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DOING YOUR BIT

In the present great struggle many a brave man gives his life as his bit for his king and country. Fathers and mothers give their sons; wives their husbands; and every loyal subject is asking with deepening earnestness as the climax draws near, "Have I done my duty to the empire?" When the war is over, will I be satisfied that I did my bit, and what will the future say of the course I am taking?"

But it is not our duty to the empire that I wish to emphasize in this article. We undoubtedly owe a duty to the country that protects us and furnishes us a home and living, but our first duty is to our God, from

cused from doing his bit in giving the message without danger of losing the forgiveness of sins and the blessed hope of being caught up to meet the Lord in the air when the trumpet sounds and our Saviour comes to gather His jewels.

There are many ways of working for the cause. Not only in faithful giving of our means and offering up prayer, but all our words and actions have an influence. Through organization all the little rivulets of influence of all His witnesses are united in one grand, rushing, irresistible river watering the whole earth. "The knowledge and glory of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea." Even a cup of cold water given in the name of a disciple may be



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whom all earthly government receive their proper authority. When there was a conflict of authority in the apostles' day, John and Peter replied, "We ought to obey God rather than men."

Today the King of kings commands, "Go ye into all the world and teach the everlasting gospel to all nations, saying 'Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is come,' and worship Him that made heaven and earth." This message is to prepare a people for the second advent of Christ. He is depending upon those who know the message to give it to others. He has given to everyone his work, and it will take all the believers to reach all the unbelievers with the message. It means conscription of all Seventh-day Adventists from the oldest grandma to the youngest member, and none can ask to be ex-

someone's bit. But if God has given more talent, he expects it to be used in faithful service.

MISSIONARY WORK WITH THE LITERATURE

Are you doing your bit in colporteur and canvassing work? "The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time."—Vol. 6, 313. "From the light given me, I know that where there is one canvasser in the field there should be a hundred."—p. 315. "The time has come when a large work should be done by the canvassers."—p. 315.

"Those selected as canvassers should be men and women who feel the burden of service, whose object

is not to get gain but to give light to the people."—p. 317.

"The intelligent, God-fearing, truth-loving canvasser should be respected, for he occupies a position equal to that of the gospel minister."—p. 321. "All our ministers should feel free to carry with them books to dispose of wherever they go."—p. 321. "Let none think that it belittles a minister of the gospel to engage in canvassing as a means of carrying truth to the people."—p. 321.

Some have no special adaptability for this work, but they are not, because of this, to be regarded as faithless or unwilling. Because we have no special adaptability for canvassing is no reason why we should not do something in the distribution of our literature. All can do something with literature and the feeblest can give away tracts and papers.

Hear the servant of the Lord again:—

"We have no time to lose. We must encourage this work. Who will go forth now with our publications? The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will co-operate with Divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith and tact will come as they put the armour on."—Vol. 6, p. 333.

Then who is exempt from the literature work? All are not called to give their whole time to canvassing, but all are called to distribute the printed page. Are you doing your bit canvassing? We ought to have some good, successful, all-the-year-round colporteurs in each province who feel called to this work. Some can enlist during vacation or other spare time. Everyone can do something—sell books, sell magazines, take subscriptions for the *Signs* weekly, distribute *Present Truth* and tracts. Give away, when you cannot sell, to all who will read. In this way many will rise from the ranks to be leaders in this cause. Do your bit.

C. F. McVAGH.

EDUCATIONAL SABBATH—APRIL 7

The first Educational Sabbath in 1917 is set for April 7. It is highly fitting that a work of such vital importance and far-reaching influence as that of our schools should be specially considered in all our churches twice a year. For this reason the North American Conference Committee, through the Department of Education, has set apart two Sabbaths for studying the principles of Christian education and praying for the prosperity of our schools. The first one, April 7, is devoted to the following four topics:

1. Questions and answers on why we conduct denominational schools, with emphasis on the elementary schools.

2. A symposium on "My Past Year in School," by students.

3. A symposium on "How I Secured an Education," by leading workers.

4. A reading on "All Can Obtain an Education," with illustrations drawn from the lives of successful men and women who had serious obstacles to overcome in securing an education.

Let every church member and every Sabbath-keeper rally to the services of this day, and pray for still greater progress in our educational work.

