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SABBATH-SCHOOL PRIVILEGES WITHIN THE REACH OF ALL

Recently I attended a church where I found the motto on the black-board, "You need the Sabbath-school and the Sabbath-school needs you," and surely that is a great truth. The Sabbath-school is doubtless one of the most important, if not *the* most important, agency that God is using in the spreading throughout the world of the last message of warning. All who come into the truth, old or young, come, or should come, under its direct influence, and it has a tremendously gracious influence in developing knowledge of the Bible and in building up spirituality.

In many other denominations the idea often prevails that the Sunday-school is mainly for children, but among the Seventh-day Adventists, old and young receive the blessing of the Sabbath-school together. In many of our small companies the Sabbath-school is the only weekly gathering, and often the faithful ones come long distances in order to enjoy its blessings, not the least of which is the principle of bringing an offering to help carry the truth to those who know it not.

The Sabbath-school is at present the largest and most reliable resource of our missionary operations in the world. This has been brought about by systematic education and world-wide unity of action. I am convinced, however, that we have by no means reached the limit yet of what may be accomplished through the Sabbath-school.

The Sabbath-keepers who are isolated are now, through the Home Department, being brought into close touch with the work of the whole body. They may have the Sabbath-school helps and systematically study the lessons with the rest. They may regularly lay aside their offering and send it in monthly or quarterly to swell the constantly-growing stream of offerings to missions. Through the Secretary's letters and reports, they may feel the heart-throbs of the great Sabbath-school organization. By the faithfulness of isolated members many souls and families have received the truth, churches have been organized, and missionaries have been sent and supported in other lands.

I remember one man who organized a Sabbath-school and began sending regular reports to the Conference office as soon as he received the truth. Faithfully he kept it up alone in a quiet corner of his own home. His percentage of attendance was always 100%. His offerings were always as regular as his attendance. After two years his wife joined his Sabbath-school, later some of his neighbors yielded, and then a church

was organized in his community. So if you are the only family in the neighborhood, organize a Sabbath-school. If you are the only Sabbath-keeper in your family, get in touch with the Conference Sabbath-school Secretary. Have your part in the study of the lessons and in the offering, and the Lord will bless you and make you a blessing. C. F. McVAGH.

P.S.—The aim of the S.S. Dept. is to bring in an average of 15c. per member each Sabbath for missions. Some Sabbath-schools in the Western Canada Union are bringing in an average of over 20c. a week per member. Some are falling far behind the goal. Be sure and do your best.

C. F. McVAGH.

LET US FINISH THE WORK

The first essential for successful work for the Master is consecration. Webster defines consecration as the act of appropriating to sacred uses. To appropriate means to set apart for a particular purpose. Therefore, consecration is the act of setting apart for sacred uses. This carried out in the life surrendered to God means that every thought, word and act are brought into subservience to the work of giving the message to those who are in darkness.

The consecrated life is possible and practical. It was for the first century; it is also for the twentieth century. It was for the early apostles and disciples; it is also for us in the present day. We must set our hands to do the work given us, and in doing this we must empty them of whatever we have taken up from the world, and then hold up our emptied hands to God. He will fill them with Christ, and as we go among men and women, holding up the Saviour of the world, they will accept Him as their Redeemer. "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up."—John 3:14. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."—John 12:32.

Christ said, "Ye are my witnesses," and our aim should be, "Every Sabbath-keeper an active worker for God." The servant of the Lord was instructed to say "The work of God in the earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—Test. volume 9, page 117. This is the ideal plan—every member a successful soul-winner. How slow we have been to realize the wonderful privileges and possibilities before us in working for our neighbors, friends and relatives. We learn from the Testimonies that there is a time coming when effective, successful, per-

sonal work will be done by every member. "In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. . . . Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest."—Test., volume 9, page 126. The time has come for this reformatory movement to commence, and even now we are beginning to see a greater degree of zeal, consecration and devotion to God and His work in the earth on the part of every believer.

In Isaiah 32:20 we read these words: "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." "By visiting the people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, you will win hearts. This is the highest missionary work that you can do. To do it you will need resolute, persevering faith, unwearying patience, and a deep love for souls."—Test., volume 9, page 41. By the help of the Lord we can do the work; we can answer every call; we can hasten the glad day of Jesus' coming by doing faithfully what our hands find to do, and by taking advantage of every opportunity to present the truth to those around us. "A Christian character can be symmetrically and completely formed only when the human agent regards it as a privilege to work disinterestedly in the proclamation of the truth, and to sustain the cause of God with means."—Test., volume 9, page 127.

"The Christian who will not exercise his God-given powers not only fails to grow up into Christ, but he loses the strength he already had."—*Steps to Christ*, page 85.

