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A FOREWORD

To the Leaders of Our M.V. Societies:—

Sabbath, August 25, has been set apart by the Department as "Goal Dollar Day," and we hope that our Societies will spare no effort to make this program a special occasion.

The program and articles for this meeting will appear in the *Tidings* of July 31. Make your announcement early and let each member come prepared with a liberal offering.

While this is called "Goal Dollar Day," we should consider all the features of our goal. Distribute the articles in time, so as to give time for preparation.

Let us begin to pray for the success of that meeting now.

Yours in the interests of the Missionary Volunteer work.
J. J. REISWIG.

GROWING OPPORTUNITIES

The set of twenty-five cent books on topics of vital interest is growing steadily. The latest addition is "The Return of Jesus," which will give us a new book on this vital part of our message, really the objective of it. The set now comprises four on the war—"World's Crisis," "Armageddon," "Vatican and the War," "The World War"; three on doctrines, "The Other Side of Death," "The Christian Sabbath," "The Return of Jesus," and one on temperance "The Shadow of the Bottle." These books are just the thing to send to our relatives and friends who are not in the truth, to sell to our neighbors and others we may be able to reach and to circulate in every possible way.

One minister takes two or three with him whenever he goes on a journey, and sells them on the way. When taking his ticket recently he laid one on the desk while the clerk was getting his change, and in a moment it was sold to the clerk. This minister's wife keeps some in her home and canvasses the callers.

Here are further illustrations of the readiness which the people manifest to buy these books:—

"I ordered ten of 'The World War' and the day they came I opened the package in the post office and sold six before I left the office. The merchant of the place bought one and sold it to one of his customers and came to me for another one. Another man who had bought one gave a friend standing near by a canvass for the book, and he came to me for a copy. Still another man took his book and stepped over to the blacksmith shop and gave a friend his of a canvass for the book, and as a result the blacksmith came to me for a copy. I sold the ten and could have sold more if I had them with me. The book sells

itself and should be sold in large numbers by all our people."

"Today I have been out among the residences with the new book, "The World War," and sold fifteen. It sells readily. One woman would not let me in, but she looked through the glass door while I shouted out a canvass, and the book was sold."

"A little girl, aged seven, and boy, aged eight, are having wonderful success in the sale of our literature. Louise has disposed of a number of the twenty-five cent books such as "World's Crisis," "Vatican and the War," and "Armageddon." What these children can do, others can do, and if the parents and teachers will encourage them the Lord will use them in a wonderful way."

"The World's Crisis' was sent to a man who had known something of the doctrines of Seventh-Day Adventists, but at the time of receiving the book he was a staunch Presbyterian, and as he says very prejudiced against the truth held by our people. He had been a Christian for years. After reading the 'World's Crisis,' in spite of prejudice he could not help seeing the truth. At once he went to the superintendent of the institution where he is employed, telling him of his convictions and intentions. At first the superintendent said perhaps he could work on Sundays, but later informed him that he could not allow that. He rests every Sabbath. His wife accepted the truth with him, and as they express it were never before so happy. He wonders why he did not see this light before."

"A sister is making a tour of the large towns in her conference, selling 'The World's Crisis.' She has already disposed of 1,600, and has ordered 500 more. She is doing a good work, one worthy of imitation."

"It seems good to be selling books again. I sold ten I had in less than twenty-four hours. I sold these in the passenger station of the Southern Railway before I left. 'The Other Side of Death' is a seller. I sold one to a passenger, one to a conductor of the Southern Railway, one to a traveling salesman and one to a doctor. I will continue to push the sale of the small books, and sow the good seed."

"A brother in the dairy business says, 'I have sold fifty or more of 'Armageddon.' They sell easily. The only hindrance is that I am too busy. I have sold many of these among the customers, but sell to others with equal freedom."

"One sister sold seventy-two 'Armageddon' in about five hours. Another day she sold seventy-nine in a day and eighty in another day. She has sold as high as forty 'Armageddon' in one hour."

"Recently while working in a State Capital I received twenty-one orders in one day for 'World's Crisis,' and 'The Shadow of the Bottle.' The people were much interested in the books, especially that part which speaks about the end of the world. Think-

ing men want to know what these things mean. Wherever one goes with our books he gets a hearing. A county official sent me word to come to see him, as he wanted one of those 'temperance books.' It took about half a minute to write out his order for 'The Shadow of the Bottle.' A presiding elder here eagerly bought 'The Shadow of the Bottlw,' as did also the local pastor. A lawyer who is reading Liberty magazine, when approached with 'World's Crisis,' laid hold of it, saying, 'I read about that book in Liberty. What else have you?' He was told that "The Shadow of the Bottle" was a companion book. 'All right, I'll take them both.'

