

Western Canadian Tidings

"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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SONG FOR CANVISSERS

Lives of canvassers remind us
We may make our lives sublime,
And departing leave behind us
Books of truth in every clime.

Over hill and dusty roadway,
Footsore and from men alone,
Truth more precious than earth's millions
Carries them to every home.

Lonely they, but God is keeping;
Angels' footsteps go beside;
And while many souls are sleeping,
They, awake, in God abide.

Speed ye then to every household;
Hold aloft the light so clear.
Fruit of heaven crown your labors
Throughout all the coming years.

—Selected.

DEALING WITH DIFFICULTIES

Even into Seventh-day Adventist churches and among the people who are striving to hold up the light of God's commandments, and who not only expect opposition from the world, but expect soon to see the Lord come and be translated together, there come in difficulties and lack of harmony. These difficulties greatly distress the faithful, hinder spiritual growth, and render the preaching of the message powerless in the communities where they exist. Most of these conditions grow out of lack of knowledge or misunderstanding and often they are greatly aggravated and prolonged by lack of wisdom on the part of ministers and church officers in dealing with them.

The Bible presents principles which, if applied, would cure quickly most, if not all, church difficulties. The church of the Living God is the pillar and ground of the truth we are told in I. Timothy 3:15. Individual members, old or new, should give very respectful consideration to the teachings of the body. It requires either direct inspiration, or else a great deal of conceit to lead one member to conclude that he is wiser and more consecrated than the body of people who have been called into the same movement in all the world. "In the multitude of counsellors there is safety." A few individuals are not likely to correct or improve upon either the message or the methods generally accepted by the body. There is a vast difference in principle between yielding to the conviction of our brethren in the church, and going with the majority in the world.

Those who think they have new light should present it privately to ministers of experience and modestly refrain from public agitation until these brethren have given counsel. Agitators who bring in differences that tend to weaken confidence in the fundamentals or who

emphasize minor points should be discouraged and avoided. Rom. 16:17. Those who cannot subscribe loyally to the doctrine and methods of Seventh-day Adventists should withdraw and refrain from bearing false witness by using the name. Ministers especially are guilty if they cause dissension in the church while drawing support from the tithe placed in the treasury for the purpose of spreading the message, and views held by the denomination. Ministers and officers of Conference and churches should be esteemed and respected for their work's sake. I. Thess. 5:12, 13.

It shows a most unfortunate spiritual condition when the question of rank or jurisdiction is raised, but when it is raised, the facts must be recognized and the judgment of the representative of the largest division of the body present should be respected. For instance, the ordained minister takes precedence of the local elder and all the laborers should respect the Conference president. In case of a difference of opinion, refrain from prolonged controversy and appeal the question to the next larger division of the organization. That is, if necessary, from the church to the Conference; from the Conference to the Union, and from the Union to the Division Conference.

Where two members have a disagreement, always endeavor to confine the knowledge of the trouble to the smallest possible circle. After the close friends and church officers have exhausted all means to bring about a reconciliation, if it becomes necessary to bring it before the whole church and censure or exclude from membership the guilty ones, let it be done as quietly as possible. Let there be no long discussion or argument before the whole church. Long discussions on any subject in public either before the church or the conference are an abomination.

Whenever there is division of sentiment that does not yield to brief explanation, it is always safe to refer the matter to a committee and ask those who have information to give, or objections to state, to appear before the committee and bring it to their attention. After the committee has heard all the evidence and has given it prayerful consideration, their recommendations should be presented to the body and usually the committee's report will be either accepted or rejected without discussion. Better refer it back to the committee than to attempt to reach a decision through public debate.

Prolonged debate in business meetings merely serve to wear out the saints and never produce good results. Refer and appeal if necessary, but avoid debate. It is a sin to imagine evil against a brother and any imputing of motives should be rebuked. This must sometimes be done publicly, but never until an effort has

been made to adjust the matter privately. Avenge not yourselves, but always maintain a higher standard for yourselves than you demand of others. Avoid trying to adjust family trouble or business differences by church trial. Jesus refused to be a judge of such matters.

C. F. McVAGH.

A POPULAR PRICE

There are certain prices that people will pay much more readily than they will others. Most people like a price that they can pay with one coin or bill, and require no change. A popular price makes things sell more readily.

We now are to have the *Signs* weekly at a popular price, one dollar for a yearly subscription. The size is to be the same as the Ingathering number, which is fast becoming a popular size, so we are to benefit in two ways.

