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TO THOSE WHO SEEK

God answers prayer. Sometimes, when hearts are weak,

He gives the very gifts believers seek;

But often faith must learn a deeper rest,

And trust God's silence when He does not speak:

For He whose name is Love will send the best.

Stars may burn out, nor mountain walls endure;

But God is true. His promises are sure

To those who seek.

—Plants.

AN IMPORTANT WORK

"The books containing the light God has given must be brought before the people." "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Concerning the circulation of our literature, Sister White was instructed to say: "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."

The Lord has impressed many to enter the canvassing work and to labor from door to door as colporteurs, and He is still calling for others. He says, "Go work in my vineyard today." He also says by the hand of His servant, that "Where there is one canvasser in the field there should be one hundred." How important the Lord considers this work! "We have no time to lose. Who will go forth now with our publications?"

That the blessing of God attends this department of His work is evident from the report of sales in this union which is given in another column of this paper. However, we do not measure the success of our work by large sales reports, but by souls won to a knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We know that many have accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour as a result of reading our literature, and then there are others who will be saved, and yet the faithful worker not know the result of his or her consecrated service until they meet in the kingdom of heaven. What a meeting that will be!

"Perhaps in heaven some day, to me

Some sainted one shall come and say,

'All hail, beloved, but for thee

My soul to death had fallen a prey.'

And, oh the rapture of the thought,

One soul to glory to have brought."

Some may not appreciate the books, periodicals and tracts placed in their hands at the time, but some time the Spirit of God will lead them to pick them up

from the shelves where they have been lying neglected for months, perhaps, and they will study them and through their reading and study will be led to search the Scriptures for the light. We can all have a part in this blessed work. A most earnest call has been made for colporteurs to give their entire time to this line of work, but those who have to stay at home can sell books and periodicals to their neighbors and friends and give away tracts which deal with some question of particular interest. As we pray for and receive a burden for the salvation of those around us who are in darkness, the Lord will give us wisdom and tact so that we can labor for Him effectively. Now as never before, people are manifesting more interest in events taking place in the world. God has blessed us with literature covering every question that our neighbors and friends are asking, but are we making any effort to explain to them the meaning and significance of these events? The servant of the Lord has said that this work can never be finished until every church member enlists for service. We all desire to see the work finished and be able to see our Saviour come in the clouds of heaven; therefore let us take advantage of every opportunity to work for the Master, so that when He appears we may not stand before Him empty-handed, but "come with rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us," "for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

J. B. GIDDINGS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Statement of Funds Received During Quarter Ending
March 31, 1917.

	Total	Tithe	Home Funds	20c-a-Week
Armstrong	\$ 95.10	\$ 90.10	....	\$ 5.00
Conference	280.25	229.45	\$ 6.30	44.50
Firvale	110.45	73.10	16.50	20.85
Grandview	673.98	592.00	....	81.98
Lumen	209.04	164.08	....	44.96
Manson	145.68	108.93	22.00	14.75
Miscellaneous	421.85	241.45	77.50	102.90
Mission City	11.00	6.00	....	5.00
Nanaimo	166.39	107.79	11.05	47.55
Nelson	125.57	103.67	....	21.90
Penticton	112.40	70.20	6.70	35.50
Silver Creek	164.84	124.91	3.35	36.58
Vancouver Churches:				
42nd Ave.	213.16	127.77	....	85.39
South Vancouver	296.31	234.50	5.95	55.86
Union Street	327.43	277.15	1.00	49.28
West Vancouver	436.28	387.73	2.50	46.05
Vernon	147.22	106.75	14.00	26.47
Victoria	60.79	46.37	7.40	7.02
	\$3,997.74	\$3,091.95	\$174.25	\$731.54

T. S. BOWETT, Treas.

Alberta Conference

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A SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN

Warfare is the order of the day. I wish to tell of a campaign which resulted in marvelous success. Last summer the siege guns were put in action and every fire, I believe, had a very telling effect, due to implicit obedience to the commander-in-chief. Fred Steeves and Harry Casey can tell you much of the details. A detachment of the infantry, headed by J. K. Fish, under orders, followed in the wake of the bombardment near Compeer, with the result that many captures were made, possibly not less than twenty. The effect of this charge was felt in every direction. Few unexpected points such as Skeptic and Atheist were evacuated. Those fully captured have applied to the King for citizenship papers.

The name of the big gun is Literature. The Infantry (ministry) would be very crippled in its work were it not for the artillery. There are truly some privations, long tramps and ill treatment to be encountered by the Artillery man (colporteur) but success always attends the active fire with obedience. The unfaithful are never courtmartialled, but disobedience and inaction, as in all phases of this conflict, insures our capture and final destruction. Thus, it is either fight and live, or through inaction suffer death at the hand of the enemy.

