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"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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HELPING WHILE WE MAY

F. W. Paap.

How many sad hearts there are in this world because of the consciousness of having neglected some grand opportunities. How surpassingly strange it must appear to the angels of glory to see one professing allegiance to Christ and at the same time largely indifferent to the needs (those well within his power to supply) of humanity. How few manifest that intensity of desire to save sinners that marked the life of our Saviour! A burden for the lost will come to every one who gives himself wholly to God and seeks both by precept and example to live a life wholly consecrated to God. God would have us pray for the Spirit of Service. This is a gift from God. We can pray—"Help me, oh Lord, to reveal Christ, my Saviour. Help me to be true and kind. Help me to help somebody today. May my every thought and look and action be in full accord with Thy mind. Help me to crucify self and be willing to do service for God in ways that are not in harmony with inborn inclination. God for Christ's sake will hear; and we shall be fruitful in the vineyard of the Lord. The following story will illustrate this thought:

"A captain of an ocean-going vessel, one day as his ship was speeding through the waters, saw a signal of distress some distance off. A glass was turned to the spot, and it was seen that there was only one man on a piece of wreck. To go to his rescue, the ship would have to be stopped and turned back in her course, losing much time.

"No," said the captain, "some other vessel will pick him up." He speeded on and was in port in good time, and was commended for his swift passage. But he could not get out of his mind the memory of that signal of distress out there on the wild seas, and the sight through the glass of that one man on the piece of wreck left there to perish. By day and night that picture haunted him."

As we are hurrying on these busy days, do we see no signals of distress on life's broad sea? Do we hear no cries, no bitter wails from souls that are out on the angry waves? Do we heed the signals and hearken to the cries? Do we turn away from our business, our pleasure, our ease, our money-getting, our petty ambitions, to carry rescue to those souls that are perishing, or that are in sorrow? Or do we hurry on and say we have no time for these things, no time to save our brothers, no time to lift up fallen ones, no time to wipe away a tear? If we do not turn aside to help or save, may not our deepest sorrow in eternity be the memory of cries of distress unheeded? May not the visions of the perishings one who called to us for help and got no answer, whom we have left unhelped out on the wild waves, haunt us forever?

"Look all around you, find some one in need,
Help somebody today,
Though it be little, a neighborly deed,
Help somebody today.

Help somebody today, somebody along life's way,
Let sorrow be ended, the fruitless befriended,
Oh, help somebody today."

THE CAMPAIGN AHEAD

The annual home missionary effort in behalf of foreign missions is becoming more and more important, and this is as it should be as the needs are increasing with every year that passes. How often we hear that the Foreign Mission Board were required to cut the appropriation to this field, and had to reduce the number of workers they intended to send to some other field, whose doors were open, and it seemed as if the proper time had come to enter it and give the last message ever to be given this world, all because there was not sufficient funds to carry on the work started, to say nothing of enlarging the mission operations.

Think of it: the last message! In giving the last message, no one is excused. "For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to His servants, and to every man his work."—Mark 13:34. There are to be no idlers. Everyone can do something and even though we are not able to give our entire time to this work as some do, more time would be spent if we only realized the importance of the work to be done and the necessity of each one doing his part.

In mentioning the Harvest Ingathering for Missions many reasons might be given for continuing the plan. It brings many thousands of dollars into the mission treasury that otherwise would not find its way into such a line of work. Let none say, "I can never go out and obtain five dollars, but I will endeavor to save that amount and put it in myself." If this course is followed other funds will suffer and the work along other lines will be neglected. Let each realize that personal effort is necessary. One of the important objects of giving out the papers and soliciting offerings from our friends, business acquaintances and neighbors, is to familiarize them with the nature of the work we are doing and with the progress that is being made.

Soon your missionary secretaries will be writing to you concerning plans for the campaign. Too much importance cannot be attached to well laid plans and thorough organization. As the plans are made known let everyone accept them as being the results of years of labor gathered from the experiences of successful laborers. What we are after is success, so let us try anything and everything of a proper nature that seems likely to bring it. Judging from the reports which reach us, there is every indication that our people are going to enter into this campaign with greater earnestness and enthusiasm this year than ever before. The Harvest Ingathering number of *The Watchman* is certainly very attractive, is filled with most interesting articles and reports concerning the world-wide work being accomplished by the messengers of the gospel, and cannot fail to interest those around you.

We are living today at a time when all the events pointed out by inspired prophecy as marking the approach of that kingdom that shall stand forever, are with but one or two exceptions, in the past. Almost the very last sign of its coming was stated by the Saviour in the words: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14. The privilege and responsibility of giving this message has been committed to us. Active and hearty participation in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign on the part of every church member will be the means of greatly strengthening the work in the home field and of advancing it in the regions beyond. Who can estimate the possibilities that can be realized if the goal of \$150,000.00 for foreign missions is reached. This may seem a large goal to some, but it is possible for a people having for their controlling purpose the giving of the Third Angel's Message in this generation. Consecration, determination and organization will enable us to reach the goal.