Now is the time for each church to see that it gets a big club for its members to circulate, and to use to obtain many yearly subscriptions. One hundred *Signs* a week for one year will cost \$80, if paid for in advance. If forty members will pay 50c. at the beginning of each quarter, this good club will come in each week for the members to use. Twenty members paying one dollar each quarter, or eighty paying twenty-five cents, will do just as well. Larger or smaller clubs can be had on the same basis.

The next thing is to make good use of the papers. One excellent way is for some members to take some as sample copies and go from door to door, obtaining yearly subscriptions. Here is a suggestive canvass for such work:

"Good morning! This is Mrs. _____, I believe. _____ is my name. I am making a few calls today in the interest of a well-known paper, and will be pleased to step in a moment and explain.

"(After being seated.) You know, Mrs. _____, the world is full of periodicals, most of them good in their way. Their news and discussion of varied questions are of value. But they lack in one important particular. That lack is supplied by this paper. It tells the deep, hidden meaning of big transpiring events; it explains the unusual world conditions; and satisfactorily too, for it makes use of Bible prophecy that was written for our time. People of every denomination find profit and pleasure in reading this paper. Its subscription price is but \$1.00. As a special inducement to subscribe at this time, we are offering this attractive premium book, *Questions and Answers*, of 255 pages, which is well bound in cloth. It answers 271 of those difficult questions that have puzzled Bible students for so long. It makes perfectly clear many supposedly inharmonious texts. This helpful volume may be had with a yearly subscription to the paper for only \$1.50. Shall I make out the receipt for you?"

Sample copies of *Questions and Answers*, to show to prospective subscribers, will be furnished at 75c. This amount will be returned to any member who sends in twenty yearly subscriptions. Receipt books are free on application to your tract society.

"We now have great facilities for spreading the truth; but our people are not coming up to the privileges given them. They do not in every church see and feel the necessity of using their ability in saving

souls. They do not realize their duty to obtain subscribers for our periodicals."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. IV., p. 391.

Here we are told that our members do not come up to their privileges, and do not feel the necessity of using their ability in saving souls. In what way do they show this? They do not realize their duty to obtain subscribers for our periodicals. On the other hand, if some of our members in every church will take hold of this work of obtaining subscriptions, they may expect some souls to be thereby saved, for this statement clearly connects the two together. Does this not encourage you to take up this work?

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

FIRESIDE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

Probably our advanced teachers generally do not understand the benefits they might receive from the Fireside Correspondence School. They suppose the school to have been established solely for elementary students or younger teachers. To aid these classes was doubtless its chief purpose; but it also offers considerable advanced work, and will have more in the future. A few advanced teachers have found this out, and have availed themselves of the advantages offered by the Fireside Correspondence School. And they have consented to allow us to refer to their experience.

Professor M. S. Reppe, of the Danish Norwegian Seminary, Hutchinson, Minnesota, writes as follows:

"I have thoroughly enjoyed the F.C.S. course in New Testament Greek I. But while I have enjoyed it, the enjoyment did not come because the course was so easy that it required little work. The lessons are well planned and fully illustrated, and the course is up to the standard required by colleges for New Testament Greek. Students having the prerequisite knowledge of English Grammar make no mistake in taking this course in Greek. I have got so much good out of it that I have deemed it wise to begin the study of Greek II. in the Fireside Correspondence School.

"My eyes have been opened to the great value of this school to our people. There is certainly no excuse for anyone to complain because he does not have the opportunity of getting an education. The school is within reach of all. The tuition is reasonable, and one can study at home or while on a journey."

Similar to this is the experience of Professor R. B. Thurber, Professor Thurber has been principal of the Holly Academy, Michigan, and of Elk Point Academy, South Dakota. For several years he was principal of the Meiktila Technical School, Burma. He is now on the faculty of Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Writing from Rangoon, Burma, he says:

"I am fully satisfied with the good I have received from the study of Church History. I want to emphasize my appreciation of the strength of the courses, and the good judgment shown in the selection of textbooks which put the powers of the student to the stretch. You may quote me as a missionary as saying that I believe the establishment and successful work of the Fireside Correspondence School is the most important advancement our denominational educational system has made in recent years.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed these Psychology lessons. I have studied them at spare moments during busy days and exacting labor, on the trains and in

public places, and under the cool and restful shade of the pine trees of the Shan Hills, I bid goodbye to these lessons with regret."

Since the foregoing was written, he has completed our course of study in Logic.