"The proprietor of a cigar and fruit store wanted to know what kind of a book it was and said if it were an Adventist book he would take it. He was not a Christian, he said, and had no use for any of the churches in the town, for they did not help anyone. But he had confidence in the Adventist people and liked their reading matter. I was so surprised to hear him talk so. I had passed by his place and then retraced my steps to canvass him; and I may say that there was not a place I passed and returned to canvass but where I sold a book."

"I intend to keep on as steadily as I can until I sell every book. I realize that it is just the steady regular peddling that will accomplish results. These books are as good as any sermon, and I have quite a congregation studying these truths. It is only the thought of sowing the good seed of truth and the good that it will do that will hold me as steady to my purpose, for I dislike and dread to canvass as much as anyone possibly can. I have placed 'World's Crisis' with the district judge, lawyers, merchants, doctors, dentists, Catholics and Protestants, and eternally alone will reveal the good that these books will do."

What these members have done others can do. The country should be flooded with these books. Why not order a few and show them to your friends and neighbors? When you have sold them, order more.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

DUTY IN VIEW OF THE TIME OF TROUBLE

The Lord has shown me repeatedly that it is contrary to the Bible to make any provision for our temporal wants in the time of trouble. I saw that if the saints had food laid up by them, or in the field in the time of trouble, when sword, famine, and pestilence are in the land, it would be taken from them by violent hands, and strangers would reap their fields. Then will be the time for us to trust wholly in God, and He will sustain us. I saw that our bread and water will be sure at that time, and that we shall not lack or suffer hunger; for God is able to spread a table for us in the wilderness. If necessary He would send ravens to feed us, as He did to feed Elijah, or rain manna from heaven, as He did for the Israelites.

Houses and lands will be of no use to the saints in the time of trouble, for they will then have to flee before infuriated mobs, and at that time their possessions cannot be disposed of to advance the cause of present truth. I was shown that it is the will of God that the saints should cut loose from every incumbrance before the time of trouble comes, and make a covenant with God through sacrifice. If they have their property on the altar, and earnestly inquire of God for duty, He will teach them when to dispose

of these things. Then they will be free in the time of trouble, and have no clogs to weigh them down.

I saw that if any held on to their property, and did not inquire of the Lord as to their duty, He would not make duty known, and they would be permitted to keep their property, and in the time of trouble it would come up before them like a mountain to crush them, and they would try to dispose of it, but would not be able. I heard some mourn like this: "The cause was languishing, God's people were starving for the truth, and we made no effort to supply the lack; now our property is useless. Oh, that we had let it go, and laid up treasure in heaven!" I saw that a sacrifice did not increase, but it decreased and was consumed. I also saw that God had not required all of His people to dispose of their property at the same time, but if they desired to be taught, He would teach them in a time of need, when to sell and how much to sell. Some have been required to dispose of their property in times past to sustain the Advent cause, while others have been permitted to keep theirs until a time of need. Then, as the cause needs it, their duty is to sell.

Now is the time to lay up treasure in heaven, and to set our hearts in order, ready for the time of trouble. Those only who have clean hands and pure hearts will stand in that trying time. Now is the time for the law of God to be in our minds, foreheads, and written in our hearts.

The Lord has shown me the danger of letting our minds be filled with wordly thoughts and cares. I saw that some minds are led away from present truth and a love of the Holy Bible, by reading other exciting books; others are filled with perplexity and care for what they shall eat, drink and wear. Some are looking too far off for the coming of the Lord. Time has continued a few years longer than they expected, therefore they think it may continue a few years more, and in this way their minds are being led from present truth, out after the world. In these things I saw great danger; for if the mind is filled with other things, present truth is shut out, and there is no place in our foreheads for the seal of the living God. I saw that the time for Jesus to be in the most holy place was nearly finished, and that time can last but a very little longer. What leisure time we have should be spent in searching the Bible, which is to judge us in the last day.

My dear brethren and sisters, let the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ be in your minds continually, and let them crowd out worldly thoughts and cares. When you lie down and when you rise up, let them be your meditation. Live and act wholly in reference to the coming of the Son of Man. The sealing time is very short, and will soon be over. Now is the time, while the four angels are holding the four winds, to make our calling and election sure.

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

A PERIOD OF PROGRESS

Below is given a detailed account of all funds received at the Western Canadian Union office for the first six months of 1917. It is the most encouraging report that has yet been presented. The tabulating of these figures has only been made possible by the increased faithfulness on the part of the believers in Western Canada. A spirit of deep consecration has

taken hold of the members and as a result the tithe and mission fund have greatly increased.

It will be seen that the tithe for the first six months of 1916 was \$29,672.80, a per capita of \$16.08, while for the same period of 1917 it is \$45,207.00, with a per capita of \$19.50. The net increase in tithe is \$15,534.20, or a per capita of \$3.42. This is on the basis of a membership of 2,318 for the entire Union.