W. E. HOWELL.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY

One part of our home missionary work is to watch for opportunities for reaching souls. A new opportunity has come to us, in the new *Signs* weekly. Instead of raising the price, as has been done with most of our periodicals, the publishers have dropped it, and made the paper somewhat smaller in size, with fewer pages, but still an attractive, readable paper, nicely illustrated. This paper we can sell for five cents a copy. Is it possible to sell our periodicals? "There are many who can help in the work of selling our periodicals. The Lord calls upon all of us to seek to save perishing souls."—*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. IX, page 63.

Selling periodicals, then, is seeking to save perishing souls. Are there not some in every church who will take a definite territory and on some regular day each week take the *Signs* to every house to sell it? Surely there must be some who love these perishing souls enough to seize this opportunity of saving souls.

Before going out, read the paper carefully, looking out for a few good selling points. Have one or two for mothers, one or two for business men, one or two for younger people. When you meet the people at the doors, size them up quickly and present your paper accordingly. At first you may not sell many, but as you gain experience you will have better and still better success.

If you are refused one week, do not be afraid to try again, unless the refusal has been so definite that it would be impertinent to call again. In many cases the fourth call has secured a regular customer.

Speak cheerfully and earnestly, as one who is on the King's business should. Remember that you are no beggar, but a messenger from the King of Kings, bearing that which is of supreme importance. Be of good courage, for angels are by your side.

It has been said, in regard to the war, that hands that are idle assist the enemy. This is equally true in the Lord's work; but, on the other hand, hands that are busy carrying the *Signs* weekly to the people, or doing anything to give the message, are helping the Lord.

There is some profit financially in this work of selling the *Signs* for five cents a copy, and there will be profits in souls saved. Let each church work up a good club and then arrange for certain members to sell them all over the territory of the church. With the proceeds buy more *Signs*, and so, with the original investment of capital, do a big work with no further expense to the church. Why not?

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

REJUVENATED

Dear Friends:

I have enjoyed very, very much your attractive article headings, and the forcible and interesting subject matter in the articles themselves. In many years of reading the *Signs* I do not think I ever enjoyed it more. (Signed.)

We doubt not that the very things observed by this brother accounts in large part for the jump in the *Signs* subscription list. Of course the greatly reduced rates had something to do with it.

The publishers of our missionary paper are continuing the sixteen-page size and offering yearly clubs of forty cents off the old price. Yes, the club rate for five or more copies is but eighty cents now. To make it still easier for our people to take large clubs the brethren now offer to accept clubs of ten or more for a year and charge quarterly instead of requiring the full amount for a year in advance.

It is thought that by thus dealing liberally with our people they will show their appreciation by getting behind the *Signs* in a big, strong way. An attempt to reach a goal of 100,000 by July 1 is being made. Let each one have a part in it.

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NEWS NOTES

Brother C. O. Smith, wife and baby, passed through the city recently on their way to Brother Smith's home in Comox.

Brother T. F. Culhane, Pacific Press Auditor, recently passed through Vancouver en route to the branches at Calgary, Alta., and Brookfield, Ill.

Brother Robert Swan has left for Victoria, where he will engage in the work of circulating literature and giving Bible studies in the homes of those who became interested in the lectures given by Elder McVagh.

Brother L. A. Philpott is instructing two of our city brethren in canvassing for Bible Readings. We trust that they will be able to place some copies of this grand work in some of the homes in Vancouver in the near future.

Brother and Sister Leiske, and son Fred, arrived in Vancouver on the 20th from St. Helena, where Fred has been under medical treatment, which according to their report proved very successful. They left for their home at Beiseker, Alta., the same evening.

The first response to the appeal to help raise the circulation of the "Signs Weekly" to 100,000 copies by July 1st next, was received from Brother Logan, of Grand Forks, who ordered five copies to different addresses for six months. Since then, Sister Judd, of Mission, sent in for a club of five to different addresses for one year. Another brother has ordered a club of seven. The churches in Vancouver and elsewhere are taking the matter up in earnest. Let's keep the ball rolling, ever remembering that the "Signs" DOES bring people into the truth.

One of our brethren called at the office recently and ordered several hundred copies of the "World on Fire" number of the Present Truth to be sent to some of our churches for use in missionary work. Our brother truly appreciates that it is time now to circulate these messengers of warning. We have a good supply of the "World on Fire" number at the office, as well as of the following numbers: "The Eastern Question," by Elder Daniells, and "What do These Things Mean?" by Elder Thompson. Price postpaid, one cent each.