J. B. Giddings.

"COMING TO OUR DOORS"

The other day I was talking with an elderly sister about the opportunities for service on the part of some of our sisters who cannot leave their homes very often.

"Oh yes," she remarked, "they are coming to our very doors," and she went on to tell me of a vegetable man who calls at her door each week.

One morning he asked our sister about the treatment for pellagra. She gave him some copies of *Life and Health*, in which suggestions were made regarding the diet of persons thus afflicted. This information was greatly appreciated. Later our sister made up a package of *Our Little Friend* for the man's children. Inside these papers she placed certain copies of the *Signs of the Times*—intended for the older members of the family. An interest was created. The vegetable man offered to carry some *Signs of the Times* to his neighbors. The interest grew and now our sister has had to secure help in visiting and instructing the several interested families in the valley where the vegetable man lives. Results will doubtless follow such seed sowing. Let us show ourselves friendly to the tradespeople coming to our doors, speak the warning message kindly, and place some reading matter in their hands. Here is a mission for every mother in our ranks—at her own door.

Brother J. R. Ferren, manager of the Pacific Press Branch in Kansas City, wrote us the other day and stated that during an enthusiastic missionary meeting at the recent Colorado camp-meeting many orders were given for clubs of the *Signs of the Times*. Among the experiences related was one by Professor H. A. Morrison, who with Mrs. Morrison had recently taken a number of the *Signs of the Times* in the College View church club. They had sent these to persons who had purchased *Bible Readings* from student colporteurs and followed with correspondence. One lady in answer to Sister Morrison's letter said she thinks the *Signs of the Times* a wonderful paper. "I believe everything that the *Signs of the Times* teaches," she continued, "unless it is the Sabbath. I had always believed that Sunday was the Sabbath. Now I don't know. I want a chance to study. Where can I find a minister? I wish I knew who it was that brought me that good book, *Bible Readings*."

"How wonderfully," adds Brother Ferren, "the various methods and agencies for reaching people fit together. The book, the *Signs*, a personal letter, opens the way for the work of a minister if one can be secured. Thousands wait to be pointed heavenward by the simple lines of home missionary work in which everyone can have a part."

Dear reader, may I suggest to you a simple plan that hundreds of our people are adopting, and by which they are reaching many with the message for the hour? Order a little club of the *Signs of the Times* sent to your address each week,—new and bright and brimful of stirring articles on the meaning of current events. If you cannot give the circulation of these papers your personal attention, arrange for the publishers to mail the papers for a period of time to your friends and others. This is just the kind of work that is bringing daily inquiries and subscriptions to the *Signs of the Times* office from all over the land, and which doubtless will finally result in many definite trophies for the kingdom.

ERNEST LLOYD.

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RECENT VISITS

On August the 2nd the writer left the office to visit some of the Sabbath-schools, and visited seven during the time she had to spare until returning to the office, when Sabbath-school supplies and letters had to be sent off to the different schools, not forgetting the isolated members of two hundred and twenty, who had to come in for their share of letters and supplies.

The first school visited was Clive, where I was kindly entertained by Brother and Sister Hamilton. There we had two meetings, one on the Sabbath, the other on Sunday, at the home of Brother and Sister Kay. At this meeting plans were laid by which a more progressive work might be done along all lines. Several expressed their interest in the plans as they were presented. While at Clive, Brother and Sister Hamilton drove me in their car to visit some of our isolated members. It was a mutual pleasure to meet, and some pleasant experiences came to us while visiting.

The next week we went to Gadsby? Here we have two Sabbath-schools, but a distance of eight miles separates them, and so they united their forces for that day, and as they would not be able to meet on the Sunday, the Sabbath-school was taken up in the usual way, and the after meeting was taken up by the Conference Sabbath-school secretary. A deep interest was manifested, as matters were presented for the first time for their consideration: The goal; the birthday box; the picture roll and other helps for raising funds for their foreign mission work. All promised to be faithful in the future.

The next week we visited Bismark Sabbath-school, and when the Sabbath-school was reached, we found that three schools had united. These members, too, expressed their appreciation in those things that were presented. As Elder Humann had motored up from Lacombe to Bismark (a distance of about forty miles)

to administer the ordinances of the Lord's House, a most spiritual and profitable Sabbath was spent. There are quite a number of young people among the company at this place, and I was truly glad to see so many of them go forward and partake in the ordinances. This was a good index to the spiritual standing of the church and school at this place. I believe that the courage of these believers was strengthened and that they will be faithful to the Lord through all the trying experiences they may be called upon to go through.

