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## THE TRIAL OF OUR FAITH

In this time of trial we need to be encouraged and comforted by one another. The temptations of Satan are greater now than ever before, for he knows that his time is short, and that very soon every case will be decided, either for life or for death. It is no time now to sink down beneath discouragement and trial; we must bear up under all our afflictions, and trust wholly in the Almighty God of Jacob. The Lord has shown me that His grace is sufficient for all our trials; and although they are greater than ever before, yet if we trust wholly in God, we can overcome every temptation, and through His grace come off victorious.

If we overcome our trials and get victory over the temptations of Satan, then we endure the trial of our faith, which is more precious than gold, and are stronger and better prepared to meet the next. But if we sink down and give way to the temptations of Satan, we shall grow weaker and get no reward for the trial, and shall not be so well prepared for the next. In this way we shall grow weaker and weaker, until we are lead captive by Satan at his will. We must have on the whole armor of God, and be ready at any moment for a conflict with the powers of darkness. When temptations and trials rush in upon us, let us go to God, and agonize with Him in prayer. He will not turn us away empty, but will give us grace and strength to overcome, and to break the power of the enemy. Oh, that all could see these things in their true light, and endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus! Then would Israel move forward, strong in God, and in the power of His might.

God has shown me that He gave His people a bitter cup to drink, to purify and cleanse them. It is a bitter draught, and they can make it still more bitter by murmuring, complaining and repining. But those who receive it thus must have another draught, for the first does not have its designed effect upon the heart. And if the second does not effect the work, then they must have another, and another, until it does have its designed effect, or they will be left filthy, impure in heart. I saw that this bitter cup can be sweetened by patience, endurance and prayer, and that it will have its designed effects upon the hearts of those who thus receive it and God will be honored and glorified. It is no small thing to be a Christian and to be owned and approved of God. The Lord has shown me some who profess the present truth, whose lives do not correspond with their profession. They have the standard of piety altogether too low, and they come far short of Bible holiness. Some give way to the risings of self and others engage

in vain and unbecoming conversation. We must not expect to please ourselves, live and act like the world, have its pleasures, and enjoy the company of those who are of the world, and reign with Christ in glory.

We must be partakers of Christ's sufferings here, if we would share in His glory hereafter. If we seek our own interest, how we can best please ourselves, instead of seeking to please God and advance His precious, suffering cause, we shall dishonor God and the holy cause we profess to love. We have but a little space of time left in which to work for God. Nothing should be too dear to sacrifice for the salvation of the scattered and torn flock of Jesus. Those who make a covenant with God by sacrifice now, will soon be gathered home to share a rich reward, and possess the new kingdom forever and ever.

Oh, let us live wholly for the Lord, and show by a well-ordered life and godly conversation that we have been with Jesus, and are His meek and lowly followers. We must work while the day lasts, for when the dark night of trouble and anguish comes, it will be too late to work for God. Jesus is in His holy temple, and will now accept our sacrifices, our prayers, and our confessions of faults and sins, and will pardon all the transgressions of Israel, that they may be blotted out before He leaves the sanctuary. When Jesus leaves the sanctuary, then they who are holy and righteous, will be holy and righteous still; for all their sins will then be blotted out, and they will be sealed with the seal of the living God. But those that are unjust and filthy, will be unjust and filthy still; for then there will be no priest in the sanctuary to offer their sacrifices, their confessions and their prayers before the Father's throne. Therefore what is done to rescue souls from the coming storm of wrath must be done before Jesus leaves the most holy place of the heavenly sanctuary.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

## IS IT POSSIBLE?

This year our Harvest Ingathering Goal is \$150,000.00. Some people have raised a question as to the possibility of collecting from the public such a large sum of money when they have paid out big amounts for Liberty Bonds and the Red Cross, and will be called on for much more money before the war ends. This, however, is not in harmony with our experience. The fact appears to be that the more people give the more they will continue to give. The person from whom it is most difficult to obtain a donation is the one who is not accustomed to making gifts.

Canada united with Great Britain in the war from the beginning. At the time of our last Harvest

Ingathering, Canada had experienced over two years of warfare, with its accompanying calls for funds of various kinds, to which the response had been liberal. Yet the East Canadian Union not only raised the highest average amount, \$3.75 per capita, but obtained its share of the goal early in October. If every Union Conference had done as well as the East Canadian Union, we would have received over \$350,000.00, instead of \$126,000.00. Their success was all the more remarkable when we remember that the population of East Canada is largely Catholic.

What then was the secret of their success? It lay in a combination of faith and works. Almost all the members worked. They began early and made a definite business of getting all they could before the close of the year.

This experience should be an encouragement to all. The gold and silver are the Lord's, and He can open the hearts of men and women to contribute just as liberally now as before the war. In fact, the war gives many arguments in favor of liberal contributions to foreign missions. People's hearts are being solemnised by the events that are taking place, and they are less inclined in many cases to refuse help to the Lord than they were when all was seemingly well in the world.

