Minchen reports another Sabbath-keeper in his labors. This makes two reported by him of late. Let the good work go on. Sister Robb also reports two more believers at Dauphin recently.

Brother P. G. Hanson, of Ericson, who has not been very well this winter is in Winnipeg for medical treatment.

Elder C. F. McVagh delivered an interesting address on tithing at the Winnipeg church Sabbath the 20th.

Brother Hommel, the Union Conference auditor, recently made Winnipeg a visit in the interests of his work.

Mrs. E. M. Chapman spent several days last week in Brandon in the magazine work with good success.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE PRESENT TRUTH WAR SPECIAL, NO. 5

"The World on Fire" Issue—Ready to Mail February 20

Topical contents: (1) Introduction (strong); "The World on Fire"—What do these things mean? (2) "The Stupendous Cost Staggering Humanity"; (3) "The United States and all Neutrals becoming Involved"; (4) "The Angry Nations Fulfilling Prophecy"; (5) "Peace Movements a Sign of the Times"; (6) "Peace and the Vatican"; (7) "The Everlasting Gospel—Mankind's Only Hope for Salvation and Peace."

This number is fresh from the pens of our editors. It has the latest facts, and is up to date in every feature. It carries the burning message of the hour. Its contents will set our message-filled people on fire in enthusiastic efforts in letting the world know what is the meaning of this present world-struggle.

Our efforts in the past have been largely consumed in creating an interest, but just now the interest is intense, for the world is demanding the meaning of these things, and the possible ending of the world is being impressed upon the minds of thousands in all walks of life. Our golden opportunity has come, for even the indifferent, money-mad men of the past are now ready to listen and to read. This is the hour when it is imperative for every believer to be an active and true message bearer.

The War Special will be indeed "Present Truth," and a strong factor in guiding millions to the full gospel message for this time. It will be furnished at the regular Present Truth prices: 25 copies, 20 cents; 50 copies, 35 cents; 100 copies, 60 cents; 1,000 copies, \$5.00.

Our readers will be interested in the new Present Truth War Special issued as No. 5 of the new Present Truth, and ready to mail February 20. "The World on Fire" issue, fresh and up-to-date in all matters pertaining to the "angry" nations, fulfilling prophecy, the United States and all neutrals being involved, peace movements a sign of the times, peace and the Vatican, the Everlasting Gospel being mankind's only hope for salvation and peace—the very last word in the present world crisis. Millions will go into circulation within the next few days. They will be furnished at the regular Present Truth prices: 25 copies, 20 cents; 50 copies, 35 cents; 100 copies, 60 cents; 1,000 copies, \$5.00.

The Post Office Department is in receipt of a cablegram from the British authorities stating that no parcels containing foodstuffs or articles of clothing should be forwarded in future from Canada for prisoners of war in Germany.

The British authorities represent that it is absolutely necessary that the above regulation should be complied with. Therefore, on and from the 1st February, 1917, the Post Office Department will refuse to accept any such parcels for prisoners of war in Germany. The Department is advised by the English authorities that such parcels cannot

be accepted for transmission to the prisoners, and could not get through.

The Canadian Red Cross Society through its London office undertakes that every Canadian prisoner shall receive adequate relief in food and clothing, sending one parcel every week to each prisoner. Therefore, existing organizations should continue their work of collecting funds to be sent to the Canadian Red Cross Society; and it is most desirable that they should not relax their efforts in this respect.

Persons desiring to have additional food or supplies sent to a Canadian prisoner should send money for that purpose to the Prisoners of War Department, Canadian Red Cross Society.

A letter containing a remittance and asking the Prisoners of War Department, Canadian Red Cross Society, to send food or other articles to a prisoner of war should be addressed to the Prisoners of War Department, Canadian Red Cross Society, and should contain information in the following form:

No. 12345 Private A. G. Robinson, 48th Highlanders, Canadian Contingent, B.E.F., Canadian Prisoner of War, Gottingen, Germany, c/o Prisoners of War Department, Canadian Red Cross Society.

The remittance should be in the form of a Post Office Money Order drawn in favor of the Prisoners of War Department, Canadian Red Cross Society, for the prisoner of war in question.

Any person wishing to send a remittance direct to a prisoner of war may do so by means of a Post Office Money Order, which is issued free of commission. Instructions as to how to proceed can be obtained from postmasters of Accounting Post Offices.

Parcels for prisoners of war containing articles which are not prohibited, may be sent fully addressed to the place of destination in the form above, care of Prisoners of War Department, Canadian Red Cross Society, London, England, to be forwarded after they have been censored.

Detailed regulations respecting communication with prisoners of war are being issued to the Postal Service generally, and full information may be obtained by making application to any Postmaster.

YIDDISH MAGAZINE READY

The "World on Fire" number of the Yiddish magazine is ready. Although delayed because of our being dependent upon an outside house for the composition, the magazine now comes forth with a strong message for the Jews, profusely illustrated and attractive. One page lists in English all of the leading articles, thus making it easy for anyone to handle it. The last edition of the magazine was exhausted long before the end of the quarter, and some of our larger churches in eastern cities, where there are thousands of Jewish people, were unable to get any. A number of these have now worked up large club orders to begin with this first quarter's number. In view of the increasing interest in the magazine and its work we shall print larger editions, and make efforts to bring out succeeding numbers without delays. Our churches and magazine workers everywhere will want to have a part in the circulation of this "World on Fire" number of the Jewish "Gospel Messenger." Orders should be sent at once to your tract society. 5-50 copies, 5 cents each; 50 or more, 4 cents each. Retail for 10 cents. Quantity rates 1 cent higher in Canada.

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