Summing up these statements we must come to the conclusion that the test of our Christian experience is our success in leading others to Christ. Let us arouse, then, and gird our armor on, and go forth in the strength of the Lord, filled with faith and hope and courage to quickly finish the work.

J. B. GIDDINGS.

ATTENTION

There is a partial embargo on all freight shipments, and many orders consigned to us have been delayed; for this reason we have been unable to give orders the attention they should receive. This also applies to the Tracts Societies, as they are practically dependent on the branch house for their supply of literature.

We do not know how long this unsettled condition will continue but hope it will soon be remedied and that we will receive books, tracts and supplies of various kinds as promptly as we have in the past.

Until that time we are sure that all will be as patient as possible and we will do our best to supply your needs promptly.

PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION,
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is the title of a sixteen-page booklet issued by the Pacific Press Publishing Association. This booklet contains helpful matter and suggestions designed especially for magazine workers. A copy will be mailed free of charge by writing the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Mountain View, California.

Manitoba Conference

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MINITONAS AND SWAN RIVER

Several years ago Brother Martin moved from Austin and settled with his family near Minitonas. Through visiting them it was learned that some were interested to hear the truth and two years ago the writer conducted a course of lectures in the school-house, with a good attendance. Since then other workers have visited them and held a few meetings.

Brother Thomas Atkinson recently located near them and will be a great help to the believers in this vicinity.

During my recent visit some very interesting and profitable services were held. At the last meeting six persons made request for baptism. Two others also who expect to take the step were not present because of the bad roads.

We plan to organize a church at this place as soon as the weather becomes suitable for baptism.

Near Swan River a few meetings were also held in the home of Brother William Sims. This brother is seventy-one years old. He and his wife accepted the truth this last winter, through the efforts of Brother Ed. Minchen, and they too are awaiting baptism. He has a son who is a member of parliament. Although this brother had never heard an Adventist sermon, I found him well informed on all points of the message. My visit at this place was much enjoyed. Interests are springing up in many parts of this vicinity, which go to show that we should have a worker located in this part.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

AN EXPLANATION

The view that is held and preached by some people that Jesus was only a common mortal when he lived on earth is absolutely contrary to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures. The scripture is misinterpreted when it is made to appear to teach that Jesus was only a mortal. As parents we are indeed sorely grieved to know that even our beloved son Henry has been entangled by this false doctrine. As many of our brethren and sisters already know, he has written a tract on the "Nature of Christ." I have read this tract with much interest and also tested its merits with the aid of the Holy Scripture. To be frank, I must confess that I cannot agree with its contents. Many times we parents begged our son not to write and publish the tract, for it would only create confusion among God's people.

It is true that in the past I taught that we should pray to the Father and not to the Son. This view I hold no longer. If through this teaching some have been caused to take a further step into error, I wish to state that I sincerely regret it. As far as I am concerned I do believe from the very depth of my soul that Jesus is the eternal Son of God. He was with God the Father before the creation of the world. He was the Father's messenger from Heaven and God

sent him as an offering to save that which was lost. He lived on this earth and here he died as the Eternal Redeemer, our Savior. He was buried but resurrected by the Holy Spirit, he ascended to Heaven and is now sitting at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence he shall soon come as king to take home his children and to destroy the wicked.

May the Lord help us to be prepared when he comes.
—From *North Pacific Union Gleaner*.

H. J. DIRKSEN.

WINNIPEG

It was our pleasure to baptize five precious souls last Sabbath in the Y.M.C.A. in Winnipeg, and we believe those added to our numbers will prove to be real helpers in the church. There are several planning for the next baptism, which we are hoping will take place about June 1st.

These new Sabbath-keepers are good missionary workers. Several attended the splendid instruction given by Brother Manfull and are going out with our magazines and small books. We hope the Lord will bless these workers.

Our church is too small. We are now confronted with a new difficulty—finding a larger place for Sabbath services. We hope the Lord has a place waiting for us. Every week the canvassers find new ones that are hungry to learn the message, and we find ourselves entirely unable to fill the calls for Bible readings.

C. A. HANSEN.

THE ICELANDIC WORK

Many problems meet the pioneers in all missionary lines, and the Icelandic mission of this country is no exception. We are facing problems which we in our own strength would never be able to solve if the Lord didn't do it for us.

One of the most difficult problems we have had to deal with thus far is the providing of sufficient literature of a kind that will strongly appeal to the Icelanders. We don't know whether we will be able to secure any more literature from Iceland or not. Last fall I presented the situation to the Pacific Press and asked what could be done in this matter. Brother Hall wrote me and said he thought the abridged edition of the "Great Controversy" would be an ideal book in the Icelandic work. We certainly agreed to that. The Pacific Press reckoned that the initial expense of translating and type-setting would amount to \$600, and requested us to raise that sum before they could do anything. We also needed a number of tracts. Where could we get this money from, was the question.

