

Western Canadian Tidings

"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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WHEN I AM BLEST

When the cares of life are heavy,
And the road is rough and steep,
When the drooping soul is ready
To quit its work and weep;
As the clouds each hour grow blacker,
And sleep goes from the rest:
Help me, dear Lord, to say, "What matter?
If through this means I'm only blest?"

If all that's built and fitly joined together,
Through hours of toil and days and nights of pain,
Be tossed aside and left, I know not whither,
A littered ruin on life's stormy main.
Teach me, my Lord, to catch the broken ravelings,
And knot the ends once more for future test;
Help me to further build, despite my failings,
And in my building, find that I am blest.

I know the veil will soon be lifted,
That hides the glory of that perfect home,
That soon the clouds by Angel's fingers rifted,
Shall fade, and pass into that great unknown,
Where lies forgotten earthly cares and tears,
And all that has this earth in sorrow drest;
For we shall learn what we shall be, when He appears,
And, in His presence, know that we are blest.

J. M. HOGG.

WESTERN CANADIAN UNION

Four camp-meetings have been held this season in the Western Canadian Union Conference, as follows: At Penticton, B.C.; Lacombe, Alta.; Moose Jaw, Sask., and Winnipeg, Man. Excellent help was furnished for all these meetings, and the almost universal comment by those who attended camp-meeting this season was: "This is the best camp-meeting I ever attended." As an evidence of the courage, consecration and blessing which came to us, I will present the following figures, gleaned from reports of the different meetings:

The total number baptized was 158. Literature sales aggregated over \$3,600, and the offerings to missions were over \$22,000.

Plans were made to bring the Alberta Academy up to the standard of a Junior College.

Elder A. C. Gilbert, who has served the Saskatchewan Conference as president for a number of years, takes the presidency of the British Columbia Conference, and Elder J. G. Walker, after long service in British Columbia, has been secured to lead out in Saskatchewan.

Elder G. H. Skinner, formerly of the Maritime Conference, has taken hold of the work in Manitoba.

Aggressive plans are being laid in all the Conferences and prospects for continued growth in the Western Canadian Union are most excellent.

C. F. McVAGH.

OUR DUTY IN THE PRESENT CRISIS

We are very anxious in this crisis to know how strenuously all our dear colporteurs are storming the barbed wire entanglements of the enemy (figuratively speaking). Whenever anything out of the ordinary takes place in crop conditions it makes it hard for the solicitor and unless great care is taken we will get our perspective from the wrong viewpoint. So in the present unfavorable conditions we are face to face with many problems that will require faith, courage, tact and Christian diplomacy to meet successfully. In the midst of trials and difficulties of the last days the Lord has promised grace for every trial and strength for every test.

If your territory has extra difficulties, write to your Field Agent and tell him all about it, and work away the best you possibly can till he comes or you hear from him. We should all pull together now most faithfully, so that mistakes may not be made and some miss the experience and lesson that is most necessary for them to have in order that they may become true winners of souls. Then we must remember that souls are exercised over the condition of things in every part of the country and none of us can tell but by our faithfulness in remaining in the field we will influence these very souls to accept of this Message and be saved in God's everlasting kingdom. So I trust every worker will stay at his post of duty doing his best.

In the forefront of the season our workers did exceptionally well, but no one can tell what a day may bring forth, so now let us be faithful in this experience, believing the Lord will work it all for His glory.

W. L. MANFULL.

DON'T FORGET

"For thus saith the Lord of hosts; yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts." Haggai 2: 6, 7.

There can be no question as to the time to which the prophet refers in this text, but I wish to call your attention to the expression, "it is a little while." What is to take place after that "little while"? The prophet speaks of a regular shaking time which is to follow the short time of peace. Peter speaks of this time in these words, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness, but is long-suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3: 9. In other words, the Lord prolongs the time of probation for a "little while," so that all may hear the gospel.

Paul asks the question, How shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach unless they are sent?

In order to send a person to some mission field, there must be someone who does the sending. The sending requires means, and after they are sent they must be supported in these fields. Our Missionary Volunteers of this Union Conference have pledged their support for this purpose to the amount of \$1,083. The calls for men and means are urgent, and so the Missionary Volunteer Department has appointed Sabbath, Aug. 25th, as Goal Dollar Day. The program for this occasion will be found in the *Tidings* of Aug. 1st. It is hoped that the collection will amount to one dollar for every young person in the church. The church leaders and parents are requested to help make this a profitable day. Isaiah places the responsibility upon the parents in the following words: "The father of the children shall make known Thy truth." Isaiah 38:19.