The same proportion of gain is also shown in the mission funds which we are giving separately. The total amount raised for missions for the first half of the year 1916 was \$9,687.17, while for the same period of 1917 it was \$13,062.37, or a gain of \$3,375.20. The per capita for each of the four provinces is as follows: Alberta, 22c; B.C., 13c; Manitoba, 15½c; Saskatchewan, 32½c. It will be seen that an amount equal to 20c per member has been raised thus far throughout the Union. Two of the Conferences have not yet raised their portion of the fund. A change for the better, however, is taking place each month and we hope that by the close of the year the records will show that each conference has met its full portion.

Some very definite plans have been laid for the raising of a large amount of means in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. This is a work in which all engage. Those who are not in a position to make up their portion of the twenty-cent-a-week fund can gather from their friends and thus do their part in meeting the demands of the great mission fields.

Let us set a goal for ourselves this year and then keep working until the amount is raised. An average of \$5.00 per member can easily be gathered if we set ourselves to the task. We can do it. Shall we not try? You will notice in the report that \$1,287.87 has already been collected this year, which really is the overflow of last year's effort. With such a good start the remainder should be raised easily. Plan early for this work and we shall see a goodly sum flowing into the mission fields for the finishing of the gospel message.

STATEMENT OF WESTERN CANADIAN UNION FUNDS FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1917

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	Sask.	Total
Tithe:	\$1785.45	\$574.53	\$277.81	\$1881.21	\$4520.70
Titheto Missions	3570.90	287.26	138.90	3012.66	7009.72
Sustentation Fund	1071.26	344.72	166.70	1129.72	2712.40
Foreign Funds:					
Annual Offering	191.45	9.75		40.35	241.55
Harvest Ingathering	648.46	51.95	42.39	539.07	1287.87
Mid-Summer Offering	5.00	5.00		50	10.50
Missions	1320.75	429.12	312.77	251.92	2314.56
Sabbath-school	3228.45	966.71	617.82	3665.99	8478.97
Y.P. Society	52.51	8.41	15.30	298.70	374.92
Native Worker	30.00				30.00
Peru	10.00				10.00
India		15.00		84.00	99.00
South Africa		10.00	5.00		15.00
China (Brother Warren)			100.00		100.00
Singapore				100.00	100.00
Home Funds:					
Women's Auxiliary	105.67	2.60	15.50	110.65	234.42
Religious Liberty	8.64	2.99		5.63	17.26
East Michigan				100.00	100.00
Colored Work				121.90	121.90
Hinsdale Sanitarium				2.00	2.00
Literature Fund				5.00	5.00

\$12028.54 \$2714.04 \$1692.19 \$11351.00 \$27785.77

Total Tithe, 1916—	\$29,672.80	Per Capita—	\$16.08.
Total Tithe, 1917—	45,207.00	Per Capita—	19.50.
Gain.....	15,534.20.	Per Capita—	3.42.

STATEMENT OF TWENTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1917.

Conference:	Memb.	Quota	Raised	Over	Short
Alberta.....	985	\$5122.00	\$5486.62	\$ 364.62	
British Columbia..	470	2444.00	1501.94		\$942.06
Manitoba.....	273	1419.60	1093.28		326.32
Saskatchewan.....	590	3068.00	4980.53	1912.53	
	2318	12053.60	13062.37	2277.15	1268.38
			12053.60	1268.38	
Net Amount Over.....			\$1008.77	\$1008.77	

F. L. HOMMEL, *Treasurer.*

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ALBERTA ACADEMY CLOSING

The eleventh year's work of the Alberta Academy came to a close June 26th. The work of the year has been very successful and continued in a good strong way until the very close. We have enjoyed a splendid school year, there being a good studious atmosphere present. The health of both teachers and students has been excellent, thus allowing good work to be done. God has richly blessed us in allowing no harm to overtake us.

Not only have we experienced material protection, but God has richly blessed our hearts by being together for another school year. The enrollment this year has been very encouraging. In spite of our loss of several students to our sister school in Saskatchewan, and also of the fact that a number left the field for other schools in the States, our enrollment reached 223. This is exactly the same number as was enrolled last year.

Examinations for the second semester began on Wednesday, preceding the close. We are glad to say that on the whole a very excellent record of scholarship was rendered. The closing report was the best which we have rendered since I have been in the field.

Our graduating class was few in number this year. Susie Haynal, Earl Carle and Bennie Clark graduated in good standing.

The closing exercises were much enjoyed by all who attended. Elder H. H. Humann preached the Baccalaureate sermon on the last sabbath of the school year. Monday following, we were much favored by having Elder I. H. Evans with us to deliver the Class Address. He spoke to us on "Seventh Day Adventists and their World's Work," in which he showed the place of education in the closing work of the message.

We believe that the closing days of our school year will long be remembered by those who were present. A deep spiritual atmosphere was to be noted throughout the entire school. As we separate, the scenes of our last Sabbath will go with us. Especially sweet are the recollections of our walk in the woods and the evening vespers on the lake shore.

