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SEARCHING SELF

It's not finding fault with our friends, sir,
That leads to the land of delight;
It's separating sins from ourselves, sir,
That saves us from Satan, and night.

My brother, my sister, why worry
And wail about weeds o'er the way!
O, hunt your own hoe—yes, and hurry—
And deal with your debris, today.

You know that you nag at your neighbors;
You fancy their faults are a fright:
But look—see how lame are your labors—
Your life surely leads from the light.

If seeking the smile of the Saviour,
And longing his lessons to learn,—
In your home, your heart and behaviour,
Are the sins you'll seek to discern.

S. H. LOGAN.

MID-SUMMER OFFERING, JULY 14TH

We are living in most solemn times, when every day is filled with tense anxiety and we hardly know what a week may bring forth. This is no time to look with complacent curiosity upon fulfilling prophecy, but rather should it be a time of heart searching, zeal for the work and deep burden for souls. Soon all faces will gather paleness in the time of Jacob's trouble.—Jer. 30:6, 7.

The North American Division Conference Committee has appointed Sabbath, July 14th, as a special day of united fasting and prayer. The war shows but little signs of an early close. Our young men are likely soon to be called to some form of national service and our missionaries in all parts of the world call for help in entering the whitening harvest. Let us make July 14th a time of heart searching prayer for the rulers, that they may be guided aright, so that the message of Christ's coming be not hindered, and for our people, especially our young men, that they may have special help from God if they are drafted for national service.

At the same time, let us make a liberal offering for missions. Three of our conferences are behind in our quota of the 20c-a-week fund for missions. A united effort will bring this up. The Western Canadian Union must not drop behind in our part of supporting the world-wide mission work. Read "Early Writings" chapter, *Duty in View of the Time of Trouble*, page 56.

We are thus admonished that it is the will of God to cut loose from every incumbrance before the time of trouble comes and make a covenant with God through sacrifice, and that if we have our property on

the altar and earnestly inquire of God for duty, He will teach us when to dispose of these things, so that they will not be a clog to us to weigh us down. But if we selfishly withhold what God would have us give, it will be a snare to us and cause us great sorrow, and loss when it is too late to be used in God's cause. Ask God for advice and help and bring your midsummer offering for missions July 14th. Be sure that all the isolated members know of the appointment and have an opportunity to do their part. C. F. McVAGH.

SOME WAYS IN WHICH TRACTS ARE BEING USED

Tracts have been the means of saving many souls, not only in this message but in earlier gospel work. They are still being used for that purpose and many members are having good success with them, as the following experiences will show:

"I received the tracts and must tell you the good they are doing. I gave some of them to one of my neighbors and they sat up till three o'clock in the morning reading them and comparing them with the Bible. I am so glad, and I know you will be happy to hear this."

"About ten years ago, while a woman was waiting at a station, she took a leaflet from a tract rack and read it to pass away the time. She was not a Christian at the time. Not very much was read, but what she read impressed itself upon her mind. In substance it was that the New Testament taught that the seventh day, commonly called Saturday, was the Sabbath. That Christ was crucified on the sixth day and rose the first day and that the Sabbath came between the two, therefore it of necessity must be the seventh day. She said to herself that it was so and that if she ever became a Christian she would keep the true Sabbath.

About three years later sorrow came into her home and as a result she gave her heart to the Lord. She started to keep the Sabbath and has kept it ever since. Within the past six months seven of her relatives have joined with her in the message."

"The tract, 'The Sabbath of the Bible,' was handed to my husband. I read it and was convicted of the truth. For two years I kept the Sabbath alone. I had been seeking to know God's will more perfectly for some time."

"In one of our small western cities lives a sister who is a semi-invalid, shut in. She has a bright little boy of five years, who said to her a few days ago: 'Mama, why don't we take all the tracts and give them to the neighbors? We know all about the Sabbath and will never forget it.' 'Well, son,' she said, 'I want

certain tracts to go to certain people, and it takes some time.' 'Well, you sort the tracts and tell me the neighbors you wish to have them and I'll take them to them.'"

"For some weeks I have been distributing 'Family Bible Teacher' and other tracts to a number of families. One lady became so interested that she ordered tracts of me with which to do missionary work for others. She waits with interest for the weekly visits of the pages of truth, as they have proved to be good for her soul. She bought *Ministry of Healing* of me and says she appreciates this good book very much. This lady was much impressed with the tract, 'Some One Cares for Your Soul,' and sent it to a friend who had lost his Christian experience."

