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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Fifteenth Session of the British Columbia Conference.

Penticton, June 14-24, 1917.

Eighteen months have passed since our last conference, and five years since we had a meeting of this kind where the conference and camp-meeting are combined. Those of you who were present at our last conference, held in Vancouver in February, 1916, will remember that the North American Division Conference recommendation with reference to biennial sessions for local fields was adopted. However, the appointment of this meeting, which is six months earlier than the allotted time, was made for the following reasons: that we might hold another meeting at which the conference and camp-meeting are combined, and to accommodate our brethren in the Okanagan who hitherto had always been obliged, except on one occasion, to come to the coast in order to have a share in the business of the conference. We are glad that the self-sacrificing spirit on the part of our membership in the East met with such a generous response at the coast and that the compromise for this central meeting was so easily effected. However, the opening up of the Kettle Valley Railroad has made it possible for a meeting not far from the centre of the province, and we have chosen the fair city of Penticton, with

its beautiful climate and its genial people, for another session of the Conference.

We expect this convention will prove to be the most important ever yet held in the province, not only because of present-day conditions, but because of the new and peculiar needs that have forced themselves upon us and which will require our earnest and prayerful attention while here.

My report cannot be biennial, as the second year is broken into. I will report the results of our efforts for the year 1916 only, supplementing that with a brief statement of what has been done thus far in the present year.

At the close of 1916 we had 17 churches with a membership of 470. The number baptized during the year and added to our membership was 47. Our list of isolated Sabbath-keepers and persons not members in British Columbia is somewhat large, though an earnest effort has been made to add them to our membership. The total number not including members of our Conference church is about 90. Altogether there were at the beginning of 1917 about 560 Sabbath-keepers in the province, members and non-members. However, since the first of January, 1917, some revising of the list has been done and I understand that according to the last report the membership is much less.

Last year our laborers were distributed as follows: Brother Wood spent his time at Nelson strengthening the company there, with good results. About mid-

summer he was joined by Brother George Toombs, who still labors there and reports an interest still to hear the truth which some lately have accepted. Sometime last fall an effort was begun to erect a building at Nelson, which met with excellent success. They now have a church large enough for all practical use with provision made for a church school as well. The building, I understand, is almost free from debt with pledges covering what remains, and the certificate of title is in the safe at the office. This increases the list of church buildings in the Conference to 11, besides 8 church buildings and a church school not yet in the name of the Association.

In the summer of 1916, Brother Potter was asked to leave his interest at Kelowna and take charge of the work in Vancouver, where there seemed to be a need. He was asked also to take on the burden of the Young People's work together with that of the Home Missionary department. This has tied his hands somewhat, and the work has been exceedingly heavy, but we appreciate what has been done, not only along departmental lines but in the city work as well.

Brother Burrill, it was thought, could take the work on Vancouver Island, but it was afterwards learned that on account of Sister Burrill's health it would not be wise for them to leave Vancouver. So most of his time has been spent there, with good results. The work of these two brethren in Vancouver has been supplemented by the missionary activities of our membership there, and some show a zeal for missionary effort that is commendable. Magazines in English, Chinese and Japanese are sold monthly and Brother Lim Ping, our Chinese brother there, still operates a mission partly self-supporting, receiving some help from the Conference and from brethren and sisters in the city.

Brother Bellchamber took up the work at Kelowna, as Brother Potter left it. Some two or three have accepted the truth and since circulating our literature in the city some interest has been found. Hitherto the work has been in the country around Rutland. Brother Bellchamber has been working at a disadvantage and should have help, but we have been short of help in all our efforts as we have also been short of means.

Just recently we have asked Brother Robert Swan to go to Victoria and there do Bible work with the hope of strengthening the work of the church in that city. Our membership there had simmered down to just a few and they were without leadership, Brother Freeman having moved with his family to Graham Island.

Last fall the Pacific Press asked for Brother J. B. Giddings to take charge of their branch at Calgary, suggesting at the same time two or three Tract Society workers that we might secure for our office and to take the responsibilities carried by Brother Giddings. In our search for suitable help, we found Brother Bowett, who had had nearly six years' experience in the office in Alberta.