Missionary activity amongst our people in Vancouver is much in evidence. Sisters Garnett and Vass are engaged in the magazine work in Vancouver. Sister Smeed, Miss Alice Metcalfe and others are making regular visits to the hospital with literature. Every other Sunday evening, meetings are conducted at the Okalla Jail. Others are distributing tracts, and one sister has been out with Yiddish magazines. The attendance at the Chinese Mission has been growing; as many as seventeen boys were in attendance one evening recently. "Work for the Night Cometh" is the Master's command for all to obey at this hour.

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THE PLACE OF EDUCATION IN THE GREAT CONTROVERSY

The educational work has been at the bottom of all the great and lasting movements in the history of the world. Whenever a new reform or plan is to be carried on successfully for more than the lifetime of its founders, education must be established to train workers to take the place of those who started the work. Here, then, is one reason why the work of education is so vital to the success of the work of God in the earth. His work has been going from one generation to another; and from history it is very plain that whenever the education of the youth was neglected by any people who held the truth, that people soon fell away from God's favor, and someone else was raised up to take their place.

A few illustrations will be of interest to show the vital connection between the education of the youth and the carrying forward of the gospel work. The proper regard for education has made its promoters successful in the work of God, and its neglect has weakened and ruined the work.

God designed that the nation of Israel should be a special object lesson of the results of following the Divine plan. "I have taught you statutes and judgments . . . Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'"—Deut. 4:5-6. It was His plan that by obeying His will and teaching their youth to live in accord with the principles of truth, Israel might be established. He gave them a system of education which would fit them to be citizens in the nation He had chosen as His own. He gave them an educational system that would develop the character in harmony with the law of God. The image of God in the soul was to be restored to its original strength and purity. Thus His people would be fitted for communion with heavenly beings, and would be brought back to the unity with God which Adam lost by the fall. And this has ever been the aim of true education.

(To be continued) H. W. CLARK.

HOUSE TO HOUSE WORK WITH THE HARVEST INGATHERING

Driving into another neighborhood I came to a place where some neighbors were together butchering hogs. I told the man of the house the object of my call. He invited me in and I said I would like to see them all for a moment if possible, and he was glad to call them in. When I was through, two of the men gave me \$1.00 each and the other two 75c. There were three different churches represented there, and we had a good talk for about half an hour. They did not seem to be in a hurry.

I stopped over night with a family who were much interested in the truth. We had a good Bible study

and also prayer together. They favored me with \$5.00 for the work. So the Lord helped me wonderfully during that day, for I received \$30.00 with 25 papers. I found the work with the Harvest Ingathering a good one to find the people that are interested in the message. As to this family, I hope and pray that they will accept the truth. They have had trouble for some time with their three boys who have left home, one having enlisted, and none of them wanted to hear anything about Christianity. But the Lord is working upon their hearts. I read some of the letters written by one of them and he asks the parents to forgive him and that they should pray for him, and says that he is praying to God day and night.

The following day I worked homeward, to get there for the Week of Prayer. I met a man whom I had met last year and asked him for an offering. He replied that he would rather see that I give him something with which to buy clothes for his family, and that he does not give one thing to such missions. I noticed he was smoking, and asked him whether it would not be better to quit it—it would be better for his health and perhaps he could give something to missions. I do not know whether he has quit smoking or not, but he gave me \$1.00 without further objections.

Another man I found busy feeding a calf. I told him my work and he thought it was a good one, but he had all he could do to support their own work. He told me they were trying to combine the Norwegian Lutheran churches, as they are divided into three divisions, but each had to pay off their own debt before they could unite. I said I believed that there was strength in union and that it might be a good thing, but I thought if he gave a dollar to our work it would not hurt him. He agreed with me and gave me the dollar, saying he would be very glad to read the paper. Later I met this same man in a neighboring town and I sold him a *Temperance Instructor*. He told me he got some of the *Signs* I had left at the neighbor's and liked them very much, and would like to subscribe for same later. So in this work we make friends instead of enemies, as many people think.

During the Week of Prayer I hired a bicycle and went out with another brother for about six hours, and received \$17.50 with 12 papers. The other brother had fairly good success, too. The time I have put in thus far is 26 hours. I have distributed 68 *Signs* and received \$78.50, besides all the good experiences the Lord gave me.