Please see that the money collected upon this occasion is labeled as "Goal Dollar Day" collection, to apply on the Missionary Volunteer goal for your Conference. It also counts on your twenty-cent-a-week fund. Also kindly report the success of your meeting to your Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

J. J. REISWIG.

Columbia and will ever pray that, through the co-operation of all the dear brethren and sisters throughout the field, the message will speed onward until the reapers shall gather home to experience the joys of the everlasting kingdom of God.

J. G. WALKER.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

Statement of Funds Received During First Six Months of 1917

Church	Total	Tithe	Home Funds	20c-a-Wk. Fund
Armstrong	\$ 103.95	\$ 97.80	\$	\$ 6.05
Conference	615.50	443.20	7.30	165.00
Firvale	220.20	171.25	22.85	26.10
Grandview	1,544.91	1,369.77	41.80	133.34
Lumen Grandview..	423.54	326.23	10.00	87.31
Manson	232.27	169.00	22.00	41.27
Miscellaneous	998.33	414.75	190.35	393.23
Mission	51.70	36.70	15.00
Nanaimo	265.10	185.30	11.45	68.35
Nelson	356.89	314.18	42.71
Penticton	215.11	159.60	6.70	48.81
Silver Creek	263.30	200.30	3.35	59.65
42nd Ave.....	290.39	186.95	103.44
South Vancouver ..	405.72	303.00	18.15	84.57
Union Street	670.04	559.45	11.00	99.59
Maple Street	666.76	594.15	6.25	66.36
Vernon	189.66	138.25	14.00	37.41
Victoria	106.70	75.55	7.40	23.75
	\$7,619.97	\$5,745.43	\$372.60	\$1,501.94

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A WORD BEFORE PARTING

After a seven-and-one-half years' sojourn in British Columbia I am now about to leave for a new field of labor. I certainly appreciate the kindness of all our people here, shown in so many ways.

There has been some progress since January, 1910, when I first took charge of the work. This is due to the earnest service of the faithful corps of laborers employed by the Conference and to the hearty co-operation of brethren and sisters throughout the field. Those of you who read my address delivered at the Penticton Conference, and which was published in full in a recent number of the *Tidings*, can readily see that there has been progress. Failures there have been, no doubt, and perhaps not all has been accomplished that should have been, but a sense of all this must only spur us on to greater effort if we truly believe the message we profess.

I leave with some regrets and yet with the hope that the Lord will bless in my new field of labor and that He will continue to bless in the field I leave behind. Shortly after the 15th of August I expect to start for Saskatchewan, and it is expected that about that time Elder Gilbert, your new president, will be here.

I have two things to ask of the dear people in B.C.: I hope you will continue to pray for me in my new field and that you give Elder Gilbert the same hearty co-operation that you have given me.

After this my letters to the *Tidings* will no doubt be printed in another section of the paper. I shall always be interested in the progress of the message in British

B.C. NOTES

Brother L. A. Philpott recently arrived in Vancouver from the Okanagan, where he has been helping Brother John Bristol and Willie Cowell in their first few days of canvassing. After assisting Brother Harold Broder, who is canvassing for D. & R. on Lulu Island, Brother Philpott left for Victoria, where he plans to spend a few days working with Brother A. C. Mayor and Sister Hislop.

We are thankful indeed to see a burden resting on some to go out and present the printed page of truth to the people, and trust that others will be constrained to take up the work in the great harvest field. A glance at the report in this issue of the "Tidings" will suffice to show that, for the time put in, these workers are making good and the blessing of God is with them.

Just before prayer meeting the other evening a shipment of several hundred copies of "World War" and "Return of Jesus" were received from Calgary. About 100 copies were sent out the same evening and we expect that the shipment will soon be sold out.

It is planned to urge every believer in British Columbia to order and sell at least from five to ten copies of the "World War." Many at our camp-meeting took from ten to one hundred copies and over. Those who were unable to attend the camp-meeting are now invited to come in and assist in circulating this wonderful little book. We cannot afford to stand still amid the dreadful conditions now prevailing and fail in the task of drawing the attention of the people to the real meaning of these things. Send in your order without delay. Price, 15 cents each for five or more copies, plus postage.

