

Western Canadian Tidings

"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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THE RIGHT ARM OF THE MESSAGE

Recently we spent one Sabbath in all our churches in study of the importance of medical missionary work. We trust that this Sabbath program on health and temperance work has been a great blessing. But we earnestly hope that none will get the idea that by spending one Sabbath in study of the special light upon this subject we can now drop the matter until another such program is appointed by the North American Division Conference.

As John the Baptist lived the message he preached, in the same way the message in its fullness must become a daily experience in the lives of Seventh-day Adventists.

"Whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31. Surely God does not require too much of us when He asks us to live for Him; to live with an eye single to the glory of God. As we do this we shall find that God's glory means the highest degree of health, happiness and prosperity possible for ourselves. Daniel practiced health reform in Babylon and was fairer, fatter and mentally brighter, as one immediate result of it. Dan. 1:15. While we cannot expect to escape the results of past mistakes, the practice of right habits of living should today produce improvement in physical or mental conditions, or both. Unfortunately, many conscientious Seventh-day Adventists narrow the subject of health reform to their own private interpretation of a few isolated statements from the Bible and the Testimonies. When the results are not good their zeal for their theories, coupled with their own lack of health, bears testimony against the cause they love. To make it worse, sometimes their inconsistencies in regard to the principles of healthful living as a whole are apparent to everyone but themselves.

Health reform does not consist wholly in what we eat and drink. Eating and drinking is important, but other practices may neutralize all the good that may come from dietetic reform. It must ever be kept in mind, too, that six thousand years of experience in sin has wrought changes in the human body, so that the same substances taken into the body no longer produce the same results under all circumstances. What is good food for one may disagree with another, so that the kind of food taken, the amount, and to a limited degree the combinations, must be left to the individual, guided by common sense and a conscience educated by the word of God. This does not mean that in the selection of our diet from the things within our reach we may follow appetite contrary to the instruction and general principles given in the Testimonies and in the Bible.

In addition to diet and combinations of food ele-

ments, the sanitary conditions of our surroundings, cleanliness of person, regularity of habits of eating, sleeping, working, etc., all have an influence upon health. We must also take into account the preparation of food in an appetizing form, proper clothing for protection from climatic variations, and perhaps above all the mental conditions prevailing. Seventh-day Adventists cannot all become trained doctors and nurses, but every Seventh-day Adventist home should be a center of light and knowledge of Bible doctrine, and also of simple methods in right living and in the treatment of the sick.

As in the past, we have too often left too much of the teaching of Bible truth to the minister, so in medical missionary work too much importance has been attached to big buildings, equipment, commercial foods, etc. Thus the efforts along this line have been confined to the few, when all might have a part if they understood how to apply the principles of healthful living to the conditions surrounding their everyday lives.

We are glad to welcome to our Western Canadian field Drs. Hans and Dale Bonde, graduates of Loma Linda, who have just qualified as physicians in Alberta. We expect Dr. Bonde will attend our camp-meeting this summer and give advice and instruction. So in attending camp-meeting this year you may expect to receive both spiritual and physical help. For the present, Drs. Bonde will make headquarters in Calgary. We cannot promise that the doctor will remain more than two or three days, except at the Alberta camp-meeting.

C. F. McVAGH.

THE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

I am sure our people in this Union will be glad to receive some "good news" regarding the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital, to which so many have given of their means.

A recent letter contains information which I am pleased to pass on to you and will quote: "The new dispensary is complete and in use. Every one who is working there is daily thankful for the advantages it affords, not only the student, but, what is more, to the many sick ones who visit it daily. The list of patients is large and increasing nicely.

"The Hydrotherapy building is almost ready for use. The dormitories are soon to be begun. Two good sisters provided the means for these: Sister Scott for the ladies' dormitory and Sister Covington for the men's dormitory.

"At the recent council of the North American Division Conference the brethren voted to have the building of the hospital units proceed as rapidly as means can be gathered. It will encourage you to know that means is coming to us in most providential and unex-

pected ways, and enough is on hand now to build the first unit of the hospital proper, beside the two dormitories mentioned above.

"The following resolutions will also be interesting and encouraging to you: Resolved, That the secretary of the corporation be and is hereby authorized to send a letter expressive of our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Josephine Cotzian, Miss May Covington, Mrs. Lida F. Scott, the St. Helena Sanitarium and the New England Sanitarium, for the liberal gifts which they have so generously made to the Los Angeles Division of the College of Medical Evangelists.

"Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude to the Women's Committee; to Mrs. Hattie Haskel, chairman of the same; and to the brethren and sisters generally who by their labors and liberality have so nobly assisted in procuring and donating this money to us. I am sure you are glad for the interest and co-operation manifested in this very important work."

I am sure you were glad to read the foregoing quotations, and what an encouragement it is to you to know that the hospital buildings are being rushed to completion. And how happy you are that the means you so cheerfully gave is being used to bless the sick and suffering ones.

The words of our Master come to my mind in this connection: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

There are still a few unpaid pledges and of course we hope these may soon be exchanged for the cash. You know the treasurer of your Conference will gladly give you your pledge in exchange for the money it calls for. Perhaps you can give him the opportunity at camp-meeting.

Again, we would express our appreciation of your loyalty in helping to raise means for the hospital.

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

GREETINGS

To Our Dear Young People:—

We appreciate that we are living in a very earnest and a solemn time. This is especially true of our young people, who are forming their habits of life. We should be very careful to improve every opportunity offered us by the Lord to develop the right kind of character.

Camp-meeting is a gathering for which much time and prayer is spent in seeking God that He may be present to speak to the hearts of those who will attend. But all this preparation is of no help to us unless we make a special effort to be present. I hope that our young people will attend the camp-meetings this year with the purpose of helping others. If you are not a Christian, the camp-meeting is the place where you will receive help. If you know the Lord, it will afford you an opportunity to lead others to Christ.

While you are reading this you may be wondering how I happened to write you at this time, asking you to attend camp-meeting, when you do not know me. This is the very reason why I am writing, because I want to get acquainted with both old and young; but desire especially to become acquainted with the young people, and will be pleased to meet you on the camp-ground, talk over some of your difficulties and seek the Lord, and make victories with you.

Hoping to become better acquainted with you at that time, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,
J. J. REISWIG.

CHANGE OF PRESIDENCY IN MANITOBA

Elder E. M. Chapman, who has served the Manitoba Conference as president for four years, will, on the arrival of Elder G. H. Skinner, help him to get acquainted and then turn over the work.

Elder Chapman's many friends in Canada will greatly miss him, and all his fellow-laborers in the Union wish for him much of God's blessing and prosperity wherever he goes. He has not fully decided where he will locate. The financial condition of the Conference has improved under his administration and the work is in a growing condition.

Elder Skinner is a man of ability and experience in the Canadian field and comes recommended by the North American Division. We fully expect to see the Manitoba Conference work increasing in prosperity under his leadership, and bespeak for him a cordial welcome and the most hearty co-operation.

This change in the presidency is the outcome of the action of the Conference delegation at the Minnedosa camp-meeting in June, 1916, when Elder Chapman expressed a desire to be left out of consideration by the Nominating Committee. He has, however, loyally stood by his post until an available man could be found. Elder Skinner will arrive with his family before the time of the camp-meeting at Winnipeg, July 12-22.

C. F. McVAGH.

THE GOAL FOR THE WEEKLY "SIGNS"

The goal set for the *Signs* weekly is "One Hundred Thousand Subscriptions by July." The only way to reach it will be for the members to go out after them. The Lord's promise is, "I will make you to become fishers of men." Fishers do not sit at home and wait for the fish to come to them. They go to the water with bait and patiently fish. If the promise has been fulfilled in the members, they will take bait and go after souls, and the *Signs* weekly is fine bait. If the promise has not been fulfilled, the condition, "Come ye after me," has evidently not been fulfilled, for they go together. Such a condition should call for heart-searching.

Some experiences will show the success some fishers of men are having:

"A short time ago, while sending out our missionary papers, we chose a man's name from a canvasser's list and sent him a copy of the *Signs*. A few days later he met a gentleman near his home whom he knew to be an Adventist and told him that he had received a paper and paid him for a year's subscription."

"I have received several of your papers, the *Signs of the Times*, which I have enjoyed very much. They were posted to me when I was in camp. I do not know who sent them. I thought it was some unknown friend, but I have no friend who takes this paper. If your publishing company sent them, I thank you very much, for they put many a dull hour to flight. Will you tell me how I can obtain them? I will subscribe to the paper if you will tell me how much it will cost for a year. I should like to know what Christian body they represent. If you hold any evening services I would like to attend."

"The most interesting phase of our missionary work at present is the weekly *Signs* work. Though only a small company of eight members, with the Lord's help and blessing and my systematic methods, we have been enabled to work up our weekly *Signs* list to seventy-eight subscribers; but we do not plan to be content to settle down at that number, for surely the Lord has more than seventy-eight souls in this neighborhood whom He would have come to a knowledge of this present truth. We have, therefore, set our aim at one hundred before this quarter closes. You may be interested to know just how we work.