Sister Jemson was obliged to give up part of her work last summer on account of her health, so accordingly the Home Missionary Department was given to Brother Potter, leaving her that of the Sabbath schools.

From her report to me, I glean the following in-

teresting items: At the close of 1915, 30 Sabbath schools, including the Conference Home Department, reported, showing a membership of 654. Nine of these were family schools. Since that time eight have been dropped, principally through removals, and seven others have been added. Our present membership is 557. The offerings for the year 1916 were \$2,297.74. The rate per church member was a little less than 10 cents.

A decided improvement is shown by the reports in the matter of learning the memory verses and in regular and prompt attendance. The local Sabbath school workers are showing that they recognize the importance of training for their work by the heartiness with which the Teachers' Training Course has been taken up in many schools.

Last year we received more tithe than we did during 1915, and our contributions to Foreign Missions averaged 16 cents per member. The tithe per capita for 1916 was \$21.35. We are sorry that the matter of our foreign missions contributions fell below the twenty-cent-a-week quota, but, even so, we are glad for the special efforts that were put forth by our brethren and sisters everywhere to bring the contributions to the figures named. In the Harvest Ingathering Campaign we went \$300.00 above the amount collected the previous year, the amount raised being \$896.00.

I will read something which I have prepared showing the donations year by year, both for Home and Foreign Missions, along with the tithe. It is interesting to note that while some years show a decrease in some things there has been a steady progress on the whole.

Here are the items:

Year	Tithe	Home Miss.	For. Miss.	S.S. Off.
1908	\$4,129.79	\$269.51	\$600.52	\$374.63
1909	5,019.56	422.34	936.29	423.99
1910	6,367.23	1,188.24	2,073.20	663.82
1911	8,881.09	584.83	2,787.14	795.47
1912	10,226.51	1,347.12	3,591.65	1,595.00
1913	9,889.23	3,353.19	3,232.29	2,013.58
1914	10,183.81	1,352.15	2,940.10	2,022.22
1915	8,252.57	664.68	3,534.37	2,317.75
1916	9,649.00	548.70	1,490.37	2,297.74

A few items about the Home Missionary Department supplied by the secretary will be interesting to you. The first is a report of missionary work done for the year and reads as follows:

Letters written	1,434
Letters received	350
Missionary visits	3,022
Bible readings	594
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	201
Papers sold	6,094
Papers mailed or given away	18,210
Books sold	372
Books lent or given away	501
Tracts lent or given	4,031
Hours of Christian help work	2,827
Articles of clothing given	959
Number of meals given	1,180
Treatments given	114
Offerings for Home Missions	\$129.70

Having examined the reports quarter by quarter I find that there has been a steady increase from month to month. The number of persons reporting has also increased from 88 to 121 during the year. During the year 1916 we engaged in a short temperance campaign in which 5,000 of the *Temperance Instructor* were distributed, and a splendid influence exerted. During the fall months the Harvest Ingathering Campaign gave us another opportunity to show our faith in God and His promises and the privilege of meeting our neighbors and friends, thus doing real home missionary work and at the same time helping the foreign fields. We all rejoice in the fact that the Lord helped us to reach and pass our goal in the Harvest Ingathering. This should encourage us to take hold of the campaign this year with a firm purpose of doing a better work for the Master. Shall we not aim to reach at least \$1,000.00 through this means?

In Vancouver several lines of home missionary work are being carried on continually. Members from the different churches give assistance in the Chinese mission school every night during the week except Friday, and the night after the Sabbath. Services have been conducted at the Provincial Jail every fortnight for nearly two years with some encouraging results. The government officials were so pleased with the work that they purchased a piano for the use of our helpers. From one to two hundred Chinese magazines and the same number of Japanese are regularly sold in and around Vancouver each month. Over 5,000 copies of the Present Truth Series have been distributed by the Union Street church alone during the last six months. A good work has been carried on among the Indians in their vicinity by the Lumen and Grandview churches.