Those who are interested in the plans of the Fire-side Correspondence School for advanced study are invited to write to

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REPORT OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE

Quarter Ending March 31, 1917

Name	Membership	Regular	13th Sab.	Total
Battleford Academy	124	\$ 187.89	\$143.11	\$ 331.00
Beaver Creek	35	33.80	.....	33.80
Canora	22	20.15	11.15	31.30
Carlton	25	44.80	10.75	55.55
Dundurn	19	19.86	34.70	54.56
East Regina	27	15.72	8.23	23.95
Fenwood	14	15.10	7.40	22.50
Fox Valley*	45	27.75	.....	27.75
Hanley	17	51.43	53.60	105.03
Happyland	23	32.45	11.35	43.80
Hillesden	11	14.65	8.50	23.15
Langham	23	17.85	8.45	26.30
Loreburn	20	12.20	12.55	24.75
Macrorie	24	54.20	64.50	118.70
McGee	5	4.47	3.15	7.62
McLean	11	19.40	10.00	29.40
Morse (No Report)	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prince	11	29.85	12.00	41.85
Queen Centre	41	53.71	16.60	70.31
Regina	20	22.66	12.71	35.37
Rouleau	18	15.29	4.71	20.00
Rosthern	12	13.20	10.75	23.95
Saskatoon	13	34.52	8.92	43.44
Sonningdale	24	32.61	13.75	46.36
Sunset	17	20.50	17.95	38.45
Surbiton	11	9.30	5.35	14.65
Swift Current	16	14.25	.....	14.25
Truax	12	8.30	.80	9.10
Tugaske	17	20.60	19.05	39.65
Waldheim	38	18.56	15.76	34.32
Provincial Home Dept.	156	184.53	139.68	324.21

Totals, 30 Schools.... 851 \$1,049.60 \$665.47 \$1,715.07
*No report; membership from last quarter, and offerings according to Treasurer's books.

It is with much pleasure that I pass on to you this report for the first quarter of 1917. I am sure we have much to encourage us and also to inspire us to make this by far the best year in the work of the Sabbath-school.

Our offerings of course should continue to increase for our membership is growing and, too, the cause of the Lord demands our best in every way, so that the work may soon be finished and the Lord come to claim His own.

You will be pleased to see the gain in the amount of this offering over that of the first quarter of 1916:

Offering for first quarter, 1917..... \$1,715.07
Offering for first quarter, 1916..... 1,370.68

Gain \$ 344.39

If this rate of gain is kept up during the year, we will have a very good total for 1917.

Our 13th Sabbath offering last quarter was a little larger than ever before. May these very important offerings continue to be larger from quarter to quarter.

Another item which has given me much pleasure is the number who are taking the training course for Sabbath-school teachers and workers. The last total shows 36 in Saskatchewan who are taking this course. I do trust that this may prove a great blessing to the individuals taking the course and also mean much to the schools because of the help derived.

The Lord is blessing his people and work. Let us all bind the armor more firmly about us and put forth our best efforts that we may be among those who will triumph with the message.

MRS. A. C. GILBERT,
Sec'y S.S. Dept.

THE PLACE OF EDUCATION IN THE GREAT CONTROVERSY

(Concluded.)

As long as the disciples of Christ held to the simplicity of the faith, the power of the gospel was unlimited. But soon errors began to creep into the church. The same idea of trying to do what seemed natural to the carnal heart caused many to bring in theories which undermined faith in God. And early in the history of the Christian schools we find the false philosophies of Egypt and Greece making a headway. In the second and third centuries a movement known as Neo-Platonism came in to the church. It was an attempt to reconcile the teachings of Plato with Christianity. Plato was the greatest of the Grecian philosophers. All of the mysteries of life, mind, God, creation, and the like, he attempted to explain by his own power of reasoning. He taught that the power of right living was inherent in man, and that the wisdom of the Infinite Being could be fathomed by the reasoning power of the mind. The attempt to reconcile this teaching with Christianity was fatal to the idea of righteousness by faith, and the resulting corruption which it brought into the church brought down the education of the people to the level of the wisdom of the world. The mixture of doctrines and false ideas with the true resulted in the confusion spoken in the Bible as "Babylon, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth."

This system of education held sway until the time of the Reformation. At the time of Luther, the educational system was almost entirely a study of Greek and Latin classics and philosophy. It was a development of the memory, but not of the powers of the whole being. Men were not trained to think and to believe for themselves, but were trained in a blind obedience to their superiors. The church thus held its sway over the souls and consciences of men, just as had the priesthood of ancient Egypt and Assyria, where this system had originated.

Under the guidance of Luther, Christian schools were established and workers developed. The Reformation spread with great rapidity through the influence of these centers of learning. Thousands of the youth of Europe flocked to the Universities which were established by the reformers; and receiving the principles of education and learning, and filled with the idea of righteousness by faith instead of works, they scattered

the seeds of reform broadcast in Europe until at one time there was hardly a papal school in all of northern Europe. Had the Protestants been faithful to the work they started, they might have seen the Reformation completely triumphant, instead of soon losing its power as it did.