God's work is not dependent at any time on surrounding conditions. If God's people have a mind to work this year, they can obtain the \$150,000. Let his people unite together and prove Him, whether He will pour out a blessing. Think what \$150,000 will mean at this time, when there are so many many open doors waiting for workers. NOW is the time for a big Harvest Ingathering for we have no assurance that we will have another.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

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### IS YOUR CHILD BETTER THAN A SHEEP ?

When the Master was on earth His own people were in some respects treating a sheep better than a man. When Jesus reversed the matter they reproached Him bitterly. Is there not a lesson in this for us as parents?

When a horse dies, we purchase another to supply its place, but when we consider the matter of placing son or daughter in school to obtain a Christian education, we sometimes do not consider that so urgent as obtaining a horse. Someone may say the comparison is not fair. If we do not get a horse, seed time will pass and we will have no harvest. True but is it not equally true that if you let the precious seed time pass unimproved in the life of son or daughter, when harvest time comes you will not come with rejoicing bringing your sheaves (your children) with you, but will with bitter wailing lament the fact that the harvest is past, the summer ended and your children not saved?

The comparison is fair. It is not striking enough. In the one case we are dealing with temporal, in the other, with eternal things. Let us bestir ourselves,

brethren and sisters, and let us consider not only our own sons and daughters, but others as well. Seek out our young people, arouse them to the importance of this matter, and help them lay plans to be in school. There is no work more important than this.

Send me the addresses of worthy young men and women who ought to be in Battleford Academy, and I will mail an announcement and write a letter to each one. Do not wait, but do this at once.

C. B. HUGHES.

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### GATHERING IN THE SHEAVES

It was my privilege to visit some of our churches lately. In Prussia, where Brother Berg is laboring, one family accepted the truth and desired baptism. After holding meetings here for a week, we assembled on the bank of the Saskatchewan River near Estuary, August 19, and three souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Although it had not been made known very much, quite a number of people were present to witness this service. Here also an invitation was extended to those present to attend the meeting in Estuary in the evening. Brother Sulzle took charge of the same. It was a blessed meeting and they hope to hold a series of meetings in this little place in the future.

I did not feel well, so Brother Berg took charge of the meeting, which was to be held in Prussia the same evening. The brethren have erected a nice church building in this place, which is an evidence of their interest in the Lord's work, for many of them have not only labored hard, but also given of their means in order to put up this building. They hope to have the building completely finished in a few weeks so that it can be dedicated to the Lord without debt.

Having left Prussia, I went to Queen Centre, while Brethren Sulzle and Berg purposed going to Fox Valley. The Lord came very near and we were blessed by Him. A dear brother who had left the way of the Lord, but had returned again to the same since camp-meeting, was re-baptized on Sunday, the 26th. Another brother who had been straying, re-consecrated his life to the Master. The Queen Centre church has been greatly blessed and the members have much to be thankful for. May the unity and love which this church now enjoys continue until the end.

From Queen Centre I left for Waldheim, where it was planned to have baptism on the 2nd of September. We praise the Lord that we were privileged to bury two souls with their Saviour in baptism who want to serve Him faithfully, although they are meeting with many difficulties. Our hope and courage is good in the Lord.

O. ZIPRICK.

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### OUR ACADEMY

No doubt our brethren and sisters in Saskatchewan will be glad to hear something of what has been done at the school since our annual convention. At that time it was decided to finish the outside of our academy building and devote our time in preparing the soil of the school farm so that we may have some land ready for seeding next spring.

The carpenters are busy siding up the building and another two or three weeks will see this work done. The painter is soon to begin to give the build-

ing a white coat with green trimmings, and this, with a coat of stain for the roof, will make our academy building stand out prominent among the trees and give it a commanding look over the valley at the north of it.

As to the farm, the brethren who are working there are very busy in the bush, where the company is headed by Prof. Hughes in cutting down some of the larger timber so that Brother D. D. Neufeld's steam plow may do its work. Besides about forty acres which have been broken since camp-meeting, at the bottom of the school farm, the steam engine is puffing through the bushy country and its heavy ploughshares are converting the woods into farm land. The soil there is as good, if not better, than any we have at the school farm, and we expect to have from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five acres ready for seeding next year. Those of our brethren who have had experience of converting such land into farming country know of the hard task, but since practically all our land is covered with trees, this work has to be done.

We consider ourselves quite fortunate to have Brother D. D. Neufeld working with his engine at the farm, for without his assistance it would have been impossible to have gotten any new land ready for farming next year.

The school farm suffered from lack of moisture considerably. The grain that was sown on rented land is not very promising and our garden, too, is not what we could have expected under normal conditions, but we thank the Lord for what crop we will have.