From the Orient we have received a shipment of "Health and Longevity," for which Brother Lim Ping has been canvassing amongst the Chinese people of Vancouver. Brother Lim Ping is now delivering these books and is meeting with good success.

The other day a gentleman connected with one of our leading newspapers called at the office. Before leaving he was handed a copy of Elder Daniells' "Eastern Question" Extra. The following morning he returned and stated that this little paper contained the best explanation of the cause and meaning of this war that he had ever read. He obtained more copies to distribute among his friends. He

came back the third time and purchased a "World War." It is hoped that the Lord will bless him as he investigates the wonderful truth of this saving message. This is only one experience enjoyed recently by the office. We could narrate others as good, but time and space forbid.

The office was treated to a pleasant surprise on the morning of July 27th. The bell rang and on opening the door we were greeted by Elder and Sister F. H. Conway, who had arrived that morning on the "Niagara" from Honolulu.

It was indeed a pleasure to meet these old-time workers of British Columbia who have come to America on furlough after four years' earnest and faithful labor in the trying climate of the Hawaiian Islands, where they have had charge of the work. After visiting old friends in B.C., Brother and Sister Conway plan to continue their journey to Saskatchewan, and then go through to the States. They speak encouragingly of the healthy growth of the work in the Hawaiian Islands.

Manitoba Conference

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GRANDVIEW

Sabbath, July 28th, was a day that will long be remembered by the believers in Grandview. Elder V. W. Robb and the writer met with the company at 10.30 a.m. and presented to them the principles of the Third Angel's Message. After this Elder Robb led another soul to the watery grave; thus the light of truth will shine more brightly.

At 2.30 p.m. we met again in the little hall and presented the subject of church organization, officers and their duties, and the ordinances of the church. The invitation was then given for all who would like to associate together in church relation, and eleven responded. The church was then organized and officers elected. The writer was chosen as elder, Bro. J. W. Allen deacon, Mrs. J. W. Allen deaconess, Sister Florence Harkness treasurer and missionary secretary, and Sister Elma McKay clerk.

The deacon was then ordained to his work in the church and we believe that the Lord will bless His work through this church, and that they will keep the light burning brightly in this part of God's vineyard.

In the evening at 7.30 we met again at the home of Sister Evans and celebrated the ordinances, the Lord's spirit being present and thus brought courage and cheer to all. We expect this little church to grow and become strong with the Lord's help. May each one of God's people be faithful through all the trials which will come upon them to try them, that they may be fitted for a home in the earth made new.

GEO. H. SKINNER.

WINNIPEG

The workers in Winnipeg are branching out in various ways to spread the truth. Canvassing seems to be the main stay. By this method we not only place our good books in the homes of the people, but our workers have an opportunity to invite people to our Sunday evening lectures, which have been well attended up to this time.

There are from eight to ten persons in Winnipeg who devote a part or all of their time to selling our books. One day last week the *Free Press* had an article saying that the end of the world would come on Saturday, Aug. 4th. Great excitement prevailed and scarcely a person could be found who did not know of it. So we went out with our small books, especially the *Return of Jesus*, and sold about one hundred the first day.

We are glad to report that four of our canvassers are new Sabbath-keepers, whom Bro. Manfull trained last spring. We are planning a strong missionary institute in Winnipeg in the near future, to see if more of our people can learn the King's business. We recently found a lady keeping the Sabbath who had read *Bible Readings*, and we afterwards discovered that this book had been sent to her in a bundle of old clothes, as she cares for the city's poor people. How much better it would have been if the Lord had had a church member to send with this good book in place of the other way. Our work is onward and we need your prayers.

C. A. HANSEN AND WORKERS.

FAREWELL

Two workers who for several years have labored in this Conference are leaving. There are many who will remember Elder and Mrs. Robb for their labor of love and comfort which they have unselfishly endeavored to bestow upon souls who were in need of help. Elder Robb goes to the school in Alberta as Bible teacher, and the years of experience will especially fit him for this very important work of giving Bible training to our young people who are preparing themselves for workers in this cause.