Sunday, August the 20th, was spent with the little company at Ponoka, these, too, seemed to be of good courage. After stopping off at Didsbury and staying over one night with Brother and Sister Nixon, also having the pleasure of visiting some of our isolated members along the way. I arrived at the office after an absence of three weeks.

I feel sure our Sabbath-schools will begin to plan for a larger increase in their schools, and their offerings will increase in proportion. The time has now come for us to arise and finish the work the Lord has committed to us to do, and the Lord will abundantly bless those that are faithful.

Yours in the finishing of the work,
Mrs. M. H. Crothers,

COMPEER

The brethren of this place are of good courage and are finding much interest in conducting their Sabbath school and services without the presence of a worker. The missionary spirit has taken hold of them. This is especially shown by their liberal offerings for missions.

I have commenced an effort at New Bridgen about 20 miles west of here and about the same distance southeast of Monitor. The first service was held Sunday night, August 12th. There were about 75 present besides eight of our Compeer company, who came in cars. The prospects of a harvest of souls in New Bridgen, I should say is very good. Many who were out to the first service had not attended church for years.

Last week I visited two of our Russian brethren at Maryland and found them in the best of spirits. Many of their neighbors, fellow-countrymen, are seriously considering the Sabbath truth. This is the result of work done by Brother Babienko last winter. The influence has extended to the English neighbors also. One with whom I had a Bible reading seems almost about to keep the Sabbath.

Our Compeer brethren have a few prospective Sabbath keepers as a result of their prospective labors. Although there are some retractions, the Message is making definite progress.

E. S. Stanley.

WHILE SERVING THE KING

Aug. 9th I left Bro. Person's at Burnt Lake to visit Bro. and Sister Sherman, who live four miles east of Bowden. Also visited a family who for some years observed the Sabbath, but having no one visit them, they became discouraged and gave it up. However, they still believe it as much as ever, and were glad to see me. They said, "We thought you had given us up too and would not come to see us any more." I told them I had never given them up, and even if I should, God would not. The mother subscribed for

the "Signs" and "Life and Health." They said, "If we can sell our farm we are going to Lacombe and send our children to school." This shows how necessary it is for us to visit the people.

I stopped with Bro. Ness at Didsbury and attended the Sabbath-school there. They had a nice Sabbath-school and all seemed to take good interest in the lesson.

I sold about thirteen "Word War" at Crossfield and when I was nearly ready to go a man whom I was showing the pamphlet to said "Don't you know you cannot sell here unless you have a license?" "No," I said. Then he took me into an office where two men were writing, to whom I had shown the pamphlet before. The policeman said, "This man has been selling books here without a license." I told them I did not know I had to have a license except in the cities, like Calgary and Edmonton. One of the men said, "Yes, if a village makes such a law, you must have a license." "Well, I am not going to sell any more if that is so," said I. So he said to the policeman, "When he isn't going to sell any more, you better let him go." I went, thanking God that there are still some upright people.

Brethren, this shows what we are coming to. We were told many years ago, "What we should have done in time of peace, but neglected, we would have to do in the time of trouble and I would say to everyone who reads these words, in the name of Jesus, commence to do whatsoever you can around your home. Read the Bible to some person, pray with them and for them, and give them something to read about our Message. That is if they will listen, and tell them of the everlasting love of God and how willing He is to accept us when we come to Him.

What shall we do, brothers and sisters, when all things are closed up and it is impossible to do the things which we have neglected to do when the opportunity was given? Our ministers cannot do all, and if they could, where would your part come in, which we must all do. May the Spirit of God be given us all to be willing and anxious to do this small thing for Jesus, when He promises to go with us. Pray for me and the work.

H. E. Shelstad.

WALSH AND SHULER

It was our privilege to visit the brethren at Walsh and to find some interested ones. We stayed here a while to present the Truth in clear tones, and thank the Lord for results as wages for our labor. From here we went to Shuler.

At first a few difficulties were experienced, but by faithful prayer and labor the Lord helped us to accomplish something definite. Sabbath the 25th, we had baptism and also organised a Sabbath-school of fifteen members. There is a good interest for the truth, but everybody is busy harvesting, so we thought it best to leave this field for the present, hoping and praying that the Lord will keep His children faithful until He comes.

May God help us all to do our part in His great work, is our prayer.

C. K. Reiswig and A. C. Harder.

"The world is languishing for want of young men and women who live the life that counts. Will you?"

WINNIFRED AND COMPEER

On Sabbath, July 14th, it was my privilege to meet with the church at Winnifred. This being a day set apart for the quarterly service, the Lord came very near, and it was a day of thanksgiving and praise to God. The brethren were greatly rejoiced that two precious souls were added to the church, being baptized at the Lacombe camp-meeting. Others are expected soon to unite with them in church fellowship. All testified to the goodness of God and expressed their determination to be true to God and faithful to the message they love so much. On Sunday they proved their loyalty by ordering a club of 35 *Signs* in addition to what they were already taking.