"I have given away a large number of the 'Charlie Coulson' tracts, which tell of the conversion of a Jewish doctor, and have left them on the trains wherever I went. One day I started to give away my tracts as soon as my ticket was taken. The car was full and as I reached the end the trainman said to me, 'Keep right on going,' and opened the door to the next car. I offered him one, but he said, 'No, I picked one up the other day on the train. They are needed in the next car.' I passed on and found the whole car full of Jews going to a Jewish convention. I gave all the tracts I had with me and went to my seat for the rest and had just enough to give each one. I had intended making this journey the day before, but was prevented from doing so. If I had I would have missed those Jews."

"When I went back the trainman said, 'Did you have enough?' I answered, 'Yes,' and he said, 'Good, they are all right.' His face showed how earnest he was, and I believe mine shone, for I was so happy."

"A brother left some tracts on the porch of a house and the man and his wife read them eagerly, and as a result both of them were convinced of the truth and soon united with the church."

"Here is an extract from a letter received recently: 'Mrs. ——— has been leaving at my house for some time *The Family Bible Teacher*,' and I have become deeply interested in them. No. 10, on the 'Millennium,' is just fine, therefore I want to continue the study. Enclosed find 25 cents for copy of *Our Paradise Home*, and send list of your publications. Hoping to be in the first resurrection, I remain, ———.'"

"The church to which this sister belongs has been having a campaign with the *Family Bible Teacher*, and this is one instance of the results. I called up the sister who has been leaving the leaflets and she said she did not know that the family was at all interested."

This case should be an encouragement to those who do not see much interest manifested by those for whom they are working. Here is another similar case:

"A lady wrote to the publishing house asking for a complete catalogue, and saying that she had been reading some of their literature, had gloriously enjoyed it, and hoped that many others would feel the good in it as they read it. This letter was referred to the church near where the lady lives. A sister from that church had lent the lady a package of tracts. On account of bad weather, she did not go to call for them for over two weeks, and then stopped off for just a moment on her way to church. She told the lady she had called

for the envelope and asked if she would like another one. She said she would, as she had enjoyed that so much. The sister who lent the tracts said, 'I was much encouraged to know of her interest, as you have written, for I had not learned from her that she was so deeply interested, and I have hoped and prayed that someone might be led to study the message for this time. I shall go on distributing the tracts each week.'"

"One of our isolated brethren and his wife are determined that those living near them shall have a little of the message to read. They sent us an order for six tracts to be sent to each of one hundred persons living in their vicinity, and \$5.00 to pay for the tracts and mailing."

This is a plan many of our people could follow and thus get the truth into a number of homes.

"I accepted the message by reading tracts. They were lent to me and I accepted the truth without hearing a sermon."

"For some time one of our brethren has been in the habit of leaving tracts in the railway carriage while on his way to business. One morning, on leaving the train, a gentleman accosted him, saying, 'Excuse me, but did you leave a little tract on the signs of Christ's coming in the train yesterday?' Our brother told him he did, upon which the gentleman expressed himself deeply interested in the subject and requested more literature bearing on the same subject. Morning after morning they traveled together, both being engaged in business in the same district. Our brother was thus afforded the opportunity of passing on more literature and verbally bearing witness to the truth. The result is that this gentleman acknowledges the message for these times and is deeply impressed that he should render obedience to all the requirements of God."

While many of our people are making good use of tracts, large numbers of them are evidently doing nothing with them, as is plainly shown by the home missionary reports and tract society sales. The plan of lending them from house to house is an excellent one. A package containing one complete set all ready in the lending envelopes can be obtained for 25 cents, four sets for \$1.00, and twenty-five sets for \$5.00. The latter is the most economical for a fair-sized church. All these packages contain more tracts than can be bought separately, and the envelopes can be used several times, just as long as they keep clean. This is an inexpensive way to do systematic work in any locality and is a very fruitful method of work.

The "King's Pocket League" plan of always carrying tracts in the pocket or handbag is another excellent way of using tracts. No soldier would go out when on duty without ammunition. The Christian soldier is always on duty and needs to carry his ammunition with him. Packages of assorted tracts can be obtained for this purpose. They are as follows: One of the Second Coming of Christ, one on the Immortality Question, one on the Sabbath, and one containing a miscellaneous assortment. The price of each package is 25 cents, four for \$1.00.

Keep your tract society busy with your orders, for now is the time to scatter these tracts like the leaves of autumn.

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A WORD OF EXPLANATION

Owing to the fact that all the members in the British Columbia Conference, together with the officers and workers, are just now enjoying the blessings received by attending their annual camp-meeting, reports and articles for publication have failed to appear. We did, however, receive a copy of the president's address, which will appear in the next issue, as it came too late for the press this time.

