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READING

To read well—that is, to read true books in a true spirit—is a noble exercise.—Thoreau.

In reading, as in anything else, judgment and reason should rule inclination and feeling. That reading may be wholesome as well as detrimental is evident from mere observation or reflection.

Some people read for the sake of reading. This is unprofitable. Others read for amusement. This is prejudicial to mental growth. Still others read to satisfy the cravings of habit. This is beneficial, provided the habit directs to clean literature. Again, some read for personal enlightenment and proficiency. This is commendable. Reading with a definite purpose in view is better than promiscuous reading, though the literature may be good; and reading something is better than not reading at all.

The habit of reading to advantage should be formed early and if possible this ought to be done through mature and wise guidance. That many are indiscreet in selecting good literature is due largely to parental negligence. A child's mind is exceedingly active, absorbing the good, bad, or indifferent; so if not carefully guarded, the desires, if not habits, are quickly and imperceptibly becoming acquainted with questionable or pernicious literature. It is equally easy to teach a child's mind to appreciate healthful stories or anecdotes as it is to permit its susceptible faculties to wallow in foul, corrupt, soul-destroying stories, fictions, fairy tales, and the like. This habit is not temporary but permanent; its influence is lifelong; hence the vital importance of having it formed rightly.

Literature of a sentimental nature should be avoided; light, trashy reading, such as cheap fiction, fairy stories, detective stories, which do not tend to moral development, should be emphatically discarded. There is plenty of good, morally elevating, literature easily accessible, and no need for stooping towards and finally entering the realm of literary barrenness, whence one must eventually return morally as well as intellectually famished.

Indulging in reading novels, historical adventures, etc., is inviting mental wreck; attention becomes unsettled, imagination fanciful, memory irretentive, inhibition or self-control is reduced to its minimum; in fact, the individual becomes unfit for normal living—rather an abnormal existence.

The world's history is replete with examples of good reading. Livingstone studied continually; Macaulay, Luther, Zwingli, were indefatigable readers; Abraham Lincoln attributed his remarkable achievements to untiring book-application; many more might be referred to if space permitted.

From a rational point of view, no one need remain ignorant of past history or present events, nor any branch of knowledge, for all branches of knowledge ramify and are being published and circulated throughout the continent; only the indolent allow themselves to remain illiterate.

A literary department has been established for our young people, which is divided into the junior and senior courses. The books used have been selected by experienced and liberal-minded men, the reading matter being of such a nature that it proves entertaining as well as instructive alike for youth, middle-aged, or those advanced in years. The object of this department is to stimulate a desire for self-improvement in those whose opportunities have been limited through various causes; and to encourage those who are prevented by circumstances from access to desirable books; as well as to manifest to all the beauty of efficacious literature. None ought to slight this opportunity, and none can, it seems to me, conscientiously excuse themselves, for the cost is very little and the requirements are very lenient.

Upon the completion of a special number of books and the satisfactory fulfilment of the other requirements the student receives a certificate, which is designed as a reward to the thrifty; also to strengthen the weak inclinations of others to continue. Full particulars may be had by applying to the Young People's secretary, Miss Beardsley, at Lacombe.

The testimonies are very plain in this matter; but even if not a word were printed, the seriousness of the times, the nearness of the closing of earth's history, and most of all the gigantic task yet waiting to be accomplished—these should arouse us to energetic action.

B. SAXILD.

CONDUCTING THE RECITATION

The daily school teacher conducts the recitation in such a way that he ascertains accurately just how fully each pupil has completed the definite task assigned him. The teacher questions in a way to reveal just where the pupil's knowledge of the topic ends. Right there is where the teacher begins to teach.

There is a great difference in classes. One is alert, the other apparently stupid; one is attentive, the other heedless; one is interested, the other bored. One seems to speed lightly forward in all that is to be done, the other is painfully hauled or laboriously pushed. The spirit of one is the tramp, tramp, the irresistible swing of a victorious regiment; the other hobbles and crawls. The

methods of the teacher usually are responsible for the difference.

Do not do all the talking in the class if you would encourage your pupils to study the lesson. Ask questions as if you expected an answer. Study how to question so as to make the pupils *think*. Do not be satisfied with vague, indefinite answers. Train your pupils to express their thoughts clearly. Review vital truths frequently. What a number of times we repeated the multiplication table before it was a workable part of our equipment! In our Bible study the need for review, for repetition, is no less necessary if we would make practical, daily use of the lessons we pass over.