As soon as the Papacy saw the wonderful work accomplished by the educational work of the Reformers, it set out to combat it with a similar method. Under the wisest of the Papal leaders, an educational movement was started, which soon educated men to combat the work of the Reformers. This is known as the Counter-Reformation. The different sects of Protestants lost the realization of the importance of Christian education which had animated Luther and his collaborators. The Jesuits were working with all the zeal and energy of their being, to overthrow the Reformation, and they succeeded to a great extent.

When the public school system was established in the last century, it was modeled on the system of the world. It was intended to train the youth in the duties of citizenship. The influence of Platonism is seen in the theories of evolution and immortality that are in the studies. The false teachings in regard to the power of nature are seen in the fairy tales and the myths they taught children. The reading, spelling, writing, arithmetic, and such studies are all right, and all those studies which make for intelligent, accomplished young people. But the classical learning which has always been the fatal poison to true faith and piety is still a part of the educational system of all nations.

God is still calling for reform in education. He is calling out a people who are to stand as His representatives to the world. As in all other great reform movements in history, the work of education must be at the bottom of this movement. The youth must be trained in accordance with the principles of eternal truth. The contact with the false systems will lead to their fall as surely as in all other ages. We cannot send them to the schools of the world and then expect them to come out with faith strong and characters untainted by evil.

This work means much to us, for it is no small task to do what it plainly is our duty to do. We must provide schools where the youth may be trained for God and for eternity. We must have such schools as will come up to the standard of efficiency required by the government, and which will be in no way inferior to the public schools. We must train teachers who will see the difference between the false and the true in all lines of education; who see the goal to be reached; and who with diligence and energy train the young for the work God has for them to do. It takes faith to step out on to the platform God has laid for our work, but it is the only safe way. Eternity alone will reveal the results of such a course.

H. W. CLARK.

NOTES

Elder Ziprick and Brother D. D. Neufeld are holding a series of meetings at Laird at present. The attendance has been very good, and a deep interest is being manifested on the part of some. We hope and pray for a decided victory for the cause of truth at this place.

Elder Clemensen spent Sabbath the 12th with the company at Prince, and reports that the brethren and sisters there are getting along nicely.

Sister H. K. Wiebe, from Carlton, was called to Saskatoon owing to the illness of her daughter, who has undergone a critical operation, but is doing well.

Brother Gilbert Severson from Macrorie was in the city for a day or two this week. Sister Severson, who has been in the hospital here for a month, returned home with him. We are glad to say that she is much improved in health.

Brother Wissner and family are spending a couple of weeks with the brethren and sisters at Dundurn.

Sister Louise Bissegger has resumed her Bible work in Saskatoon, and her friends of last summer are pleased to see her again. We hope our brethren and sisters will remember the work in this city.

Brother O. M. Akre is getting nicely started in his work in this field. He related an interesting experience in his letter to the office the other day, and we hope his efforts may bring the desired results.

The time for our camp-meeting is drawing rapidly nearer. Full particulars with reference to this annual gathering will be sent to our people in due time. We trust all are planning to attend this year, and that it may be the best meeting in the history of the work in Saskatchewan.

Manitoba Conference

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A WARNING

It is reported that a certain minister has been doing some wonderful works of healing in Winnipeg. Sometimes his meetings continue until three o'clock in the morning. Great crowds gathered and many were greatly stirred. Having been asked many times as to my opinion of this work I will just say that one familiar with the Scriptures is not at all surprised at these manifestations in the last days. We are told that if possible the very elect will be deceived by the miracles which he, the devil, shall have power to do. Along the line of healing the sick and doing many wonderful works is where Satan will deceive the most of the people. He really is responsible for all sickness since the beginning, and this being true, he is able also to release his grasp in many cases which results in the person being healed.

For instance, if someone was choking another to death, the one performing the act could easily save his life by ceasing to choke him. This is the way the devil has power to heal. It is simply removing his tormenting hand. To show that there will be much of this work done that the Lord has nothing to do with, read Matt. 7:22, 23: "Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name and in thy name have cast out devils and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." "For they are the spirits of devils working miracles." Rev. 16:13, 14. No wonder the Lord says, "Depart from me, I never knew you." "Believe not every spirit," says the apostle, "but try the spirits." I. John 4:1. Isaiah 8 tells us how to try them, "To the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."

It is clear that if the Lord is connected with any movement, He works through those who keep His commandments. This being true, is it not clear to us all that when such wonderful works are performed by those who do not keep His commandments that they must be the ones referred to in our text whom the Lord does not know. Knowing that there is no light in them, how dare we attend their meetings?