Manitoba wishes Elder and Mrs. Robb God's blessing in their new field and change of work, and the *Tidings* family will always be glad to hear from them.

GEO. H. SKINNER.

ACTION DEVELOPS STRENGTH

I thought the readers of the *Tidings* would like to know some of the experiences of a beginner in the canvassing work, so for that reason I will write a few lines. When first starting out I wished that I might see the experiences ahead of me, but a few hours later I found that it was not nearly as hard as I thought it would be. The first canvas I gave I received an order. I cannot tell you how glad I was to know I could do some work for the Lord by placing the books into the homes of the people, and that gave me great courage to go forward, thus experiencing many blessings as a result.

Meeting the people has given me many experiences, and so far I have been treated kindly. Of course we all know that there are many different kinds of people in the world today, so we cannot expect to find them all alike in their manner. For this reason I find the canvassing field a place of education. My desire is that all our young people who wish to have a part in the Lord's work should be out in the field. If we cannot all be canvassers, however, we can have a part anyway, for the Lord's work consists of many different avenues of service, thus affording each one the privilege of doing their share. I wish you all much of God's blessing and would ask an interest in your prayers.

JOHN BODRUG.

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CAMP-MEETING REPORT

The camp-meeting for Saskatchewan closed on the evening of the 15th of July. Nearly everyone stayed until the last meeting. The enthusiasm, interest and devotion continued to the last day. All declared this to be the best camp-meeting they had ever attended.

The Spirit of God was with His people as they sought Him for a spiritual refreshing. Those who came for the purpose of getting a special blessing did not return home disappointed. It is earnestly hoped that the courage, hope and zeal of those who were at this meeting will not lose its power. Let all continue to seek and search for a still greater infilling of Divine blessing.

The messages borne by the speakers were especially helpful. The Lord blessed us with good strong help in all the different lines of gospel work. Our visiting brethren this year were: I. H. Evans, President North American Division Conference; J. T. Boettcher; Chas. Thompson, President Northern Union Conference; C. F. McVagh, President Western Canadian Union Conference; Professor Andreason, Principal Danish-Norwegian Seminary; Professor Flaiz, from Walla Walla College; J. J. Reiswig, Educational and Young People's Secretary for the Western Canadian Union Conference; Doctor Bonde, of Calgary; Doctor Reimche, from Harvey, North Dakota; S. G. Burley, from the Harvey Academy, North Dakota; and J. G. Walker, of British Columbia.

The labors of these servants of the Lord were highly appreciated, and we are very glad that it was our privilege to have them with us. We were especially happy to know that Elder Evans was to come this way and give us help. All who heard his timely instruction were greatly edified and encouraged.

Time was given each day for departmental work. Church and Sabbath-school officers' meetings were also conducted. Some parents' meetings were held. There was no Conference business this year, and therefore more time and attention was given to the more spiritual matters, or the ministry of the Word.

The Lord came very near to His people, especially upon each Sabbath. As the result of the rescue and constructive work that was done on the camp-ground, thirty-five persons were converted and baptized. The Sabbath-school and general offerings were liberal. The offerings to home and foreign missions amounted to about \$12,000. God is impressing many of His children to cut loose from all earthly things. The time is here when we must rise up in the power of God and finish the work, and it is encouraging to see the sacrifice and consecration that is shown by many of our people in these days to do their part.

With faith in God and hope in His message, let us go forth with stronger zeal for our appointed work. Not long and the task will be done. Pray and push in behalf of the work in this Conference.

A. C. GILBERT.

TO THE WORKERS' BAND

Dear Children:

I have been thinking about you since camp-meeting. I trust you have been getting along nicely in your plans for missionary work. Some of you were not able to be there, but I trust you have not forgotten to make your plans so that you too may have part in the work this year. We had some very good meetings at the camp-meeting, but of course missed some of the old faces. But we thought of you and prayed for you.

We did not fully decide on the camp-ground what we would choose as the object of our efforts this year, but since then have decided it would be nice to raise money to send some little Chinese children to school this year. I have written Elder Evans to find out how much it would cost for each child, but have not yet had time to receive an answer, so we will have to let you know later how many we might try to put in school.