Brother Mooney was present and gave a very instructive talk, calling attention to "God's plan for every church member to be a live missionary, and the blessings that will flow into the church when His plan is followed." We are sure God will bless these brethren as they unite their efforts in trying to bring this message to their neighbors and friends.

From this place I went to Compeer, where I spent two Sabbaths, July 21st and 28th, with this new company. These brethren love the truth and God's word is indeed precious to them. The Lord came very near as we met together on these occasions and consecrated our lives to Him. On Sabbath, July 28th, six of these good people were buried with their Lord in baptism, after which the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated. This being the first time they had ever seen this solemn service. Altogether it was a good day. Others at this place are expected soon to be ready for baptism and unite with these dear people. Three of the young people plan to be in school on the opening day.

Brother Stanley is still in this locality and we trust that the Lord will greatly bless the work, and that our new brethren will prove to be a blessing to the cause of God, to one another and to the neighborhood in which they live.

Pray for the work, brethren, that it may soon be finished and that a quick work may be done in the earth.

J. K. FISH.

OBITUARY

Addie Ethel (Malone) Higgins, was born at Portsmouth, New Hampshire on the 18th of February, 1875, and died August 21st, 1917, at the Misericordia Hospital, Edmonton, Alta., being over forty-two years of age. She was the happy mother of five children, three sons and two daughters, and was kind and patient to her children, also a loving companion to her husband. She has been a great sufferer for about three years and has endured it patiently without murmuring. We had earnest prayer with this dear sister and after due counsel it was decided that she have an operation, but it proved fatal. She submitted her life into God's hands before going to the operating table.

Her husband is a son of our dear Brother and Sister Higgins, and although he has never took his stand with us as a people, his conviction seems this way. We hope and pray that this sad experience may be the means of helping him to find life eternal.

The deceased was a member of the Free Methodist Church. May God help us all to meet in the final

gathering time. Words of comfort and instruction were spoken by the Free Methodist minister Mr. Heath, and the writer.

C. C. Neufeld.

ALBERTA ACADEMY, LACOMBE, ALBERTA, June 30, 1917

Resources	
Convertible.....	\$,1693.28
Cash in Bank.....	\$ 285.67
Accounts Receivable.....	1,407.61
Real Estate.....	3,789.30
Buildings.....	26,787.59
Academy—1916.....	8,774.35
Improvements.....	701.47
	9,475.82
Academy Annex.....	6,314.89
Principal's Cottage.....	648.20
Church School (old).....	364.87
East Hall.....	4,715.45
Farm Cottage.....	228.55
Out Buildings—1916.....	1,291.05
Improvements.....	46.59
	1,337.64
Church School—1916.....	1,472.11
Improvements.....	64.53
	1,536.64
West Hall—1916.....	4,500.00
Improvements.....	265.53
	4,765.53
	29,387.59
Less Dep. Reserve—	
1916.....	1,919.51
1917.....	880.49
	2,600.00
Power Plant.....	4,338.40
Chattels.....	7,940.74
Domestic Science.....	16.70
Farm Furnishings.....	1,444.30
Home Furnishings.....	2,461.80
Library Furnishings.....	804.64
Live Stock.....	1,430.00
Manual Training Furnishings.....	89.25
Office Furnishings.....	398.10
School Furnishings.....	1,295.95
Supplies.....	2,641.51
Book Store.....	658.32
Culinary.....	445.24
Farm.....	1,424.45
Heat and Light.....	92.00
School Expense.....	21.50
Unearned Insurance.....	357.64
Total Resources.....	\$47,548.46

Liabilities	
Bills Payable.....	\$2,000.00
Accounts Payable.....	499.55
Laboratory Fund.....	157.00
Merchants.....	100.00
Teachers.....	115.73
Students.....	48.04
Scholarship Fund.....	78.78
Total Liabilities.....	\$2,499.55

Surplus Statement	
Present Worth July 1, 1916.....	\$33,303.67
Donation from Conference.....	\$13,905.87
Net Operating Loss.....	2,160.63
	11,745.24
Present Worth June 30, 1917.....	45,048.91
	\$47,548.46

LOSSES AND GAINS

Gains	
Tuition.....	\$ 5,226.64
Book store.....	157.33
Breakage Fees.....	70.90
Culinary Dept.....	29.67
Domestic Science Fees.....	2.00
Donations.....	13,905.87
Dormitory.....	2,257.09