"I saw a very large company professing the name of Christ, but God did not recognize them as His. He had no pleasure in them. Satan seemed to assume a religious character, and was very willing that the people should think that they were Christians. He was even anxious that they should believe in Jesus. . . . I was shown the necessity of those who believe that we have the last message of mercy, being separate from those who are imbibing new errors. I saw that neither young nor old should attend their meetings: for it is wrong to thus encourage them while they teach error that is deadly poison to the soul, and teach for doctrines the commandments of men. The influence of such gatherings is not good. If God has delivered us from such darkness and error, we should stand fast in the liberty wherewith he has set us free, and rejoice in the truth. God is displeased with us when we go to listen to error without being obliged to go: for unless He sends us to those meetings where error is forced home to the people by the power of the will, He will not keep us. The angels cease their watchful care over us and we are left to the buffetings of the enemy, to be darkened and weakened by him. . . . I saw that we have no time to throw away in listening to fables." *Early Writings*, p. 82, also 37 and 38.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

WINNIPEG

Each week finds new homes where people are not satisfied with the old belief, and we are daily impressed that God wants us to be His minute-men; to be constantly looking for opportunities to impart a ray of light.

Just lately some are coming to us from the Christmas meetings, which are a sort of healing cult, after the order of Dowie of Chicago, but they are not satisfied with these, and so the Lord has led them to us. The holiness meetings mentioned in *Early Writings* are very popular here and are deceiving thousands of people. Our people should read carefully: Matt. 7:22-23; II. Cor. 11:13-15; Thess. 2:8-10. Surely if we are willing to be led away by miracles and wonders, we shall have plenty of opportunity.

The great test is to the law and to the testimony, Isa. 8:20, and that will put them all to flight.

We need more workers. Mrs. Hansen has overworked and has been confined to bed for a few days. We hope she will soon be at work again. Pray for the work here. There are so many hungry for the truth.

C. A. HANSEN AND WORKERS.

NEWS ITEMS

Camp-meeting in Winnipeg, July 12-22. Plan to attend. Elder McVagh met with the Conference Committee on the 15th, returning to Calgary immediately afterwards.

Brother Roberts of Austin, and Brother Atkinson, of Minnetonas, were also present at this meeting.

Brother Robb reports ten new Sabbath-keepers at Grandview, where he has been laboring. He is now visiting at Hazelridge.

The Missionary Volunteer Books for the coming year have been selected. They are noted elsewhere in this issue. Plan to secure them at camp-meeting.

The manager of River Park has kindly granted us the use of that park for our meeting and if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the city, our camp-meeting will be held at that place. This beautiful spot is well supplied with trees and is an ideal gathering place. Let none miss the blessings of this meeting.

Mrs. Walker, of Berton, Man., who recently began keeping the Sabbath, called at the office to purchase literature for study and distribution.

Brother Will Giles, who has been visiting his brother George at Manitou, passed through the city on his way to Saskatchewan, where he will work during the coming summer.

Elder I. H. Evans, president of the N. A. Division Conference; Elder Boettcher, for years a leader in the work in Russia, and Elder Charles Thompson, president of the Northern Union, will attend our camp-meeting with others. Let us pray that this meeting may be a season of blessing and communion with God. His work is soon to close.

Elder Chapman visited Elder Errington at Port Arthur, Ontario, the past week. Quite a number are already observing the Sabbath and others are very much interested. Several plan to attend camp-meeting.

Brother Finch has sold fifty "World War" and ordered another fifty copies. The publishers are finding it difficult to supply the demand for this book. Already 100,000 copies have been printed.

Sabbath-school and preaching every Sabbath from 2 to 4 p.m. now in the Scott Memorial Hall. Let all who come to Winnipeg, make a note of this so as not to be disappointed in finding the Bannerman Ave. church vacant on Sabbath.

A brother who occasionally dropped small coins into his Mission Calendar bank, supposed it contained about \$3.00 when he went to open it. Imagine his surprise when he found \$12.00 in it. We sometimes fail to realize how much our spare coins might do to help forward the cause of truth. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

The Conference Committee met Tuesday, May 15th, to settle matters concerning the Conference work. In accordance with the recommendation of the N. A. Division Conference, Elder G. H. Skinner was chosen as our president for the remainder of the biennial term.

Elder Chapman has several calls, but as yet has accepted none of them. He will remain with us until Brother Skinner arrives. The work in the Conference in all lines has grown remarkably since Elder Chapman came to us nearly four years ago. We shall ever remember his counsel and his untiring efforts to build up the work in this field.

Only five weeks left in which to do your share toward the 100,000 "Signs" goal for July 1st. Manitoba should send in 506 names. At present we have about 160, leaving us 346 yet to secure if we do our share. Think of it! Fifty copies, one a week, for only a dollar, and in this time of advanced prices. It explains the time in which we live.