We prayed most earnestly to the Lord for help, and the ear of the Lord is always open to the prayers of His children. Last January I visited the Danish-Norwegian Seminary at Hutchinson, Minn., which has now become a model school within our denomination. I was very glad for having the opportunity of spending nearly a week in that institution. I gave a few lectures on Biblical, missionary, historical and geographical subjects to the students, among whom I also found a few from Canada. The school-board was in session, so I had the pleasure of meeting a number of workers from different parts of the States. As soon as that meeting closed, Brother Brodersen, Supt. of the Danish-Norwegian department of the North American

Division, took me on a visiting tour. We visited nine churches in four Conferences and raised over \$500 for the Icelandic Literature Fund. Praise the Lord, who inspired these dear brethren to help this good cause with their means!

We also visited the International Branch of the Pacific Press at Brookfield, Ill. This institution is the stronghold and fortress of the foreign book work in that country. The ammunition manufactured in that building blows to pieces hundreds of stony hearts every year. But, thank the Lord, it not only destroys, but it gives those who are hit by it a heart of flesh on which is written the law of God. At Brookfield we made arrangements for the publishing of *Great Controversy* in the Icelandic. A few tracts will also be printed. The translation of these publications is making good headway. The Lord willing they will be on the market by next spring.

When I returned to Manitoba I held a series of meetings at Gimli. As a result of the effort put forth there we have now a few Sabbath-keepers at that place, but there are surely many more who have not bowed their knees before the image of Baal.

April 2nd I left my home at Gimli and went to Winnipegosis. Here I am conducting an effort at the present time. On my way up here the engine and all the cars except the one I was in ran off the track. The devil tried with one mighty stroke to prevent the Third Angel's Message from entering this town, but "The Angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them."—Psalm 34:7. When I arrived, two halls in town, free of charge, and one school-house out in the country were offered me to hold meetings in. The interest is very good and collections are large. Pray for this field, that the sincere of heart may come out on the Lord's side and be saved from this wicked generation.

DAVID GULBRANDSON.

STATEMENT OF MANITOBA FUNDS Received First Quarter, 1917

Church	Memb.	Per Capita	20c-Wk. Fund	Tithe	Total
Austin	19	\$ 1.98	\$ 5.55	\$ 32.00	\$ 37.55
Bradwardine	28	3.00	35.40	48.65	84.05
Beausejour	7	3.15	5.05	17.00	22.05
Brandon	5	24.74	20.00	83.70	123.70
Conference	33	15.32	99.34	266.15	508.74
Carberry	15	1.16	12.52	4.90	17.42
Dauphin	12	9.02	35.78	60.00	108.28
Morden	40	2.00	8.00	72.15	80.15
Russell	29	3.45	....	100.00	100.00
Scandinavia	11	.70	....	7.75	7.75
Winnipeg					
(Eng.)	54	8.40	85.40	368.38	453.78
(Ice.) Co.	..	....	....	32.69	34.69
Port Arthur					
Co.	..	....	50.00	8.15	58.15
Totals	253	....	\$357.04	\$1,101.52	\$1,636.31

Mission funds per capita raised..... \$1.41
Tithe per capita raised..... 4.35
Per capita raised of all funds..... 6.46

The above figures are very interesting and strongly indicative. For the first quarter:

In one church one man paid \$100; other 28 members *nothing*.

In another church one man paid \$7.75; other ten members *nothing*.

Brandon church heads list, per capita \$24.74.

Conference church stands second per capita.
Dauphin church stands third per capita.
Winnipeg church stands fourth per capita.

The statement of Twenty-cent-a-week funds for first quarter shows:

Quota for Manitoba..... \$709.80
Amount raised 357.04

Amount short..... \$352.76

Shall we not all take hold of the matter of mission funds and not let us drop too far behind for then we will not be able to make it up at the end of the year.

GEO. R. SOPER.

NOTES

Brother David Guldbrandson reports a good attendance at his meetings in Winnipegosis.

Brother Will Giles, from Saskatchewan, is visiting relatives in Manitoba.

Elder V. W. Robb passed through Winnipeg on his return from his visit to the States.

The Winnipeg workers are districting the city for a systematic missionary effort.

The "Signs" weekly, 100,000, July, 1917. Only two months left. Your neighbors will appreciate it. A club of five to your address cost only 8c. per week.

Elder Chapman spent Sabbath at Dauphin; Sunday, the 23rd, at Grandview; and left Monday for ten days' visit to the Swan River and Minitonas district.

Brother W. Giles, of Saskatchewan, called at the office while passing through the city to visit his brother at Manitou.

Only twenty-three of our 253 members reported any missionary work done during the first quarter of 1917. We wonder what the rest are doing.