Doubtful Accounts.....	36.70	
Interest.....	3.18	
Library Fees.....	137.00	
Live Stock.....	139.25	
Manual Training.....	83.00	
Rents.....	296.42	
Room Fees.....	55.00	
Tailoring Dept.....	3.05	
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Bible Teachers' Salary.....	\$22,403.10	510.00
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Total Gains.....		\$22,913.10
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	<i>Losses</i>	
Domestic Work.....	\$ 2.05	
Entertainment.....	35.85	
Expense (General).....	401.55	
Expense (Construction).....	1,335.70	
Farm.....	458.77	
Heat and Light.....	1,574.74	
Office.....	271.05	
Repairs.....	163.31	
School Expense.....	361.97	
Taxes and Insurance.....	231.29	
Teachers' Salary.....	4,244.59	
Tithe.....	116.71	
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		\$9,197.58
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Depreciation:—		
Buildings.....	\$849.49	
Domestic Science.....	4.40	
Farm Furnishings.....	170.76	
Home Furnishings.....	490.24	
Library Furnishings.....	42.92	
Manual training furnishings.....	11.24	
School Furnishings.....	370.23	
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		1,970.28
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Total Losses.....		\$11,167.86
Net Operating Gain for Year 1917.....		\$11,745.24
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		\$22,913.10

J. M. A. LeMarquand, *Treasurer.*

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WORLD WAR NOTES

Perhaps these items should be included in the regular news notes columns, but the matter is so important that I am going to ask the Editor to allow it to be inserted with the larger type articles.

Orders have been coming in so encouragingly that a few days ago I despatched a wire for 250 copies. These have arrived and have all gone to different parts of the province. Another shipment, however, is on the way from Calgary. Brother Carpenter, from our farthest north church, writes as follows:

"Last week you wrote to our leader, Brother T. Astleford, about Facts About the War, and his daughter, Sister Millie Astleford, has passed your letter on to us. I am sending you a club order for \$3.50. You may get another order from others. I have the book and think it is the book for the time in which we live. Please send by mail."

This certainly is encouraging. That letter arrived yesterday, and today 100 copies have been taken by members of the Maple Street Church. Over 40 copies altogether have gone to Brother T. Lambert at Ashcroft, and 50 copies were shipped the other day to Cumberland, where they will be disposed of by Sister W. C. White. Brother J. H. Lambert is placing some in the hands of the people on Read Island.

The members in Victoria have enjoyed good experiences with this book. Many others are taking hold of the opportunity in earnest and altogether I believe we are enjoying some good experiences in meeting the people, and what is better still, we may expect to see souls saved as a result.

T. S. Bowett.

NOTICE

By the time this issue of the *Tidings* reaches its readers, it is expected that Elder and Mrs. Gilbert and family will have arrived in British Columbia. I am sure that all our people join in extending to them a hearty welcome as they take up their responsibilities in this new field. All mail intended for the president of this conference should now be addressed to Elder A. C. Gilbert at the office address.

T. S. Bowett.

NEWS NOTES

Brother Potter reports that there is a good interest developing at Chilliwack where he and Brother Belchamber are holding meetings.

Elder J. G. Walker left for Saskatchewan on August 26th. His family will remain in B.C. for a time. Our prayers go with him for success in his new field of labor.

Dr. Riley Russell made a flying trip to the office the other day just before sailing on the R.M.S. Monteagle en route for Korea. The doctor is returning to the Asiatic Division after spending a furlough in America.

We were glad to have a visit from Brother and Sister D. E. Rebok, who spent two days while passing through Vancouver en route to Shanghai, China, where they will connect with the work. They sailed on the R.M.S. "Empress of Russia."

If you have not sent in for your quota of the "World War" do so now. Your help is needed towards a speedy circulation of this wonderful little book.

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BAPTISM IN WINNIPEG

Our hearts rejoice as we see more and more people coming with the desire to follow their Lord in baptism. It is to us the assurance that Jesus is yet interceding in the heavenly sanctuary for sinners. Five adults went forward last Sabbath in the ordinance of baptism, making twenty in all since we came here, and more are anxious for the time to come when they may join the believers of the Third Angel's Message.

We have been greatly blessed in our Sunday night services. Our hall has been well filled to hear the prophecies touching the papacy and her aims to become arbiter among the nations. One Catholic lady has come out and is keeping the Sabbath. The Orangemen have been good help to us in this place, as they are well acquainted with the papal regime. Let our brethren and sisters remember us before the Throne of Grace and Mercy as we wrestle against the powers of this wicked world, that the Message may soon be finished and every honest soul heard the call.

C. A. Hansen and Workers.

NOTES

Elder Hansen, who has been living formerly at 227 Donald St. is now located at 424 Notre Dame Ave., Winnipeg, Man. All mail for him that is not sent to the office address should now be sent to the latter number.

Elder Niergarth, formerly of Alberta and who has been at Washington, D.C., for two years, passed through the city on his way to Alberta.