We have the following to report concerning the Missionary Volunteer Department. In our Conference we have in round numbers 200 young people and children in Sabbath-keeping families. One hundred of these are from 6 to 13 years of age, and one hundred from 14 to 25 years.

From the winter of 1911 to the middle of 1916 this department was under the care of Lydia Stickle. Upon her release on account of leaving for Pacific Union College, Brother Potter was asked to look after the interests of the department.

The Missionary Volunteer Department is making a special effort to encourage our youth and children to qualify themselves in heart and mind and experience for true missionary work. Because of this the M. V. Reading Courses are outlined for them, the Standard of Attainment is encouraged, the Bible Year is made prominent, the Morning Watch is becoming more and more appreciated, and the financial goal for foreign missions a more important factor. During the year 1916 twelve persons qualified in one of the Standard Attainment subjects; two completed both examinations and received certificates. Twenty-three joined the Reading Course class and over one hundred the Bible Year class. Five hundred copies of the Morning Watch calendar have been supplied during the year. The following is a summary of the work and offerings for the year:

Letters written	61
Letters received	20

Missionary visits	613
Bible readings given	9
Papers and magazines sold	516
Papers lent or given away	3,947
Books lent or given away	59
Tracts given away	699
Hours, Christian help work	296
Articles of clothing given	98
Offerings for Home Missions	\$63.37
Offerings for Foreign Missions	\$252.06
Tithe paid by Young People	\$617.66

Along educational lines, I am pleased to report as follows: We have five schools, two church and three home schools. The enrolment of the former is 96, and of the latter 13, making a total of 109 pupils. Eighty-one of these attended the Church-school at Grandview, which is permitted to teach up to and including the tenth grade as necessity demands. The General Conference Education Department examination questions have been used this year and, with few exceptions, very creditably passed.

Of the 17 churches in this Conference, the children of 13 of them are without church school privileges. Our educational secretary, Brother R. E. Noble, has been taking up correspondence with them and we trust that the way will open for the establishment of at least a few more schools. Surely this unaccomplished task presents to us an opportunity for earnest labor, if we would clear ourselves of the responsibility pointed out to us by the Spirit of Prophecy respecting the training of our youth in the Third Angel's Message.

In touching upon the canvassing work, I wish to emphasize the fact that there is ample room in B.C. for more consecrated colporteurs than we have been able hitherto to secure for the field. Last year practically only three entered and stayed by the work during the season. Their efforts were blessed and all of these, one of whom is our field secretary, plan to re-engage in the work. At present there is but one in the field and he is experiencing good success in the taking of orders.

The following report of sales will interest you.
Total sales, Books and Magazines—

1912	\$9,291.95
1913	7,389.79
1914	8,357.84
1915	6,144.79
1916	5,488.63

The financial report of the Tract Society, certified by the auditor, will be presented later. It would be well for us all to realize that the sale of all this literature means far more than a mere statement of figures. We are glad to report that our Tract Society is in good condition and free from debt, which is true also of our Conference.

The statements I have made in my address with the interesting items taken from departmental reports are perhaps sufficiently clear so that you can become acquainted with the needs of the field and be able to act intelligently as delegates when time is given to discussion on the various lines of the work.

I am glad we are all here together to study and plan for the work of God and to seek for wisdom and

grace, that a larger blessing may be ours in the gift of His Holy Spirit. The burdens I have borne for another term I lay down with relief, and submit to you for the attention they should have the matters that affect the question of our greater success and larger prosperity in the year to come. Surely we all sense the fact that we are in a time of great peril and those in places of responsibility are not to be envied. I trust that the Lord will guide you in all your deliberations and in all your selections.

I am truly grateful for the degree of harmony and goodwill that prevails among the workers and for their unmerited, loyal support in the work that has been mine for the last eighteen months. Neither can I forget the kindness of my brethren and sisters throughout the field and the helpful co-operation that has been given by all the churches during this time.