In teaching, if you must yourself explain a difficult point, work around to the same point and again call for the explanation to be given by pupils.

Let all the class work be planned to develop the pupil, rather than to show off the teacher. As the class begins to *feel responsibility*, the members will incline more and more to make the preparation to enable them to do what is expected of them, and habits of study will be formed.

Our Individual Responsibility

In the weaving room of a Connecticut cotton factory a thousand looms ply their shuttles, each loom tended by a single person. To stand in the midst of the confusing hum, one would not think it possible to ascertain the relative efficiency and faithfulness of each loom worker. One would think that two or ten might be careless or clumsy, and no one could detect it. Yet each worker is known and noted. Every moment's faithfulness is a matter of record and is made the basis of recompense. If the attention of the loom tender wanders, and there is a break in the filling, however perfect the work that follows, it must be taken out and the break mended, and the work done over. And the loom tender is not paid by the hour, but by the amount of cloth he weaves. If the defect is not corrected at the loom, it is still to be reckoned with. When the cloth is taken out and rolled, the name of the weaver is attached to it and it passes to the inspection loom. There every defect is discovered, and the amount of the consequent loss charged to the weaver. When the books are opened on pay day, every weaver receives according as his work has been. In all the multitude each man, each woman, each boy, and each girl set to the care of a loom watches the forming web "as one that must give account."

Is there not a lesson in this for every teacher? There may be many classes, the hum of voices may be confusing. One may feel that one's work is lost in the multitude. The faithful and the careless are side by side. Who can know any difference? There is One who knows. The judgment will reveal every defect, and the Inspector will pass upon every teacher's work. Each one will be rewarded according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad. But let us remember that in this work, defects, carelessness, unfaithfulness wrecks souls instead of cloth.

The Lord only asks us to be faithful. The "well done" is promised not to the brilliant, or to the seeming successful one, but to him that is faithful. And we may all be *faithful*.

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

THREE MORE NEW FOREIGN MAGAZINES

Two more new regular foreign quarterly *Signs of the Times* magazines have been added to the list published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association at Brookfield, Illinois. These are the French, succeeding the French paper formerly published in South Lancaster, Mass., and the Hungarian, published for the first time. These magazines, attractive, up-to-date in appearance and filled with articles on present truth will be welcomed by our churches within reach of people of these nationalities. They will be issued quarterly at subscription of 40c a year each. Canada and foreign countries, 50c). Quantity prices are uniform with the German, Danish-Norwegian, Swedish, Bohemian, Italian and Yiddish, namely, \$4.00 a hundred; 5-50 copies, 5c each (Canada and foreign 1c higher).

The third new publication is a *Signs of the Times* magazine in Roumanian just coming from the press. This is similar to the others, but as yet not planned for regularly. Further numbers will be published as the demand warrants. Quantities of this may be secured for \$5.00 a hundred (Canada and foreign, \$6.00).

This give a splendid line of foreign magazines with which to reach thousands of our foreign-speaking people. Everyone can circulate them. Most encouraging letters are coming from those into whose hands some of these magazines have fallen.

The Russian field is being served with an eight-page monthly *Signs of the Times* paper, whose subscription price is \$1.00 a year; in clubs 80c (Canada \$1.10 and 85c). This is eagerly read by Russians, and is exerting a wonderful influence where circulated.

Thus, to an extent, the instruction to multiply our publications "in many languages" is being carried out. The time has come for them to be given a large circulation. All can have a part in this. Further information will be furnished by your tract society, to whom all orders for these and other supplies should be sent.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES.

Every lesson learned in the Sabbath school is educating us for greater work in the service of the Master. Jesus says, "Search the Scriptures," and if we search them we will find they testify of Him, that in Him is life. We will study "line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little." By searching we will find Him whom we have not seen, yet we love, but believing, we rejoice with joy, receiving the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls. When we have found salvation it will be much easier for us to give it unto others, and we will see their need. We did not buy it, neither can we sell it; then our Sabbath school will be an educator unto everlasting life.

If you are called to be a teacher in any branch of the work of God, you are called to be a learner in the school of Christ. "Let us grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to whom be glory now and forever." (Testimony on Sabbath school work, page 59.) Amen.

THOMAS ATKINSON.

THE TRUE MISSIONARY SPIRIT

How prone we are to say we "can't afford it" when it is proposed that we have a part in some missionary enterprise that calls for a sacrifice of means. The following letter, just received from one of our sisters, indicates the ideal missionary spirit.