A lady living at Berton, Man., recently attended one of Elder Hansen's meetings. As a result of this and further talks she started to observe the Sabbath. Her attendance at the Institute shows her interest in the message.

Elder and Mrs. Robb have accepted a call to labor in the Alberta Conference. They will remain in Manitoba a few weeks to finish off the effort at Dauphin and Grandview.

Elder E. M. Chapman made a short call at the office on his return from Minitonas and Swan River. He reports very good meetings at these places.

Elder Hansen reports that the congregations have grown so large that our church on Bannerman Ave. is much too small, so they have appointed the Sabbath services down town in Scott's Memorial Hall.

Up to the present time nearly twenty have started to observe the Sabbath, as a result of the work in Winnipeg. Some of these have accepted other points of the message and may soon be ready for baptism. Five were baptized recently by Elder Hansen.

Anyone not acquainted with the weekly "Signs" can secure a sample copy by writing the Tract Society. A large number of "Armageddon" have arrived and "World War" is expected soon. Order a few and sell them to your neighbors, or on your way to camp-meeting.

It will be appreciated if all who plan to secure a set of "Testimonies for the Church," or any of the volumes at camp-meeting will write the office at once, so same can be on hand. A discount will be given on all books purchased at camp-meeting.

The three days' Institute conducted by Brother Manfull in the interests of the canvassing and home missionary work in Winnipeg was greatly appreciated by all in attendance. Some of the topics considered were: A daily, living Christian experience necessary to successful missionary work; The need of prayer and Bible study; Ways of meeting people; How to introduce the paper or book; What about their excuses; What not to say; When and how to answer their questions; A sure cure for discouragement; What all can do: NOW the sifting time, hence the need of greater efforts.

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REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF ALBERTA CONFERENCE

For Quarter Ending March 31, 1917

Name.	Memb.	12 Sabbaths.	13th Sabbath.	Total.
Acme	21	\$ 15.07	\$ 5.30	\$ 20.37
Bismark	21	15.50	1.00	16.50
Beiseker	129	53.75	3.25	56.00
Boyne Lake	15	.90	.35	1.35
Burnt Lake	6			
Brooks	13	28.40	1.40	29.80
Calgary (Eng.)	34	80.53	20.86	101.39
Calgary (Ger.)	29	29.93	3.35	33.28
Clemens	25	23.60	4.45	28.05
Clive	27	31.55	6.00	37.55
Claresholm	22	11.35	7.21	18.56
Castor	5			
Didsbury	17	19.25	8.70	27.95
Edmonton, South	42	37.40	8.05	45.45
Granum	17	56.55	...	56.55
Gadsby, West	21	20.90	8.00	28.90
Gadsby, No. 2	22	9.15	...	9.15
Harmattan	22	10.79	3.26	14.05
Hanna	116	19.40	...	19.40
Hawkesdale	11	7.00	...	7.00
Coronation No report.				
Irvine	50	28.75	...	28.75
Leduc (Eng.)	14	13.10	6.80	19.90
Leduc (Ger.)	38	17.95	6.45	24.40
Loyalist	34	39.00	...	39.00
Lockhart	16	5.00	...	5.00
Lacombe	163	110.45	23.69	134.14
Lewisville	33	36.00	...	36.00
Midnapore	36	35.80	...	35.80
Markerville	8	3.80	.50	4.30
Manville	9	2.00	2.00	4.00
Neapolis	9	9.46	...	9.46
Olds	11	9.00	1.00	10.00
Ochaton	9			
Retlaw	10	3.50	...	3.50
Ponoka	19	15.10	2.50	17.60
Stevenville	7	6.75	.80	7.55
Sedgewick No Report.				
Stavelly	13	30.00	11.30	41.30
Trochu	7	13.45	...	13.45
Thelma	35			
Travers	8	1.50	...	1.50
Vermilion	16	4.15	...	4.15
Winnifred	29	20.93	7.00	27.93
Woodbend	24			
Walsh	12	10.50	...	10.50
Edberg	6	6.01	.35	6.36
Lunnford	27			
Home Department	198	58.51	25.15	83.66
Conference		205.50	...	205.50
Totals (51)	1,370	\$1,167.19	\$170.52	\$1,337.71

A large number of our young people in the Alberta Conference and many of the older people also who are interested in the work of the Sabbath-school Department will no doubt be pleased to know that our first quarterly report of 1917 shows an advance over the first quarter of 1916.

We have three more schools since last report. There are one or two more ready to be organized, and in all probability will appear in the next quarterly report. We would have reported a larger number of schools.

but four schools have joined together, and there are just two schools, instead of four.