The King, Himself, has stated there is no higher order of work than colportage. It is effectual in winning souls and at the same time develops additional capacity for labor. Oh, that we may be faithful! King Jesus learned obedience by the things He suffered. Heb. 5:8. May we not expect some suffering? Phil. 1:29. But if faithful, we, as He, may be victorious. Many other successes like that related here may be ours this coming season if we but unitedly and fully obey the orders from our King.

Oh, that all who are called to the work of the colporteur would be faithful, diligently seeking the constant abiding presence of the King's representative, the Holy Spirit. Then mighty victories in rapid succession will be won and the glad day soon come.

E. S. STANLEY.

MAGAZINE WORK IN EDMONTON

It is some time since I reported my humble labors in the Lord's vineyard, but nevertheless I have been steadily at work sowing the seed in Edmonton all winter. In the Harvest Ingathering work I helped the Edmonton church collect about \$420.00, which means over two thousand papers left in the homes.

Now I am selling the *Signs of the Times* and *Life and Health* magazines and others. Never were these magazines more attractive and forceful. It gives one an inspiration and strength to go out with them. One woman said the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* was "awfully good" and she readily took the April *Signs*. I opened a door to enter a tailor's shop on Jasper Avenue and the woman exclaimed to her husband, "Here's your man!" I handed him an April *Signs*, which he

said they had been looking for. He took it and at once turned its pages to look for an article promised in the preceding number.

Today I have been out among the residences with the new book, *The World War*, and sold fifteen. It sells readily. One woman could not let me in, but she looked through the glass door at the book while I shouted out a canvass, and the book was taken.

The Lord has helped me to sell 750 magazines here, including some foreign ones such as French, German, Jewish, Russian and Italian; also Chinese tracts. We should help these foreigners more. I have also sold a Polish and an Italian Bible to men who saw this Holy Book for the first time. Also some Chinamen have asked me to teach them English.

I feel I should praise the Lord with a grateful, loving heart for something done. I have learned to depend more on prayer. Dear brethren and sisters, pray for God's blessing on the seed sown in Edmonton by all of our members. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

RALPH E. ROBINSON.

OBITUARY

Sister Thabita Zumwalt, whose maiden name was Thabita Sears, was born in the year of our Lord 1846, on the 14th day of May, at Watcher, in the county of Keokuk, Iowa. Her parents were Quakers and she was raised in that faith. She was married on February 15th, 1866, to Jacob Zumwalt. They lived a peaceful and happy life, being blessed with ten children, six of whom are still living. This family has now grown until twenty-seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren are included in its circle.

After living in different states and passing through varied experiences, Sister Zumwalt and her husband came to Canada a little over a year ago, where they have resided with their son, William Zumwalt, of Gadsby. For several years back, Sister Zumwalt has been a sufferer with rheumatism, and when heart trouble was also added to her burdens, strength decreased until she finally fell asleep to awake no more until Jesus comes. Oh, how sweet rest is to the weary!

She was a good, honest, conscientious and loving mother to her children and a devoted wife to her husband, with whom she lived fifty-one years and almost two months. They have had the rare privilege of celebrating their golden anniversary. About a year ago she expressed her conviction on baptism, but on account of her physical condition this could not be administered. She also expressed her definite conviction on the Sabbath question, in which her husband joined heartily. We might mention that she often requested her husband to sing, "Shall We Gather at the River," "When I Shall Read My Title Clear," and "Asleep in Jesus." Her dear family is left with the blessed hope of meeting her again when Jesus comes.

C. C. NEUFELD.

NOTES

The "Signs" subscription list has increased within the last few weeks from about 235 to 800, while the sales list has gone up in about the same proportion. This shows what a little effort will do.

Five families have begun keeping the truth near Falun, as a result of the labors of Brethren Johnson and Shelstad. O for more laborers in Alberta to search out the waiting ones who are longing to know what is truth. Let the

"Tidings" family all pray for laborers to gather the harvest of souls for the Lord's garner, and for His blessing to attend these dear believers.

Brother Stanley will remain out in the Compeer district, where so many precious sheep have returned to the Great Shepherd's fold, and will endeavor to be a comfort to them as much as he can, while they are making their start in this new and wonderful life. He hopes to remain with them until camp-meeting, and will have his family with him. May the Lord bind these souls together in His perfect love, and keep them safely for His kingdom, is our prayer.

Dr. Hans Bonde and wife, both graduate physicians of the Loma Linda Medical College, have at last arrived in Alberta to follow their profession in our province. We have been eagerly looking for them for some time, and bid them a hearty welcome back to this, their old home field. We know they will be a most valuable addition to our force of workers, especially as their work will be along the much-needed medical missionary lines; and we pray that God may richly bless their efforts and use them in advancing His work in this part of the vineyard.