We trust that God will go with each one to keep them in every experience and bring a large number of us together with many others at the opening of our school in the fall to further prepare ourselves for service in this great Cause.

As our students go to their homes or to other places of labor, we hope that the lessons learned will be crystallized into kind deeds and noble actions.

E. D. DICK.

REPORT OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPT. ALBERTA CONFERENCE

Quarter Ending June 31, 1917.

Name	Member-ship	12th Sabbath	13th Sabbath	Total
Aeme	22	\$36.00	\$50.10	\$86.10
Bismark	16	18.15	6.60	24.75
Boyne Lake	12	1.30	.55	1.85
Burnt Lake	7	12.69	10.06	22.75
Brooks	7	8.65	3.00	11.65
Calgary (Eng.)	38	69.51	20.51	90.02
Calgary (Ger.)	21	24.45	1.55	26.00
Clemens	20	34.55	14.00	48.55
Clive	23	37.06	8.45	45.51
Claresholm	36	25.05	14.30	39.35
Castor	5			
Didsbury	23	27.75	5.27	33.02
Edmonton	44	43.83	5.30	49.13
Granum	17	12.80	10.00	22.80
Gadsby West	19	24.65	15.25	39.90
Gadsby East	22	5.75		5.75
Harmattan	25	10.59	4.50	15.09
Hanna	16			
Hawkesdale	14	9.46	2.65	12.11
Coronation	50			
Irvine	31			
Leduc (Eng.)	18	10.45	7.05	17.50
Leduc (Ger.)	26	16.90	4.65	21.55
Loyalist	34			
Lockhart	16	5.00		5.00
Lacombe	157	126.04	42.21	168.25
Lewisville	16	14.42	6.00	20.42
Midnapore	36			
Markerville	8	4.10	4.30	8.40
Manville	12	7.00	5.00	12.00
Neapolis	7	3.30	2.00	5.30
Olds	10	8.75	2.00	10.75
Ohaton	9			
Ponoka	19			
Retlaw	10	4.10		4.10
Rosebud	131	40.00	15.00	55.00
Steveville	9	7.55		7.55
Sedgewick	3			
Stavely	16	12.80	10.00	22.80
Trochu	8	4.25	4.00	8.25
Thelma	30			
Travers	8	4.55	3.00	7.55
Vermilion	23	50.10		50.10
Winnifred	26			
Woodbend	21	9.40	7.45	16.85
Walsh	12	10.50		10.50
Edberg	12	9.65	3.55	13.20
Lunnford	24	5.98	1.55	7.53
Kinuso	24			
Compeer	20	45.00	16.00	61.00
Cayley	15	9.15		9.15
Home Department	208	39.80	22.50	62.30
Conference		98.95		98.95
Camp Meeting		747.88		747.88
Totals, 52 Schools	1413	\$1697.86	\$328.35	\$2026.21

It is interesting to note the growth in the number of schools and the present membership, including the Conference Home Department to the present time. We must be encouraged as we look over the record of the work ending June 30, 1917. It is an encouragement also to those bearing the responsibilities God has laid upon us as a people. The carrying of the

Third Angel's Message to those within the bounds of the Alberta Conference.

Carefully read the Comparative Statement by quarters:

Quarters	Membs.	Finances	Quarters	Membs.	Finances
1st 1915	1086	\$1418.17	1st 1916	1209	\$1674.11
2nd 1915	1310	1185.92	2nd 1916	1284	1485.47
3rd 1916	1302	1023.87	3rd 1917	1365	1048.55
4th 1916	1194	1200.80	4th 1917	1431	2026.21
	4892	\$4828.76		5289	\$6234.34

Gain:—Members: 397. Finances: \$1,405.58.

Although the report is a good one, none should rest satisfied with the present attainment. We must press on, and push the battle to the gate. If we heed the light God has given us, we shall be endowed with the spirit of God for our labors. Heavenly influences will go with us to help meet the emergencies that will naturally arise in our work. If we, as Sabbath-school workers, will *work, watch and pray*, we will have light to comprehend and appreciate the work that still remains to be done. We are certainly living in the closing days of this world's history. Then let us ever remember we are "laborers together with God."

Our people in this conference have received the "Missions Quarterly" and our Sabbath-schools were requested by the brethren of the General Conference, once more, to "hold the ropes"; this time by making their gifts to the growing work in Central China. We are glad that the honor has fallen to our Sabbath-schools to secure these contributions for our foreign work. These contributions are increasing year after year. The Lord is greatly blessing and the Sabbath-school is a strong factor in the support of this work. Let us continue faithful, and as we can imagine the joy of our Redeemer over the ransomed souls our offerings have won for Him, we shall hear His glad words, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

We were sorry that many of our people were unable to be at the Camp-meeting. It was one of the best meetings that I have been privileged to attend. There were about eleven hundred on the ground, from first to last, and eighty-four were baptized as the result of the meetings. We hope that each worker will take hold of the work as never before that we may all go to our new home to dwell throughout eternity.