Let all remember to be faithful to return to God His own, the tithe. Unless this is done He cannot bless our crops, our gardens, and whatever else we may do. Let us remember His mercies and show our appreciation for all His blessings and love to us.

British Columbia Conference

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TWO HUNDRED VOLUNTEERS WANTED

According to the information I have been able to gather, we have in Seventh-day Adventist homes in B.C. one hundred children from 6 to 13 years of age and one hundred young people from 14 to 25 years of age.

Only 82 of these 200 are at present enrolled as a member of one of the local M.V. societies or of the Isolated Members M.V. society.

These 82 are making such a good record and enjoying the work so much, they stand beckoning the rest of the 200 to join the Volunteers.

By the time you read this, most of the isolated children and young people at least will have received

membership pledges to sign, and I would ask each one desiring to advance the cause of Our Master and King to sign the pledge and return at once. Some have already written asking what is necessary in order to join the M.V. society, and I trust many more will gladly unite with us in this good work.

I have just received a statement of our share of the 1917 M.V. goals. It calls for ten to become Standard of Attainment members, twenty to read the Bible through this year, thirty to join the Reading Course class, and that all our young people and children give to Foreign Missions outside of the Sabbath-school offerings the amount of \$318. This amount is British Columbia's share of the \$35,000 the young people of the denomination are seeking to raise this year.

To raise our share before Jan. 1, 1918, it has been estimated that we need:

10 young people to give	\$5.00 each,	making	\$	50.00
20 " " " "	2.50 " "	" "	" "	50.00
50 " " " "	2.00 " "	" "	" "	100.00
50 " " " "	1.50 " "	" "	" "	75.00
30 children	" " 1.00 " "	" "	" "	30.00
20 " " " "	.50 " "	" "	" "	10.00
20 " " " "	.25 " "	" "	" "	5.00

Two M.V. Goal pledge cards are being sent to each of our children and young people, asking them in counsel with parents and older members to sign both cards, keeping one for your own reference and sending the other one in, either direct or through your secretary. The money may be paid any time before Jan. 1, 1918, but the sooner the better, and may be given as a mid-summer offering or annual offering, or through any fund for foreign missions except the Sabbath-school.

I would appeal to fathers and mothers to encourage the young people and children to set an aim before them like this and plan with them how to make and save the small amounts that will go to make up this splendid contribution to the African missions this year.

To the members of the Reading Course class I would say that as soon as you have read the books in the course, write me stating that you have read the books, giving the titles of each, and give a very brief statement as to the benefit you have received from each one, and I shall be glad to secure a certificate for you. This will answer the enquiries in the minds of several, I am sure.

E. R. POTTER.

OUR TITHE AND OFFERINGS

We have great reasons to thank the Lord for the faithfulness shown by the brethren and sisters of British Columbia in the payment of tithe and offerings. Without these tokens of love and co-operation the work could not have moved forward as it has during the months of 1917 that have already passed away.

Our tithe receipts have been as follows:

January	\$1,033.91
February	921.80
March	1,136.24
April	613.35

Total

For the same period of 1916..

Gain over 1916.....

It is a pleasure to record such a healthy gain, not

by any means for the mere value of the money, but because there is back of it all a spirit of love to God and earnest consecration to the speedy finishing of the work, which is of far greater consequence.

It will be noticed that April receipts dropped considerably over those of any previous month, so much so that after meeting operating expenses for that month we faced an empty treasury. However, the work will continue to move forward and we have faith to believe that sufficient will come in during this present month to enable us to meet expenses which will be greater on account of preparations for the approaching camp-meeting.

A few words regarding our quota to the twenty-cent-a-week fund will be in place. For the first four months of 1917 this amounted to \$1,629.33. Of this we have raised \$905.86, thus giving us a shortage of \$723.47. I am sure that we are all anxious to see this deficiency grow smaller. Churches which keep up on their twenty-cent-a-week quota do so largely through the Sabbath-school offerings. Systematic giving of fifteen cents per church member to the Sabbath-school each week is known to be the best way for a church to be sure of reaching its goal. If we will take hold of this matter in earnest and each do our best, God will bless every effort.

In carrying a knowledge of the truth to the uttermost parts of the earth, great sacrifices had to be made and large expenses met. How was this to be accomplished? As those whom God has chosen to lead out in this great work met together, studied and prayed over the situation, the plan of looking to each church member for a small weekly sum impressed itself upon them. For a number of years it was ten cents a week; in 1911 it was raised to fifteen, and later to twenty cents.