Of course, besides the above mentioned, there is other work being done on the farm, as you can easily imagine that this would be in connection with such a large institution. Our brethren of the academy will be kept extremely busy so as to get the work done before we expect our students to arrive there again.

At the last camp-meeting our brethren pledged about \$10,000 for the carrying forward of the work at the school and in the home field. On the strength of your promise we have carried on the work; but we must appeal to you today to assist us if possible now with some means. The cash we had on hand is exhausting and we dare not stop the work just where it is. We realize that this might not be the most opportune time to look for your donation, since threshing is not done yet. But we believe that the good Lord, who knows the situation best, may impress you to give of that which He has given you so that His cause can go forward. In view of the need just now, we would ask you to make this a matter of prayer, and we are satisfied that the good Lord will lead you. We are living in trying times and if there ever was a time to sacrifice in behalf of God's cause it is now. Our young people urgently need to be educated at our institutions to enable them to stand firm in the time of trouble.

U. WISSNER.

#### KINDERSLEY, SASK.

On July 24th, we came with Elder Forshaw to Kindersley, a small town situated between Saskatoon and Calgary on the Goose Lake Branch of the Canadian Northern Railway. We secured the Orange Hall in which to hold meetings and have an average attendance of twenty-five. There are several who

seem interested in the truth, and two have started keeping the Sabbath.

Two weeks ago last Sunday Elder Forshaw buried one precious soul in baptism by special request. This sister was called away by the illness of her mother and wanted to be baptized before going because she would not return before we leave.

The Sabbath-school is quite well attended, there being an average attendance of eighteen, and our literature sells well here. The two Justason sisters sell two hundred magazines per month and a large number of small books. We ask God's people to remember the work in this part of His vineyard and pray that a company may be raised up here that will keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

MR. AND MRS. HARRY CAMERON.

#### SASKATOON.

We commenced work here in Saskatoon on August 5th in the Strand Theatre. Four meetings have been held thus far. At the first service the attendance was not very large, but it increased until the 250 mark was reached. The Lord has now opened the way so that we have been able to secure the Baptist Church. We feel that this will be much better, for we will be in a position to become more acquainted with the people and also have more services during the week.

The interest seems fair. Some are taking Bible studies regularly, these being conducted during the week by the different workers. One individual has decided to take her stand with the Lord's people, and others are still in the balance.

Recently the minds of the people have been stirred over the Sabbath question. Frequently letters appear in the local newspapers regarding this subject. We hope that they will become more agitated over this question during the next few days as we are planning to take up this subject next week. As far as we have gone, the people have accepted the message as it has been presented.

Our courage is good, and we believe that the effort here will not be in vain. Surely the Lord has honest hearts in this city and we trust that they will take their stand for the truth at this time. Brethren, remember the work in this large centre in your prayers.

W. A. CLEMENSON AND WORKERS.

#### A HAPPY EVENT

On the evening of the 14th of August, a quiet, pretty wedding was celebrated at the home of Sister E. J. Mooney, McLean, Sask., when Brother Perry Finkle and Sister Christine Mooney were united in marriage. Nearly all our people in Saskatchewan are acquainted with these persons, having met them at camp-meeting from year to year as they labored earnestly for the comfort and convenience of the people.

Brother Finkle is in charge of the construction work at the Academy, and Sister Finkle has been chosen matron for the coming school year. We all wish Brother and Sister Finkle the abundant blessing of God as they unitedly walk in the way that leads to the Kingdom.

A. C. GILBERT.

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### ALBERTA ACADEMY

*Improvements:*—Knowing that the brethren through out the fields are deeply interested in our school work of this province, I am pleased to report through the columns of the *Tidings* as to the prospects for our coming school year. I am sure that all will be encouraged to know that the improvements for our school as was planned at camp-meeting are being made and the work is going forward in splendid shape. Owing to my necessary absence from the field, Bro. Ryan was placed in charge and has employed a good force of men to carry forward the work. Sister Harder is doing faithful work in the kitchen cooking for the summer crew.

One of the first and most noticeable changes to be seen around the school plant is the completion of the main building, which is now a building of credit to our people. The appearance of this building has further been improved by a bell tower, which gives the entire building a finished appearance. The added rooms in the Academy on the third floor will afford a splendid place for our seventh and eighth grades and also give good space for the physics and chemistry laboratories.

Another improvement which will insure solid comfort during the winter months is that of our steam heat, which will be in service in both of the dormitories and the first two floors of the main building. The work of installing the radiation is now nicely under way and will be in readiness by the opening of school. Bids are now being called for the wiring of our building and electric lights and equipping with the necessary fixtures.

A number of other minor improvements have been made about the place which will render better service to our students and teachers. The primary room in the Normal School building has been transferred to the south-west room instead of the north-east. A room has been provided in West Hall for a guest chamber. The outside walls of the principal's cottage have been re-inforced against cold so that this building will be more comfortable in cold weather. Concrete retaining walls have been put in either side of the main building to allow for proper grading in the future. The old coal shed has been moved, which improves the appearance of the Campus. We believe the improvements which are being made, are for the future and will do much to insure better service to our students in their school work.