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS,
Secretary Sabbath School Department.

THE LABORATORY CAMPAIGN

One of the encouraging student activities of our school year at the Alberta Academy was that of the laboratory campaign. A few days before the close of the school year we were made acquainted with the school needs by way of laboratory equipment. Since the beginning of our school we have looked forward to the time when we could give good strong work in science. For a time some subjects were taught without any laboratory facilities. This proved to be unsatisfactory, so the studies in science were discontinued until better facilities could be provided.

Since it has become necessary for us to strengthen the science work in our school, our needs were presented to our teachers and students. A hearty response was given to the invitation. Without any hesitation, the teachers and students together pledged \$600.00. We appreciate this encouraging expression

very much. We trust that the friends of the school will further help us in building up this part of our work.

We expect that it will require about \$2,900.00 to put our laboratories in fairly good shape. To those who have not had the opportunity of giving either at our school or camp meeting, we trust that you will be friendly disposed towards such an enterprise. From time to time we expect to report through the columns of the *Tidings* the names of those giving and the amounts paid in, so that those who are interested may know how the work is progressing.

The report thus far, stands as follows:—

W. J. Smith	\$50.00
S. M. Dahl	10.00
P. P. Adams	10.00
Percy Foote	5.00
Rachel Miller	5.00
Cecil Shankel	5.00
L. W. Cobb	10.00
J. Childs	50.00
Donations	2.00
Roy Fitzsimmons	5.00
Nellie Shankel	5.00

Total \$157.00
Let the good work go forward.

E. D. DICK.

WAYSIDE DUTIES

On July 10th, I came to Calgary to look after some things left by Brother Melland, who died in the hospital here July 8th. As everything was in the hands of an attorney, Mr. Wright, I had to go out to Youngstown, where Brother Melland had his home, and obtain a list of everything so that it would be ready to put into the Court.

As I traveled over the country, I noticed the crops looked very poor, nearly all the way along as far as I went. This was especially so a few miles west of Youngstown, where all is dry and scorched for the want of rain. If it does not come soon, the cattle will suffer very much.

Surely we are living in the time of trouble. The Saviour said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." I realize more fully the Saviour's words, "Sell what thou hast and give alms." "What thou doest, do quickly."

May this thing stir us so God can have a chance to teach us to do the right thing in every way.

I hope soon to be finished here so I can go out to do some little thing for the Lord again.

H. E. SHELSTAD.

WANTED

The names of every superintendent, secretary and teacher in our Sabbath Schools in Alberta, to place on our mailing list for matter of especial interest to you. Just now we wish to send sample copies of the "Sabbath School Worker" to all who are not receiving it. From time to time there will be other literature coming, and if you supply us with your names, it will be sent on to you. This reading matter will prove of value in your Sabbath School work. We earnestly desire to have these names and addresses as soon as you are able to send them. Mrs. M. H. Crothers, Secretary S. S. Dept., Room 304 I.O.O.F. Building, Calgary.

OBITUARY

Valentine Bechthold was born in Milltown, South Dakota, Feb. 25th, 1882, and died in Calgary, Alberta, June 13th, 1917, at the age of 35 years, 3 months and 18 days. On this date Brother Bechthold left Beiseker, his home, for Calgary. His business brought him to the Herald Building, where on the elevator going down, the door on the second floor was open and by this he thought it was the last floor. Expecting the elevator to stop, he made a quick step forward and was struck on the head, which resulted in instant death.

The first 21 years the deceased lived in Milltown and then moved to Sykeston, North Dakota, where he was united in marriage to Miss Louise Lang. Oct. 25th, 1910, they made their last home at Beiseker, Alberta. He is survived by his companion, eight children, father and mother, four sisters and one brother, Jacob, who lives beside him.

A year ago he accepted the truth, but baptism was postponed until camp-meeting this year, when both himself and wife expected to be baptized.

Words of comfort from Hebrews 9:27-28 were spoken by the writer to a large number of friends who came from surrounding villages, as he was well known. His many friends and family sustain a great loss by his death, but his life was an honor to the glory of God, so we have the blessed hope of meeting him again in the first resurrection.

HENRY BLOCK.

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"THE WORLD WAR"

Never was the world riper for the message that God has committed to us. It is of the utmost importance that we do a greater work in circulating literature than ever before. This war was regarded as serious when it broke out in 1914. Since then it has been growing in intensity and fearfulness. It can now truly be said that "men's hearts are failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth."

There are many yet, however, who are going to escape the ruin facing this old world, because some who see and realize that distaster is overtaking them, throw out the life-line of this saving message. The time to save men is now. Are you engaged in this very special work? The means whereby you can reach them are at your disposal. One of the best life-lines to throw out today is the "World War." Not one of us should be content to see the dreadful war continue from month to month without providing ourselves with several copies of this splendid work. As it is the book for the hour, I would earnestly ask those who have not yet been supplied to send in their order for ten or more copies immediately. The price is fifteen cents per copy and postage on five or more. You can do an earnest work for the salvation of others by placing this little nook in their hands. "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his Lord hath made ruler over his household to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when He cometh shall find so doing."