I would like to see the time come when we could visit every home in the country with the Harvest Ingathering papers, and talk with the people who are longing for the truth. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His Harvest."

JOHN D. NEUFELD.

THE COLPORTEUR'S REWARD

In the life of everyone there comes a time of reviewing the past, taking a retrospective view of what we have done, or had intended to do.

So many have had the privilege of engaging in the colporteur work. Its great primary object is for the

winning of men and women in a personal way by reaching their hearts and homes with gospel literature.

And now, dear colporteurs, have we yet taken a backward view of our experience in the canvassing field? Can we not think of some who would hardly permit us to leave their homes, they being so eager for truth? Can we not remember someone who was interested in a particular phase of our work? Can we not believe that there are homes in which we have been, that would be glad for another personal visit?

It is impossible in many cases to return to the same homes, but I believe we have an excellent opportunity to keep in touch with them, sending papers bearing on the momentous problems of today. Why not take advantage of the *Signs Weekly*, which is filled with answers regarding these same problems? This will result in circulating the *Signs Weekly* in the homes of the people, thus reaching a two-fold aim.

How a personal letter would be appreciated! If we take an interest in their home life and environments we place ourselves on their level, and may hope to influence them toward the kingdom of God.

"The smallest barque on life's tumultuous ocean,
Will leave a track behind forever more;
The lightest wave of influence set in motion
Extends and widens to the eternal shore."

I know the cordial invitation is extended by many, "Come back again whenever you can, as we want to know more about these truths." I have in mind an earnest Christian lady, at whose home one of our colporteurs stayed. She ordered a book from him, took it and read it, and is now keeping the Sabbath. She would like to meet the young man again who sold that book.

"Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in." Acts of the Apostles, p. 109. Although we have often trodden along lonely paths and deserted roads, as well as in the busy cities, the presence of unseen guardians has been with us, inspiring on to success and victory. It will be to our eternal joy to meet in the new earth those for whom we have labored and prayed. Many will be there because someone has counted the cost, and has labored for them. Are we counting the cost and working for eternity? Let us, dear colporteurs, make that our one aim.

Test., vol. 9, page 285, says: "Glorious will be the reward bestowed when the faithful workers gather about the throne of God and the Lamb." Are you planning to throw your energy into the work this summer? Let that question be decided with the Saviour and yourself. "A great and important work is before us. The enemy of souls realizes this, and he is doing everything in his power to lead the canvassers to take up some other line of work. . . . God calls the canvassers back to their work."—E.G.W. He has granted us the privilege of working with him. Do we still esteem it a privilege?

In the schools canvassing bands have been organized. Joining the band and becoming better acquainted with our subscription books will be helpful, even if you should not be able to enter the field. Surely, colporteurs, the time demands that we throw our reserves into the fight for truth. When will the time be more opportune than now? Will we not determine to ad-

vance faster and farther than ever before, that everywhere in this Union Conference the influence of the consecrated worker might be felt?

We do want to help you become better acquainted with this effective way of reaching the people. If you are interested write to the field secretary of the Conference in which you are living.

"When at home in those mansions eternally grand
My Saviour with joy I behold,
How I hope that somebody beside me will stand,
Who was saved by the books that I sold."

H. R. KITTO.

NEWS NOTES

Sister Wissner and little boy spent a few days at Dundurn recently.

Elder Ziprick, who has been laboring in Manitoba for the past six weeks, is now with us again.

How about your Sabbath-school supplies? Do you have the lesson quarterly, memory verse cards, picture roll and Sabbath School Worker?

We are also looking for the individual missionary reports from our isolated Sabbath-keepers for the past quarter, and hope to hear from them during the next few days.

Elder Mackintosh has spent a little time in Drinkwater and sends favorable reports. We hope to see the light of the Third Angel's Message shine from this place soon.

Brother W. A. Clemensen has been visiting the believers at Tompkins, Carmichael and Morse. He also spent a few days at Kindersley with some Sabbath-keepers there.

Another quarter will soon be gone and we are reminding our missionary secretaries and church clerks to send in their quarterly reports at an early date. Much depends on their promptness in these matters. The report blanks have been mailed from the office.

Elder Gilbert and Brother Wissner spent a few days with the brethren at Queen Centre during which time the election of officers was held and the annual church business matters were attended to. Brother P. P. Block was elected treasurer, and Brother Henry Hoffman missionary secretary, the other officers remaining unchanged.