As many of you know, I am leaving Saskatchewan for British Columbia, and so will have to give up my work for the children here. But Sister Dexter is to take up this same work here, so you can go right along with your plans, and she will write you later on. Of course I am sorry to leave all the dear children, but you know these partings make us think of that happy time not far away when Jesus will come and take all His children home. Then we will not have to say "Good-bye" any more. So, dear children, I trust you may all give your hearts to the Lord and live for Him, so that when He comes He may gather you with His jewels. How sad it would be if any of us should be missing then. It is terrible to think about. But, oh! how happy we may be to know that none of us need be missing, for Jesus wants us all to be there and has promised to lead us all the way if we will only let Him. I shall not forget you, even though I will be farther away, and I might say, too, I would greatly enjoy a letter from you sometimes. I hope you will have a nice sum of money to send to China this year to help the children there. I am sure you will be glad to know that the guests' parlor at the Academy is being furnished nicely by the Workers' Band, and I know you will be glad to see it whenever you go there.

But I must close my letter for this time. So good-bye, dear children. May Jesus keep you all until we meet again.

Lovingly,

Mrs. A. C. GILBERT.

COMING AND GOING

The North American Division and Western Canadian Union Conferences have asked us to go to British Columbia to take charge of the work in that field. Accordingly we are now leaving the Saskatchewan Conference for our new home in the city of Vancouver.

We are loath to part from our good brethren and sisters who have been so faithful in assisting in the progress of the cause of God in this Conference. The years of association with this field have been sweet, and we shall ever look back upon Saskatchewan as one of the brightest spots in our experience.

Pastor J. G. Walker, who has been president of the British Columbia Conference, will take charge of the Saskatchewan Conference. We know that you will give him the most loyal support in your labor and prayers. Brother Walker will rejoice in your efforts

to extend the gospel, and will highly appreciate the whole-hearted co-operation that you have always rendered in carrying forward any plans to further the message.

Mrs. R. S. Dexter has been elected to take the Sabbath-school work, in Mrs. Gilbert's place. Sister Dexter is the wife of Brother Dexter, our assistant accountant in the office. She will be happy to assist you in the Sabbath-school work, and it is sincerely hoped that all our people in the province will respond to her efforts in this department.

In view of these changes our people in the Saskatchewan Conference will kindly direct all their future correspondence pertaining to the needs of the work of this field to Pastor J. G. Walker, and to Mrs. R. Dexter, respectively. However, we shall be delighted to hear from our brethren and sisters in Saskatchewan should you desire to write us. The office address of the British Columbia Conference is 1708 Maple Street, Vancouver, B.C. Any mail sent there for us will be received.

May the Lord who has been so gracious to us all continue to lead and guide until He comes. There is but a little time remaining to get ready for the coming King. Let us be true to the message that unites us here, and will give us a glorious triumph in the kingdom of heaven.

A. C. GILBERT.

REPORT OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT,
SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE,
Quarter Ending June 30, 1917

	Membr.	Regular.	13th Sab.	Total.
Battleford Academy	90	\$175.87	\$27.30	\$203.17
Beaver Creek	35	13.40	48.28	61.68
Canora	28	39.10	20.00	59.10
Carlton	29	42.15	14.35	56.50
Carmichael	11	22.25	3.45	25.70
Dundurn	19	58.25	15.45	73.70
East Regina	30	14.46	6.00	20.46
Fenwood	19	21.40	6.30	27.70
Fox Valley	45	25.20	11.25	36.45
Hillesden	14	15.45	6.10	21.55
Hanley	28	93.30	58.10	151.40
Langham	22	4.30	18.41	22.71
Lonesome Butte	21	19.20	22.45	41.65
Loreburn	21	16.85	19.85	36.70
Macrorie	32	76.70	64.35	141.05
McGee	9	8.70	1.85	10.55
McLean	12	21.55	12.00	33.55
Morse—No report.				
Prince	11	40.40	23.15	63.55
Prussia	33	39.00	14.45	53.45
Queen Centre	38	42.80	22.00	64.80
Regina	20	25.66	13.60	39.26
Rouleau	28	23.32	9.58	33.40
Rosthern	13	18.00	6.35	24.35
Saskatoon	21	33.35	2.41	35.76
Sonningdale	35	35.27	15.15	50.42
Sunset	20	41.85	32.60	74.45
Surbiton	12	25.05	21.60	46.65
Swift Current—No report.				
Truax	17	14.45	1.50	15.95
Tugaske	29	45.45	14.57	63.02
Viceroy	10	6.30	5.50	11.80
Waldheim	47	28.79	29.61	58.40
Provincial Home Dept.	163	263.76	125.57	389.33
Workers' Meeting			39.05	39.05
	962	\$1,352.08	\$735.18	\$2,087.26

How pleased I am to be able to pass on to you a report like the foregoing. It is the largest one we have ever gotten out. As you notice, we have more schools, more membership and a larger offering, having passed

the two thousand dollar mark. Truly we have much to thank the Lord for, and should press on with renewed courage to greater and still greater things.