Comparative Statement

For quarter ending March 21, 1917—
 Membership..1,368. Donations for same period....\$1,333.45
 Quarter ending March, 1916—
 Membership..1,302. Donation for same period....\$1,023.87

Gain.....66 \$309.58

You will notice in the comparative statement that we are able to show a gain, our membership and donations exceeding those of last year. This report is encouraging and we trust the increase will keep up, and that by camp-meeting time we will be able to show a marked increase over the previous year's work.

May the Lord continue to bless us in the work of our Sabbath-schools, and may our efforts be blessed, that we may see fruit for our labor. "The worth of a soul cannot be fully estimated by finite minds.. How gratefully will the ransomed and glorified ones remember those who were instrumental in their salvation."—Vol. 5, page 620. MRS. M. H. CROTHERS,

Secretary S.S. Department.

REPORT OF MISSION AND HOME FUNDS For First Quarter of 1917

Church	Tithe	H. Fund	20c-Wk. Fund	Total
Alberta Conference..	\$1,318.97	\$ 128.80	\$ 182.69	\$ 1,630.46
Acme	1,000.25	108.50	45.67	1,154.42
Bismark	97.89	6.00	38.05	141.94
Calgary	262.42	3.15	119.91	385.48
Clemens	261.80	78.25	118.90	458.95
Clive	192.75	32.85	45.20	270.80
Coronation	135.50	.....	10.00	145.50
Didsbury	213.55	.....	48.11	261.66
Edmonton	194.80	11.12	259.11	465.03
Gadsby	193.25	1.00	44.25	238.50
Granum	432.35	275.00	169.90	877.25
Hanna	182.50	25.00	49.40	256.90
Harmattan	252.43	3.00	34.35	289.78
Hawksdale	146.10	25.00	10.70	181.80
Irvine	811.50	233.00	48.05	1,092.55
Lacombe	746.05	97.50	258.55	1,102.10
Leduc (Eng.).....	237.40	.....	19.90	257.30
Leduc (Ger.).....	70.00	.....	55.65	125.65
Lewisville	135.35	.....	28.78	164.13
Loyalist	38.35	.....	58.00	96.35
Midnapore	170.23	60.00	110.93	341.16
Retlaw .....	.....	.....	3.50	3.50
Rosebud	473.25	85.50	55.66	614.41
Sedgewick	19.50	.....	.50	20.00
Vermilion Lakes....	144.10	.....	40.10	184.20
Winnifred	83.90	18.17	84.85	186.92

Totals..... \$7,814.19 \$1,191.84 \$1,940.71 \$10,946.74

F. L. HOMMEL,

Treasurer.

ACADEMY NEWS ITEMS

Mr. Geo. Brown, former student of the Academy, and wife, made a short call at the Academy April 30th, on their way to their home in Saskatchewan, having spent a short time in California.

Dr. Hans and Dr. Dale Bonde were visitors at the Academy April 29-30, when returning from their examinations at the university in Edmonton.

On Sunday evening, April 29th, there was rendered in the chapel an interesting program by the music students and public reading class. Each part was given successfully and it showed faithful work by teachers and students. After the program Dr. Hans Bonde gave an interesting lecture. He brought out the necessity of each one becoming a medical missionary to carry the gospel in the very last days.

Miss Lulu M. Andersen from the Tract Society, Calgary, is doing stenographic work at the Academy.

Prof. L. W. Cobb spent Sabbath, April 28th, with the brethren at Innisfail.

Brother Wallace Pangman left his home in the valley the first of the week to canvas in the country between here and Red Deer, but owing to the recent heavy fall of snow he returned home. He expects, however, to go back to the same field in about a week.

Miss Pearl Pangman was compelled to leave school on account of the continual trouble she is having with her eyes. She is at present working in the hospital at Lacombe.

Miss Sadie Gibson has left school and gone to Clive, where she will work for her former employer, Mrs. Kershaw. Miss Lead Heuther left with her father for Beiseker, where she will keep house for her brothers on the farm.

Mr. Edwin Johnson and Mr. Ronald Olsen, both former students at the Academy, paid a short visit here as they were passing through on their way to California.

We are glad that Sister Pond has been improving in health. Her nurse, Miss Nellie Logan, has now returned to Calgary. Also Sister McClafflin, who has been ill for some time, is able to be up and around again.

Miss H. Beardsley left today for Calgary in the interest of the educational work. She expects to be gone about a week and plans to visit the church schools at Beiseker and Cayley.

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RATES TO CAMP-MEETING

Having decided to come and enjoy the good things the Lord has for you at the feast at Penticton, June 14-24, there is an important item which none who must journey by rail or boat should overlook.

As has already been announced in the columns of the *Tidings*, special rates have been obtained over the Canadian Pacific and Kettle Valley Railroads. In order that you may enjoy this privilege, which we believe will consist of a free ride home over the above-named railroads, it is very important that you carefully observe the following rules:

Plan to be at the depot fifteen minutes before the departure of your train or boat.