Brother Robert Kitto, who attended the Bookmen's Convention at Mountain View, returned to Saskatchewan last week. He paid a short visit to his folks in B.C. on his way home, and also stopped off at Lacombe for a few days to look after his colporteurs there.

By the time this issue of the Tidings reaches our people the workers and church elders of this conference will be in the midst of their meetings at the Battleford Academy. We expect great blessings to come to the work in this field as a result of this gathering. Remember this institute before the throne of God.

Among recent visitors to the office were: Brother Brehmer, Sister G. Mellicke, Sister O. R. Guderian, Sister Just, Brother and Sister Petersen and daughter Emma, John Bodrug, Day Speed, Sister Rogers, Brother Oscar Mellicke, Brother Jacob Neufeld, Brethren Jack and William Smith and Brother Coleman.

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VISITING THE BELIEVERS

Since my last report to the *Tidings* I have visited Fort Frances, Rainy River, Camper and Russell. At Fort Frances Bro. McGee, one of our faithful colporteurs, has recently organized a Sabbath-school as a result of the interest created by the sale of our good book, *Bible Readings*. There is also a great interest to hear more of the message. This will be followed

up if possible. Bro. McGee has been selling our books all winter, facing the storms and cold. My visit was appreciated very much.

I also spent a few hours at Rainy River, where Bro. and Sister Finch are living. This brother works nights in the car shops and spends time in the afternoon spreading literature and holding Bible readings. As a result of his work, one sister is keeping the Sabbath. This literature has also opened the way for a hall or tent meeting this season. It is wonderful—the work this brother has done in the town. If all our people in this Conference had done as well, we would soon have the work completed.

In the vicinity of Camper we have a few families of Sabbath-keepers who have moved on homesteads. It was a pleasure to visit these dear people and encourage them. Elder Ziprick was with me at this place, and held a number of services in German, while I held some in English. The last Sunday we especially called a public meeting in the school-house. A large company responded and the house was more than full. I spoke in the English and Elder Ziprick followed in German. The tears flowed and the people showed their appreciation by the hearty handshakes after the service. They asked why we could not remain longer. This interest also should be followed up.

From there we went to Russell, where we have a large German church seventeen miles in the country. A week was spent here, holding meetings and visiting from home to home. The ordinances were celebrated at this time, owing to the sickness of Bro. Froehke. He has been sick for several months. Some services were held in his home, so he could attend. He is 72 years old, and is father and grand-father of all the church. He and wife took their stand for this truth some years ago, and brought, with the exception of one daughter, all the family with them, including sons-in-law. He has stood stiffly for the truth, and no error has been allowed to creep in among them. This brings to our attention the warning of the apostle Paul to the elders of the Ephesian church, to feed and guard the flock over which the Holy Ghost had given them oversight. Eternity alone will reveal the possibilities before our church elders and officers, in building up and forwarding the cause of God in the different churches where they are located.

As Elder Ziprick had to return to Saskatchewan, this closed our visits among our German brethren. We are very grateful to Elder Ziprick for his faithful and untiring efforts among us the past weeks in behalf of our German brethren, and herewith express our thanks to the Saskatchewan Conference for giving us the privilege of this visit.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

GRANDVIEW

The work at this place is moving on nicely at present. Since the weather has become warmer, our audience has increased considerably, and in our visiting in the homes we have learned that still others are coming who have been hindered by the intense cold.

The people move slowly, but we have a good class attending our services and many have expressed themselves as trying to arrange their business in such a way that they may be able to keep the Sabbath of the Lord.

The people are very liberal givers. The expense of the meeting from the beginning, including the freight, railroad fare and other expenses connected with the tent effort, has been met by the offerings received.

While we have not been able to accomplish as much as we might have done, yet we are hopeful of the future and feel confident that if the work is continued, a good church may be established in Grandview to be a light to those sitting in darkness.

Men are being solicited to join as recruits for the army of King George. This entails a sacrifice, a giving up of home and loved ones for a time at least, to endure hardship and privation, and possibly death, but many respond to the solicitation. King Jesus, too, is asking for recruits to enlist under His banner. He has never lost a battle. Victory is sure—what an inspiration it would be to know you are fighting a winning battle, and what an incentive it is to join the army of the Lord. God grant that every loyal Adventist may enlist in the army of Prince Immanuel and go forward to victory.