The working out of these plans has resulted in great blessings to our church members and has paved the way for the salvation of thousands of precious souls in India, China, Africa and other dark corners of the great harvest field. Little will we realize what our Sabbath-school, Annual, Harvest Ingathering and other mission offerings have accomplished until we behold their fruits in the kingdom. Brethren and sisters, we can be thankful for such a plan as the twenty-cent-a-week fund, for what it has done and is doing.

T. S. BOWETT.

A REMINDER

It would be well for all to remember the following items in connection with the forthcoming camp-meeting:

1. Date of meeting—June 14-24.
2. Date of workers' meeting—June 7-14.
3. Earliest date on which certificates will be issued by C.P.R. or Kettle Valley Railroads—June 4.
4. Secure from the Agent a Standard Form Certificate with every ticket purchased at the C.P.R. or Kettle Valley depots.
5. Book right through to Penticton from starting-point wherever possible.
6. Certificates issued by the C.P.R. are good for use over the Kettle Valley Road and vice versa.
7. Hand your certificate to the undersigned as soon as possible after arriving on the grounds.
8. If there is anything that is not clear, drop a line

to the writer, and further information will be cheerfully furnished.

9. If it does not seem possible for you to attend, be sure and ask the Lord to open the way for you to come. Pray, plan and work. T. S. BOWETT.

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CAMP-MEETING

Camp-meeting this year will be held at Lacombe, Alberta, commencing June 27th and continuing until July 8th. Nature has provided a very pleasing campground on the shores of Barnett Lake, which is but a short distance from our Academy on the hill. All who are acquainted with this region of lakes and dells will agree that it is certainly an ideal spot in which to enjoy God's handiwork and worship Him.

So it is with joy in our hearts that we once more take this opportunity of expressing our thankfulness for the privilege, and extend to all the dear believers in this Conference and any others who wish to come a very hearty invitation to this, our annual gathering to meet with God. We want all the brethren and sisters to be there and bring the little ones, too. If ever there was a time when God's people need special instruction and courage to continue in the straight and narrow way it is surely now. Therefore, let each one of us place ourselves in the position where we may receive His blessing by all having one aim—to be at Lacombe bright and early, June 27th, to enjoy camp-meeting—and plan to that end. Perhaps there are many who are unable to see their way clear just now, but let us pray about it and our Heavenly Father will supply the need.

We expect to have Elder I. H. Evans, Elder Chas. Thompson, and Elder J. T. Boettcher, a well-known laborer in the Russian work, with us to assist with the meetings and tell us of the work being done in other lands. No doubt there will be much that is interesting to hear.

For the benefit of those who desire to attend the graduation exercises at the Academy we might mention that all they need to do is plan to be there one day earlier, as the closing exercises will be held June 26th, the day before camp-meeting begins. It would be nice for those who have not had this opportunity before to take it now and they certainly will not be disappointed. We feel sure the students would be glad to see their parents at that time also.

On Wednesday evening, June 27th, the Academy students will present a cantata. This will be a special treat for camp-meeting and we would urge all to be present on the opening day, so that they will not miss this.

Mark this date on your calendar, so you will be sure and not forget: June 27th—Camp-meeting at Lacombe. Further information concerning mode of travelling, etc., will be given in the near future. May the Lord help us to be there and receive His blessings.

H. H. HUMANN.

SABBATH-SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The co-operation and faithfulness of the Sabbath-school secretaries who have reported their work for the first quarter of 1917 is much appreciated. We have fifty schools in the Alberta Conference. Twenty-seven reported by the 10th, and their names have been placed on the Honor Roll. They are as follows:

Bismark, Beiseker, Calgary (English and German), Clive, Didsbury, Gadsby, Harmattan, Leduc (English and German), Lacombe, Neapolis, Ponoka, Winnifred, Boyne Lake, Claresholm, Kinuso, Markerville, Olds, Steveville, Trochu, Travers, Edberg, Lunnford, Edmonton, Hawksdale.

Those reporting by the 15th are worthy of Honorable Mention, being: Acme, Walsh, Brooks, Stavely, Home Department—twenty-five.

You will see a few have not reported. Where is yours? Many have been faithful, and I feel sure we may do even better during this quarter we have entered upon, so we may have a good report to present to our committee at the coming camp-meeting.

Let each school strive to reach the following goal: "Daily study of the Sabbath-school lessons by every pupil. Personal work for every member; and every officer and teacher a 'Training Course Member.' Also, fifteen cents or more a week per member."

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS,

NOTES

Brother Manfull made a short call at the office on his way home to B.C., and gave a cheerful report as usual.

Brother Hommel and Brother Giddings both spent a few days attending the Colporteurs' Institute held at Lacombe.