"From our weekly missionary meeting offerings we purchase, from time to time, from the publishers, a gross of assorted back numbers of the *Signs*. After the secretary has stamped each one with the address of the hall and an invitation to the meetings, every member is given four *Signs* each Sabbath, and that member takes the oversight of four houses in the vicinity, each member following, one after the other, and leaving a paper in each home for four consecutive Sabbaths. On the fifth Sabbath a tract is left with the announcement that at present we have no more *Signs* to give them, but if they have found the reading interesting and would like to receive more on the same topics, we would gladly bring them the up-to-date numbers, which are even more interesting, and we have found that seventy-five per cent. readily subscribe. In fact, oftentimes before we have given the fourth paper they volunteer to pay us.

"This work, with our tract lending, is done during the lunch hour. We go out in twos. Now that our lists have grown, the secretary does the delivering and collecting through the week, this enabling the other members to work new territory. This work provides good items for our missionary meetings.

"Among the list of subscribers is a Catholic lady, with whom we have had several good talks. Recently she ordered 'His Glorious Appearing' and 'The World's Crisis.' Another, a Congregational lay preacher, has also ordered these two books."

"This is a remarkable experience, as it shows what a few people can accomplish for the Lord by making careful use of their time. Why could not many more do as well as they have? The one hundred thousand goal would soon be reached then.

"We are giving Bible readings and praying with the people. They come a long way to get our literature. We seldom are able to read the papers we are taking, for they are learning when each copy arrives and coming after it. One lady became so deeply interested in the *Signs* weekly that she would send for it every week if we did not take it to her. On Sunday afternoon she called on us and as soon as she had taken her seat began to glance through different books in the library. I went to the file and took out the last *Review* and handed them to her, telling her they were late copies, and she looked them over. I handed her the tracts entitled 'Signs of the Times' and 'Is Sunday the Sabbath?' She rolled papers, tracts, and all up and put them in her pocket, saying, 'You must give these to me, for I want to read them every one.' I told her I had given the *Signs* to her doctor, and she said she must have them, so I told her he was going to bring them to her as soon as he had finished them. She is reading the 'Story of Daniel.'"

In this case the *Signs* weekly had so interested this lady that she had become anxious to read anything she could get on the same subjects. She will almost surely accept the truth.

"This church takes a regular club of the *Signs* weekly, and they are hearing words of appreciation from those who receive the papers. The elder had given the paper several times to a Catholic lady when she asked what the subscription price was. When he told her she ordered the paper for a year. A wealthy farmer has also subscribed."

"The *Signs* weekly seems to become more popular each day. Just recently a person who is a stranger to us stepped in at our office and inquired if he could obtain a copy of the *Signs*. He stated that he believed that to be the best religious paper that was printed, and he wanted to know if he could obtain a copy each week. There are perhaps many others who would read and enjoy the *Signs* if they only had the opportunity."

"A man called at the home and one of our sisters handed him a copy of the *Signs*. He read it and came for another. As a result he and his wife soon accepted the truth. They moved into the country and soon had another Sabbath-keeper with them. Shortly afterwards a brother and sister visited them and they studied the truth and accepted it fully. Then others living near them began to read the *Signs* they circulated and there are good prospects that more will accept the truth."

Another good work began with one *Signs* weekly. Why not give the Spirit of God many more such opportunities of working on the hearts of the people?

"A dear friend of mine sent in my name to your paper for six months and I have received it for about two months now. I wish to tell you that I have never read a paper of religious message in my life that did me so much good as this. I hope I will never be deprived of it and I am going to try to get it into other homes I know of. I really think this is the religion I have been looking for all my life, and hope I can join your little band before long."

These experiences should be an encouragement to our members to give this paper a wider circulation.

Try the plan of giving three or four numbers and then soliciting a subscription. In many cases you will succeed and may win souls.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

Alberta Conference

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IMPORTANT FACTS TO REMEMBER

CAMP-MEETING — Place: LACOMBE — Time: JUNE 27th to JULY 8th.

STANDARD FORM CERTIFICATES entitle those holding same to return home free, and should be secured from the agent where you purchase your ticket. To avoid inconvenience to yourself and insure consideration for the agent, plan to be at the station twenty minutes or more before train time. Ask for a

Standard Form Certificate to accompany each ticket purchased for Lacombe. If obliged to change from one line to another, purchase ticket to point of change, and another ticket from there to destination, and be sure to obtain a Certificate with each ticket. These, when handed to the writer for signature, upon arrival at the camp-grounds, will be equivalent to a return ticket home. Certificates are not issued for tickets less than 50c.