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CHINA'S NEEDS

I am sure the members of our Sabbath-schools will be interested in reading the following letter that has just come to the office from one of our Home Department members:

"I want to thank you for sending letters and readings to me. I know it is your work, but I want you to know how much I appreciate them.

We received the little Thirteenth Sabbath envelope, and the pamphlet, and my folks took up a collection for China, and with some money that was in the Foreign Mission Calendar, it amounted to \$8.00. None of my people are Adventists but myself. Father and mother were in the truth years ago and still believe it. I ask your prayers that they may come in and be faithful.

By the way, is there a camp-meeting in Alberta? If so, where and when? We have not received the *Tidings* lately. Wishing you God's blessing . . ."

This letter should be a source of encouragement to those who meet Sabbath after Sabbath with those of like precious faith. We are more highly favored than our Home Department members. If our schools heed the calls that are coming to us from Central China, and give in proportion to this isolated member, we shall see our donations increase, and instead of our 20c-a-week, which is our legitimate share, we cannot fail to see it grow higher and higher. What a privilege it is to be able to give of our means to help those who are not so highly favored as we! Let us bear in mind that there are only two ordained ministers in the six largest provinces of China, numbering millions of people. We know our workers there will appreciate what has been accomplished in the Sabbath-schools of Alberta, and with our assistance are "hastening on the winning word of truth among the multitudes in that land." Yours for advancement.

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS,
Sec'y Sabbath-school Dept.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA

At the time of my last report I was laboring at Compeer, where the Lord greatly blessed the work, but on the advice of the Committee I am now located in southern Alberta, where I expect to make my field of labor, leaving the work at the former place with Brother Stanley.

The first week in May I moved my family to Cayley, about fifty miles south of Calgary, where we have located for the present at least. There is a church-school at this place which has been maintained principally by Brother Carruthers. The school is doing good work and one family has practically accepted the truth as the result of the children attending the school.

I have visited the believers at Stavely and Claresholm, where I enjoyed my visit very much, getting acquainted with the brethren by visiting them in their homes. While some have passed through severe trials, yet they are of good courage and are determined to press on to the end. I also made a short visit at Granum, where I found the brethren of good courage. I desire to become better acquainted with the brethren throughout the southern country and of the work and needs of the field.

At present I am at Lacombe assisting with the work of erecting the camp, where I hope to meet many of the brethren and sisters from the southern part of the field. I am sure God has great blessings in store for us at this meeting, and may He help us to avail ourselves of these blessings while we have opportunity.

J. K. FISH.

ANOTHER WORKER SETTLING IN ALBERTA

For some time there has appeared no report in the *Tidings* from my pen. Nevertheless I have been very busy. In the winter and early spring meetings were held in three different places, but near each other, about twenty miles west of Wetaskiwin, in the Pigeon Lake country. Although the weather was cold and stormy, the attendance was very good and the interest increased continually. People who didn't go to church came, got interested and were converted. The tobacco was thrown away, swearing ceased, and instead a family altar erected. The truth worked mightily and a number took their stand, being over a dozen, I think.

I had to leave there early in the spring and have not been able to go back yet, on account of my moving the family from Nebraska to Edmonton. I reached the former place early in May and left there the last days of the same month, landing in Edmonton the 1st of June. These days of moving were days of hard labor, care and perplexity, reminding us that we are strangers and pilgrims in the world.

We are now busy preparing the camp at Lacombe, which gives us added opportunity for developing muscles. We are looking for the biggest and the best camp-meeting ever held in Alberta.

FRED JOHNSON.

ACADEMY NOTES

Sister Heine, of Innisfail, made a short call at the Academy.

The appearance of the chapel has been greatly improved by a coat of oil on the floor. The woodwork has also been varnished.

Dr. Bonde, of Calgary, spent Sabbath at the Academy and gave a profitable talk to the church.

Elder and Sister Humann motored to Leduc last Sabbath and spent the day with the church there, returning home Saturday night.

Elmer Reiswig, youngest son of Elder C. K. Reiswig, had the misfortune to break his left arm while chopping wood one day last week, but is improving rapidly.

Elder J. J. Reiswig, of North Dakota, who has come to act as secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department in this Union Conference, is locating in the Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Smith, of Walla Walla, Washington, arrived in Lacombe on Wednesday, and will remain here till after camp-meeting. Both were welcome visitors, being former students here.

On Sabbath afternoon the students of both homes, in charge of some of the teachers, spent an enjoyable time with nature, and returned much refreshed from their walk.

Monday, June the 4th, was a holiday from school, but not from labor, for all turned out to help with the work of cleaning the campus. Several groups of trees were set out along the brow of the hill.

Mr. T. E. Unruh was happily surprised last Friday, when his sister, Miss Bertha Unruh, arrived from Saskatchewan to pay him a visit.