Altogether, we have much to be thankful for today in this field. God has been good to us. Great opportunities are before and lie open to us. May we see the value of them while they are ours, so that later we may not need to weep over lost opportunities. Let us all thank God for these open doors, and as one man step in and deliver the message of hope and cheer and life to the populace. A little later, when the clouds shall hang lower they will recall what they heard and bless God for it—as many as are honest-hearted—for dark and cheerless for them without God will be the day that is coming. Let no hesitancy, therefore, attend our steps as we go as lightbearers to our neighbors. Let the "Signs" campaign become the greatest campaign this country has ever seen.

ACADEMY NEWS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson, of Acme, visited their daughter, Ruth, a few days last week.

Mr. Chester Rick was recently operated upon for the removal of his tonsils. He is getting along very nicely.

Brother and Sister Huether have returned from their trip to Beiseker.

The School Board met last Tuesday and Wednesday to consider plans for the coming school year.

Sister A. P. Pond has been very sick of late, but is now improving. Miss Nellie Logan, of Calgary, is acting as nurse.

Miss Annie Gibson, of Brandon, Manitoba, is now with her sister, Mrs. Wallace Pangman, where she will make her home.

Brother Chris. Braunberger moved in this week from Beiseker. He will now make his home with us, he having bought Elder Adam's property.

Elder Adams has now moved into the old church school building. On account of this change, Miss Vera Alcock has moved into the home.

We were sorry to lose three more students this week. Leonard Light, Henry Kiehlbauch and Lydia Zweigle left for their homes or places of work.

Brother W. L. Manful stopped off at the Academy for a day in the interests of the book work. He will return about May 9th to help in our 'Canvassers' institute.

Brother and Sister Walters have moved into "The Valley" from Camrose. They have recently accepted the truth and are another living testimony of the work of our books and periodicals.

British Columbia Conference

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President, J. G. Walker; Secretary-Treasurer, T. S. Bowett; Religious Liberty Secretary, J. G. Walker; Field Secretary, L. A. Philpott; Tract Society Secretary, T. S. Bowett; Educational Secretary, R. E. Noble; Sabbath-school Secretary, Mrs. S. McN. Jemson; Missionary Volunteer, Home Missionary and Health and Temperance Secretary, E. R. Potter.

CAMP MEETING

We have secured rates to the camp-meeting over the Kettle Valley Railroad, as well as the Canadian Pacific. They cover the time of the Workers' Meeting, which commences June 7. The meeting proper commences June 14, and continues until the 24th. This is longer than usual, but we have our Conference in connection with the meeting this year, and the period is none too long.

The first service of the camp-meeting proper will open at 7.45, Thursday evening, June 14. The first meeting of the Conference will be held Friday, June 15, at 10 o'clock a.m. The delegates should be at the first meeting so as to assist in the organization of the session for business. We sincerely hope that a full delegation will be sent to this Conference, and a large representation come from the churches for the whole meeting. We expect to attend to the Conference business during the first days of the camp-meeting, though preaching services will be held then also.

There will be two large tents, and beside general meetings for the whole camp and visitors from the city, there will be meetings for the young people and the children. Parents, come yourselves if possible, and bring your young folk and children with you. If you cannot both attend, let either father or mother come with the young folk, to be their companion and advisor during the meeting.

There are many things we need to learn in this message, and one of the most important is to know *how* to co-operate. This is the first point we fail upon more than any other, and this meeting will help us in this way, as also it will establish us a little better on the points of our faith. Let every sin be put away; all anger, wrath and malice and evil-speaking be laid aside, and let us appear before the Lord in a condition to be filled with His Holy Spirit and to be a blessing.

Tents can be rented on the ground, and meals gotten at our dining tent. There will be bed springs to rent also. Those who come should bring their own bedding, with a tick for straw, as we may not have enough springs for the whole camp. Do not come, trusting too much to luck in getting the use of the bedding of others. If everyone should do that, we would perhaps sleep cold even in Penticton's sunny clime, or be forced to the hotels for our comfort. Our motto should be, "We'll trust God and do our part."

Those who desire a tent reserved should write Albert Bellchamber, Kelowna, B.C. He will have the business of the camp-meeting, and will be in Penticton as early as June 7.

In closing, let me urge again a full attendance at this meeting. We know it will not be possible for all from every Seventh-day Adventist home to attend, because of conditions that sometimes prevail, but we hope each family within reasonable distance from Penticton will have one or more representatives to this meeting. It will mean a sacrifice of both time and

money, but what of that? We have identified ourselves with the message having this in mind, and now let us get the best out of this relationship. The plan of the gospel was laid in the spirit of self-sacrifice. This message began in the same spirit and will be finished in no other way.

Perhaps in the next issue we may be in a position to announce the names of those laborers who will help us at this meeting. We expect the same help that other conferences in the Union will have.