Tickets may be secured as early as June 23rd, and are valid until July 11th, being obtainable on the Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk and Canadian Northern lines.

Transportation facilities will be provided from Lacombe Station to the camp at Barnett Lake.

ACCOMMODATIONS—All will be done that is possible to make everyone comfortable, but we would advise that each one make provision for their own bedding and a tick, besides any other necessities which might make tent life more comfortable. A large, airy dining tent will supply nourishing food at a reasonable rate.

As there will be no business sessions this year, we are looking forward to extra blessings in the way of spiritual meetings and more time to listen to the Word of God, which is so desirable at this time. We want to see everybody present to enjoy the good meetings held by Elder I. H. Evans, Elder Chas. Thompson, Elder J. T. Boettcher, Elder J. J. Reiswig and others.

F. L. HOMMEL.

SABBATH SCHOOLS: NOTICE

On June 30th, our next Thirteenth Sabbath, several hundred of our Sabbath-school members will be on the Lacombe camp-ground, and the broken-up condition of the Sabbath-schools will make it difficult to have a real good Thirteenth Sabbath program and offering.

In order that each Sabbath-school may enjoy its usual special exercises and have its offerings credited to their school, it would be advisable to have the Thirteenth Sabbath offering on June 23, one week earlier than the time we always have it. I have written to all of the schools about this plan, but in case some have forgotten, we are sending this out as a reminder.

If each school carries this program out it will save confusion on the camp-ground, and will help to insure a liberal gift for needy China. Let us begin to plan to make June 23 one of special interest and blessing. The Thirteenth Sabbath leaflet, which you have already received, is just full of good things.

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS,

*Sec. Sabbath-school Dept.
of Alberta Conference.*

ACADEMY LOCAL NEWS

The students and teachers of the Academy appreciated a visit from Elder C. F. McVagh, who was here to meet with the Conference committee over the weekend, May 18-20.

Mr. William Longmire, of Calgary, made us a pleasant call Thursday. Mrs. Longmire has been here since attending the canvassers' institute.

The Chorus Class will render their second Cantata of this year on the evening of June 3rd.

We are pleased to welcome a number of our former students, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gadarian, Pearl Fauver, Beulah Gilbank, George Shankel, and Melvin Milne, on their way home from Walla Walla.

Theo. Wick and Lloyd Dunbar purchased an automobile in town this week, which they will canvass with this summer.

Nellie, Mildred and Cecil Shankel went home to be with their parents over the Sabbath, May 26th.

Brother and Sister Lieske are in Beiseker at present, looking after their farming interests.

The Junior class have organised. The class of six were to be seen wearing their colors for the first time this week.

The students and faculty are looking forward to a visit from Professor W. E. Howell, who is expected June 8th.

The new annexes to the buildings are being painted by the students. The woodwork of the interior is also being filled and varnished, which greatly adds to the appearance of the rooms.

H. A. Bennett arrived from Calgary on the 30th inst. to handle stenographic work here until close of school.

Mr. Bennie Miller, from the Peace River district, stopped over on his way to Southern Alberta, and spent Sunday and Monday with his sister, Miss Rachel Miller.

Two of our students, Miss Florence Hamilton and Master Bennie Comm, left for their homes on Thursday.

The students are now enjoying the rich blessings of the annual spring week of prayer, held here at the Academy from May 25th to June 1st. The need of prayer and more earnest effort is felt in the life of each student. Many inspiring talks have already been given by members of the faculty. In our meetings, when the call is made for those who wish to testify to the goodness of the Lord, almost all the students arise to their feet immediately. It is surely time for us to realize the times in which we live and have our feet firmly planted in the truth.

We are pleased to know that after the recent enrollment of Mr. Lloyd Dunbar and Mr. C. H. Childs, we have reached our last year's enrollment of two hundred and twenty-three.

OBITUARY

DIED—Mrs. Katherine Anderson, nee Johnson, was born in Grafva, Sweden, January 12, 1825; died March 1, 1917; aged 92 years, 20 months and 19 days. She was married to Lars Anderson in Sweden and to them were born ten children, two of whom survive. In 1881 she left Sweden and settled in Warren, Minnesota, at which place her husband passed away in 1909. Having heard the first angel's message in Sweden, she embraced the third angel's message in 1895, being baptised by Elder Wolvine in the Lornick River, Warren, Minnesota. She left Minnesota December, 1912, to live with her daughter.