V. W. ROBB.

NEWS NOTES

The signs Weekly, 100,000 by July.

A sister in Port Arthur has recently sold 100 copies of Armageddon and Vatican.

Brother McGee has finished his work in the Fort Frances district and will work in Winnipeg and surrounding territory for a time.

Elder Chapman visited Fort Frances and Rainy River recently. At Fort Frances a Sabbath-school of thirteen has been organized by Brother McGee.

At Rainy River one lady is keeping the Sabbath as a result of the literature and Bible readings given by Brother Finch.

Show your Mission calendar to your neighbors and ask their aid. One brother recently secured a dollar to help forward the work.

Brother Ziprick, who has been with us for about six weeks, has returned to his home and work in Saskatchewan. His visits and work at Russell, Camper, Morden and other places were much appreciated by our people.

Elder Chapman reports in his visits of one brother who opened the box on his foreign mission calendar at the end of February and found to his surprise that it contained \$5.25. We have sent out 125 of these calendars. Question: If each one sent out contained a like amount, what amount would we receive for missions at the end of March.

Three thousand Present Truth No. 5 are being stamped with the place of our meetings and taken from door to door in Winnipeg to scatter the truth and advertise our meetings. The attendance is increasing. Several are keeping the Sabbath and others are interested.

BEAUSEJOUR, WINNIPEG AND MORDEN

In company with Elder Ziprick, of Saskatchewan, I visited Beausejour the first part of February. Services were held each evening and in the daytime Sabbath and Sunday.

The burden of our message was Jesus and his work at the time of and since the creation of this world. The church was well filled each evening. The outside interest was very good.

This church, almost in a body, have left the truth by accepting what they call "New Light," which changes every part of our message and gives a dead Saviour. We are glad to report, however, that a few are still standing for the truth, and it appears from the interest manifested that could work be done in

this place the number who have left would soon be replaced by new ones.

The same thing is true of the Winnipeg German church, as the greater part of its members have fallen in with this new doctrine, so we have no German organization now. Those who are faithful meet with the English body at present.

As a Conference we feel very sad to have this happen. We have tried to do everything possible for these dear people to save them from this delusion and are praying God may yet open their eyes before it is too late. Brethren, we are indeed living in perilous times. Just now the admonition, "He that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall," seems very timely. Let us be careful to stay with the Message, "stay on the ship." Let us not allow the enemy to sidetrack us.

At present we are at Morden. Although the bad weather has made it very hard for our people to get out to meeting, the attendance so far has been very good.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

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WALSH AND SCHULER

It was my privilege to follow up an interest north of Walsh. At the meeting there were two families southeast of Walsh represented, where I had spent a week with our brethren there. These two men took a real interest and I held meetings for a week, at which there were Germans, Russians, Hollanders and Scandinavians present. The weather was very cold but the people showed real interest by their faithful attendance. Two fathers felt convinced that we have the Message for this time. However, I could not continue on account of the weather. Expect to return there later on again.

At this time Brother A. Roth, from British Columbia, came to Walsh and claimed Sister Margaret Schwartz as his future companion. Elder Reiswig was present and officiated in the marriage ceremony. It really turned out to be a revival meeting and hearts were reclaimed for the Master's service. We also celebrated the Lord's Supper. From there we went to the Schuler district, where we are at present.

Have started meetings in the neighborhood where I worked before and we hope to follow up the interest created at that time and fully establish the people in the present truth. We pray that we shall reap some fruit now from the seed which we have sown before. Dear brethren and sisters, pray for the workers, because we need your co-operation.

C. C. NEUFELD.

RED WILLOW

Our school near Red Willow has been running four months. There are only eleven in attendance, but we have enjoyed our school work and it has progressed nicely.

In addition to our school duties we have tried to do something to help the Missionary Volunteer depart-

ment. Last December we spent part of a day collecting for Harvest Ingathering and raised over \$12.00. At present we are making a quilt. We have our blocks made and ready to put together. We are selling papers to raise money with which to buy the material needed to finish our quilt.

Last week, after securing twenty-three *Watchman* from the Tract Society and with ten copies we had on hand, we went to Stettler, where we disposed of them very readily.

We are much interested in all the schools throughout the Conference and wish them heaven's richest blessing.

MAMIE M. GRIMES.

COMPEER

The following is taken from a personal letter received from Brother J. K. Fish. Surely God is working.—Ed.