"Enclosed you will find \$1.00 for which please send the *Signs* to the following names. I sold a cake last evening for \$1.00, so will send the *Signs* to two of my friends."

That sister will probably make another cake or two when she realizes fully that the publishers of the *Signs* are now offering our good missionary journal in its sixteen-page size for eighty cents a year in clubs of five or more. Or, perhaps she will wish to take advantage of the 85-cent rate, which provides for yearly subscriptions to separate names and addresses when five or more are ordered at the same time. You can count on her to have a part in the effort that is now being made to increase the circulation of the *Signs* to 100,000.

MANITOBA NEWS ITEMS

Elder Hansen's meeting in Winnipeg are being well attended. The interest is increasing.

Bro. Henry Jenzen, of Morden, and Ludvig Halvas, from Russell, were visiting in Winnipeg of late.

Bro. Weichert, who was reported so seriously ill, is improving, for which we are very glad.

We are very thankful for the valuable services of Elder Ziprick, who is doing some good work in our Conference.

Elder E. M. Chapman recently visited Carberry and Dauphin in the interests of the work. At Carberry a good meeting was held and one new Sabbath-keeper is reported, who has lately accepted the truth through reading our literature. Scatter the good seed, brethren; work while the day lasts. God will give the increase.

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REPORT OF THE ROSEBUD CHURCH FOR THE YEAR 1916

On Sunday, January the 7th, our yearly business meeting was held, being opened by singing Hymn 544, Zieons Lieders.

Elder Humann was present and acted as chairman. The Lord's presence was earnestly sought, to help us to conduct the meeting after His own will.

The first report which was read was the elder's report, starting with the organization of this church in April, 1909, with only a few members, and showing how it has increased from year to year.

Then came the secretary's report, showing that out of our 108 members only one member was dropped last year, and this was one of our pillars, Brother John Dais, who died last summer.

After the secretary's report, Elder Humann made a few remarks concerning how, from the time of our settlement in this part of Alberta on November 26th, 1908, when we could scarcely see a house and only a few ranchers, the country has developed; and how God calls His people from one place to another to spread

His message in a short time over the whole world, and finally gathers His saved ones home.

The other reports showed a good increase in the work that has been done in the last year. The treasurer's report up to January 4th, 1917:

Tithe	\$3,886.20
Harvest Ingathering	57.87
Offerings to Missions.....	884.40
Sabbath-school Offerings	510.48
Weekly Offerings	640.00
Alberta Academy	1,155.00
Week of Prayer.....	434.00
Loma Linda Sanitarium, California....	107.30
Loyalist Church Building.....	202.00
Total.....	\$7,877.25

All this money has been paid in 1916. There are a few more pledges for the academy which will have to go in the report of 1917. I think the Lord has blessed His people wonderfully—and only that we might extend His blessings to others.

Our reports would be a little better if all the members would report their work which they are doing. We are doing better every year. Some of the brethren are going out doing some good work among their neighbors. We are holding prayer meetings now at Brother Bacher's, near the Baptist settlement, with good success. Also our young people are doing good work; but, as I think we have the most young people, as a church, in the conference, we need help. We are glad to report that we have three church schools, with about 82 pupils; so the educational work is growing splendidly.

Not many changes were made in the church and Sabbath-school officers. We are very glad to say that the officers are working in harmony, together with the members, to keep the work prospering.

How glad we do feel to see the fulfilment of the prophecies in our times. Oh, what joy it is to know we will soon be home, relieved from all sorrow and sickness, temptations and every hardship. May we all be watching and working as long as we can. We all know the time is near at hand when no man can work.

A. A. ROTH.

COMPEER

It is with great pleasure that I am enabled to report again after so long an absence from the Lord's great harvest field.

In company with Brother Stanley, I reached the above-named place on Feb. 8th. Upon our arrival we met Mr. E. J. Wakeman in town, who brought us to his home, where we were made to feel welcome. These people are interested in the truth and Mrs. Wakeman stated that she believed the Lord had sent us in answer to her prayers. One son, with his wife, who are living nearby, has already begun to observe the Lord's Sabbath, and are open to receive new light on other points of faith. This is largely due to the faithful work of our colporteurs, who have placed our good books in their hands.