J. G. WALKER.

NOTICE

The biennial session of the British Columbia Conference will be held at Penticton, B.C., June 14-24, 1917. Each church is entitled to one delegate and an additional delegate for every ten members. These delegates should be chosen as early as possible and list of names sent our Conference Secretary, T. S. Bowett. Delegates' credentials will be sent out from the office to clerks of the churches. Will the elders of the churches please attend to these matters.

JOHN G. WALKER, President.
T. S. BOWETT, Sec.-Treas.

GRAND FORKS

In our last letter we referred to a series of sermons which the Methodist pastor purposed to launch in opposition to our work. This mode of attack was very similar to his predecessors', with whose tactics we have all become so familiar; but in his oration he made a statement which caused us considerable anxiety, and which Seventh-day Adventists will surely have to meet sooner or later.

A few days later, while transacting some business in the office of the *Gazette*, the editor, who is quite friendly to us, told us that he had just received for publication a letter in opposition to our work, and said that it was so bitter in spirit that he had endeavored to persuade the party not to publish it. It was very evident that considerable influence was behind the move, for the editor had accepted five dollars for its publication; and he told us he would rather pay five dollars himself and not have to publish it. In a friendly way we pointed out to him the responsibility an editor took upon himself in publishing anything which might later be decided to be slander. What we feared was that this special charge would be emphasized in this letter, and if copied by other papers, might attract the attention of the whole country and bring a crisis to our work.

We earnestly sought the Lord for wisdom to know how to meet the situation, and we believe He answered our prayers. We immediately got out advertising matter announcing an Easter Sunday-night lecture. As special local effort is being made to increase the Red Cross fund, we were glad to do our share by turning over all the collection above the rent of the theatre to that fund. Every business man in the city readily permitted us to put our bills in their display windows and some of them incidentally made us acquainted with the fact that they were not in harmony with the uncalled for opposition of our "ecclesiastical opponent," as one designated him.

When the Saturday paper came out, we found that the letter had been omitted. Notwithstanding the fact that the city was placarded with announcements of the

special Easter programmes in the various churches, we had an attendance of about two hundred, composed of a majority of the business men of the town and quite a proportion of church members. We are told that the larger number of these were from the congregation of our "ecclesiastical opponent." To this large audience we presented the "Change of the Sabbath" under the advertized subject of "Daniel's Wonderful Prophecy" in the setting of the following programme. This may contain a suggestion to other workers who may be called upon to meet a similar crisis.

PROGRAMME.

7.00-8.00—Hole's Celebrated Pictures of the "Life of Christ—from Bethlehem to Gethsemane."

8.00-8.45—Lecture.

8.45-9.15—Pictures. From Gethsemane to the Resurrection Morn.

The rent of the theatre and expense of operating the moving picture machine was \$11.00. Our collection amounted to \$15.50, leaving a balance of \$4.50 to be turned over to the Red Cross Fund.

The leading lawyer of the city, and two or three of the prominent merchants are deeply interested. From the start we have looked upon the fierce opposition as a sure indication that God has an honest people here waiting for the truth, and we believe His truth will gloriously triumph.

C. E. AND LAURA WOOD.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Association of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at Penticton, B.C., in conjunction with the Conference meeting, June 14-24, 1917. The first meeting of the Association will be held on Monday at 10 o'clock, June 18. The session is called for the purpose of appointing a Board of Trustees for the ensuing term and to transact such other business as properly belongs to the Association. All delegates appointed by the churches to attend the Conference meeting are the members of the Association.

JOHN G. WALKER, President.
T. S. BOWETT, Sec.-Treas.

SOME THINGS ABOUT CAMP-MEETING

"The camp-meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work. It is one of the most effective methods of arresting the attention of the people and reaching all classes with the gospel invitation. The time in which we live is a time of intense excitement. Ambition and war, pleasure and money getting, absorb the minds of men. Satan sees that his time is short, and he has set all his agencies at work, that men may be received, deluded, occupied and entranced, until probation shall be ended, and the door of mercy be forever shut."

"We must plan wisely, that the people may have an opportunity of hearing for themselves the last message of mercy to the world. . . . We have no time to lose. . . . The world is now reaching the boundary line in impenitence and disregard for the laws of the government of God. . . . All that can be done should be done without delay."

"And our camp-meetings have another object, preparatory to this. They are to promote spiritual life among our own people. The world in its wisdom knows not God. The world cannot see the beauty, the

loveliness, the goodness, the holiness of divine truth. And in order that men may understand this, there must be a channel through which it shall come to the world. The church has been constituted that channel. . . . God has committed to our hands a most sacred work, and we need to meet together to receive instruction, that we may be fitted to perform this work. We need to understand what part we shall individually be called upon to act in building up the cause of God in the earth, in vindicating God's holy law, and in lifting up the Saviour as "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world." We need to meet together and receive the divine touch that we may understand our work in the home. Parents need to understand how they may send forth from the sanctuary of the home their sons and daughters so trained and educated that they will be fitted to shine as lights in the world. We need to understand in regard to the division of labor, and how each part of the work is to be carried forward. Each one is to understand the part he is to act, that there may be harmony of plan and of labor in the combined work of all." Vol. 6, pp. 31-33.