T. S. BOWETT.

CAMP MEETING

Another camp-meeting and conference session in B.C. are in the past, and it is the unanimous testimony of the delegates that this meeting at Penticton was the best one yet held in this conference. From the viewpoint of attendance it was a success beyond any expectation.

Those responsible for locating delegates and visitors were put to their wits' end at times, as the people who had not ordered tents or rooms poured into camp. But the patience and hearty good will on the part of all contributed to making everyone fairly comfortable, although crowded at times.

One hundred and seventy-two certificates were turned in, thus at a wide margin enabling all to return home free of charge.

From the beginning of the workers' meeting while preparing camp, the sweet influence of the Spirit of God was manifest and never have we seen a camp pitched with so much ease and without the usual rush and strain. There was time, and it was well improved to make many necessary repairs on the tents.

The opening service was held Thursday evening, June 14, with an address by Elder C. F. McVagh.

The business of the Conference was taken up Friday morning, when delegates were seated and committees chosen and all listened with interest to the president's address.

On the following Tuesday the nominating committee brought in their report and after due consideration the nominees were all unanimously elected.

The elections involve a few changes in the officers from last year. Upon the suggestion of the Union Conference committee an exchange has been arranged between the Conference of British Columbia and the Conference of Saskatchewan.

Elder J. G. Walker, who has been serving the B.C. Conference as president for the past seven years, is invited to take the presidency of the Saskatchewan Conference, and Elder A. C. Gilbert, who has been the president of the Saskatchewan Conference for the last seven years, was elected by our delegates as the incoming president of this Conference.

The executive committee elected to act with the president for the coming year is as follows:—T. S. Bowett, Secretary and Treasurer; C. E. Wood, George Reiswig, E. R. Potter, W. H. Vass, A. E. Shontz, A. Jemson.

The department secretaries were chosen as follows:

Sabbath School—Mrs. A. C. Gilbert

Field—L. A. Philpot.

Educational—R. E. Noble.

Home Missionary—T. S. Bowett.

Missionary Volunteer—Lydia Stickle

Religious Liberty—Elder A. C. Gilbert

As the Union Conference committee met at the time of the camp-meeting we were favored with the help of Elder Skinner, the newly-elected president of the Manitoba Conference; Elder Gilbert of Saskatchewan; Elder Humann of Alberta; also F. L. Hommel and J. B. Giddings.

Dr. Bonde, of Calgary, recently from Loma Linda, gave much appreciated instructions, as well as the valuable help rendered by the experienced nurse and treatment room manager, Brother S. Logan.

Brother W. H. Anderson, who has spent twenty-two years in Central Africa, was a very welcome arrival on Monday and gave three intensely interest-

ing and inspiring evening addresses, also holding from three to five other meetings daily during his three days with us.

Elder J. J. Reiswig, our newly-elected Educational and M.V. Secretary of this Union Conference, gave very efficient help in the young people's meetings.

The Conference Sabbath Schools held were an important part of the Sabbath services, and the mission offerings of the two sessions during the meeting amounted to \$80.25. The attendance at the last Sabbath School was 230, the largest ever recorded at any camp-meeting Sabbath School in British Columbia.

On the last Sabbath afternoon a very solemn service was held when Brethren C. E. Wood and E. R. Potter were ordained to the general ministry.

Elder McVagh gave the Scripture charge and offered the dedicatory prayers, assisted by Elder J. G. Walker and Elder J. J. Reiswig.

On Sunday a baptismal service was held, when seventeen precious souls followed the Saviour in the blessed ordinance.

The meeting closed Sunday evening, June 24, and all returned home with good courage and a greater desire and determination to be true and loyal to our Master and His Message.

E. R. POTTER.

OBITUARY

John Graham was born nearly four score years ago in England. He served his country nearly twelve years. Convicted of the Sabbath truth in that land, and unable to observe it there, he and his faithful wife came to Canada ten years ago and at once began to obey the message of Rev. 14:9-15. In the midst of triumphant faith he died July 1, 1917. A wife, four children and fourteen grand-children are left to mourn his loss. His death took place at Vancouver, B.C.

A. O. BURRILL.

NOTES

Elder Walker left on July 4th for Moose Jaw to attend the Saskatchewan Camp-Meeting. He expects to return to Pitt Meadows about the 19th inst.

Elder E. R. Potter with his family has left Vancouver and is now located at Chilliwack, where, assisted by Brother A. Bell-chamber, he will conduct a series of meetings. Remember these workers in prayer.