There is such a very encouraging gain in offerings over that of the corresponding quarter of last year, as you will see by the comparative figures given below:

Offerings for second quarter, 1917. . . . \$2,087.26

Offerings for second quarter, 1916. . . . 1,373.54

Gain \$713.72

If we continue this rate of gain throughout the year the final report will show a most substantial gain over that of 1916. . It is most cheering to see this increase from quarter to quarter, but when we think of the world field and the very stirring times in which we live, we can see that we have not yet completed our task, but must press on more determinedly than ever, that we may finish the work and put an end to this world with its weight of woe.

As many of you already know, we are to leave very soon for British Columbia; therefore this will be the last report of this kind I will be able to present you. Sister Dexter, whom many of you met at camp-meeting, has been chosen to take up the work which I must needs lay down. She will be writing to the schools and isolated members before very long. Of course it causes us much sadness to think we must leave those with whom we have worked and for whom we have put forth our efforts for so many years. But duty seems to so direct, and therefore we leave you, trusting the Lord will abundantly bless us all as we endeavor to follow in the line of duty.

I will take this opportunity of again expressing my sincere appreciation for the co-operation which has been given to the Sabbath-school work and your unworthy secretary, and trust you will continue in the good work by giving my successor your loyal support. I am sure she will appreciate your faithful efforts in this line of work and trust the Lord may abundantly bless you all as you labor on for Him a little longer, for soon these good-byes will all be over, and we will meet ne'er to part in our Father's home. So may the Lord abundantly bless you all and give you grace and strength for every perplexity, and lead you gently along until you shall hear the "Well done."

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

GATHERING SOULS IN SASKATCHEWAN

I take it for granted that someone else has reported our good camp-meeting, at the close of which thirty-eight precious souls were baptized in the Moose Jaw river.

The following Sunday, July 22nd, it was my privilege to baptize three more at the same place. Tuesday one of the brethren took Alice and I to Brother Rowse's farm, west of Hanley. Several of the neighbors came in and we had some good meetings. On Sunday afternoon nine were buried with their Lord in baptism. July 31st, Brother Rowse took us to Outlook, where Brother Severson, of Macrorie, met us. From Wednesday to Sunday night we held meetings in the Macrorie hall. Friday afternoon, Elder Gilbert, Elder Maas and Brother and Sister Wissner arrived to dedicate the new church which the brethren have built six miles south of Macrorie. Sunday morning we baptized twelve in the big lake.

Monday morning at 4 o'clock we left Brother Severson's in Brother Wm. Smith's auto, and crossing the river on the ferry at Elbow, we reached Brother Bartley's place, ten miles south of Chamberlain, a few minutes after 10 o'clock. There we found Brother and Sister Waite mourning the loss of their little girl. The funeral was conducted by the writer. We arrived home at Moose Jaw after a trip of 170 miles.

So the dear Lord continues to bless with strength and grace for the work. To His name be all the praise.

M. MACKINTOSH.

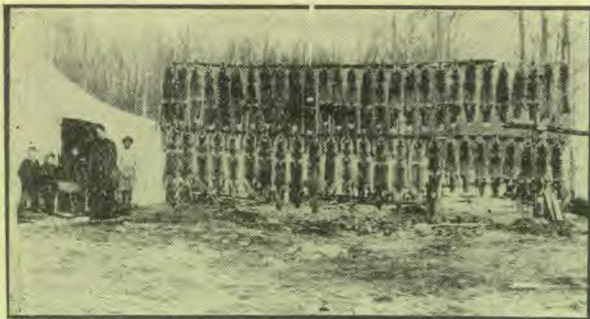
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PIONEERING IN THE GREAT NORTH

"No doubt you have looked for three or four letters from me before this, but when you understand just how things are you will not look for so much. I am 40 miles from the post office, 60 miles from the Crossing, and it is 19 miles to our first neighbor, through the timber and swamps. Flies and mosquitoes without number. Have to take a smudge on the buggy pole to get through alive, so you can imagine what it is. Four



weeks ago I went to the Crossing and got the books and all the mail. There is but one other keeping the Sabbath here and that is 19 miles away, but there are more who are interested."