*Plans:*—The course of study as was presented at the camp-ground this year will be carried out. I am glad to say that at the recent educational convention held at College View, the course as outlined at our camp-meeting was adopted. I will endeavor to write further as to this course in the next issue of this paper. Let me say here, that any student coming from a qualified school of the province may be allowed to take up advanced work in our school on the same basis. This, I believe, should be an item

of interest to our students as it will further add to our usefulness and service in this field. As suggested above, our improvements for the summer provides a good place for laboratories and will allow us to offer Physics and Chemistry in a good strong way.

*Prospects:*—Shortly after camp-meeting I attended our educational convention in College View and while away I visited for a time so I have been out of the field for a time. Upon my return and upon taking up correspondence with many in the field, also by my short experience in visiting some of the churches I am pleased at the prospects for school this coming year.

We are, as all must realise, living in serious and solemn times and know not what the immediate future holds for us, but we hope that the Lord may see fit to allow our work to go forward another year. Should this be true, we can but give God the praise and avail ourselves of every opportunity while we are thus privileged.

E. D. DICK.

### SHINING LIGHTS

As I visit our churches and isolated believers, it is encouraging to see the interest that they manifest in giving this Message to their neighbors, and as the Harvest Ingathering work is placed before them all are desirous of taking a real active part in the raising of funds to hasten on the light of this glorious Third Angel's Message to every nation. This is as it should be, and we can expect to see all who really expect Christ to come soon, become more active, for we are told so often by the servant of the Lord that "The work of God in the earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of the ministers and church officers." When this is done we may be certain Jesus will soon come.

The Harvest Ingathering campaign now before us affords excellent opportunity for every true Christian to take an active part. Our Lord Jesus Christ, who has "All Power," gave us the precious promise to be with us always. Thus will the Gospel be given to all the world in this generation. If there are any who have not been supplied with the papers and solicitors' cards, do not delay to send in to the Tract Society for them at once. Soon "the night cometh when no man can work."

P. A. RICK.

### CLARESHOLM

Not having written any news for the *Tidings* readers for some time, I feel sure that our old friends left behind, as well as new friends in Alberta, will be interested in knowing how the work is progressing in Claresholm, where we have been located since coming to our new field.

Bro. Cal D. Smith and wife, who were to assist in the effort here, preceded us and had rented a building. They were busy preparing it suitably in which to hold our services when Elder Fish and I arrived Friday, Aug. 3rd. Before the Sabbath came, the building was seated with good comfortable seats that would accommodate nearly one hundred and fifty people. It had already been announced that we would have a union meeting here on the Sabbath. Hence, before the time appointed for the Sabbath

school to begin, people were coming in from all directions, some travelling from ten to fourteen miles, to enjoy a spiritual feast with one another.

As the church members live so far apart and seldom have the opportunity of meeting together, it was thought best to have the quarterly service at this time. After a few words were spoken with reference to the solemnity of the present time and the sacredness of the services in which we were to engage, an opportunity was given to any who wished to join the church. Ten responded personally and one by letter. Most of the candidates had been baptized at the recent camp-meeting, while the remainder were satisfied with their former baptism. All were voted into the church and given the right hand of fellowship. The ordinance of humility and the Lord's supper followed and it was a blessed occasion, being one which I am sure will not soon be forgotten.

The following day Elder Fish returned home to begin a series of meetings in his home town. The same week Mrs. Robb joined our band of workers and we began an effort for the help and encouragement of our own dear people and to teach the truth we love so well to those sitting in darkness. Our people showed their appreciation of the effort by their attendance and by their splendid offerings to carry on the work. We have not had a large outside attendance but some interest is shown and our daily prayer is, "that we may be kept in a condition where we may be used in finding the 'lost sheep' and bearing them to the fold."

Two have been baptized and united with the church, and we are confident that others will soon take the same step.

The trustees of the Lutheran Church have granted us the use of their neat and commodious church. For this we are very thankful and we believe that this move will give us a better standing with the people. While the enemies of the truth are working hard to keep the people away from our meetings, yet we know that the Lord can make the "wrath of man" to praise Him, and with confidence we look to Him for victory.

We have enjoyed working for and with our dear people near Claresholm and we hope and pray that the reconsecration made during our stay here will not be forgotten, and that none will be satisfied with past blessings but will strive each day for "Higher Ground."

V. W. ROBB.

### OBITUARY

**DIED**—August 28th, 1917, Hellen Gladys Boothby infant daughter of Brother and Sister H. Boothby, of Acme. Besides the father and mother, four brothers and three sisters are left to mourn the loss, but they "sorrow not, even as others who have no hope," as they look forward to the promised soon-coming Saviour, when "all the faithful of earth will be ransomed from the power of the grave."