My earnest prayer is that God's Holy Spirit may be present at this session of our conference, and that we may have wisdom from God in planning for the advancement of the work in that part of His vineyard for which we are held responsible, British Columbia.

J. G. WALKER,
President.

Penticton, June 15, 1917.

WHAT ABOUT THE MAGAZINES?

What is your church doing to circulate the magazines and are you helping in this? Some are doing excellent work, as the following experience shows:

"An interesting incident occurred on the train the other day. When I boarded the train I handed the *Signs* to a passenger, asking him if he would like something to read on the way. 'Certainly', he replied, taking the magazine and beginning to read. On reading the first article, he became so interested in it that he had to read it to three of his friends, after which he sat down and continued reading. I noticed that he was reading every article from the beginning. Finally he turned to me and said, 'Where do you get these papers? Can I buy them at the news stand?' I told him where and by whom the magazine was published and that I had a few of them with me. 'Well,' he said, 'may I buy this one?' I told him he might, so he took the paper and continued his reading. He told me that it was certainly a grand paper."

"I am selling the *Signs* and *Life and Health* magazines and others. Never were these magazines more attractive and forceful. It gives one an inspiration and strength to go out with them. I opened a door to enter a tailor's shop on a certain avenue and the woman exclaimed to her husband, 'Here's your man!' I handed him a *Sign*, which he said they had been looking for. He took it and at once turned the pages to look for an article promised in the preceding number."

"The Lord has helped me to sell 750 magazines here, including some foreign ones such as French, German, Jewish, Russian and Italian, also Chinese tracts. We should help these foreigners more. I have also sold a Polish and Italian Bible to men who saw this holy book for the first time. I feel I should praise the Lord for something done. I have learned to depend more on prayer. 'They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.'"

"One sister writes that her husband, who is not an Adventist, has become very much interested in *Liberty*.

He sold almost fifty copies to his fellow workmen. He also sold to some of the leading business men of the city. He finds that they are much interested in the magazine. Another interesting feature is that he turns the money he receives into the conference for missions. Are there not some of our church members who will follow this example?"

"One of our younger members began the magazine work a short time ago. He found many of the business men anxious to read our papers. After working only a few days he wrote that he had been able to save about fifty dollars besides paying his expenses."

"Not long ago a sister consented to do a little experimental work with the *Watchman*, and asked that five copies be sent to her to see what she could do with them. In a few days she wrote, 'I have received the first five *Watchman* you sent and have sold them. I am sending you fifty cents to pay for the five I have sold, and for five more. Please send them at once.' Who else would like to try this?"

"The publishers of the *Liberty* magazine recently received a three-years' subscription from a gentleman who said that he picked up a copy of *Liberty* on a trash heap. This he read and so admired the principles that he wished to become a permanent subscriber."

"While canvassing with the *Signs* I had finished one side of the main street with this magazine and some cross streets, and had sold all but five. I was across the street from the post office in a small building, and just as I started my canvass, a gentleman walked in and heard me give the canvass and saw the man purchase the magazine. He went out ahead of me and when I reached the entrance he was standing out in front of the doorway. I had just pulled out a magazine to give him a canvass when he said, 'I have been wanting to get that magazine. What is the subscription price?' I replied that it was a dollar a year. He said, 'Come to my office this afternoon and I will take it. Call for the manager,' and gave his address. I went and was shown in. He said, 'I am very glad to get that magazine. In 1914, when I was in Philadelphia, I saw that magazine in a business office. I picked it up and read it and was impressed with the prophecies on the Eastern Question. I have not seen one since and did not know where to get it. Now I want a year's subscription to it.' I called his attention to two books advertised in it, 'The World's Crisis' and 'Armageddon' and he took particular note of them."

"To show how wonderfully the Lord brings the message to souls, I will tell how he brought it to this man. His office was on the opposite side of the street from where I was canvassing and I did not have enough *Signs* left to canvass that side of the street. So the Lord sent that man to that building just in time to get in touch with this last great message again, the first opportunity he has had in two years. I have been told that none of our magazines have been sold there in six years. This man is the president of the Bell Telephone Company of that city and a man of prominence and wealth."