J. G. WALKER.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES

Brother L. Carrico has left Vancouver for Surf Inlet, where he will work the coming season.

Brother George Toombs, of Nelson, reports that two new ones have taken their stand for the truth at that place.

Brother Donald Hazelton, of Tacoma, Wash., spent a few hours in the city recently. He expects to return to B.C. shortly.

Brethren J. D. Brown and Davison left for Alberta on the 1st inst., where they will help in the coming season's farm work.

Brother and Sister L. A. Gibbs, of Sumas, Wash., called at the office the other day. Brother Gibbs has since left for Youngstown, Alberta, on a visit to his son.

Elder J. G. Walker attended the Union St. Church on Sabbath, April 7th, preaching at the regular service hour on the "Influence of Words and Actions."

Sister Lucile Renton, of Firvale, was a welcome visitor at the office recently. She has been spending some days at Elder Walker's home at Pitt Meadows.

Brother and Sister Enright, from Honolulu, passed through Vancouver a few days ago on their way to the Okanagan, having engaged to labor for Brother McLeod, of Armstrong.

Remember the place and date set for the coming camp-meeting—Penticton, June 14-24. The Lord wants you, reader to attend. Begin now to ask Him to open the way so that you may receive the blessings in store.

Sister Ada VanBuskirk and three children, who have been visiting relatives on Vancouver Island, were welcome visitors to the office while passing through the city on their return journey to Lacombe, Alberta.

Quite recently a sister sent in \$4.50 for missions, which she tells us is the amount that accumulated in the little offering box on her calendar. It is pleasing to the Lord to accept such an evidence of love and self-denial, which brings a blessing alike to the giver and the cause.

The postscript of a letter recently received at the office reads thus: "I am reading 'Back to the Bible,' by George McCready Price. I have read only three chapters, but it is the best book I have ever read on the subjects which he discusses." This book is just off the press. Price is 55c. postpaid.

The work at the Okalla jail is becoming more and more interesting and encouraging through the faithful efforts of Sister Vass and her assistants. Elder Walker spoke to the prisoners last Sunday evening. A good interest and appreciation was shown.

Some copies of that helpful little book, "Alone With God," just off the press, have come to hand. The chapter bearing

the title, "Jesus and I Are Friends," is worth the price of the book. This uplifting little work will not fail to strengthen the weary and bring new life to the despondent. All our people should obtain a copy; it's too good to miss. Price 60c, postpaid.

An advance copy of Elder Daniells' new book, "The World War," has just come to hand. The subject-matter is excellent, and without doubt will appeal to the minds of the people who are becoming more deeply stirred. Every neighborhood should be well canvassed for this book, which will rapidly prove itself to be an easy seller. Price 30c. per copy. Five copies can be obtained for 15c. each, plus postage.

A baptismal service was held at the Union Street Church in Vancouver last Sabbath afternoon, when Sisters Guild and Crosby went forward in this sacred ordinance. Sister Guild became interested in this truth while Elder Warren was here four years ago, but has been out of the city for some time since. She unites with the Union Street Church. Sister Crosby has been led to a knowledge of this truth by her brother, who has been a faithful member for several years, and by Bible studies given by Elder Burrill. She unites with the Maple Street Church.

How would you have liked to have heard Elder I. H. Evans deliver the series of sermons on the "Victorious Christian Life," which he preached recently in California? Thankful for such an opportunity you would have been present at every meeting, wouldn't you? Although you were unable to be there, there is no reason why you should miss them, for, if you wish, you may have them delivered to your door by the postman. They are being published as a great treat in the "Signs Weekly." These sermons are the Spirit-filled convincing message that God wants His people to listen to right at this time. You need them. Loved ones and acquaintances will be stirred by them beyond doubt. Send in for a club and do your bit towards the 100,000 copies of the "Signs" campaign now under way.

A CALL FOR HELP

Sister W. H. Vass is having a good experience in jail and hospital work in the city of Vancouver, and needs more of our truth-filled books, both to loan and to place in the libraries of such institutions. If there are any who desire to lend a helping hand in this good work, and can spare such volumes as *Controversy*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *Daniel and the Revelation*, *Desire of Ages*, *Steps to Christ*, etc., send them to our office on Maple Street, with a request that they be used for this purpose, and we will see that Sister Vass gets them to be properly placed so that the inmates of these institutions can have access to them.