We were told of a U.F.A. meeting that was to be held the following day at the school-house, four miles distant. Thinking this an opportune time to make arrangements for our meetings, we proceeded to the meeting, where arrangements were made for the use of the building and announcement of our meetings to

be held every other day was made. The people have turned out splendidly, there being from twenty-five to thirty-five at each meeting, and they have shown a good interest in the subjects already presented.

We have also started meetings at another school-house, which is three miles from our place of abode, holding them on alternate nights. There were twenty-four present at our first meeting at this place. Our second meeting will be held tonight.

We feel sure that God has some honest-hearted people here who are seeking for light and truth. We have every evidence of the Lord's leading hand in every step of the way. Pray for the work, brethren, that the Lord may abundantly bless in the efforts here, that many may be brought to the Saviour and to a saving knowledge of the Third Angel's Message.

J. K. FISH.

IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING SABBATH SCHOOL WORK

So much difficulty has been experienced in obtaining reports from our Sabbath-schools that it may be profitable to notice a few things the Scriptures say concerning the matter of reporting. "The experience of one of the ancient prophets of Israel at least suggests that much harm might have been prevented had the people of God been faithful in reporting."

"Elijah was a man of God. 'He prayed earnestly that it might not rain on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain.' Yet because of this failure of other laborers together with God, to report their work and experiences, this man, whose faith and Christian experience were such that he was finally translated, became so utterly discouraged that he wanted to die. He thought he was all alone as far as human help and sympathy were concerned, in the battles against the evils of his day; and the thought overwhelmed him, forcing from his lips the admitted defeat, 'I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts; for the children of Israel have . . . slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.' 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.'"—I. Kings 19:10, 4.

"A dismal failure after the glorious victory which just preceded this experience! If the seven thousand of God's children mentioned in verse eighteen had reported their work and faith in God, what an additional victory might have been gained for the cause of truth!"

Were our foreign missionaries and home workers of today suddenly to cease sending in the inspiring reports that so often appear in the *Review* and in our union conference papers, how soon would many of us, like Elijah, either become discouraged because of the difficulties of the way or become indifferent in giving the "advent message to all the world in this generation?"

"Some have asked, what particular good is to be derived from reporting; that is, from telling what we have done and are doing to win souls to Christ? By so doing we show our love for one another and for the Lord's work. 'Then they that feareth the Lord spake often one to another'; and when they thus spoke

to one another, the angels reported it; for 'a book of remembrance was written before Him, for them that feareth the Lord, and thought upon His name.'"—Mal. 3:16.

All need encouragement and sympathy. Even the Saviour longed for human sympathy and encouragement. We may read the sorrowful words expressed during His anguish in the garden of Gethsemane: 'What! could ye not watch with me one hour?'—Matt. 26:40.

The apostle Paul realized the value of reporting. Notice the similarity between his individual report and ours: See II. Cor. 2:23-28. Other items of interest: "In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers . . . besides . . . the care of all the churches."

We find the apostle used this means effectually, for, "when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed (or reported) all that God had done with them," and "caused great joy unto all the brethren,"—Acts 14:27; 15:3, 4, 12.

Thus he sets the example, and then says, after speaking of "good reports," "Those things which we have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."—Phil. 4:9.

Finally we may be encouraged to know that the angels of heaven are kept busy reporting. Read the interesting pen picture in Eze. 9:2, 3, 11. A man is represented clothed with linen, and having a writer's inkhorn by his side. A cherub calls to him and gives him some work to do, and after the work was completed, "Behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou commandest me."

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

EDMONTON

Since the last report from Edmonton, our church has had some good experiences, and many have taken up the burdens of another year with a deeper determination than ever to pursue the Christian way with a zeal that will mean life to the church.

There has been three of our members in the hospitals for operations, and it has been a marked demonstration of the healing power of God, in the way they have come through their trials. One little girl about ten years old, went to the hospital for appendicitis, and the doctors said there was no hope for her because the appendix had burst, but the mother made a plea for the church to pray for her. It came while the church was assembled for quarterly meeting and the roll was being called at the time, so the request was presented by Elder Wilson and some timely remarks were made. The importance of the assembled company being free from anything that would separate them from the Lord was pointed out and many hearts were touched by the spirit of God. We then engaged in a season of earnest prayer and the result is that the little girl is doing fine. She is back home now and expects to be out again soon, so we see that "the hand of the Lord is not shortened that He cannot save, neither His ear heavy that He cannot hear."