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

J. K. FISH.

### NEWS ITEMS

For some time past the farmers in Alberta have been very busy in gathering their harvest of grain. The first thing an individual wishes to do upon receiving a gift is to express their gratitude to the giver, is it not? How many have started presenting this opportunity to their friends and neighbors? The giver of all good things is our Heavenly Father. Let us

help our friends as well as the Cause by doing our bit in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

Sister M. H. Crothers, our Conference Sabbath-school Secretary, has but recently returned from visiting several of the churches, and is about to depart on a second tour, in which she plans to visit the more northern districts and impart new courage and strength to the various schools.

Brother Mooney spent a short time at the office this past week and seems as practical as ever. His efforts in promoting the Home Missionary work has met with splendid success. Through his efforts nearly seven thousand of the World's Crisis series have been sold. A large number of subscriptions to the "Signs of the Times" weekly have also been secured.

Elder J. K. Fish recently visited the believers at the Vermilion Lakes Church, Edmonton church and is now planning on visiting the new believers at Compeer. The brethren in the northern part of the field are planning some real earnest work with the Harvest Ingathering papers.

Sister D. L. Philbrick called at the office recently, left a list of 50 subscriptions for the "Signs of the Times" weekly for one year. Sister Philbrick brought one of the children to the city for some needed medical care.

Elder Fred Johnson and H. E. Shelstad are laboring in the vicinity of Jenner. They report good interest among the people and hope to see some who are coming to the meetings take their stand for truth. Both of these laborers are organizing the Harvest Ingathering work in their district, and look for some big things being done along this line.

Brother Calvin D. Smith and wife have left Claresholm for Lethbridge, where they plan on soliciting funds for the mission fields. They will visit the Winnifred church and assist this company in reaching their quota in the Ingathering Campaign.

Prof. E. D. Dick and Prof. L. W. Cobb are visiting the churches in the interest of the educational work. They report that the prospects are very bright for a large attendance at the Academy. A number of new faces will be seen among the student body this year.

Miss Mabel and Eva Campbell, also Brother and Sister Carl Courser, have connected with Dr. H. Bonde in the medical work in Calgary.

Sister J. R. Johnson, of Lacombe, who has been appointed to act as music teacher at the Academy, is spending several weeks in Calgary preparing for her winter's work.

Brother G. F. Ojala is at present in Calgary receiving medical attention to an injured knee caused by a fall from his bicycle and is recovering nicely.

George Shankel and Melvin Milne both called at the office after making a successful delivery.

The following names represent additional visitors during the past few days: Maurice Hansen, Earl Smith, Bro. Andrews, Sister A. B. Anderson and daughter, from Nanton, Percy Foote, P. A. Johnson and John Litzberger.

The first order received from a church for Ingathering papers was for 1,325; from an individual, 75; the first donation was \$5. Everything to encourage a wide-awake and progressive campaign.

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### THE CAMPAIGN IN B.C.

The time for definite plans for the Harvest Ingathering campaign is here. We are sure that each church in British Columbia will make such arrangements as will bring into activity all its members so they can do their part in this campaign for missions. As each local church and each isolated Sabbath-keeper does the part assigned to them, this Conference can easily reach its quota on the Twenty-cent-a-week fund.

A certain number of papers have been ordered for each church, but we are sure that as all enter heartily into the campaign, many more Harvest Ingathering papers will be used. As you go to your friends with this beautiful magazine, you will be greatly blessed.

It contains a wonderful message on the progress and prospect of foreign missions, and will certainly interest every person who sees and reads it. As you present this paper with a polite appeal for an offering to assist in advancing the cause of truth in the lands of heathen night, a liberal gift will be the response, and you will feel so happy for your effort in working with Jesus for the lost.

Please send in your orders for papers and supplies to the office at 1708 Maple Street, Vancouver. If there is any information that you would like in regard to this important line of work, please let us know. We will be glad to help you in any way we can.

A. C. GILBERT.

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### MORE SHEAVES

On Sunday afternoon, August 12, we began our public meeting here in the Lyric Theatre and during the very busy season since have had one public meeting each week with an increasing interest and attendance. Our largest attendance was nearly sixty and of a very fine class of people. Our last meeting was attended by the pastor of one of the churches here and it was manifest that he was very favorably impressed. Another who has acted as local preacher has attended regularly. Some of the leading merchants and a lawyer have been attending and some come in five miles from the country to attend.

All knew from the very first that we are Seventh Day Adventists and although we have not come to the Sabbath question in the public meetings, some are beginning to ask about that and a man and his wife have already decided to keep the Sabbath and joined our little Sabbath school last Sabbath. We find more openings than we can fill in missionary visits and Bible Studies. Brother Bellechamber is now responding to calls from several families five miles out in the country and it is more and more evident to us that the Lord providentially directed us here just at this time.