Just a line this morning. Things are *moving* out here. On Sunday Rev. B—— spoke against us to a large crowd. We were present. I never saw a man so confused. He was so nervous that he could hardly speak, for the quivering of his lips. He was very abusive and made such an attack on us that it hurt him badly in the eyes of honest people. He made many assertions, but proved nothing. Said that our religion was made up of visions and dreams. He placed the visions of Daniel and Revelation on the same basis as those of Sister White; said that we had a new bible, nine-volume, and he bet a nickel that we hadn't told them about it. He said many things, but it hasn't hurt our work at all, but is giving it more prestige with those who are looking for the truth. Never did I see the Spirit working and the power of the Word as I do now. We have seventeen or eighteen new Sabbath-keepers, all heads of families, and others on the point of decision, still others becoming interested. So praise the Lord with us that the work is onward and victory is on our side.

I heard yesterday that they are talking now of closing the school-house to us, but we do not worry, for the work is the Lord's and He has it in hand. If the doors are closed it will only help us that much more. These are some of the murmurings of the oncoming storm—the utterances of the dragon-voice. We need to work hard now before the storm breaks in all its fury. We are working almost night and day just now, in order to accomplish all that we can before seeding starts, for then the work will slacken some in a public way, for a month or six weeks.

SELECTIONS FROM THE TESTIMONIES

LIFELONG SERVICE

The Lord calls for young men and women to gird themselves for lifelong service, earnest labor in the Sabbath-school work. Spasmodic efforts will not avail to accomplish much good, or to make you successful laborers in the work of God. You are to reckon yourselves the servants of God by the day. Be diligent in your work for one day, and see that you make no crooked paths for your feet, lest the lame be turned out of the path of rectitude by your misdoings.

The Lord would have teachers in the Sabbath-school work who can give whole-hearted service, who will increase their talent by exercise and make improvement on what has already been attained. The Lord would have working Christians in His church; for the worker has fewer temptations than those who have little to do. Those who truly believe in Christ will become laborers together with God. They will be governed by His Spirit; their affections will be purified, their passions will be controlled, and precious fruits will appear in their lives for the glory of God; for those who truly believe in Christ will reflect light. New light will ever be revealed on the Word of God to him who is in living connection with the Sun of Righteousness. Let no one come to the conclusion that there is no more truth to be revealed. The diligent, prayerful seeker for truth will find precious rays of light yet to shine forth from the Word of God. Many gems are yet scattered that are to be gathered together to become the property of the remnant people of God. But light is not given simply to be a strength to the church, but to be shed upon those who are in darkness. The people of God are to show forth the praises of Him who hath called them out of darkness into His marvelous light. Christ has said of His people, "Ye are the light of the world," and it is the mission of light to shine out and illuminate the darkness.

Oh, may teachers and pupils be what the Lord designed that they should be when He gave His life that they might be sons and daughters of God, and win the crown of immortal glory!"

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS,

Sec'y of Sabbath-School Dept.

ACADEMY NEWS NOTES

Miss Palmyra Bryhn, a former student of our Academy, stopped over with us for a few days last week. She is on her way to Brother Torgenson's, of Harmattan.

Sister H. G. Kuntzen returned from her visit with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. McCready, of Moose Jaw. She reports that Mr. McCready is not very strong at present. His many friends at the Academy wish for his speedy recovery.

Richard Watchorn has taken up work at the school for the second semester.

Recent visitors at the school were Brother Comm, Brother Chris Braunberger, Brother and Sister Henry Otto and daughter, Sister L. A. Jacobsen and daughter, and Sister Lang and grand-daughter. The visiting parents are always welcome at the school and are much appreciated by the students.

Brother Wallace Pangman is improving rapidly since his last operation. He believes the last operation to have been successful in relieving the pain which he has been experiencing since the accident.

The Board of Managers of the Academy met recently for their regular annual board meeting.

Chester Rick, our Farm Superintendent, has been suffering a great deal of late with quinsy. He is now able to be up and about again.

A new shipment of books for our school library has arrived. With these we will have about 1,000 volumes in our library. We hope to see this department of our school developed until we have a standard academic library.

Prof. L. W. Cobb spent Sabbath and Sunday with the Leduc Church. While away he also made a short trip to Edmonton.

Arthur Neufeld has been out of school for the last week, being sick with a severe case of La Grippe.