The students' week of prayer is in the past, but the blessings derived from it will last till the end of time. It was a season of heart-searching and drawing nearer to God, who is so willing and able to help when we call on Him.

EDMONTON, BRUDERHEIM & WOODBEND

It was my privilege to visit the city of Edmonton in the interest of the last message to a dying world. I first visited the brethren and enjoyed it greatly to see the dear brothers and sisters once more, there being quite a number of the old ones and more new ones. After canvassing the field over, we decided to hold meetings in the home of Sister Schwartz. Some were deeply stirred and moved by the spirit of God. One dear lady found new life in Christ Jesus and decided to walk in the message of Present Truth. Two men (Catholic) are deeply moved and alarmed over the position in which they have been in. One is longing to find a place to work for our brethren, where he can make further study of this great message. Two families are ready to be baptized, and they plan on coming to camp-meeting for that purpose.

I also visited Bruderheim and had a spiritual feast with those dear folks. Some who have been hesitating between two opinions for several years were convinced and under the influences of the spirit of God expressed their deep desire to serve the Lord as never before.

It was two years since I had been with the folks at Woodbend, and it was a great treat to me to see those dear people again. We had a real spiritual feast together. May the dear Lord bless them. The last meetings were held in the large Gospel Mission Hall for All Nations. May the blessing of the Lord be upon the people in this great province.

By the time the dear brothers and sisters have an opportunity of reading this, many of us will be on the camp-ground. I long for new strength to serve my Lord more. Pray for me that I may get this preparation.

C. C. NEUFELD.

THANK GOD FOR THE "SIGNS" WEEKLY

I have just been visiting a family to whom I sold a "Bible Readings," near Kitscoty, more than two years ago. They are now living near Edmonton. They never forgot me and having a desire to learn this truth, the Lord caused me to meet them several times. Last winter they subscribed for the *Signs* weekly, which was eagerly read and was the means of really

awakening them to their need and bringing them to a decision—a decision that it was time for them to make sure of their souls' salvation.

I couldn't be disobedient to the heavenly vision and went to visit them this week, taking about fifty small books, such as *World War*, *Daniel and Revelation*, which I sold around the district in the daytime and studied with these friends in the evenings. The Bible was new to them and as we sat around the table their thirsty souls drank in the sacred truths. They needed no urging. The father said to me the third night, "We have decided to keep the next Sabbath. You have brought salvation to our souls." They plan to come to camp-meeting.

I thank the dear Saviour for these precious souls and for the *Signs* weekly, which has so much helped them. The whole household, parents, two daughters and a young man, partner of the father in the farm, are one in coming forward to obey. Although I have only given them a few simple Bible studies, they have visions of a new life and are happy, and so am I. Pray for them that they may accept all points of truth and be saved.

Let us use this precious paper, the *Signs of the Times*, more.

RALPH E. RORINSON.

HERE AND THERE

Elder H. H. Humann and Brother F. L. Hommel have just been spending a few days at the B.C. camp-meeting, attending the Committee meeting of the Union Conference.

Several days ago Brother S. H. Logan and his sister, Miss Nellie Logan, departed for British Columbia to visit their home there. May the Lord's blessing attend them, is the prayer of their many friends.

Elder Fred Johnson has just recently returned from a trip to Nebraska for the purpose of bringing his family to Alberta. We extend a hearty welcome to this family and pray for a blessing on the new home, which is being set up in Edmonton.

Every day brings a fresh report from our colporteurs and they are unusually encouraging this year. Such remarkable evidence of the Lord's blessing and power shows that unless we make good use of our time we will not have a share in the finishing of this important work.

Brother G. R. Close, with his wife and family, has recently arrived from California and is at present busily engaged in assisting with the medical work at Calgary. We are thankful to have such faithful workers with us and wish for them every success and blessing.

A quiet wedding was solemnized last week in the Conference office, when Mr. Fred Renschler and Miss Hattie Nathan (both from Belseker) were united in the sacred bonds of matrimony by Elder Humann. May this home prove a blessing to all who feel its influence, and also be a dwelling-place for the Lord.

Anyone wishing to send mail to the Tract Society or Conference office should remember to direct it, after this week, to the S.D.A. Camp, Lacombe, Alta., as the office will be closed during camp-meeting period.

MY FIRST EXPERIENCE IN CANVASSING

I left Lacombe June 5th, going west. Gave my first canvass near Gull Lake. No order was taken, but I left a small book, some papers and tracts. I then visited ten more houses, sold eight *World War* and took two orders for *Desire of Ages*.