Brother Harold Broder has this week delivered the books he took orders for earlier, and Brother Bellechamber went to each home with him and from several of those families he is invited to hold Bible studies. I would like to say that if any individual or church would send us a club of the *Signs Weekly* we could use it to great and good advantage just now. We appreciate the interest and prayers of the brethren and sisters for the work in this district.

E. R. POTTER.

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### B. C. NEWS NOTES

Elder A. C. Gilbert has visited the Maple Street, River Road, and Union Street churches. At the latter church a union meeting was held on Sabbath, Sept. 1st, at which a goodly representation was present from the four Vancouver churches.

Brother Broder, who has spent some time in canvassing the Chilliwack and Lulu Island districts, has left for his home at Friday Harbor, Wash., for the purpose of making preparations to enter Walla Walla College, where he will continue his studies this coming school year.

Elder A. O. Burrill has returned from his automobile trip through Washington. He was accompanied by his son. Besides journeying through several miles of that state, they also motored through a large section of the Cariboo country, which extends several hundred miles north of Ashcroft.

Sister Sarah Stickle has left B.C. for California to enroll as a student in the Pacific Union College. We are glad that she is embracing this opportunity of preparing for greater efficiency in the Lord's work. Her faithful services as teacher of the Bella Coola church school will be greatly missed this coming year by

the parents and children of the Firvale church.

Orders for "World War" are still coming in. Two shipments were wired for from California and these are all disposed of. We have another shipment due to arrive from Calgary, which we trust will be here in a few days.

For the Children—Why not order a few copies of the Anti-Tobacco number of the *Instructor*, which is just fresh off the press? The children have become interested in missionary work since they have seen Father and Mother, or their older brothers and sisters, selling "World War." We have several copies on hand of this beautiful illustrated number. Five or more copies will be mailed postpaid for five cents each.

We are sorry to learn that Brother John Bristol, who has done such faithful work in canvassing in the Okanagan this season, has been obliged to lay down his burden owing to ill health. In a letter received from Brother Philpott, he stated that Brother Bristol was leaving for Calgary, where he would receive treatments at our sanitarium there. Let us all pray that the Lord will bless this step as a means for our brother's speedy return to health and strength.

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## Manitoba Conference

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### HARVEST INGATHERING FOR 1917

There was a time in this message when we could look back for a period of ten years and say what a great change has taken place in the events of the world. Later we measured earth's movements by yearly periods, but today changes are taking place and tremendous issues come and go in a few weeks' time that formerly we would measure by years. Everything in the world is passing through a tremendous revolution. Institutions that were once thought to be fixed are now undergoing rapid changes. Reconstruction seems necessary to meet new conditions.

There is one thing, however, that needs no remodelling, but will stand in the face of the changes of time and events. That is the Third Angel's Message. It is a message which the Lord planned in the ages past to meet just this crisis through which the world is passing. The message came on time and is going to finish on time. God has already in the world a people who will finish the work. The message is on time, the people to carry this message are here, the only thing that needs to change in order to meet the present crisis is our attitude toward that message. Unless God's people by the power of the Spirit of God, move faster and take greater personal interest in carrying this message, the message will go on and leave them among the relics of the past age. We are sure, however, that the brethren and sisters in Manitoba are not of the slothful kind who do not say by their action if not by word that my Lord delayeth His coming.

Last year the average per member was somewhere near \$1.00 per member, the total amount being about \$270. I believe that this year THE INDIVIDUAL GOAL FOR EACH MEMBER SHOULD BE \$5.00. I know of some who have set their goal for \$25.00 and some for \$50.00, and I believe that there are some of our good members who could raise \$100 by a little earnest and persevering effort. Get your papers early. If you cannot get cash for them, take a bushel of wheat, a dozen eggs, a pound of butter, anything that can be turned into cash. I know that some feel as though they would rather give a few dollars themselves than ask someone else for it, but while you may receive a blessing in thus giving, you would lose

a greater one in that your neighbors would not have a part in it and they would not have the Harvest Ingathering paper filled with the progress of the Third Angel's Message. No doubt by this time you have received an instruction leaflet telling of the successes of the past and giving suggestions for this year's campaign.

Now, Brothers and Sisters, we are all going to take hold of this movement and, like loyal soldiers of Jesus Christ when the call sounds for the charge, everyone of us will have our faces to the foe, and when the victory is won, we shall all rejoice that we have not faltered or failed.

Our goal \$5.00 per member. Every believer to the work. Our motto: "For God, for souls, for our faithful missionaries, for the finishing of the Third Angel's Message in THIS generation."

We will be glad to have you write and tell us your plans and we shall be glad to help you in any way that we can.

Yours for successful work in Manitoba.

GEO. H. SKINNER.