All who ordered the little cook book at camp-meeting will please take note of the delay in filling that order. The present edition is now out of print and could not be secured. Another is being printed by the Pacific Press, slightly revised, and will be sent to you as soon as we are able to obtain same.

Owing to various conditions it was decided by the Conference committee to locate the office more central. A location has been secured on Portage Ave., to which it will be moved near the end of the month of September. After September 20th all mail should be sent to the new address: 819-21 Somerset Block, Winnipeg, Man.

Another special Present Truth list this fall. List closes Oct. 1st. Subscription price in Canada, 50c.

The Instructor ANTI-TOBACCO annual will help the youth who are tempted in this line. Let all help in this good work. All young people's societies whether among S.D.A. or not will find this a blessing. One copy to every family.

Orders can now be filled for the Ingathering "Watchman". One order now on hand, the first of the season, calls for 225 copies.

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A SYNOPSIS OF THE WORK

Since camp-meeting I have been busily engaged in visiting several points in the province, and packing and crating our household goods so they could be shipped to British Columbia. While writing this we are travelling on the train to Vancouver.

The places visited after camp-meeting were Hanley, Macrorie, Battleford Academy, McLean, Regina and Regina Beach. At Hanley we found several new Sabbath keepers added to the company there. Pastor Mackintosh has held a few meetings at this place, and as a result of the combined efforts of Brother Rowse and family, several persons were baptized on Sunday, the 29th of July. If a few more accept the truth at Hanley there will be a sufficient number to organize a church.

A pleasant and profitable time was spent at Macrorie, Sabbath and Sunday, August 4 and 5. The church at this place has done a splendid work along all lines of gospel endeavor. They just completed a beautiful church building, which was dedicated Sunday, the 5th. This building is a credit to the community in which it is situated. It is neat in design, nicely decorated and trimmed, furnished with comfortable seats, and suitably equipped with lights, organ and other conveniences. It was dedicated free from debt. Many interested friends were present at the dedicatory service, in which Pastors J. V. Maas and M. Mackintosh assisted.

Our last visit at the school was a pleasant one. Those in charge of the work there are doing splendidly and are pushing forward the work on both farm and buildings as fast as is possible with limited help and money. Bro. Perry Finkle is still in charge of the work on the buildings. Bro. Wm. McCready has been asked to take charge of the school farm. Bros. Maas, who has been rendering faithful service to the school in looking after the farm, is moving to British Columbia, where the moderate climate will be more agreeable to his health. This brother and his family will be missed in Saskatchewan, but when health is at stake we cannot stand in the way. May God

bless Pastor Maas with restored health. Brother McCready has been laboring in the ministry and has sure been doing acceptable work, but on account of his health he has felt that he must go on to a farm for a year or so, and consequently the Conference Committee invited him to take Brother Maas' place. Brother McCready has had experience in this kind of work before and is taking hold energetically and whole-heartedly. Let us not forget these workers at the school, but pray for them often, and send in the money as soon as possible that the work there be not delayed.

When at the Academy, the Board decided to break considerable land for growing feed and other grain crops. Bro. D. D. Neufeld is doing this work with his steam outfit. It may be of interest to our people to know that we have now secured about 300 acres of hay and grazing land from the Dominion Government. This is one and a half miles from the school. We have this hay land leased for ten years at two cents per acre. We have greatly appreciated the assistance on the part of the Dominion Government to make our school a success.

The various lines throughout the province are moving along well. Our workers, including the colporteurs, are all busy and are finding fruit for their labor. May God bless all our people as they pray and labor for souls. The golden grain of humanity is ripening fast, and soon the harvest will be past. Let each one do his part in bringing in the sheaves.

A. C. Gilbert.

BATTLEFORD ACADEMY

The friends of the Academy will be pleased to know that we have secured a grazing lease on two hundred and eighty-four acres of land fronting on the Saskatchewan River. The brethren made application for this land over a year ago. There were other applicants, some of whom were quite influential and it seemed at one time that we would fail to get it. As a last resort we invited the Battleford Board of Trade to visit our school and asked Elder Gilbert to be present. The gentlemen seemed very much pleased with the school. They were especially interested in our substantial, tastefully finished, and furnished building, and promised to throw their influence in our favor. One of the party, who is a Catholic, offered to accompany Elder Gilbert and myself to an interview with the Member of Parliament, who is also a Catholic. This kind offer was accepted and acted upon the next day, and the result was a promise to secure the land for us. The president of the Board of Trade and another leading man wrote personal letters to the Minister of the Interior.

This land is nearly all free from bush and is all level. Some of it is swampy but it can be easily drained into the river. The lease is for ten years at two cents per acre per year. Our first lease is for 565 acres for twenty-one years at one cent per acre per year. Hence this 849 acres of land when fully developed will, if properly handled, become a large resource to the Academy.