In taking my first order, the lady was in the garden, and as I was getting out of the rig I dropped my prospectus in the dust, so it did not look very presentable, and I tried to sell a *World War*, but she would not take it. Therefore I canvassed her for the big book, soiled as it was, and received my first order. She

said it was just the book she wanted, which shows how the Lord works, for I was tempted to pass that house by.

I remained in Bentley for the night, then went west. This is an old territory and the people are poor, as there were no crops last year, to speak of, but they are nearly all anxious to know just what these things mean. I found many of our books in the homes and they liked them.

Well, I am writing these few lines as I think there are many more of our old and young people who should be in this work, for there is lots of room. I found the people glad to see me and they asked me to come back again. My prayer is that the Lord may impress many of our people to enter the canvassing field.

H. D. MIDDLETON.

OBITUARY

Joel Adolph Carlson was born in Lincoln County, South Dakota, Feb. 3, 1900, and died in Olds, Alberta, June 13, 1917, being 17 years, 4 months and 10 days old. About ten days before his death, Joel fell sick of appendicitis. On Tuesday, the 9th, he underwent an operation at the Olds hospital, but his heart not being strong he quietly passed away thirteen hours later. He leaves a father, mother, four brothers and two sisters to mourn. Joel was loved by those who knew him and was faithful and patient in the home. He will be missed from the family circle, but the bereaved are comforted to know that he will escape the trying times that now await our youth. Words of admonition were spoken by the writer from Ps. 90:12. He was laid to rest in the Harmattan cemetery.

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FOREIGN WORK AT HOME

Among the most encouraging and profitable trips made lately in this province is the one being enjoyed at the present writing. I left Saskatoon the 3rd of May for Lonesome Butte, in the southern part of Saskatchewan. This place is a country post office. Near it we have a company of Russian brethren and sisters. Their nearest point on the railroad is 55 miles north. They are about two miles from the Montana line.

Brother Babienco preceded me to this place about a week. He had labored among this people about a year ago. As a result of his labors during the few days before my arrival, three more took their stand for the truth, which makes 19 adult members there at present. One of the objects of our visit to these Russian believers at this time was to organize them into a church, which was done Sunday, the 10th. This company have already selected a site on which to erect a church building. They will begin the erection in a few days. They have a good share of the required money on hand and are determined not to make a cent of debt.

We left this far-away company on Monday to visit another at Viceroy. There we found eleven Russian brethren and sisters waiting for us. We spent several

days with this company, instructing them more fully in the way of the Lord. On Wednesday, the 6th, a baptismal service was held, when three persons were baptized. After this service the ordinances were celebrated, and a leader appointed for this group of Sabbath-keepers. Sabbath-school officers were also chosen. If this company is faithful, several others will be led to the truth, and then a church may be organized.

It was a great pleasure to me to visit these Russian believers, who are an active, devoted class of people, and are willing to co-operate in extending the work of God when they are shown how. The Russian work in Saskatchewan presents a very favorable condition. We now have two organized churches and two companies. It is quite clear that we will have five Russian churches altogether in the next two years, if the Lord blesses as He has done during the past two. God has truly blessed the labors of Brother and Sister Babienco.

The work among the Servians and Roumanians is going forward nicely. Brother Bealeu labored for a time near Elm Springs. His efforts resulted in six accepting the truth. Brother Iliescu has been working for the Roumanians near Dahinda with fair success. It was my purpose to visit these brethren and sisters in company with Brother T. M. Kraineau, who has just returned from school, but other official duties compelled me to change my plans, so Brother Babienco is assisting Brother Kraineau. They left me last night at Assiniboia (where I am writing report) for a drive of 22 miles south to Elm Springs.

After these brethren have completed their work at this place, Brother Kraineau will go to Dahinda (a country post office in the Dirt Hills), to help the Roumanian believers. He will also visit a company of Roumanians and Servians near Southey before camp-meeting.

Brother Babienco will go to the Beaver Creek church, near Radisson, and then, after a day or two at home, proceed to the Alberta camp-meeting, to assist in ministering to the Russian believers who will attend the camp-meeting in that province.

Let us pray for the continued success of the work among the foreign speaking people in our Conference. The fields are whitening among all classes and nationalities, and soon the harvest will be past. Let us labor and pray while there is opportunity.

A. C. GILBERT.

REMEMBER

Much has been said through the W.C.T. regarding the camp-meetings in this Union, and the necessity of securing a Standard Certificate with each ticket, and I do not think it necessary to mention more about it.

The word "remember" is used over and over in the Bible. The Lord knows that we are forgetful in just such things which ought to be an encouragement and inspiration in our everyday life.

We are liable to forget one thing or the other about camp-meeting, and it may be well to call to our remembrance certain items which help us to enjoy the convention.