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THE CALL OF THE HOUR

Youth of the nation far and near,
What are your plans for the coming year?
Are you fitting the sandals and sharpening the sword,
To enter the field with the living Word?

To tell the glad tidings far and wide
Of Him who suffered and bled and died
To redeem us from sin, from sorrow and strife,
And give us a crown of eternal life.

A home in the mansions He's gone to prepare,
Forever safe from the tempter's snare.
The sun sinks low in the western sky;
The signs of His coming hurry by.

The summer has past with its gentle rain,
The field is white with the ripened grain;
We see the work of the fallen foe,
His servants hasten the field to mow.

We hear his sickle; we see in his swath,
The young and fair, going down with the lost.
To the call of the hour, we only say
I'll hear you a more convenient day.

But stretched hands at home and abroad
Implore for a knowledge of Christ our Lord,
"Go ye into all the world," we've heard;
"I'll be with you unto the end," said our risen Lord.

But still we wait and the days go by,
And all around us that awful cry,
"Oh, can't you lend us a helping hand?"
But we've married a wife, and we've bought some land.

And we turn from the joys of fishers of men,
And indifferently pick up our nets again,
Oh, Lord of the harvest, send forth, I pray,
Laborers into the field today.

—Mrs. Geo. Dewey.

Elder C. F. McVagh left Calgary, March 28th, to attend the Workers' and Church Officers' Institute at Battleford Academy.

A Workers' and Church Officers' Institute will be held at Battleford Academy, beginning March 28th and ending April 4th. This will be a most important meeting. These institutes tend to bring greater unity to the work. Co-operation means success in any line of work. Our prayers should be with these workers as they assemble for counsel. There will be discussions on the various phases of church work. Elder Humann and Prof. Dick will be present from Alberta.

Good reports continue to come in of the work in Winnipeg. Elder and Mrs. Hansen are having more calls than they can fill for Bible readings and missionary visits. Our cities are decidedly in need of the gospel message and we need constantly to hold up these laborers in our prayers.

About a year ago a copy of the *Signs Monthly* fell into the hands of a man living near Calgary. He at once became interested in the contents of the magazine and later canvassed a number of the bookstores in Calgary in the hopes of finding additional copies. Failing in this, he wrote the publishers, who passed his name on to the Tract Society. As a result this brother, on Sabbath, united with the Calgary church. Another evidence of the influence of our literature.

Last summer Fred Steeves and Harry Casey canvassed the eastern part of Alberta for *Desire of Ages*. Just as they were closing their summer's work, several individuals near Compeer became interested in the truth as a result of visits and talks given by these colporteurs. They pleaded for a worker to be sent to this place. Several weeks ago Brother Fish and Brother Stanley took up work in this district and as a result seventeen heads of families are walking in the light of truth. The work of these two boys should be an encouragement to all who are planning to devote their lives to the circulation of our literature.

FOR YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT

One of our leading brethren in a recent letter to the publishers of the *Signs* says: "It occurred to me that you might be interested to learn that Sister J. Scroer has six adults keeping the Sabbath from sending them the *Signs*. They have never met one of our ministers. They live in Montana and I am trying to get the presidents of the Conference in touch with them."

The *Signs*, in its ministry of forty-three years, has won hundreds, and perhaps thousands, to the Truth, and unlike most of us mortals it grows stronger and more efficient with the passing years. Give it a weekly circulation of 100,000 and it will make a stir in the land.

FOR SALE.—Sawmill at Bella Coola. Machinery new; extensive timber limits; no competition. A good opening for one who has means and understands the business. For particulars write F. A. Johnson, Bella Coola, B.C.

FOR CASH OR EXCHANGE.—The British Columbia Conference will entertain a proposition to exchange property in B.C. for something suitable in farming lands in Alberta or Saskatchewan. Values \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000, \$2,700 and \$20,000. Address J. G. Walker, Pitt Meadows, B.C.

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

WANTED.—Man and wife with three children, eldest 10 years, seek permanent position on farm. Capable of taking charge. Sabbath-keeper. Apply T. F. Bldgood, Box 35, Dundurn, Sask.

THOSE INTERESTED in growing STRAWBERRIES should write for particulars about the Minaki plant. Great success for this rough, cold country; good fruiter. Sample better than the imported.—H. J. Greenslade, Minaki, New Ont.