We are much favored at the present time by having Bro. Neufeld with his steam tractor plowing for us. He has completed about forty acres of our bottom land and is now on our east quarter of bush land. We are glad to have this put under cultivation. The carpenters are busy finishing our building and Bro. Finkle is getting the coal cellar ready. The outlook

for our Academy is in every way encouraging. We hope to have a large company of consecrated young people in attendance this coming year.

If any have not yet received a calendar, I will be pleased to mail one upon request. Will be very glad to receive the address of any young person who ought to be interested in obtaining a Christian education.

C. B. Hughes.

WHAT ABOUT BATTLEFORD ACADEMY?

Yes, what about it? Are you going to do your part? It depends upon you, young man, or young woman, for we cannot do anything unless we have the young people to make up the school. It depends on you, whoever you are, old or young, to give us your support and interest, for this is your school. The success of the coming year will depend largely on your co-operation.

It is now only about two months until school starts, so it is time to plan definitely for the school year which is before us. We want a large number of earnest young people, who are desirous of putting themselves in training for the finishing of the work. The urgent needs of the home and foreign fields are calling loudly for help. Are you going to come and place yourself under Christian instruction? You can begin now to plan. Don't let seeming difficulties hold you back. Crops may be light, and some circumstances apparently unfavorable, but plan to go to school just the same. The times are getting harder each year. We have no promise of an easier time. The call of the hour is for those who are willing to lay aside every consideration except the finishing of the Lord's work. To such, no difficulty will be unsurmountable.

And what about you, fathers and mothers? What about that boy or girl who could be turned into paths of service by the sacrifice of a few coveted plans? Are you willing to alter your well laid plans in order that they may be placed in a Christian school? The times demand such sacrifices as this; and only such will ever accomplish the work committed to our hands. We must have recruits. They must come from the ranks of the young people. The number now in school is far too small to fill the calls. We must have more volunteers in training for a great forward movement. Is your boy or girl to be among the number? We trust many will respond this year who never have before. Very soon the calls will cease to come. Surely no one wishes to be left out. Let all plan and pray for the many young people in our Conference.

H. W. Clark.

MEASURING SUCCESS IN THE COLPORTEUR WORK

It was with varied feelings that the colporteurs entered the field this year, and of course many feared the beginning. Some aimed high and definitely, and it is at this time of year that we begin to see the reward of our work. Some wonderful records have been made in the Union Conference territory. When this branch of the Message was new such records were unheard of. However, the class of men engaged in it meant business. They kept in mind the heavenly records. Are we as constant, as satisfied, as faithful, dear workers, as were those who pioneered the way?

I used to be overjoyed with a record report, but it is not large records for a short time that count. It is the average records for a full season's work. It is the steady grind, and often the race between

the hare and the tortoise. "It is not brain power alone that is needed but heart power." Vol. 5, page 372. Another writer says, "It is the union of the divine and the human that gives power to the gospel salesman." It is the motive that counts. If the ultimate object of this great work is borne in mind our way will be prosperous and "then thou shalt have good success." Joshua 1:8.

You may question, "How does 1917 compare with other years in the book work?" It compares well. Outward conditions have been promising in many places, but "our prospects are as bright as God's promises." The present days are golden opportunities. When the enemy is forming definite plans for the hindrance of the Message we may push right on. Great Leaders are disagreeing on momentous questions. Colporteurs, shall we not be united and press the battle to the gates? The nations are perplexed and individuals show anxiety. We can speak of these very things when approaching the people, and many will listen attentively.

Now we are in the busy season of the year—harvesting and threshing. This gives us no reason to stop. We will have to quicken our paces too. It has often been proved that the most successful canvasser averages as well during the busy season as at any other time.

A number have taken hold of the truth this year as the direct result of faithful effort on the part of the canvasser. Success is not always measured by dollars and cents. If we fear financial failure it usually means spiritual failure. The measure of true success is found in staying by the work when others are falling out. It is found in recognizing God as the great leader.

Canvassing is not a preparation for a life-work. It is a life-work. "God calls the canvassers back to their work." (Manual for Canvassers.) However, this work has aided ministers, teachers and others in fitting themselves efficiently for their profession. Many successful missionaries have at one time engaged in the book work, before they were called to fields beyond. The measure of our success in the canvassing work will in a large degree measure our success in other branches of labor in this cause.

We fail to get into many homes when the canvass becomes dry and uninteresting. Let us revise our canvasses; study our prospectus for new points of worth and we may be sure the people will recognize our whole-heartedness and enthusiasm in every word uttered. Let us not feel despondent over the results of our efforts. If we do our best, eternity will be fraught with precious experiences. The true measure of success in this world-wide, soul-winning effort of approaching people through the printed page, is held in store for the future. "Have respect unto the recompense of the reward." Heb. 11:26.—Robt. Kitto.