Camp-meeting date, July 5-15. Workers' meeting, three days previous. Certificates obtained with each single ticket, good for free return. Ticket can be bought as early as June 16th. Tents, 10x12 and 12x14, can be rented at \$3.00 and \$4.00 respectively, order to be sent if desired to the office. Meals can be gotten

cafeteria plan, at moderate prices. There are no business meetings, appointed delegates by the churches not needed. Speakers expected to be present: Elders I. H. Evans, Chas. Thompson, G. T. Boettcher and Dr. Bonde. Remember that this gathering is a feast of special blessings for you, that God's people need victory, that Christ is inviting you to be there with Him, that we are living in very serious times. Remember God's cause in the earth and your obligation toward it.

Remember all these things and then act.

U. WISSNER.

EARNESTNESS IN THE COLPORTEUR WORK

How powerful is the press in molding public opinion. Truly this is an age when people are eagerly grasping for the news, and every day brings unheard-of changes throughout the world.

How opportune at this time, when the world is feverish with excitement, to push with more determined energy the truths of the everlasting gospel.

It seemed only a short time ago that we were wondering what 1917 would bring. Now we are in the midst of the year and the work of the colporteurs testifies of the interest being taken by the people in the fulfillment of prophecy as seen in present-day events. A number of those now in the field began immediately after the close of the Institute, which was held early in May. The successful colporteur is comparing these history-making days with God's word, and as a result many people are deeply stirred. I have heard more than one exclaim, "Well, those things are coming out just as you people said they would."

Two Catholics, living in the same neighborhood, whom I canvassed not long ago, both purchased *Bible Readings for the Home Circle*, and they remarked that they wanted to read all sides of the question, regardless of their personal opinion. Yet while many are asking, "What do these things mean?" many more are saying "My Lord delayeth His coming." How solemn and plain, then, our responsibility as we enter the homes of the people. Some will not listen to you as a gospel colporteur, because they are filled with the pleasures and cares of this world; but the very words spoken will be a witness against them in the day of judgment.

At different times I have had the opportunity to go over portions of territory covered by our canvassers. In some cases a wrong impression has been made. The people have felt the colporteur lacked Christian courtesy, and I know, dear colporteurs, that this has too often been true. Every gospel worker has the privilege, very often, of associating with our own people. We have the opportunity of being helpful to individuals and also to churches. There is also the danger of being a stumbling block. God forbid that we should be indiscreet in our words and actions. It is encouraging to note that many have left unstained records in the field, and their inspiring lives are an inspiration to man, and a memorial to the third angel's message.

There are those that will soon be entering the colporteur work for the first time. Then, as the decision is made to take up this God-given task, determine to leave an ennobling, uplifting influence in every phase of the work.

Let us remember our responsibility before God, the Conference and the Tract Society. If we show a willingness to co-operate together in accomplishing the year's work, we will be greatly blessed of God and souls will be won as a result. This is the primary object of the colporteur who keeps his heart fixed upon God.

Our publishing houses are making strenuous efforts to keep up with the heavy demand for literature. At times they are just swamped with work. This is an indication of what is being done in the field. Will you help to keep them busy?

If you feel that God is calling you to take up that line of endeavor, prepare right now. God has answered prayers in a marvellous way and will continue to help us prove true.

The weekly reports coming in now are splendid, and some of them are the largest that we have had for years. Let us progress in the good work, and when it is completed we shall find that the experiences gained have been most valuable in fitting us for the various duties to be borne in connection with this cause.

ROBERT KITTO.

NEWS ITEMS

Elder Mackintosh, who has been at Macrorie for some time, where he has been holding meetings in town, reports that he had a nice attendance and he expects some will take their stand for the truth.

Elders Gilbert and Babienco have been organizing a Russian church in the southern part of the province. The new church is called Lonesome Butte and has a membership of nineteen. Several were newly baptized into the church but the rest of the company have been Sabbath-keepers for some time.

Elder Clemensen reports encouragingly from Canora, where he has spent the last three weeks. On account of late seeding there the attendance was not as good as he expected, but he reports that there are some people interested and he expects to have baptism soon.

Elder Gilbert is attending the B.C. camp-meeting. He left for this place after spending a short visit at Battleford Academy.

Several boxes of books have been shipped, together with the camp-meeting supplies, last week to Moose Jaw. A few more boxes will arrive direct from Calgary and we will be able to supply you with good literature at the camp-ground. We are again granting on each purchase a liberal discount. Here is a good opportunity to provide yourself with good literature for your friends and neighbors.