Purchase a full-fare one-way ticket to Penticton and at the same time ask the agent for a Standard Form Certificate. A Standard Form Certificate must be obtained with every full one-way ticket purchased. The workers' meeting will begin on June 7th and those who wish to come early and attend this may secure a Standard Form Certificate as early as June 3.

Be sure to book right through to Penticton, from starting point wherever possible. Those who will travel over both the Kettle Valley and C.P.R. Railroads, or either one of these roads only, or by boat and either railroad, need the one certificate.

On arrival at the place of meeting, hand your certificate to the writer. We expect a large number of our people at this important conference and camp-meeting, and believe that over 100 certificates will be presented.

Above all, plan to come to the feast. Soon we expect to be confronted by a time of test and trial. We almost feel it stealing upon us, do we not? Are we ready for the storm? The Lord is calling us to meet with Him at Penticton. Let us heed the call. Will you be there?

T. S. BOWETT.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Although I lay no claim to being a weather prophet, I did venture a prophecy three months ago that all our churches in B.C. would send in their missionary reports for the first quarter of 1917.

The facts are that every organized missionary society and missionary volunteer society in the Conference has reported, and the large majority of the reports came in very promptly after the close of the quarter. A few delays were caused by the change of officers and lack of understanding concerning the matter in a few societies.

According to all the information in my possession, this is the best record ever made in B.C.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank every secretary in the conference for their faithfulness and promptness in this matter, and I wish to extend most hearty thanks of appreciation to all the brethren and sisters and young people for their splendid effort in helping the secretaries you have chosen to fill this important office in your societies. One hundred and sixty-two individuals—the largest number ever recorded as reporting in one quarter in B.C. before—reported during the first three months of 1917.

Another encouraging feature is the fact that the number of faithful isolated brethren and sisters and young people who are reporting is rapidly increasing.

No doubt you will be interested in some of the totals for the last two quarters.

	Last Q. 1916	1st Q. 1917
No. of Missionary and M.V. Societies reporting	18	21
Missionary Letters written	423	549
Missionary Letters received	87	201
Missionary visits	1208	1869
Bible Readings and Cottage Meetings	124	148
Papers sold	989	1112
Papers mailed or given away	5991	6115
Tracts lent and given away	1195	1788
Hours of Christian Help Work	738	2155
Home Mission Offerings	\$52.35	\$60.65

E. R. POTTER.

SABBATH-SCHOOL REPORT

The following is a comparative statement between the first quarter of 1917 and the same quarter for last year:

	1916	1917
Number of Sabbath-schools	27	27
Membership	583	557
Perfect Attendance Cards given out	16	42
Names on Honor Roll for perfectly memorized memory verses	11	22
Number taking Training Course	1	42
Birthday Offerings		\$11.50
Offerings for Twelve Sabbaths	\$319.29	\$364.35
Offerings for Thirteenth Sabbath	\$123.47	\$136.70
Total Offerings for Quarter	\$464.77	\$512.55

We are still far short of our aim of 15c per week per member. The schools reaching this have been: South Vancouver, 19c.; Rutland (Kelowna), 17c.; Nanaimo, 17c.; Midway, 15c. We do not want any thought of rivalry in giving. It is merely that we shall all do our very best to come up to our goal.

As we get nearer the end of time the calls for help must be more frequent and we are glad that it is so, for it shows the message is going rapidly to the ends of the earth. The more we pray, the more we want to give. This message is really all we have. It is the only thing worth while and which will bring lasting results.

MRS. SADIE McN. JEMSON,
Sabbath-School Secretary.

GREATER EFFICIENCY FOR SERVICE

Greater efficiency for service! Do you want it? You may have it. How? By preparation. When? Now. Where? At home.

The Sabbath-school Workers' Training Course outlined in the Sabbath-school *Worker* is a home study designed for busy people. This year it consists of the articles given in the *Worker* and the text-book, *Learning to Teach from the Master Teacher*. The cost of the *Worker* is 60c. (less in clubs) and of the text-book, 40c.

Not all of us can go away for a training for better service in the closing of the work, but all of us can avail ourselves of this home training. It will help us not only in doing better Sabbath-school work, but in learning how to better present the message to all we meet. The course began January 1st, but it is not now too late to enroll. The past work can easily be caught up by following the plan in the *Worker* for these months. Let us not be self-satisfied with our Sabbath-school teaching or other lines of work, but let us take advantage of this instruction at our hand and faithfully follow it up, determined to get all the help possible for service in the closing of the Lord's work here.

Last quarter forty-one began this course. In one school of twenty-seven members, thirteen are enrolled. Will you not increase our list? Send for enrollment card at once. I shall be very pleased to communicate with anyone concerning this and give information desired.