Services were conducted in the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. J. Anderson, Granum, Alberta. Words of comfort were spoken from the 11th chapter of John by the writer, and we laid the tired pilgrim to rest with the assurance that the Master's blessing is hers.

W. O. BATES.

**ALBERTA TRACT SOCIETY
REVENUE STATEMENT**
For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1916
INCOME

Merchandise	\$1,662.43
Interest	34.29

Total Income **\$1,696.72**
EXPENSES

Office Expense:	
General Expense	\$102.10
M.V. Desk Books	36.14
Rent	100.00
Stamps	170.98
Stationery	44.78
Telephone	7.80
Furniture and Fixtures Dept...	64.37
	\$526.17
Interest	13.89
Doubtful Accounts	114.61
Railroad Fare to Canvassers...	53.05
Scholarships	20.07
Sustentation Fund	77.45

Total Expenses **805.24**
Net Income for year **\$891.48**
**ALBERTA TRACT SOCIETY
BALANCE SHEET**
For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1916
ASSETS

Cash:	
In Checking Acct. at Bank....	\$ 866.14
In Savings Acct. at Bank....	1,499.27
	\$2,365.41
Accounts Receivable:	
Personal Accounts	\$ 722.48
Societies	157.53
	880.01
Inventories:	
Merchandise	\$ 643.89
Automobile	319.75
Furniture and Fixtures.....	302.12
Stationery	18.70
Expense	5.10
	1,289.56

Total Assets **\$4,534.98**
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Accounts Payable:	
Personal	\$ 46.24
Societies	23.04
	\$69.28
Trust Funds:	
Colporteurs' Fund	\$ 8.31
Foreign Literature Fund.....	4.05
	12.36
Total Liabilities	\$81.64
Capital	
Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1916....	\$3,561.86
Net Operating Income for year..	891.48
Present Worth, Dec. 31, 1916....	4,453.34

Total Liabilities and Capital **\$4,534.98**
**ALBERTA CONFERENCE OF S.D.A.
REVENUE STATEMENT**
For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1916
INCOME

Tithe from the Churches.....	\$30,233.10
Camp-meeting Receipts	2,153.85
Donations from Tent and C.M. Fund and 20c-a-week for purchase of Equipment and Operating Expenses	3,109.78
Donations from 1916 Fund for Special Appropriations	484.25

Donations from 20c-a-week Fund for	
Special Appropriations	3,297.80
Interest	197.02
Religious Liberty	2.82
Tidings Receipts	44.60

Total Income **\$39,523.22**
EXPENSES

Laborers' Salary and Expenses:	
Salary	\$12,576.51
Traveling Expense	1,861.97
Laborers' Gen. Expense.....	640.12
Laborers' Special Appropriation	249.49
	\$15,328.09
Office Expense:	
Rent	\$245.20
Postage and Stationery.....	303.78
Telephone and Telegraph.....	84.11
Exchange	19.82
Drayage and Freight.....	85.84
Duty	1.70
Repairs	36.45
Sundries	43.52
	820.42
Camp-meeting Expense	2,329.33
Entertainment	102.95
Furniture and Fixtures Dept..	107.46
Tent Equipment	394.50
Tidings Expense	470.31
Union Conference Pooled Expense	115.81
Special Appropriation:	
British Columbia	\$ 500.00
Alberta Ind. Academy.....	3,114.80
Church School Teachers'	
Traveling Expense	201.00
Edmonton Church Acct.....	40.00
	3,855.80

Tithe:	
20% to N.A. Div.	\$6,046.62
10% to W.C. Union	3,023.30
6% sust. to Gen. Conf.....	1,813.99
	10,883.91
Net Income to Stock Account....	\$5,114.64

**ALBERTA CONFERENCE OF S.D.A.
BALANCE SHEET**
For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1916
ASSETS

Cash:	
Union Bank Savings Acct....	\$9,702.28
Less Overdraft Union Bank	
Checking Account	2,769.49
	\$6,932.79
Accounts Receivable	124.28
Inventories:	
Tent Equipment	\$2,421.07
Office Equipment	492.29
Office Stationery	38.55
Expense	8.10
	2,960.01
Total Assets	\$10,017.08

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Trust Funds:	
Aged and Orphans	\$ 67.74
1916 Fund	291.75
20c-a-week Refund	540.58
Tent and C.M. Fund.....	114.86
	\$1,014.43
Capital	
Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1916....	\$3,883.01
Net Operating Income for year..	5,114.64
Present Worth, Dec. 31, 1916....	9,002.65
Total Liabilities and Capital	\$10,017.08

To whom it may concern:—

This is to certify that I have made a very careful examination of the vouchers of the Alberta Conference and the Alberta Tract Society for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1916, and that the attached Revenue Statement and Balance Sheet of the Alberta Conference and Tract Society is a correct showing of the books as of Dec. 31st, 1916.