By her request I talked to the inmates of the Okalla jail last Sunday evening, April 15, and was much impressed with what I saw while there. Every second Sunday, in the afternoon, Sister Vass gives a Bible study before the class of female prisoners in the jail, and seeds of truth are being sown that will likely yield fruit in the kingdom. The same evening a meeting is held for all the prisoners, either by Sister Vass herself, or by someone of her appointment. The whole matter of religious meetings at this institution has been given over to her hand by the prison authorities, who treat her with the greatest respect. She has a splendid opportunity for a good work, and we hope she will not be forgotten at the family altar, that some soul may be saved in the effort. Also, if you can help with our books, for those she gets to read—that will be giving valuable aid. She is getting many to read, and the truth will have its influence.

J. G. WALKER.

ITEMS ABOUT CAMP-MEETING AT PENTICTON, B.C.

Workers' meeting, June 7-14.

Camp-meeting and Conference, June 14-24.

Tickets may be purchased on the certificate plan as early as June 4. This arrangement is for the benefit of those who will attend the meeting of the Conference laborers for mutual help and the preparation of the camp.

When a ticket is bought, have the agent give you a certificate of purchase. When the certificates are signed by our secretary and one hundred presented for the endorsement of the agent of the Canadian Pacific and the Kettle Valley at Penticton, the holders will get home free of charge. We hope to get the required number of certificates this year, as we nearly made that number last year at Kelowna, and that meeting was only local. This plan holds good for points along the lakes of the Kootenays and the Okanagan, and at stations of the Canadian Pacific and the Kettle Valley railroads.

Those who attend the camp-meeting should bring bedding, with straw tick, and such other articles as are needed to make living in a tent as comfortable as possible while the meetings are being held. They can board themselves, or get their meals at the dining tent. If the camp is not too close in to the business part of the city, there will be a small stock of groceries on hand for the accommodation of those on the ground.

At this meeting we hope to see all our people in the Kootenays who do not have the privileges of Sabbath meetings or of the Annual camp-meeting, most of our folk in the Okanagan who should take advantage of the opportunity that comes to them so seldom—that of attending Conference and camp-meeting combined, and also we hope to have a good representation from the coast since the new Kettle Valley lines afford a more direct route to Penticton and a much cheaper fare. It is only 252 miles from Vancouver to Penticton. The fare is approximately \$10.00.

J. G. WALKER.

Saskatchewan Conference

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INSTITUTE AT BATTLEFORD

Among the most profitable meetings held in this Conference was the Conference workers' and church elders' institute held at the Battleford Academy, March 29 to April 4. Nearly all our church elders, and some of the missionary secretaries were present. They with our conference laborers, and students and teachers, of the Battleford Academy enjoyed much of the blessing of the Lord.

Each person seemed imbued with a desire to know the perfect will of the Lord, and to surrender all to Him in order to be ready for the outpouring of His Holy Spirit. They felt that they must make more room for this heavenly guest who would fit them for greater usefulness in the finishing of the work of God.

At the close of the institute all gave one united testimony, that God had distributed His blessings freely, and they returned to their respective duties greatly strengthened and fortified to do battle with the enemy of righteousness.

The teachers and students of the school, and the carpenters worked hard to have things ready and comfortable for those who attended. Their labors were highly appreciated by every one. All the visiting brethren and sisters were delighted with the progress and prospect of the work of the school. They felt that God had surely guided us in securing this property. We now have a straight lease on the property covering a term of twenty-one years.

For the benefit of those who were not permitted to attend this institute we give below a copy of the program which was followed during the days that we were together.

"Organization, Order and Discipline of the Church," C. F. McVagh; "The Value of the Printed Page," W. L. Manfull; "The Power of Prayer in Soul-winning," M. Mackintosh; "Home Missionary Work: Its Benefits to Minister and his Work, and to the Church Elder and his Flock," W. A. Clemensen; "Our Relation to the Finishing of the Work," C. F. McVagh; "Special Study and Prayer for Deeper Consecration upon our Appointed Work," M. Mackintosh; "Organization, Order and Discipline of the Church" (concluded), C. F. McVagh; "The Relation of Conference Workers and Church Elders to our Young People and their Work in the Local Church," W. A. Clemensen. Question Box, or Round Table talks. "The Time of the Latter Rain," A. C. Gilbert. Special Study on and Prayer for Victory over Sin, and Power for Soul-saving Service, J. V. Maas. Sabbath-school Work. Sermon, C. F. McVagh. "What Do These Things Mean?" M. Mackintosh. Programme presented by the colporteurs. Special Study and Prayer in behalf of our Church Members. "Methods of Gospel Labor," C. F. McVagh. "Preparation for the Latter Rain," A. C. Gilbert. "The Battleford Academy: the Scope of its Endeavor, and the Attitude that should be Sustained to it by Conference Workers and Church Elders," C. B. Hughes. "Religious Liberty in Principle and Practice," M. Mackintosh. Special Study and Prayer in behalf of our Young People, W. A. Clemensen. "Results of the Latter Rain," A. C. Gilbert. "Origin, Purpose and Authority of the Testimonies to the Church, Commonly Called the 'Spirit of Prophecy,'" C. F. McVagh. "The Principle and Practice of Tithing," J. V. Maas. "The Value of Education," E. D. Dick. Special Study and Prayer in Behalf of Persons Interested in the Truth. "Purpose and Work of our Sabbath-schools," Mrs. A. C. Gilbert. "The Responsibility and Blessing of our Churches in the Circulation of our Literature." "The Duty and Responsibility of Church Elders," O. O. Farnsworth. Special Study and Prayer in behalf of our Conference Workers and Church Officers: (a) Earnestness; (b) Sense of Responsibility, M. Mackintosh. "Health Reform: Its Place and Importance," C. F. McVagh. "The Mid-week Prayer Meeting for the Church," H. H. Humann. "Various Lines and Methods of Missionary Labor," F. L. Hommel. "Marching to Armageddon," C. F. McVagh.