The above extract is taken from a letter received from Brother E. Chase, who is now living at Bear Lake, in which he also enclosed the accompanying photo of his home and family and their mode of earning a living away up in that far country. Brother Chase also expressed his courage and intention of doing all he could to give the Message to his neighbors. Is it not good to hear of such faithfulness in the midst of such inconveniences and difficulties. Let us remember this good brother and his family in our prayers.

EDITOR.

HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN FOR 1917

Each year this is coming to be a more important feature of our work. The Harvesting Ingathering for 1916 was a grand success. The money raised was real substantial help for the advancement of the Message in all lands.

It is encouraging to note that our people in foreign lands also did much last year in this line of work. At

Karmatar, India, for instance, there has been a great need of a suitable hospital for the medical work. Sisters Della Burroway and Leech, who have labored for years at Karmatar, visited the people of that vicinity and raised 1,000 rupees (\$330) in about two weeks towards their hospital. Many such places are needed all over India and every other country where the sick and suffering can be treated and cared for.

We should esteem it a very great privilege to send help to our fellow-men at this time. Many of our missionaries who have gone out have labored in unhealthy climates and in poorly constructed native huts, with unsanitary surroundings, which have affected their health and broken them down. Surely we need to do all we can just now with God's help to support our brave soldiers in far-off lands.

Now let us begin at once to pray and plan and talk for a very thorough work with our Harvest Ingathering papers this fall. We plan to give you all the help possible. Let every man say to his brother, "Be of good COURAGE." With Paul we can say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

Yours for service,

PETER A. RICK.

EDMONTON AND HOLDEN

Since camp-meeting it has been my privilege to work in Edmonton again. The dear souls who were baptized at the camp-meeting needed further help and they have also been a great help in the work to me. My plan at first was only to establish those who had already taken their stand, but the Lord led others to the fountain and so we continued the meetings. It is such a help to labor where there are living church members to help in the work.

My duties have been principally among the foreign speaking people, of which in this case there are a goodly number of Polanders. They also have friends at Holden, of which one family was represented at camp-meeting. Brother and Sister Eder and Brother and Sister Stimac went with the writer to visit the latter place and we held nine meetings, with the result of breaking down prejudice and leaving at least one family deeply stirred, the mother being determined to go forward and the children showing a willingness to follow.

Yes, and the enemy also was stirred, but the truth prevailed, thank the Lord. We returned to Edmonton and continued our work there. Two souls have asked for baptism and Brother Cordis told me there were one or two of the English-speaking who were ready also. We plan on baptism for next Sunday.

Also met Brother and Sister Alvin Hughes in Edmonton, from Lunnford, who spoke very encouragingly of the company at that place. Another matter which is a great source of encouragement is the fact that the companion of Brother Daniel Boehnke, whose son is studying for the Baptist ministry, has turned, and was pleased to have the meetings in her home. Thank the Lord for this. We shall continue to hope and pray for more, however.

C. C. NEUFELD.

CLARESHOLM

After camp-meeting the writer and his wife went to Clareholm to prepare for a series of meetings which will be conducted by Elder Robb, who just arrived from Manitoba.

Elder Robb and Elder J. K. Fish met with the Granum church assembled at Claresholm on Aug. 4th. Ten new members were added to the church, after which quarterly service was conducted. About seventy were present to enjoy the message God had for His people.

A building which has been used for a furniture store formerly has been nicely fitted up for the meetings. Public services will open Sunday, Aug. 12th. We ask the brethren to pray for the success of the work in Claresholm.

CAL. D. SMITH.

LEDUC AND FALUN

The writer left the camp-ground July 13th, after having spent just one month there in solid work and honest labor. The first place to visit was Edmonton, it being my present home and where the family is quite comfortably situated to enjoy the sunshine and clear skies of a northern climate, for this is truly a beautiful summer and we hope the coming winter will not be too severe.