Does it not seem too bad that six years should have gone by without anyone having a burden to place our truth-filled magazines in the hands of the people?

"A sister carries copies of all our English magazines,

and often sells a full set instead of one, as many of our magazine workers do. She also explained to me that she always has her papers with her and sells to the ticket agent when she buys a ticket, to the grocer when she buys groceries, to the landlady and the roomers where she secures her room, and to any and everybody where opportunity presents itself. In this way she is placing hundreds of pages of truth in the hands of people who may never have other opportunities for getting it."

"A sister who decided to put in her spare time taking yearly subscriptions for the magazines has been sick and unable to leave her home. But she has taken several subscriptions from those who called upon her; and that without having a sample of the magazine to show them."

"Two boys sold \$80.00 worth of magazines in one month. These boys are about ten and twelve years of age, respectively. The younger has fifty regular customers, and the older has thirty-six. They work the business section of the city first, then the homes. They sold a thousand Temperance *Instructors* last year, besides 3,600 *Watchman*."

"During one school vacation recently two sisters went out selling magazines. The Lord blessed their work and they disposed of 2,537 in seven days. This meant that the truth had been placed in many homes."

"An editor to whom a sister sent a *Watchman* and some tracts, responded as follows: 'Received the *Watchman* and tracts and am thankful to you for them; they are very interesting to me, especially the leaflet, "Have we come to Armageddon?" I received more information from that regarding the war in the East than all my newspaper reading had given me. If you have other *Watchman* or other reading please forward it from time to time, and I will be thankful to you and will settle when you come again.'"

"While waiting for a train at a small town it occurred to me that some magazine subscriptions might be obtained there. At the fourth house there was a man busy reading. I told him that he was the kind of person I was looking for. As soon as he saw the *Signs*, *Liberty* and *Watchman* magazines he was interested, and soon gave me subscriptions for the last two. At the next house in a few minutes subscriptions were received for *Signs* and *Liberty*."

"It is with a thrill of joy that I think of the influence the magazine work has had upon my dear children. It makes me want to sell magazines, too. One time our daughter wrote home that she did not feel herself alone, for she sensed the presence of the angels while selling magazines. I feel that the good Lord is richly blessing our children in the magazine work."

"I am truly glad that my daughter took up the magazine work last summer. She had some splendid experiences which helped her spiritually so much. I am sure that she will get much more out of school this year, for she knows just what effort her scholarship cost her. I believe the magazine work is an important one that must be done now, and hope many of our young people will engage in it."

Do not these experiences stir your heart with a desire to help in this good work? The call of the hour is for the widest possible circulation of literature and the magazines have an important place in this.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA CAMP-MEETING

British Columbia Conference does not have a large membership, but they are widely scattered over a large territory and they cannot come together for camp-meeting without great expense. The meeting at Penticton was attended by about 275 Sabbath-keepers. This was the largest ever held in the province and was in many other respects the best in the history of the Conference.

The report of the retiring president, Elder J. G. Walker, showed an encouraging degree of progress in all lines of Conference work. Delegates from all the churches were duly seated and the Conference business was speedily and harmoniously completed. Elder A. C. Gilbert was elected president; T. S. Bowett, secretary-treasurer, and a few changes were made in the Executive Committee and Departmental secretaries.

C. E. Wood and E. R. Potter were ordained to the Gospel ministry.

Elder W. H. Anderson spent a few days with us and his stirring mission talks were a great inspiration to all the people. The Union Conference committee had a meeting on the grounds and Elders Humann, Gilbert, Skinner and the other members of the committee gave much appreciated help. Doctor Bonde and Brother S. H. Logan gave help and instruction daily in medical missionary lines.

The Lord came very near and on the last Sabbath nearly all in camp came forward and received a great blessing. Some surrendered to the Lord for the first time. The next day sixteen were baptised and still others will go forward at their own home churches soon.

Over \$300.00 worth of missionary literature was taken home by the people, including 1,500 *World War*. About \$1,000 in cash and immediate pledges was given to missions, besides a large number of pledges conditional on the sale of property.