Let us pray that all our people in this province may study more deeply into the precious promises in the Word. Let us never rest satisfied with our present

Christian experience, but ever press on to higher heights in spiritual things. May our souls ever cry out after the living God, and never cease in supplication before His throne of mercy until we are filled with the fulness of His blessing.

A. C. GILBERT.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

The Conference Workers' and Church Elders' Institute at Battleford brought many blessings to all present. All our workers were there and our churches were fairly well represented. Elders McVagh and Humann, Prof. Dick and Brother F. L. Hommel were with us part of the time.

In view of the commencement of spring work on the Academy farm, Elder Maas, who has charge of this, had to be released from his Bible class, and Elder W. G. Forshaw has been asked to take this.

Brother and Sister R. S. Dexter, from Portland, Oregon, have lately arrived to take up work in this field. Brother Dexter is assisting us in the office. We extend them a hearty welcome to our Conference.

We are glad to announce to our friends, and especially to our Danish and Swedish brethren, that Elder O. M. Akre has arrived in Saskatchewan and is locating his family at Bulyea. Elder Akre will work among the Danes near Earl Grey.

Brother W. G. McCready is planning to go to Carmichael to hold meetings at this place. We believe that our isolated Sabbath-keepers in this neighborhood will be glad to see him. We trust that the Lord will bless his efforts.

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WEARING THE UNIFORM

I have been much impressed with the many lessons we may learn and apply to ourselves in our Christian warfare by observing the soldiers. It is a pretty sight to see them dressed alike and marching and drilling for service. Occasionally we may see one or two who perhaps have recently joined, or for some other reason have not yet received their uniforms, and how out of place they look. They will certainly make haste to put it on as soon as possible.

As soldiers of the Cross we, too, should wear the uniform. It seems that our King is particular about our personal appearance as well as our actions, since he gives some directions about it. Let us not be satisfied until we have on the whole uniform.

In Eph. 6:11 we are told to put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to stand, and farther on in this chapter it says to have the loins girt about with truth (the Word) and the breastplate of righteousness (right doing) and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Peace makers will be in the kingdom of heaven. The opposite of making peace is making trouble. The fuss makers can never enter the New Earth for nothing that will trouble or annoy will be allowed to enter. The shield of faith quenches all the fiery darts of the Devil. The helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God (Bible) and prayer are the great essentials in the Christian's warfare.

We believe that those who have enlisted under the

banner of the King Emmanuel will be anxious to wear the complete uniform. To a greater or less degree people are judged by the clothes they wear. We would understand from the Bible that the wearing of unnecessary ornaments and costly apparel is not included in the Christian's uniform. If we wear these things after we have enlisted for God it does not harmonize with the step we have taken, or with the spirit of the one whom we serve.

Jesus has told us that we cannot serve two masters. What true soldier could be found who would wish to wear even the least part of the enemy's uniform on his person? Does he not wish to have every part of his uniform complete so that no one may be mistaken as to which side he is serving? (I recently saw a merchant who had a supply of drinking cups which he could not sell because they were made in Germany.) Since soldiers in earthly warfare are so particular, should we who have enlisted in the great controversy between truth and error, between Christ and Satan, be anxious to clothe our mortal bodies in such a way that we may never be mistaken for a servant of the Devil?

The love of Jesus in the heart drives out the love of display and creates a longing to be like Him. It will never lead us to seek to be conspicuous in any way.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

WINNIPEG

The work in Manitoba's metropolis is onward in some respects. Since our last report the Sunday evening lectures in the Scott Memorial Hall have been well attended. The lectures on the Papacy were well received. The church took a hand in placing the *Review and Herald Extras* in the hands of the people. The extras were stamped with a notice of our meetings, and these gave good returns in bringing the people to service. There are many people in this city who not only dare, but like to think for themselves, and that is the class that will accept the closing message.