How good it is to know that we have a Saviour

that is the same today as He was of old, and who is ready to help us when we call! But there is a part for us to perform as well. We are told in Prov. 28:9, that "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be an abomination." We learn that the law of God is love; love to God supremely, and love to our fellowmen as we love ourselves. When the lawyer asked Jesus what was the great commandment in the law, His answer was, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind." Then there would be no part of the man left to hate God with. He said, "This is the first and great commandment, and the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matt. 22:35-40.

On these two principles hang our destiny, for we read in I. John 4:7, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God." Let us live by the love of God, which He bestows on us from day to day as we read in Psalms, 103:4, "Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies." When we wear that crown that has been given us, all will be able to see that there is something in our lives that the world has not, and will see that we have been with Jesus and learned of His ways.

Pray for the work here that it may go with mighty power, and this place be warned of the soon coming of our Saviour.

R. C. CORDIS.

OBITUARY

Henrietta Sarah McFarland was born in London, October 22nd, 1843. About fifty years ago she came to America. For some time she has been an invalid, but four years ago her life was brightened by the Third Angel's Message, which she accepted. Many of her last days were spent in the study of her Bible and the books written by Sister White. She died trusting in the promises of the soon-coming Saviour, at the home of her son, Brother M. De Rinzy. She was laid to rest in the Lacombe cemetery, there to await the voice that shall awake the sleeping saints of God.

A. P. POND.

ACADEMY NEWS NOTES

Mrs. H. G. Knutson left February 19th for Moose Jaw to visit her daughter, Mrs. Wm. McCready.

Brother DeRinzy has been confined to his bed for the last few weeks on account of pneumonia. He is now much improved and is able to sit up.

The halls of the boys' dormitory have recently been much improved by a covering of linoleum, which adds both to the comfort and appearance of the home.

Miss Florence Hamilton, who has been absent from our school for some time on account of pneumonia, has now fully recovered and expects to return to school at the beginning of the second semester.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kindopp, and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Braunberger, of Beiseker, spent a few days with their daughters in school. We enjoy having the parents drop in.

Brethren D. A. Dobbs, C. A. Davis, L. D. Sutherland, and A. Patterson, who have been residing in Rosedale, left with their families for Armstrong, B.C. We wish them God's richest blessings as they go to their new homes.

The closing days of February are interesting ones for

the students of the Academy as semester examinations are being held. The school term is now half over. It is hoped that each will stretch every nerve to make this last half of the school year the best in history. New classes are being organized in many subjects.

February 15th was the annual wood-cutting day for the boys at the Academy. Twenty-eight cheerful faced boys, together with Mr. Rick, Prof. Cobb and Prof. Dick, left at 8 o'clock for the woods about four miles to the east of the school. The day was delightful for the work and at its close an acre of heavily wooded land had been cleared.

A carpentry class has been added to the curriculum of the Training School. There are twenty-three enrolled in this class, which includes the boys of the Fifth and Sixth grades. A workshop has been provided having twelve benches and a small store-room. Over \$100.00 worth of tools have been added. It is hoped that this part of our school work will be developed. We cannot overestimate the good that may be accomplished in this branch of the school work.

Wednesday, February 14th, at the chapel hour, Prof. Dick presented some interesting statistics in regards to the book work as conducted by the students' efforts. It is interesting to note that our school stands ahead of any other in its class in the North American Division Conference, our student sales amounting to \$8,013.00. Our closest second amounted to only \$7,000.00. Thus we have over \$1,000.00 to the good. It is also true that our school ranked well with other schools not of our class. That is, the Junior Colleges. Let us push on until our school can rank second to none in all lines.

We were pleased to have with us on February 11th, 12th and 13th, Prof. W. E. Howell, Assistant Secretary of the Educational Department of the General and North American Division Conferences. On Monday evening he spoke to the students and friends on the importance of an education and the progress of the educational work from 1874, when our first school was established, until the present time. It was encouraging to us to know that there are thirty-three thousand students enrolled in our schools. He spoke to us at two chapel hours. The first time he brought to our minds the real purpose of our being in a Christian school. The second time he spoke on the value of the "little things" and their importance in the development of our characters.

On the evening of February 13th, at 6.45, there was rendered in chapel the cantata entitled "The Pillar of Fire." The weather being perfect, a large crowd attended. The different parts were rendered successfully and with credit. Many expressed their appreciation to Elder Adams, their leader, as having enjoyed the evening with profit.