Quarterly meeting was held with the church. The majority of members were present and a good spirit prevailed, which is always the happy lot of this church. Three persons, having been baptized at camp-meeting, were given the right hand of fellowship and received into the church. Also some new Sabbath-keepers, who have recently taken their stand for the truth, were present and cheered us all with their ringing testimonies. Edmonton is a fruitful field and there are no doubt many who will yet accept present truth. Elder Neufeld was present on this occasion and rendered valuable assistance.

Sunday, July 22nd, on invitation from the president of our Conference, I came to Leduc. Bro. Olsen met me at the station and kindly took me to his home for dinner, after which we drove to Bro. Shankel's, where all the brethren were gathered for the celebration of the ordinances of the Lord's house, in which all participated. Here four young people who were baptized at camp-meeting were received into the church. In the testimonies of faith, hope and confidence in the Lord, born by all present, my own spirit was refreshed and strengthened.

A business meeting was also held and officers duly elected. Bro. Shankel was unanimously chosen elder and ordained for that holy work. This church is small in number, but with the spirit of harmony prevailing I see no reason why it cannot grow and increase.

The next place visited was Falun, where meetings were conducted last spring, and here Bro. Shelstad joined me again. Owing to the busy season of haying, etc., not many public meetings were held this time. Two Sabbaths were spent here. On the first Sabbath one man and his wife were buried by baptism in the waters of beautiful Pigeon Lake, situated about 30 miles west of Wetaskiwin. The following Sabbath another brother and his wife (all were new converts) followed their Lord in baptism at the same place. The weather was ideal, Nature's temple decorated to perfection and the holy influence felt by all. Visitors present testified: "This is the way of the Lord."

Following baptism we repaired to Bro. Mattson's house for Sabbath-school and the ordinances of the

Lord's house. After a short talk on the subject, six new converts took part in the ordinance of humility for the first time, and truly it was a spiritual feast to them and to us all, which will not soon be forgotten.

There are at Falun others keeping the Sabbath but who are not clear on all points of faith, and so did not feel free to take part. We are anxious to see them embrace the whole truth.

We solicit the prayers of the *Tidings* family.

FRED JOHNSON.

OBITUARY

James Wallace was born in Ontario Co., Ontario, Oct. 4, 1865, and died in Calgary, Alberta, July 4th, 1917, being 51 years and 9 months old. He was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Monrow at Port Perry, Ontario, March 4, 1891, to which happy union were born seven children. Six are still living to mourn his loss with their mother, but not without hope.

Bro. Wallace was arranging his affairs so that he would have more time to devote to spiritual matters when he suffered an attack of appendicitis. He was immediately removed to Calgary, but died after the operation. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to an appreciative audience gathered in the Presbyterian church in Stavely. We laid our brother to rest in the cemetery there to await the coming of the Life-Giver.

P. P. ADAMS.

NEWS ITEMS

Preparations for the coming campaign should be made soon now. Have you thought about it? If not, we deem it a pleasure to call your attention to the article in this issue on Harvest Ingathering work for 1917, in Alberta particularly. Upon an invitation from our Conference Committee during our recent camp-meeting, Brother P. A. Rick has kindly consented to act as leader and give his entire attention to this important branch of the work. Bro. Rick has formerly labored in India and Australia, so knows from experience the great need and importance of each one being faithful to do their share in sending help to our neighbors in far-away lands. We are expecting to accomplish much through this 1917 campaign, but only by co-operation can the desired results be obtained. It is not too early to order your papers now, so let everyone prepare and be ready.

We were pleased to welcome Elder and Sister V. W. Robb upon their arrival from Manitoba to take up work in Alberta. They are now engaged in holding meetings at Claresholm, being assisted by Brother and Sister Cal. D. Smith. May the Lord bless their earnest efforts to win souls for Him.

Bro. Smith's father was a recent caller at the office, while returning to his home at Clive, after making a trip with his auto to Oregon and back. Needless to say, he was somewhat weary, and being anxious to get home, did not remain with us but a few minutes.

Other visitors at the office this past week were: Bro. Manfull, Bro. Mooney, Bro. Shelstad, Fred Steeves, and Bro. Ryan, all having interesting experiences to relate.

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