The weather was ideal throughout. The citizens manifested a kindly interest and the delegates asked the Executive Committee to consider the idea of holding the camp-meeting next year at Penticton again.

C. F. McVAGH.

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CLOSING EXERCISES.

The first year of Battleford Academy closed with about forty students in attendance to receive their final degrees. The last week was a very busy one, as were those before it; especially as so much time has been lost in the interruptions and the delays incidental

to the first year of the work. However, we feel that the school year has been a success and that all who stayed with us to the finish, enjoyed a special blessing. There is always a great deal gained by completing anything we begin.

The closing program was held in the chapel Friday morning at 11 o'clock. The student prayer meeting in the evening was one of the best of the year. Sabbath the Sabbath school gave a special program which was enjoyed by all. The afternoon service was devoted to the celebration of the ordinances and was a very solemn occasion. Some new members were taken into the church, making a total of 45. The last service, held at sundown, was largely spent in song service, Mrs. A. T. Robinson, her brothers, Brethren O. O. and A. V. Farnsworth, and Mrs. H. W. Clark forming a quartette which was much appreciated.

The students left us Sunday and Monday, some going directly to the camp ground at Moose Jaw, while others went at once to their fields of labor in the colporteur work. All were unanimous in the thought that this has been a year of blessing and of earnest preparation for the work of God.

The following is the program of the closing exercises of the Academy as rendered:

Programme.

Closing Exercises, Battleford Academy.

Song, "Joy by and by" Congregation
Prayer Robert Kitto
Address C. B. Hughes
Piano Solo, "Chansons des Alps"..... Mrs. H. W. Clark
Reading, "Growth of the English Language"

..... Hulda Hoehn
Exercise, Psalm 37 Primary Department
Reading, "How to be Lovely"..... Mrs. C. B. Hughes
Double Quartette, "Great Is the Lord"

..... Misses Haynal, Brehmer, Farnsworth, Unruh.
Messrs. Degering, Clark, Forshaw, Sissons.
Recitation, "Don't Fret"..... Seventh Reading Class
Violin Solo, "Simple Confession"..... W. G. Forshaw
Reading, Selection from "Birds and Bees"

..... Emma Herman.
Bible Reading Misses Unruh and Hoehn
Male Quartette, "Lead Us, O Father"

Recitation, Revelation 22 Miss Schwartz
Reading, "What the Students Say of the School."

..... David Andrews.
Piano Trio, Mrs. Clark, Misses Farnsworth and

..... Haynal.
Song "Home of the Soul"

Benediction.

H. W. CLARK.

GOD IS GATHERING HIS PEOPLE.

The gospel is going to all the people and soon the work will be done. I am glad to tell you that this last message is reaching our Russian people, scattered on the broad prairies of Saskatchewan. The Lord has blessed us very richly during the spring season.

On my return from Alberta last April I worked for some time at Beaver Creek, Viceroy and Lonesome Butte. In all these places the Lord has gathered His people. At Lonesome Butte we have organized a new Russian church of 19 members. Elder A. C. Gilbert was with us and helped in the organization.

From there we went to Viceroy and on the 6th day of June we held a baptismal service. Three dear souls

followed their Lord in baptism. Then we celebrated the Lord's Supper and organized a company of eleven. On the 8th of June Elder Gilbert left for Saskatoon, and I went with Brother Krainean to Elm Springs, where Brother Belleau, our Servian Bible worker, was working. The Lord has blessed his efforts there and on Sunday, June 10th, I baptised four Servians. Then I returned to Beaver Creek, and on Sabbath, the 16th, we had such a large meeting that our church building was too small. On Sunday we held baptismal services, and seven were taken into the church by vote, as they were formerly baptized.

Now we have in Saskatchewan two organized churches. One of 19 and the other of 54 members, also the company of 11. The field is large and the work is great, but the laborers are few. As yet I am the only worker for the Russians in Saskatchewan and Alberta. May God soon send help for these needy fields. Pray for the Russian work in these provinces.