It has become necessary for Brother Wallace Pangman to undergo an operation since his accident last fall. He has suffered a great deal of late, and it is hoped that by this operation he may be relieved of this trouble. His many friends are hopeful in that he may have a rapid recovery of health.

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FIRST IMPRESSIONS

A short time ago I had the privilege of visiting our Battleford Academy. As it is now over nine years since we came here to Saskatchewan and as I thought of how often we have talked about a school, and we have come to the time when we have such a nice school started here, I could only praise the Lord for His leading hand and many blessings.

I was surprised to see such a large number of promising young people there, which proves it was time for us to have a school where they could receive a Christian education.

I was there nearly two weeks and felt very much at home, and very glad to see the students take such a willing part in the work.

The faithful cook, the Christian motherly matron, the fatherly principal, the kind preceptor, with the Christian teachers make it a home where one likes to live. The students were trying their best to improve in every way.

I was impressed with two things: First, their desire to learn good things, and second, all of the students I asked how they liked it there said, "Very well".

I was glad to see the faithful prayer bands meeting early every morning at six o'clock to seek the Lord for His blessing on teachers, for help in learning their lessons, and for those not within the ark of safety. I am sure the heavenly Father will not be slack in answering far more than we can think.

As we have put our means here I wish to ask the parents in this province not to forget the most important charge—that we should join with them every morning in asking that the Lord may bring all into His fold and that the principal and teachers may have much wisdom and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in their work, that this school may be the means of sending out many laborers into His vineyard in the last days.

I hope, too, that those whose children are not there are planning with them to make a way to send them where they can get a Christian education and not miss the golden opportunity; for soon, very soon, Jesus will come, bringing the rich reward for every faithful one, so let us be of good courage.

C. SULZLE.

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOLS

Our largest school in the Conference is at Queen Centre, where there is an enrollment of 27. Brother Henry Berg, who has been doing evangelistic work in the vicinity, is teaching the school during the winter months. They have erected a new school building, with rooms where Brother Berg and his family live.

Coming northward, we find Miss Alice Mackintosh with the newly organized church at Tugaske. Here are nine pupils who show an unusually good per cent. of attendance.

In the Eagle Hills, at Sonningdale, Miss Louise Bissegger reports excellent success, especially with the Home Work credits. Some of the pupils have written on the Standard of Attainment, and are taking the Reading Course in connection with the school work. The attendance is only six this year, but the reports show less irregularity in the attendance than usual.

Elder W. G. Forshaw is looking after the spiritual interests of the company at Carlton (formerly the Titanic company). He has a thriving school of 16 members. They also have a new school building, in which the teacher lives as well as teaches.

We would have had more schools this year if we could have found the teachers. We hope the Academy at Battleford will help to solve the difficulty in a few years. But we must not wait for this, but do all we can to deepen the interest in the work of educating the youth. This school work is a part of God's plan to finish the Message. We are told that in the final conflict, when the ordinary methods of work are stopped,

the children who have been in the church schools will receive the Spirit of God, and go forth with power to finish the work that elder ones cannot do.

H. W. CLARK.

MARRIED

Married, January 23, 1917, at the home of the bride's parents; S. F. Webster, of Macrorie, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Miss Gladys Bivins, of Sawyer, North Dakota. After a brief trip to Montana, Mr. and Mrs. Webster expect to make Battleford their home for several months. We extend hearty congratulations and wish them every success in life.

SASKATCHEWAN NEWS ITEMS

Elder O. Ziprick, according to a request of the Manitoba Conference, which is without a German minister, is spending a few weeks in that conference in the interest of the work there. He is reporting favorably.

The Alberta Conference, in need of a Russian worker, asked for Elder T. T. Babienko to hold revival meetings among the Russian believers in the northeast part of that Conference. He is reporting good success.

Elders Gilbert, Clemensen and Brother U. Wissner spent a few days of late at the school in counsel with the brethren there. Elder Clemensen held several meetings in the interest of the Y.P.M.V. Department. His timely messages were listened to with great interest.

Word was received from Elder Mackintosh that he is renting a hall in Drinkwater to hold a few meetings. Brother Mackintosh has been visiting several places recently and is enjoying his change after being busy for so many months with city work exclusively.

Elder Gilbert had to make a flying trip to Battleford to try and rent a well drilling machine to be used at the school, where we hope to have a well with plenty of good water before long.

Elder Clemensen and Brother U. Wissner spent Sabbath (February 24) and the following day with the company at Carlton, holding a Home Missionary Institute. They were joined by Elder Gilbert in Saskatoon on their way to the Fox Valley Church, where they are carrying on their meetings in the interest of Home Missions.