### RAINY RIVER DISTRICT

After the close of our good camp-meeting in Winnipeg and a hasty visit to the company at Grandview, it was felt that a series of meetings should be held in Rainy River, Ontario, where Bro. F. Finch has been selling magazines for some time.

We were disappointed, however, in that the interest did not develop as we expected; however, we thought best to hold some meetings and try to bind off what interest was manifest. We expect to leave some witnesses there for the Third Angel's Message.

The third of September the writer visited Fort Frances, where Sister Curry has developed quite an interest among the people in the Baptist Church, the Salvation Army, and others of no church at all. They were anxious to have one of our ministers give them some help. I had the privilege of speaking to a nice little company who are very anxious to have a series of meetings held there soon. We are planning to place a laborer there as soon as possible.

We trust that the brethren and sisters throughout our churches in the Manitoba Conference will patiently await the time when I can be free to meet them all. We realize that in many places there is need of counsel and encouragement but may the Lord supply by His Holy Spirit such things as are needful until such time as we shall be able to visit you.

G. H. SKINNER

### MANITOBA NOTES

Manitoba is harvesting her wheat crop.

Our bodies need bread.

Manitoba is going to reap her HARVEST INGATHERING for missions. Our souls need salvation. In which will you take the greatest interest this year?

Brother Evan Roberts of Austin, while in the city on business, the past week, called at the office.

Sister McCreery called at the office while in Winnipeg to bid farewell to her brother, who has gone overseas.

Brother Hiebert, of North Dakota, will teach school at Lac du Bonnet this winter. We were pleased to greet him as he passed through the city.

All will please note that the office address is now 819-21 Somerset Block, Winnipeg, Man. All mail for the Tract Society will now be sent to that address.

Bro. Minchen recently purchased a Ford with which to canvass. He plans to spend his entire time in this good work of getting the truth before the people in printed form. If body-savers (doctors) use the modern inventions to hasten their work why not the soul-savers?

### SOMEBODY KNOWS

"Somebody knows when your heart aches.

And everything seems to go wrong;

Somebody knows when the shadows

Need chasing away with a song;

Somebody knows when you're lonely,

Tired, discouraged, and blue;

Somebody wants you to know Him,

And know that He dearly loves you.

"Somebody cares when you're tempted,

And the world grows dizzy and dim;

Somebody cares when you're weakest;

And farthest away from Him;

Somebody grieves when you've fallen,

Though you are not lost from His sight;

Somebody waits for your coming,

Taking the gloom from your night.

"Somebody loves you when weary;

Somebody loves you when strong;

Always is waiting to help you,

Watches you, one of the throng

Needing His friendship so holy,

Needing His watch-care so true,

His name?—We call His name Jesus.

His people?—Just I and just *you*."

"There is a dearth of educated ability among us, and we have not men who are sufficiently trained to do justice to the work."

"There is much to be done in the world, and it is not profitable to set novices to work upon those matters that are of the highest importance. The apathy, the indolence, the inattention that has been manifested in regard to education is marvelous; but it is well pleasing to Satan. God would have us arouse from our indifference, and no longer allow the intellectual powers to run to waste."

"The minds of men need literary as well as spiritual training, that they may be harmoniously developed; for without literary training, men can not fill acceptably various positions of trust."

"O that all might search diligently to know what is truth, and study earnestly that they might have correct language and cultivated voices, that they might present the truth in all its elevated and ennobling beauty."

"Let no one imagine that he will drift into some position of usefulness. If men would be used to work for God, let them put to the stretch their powers, and concentrate their minds in earnest application."

"Men are to appreciate the talents entrusted to them, and take advantage of the opportunities placed within their reach. Let the mental powers be girded for work and by vigorous exertion let the mind be enlarged and developed."

"Many who know the truth, still do not understand it in such a way that they could hold their own in its presentation. They are not prepared to present it in such a way that its sacred, majestic character will be clear to the people. Instead of less discipline, they need more thorough training."

"There is more need now than ever before that our young men and women shall be intellectually qualified for the work. The mind receives its tone and efficiency by thorough discipline."

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We were pleased to greet Elder McVagh upon his return to the office after nearly a month's absence in the States, where he attended the Kansas and Missouri camp-meetings.

Once more the time has come to lend our energy and support to the work of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Prospects are bright this year for a successful campaign and already encouraging reports have been received. The goal of \$5.00 for each member we feel sure will be reached and passed by many, if not all. May the Lord richly bless each of the four Conferences in the Union.

Brother W. L. Manfull walked in the other day smiling as usual and it was good to hear of the faithfulness of those still canvassing in British Columbia. Brother Manfull purposes extending his travels as far east as Port Arthur before returning to this part of the Union again. We wish for him much blessing in his special branch of the work.

Just received word of the death of Sister Sophia Wagner at Trochu, Alberta, at the age of 57 years. She leaves a family of eight children to which we extend our deepest sympathy.