Sister Longmire and Sister Brown, who have been actively engaged in magazine work recently in the city of Calgary, have also been attending this Institute. No doubt they will be returning with a fresh supply of enthusiasm and inspire others to take up this good work.

Brother Fish is now located at Cayley and we expect to soon receive encouraging reports from him.

Only five short weeks until we meet together at Camp-meeting. Be sure and arrive the very first day, June 27th, at Lacombe, then all the blessings will be received and enjoyed. If we have an appointment with a neighbor or friend we always try to keep it, and if they happen to be a busy person, we are anxious to be punctual also. Then how much more should we plan to meet with God at this particular time, when our need is so great.

What about Alberta's share in reaching the goal of the "Signs" campaign? Next month is June, and after that it will be too late to do anything. Why not send in the names and addresses now, when you have plenty time to write them plainly and think of them all?

Three welcome visitors to the office this week were from Walla Walla College, being Melvin Milne, George Shankel, and Bro. Degering. They have joined the ranks of the colporteurs and expect to be armed for the fray in a short time. We wish them every success and God's blessing.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Mag.	Helps	Totals
Alberta—						
McFalls, Geo.	G.C.	137	50	...	.....	\$ 196.00
Simpson, Frank ..	G.C.	136	35	...	\$ 3.00	135.50
Johnson, Percy ...		180	...	750	2.60	77.60
British Columbia—						
Philpott, Bert. ...	B.R.	30	16	...	8.00	70.00
Manitoba—						
McGee, A. E.	B.R.	450	77	180	93.95	425.45
Sigurdson, O. O. ...	*S.T.	131	86	...	8.10	116.90
Six Colporteurs		1,064	264	930	\$115.65	\$1,137.10

*Icelandic Literature.

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This is to announce that the camp-meetings of the various Conferences in the Western Canadian Union will be held at the following places and upon the dates as given below:

British Columbia...Penticton...June 14th to 24th
 Alberta.....Lacombe...June 27th to July 8th
 Saskatchewan....Moose Jaw...July 5th to 15th
 Manitoba.....Winnipeg...July 12th to 22nd

We pray the Lord's blessing may rest upon each one of these meetings and make them a strength and source of courage to all who may attend.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR FOREIGN-SPEAKING NEIGHBORS?

If you had some attractive, interesting, message-filled literature to place in the hands of your foreign-speaking neighbors, would you take it to them? What nationalities are represented in your neighborhood? Whether they be Bohemians, Danish, Norwegians, French, Germans, Hungarians, Italians, Poles, Roumanians, Russians, Swedes or Jews, you may give them the truth in their own language. Table of contents in each is printed in English, thus giving a good idea of what subjects are treated.

Have you a friend who reads French? Send them a copy of *Les Signes des Temps*, and give them an opportunity to read the truth in their mother tongue. A year's subscription just costs 50c. in Canada.

How about the Italians? Is it not true that they are more easily reached by the truth in America, because of their new environments, than are those who still live in their native land? Many call them "Dagos" and seem to feel no responsibility for them. Do YOU feel that way? Even though you cannot talk to them, you might interest them by handing a *I Segni Dei Tempi* to them to read. \$1.00 will send out 20 of these little "foreign missionaries."

Perhaps you have some Jewish neighbors. The second quarter's issue of the Yiddish magazine, *The Messenger*, is now ready. It is called the "What Do These Things Mean" number. The article "Why Do Not the Jews Still Regard the Sabbath" will be appreciated by many, and every Jew will be pleased, although surprised, perhaps, to learn of "A People who Respect the Holy Sabbath" as presented in another article in the same magazine. 20 of these may be had for 5c. each.

This kind of work, if followed up, may result in the salvation of some of these foreigners to whom you are debtor because of the light which has come to you. Order from your Tract Society.

IS THE WORLD ROUND ON SUNDAY?

The above is the title of an article that appeared in the April *Signs Magazine*. We have received hundreds of orders for the magazine containing this article that we could not fill. It has been decided to print the article in the weekly *Signs* of June 5.

A letter received from a doctor in Ohio sets forth quite clearly the value of this article. The following is a quotation from his letter:

"I have just been reading an article by Dr. L. A. Reed in the *Signs Magazine* for April, entitled 'Is the World Round on Sunday?' It is just what I have been needing for several months past. It is the best line of thought I have ever met on that phase of the subject."

Thousands of copies of this June 5 issue ought, and doubtless will, be circulated. The price when ordered in lots of 50 or more to one address will be 2c. per copy. The publishers will handle lists of names, address, mark the article and mail for 2½c. per copy. Orders should be placed without delay, and in all cases should reach the house of publication on or before May 25.

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