The Conference and Tract Society have both made a very substantial gain over the previous year.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) S. E. McNEILL,

North American Division Auditor.

Calgary, Alta., June 6th, 1917.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

Alberta

	Book.	Hrs.	Ords.	Mag.	Helps.	Totals.
x Longmire, Mrs. M....	85	..	481	\$ 8.60	\$ 56.70	
† Milne, M. R.....G.C.	85	58	..	13.85	287.10	
* Shankel, G. E.....G.C.	49	31	..	....	145.00	
3 Colporteurs	219	89	481	\$22.45	\$488.80	
Amount previously reported.....					\$1,137.10	

Total.....\$1,625.90

* One week; † two weeks; x four weeks.

Saskatchewan Conference

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President, A. C. Gilbert; Secretary-Treasurer, U. Wissner; Religious Liberty Secretary, M. Mackintosh; Sabbath School Secretary, Mrs. A. C. Gilbert; Tract Society Secretary, U. Wissner; Missionary Volunteer Secretary, W. A. Clemenson; Educational Secretary, H. W. Clark; Field and Home Missionary Secretary, R. H. Kitto.

SASKATCHEWAN CAMP-MEETING

Many of our people in Saskatchewan are wondering where and when the camp-meeting is to be held. It is a pleasure to announce that it is to be in Moose Jaw, July 5 to 15. This point is easy of access by our people from all parts of the Province, and we trust that the date will meet the average desire of those who expect to attend.

According to the information that has been obtained thus far, there is going to be a large number present this year. How good it is to know that our people feel that they can not possibly stay away from a camp-meeting. How richly God has blessed in the gatherings of this nature in the past! Long will be remembered the hope and courage that our people have found in these annual festal occasions.

Now, brethren and sisters, do not fail to be present this year. Of course there are times and cases where unavoidable circumstances arise to prevent one from coming. But do not let ordinary things keep you away. Solemn times are surely upon us and we must come together for counsel and help.

There will be no Conference business this year, which fact will give us more time for other lines of work, such as Bible studies and Departmental work. We look forward to this camp-meeting as one of the best and most profitable to our people of any that we have had.

A letter containing full explanation regarding rates, certificates, how to get to the camp-ground, and other general information is being sent to all, and therefore it will not be necessary to deal with details in this article.

We hope that every attendant will come at the beginning and stay through the entire time of the meeting.

Be sure to get a STANDARD CERTIFICATE from the ticket agent for each ticket purchased. This will entitle you to return home free.

Let us earnestly pray for the success of this gathering. Our Conference workers will be on the ground the 20th, and endeavor to have everything ready when you get there. If there are any who would like to come a few days early and help in the work of preparation, it would be appreciated. The reduced rates will be on as early as the 2nd, and will be good until the 18th of July.

A. C. GILBERT.

TO THE WORKERS' BAND

Dear Children:

I have not written you for some time but have been thinking about you and hope you have been planning for your missionary work this summer. Perhaps many of you have your gardens planted and I hope they will do splendidly. I suppose some of you are going to raise chickens. And there will be other ways that some will use to make their missionary money for this year.

There are so many calls for money to help carry the Gospel to those in heathen lands. The Workers' Band did quite well and it was encouraging to be able to send the money to India to help along there.

But I hope you can be at our camp-meeting which is to begin soon now. Then we can talk over our plans and decide what we will work for this year. I will be interested to know what you plan to do. We expect to have some good meetings and have some very nice lessons. Am sure you will enjoy them.

So you want to be a real helper at home and do all you can to help Papa and Mama to get ready to come. There are so very many ways children can help, even when they are not very big. One way is by being little Christians all the time and so be real sunbeams in the home and everywhere. Always prompt to obey when Papa or Mama speak. This will help, oh, so much. Then, there are errands to run, dishes to wash, wood to bring in, eggs to gather, chickens to feed; but, my, I cannot name all the ways you can help. But you can think of them if you try.

Just ask Jesus to make you a sunbeam and helper and He will, you know. These little verses are so good and I wish you would all learn them and think of them many times each day, for it will help you to be real sunbeams.