A larger amount of literature was sold at Penticton than at any previous meeting; about \$500.00 retail value. This shows that our people realize to a greater degree than ever before the value of giving the message to the people of the world through the excellent medium of the printed page.

We are glad to report that there are now some faithful colporteurs in different parts of the field bearing the tidings of a soon-coming Saviour to those in the highways and by-ways. Brother Harold Broder has been blessed in canvassing for "Daniel and Revelation" in the Chilliwack district. Brother James Lawson is beginning work with the "Practical Guide" in Grand Forks district. Others are being assisted in starting out by Brother L. A. Philpott, who expects to reach Vancouver in a few days.

Would you like an education?
 Are you waiting for a chance?
 Trust no idle inclination:
 Call a resolute advance!
 Heaven bids you wake from slumber,
 Make decision now and here—
 After selling by the "number"
 Now sell WATCHMAN by the "year."

Manitoba Conference

Office Address:—418 Lansdowne Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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BAPTISM AT WINNIPEG

It was the pleasure of the writer to baptize ten more precious souls last Sabbath. This baptism was delayed on account of my illness and it is expected we will have another nice class ready in about a month.

The Sunday night lectures at Scott Memorial Hall are coming on nicely. It was feared that the company could not be gathered at once, but both of the last Sunday evenings we had a nice congregation. The people are beginning to think of us as a fixture in this city, and a better class of people are coming out. The Bible workers are very busy, and cannot meet the calls. Pray for us in the harvest of souls.

C. A. HANSEN AND WORKERS.

NEWS ITEMS

Thursday afternoon, June 28th, Elder E. M. Chapman and family passed through Winnipeg on their way to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where they will locate. During their four years' work in this field, the cause has made marked advancement in many lines. All join in wishing them happiness and success as they continue their efforts in their new field of labor.

After a short rest in Alberta, Elder C. A. Hansen has returned to continue his work in Winnipeg. He arrived Thursday morning, June 28.

In the letter relative to camp-meeting sent from the office, a Home Missionary report blank was enclosed. We trust all will remember to fill out this blank and return it to the office. Let no one discourage others by failing to tell what God has wrought through them to forward His cause where they are situated.

"A good report maketh the bones fat."

One Mission Calendar Bank contained \$6.00 when opened at the end of June. Our change will count up fast in the forwarding of the truth. Pennies make dollars.

Brethren Bodrug and Hoehn have begun their summer's canvassing work in the neighborhood of Grandview.

Brother McGee is working west and north of Winnipeg. He reports the territory better than east.

THE SILENT HOUR

When the cold, gray dawn is breaking,
And the birds to song are waking,
When the morn is robed in beauty,
In the freshness of its flower,—
Then, before the fevered flurry,
Then before the care and worry,
Eer the labor of thy duty,
Give thy soul a silent hour!

Ere the stillness blest is broken,
Ere the teeming world hath spoken,
Through its thousand mouths ejecting
Woe and want—life's bitter-sour;
Ere earth's duties loom as giants,
Ere man's service claims alliance,
Lest thou be thine Aid neglecting,
Pray—within thy silent hour!

In the world is tribulation,
Hate, and strife, and vile temptation.
For its whirlwind of persistence
Hast thou strong, unswerving power?
Whispering demons will assail thee;
Till thy heart will almost fail thee!
Look above for thine assistance,
In the morning's silent hour.

Mid the long day's sultry nooning,
Comes the din's diurnal swooning,
When there is a moment's ceasing,
Of the care that doth devour;
Seize it! though 'tis but a minute,
There is peace sublime within it!
From the dizzying daze releasing,
It shall be a silent hour.

After all the stress is finished,
And the tension is diminished,
When thy wounded soul is yearning
For some cool refreshing shower;
In thine ears the clang of clamor,
In thine eyes the glare and glamour,
Thou shalt find on upward turning,
Love's bright rainbow in that hour.

In the haven of His quiet
Lose the world and all its riot!
He hath love and joy and gladness,
Sunshine when the shadows lower;
So within the silent even,
Be thou lifted up to heaven,
And no shadowing of sadness
Shall molest thy silent hour!

Go thy way! Thy soul is stronger!
Thou canst strive and struggle longer
For that brief, yet glorious vision
Of thy Father's promised power.
But Love's essence cannot grant it
Save thou tellest him thou want it;
By thy call he is beside thee,—
Nearest in the silent hour!

—Llewellyn A. Wilcox.

"There are scores who have real ability, but who are rusting from inaction."