March 29 to April 4 is the date set for a workers' and church elders' meetings to be held at Battleford. It is hoped that the church elders and leaders will be all present. These meetings we hope will be a great help to these workers in their responsible positions.

Brother D. D. Neufeld, who, together with Elder Ziprick, was holding meetings in Langham, continued the meetings after Brother Ziprick's departure for Manitoba. A few families are very interested.

During the last Conference Committee meeting the following resolutions were taken, in which we believe you will be interested:

Voted: That we have a Ministers' and Church Elders' meeting from March 30 to April 4 at the Academy in Battleford.

Whereas, It seems impracticable to place the work of the Home Missionary Department on the field secretary. Voted, that we make the following changes:

That, We accept Bro. Kitto's resignation as Home Missionary secretary. That the Conference secretary act as the corresponding secretary for the Home Missionary Department.

That, Brother W. A. Clemensen be asked to take the field work of the Home Missionary Department of this Conference.

That, Brother W. A. Clemensen so arrange his work that he can spend all his time in the Young People's work, with the exception of the time required to finish the evangelical effort at Canora.

That, We take steps to secure additional help for the office to take the bookkeeping and such other business as may be required.

We recommend, That all our Conference workers take the Reading Course for 1917. That the Tract Society bear half of the expense.

British Columbia Conference

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"BLESSED ARE THEY THAT DO"

In my last letter I tried to emphasize the importance of reporting. I would like to say that there is just one thing more important than reporting of missionary work and that is the doing of missionary work. Are we doing anywhere near the work we might do? Take for example the distributing of tracts and papers. Would it be too much to say that every member without counting the children should give out on the average five tracts or papers a week? Very few indeed would say that it is too high an average to set before us as a goal. That would make an average of sixty-five tracts for three months at a cost of fifty cents or less. For 450 members that would make a total for three months of 29,250 tracts or papers given away. But according to reports for the last quarter only 7,524 tracts and papers altogether were distributed here in B. C.

It is evident that many of us could do much more than we are doing. Have you sent that paper, tract or book and the letter the Lord impressed you to send to your friend or relative? Listen to this letter received by one of our faithful sisters recently:

"Just a note to answer your letter received the other day. I was very pleased to hear from you. Thank you very much for that nice little book. I guess you will be surprised to hear that my dear husband has gone to the war. I am still trying to be a Christian but it is very hard at times with so much to worry over. I have never been to your church but I would like to some time. I was so down-hearted that day your letter came and it cheered me up when I thought somebody was thinking of me."

Would it be too much for each one to write one or two missionary letters every week? If you have no names of individuals to whom you are impressed to write I would be glad to furnish you with as many as you wish to take and I shall be pleased to furnish sample letters and other suggestions to anyone who may apply to me either direct or through your missionary secretary.

E. R. POTTER.

OUR WORK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

On the 18th of December, 1916, my wife and I left Calgary and started to British Columbia. Arriving at Armstrong we found the church waiting for us, as they have no German worker, and they were glad to get help, so we commenced holding meetings. Where there is a large church there is always something to do, and we thank our Father in heaven for the help of His holy spirit. He came very near and many were blessed, especially on Sabbath, when many souls re-

consecrated themselves to God. Our prayer is that God may bless that church.

We also had the privilege of attending the institute. On our way home we passed the school-house at recess time, when all the children, with their teacher, Brother Noble, came out to the road to shake hands with us. Two or three would take hold of our hands at the same time. Of course, most of them were our cousins.

Now we are on our way home to our own field, but we shall never forget the brethren in British Columbia and what God did for us there. Let us all be true followers of Christ and let our light shine so that the world may see Christ through us. It won't be long till we will go home, so let us work to save souls. Remember us in your prayers. C. K. REISWIG.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet, Year Ending December 31st, 1916