The office will be closed from June 28th until we return from the camp-meeting. The workers of the office have to leave this day for the camp-ground and we wish our people who have correspondence with us during this time to keep this in mind and send their mail direct to Moose Jaw, S.D.A. camp-ground.

Miss Bertha Unruh spent a pleasant week with her brother Tobie, at Lacombe Academy, last week.

The office was pleased with a call from Brothers Childs, D. D. Farnsworth, T. T. Babienco, William Smith, Gilbert Severson, Elder Mackintosh and others, recently.

Brother Fred Guderian paid us a call last week. He is engaged in the colporteur work this year and reports many people interested in his literature.

The Macrorie church building is progressing rapidly and will soon be ready for occupancy. Brother Severson was in last week looking for seats for the church.

DIED, on June 4th, Jean, the infant daughter of Brother and Sister A. Whipps, of Tompkins. For five weeks she had gladdened their home, but after one week of severe illness the little one fell asleep. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. Our sympathies go out to the family in their bereavement.

W. G. MCCREADY.

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MANITOBA CAMP-MEETING

Dear brothers and sisters of the Manitoba Conference, we are living in the most solemn times the world has ever witnessed. We shall be called to pass through some very trying times, for Satan is working in every way possible to turn God's people away from the only message that will prepare us to pass through the time of trouble in which we already find ourselves. If ever we needed to meet for prayer and study, it is NOW. We should come, praying God to strengthen us to overcome all our faults and sins. We need to bring the children and young people and encourage those who are discouraged and back-slidden to come, and may we all take a step far in advance of where we have ever been before. Come and get the blessing.

GEO. H. SKINNER.

CHURCH CLERKS, NOTICE

"If you are a church clerk, this is written for you. Kindly read it and follow its instruction in sending your report.

The North American Division Conference, in order to secure each quarter a report of the progress and growth of the work throughout the field, has adopted the system of quarterly reports. We are spending many thousands of dollars in the various lines of work, and once each quarter is none too often to have a report completed, so that what is being done can be shown.

Each church clerk is expected to send in a report once each quarter. The report is to be sent to the local conference office not later than the fifteenth of the month following the close of the quarter; that is, January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15. This is plain and clear and cannot be misunderstood. In order for the Division quarterly report to be of real value it is necessary for each clerk to send a report from his church, and to send it on time, so that it will not delay the publication of the entire quarterly report. As a clerk, it is your business to attend to this matter promptly. It is a poor excuse to say you were busy or forgot it. Two weeks affords you ample time to fill in the blank and forward to your conference office. The blanks you have in your possession are very clear, and you should see that each item is filled in accurately and on time. If you cannot remember to fill out the blank and send it, or if you are really so busy that you cannot possibly attend to the business, you should resign and let someone take the work who has a better memory, or who has time to do something for the Lord as important as this.

Another point I want to speak of especially is the reporting of your church membership. So long as one's name is allowed to remain on the church book, he is a member of the church, and should be reported. You have no authority delegated to you to have an "active" and a "retired" list. Until the church takes action and drops the names, the persons are members, and should be reported as such *each quarter*. If members have been added during the quarter and none

dropped, your membership has been increased by the number added, and your report should indicate it. If the church has *by vote* dropped names from the books, either by granting letters to other churches or by dis-fellowshipping members, your report should show this. If any have died, that also would reduce your membership. In short, your report should show how many have been voted in and how many have, by vote or death, been dropped, during the quarter.

Your report is not correct unless it states just this. I know some say, "But there are names on our books that ought not to be there,—names of those from whom we do not hear. Then let the proper step be taken, in counsel with your conference officers or some ordained minister, to have them taken off. But until this step is taken, you should report them as members. As clerk you have no right to leave them off.

I appeal to all church clerks for *prompt* and *accurate* reports, not only in reference to the membership, but on all other items called for on the quarterly blank. This will be greatly appreciated and will materially help the work. Your next report should be mailed not later than July 15th."

The above points, given by Brother Thompson in the June *Gazette*, will help you to know how to assist us at the office in getting an accurate and early report. Please send in your complete report not later than July 15th.

G. R. SOPER.

NEWS ITEMS

Elder Skinner and family arrived in Winnipeg, Friday evening, June 8th. A house has been secured on Polson Ave., into which he will move as soon as his household effects arrive.

Rates have been secured over the Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk railroads for all who plan to attend camp-meeting. Watch for further notice in the next "Tidings" relative to the way in which you can secure this privilege.

June 30th marks the end of the second quarter of 1917. At this time reports of missionary work, church clerks' reports, church treasurers' and Sabbath-school secretaries' reports are due. It will be greatly appreciated if all who have these to make out will do so promptly. This will enable those who have to forward reports to the Union and different departments to do so on time. We trust none will need a second notice.