MRS. SADIE McN. JEMSON.

NOTES

Elder Luther Warren was an unexpected and very welcome visitor to Vancouver for a few days, arriving here Friday, April 27, having called at the homes of Brother and Sister Nicholson and Elder Walker on his way to the city. A union meeting was called of the four churches in the city Sabbath afternoon, which was well attended, and all enjoyed one of his unusually stirring discourses. As he planned to remain with us over the next Sabbath, meetings were planned for during the week, but on Monday he was taken ill and remained in bed most of the time till Wednesday, when he left for the Portland, Ore., Sanitarium for medical care. On Sunday evening he accompanied Sister Vass and a small company to the jail, where he spoke, and then returned to and spoke at the Union Street Church, which, in spite of the rain, was crowded with not only our own people in the city, but many others. Let us all remember Elder Warren in our prayers, that he may recover speedily and be able to continue the good work. He plans to spend the summer in tent efforts in company with Medical Evangelists in Southern California.

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MOOSE JAW

The work in and around Moose Jaw is more encouraging now than at any time since we came here. There are about a dozen who have been converted during the winter, who are waiting an opportunity to be baptized. If the camp-meeting is held here some may wait until then.

We are holding our Sunday-night meetings in the Savoy theatre and the attendance is much larger than it was in the hall. Brother McCready and wife have moved to Gull Lake, to labor in that neighborhood. I expect to visit a number of places between now and camp-meeting, at the same time holding the interest in this city if the dear Lord wills. M. MACKINTOSH.

LET ALL TAKE HOLD

The armies that have gained great victories on the battlefields of this world's history have attributed their successes to *system* and *perseverance*. The failure on the part of one to give the right signal, or to remain at his post of duty, might prove fatal, not only to himself, but to the whole army and the cause for which he was struggling. The Lord likens His people in the earth to an army of which he is the head. Victory is certain, providing we use the system that the Lord has revealed to us, and then persevere in the cause of righteousness. He gave the signal to the people in Jerusalem when it was time for them to leave. He has given to us just as visible signs that the hour has struck for his people to muster all their power and resources.

In the different churches that have been visited and where institutes have been conducted during the past winter months, plans have been outlined for a systematic campaign among our neighbors and friends with our small books, tracts, papers and magazines, in view of warning them of the coming doom. The response has been very encouraging. Orders are coming in for tracts, books and papers. One company of about sixteen members have ordered 155 yearly *Signs of the Times*. Another company of the same size ordered ninety-seven copies. But to make this work effective we must all come up to the help of the Lord.

When Israel took Jericho it was not because of the noise that the walls crumbled but the obedience on the part of the people that shouted when they were commanded to do so. So the Lord has called each one to a specific work. Some of us are isolated and have not the privileges to meet with others of like faith, but we can all march and shout together in response to the command of the Lord; the result will be that the walls of sin that are around us will crumble.

If there are some that have not been reached yet with this call, it is not too late. You can send a weekly missionary to five different homes once a week for a year for the small sum of \$4.25. May the Lord's blessing rest upon his people at this time when the final warning is to be given to the world.

W. A. CLEMENSEN.

PIONEER WORK AT BATTLEFORD ACADEMY

It is now thirteen months since we came to join the little company of brethren who were overhauling the old Indian-Industrial School here. I was asked to take charge of the farm work.

Owing to circumstances, we concluded only to produce enough vegetables for our own use and feed for our stock, as the teams would be busy with other work, such as excavating, and hauling lumber, cement, lime, sand and gravel, the latter being used for concrete work. Being in charge of the farm work, my little boy and I had the privilege of working as hard and long as we pleased.

My good wife, ambitious to help, took upon herself to cook for all the men, as well as our family of seven, thus relieving Brother English, a good carpenter who was previously occupied in this line. When the crew increased to about twelve men, besides the family and others who took dinner, it kept her very busy.

Trials and hindrances came at times to test our faith and ambition, but despite all this we succeeded in our object and raised sufficient feed for our stock; nearly 600 bushels of fine potatoes; 80 bushels of beets; 80 bushels of carrots; 10 or 12 bushels of parsnips; 20 bushels of onions; 1,200 head of cabbage; about 100 lbs. of celery; and a good supply of tomatoes, etc. For all these things we praise the Almighty Giver.

When school opened Nov. 1st, with a large attendance, and the staff of teachers being small, I consented to teach three Bible classes. Since the opening of spring's work more attention has been required for the farm, and being unable to carry the school work at the same time, I have been relieved temporarily of teaching by Elder Forshaw. In a special manner the Lord added His blessing during my work with Bible classes.