Our effort in West Winnipeg (St. James) was not well attended, but several have accepted the truth, which makes us feel that our labors were not in vain.

There are at least sixteen new Sabbath-keepers in Winnipeg, which will be an encouragement to all who have contributed to our work. We owe much to our colporteurs who have gone ahead to find the interested ones. Surely God will reward the colporteurs.

Two of our new Sabbath-keepers were soldiers and have gone overseas for service. How precious it seems that they could first enlist with King Emmanuel; this gives great comfort to the families left behind.

One lady from an out-station came to our services while attending a convention here in Winnipeg, and became deeply interested. After her return to her home city, she wrote us that she wished to be counted with our converts. Others are writing for literature on the subjects we advertised in the newspapers.

We have moved from 433 Machroy Avenue to 227 Donald Street in order to be in the center of Winnipeg. So much time was lost in travelling from our old stand.

Let us pray on. God is answering the prayers which we know are arising from true hearts all along the line for this needy city. Why not pray the Lord of the harvest to send Bible-workers to Winnipeg? Daily I turn people away who would like studies on the message.

C. A. HANSEN.

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GETHSEMANE

"Sleep on and take your rest, 'tis now too late:
The wakeful hours of sympathetic prayer
Were lost in sleep." For when He would confer
With kindred souls, they slept; 'Twas Satan's bait.
Oh, dark Gethsemane! Could we but weigh
The agony of all He had to bear,
Nought to their thoughtlessness could we compare
Who left the Christ to struggle desolate,
And we sleep, too, while half the world is bound
In cruel chains, and dark, revolting creeds,
And all the horror that their teaching breeds.
Yet could the gospel message but resound
Throughout the heathen world, it would confound
Deceitful falsehoods and show men their needs."

—Selected.

Elder C. F. McVagh, who has been attending the Spring Council at Huntsville, Alabama, will reach Calgary about May 1.

Dr. Hans Bonde and Dr. Dale Bonde, both graduates of the Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelists, recently arrived in Alberta to connect with the Alberta Conference as medical missionary evangelists. Brother and Sister Bonde will find a large field of usefulness in this field, and we extend to them a most hearty welcome. They will doubtless locate in Calgary, at least for the present. Those desiring to communicate with them can send mail care of the Conference office.

A report received from the Canadian branch of the Pacific Press at Calgary, of sales for the first months of the year, has just reached us. On the whole it is very encouraging. The following figures show the comparison between the sales of 1916 and 1917:

	1916	1917
January	\$ 514.70	\$ 845.95
February	618.70	606.20
March	728.75	1,058.20
April	756.90	2,048.90
	<u>\$2,619.05</u>	<u>\$4,559.25</u>

It will be observed that the sales have nearly doubled. Now is the time for us to work, while we have opportunity. It is becoming increasingly difficult to get in shipments of books, due to the congestion of the rail-

ways. Already there is a partial embargo on books of all characters. We are made to realize that the doors of opportunity are closing about us and that we should do quickly that which remains to be done.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DAY

May 5th is Missionary Volunteer Day, when will be celebrated the tenth anniversary of the Missionary Volunteer movement. In the *Review* of April 19th is a printed program for the occasion.

The Testimonies say that "The work that lies nearest to our church members is to become interested in our youth." And so it is important that all, old and young, take a very special interest in this opportunity to learn more of the work carried on among our young people.

How would it be for each one who is in touch with the Missionary Volunteer movement and the different lines of its work, to tell some one else about it during the first week in May; and for any who wish to know more about it to ask questions all around until every Seventh-day Adventist is talking M.V. Topics? Try it.

Will the elders and leaders of companies please take the matter up and show our youth that we are really interested in them.

The Instructor of April 24th is to be a special M.V. Decennial Number. Let us give careful attention to it, and try to put it into the hands of every young person in any way connected with our church.

Above all, may we not each one pray for any of the young whose salvation may be hanging in the balance. Shall not our prayers be united on May 5th for those on whom must soon fall the burden of the gospel work? "He who saves the children saves the church."

Mrs. B. COWAN.

MANITOBA NOTES

Our Union Field Secretary, W. L. Manfull, is spending a few days in Winnipeg in the interests of his line of work. He recently made a trip to Minnesota, looking up a few bookmen. We hope to see a good company out scattering our literature this season.

Elder McVagh, our Union President, stopped over Sabbath with the Winnipeg church, while on his way to the Spring Council. He occupied the pulpit on Sabbath and his talk was much appreciated.

Elder and Mrs. Hansen are having good success. Something like 20 are keeping the Sabbath. The church on Bannerman Ave. is already too small for the number who come.

The St. James Sabbath-school, recently organized, has a membership of 36.

Elder Chapman has been filling Elder Robb's place at Grandview. He reports a good interest to hear the truth. The room is well filled each Sunday evening. He also spends some time with the company at Dauphin.

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