Thursday evening, June 14th, Elder Skinner left Winnipeg for Penticton to attend the Union Committee meeting held there June 17-19.

The second shipment of 500 "World War" have arrived. This makes 1,000 already for Manitoba. Let all try a hand in placing this good little book in the hands of the inquiring. It sells at sight. Try a few on the way to camp-meeting.

The tithe for the first five months of 1917 is larger than for the first five months of 1916. The Twenty-cent-a-week funds, however, are smaller. We trust none will be unfaithful to God in tithe and offerings. His manifold blessings in this time of trial should cause us to return to Him, not only our heartfelt thanks, but our faithful tithe and offerings. Watch for the report at the end of the quarter.

Brother O. Sigurdson, who formerly canvassed among the Icelandic people, just returned from a visit among them. Though visiting, he did not forget the "Signs." While away, seven subscriptions were secured.

CAMP-MEETING—Where? River Park, Winnipeg, Man. When? July 12-22. All who are discouraged should attend and make a new start for the kingdom. Not one word or promise of God's will fail, so none can afford to lose out when we are "so near home."

Elder Hansen, who has been in Alberta for a two-weeks' rest, is reported gaining quickly after his illness. He plans to return soon and take up his work in Winnipeg.

Elder Skinner spoke on Sunday evening, June 10th, at St. James, to a large and attentive audience.

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ARRIVED

Having completed our long trip Friday evening from St. John, N.B., we were glad to arrive in the great west and to begin our labors in the Manitoba Conference.

We find that the Third Angel's Message is the same in every portion of God's vineyard, and that God's people have the same glorious hope and earnestness in saving souls that are perishing around us. We shall be glad to work with you in making the work a success in this field. We shall look forward with pleasure to the time when we may meet you all personally and get acquainted.

We are living amid events long foretold by prophets and looked forward to by us as a people for many years, which tell us in no uncertain tones that Jesus is soon coming, and the question for us each to answer is: Are we ready for that event? This should be our first business: Am I right with God? The Lord is waiting to pardon our sins and prepare us for a better world than this. May God complete the work in us which He has begun, and when Jesus returns we will welcome the event and receive our reward.

Yours for the success of the work in Manitoba,

ELDER and MRS. GEO. H. SKINNER.

A CANVASS WITH A MORAL

Agent: "It proves a wondrous aid to all, the foolish, wise and proud;
The choicest spectacles, that will adjust themselves to every candid student.
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K. K. REISWIG.

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The following are a few of the leading articles in the Roumanian "Signs" special:—"Greatest of All Events," "Understanding the Times," "Christ Comes as King," "Christ and the Law," "Standard of Christianity."

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Will you not help to place these magazines, with their message of truth, in the hands of any Poles or Roumanians in your neighborhood? One dollar will pay for 10 copies of each, or 20 copies in either language. These magazines are not available at one cent a pound, but take the same rate of postage as tracts. The price of each is 10 cents. In quantities the rate is 5 cents a copy, postpaid. Order through your Tract Society.

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THE "SIGNS" IN BURMA

"During a tour of my field last month I secured the photographs of two Burmese families which I am enclosing to you. These are additional evidences that your paper will bring people into the truth, even in foreign fields. The first one is Dr. Mg Po Pwe, Judge of the Subdivisional Court. This family has become deeply interested in the truth and a number of others are asking for literature as a result of this one paper. They live in a beautiful village of ten thousand people and they are very anxious that we open up work among them."

Brother Lowry is the superintendent of the Burma Mission, and in his letter, from which the above paragraph is taken, makes a strong request for a club of 50 weekly "Signs" to go to his address for one year. His request was promptly cared for.

FOR SALE—Will reduce my fine farm to small home on account of ill health; will sell all or sub-divide to suit purchaser. Good terms; land suited for any crop; beautiful large orchard, abundance of fruit; good buildings and plenty of good water. Five minutes' walk from Grandview church and school. For further particulars, apply: Wm. Brown, Armstrong, B.C., R.R. No. 3.

FOR SALE—Quarter section with sixty acres under cultivation, having boundary line and cross fences. Buildings consist of a frame house 16x24, barn 28x48, good roof and stable beneath, and granary 16x16. Good well with pump, windmill and tank. Would consider small place near Adventist church as part payment. Address: A. M. Sutherland, Vermilion, Alta.

FOR RENT—Quarter section, 3 miles from town and 8 miles east of McCrorie; 30 acres cultivated; spring water. Barn 10x18 and shack. Suitable for sheep ranging or mixed farming. Will rent cheap on suitable terms. Will assist tenant to stock up or otherwise. Apply: Fred Vester, Verna, Sask.