Now is the day of labor,
Soon the evening will come,
So let us haste with our labor,
Then rest at set of sun.

T. T. BABIENCO.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED.

One hundred and fifty young men and women are wanted to join the forces of King Immanuel. Many who now claim to be His subjects are needed to carry out special lines of work that the final victory may soon be accomplished. Before these young people can be of special service, they must undergo a season of drill and training. Are you on the active service list, or are you merely a subject? The call of the hour is for all to join the ranks in the "First line". Are you ready to answer the call? If so, send for a Battleford Academy calendar, and see how you can prepare yourself for active service. The first year has been one of great blessing to all who were in attendance. Are you going to be with us next year? We hope to see many more here who were not with us this year. Our enrolment this past year was 114. Shall we make it 150 the next year? It depends on you. Are you coming?

H. W. CLARK.

LONESOME BUTTE.

The Lord has done great things for us. About ten families (Russian people) came here in 1914 and settled at Lonesome Butte. We thought no one would ever come to see us, as we were so far from the railroad, but in 1916 Elder T. T. Babienco came and preached to us the Message. Many were interested and accepted the truth, and on the 3rd of June, 1917, Elders A. C. Gilbert and T. T. Babienco came and organized a church of 19 members here.

Pray for our success. WM. M. RUMINSON,
Clerk of Lonesome Butte Church.

MACRORE.

For the past month I have been working around Macrore and holding meetings in the hall there. I did not expect to stay so long, but the interest has been such that I could not leave. Several of the new ones have promised to come to the camp meeting.

Our brethren have built a new church at a cost

of \$1,300.00 about six miles south of town. Last Sabbath it was nearly full. The carpenter is still working on the building, so the dedication had to be postponed until after camp-meeting.

After working in the city so long, it has been a treat for me to get into the country for awhile, where you can see the Message gaining ground in all directions. We earnestly hope that all who can will come to camp-meeting this year. In view of what is going on in the world, no Seventh-day Adventist ought to need a second invitation.

A. MACKINTOSH.

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GRANDVIEW

Since returning from my vacation, which was spent visiting my relatives and those with whom I had formerly labored in the ministry and in the church, my time has been divided, working at Winnipeg, Dauphin and Grandview. One day was, I trust, profitably spent with the little band at Hazelridge. They are of good courage and are pressing "toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus!"

My time, principally, has been used in teaching the new Sabbath keepers at Grandview all points of the truth, preparatory for baptism and the binding off of the work at that place, so I could leave for my new field of labor. The Lord rewarded us for our patient labor and Sabbath, June 16th, we had the privilege of leading two precious souls down into the river, and, we trust, buried the "Old Man" in the watery grave. We expect to have another baptism there before leaving for camp meeting, but at this writing am not able to give the number.

The work at Grandview has been different, notably, in one respect, from the work in any place in which I have previously labored, namely, an attentive and appreciative congregation for many months and an offering that was very liberal, and yet I could not persuade them to "Step over the line." After planning to close the meetings, I concluded to make one more plea. The Lord helped me and, to my surprise, six heads of families stood up and testified that they would henceforth keep all of God's commandments.

These fathers and mothers, with their children from fourteen years and under, if faithful, will make quite an addition to the company at Grandview.

It is with sadness that we part with these dear people so soon, knowing the snares the evil one has set for their feet, but our prayers shall continue to ascend to the "God of all Grace" that the "Jewels" in Grandview may be polished, refined and kept for the Master's service.

To the Lord be all the praise for what has been accomplished, and, as in the past, we look to Him for wisdom to guide our feet in the future.

V. W. ROBB.

Special request is made for all who can play instruments by note to please bring them to the camp-meeting. This will add greatly to the music and be much appreciated.

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NOTES FROM CAMP-MEETING

Camp-meeting has now commenced with an average of 550 in attendance. Over half of this number were here and settled in their tents even before the opening date, many driving long distances.