OBITUARY

DIED—August 4th, Rachel Ellen Waite, eldest daughter of Brother and Sister Waite, of Sunset, Sask. Little Rachel, not yet four years old, was loved by all who knew her. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. The funeral services were held in the Findlater hall and the remains laid to rest in the cemetery nearby. In this hour of sorrow our hearts especially long for the coming of that glorious morn in which those who sleep in Jesus will come with Him. Even so, come Lord Jesus.

H. Mackintosh.

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"When a soul is much with God, sin becomes exceedingly sinful, and a great desire is kindled to overcome it. Temptations lose their power. The mask is torn off the face of the tempter, who no longer appears as an angel of light. The secret springs of strength give victory in the struggle with passion and appetite."

"Oh, do not pray for easy lives; pray to be stronger men. Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers; pray for powers equal to your tasks. Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle, but you shall be a miracle. Every day, you shall wonder at yourself, at the richness of life which has come to you by the grace of God."

"When Florence Nightingale heard the call to definite service she chose to forsake the so-called luxuries of life and give her time to the sufferers of the Crimean war. A young man heard the same call, and when asked why he was going to Japan as a missionary, he replied, 'Because I feel it is the best investment I can make of my life.'"

NEWS ITEMS

Elder and Sister Gilbert, with their daughter Marjorie, left Saskatoon on the 9th of August for British Columbia. They planned to visit a few friends on their way west and expected to arrive at their destination towards the end of the month. I am sure we were all sorry to see them go, but wish them God-speed and abundant blessings in their new field of labor.

Elder Mackintosh has been visiting the believers in the southern part of the province and reports very encouragingly of his efforts there. Several people are expected to be ready for baptism shortly, and we hope to have the pleasure of becoming acquainted with the interested ones.

Elder Clemenson and his workers are laboring hard in Saskatoon. The attendance of their meetings Sunday evenings varies from one to three hundred.

Brother Maas has been invited by the British Columbia Conference to help them out in the German work, and as his health has not been very good here, he accepted, thinking perhaps the change of climate will be better. He has been a faithful worker and leaves many friends behind him. Sister Maas and children are spending a few days with their folks in Dundurn before leaving for British Columbia.

A happy surprise was arranged by the brethren at the Academy for Brother Perry Finkle and his bride upon their return to Battleford after being married by Elder Gilbert at McLean. We wish the couple many happy days.

Brother F. L. Hommel, the Union Auditor, spent several days in Battleford auditing the books of the Academy. Brother Wissner spent some time in the interest of the work there also.

To those who have ordered the book "Food and Cookery" at camp-meeting, we wish to say it has gone out of print, but another edition will be out as early as possible. The books will be mailed to the parties concerned directly they are ready.

One of the most critical periods of life is that period which is spent in school. To be of best service in later years the child not only needs proper training, but his health in all phases must have proper care.

To many this problem is a difficult one, but those who read the September "Life and Health," which is school number, will secure much information of value in helping to preserve and build up the health of the growing school child. Some of the topics treated are: "Home Health Training of the School Child," "Relation of Tonsils and Adenoids to Health," "The School Child's Lunch Basket," "The Care of Children's Eyes at Home and in School."

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xMiddleton, H. D.	D.A.	52	2	...	15.00		24.00		
xMilne, R. M.	G.C.	112	77	...	25.00		399.00		
*Ojala, G. F.	B.R.	53	18	...	20.00		100.00		
*Philbrick, Mike	P.P.	29	8	...	9.00		51.00		
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xRobinson, R. E.	Mag.	106	...	414	...		41.40		
xSchafer, Samuel	P.G.	83	27		111.00		
*Simpson, G. F.	G.C.	58	15	...	12.30		84.30		
xTeeves, Fred	G.C.	66	14	...	17.00		82.00		
*Voelker, Henry	P.P.	51	6	...	6.00		36.00		
*Wagner, J. B.	G.C.	62	13	...	9.25		66.25		
xWatchorn, Richard	B.R.	91	36	...	18.45		192.75		
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xMayer, A. C.	B.R.	54	22	...	4.50		103.50		
xBristol, John	B.R.	49	17	...	3.25		148.25		
xLawson, James H.	P.G.	38	2750		127.50		
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xAndrews, David	G.C.	106	35		163.00		
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xBuhler, Lizzie	B.R.	49	40	...	12.95		201.00		
xBurgess, Maggie	P.P.	55	18	...	4.45		90.95		
xCarhill, R.	G.C.	97	23	...	12.60		118.60		
xCasey, Harry	B.R.	71	23		109.00		
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xWiens, J. A.	B.R.	45	40	...	6.10		186.10		
xWilliams, Nina	P.P.	55	15	...	10.25		81.25		
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