"Jesus wants me for a sunbeam,
To shine for Him each day;
In every way try to please Him;
At home, at school, at play.

"Jesus wants me to be loving,
And kind to all I see;
Showing how pleasant and happy,
His little one can be.

"I will ask Jesus to help me
To keep my heart from sin;
Ever reflecting His goodness,
And always shine for Him.

"I'll be a sunbeam for Jesus;
I can if I but try;
Serving Him moment by moment,
Then live with Him on high."

Now aren't those lovely verses? I shall be interested to hear you tell at camp-meeting how much you enjoyed being sunbeams.

But my letter is quite long enough and I must close. I hope to see you soon in our nice little tent.

Lovingly,

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

Manitoba Conference

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MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

Soon it will be camp-meeting time again. How many more of these yearly gatherings we may be privileged to have, no one knows. In some parts of the world even at the present a camp-meeting is an impossible thing, but here in Manitoba the indications are that we shall be permitted to meet July 12th to 22nd, in River Park, Winnipeg. How many young people are planning to come? It would be a blessed thing if the angels who walk up and down through the camp could bear the message back to heaven: "All the young people who can possibly be present are there seeking God."

The Lord is thinking about the youth. He says, "I have written unto you." The writer has been in a home when a letter was received from an absent member of the family, a soldier at the front, and has noticed how eagerly old and young left all other duties to hear the letter read, discuss its contents and sympathize with its writer. Think you that that letter drew the hearts of the family closer to the absent loved one and to each other? Ah, yes! And shall not our hearts be warmed toward God and each other as we meet to study His loving message to us.

As we look back to our last camp-meeting and think of the good resolutions we made there, probably none of us are satisfied with what we have accomplished, but with the Master's help let us press on and victory is ours. If there remains some unfinished task, may we not finish it during the next month and report, so that our years' record may be complete. Young people, come to camp-meeting prepared to help and be helped. Come!

MRS. B. COWAN,

469 Machray Ave., Winnipeg, Man.

NOTES

Brother Krainean, who has attended Maplewood the past year, passed through Winnipeg on his way to Saskatchewan, where he will work during the coming summer.

Sister Sandnes, formerly of this Conference, is reported very sick in the Portland Sanitarium. We all hope for her recovery.

Miss Eva Haynal, passing through Winnipeg from Maplewood to her home at Roleau, Sask., called at the office.

Brother B. L. Grundset, formerly secretary in Manitoba, and later in Minnesota, has been promoted to take charge of the Portland branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association. They have moved to their new field and he has taken up his work.

It is reported that Elder V. W. Robb is to leave Manitoba for Alberta on the 18th of June. His labors

in this Conference have been appreciated and we wish them every blessing as they take up their work in their new field.

Mrs. V. W. Robb is visiting for a couple of weeks in Winnipeg and vicinity, prior to her leaving for Alberta.

Brother Carl Anderson and Brother B. O. Engen passed through Winnipeg on their way to Saskatchewan, where they will canvass this summer.

Elder C. A. Hansen, who has been seriously sick with bronchitis for two weeks, is rapidly recovering. We are grateful that God heard the prayers of His people in his behalf, and trust that soon he will be with us again.

Owing to the sickness of Elder Hansen, the services were conducted by Elder V. W. Robb, May 19th, and 20th, and by Elder Chapman the 26th and 27th.

July 1st, *Signs* campaign, 100,000. Let all share the blessing in this good work.

Only 13 subscriptions short of our quota on the *Review*. Are you enjoying this good paper? If not, try it for a year. If you are already enjoying its help and encouragement, help someone else to see its value. Send in a new subscriber before camp-meeting.

Camp-meeting, River Park, Winnipeg, July 12-22. Come and enjoy the feast.

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GRANDVIEW SCHOOL

The Grandview School has now closed for the summer vacation, and many of the students have gone to their various places of labor, thus making preparation to return the coming year. Our enrollment this year has been the largest in the history of the school, numbering eighty-one.

The examinations as issued by our Educational Department were given, including ninth and tenth grades. With few exceptions there were passed in a very creditable manner. We feel greatly encouraged by the interest shown on the part of our students and trust that nothing will hinder them in completing their preparation for service.

R. E. and MRS. NOBLE.

OBITUARY

DIED—At Grandview, near Armstrong, B.C., Friday, May 11, 1917, Eddie Roth, youngest son of Adam Roth, of the same place. Eddie had never been well and suffered a great deal, but bore it patiently and especially after giving his heart to the Lord at our Vernon camp-meeting in 1912. His last illness, resulting in his death, was short. He died trusting in the Lord and gave many marked evidences of his faith and confidence. About 125 people attended the funeral service. Words of comfort and admonition were spoken by the writer.