A thoughtful feature of the camp this year is the reception tent situated near the entrance, which provides a pleasant place of rest between meetings. Opportunity is given also for reading the past Reading Course books of either the Senior or Junior course, as these are kindly provided by the M. V. Society and make an interesting collection for book lovers.

The Church-school exhibition tent is another interesting spot to visit, and surely, by viewing such wonderful bits of handiwork by the little ones themselves, the parents will be impressed by the great advantages of having a church-school in their community.

The Book tent is as popular a gathering place as usual, providing advantages gained by "seeing what you buy" to those who do not always have this privilege. The tastefully arranged books, Bibles and pretty mottoes supply happy inspiration for gifts, etc.

For some reason the Young People's tent seems smaller than it was last year. We are happy to see the increased attendance, however.

Although some inconvenience was caused by the wind and storm Thursday evening and Friday, Sabbath morning dawned bright and fair and the full attendance at Sabbath-school, including Russian, German, Scandinavian and the children, was 586; total Sabbath-school donations amounting to \$379.25.

The afternoon service was held in the large pavilion; being conducted by Elder I. H. Evans. The impressive words of the speaker were interpreted to the Russian brethren and sisters by Prof. Burley, and to the German by Elder C. K. Reiswig.

A word from the children's department is much appreciated. "God is blessing the children. They all take a lively interest in the meetings which are held twice each day, the largest attendance so far being one hundred and five. July 1, we had evidence of the special working of the Holy Spirit on their little hearts when an earnest appeal was given by their leader to give their hearts to Jesus. Twenty-four little ones asked for special prayer, and were given an opportunity of making known their special needs by a season of prayer together."

A report from the Young People's department, given by Miss H. A. Beardsley, secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Society for the Alberta Conference, proved interesting indeed. 145 young people were reported as being present Sunday morning.

Elder T. T. Babienco and Professor Burley are assisting in the Russian department; Elder Boettcher in the German, and Elder Johnson and others in the Scandinavian.

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The Calgary treatment rooms, formerly located in the Underwood Block, have now been transferred to the Alberta Conference and removed to 528 Eighth Avenue West, and will be operated by Brother Close, recently from California, and Drs. Hans and Dale Bonde, who with their corps of graduate and able nurses will be in readiness to give treatment to any who are in need of same. The doctors will gladly reply to all inquiries, both personal and those received by correspondence, and advise as best they can concerning the needs of any case.

On Tuesday, nineteen souls were buried with their Lord in the watery grave, by baptism, at the camp-meeting at Lacombe. More candidates are ready and will follow them next Sunday. The Lord still works and is gathering out those who will be candidates for heaven. Soon this work in all the earth will be finished, and we are rejoiced to see it go forward in all lands—as well in our home land as in the countries beyond the seas.

The following men were present at the Alberta camp-meeting: Elder I. H. Evans, president of the

North American Division Conference; Elder J. T. Boettcher, from Russia; Elder Charles Thompson, of the Northern Union Conference; Prof. Burleigh, from Harvey, North Dakota; Prof. Flaiz, from Walla Walla College; T. T. Babienco, from Saskatchewan, and J. J. Reiswig, our new Young People's and Educational secretary, besides others who helped to make our meetings worth while. We thank God for the heavenly sittings together which we have had, deepening in us the determination to have His Spirit be forever the all-controlling force in our lives.

WILL YOU HAVE A VACATION?

Whether you have a vacation or not the August number of *Life and Health* is full of information which will be useful for you. It gives valuable suggestions for hot weather diet; how to preserve one's health during the summertime; what to do in case of emergency, such as sunstroke, hemorrhage, drowning, etc. The cover design is especially fetching, being a water scene, full of life. Those who circulate *Life and Health* do good service. Send orders to your Conference Tract Society.

FOR SALE or EXCHANGE.—120 acres on West Arm, Kootenay Lake. About one-third mile frontage. Half mile from Nelson, B.C. 550 trees in bearing; 450 black currant, gooseberry and raspberry bushes. Six-room house, stable, etc. Government wharf right on property. Apply: H. R. Kitto, Box 35, Nelson, B.C.

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.



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