We are planning our farm work on a more aggressive basis this year, and do not expect to have to work so hard, for we have more conveniences. Not having the necessary equipment last year was one thing which made the work go very heavy. Until now we have had only a heavy lumber wagon to travel in. We had one spring seat. Boards across the box accommodated passengers. While we were willing to do this, yet sometimes we have thought that in this time of modern advancement, it did not represent our work properly.

For the success of this branch of the Lord's own planting we request the prayers of God's people.

JOHN V. MAAS

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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.

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MISSION LIFE IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

"We left Cebu on Tuesday, the 15th, in a little (about forty-ton) steamer. Put our beds up on the deck and slept well all night, though it was very rough. Got to Bogu in the morning and went ashore in small boats, as it is mud-flats all around. Spent the day and night at the American teacher's home and Thursday noon boarded a little twenty-four-foot launch for here (Bekhawau). We had to wait the tide in order to pass through a canal. Were stuck in the mud several times and anchored off a little village all night. We spread our bedding on the hatchway and slept fairly well.

Got here about seven in the morning. We had sent the boys on ahead and they were here to help us. We changed from the launch to a boat and from that to a little canoe, and at last C—— waded and carried me. We have a nice big room here. Put up some curtains and boxes and are all right. Dado is feeding us on native dishes but we have no bread. Eat rice instead.

There are a number, about one dozen, Pres. . here who seem to be coming to us. They need lots of instruction and great care in receiving them into the church. They are nice people and we are greatly enjoying ourselves.

We are right on the beach and the shells are beautiful. Yesterday I saw a man gathering shell-fish and asked to see his basket. He then took me to his house and gave me a lot of nice shells. They had eaten the meat and thrown them away. The people here are good to us and it is a pleasure to know them. Their big industry here is Maguay, a fibre plant of the Century family. They make good money at it. There are lots of cocoanuts and we have the fresh milk from them. We do not have much variety in our food, but are all right. We are planning to go over to a nearby island and see the pearl fisheries.

The people here enjoy the Picture Roll pictures very much. I wish I had more of them to give. I use them separately."

Tuesday, Feb. 27th.

"Last week I wrote you about our trip up here and our condition. We are enjoying ourselves well. Our meetings are well attended. Some are really interested, but I fear most are only wayside hearers. The Pres. . people went down to their chapel and asked to withdraw on Sunday. Their native pastor did not oppose them on the Sabbath question, but wanted them to attend on Sunday also. This they said they could not do. I think there will be a nice little company raised up here.

C—— goes to Cebu tomorrow to stay over Sabbath

and Sunday. I shall remain here. He may return to Bogu on the motor if the roads are good. Then we will return to Cebu on it.

Yesterday Dado made me an oven out of a five-gallon oil can. I am now trying it. We have had no bread since we came here. Will have fresh supplies the last of the week. Will be glad when they come.

The people here are very pleasant and friendly. Just now there is a Makabebe scare on, which makes the canvassers' work hard. The Makabebe are men who were selling framed pictures of the virgin and other things on the installment plan. The people have an idea that they put poison in the wells, which causes cholera. Now all public wells are fenced and guarded at night. H—— said that last week the people thought he was one and would sell him no food and refused to admit him to the houses, but at last he convinced them that he was another kind of man. No more for now."

Through the kindness of Elder Burrill we have been permitted to publish, as given above, extracts from letters received from Dr. and Mrs. U. C. Fattebert, now laboring in the Philippine Islands, and which we believe will be of interest to our readers.—EDITOR.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY SUMMER SCHOOL

The Board of Trustees and Faculty of the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda, California, have arranged to conduct a Medical Missionary Summer School from June 5 to July 3. The design of this school is to furnish a brief but comprehensive course of study in Red Cross Work, First Aid to the Injured, Emergency Service, District Relief Work, and allied subjects. The more common diseases and the simple treatment of the same will also be considered. The food problem, not only in its relation to digestion and nutrition, but also in reference to present high cost will be studied.

It has been arranged to carry on a series of studies in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy, with special reference to the relation of Medical Missionary Work to the fast fulfilling prophetic word.

Arrangements are also being made for lecturers of prominence to give public talks in the College Chapel each evening. Men and women who have seen service in medical and relief lines on the battlefields of Europe, army surgeons, specialists on the "food problem," temperance lecturers and others will have a part in this.

The work is planned with special reference to the needs of ordinary men and women, both young and those of more mature years; church-school teachers; Bible workers, and church-workers. It is believed that this brief training in the above-mentioned lines will enable those who may be called upon by the Government in the present crisis to do a line of work more suited to their faith than might otherwise be assigned them.

Tuition and room-rent are free to all ministers, Bible workers, Christian nurses, teachers of Christian schools, and any others who present letters of recommendation from the President of their local S.D.A. Conference. All others will be charged a tuition fee of five dollars, and four dollars for room-rent.

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