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT

Alberta—	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Mag.	Helps	
**Shankel, G.E.	G.C.	25	22	...	...	\$ 101.00
*Simpson, J.F.	G.C.	19	3	...	...	\$ 3.00 15.00
*Longmire, Mrs.		6	...	12	2.20	3.40
*Ojala, G. F.	G.C.	21	11	...	2.60	56.60
*Philbrick, M.	P.P.	45	6	...	3.80	29.80
**Milne, R. M.	G.C.	...	...	...	20.00	344.00
**Prest, Chas.	G.C.	73	9	...	2.20	43.20
*Chadwick, J. M.		25	...	202	...	20.20
*Steeves, Fred	G.C.	17	6	...	...	26.00
*Schafer, Sam	P.G.	27	9	...	...	41.00
British Columbia—						
xBroder, Harold	D.R.	83	31	...	5.00	155.00
*Bristol, Jno.	B.R.	17	8	...	1.25	35.00
*Lawson, Jas. H.	P.G.	38	28	...	1.75	132.00
Manitoba—						
xxMcGee, A. E.	B.R.	209	29	...	19.10	174.10
Saskatchewan—						
*Carlill, R.	G.C.	275	83	...	9.50	397.50
xCrooks, S. A.	P.P.	188	45	...	4.75	199.75
xDeggering, E. F.	B.R.	183	130	...	41.35	503.85
xxKnowlton, G. F.	D.R.	164	83	...	60.15	453.40
xxWells, Frank	B.R.	201	93	...	4.10	419.10
xAnderson, Carl	B.R.	162	107	...	3.05	479.80
!Wiens, J. A.	B.R.	118	56	...	...	264.00
!Guderian, Fred	B.R.	119	79	...	...	359.00
!Jewkes, Jno.	B.R.	163	40	...	15.10	199.20
*Andrews, D. G.	G.C.	42	15	...	...	77.00
*Arnold, Theo.	G.C.	20	6	30.00
**Henkes, J. M.	B.R.	41	15	74.00
*Hoehn, Ed.	P.P.	25	9	44.00
xxColes, Ida		123	...	1092	...	109.20
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Elder C. F. McVagh is at present attending the Manitoba camp-meeting at Winnipeg, which is the last one to be held in the Union. Successful meetings in each of the Conferences have been reported thus far, and we are confident this present one will be similar.

Doctor Hans Bonde, who for some time has been absent while attending the Saskatchewan and Manitoba camp-meetings, is expected soon to return and may be communicated with at the new treatment rooms: 328 Eighth Ave. West, Calgary, Alta. Rooms have been prepared in which to care for patients from out of town districts.

1917 Camp-meeting for Alberta is now in the past, but the memory of same is very pleasant and encouraging, as it has been one of the most successful ever held in that conference. As reported by those taking the census, over one thousand people were present, eighty-four of these being buried in baptism. Accommodations for such a large number were skilfully provided.

We wish to extend a welcome to Elder Geo. H. Skinner and family to our Union, as he takes up his work as president in the Manitoba Conference, and wish for him every success.

An exchange in presidents has been made between the Saskatchewan and British Columbia Conferences; Elder Gilbert leaving the prairies for the mountain and coast region, while Elder Walker does the reverse. A fair exchange for both, we trust.

A welcome is also extended to Elder J. J. Reiswig as a Union worker for the young of the flock. He plans to make his home at Lacombe, Alta., and we are confident he will prove a blessing in the Missionary Volunteer Department in Western Canada.

No reports have been received from Saskatchewan for this issue. This is due to camp-meetings, we presume.

THE ORDER IS GOOD

"One of our ministers of long experience in conducting tent efforts, on closing up the year's work, writes as follows as to the help the Present Truth Series is in tent work:—

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CORRECTION

The picture on the last page of the *Tidings* dated July 5th, and which was marked "S.D.A. Camp, Lacombe," should have been "S.D.A. Camp, Penticton, B.C." instead. Those, of course, attending camp meeting at either of these places would know the difference, but we mention this for the benefit of those who did not.

WANTED—Anyone having spare, or clean second-hand literature suitable for a reading rack, would greatly oblige the writer, and assist in widespread missionary work, by sending it to:—John Wakeman, Saskalta, Alta.

WANTED, NAMES OF MEDICAL WORKERS

We desire the name of every Seventh-Day Adventist doctor, nurse, treatment room worker, and any others engaged in medical work, to place on our mailing list for matter of special interest to such workers. Just now we wish to send sample copies of the *SANITARIUM QUARTERLY* to all who have not received it. This journal is now printed in this country, and is to be a departmental medium of communication, containing much matter that cannot well be published in our other papers.—Medical Department of S.D.A., Takoma Park, D.C.

FOR SALE—On Grandview Flat, near Armstrong, B.C., 40 acres good fruit land; 23 acres orchard bearing fruit; house, 10 rooms, beside bath. Established church-school close by. Good water. For price and terms, write Mrs. Jacob Rottacker, R.R.3, Armstrong, B.C.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—House and 2 acre lot at Pitt Meadows, B.C., House, 7 rooms, full basement; good water; 1 acre cleared for small fruits. House, 7 rooms, full basement; good water; 1 acre cleared for small fruits and chicken raising. Nice home for one seeking a mild climate. For particulars write J. G. Walker, Pitt Meadows, B.C.

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.

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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.