ASSETS.		
Cash on hand	\$ 248.77	
Bills Receivable	259.90	
Accounts Receivable	563.74	
		\$ 1,072.41
Inventories		9,261.82
Buildings	\$7,592.28	
Less Depreciation. 819.34		
	6,772.94	
Farm Equipment	1,364.70	
Furniture	722.45	
Culinary (Board)	92.83	
Bookstand	52.72	
Library	256.18	
Real Estate		18,009.78
Pitt Meadows Farm.....	14,330.62	
Odlum Street Property...	1,700.00	
Stein Estate	1,354.16	
Indian Mission Farm.....	400.00	
Kenny Lots (South Vancouver)	225.00	
Total Assets		\$28,344.01
LIABILITIES.		
Bills Payable		6,331.94
Accounts Payable		1,079.55
Total Liabilities		7,461.49
		\$20,882.52
LOSS AND GAIN.		
Losses		\$ 2,006.45
Bookstand	\$ 52.72	
Culinary (Board)	92.83	
Building Depreciation ...	303.69	
Doubtful Accounts	228.41	
Expense	150.76	
Farm	151.63	
Furniture and Fixtures...	127.48	
Insurance	12.00	
Interest	521.02	
Heat and Light.....	87.83	
Library (Dep.)	28.46	
Taxes	219.27	
Wood Yard	30.35	
Gains		240.98
Donations	226.98	
Rent	14.00	
Loss for Year.....		1,765.47
Present worth, Jan. 1, 1916	\$22,647.99	
Less Loss for Year.....	1,765.47	
Present worth, Jan. 1, 1917		\$20,882.52

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A copy of the new 1917 *Instructor Temperance Annual* has just reached the office. Its coming is a reminder of our new privileges and duties in behalf of temperance during the present year.

IT PRODUCES RESULTS

"I am not a Seventh-day Adventist, but a firm believer, as a result of being a subscriber to your magazine for the past two years. May the Lord assist you in your good work is my prayer." From a letter recently received at the *Signs* office.

The March *Signs* Magazine will exert a most favorable influence in the homes of your neighbors if—it gets there. Here are the titles of the big features for March: Sin's Last Orgy—Antics of Modern Pew Fillers—The Paradox of Peace—Neither In nor Out of Purgatory—Labor's Warning to Wealth—Europe's Deliberate Hara-Kiri—Bankrupting the World.

Striking, aren't they? So are the articles. If you can't sell it or afford to give it away, will you not encourage someone else to do so?

100,000—A NEW GOAL—100,000

We talk in terms of hundreds of thousand and millions nowadays. We give nearly a million a year to missions, we just circulated over 1,000,000 copies of the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*, sales of our literature amounted to more than \$2,000,000 a year. And it is well. We will be doing things on a far greater scale before we get the whole world to talking about the message.

Is it not reasonable to expect that our pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs*, with the splendid soul-winning record, will have a large part in this closing work?

Think what a stir we might make in the United States and Canada if 1,000,000 copies of the *Signs* found their way into as many homes every week. Even this might be realized if we set ourselves to the task. But for the present let us talk and pray and work for a circulation of 100,000

for the *Signs* by July 1. What do you say?

It has been suggested that an individual goal of five be adopted. At first thought this may seem to high,



but consider the low cost under the new rates. Five copies to one person cost but \$4.00 a year, or \$1.00 a quarter, or 8c a week. "Sacrifice" is hardly the word to use in this connection, is it?

WAYS OF USING.

The following result-producing ways of circulating the *Signs* are recommended: personal delivery to friends and neighbors; reading racks; mail delivery; furnishing names to publishers (five or more, 8c each); clubs to tent companies; taking subscriptions.

It is hoped that every conference worker, church officer and individual member will take hold of this commendable effort in a big, strong way. Come on, friends; let's get behind it.

SIN'S LAST ORGY

This is the title of a *Signs* Magazine article which describes actual conditions in the social, religious, and political spheres. A new idea in every paragraph.

Note these other particularly striking titles: Antics of Modern Pew Fillers—The Paradox of Peace—Neither In nor Out of Purgatory—Labor's Warning to Wealth—Europe's Deliberate Hara-Kiri—Bankrupting the World.

A message in this March number for everyone. Will your neighbors share in the feast?

EFFICIENT LIVING

What more practical subject for one who is striving after increased efficiency than "The Daily Program" treated in the symposium in the March "Life and Health"? The articles: "The Daily Program"; "Efficient Use of Time"; "Physical Exercise in the Daily Program"; "Recreation an Essential to the Balanced Program"; "Time of Meals"; "Rest and Sleep"; "Practical Religion Essential to a Perfect Day."

A few of the other topics considered in this issue: "Vegetarianism Based on Sound Science"; "Lower Animals and Human Disease"; "Man's Worst Enemy—Drink"; "Whole Wheat and Graham Flour"; "Scalp Disease"; "Coddling Colds"; "Movies and Morals"; "The Child and Faulty Environment."

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