J. G. WALKER.

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A GOOD REPORT

The following report of the Home Missionary work for the first quarter of 1917 should be an inspiration and encouragement to all. There are several items that could be improved. For instance, under membership reporting, you will notice that only a little more than a fifth of the total membership send in their reports. This is better than it was when only a seventh of the membership were reporting. In order for those who have charge of the work in your Conference to plan for the upbuilding and strengthening of the work along all lines, it is important that we report faithfully. A report is of little value unless it is complete.

This report, however, is better than we have ever made before, and we believe that when all see the importance of reporting they will do it gladly. Good reports are encouraging to our brethren and sisters. It was so in the time of the early church, and it is just as true in our day. When Paul reported to the church at Jerusalem what God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry, it is recorded that "when they heard it they glorified the Lord." Let us all try to be faithful in reporting what the Lord has accomplished through us, and give Him the glory, for truly, "Without Him, we can do nothing."

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	Sask.	Total
Number of churches.....	25	15	13	20	73
Memb. local conference..	985	481	253	667	2,386
Membership reporting...	139	162	23	83	407
Churches holding 4th Sabbath Missionary Service	2	10	..	5	17
Letters written	572	549	93	112	1,326
Letters received	150	201	42	21	414
Missionary visits	416	1,869	106	122	2,513
Bible readings or cottage meetings held	315	148	23	166	652
Subs'ns for periodicals..	115	28	20	192	355
Papers sold	208	1,112	564	200	2,084
Papers mailed, lent, given away	3,961	6,115	1,495	2,990	14,561
Tracts sold .....	..	301	1	26	328
Tracts lent or given away..	2,235	1,788	265	1,328	5,616
Hrs. of Christian help work	373	2,155	148	119	2,795
Articles of clothing given away	53	225	25	116	419
Number of meals provided	243	811	27	76	1,157
Treatments given	58	15	2	3	78
Signers to Temperance Pledge	1	..	..	..	1
Number of conversions..	2	..	1	4	7

Offerings to Home Mis-

sionary Work	\$153.81	\$60.65	\$49.31	\$142.46	\$406.23
Books sold	185	123	3	21	332
Books lent or given away	168	195	31	152	546

J. B. GIDDINGS.

REVENUE STATEMENT WESTERN CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1916

INCOME	
Tithe from Local Conferences...	\$7,114.68
Alberta	\$3,023.30
British Columbia	964.90
Manitoba	461.56
Saskatchewan	2,664.92
Aged and Orphans	163.42
Interest	62.71
Religious Liberty	45.06
	<u>\$7,385.87</u>
EXPENSE	
Laborers' Salary and Expense..	\$3,773.00
Salary	\$3,087.15
Traveling	1,250.37
General Expense	315.92
	<u>\$4,653.44</u>
Less return from transfer.....	880.44
	<u>\$3,773.00</u>
General and Office Expense....	684.45
Exchange	2.95
Expense	57.66
Furniture and Fixtures Dept..	52.10
Postage and Stationery.....	120.25
Rent of Office	248.70
Telephone and Telegraph....	45.53
Union Conference Session....	157.26
10% of Tithe to N. A. Division..	711.46
6% of Tithe to Sustentation Fund	426.87
Total Expense	<u>5,595.78</u>
Income exceeds Expense..	<u>\$1,790.09</u>

BALANCE SHEET WESTERN CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1916

ASSETS	
Cash in Bank	\$5,180.40
Personal Accounts	43.46
McVagh, C. F.	\$32.61
Manfull, W. L.	10.85
Inventories	357.10
Furniture and Fixtures.....	\$349.60
Postage and Stationery.....	7.50
	<u>\$5,580.96</u>
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	
Trust Funds, Local	\$1,500.00
Press Fund	\$1,500.00
Surplus Statement	
Surplus, Jan. 1, 1916.....	\$2,290.87
Net Gain for year 1916.....	1,790.09
Surplus, December 31, 1916 ...	<u>\$5,580.96</u>

To whom it may concern:—

After completing the checking of the vouchers to the original books for the Western Canadian Union Conference for the year ending December 31, 1916, I can say that everything has been properly recorded.

I have made up a Revenue Statement and Balance Sheet which is a correct exposition of the books of the Western Canadian Union Conference as of December 31, 1916.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. McNEILL,

North American Division Auditor.

Calgary, Alberta, June 6th, 1917.