Elder J. V. Maas called at the Union office recently while enroute to Armstrong, B.C. Elder Maas and family are taking up residence in the British Columbia Conference.

Brother Ford Dodds, of Ootsa Lake, B.C., is at present spending some time in Calgary receiving medical attention to an injured eye, but this does not prevent him from attending services regularly each Sabbath.

Brother and Sister Martin, from Minedosa, Man., and also Sister Fauver and daughter, from Saskatchewan, made short visits to the office while in the city.

Elder J. J. Reiswig, our Union Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary, has now settled with his family at Lacombe, Alberta.

## THE CHARGE OF '44

The great time prophecies, perfectly clear to ourselves, are often hard for "outsiders" to understand. A. W. Spaulding's unique style employed in his October *Signs Magazine* article makes it possible for a mere child to see through the 2,300-day prophecy. Wm. Miller's discovery, his call to the ministry, the great '44 disappointment, discovery of the sanctuary truth, and early history of our work, are narrated

and explained in an interest-gripping manner. This is one of about a dozen reasons why you should do all you can to get this excellent October number into the hands of the people.

## COLPORTEURS' REPORT

ALBERTA—	Book	Hrs.	Ords	Mag.	Helps	Totals
xBlom, C. J. . . . .	P.P.	97	18	...	\$25.95	\$101.30
*Milne, R. M. . . . .	G.C.	39	16	...	12.00	89.00
xOjala, G. F. . . . .	B.R.	63	32	...	11.90	145.90
xPopow, Max. . . . .	D.R.	101	23	...	5.60	110.60
xRobinson, R. E. . . . .	Mag.	74	...	330	...	33.00
xVoelker, Henry . . . . .	P.P.	76	22	...	22.15	120.15
*Wagner, J. B. . . . .	G.C.	58	10	...	8.00	57.00
xWatchorn, Rich. . . . .	B.R.	59	20	...	37.85	135.00
<b>BRITISH COLUMBIA—</b>						
*Bristol, John . . . . .	B.R.	42	6	...	4.95	31.95
*Broder, Herald . . . . .	D.R.	5	1	...	...	4.00
*Mayer, A. C. . . . .	B.R.	23	4	...	3.75	21.75
*Ping, W. Lim. . . . .	H.L.	57	125	...	...	177.50
<b>MANITOBA—</b>						
*Bauer, R. J. . . . .	B.R.	66	5	...	...	24.00
-Bodrug, John . . . . .	B.R.	302	73	...	1.55	332.55
fHoehn, Christian . . . . .	B.R.	254	40	...	...	194.00
*McGee, A. E. . . . .	B.R.	257	61	...	27.00	307.00
<b>SASKATCHEWAN—</b>						
xAndrews, David . . . . .	G.C.	67	21	...	...	101.00
xBrehmer, Martha . . . . .	B.R.	55	15	...	3.60	70.60
xBuhler, Lizzie . . . . .	B.R.	53	19	...	9.03	138.03
xBurgess, Maggie . . . . .	P.P.	55	8	...	7.45	45.45
*Casey, Harry . . . . .	B.R.	16	8	...	...	40.75
xClark, B. C. . . . .	B.R.	66	27	...	3.60	147.60
*Clark Sisters . . . . .	P.P.	41	18	...	2.10	84.60
*Engen, B. O. . . . .	B.R.	42	8	...	...	59.00
xFitchett, Myrtle . . . . .	P.P.	100	4	...	10.50	28.50
xHaynal, Sisters . . . . .	P.P.	88	78	...	56.10	418.10
*Henks, John . . . . .	B.R.	5	5	...	...	22.00
xHoehn, Edward . . . . .	P.P.	100	41	...	5.70	194.70
xJewkes, John . . . . .	B.R.	71	48	...	13.50	227.50
*Saunders, E. J. . . . .	B.R.	44	14	...	10.00	80.00
xSchwartz, M. . . . .	P.P.	100	8	...	14.75	52.75
xTaylor, Walter . . . . .	P.P.	67	6	...	...	26.00
*Unruh, T. E. . . . .	B.R.	44	12	...	10.35	71.35
*Wiens, John A. . . . .	B.R.	8	4	...	...	17.80
xWilliams, Nina . . . . .	P.P.	54	18	...	4.05	88.05
xColes, Ida . . . . .	Mag.	34	...	465	...	46.50
36 Agents . . . . .		2683	818	795	\$312.18	\$3844.98
Amount previously reported . . . . .						22,544.21
						<b>Total \$26,389.19</b>

\*One week; xTwo weeks; fFive weeks; "Seven weeks; - 8 weeks.

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.

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

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

FOR SALE—Forty acre farm joining Battleford Academy farm. Sub-divided if desired. Prices—5 acres, \$100; 10 acres, \$160; 20 acres, \$280; 30 acres, \$340 40 acres, \$400. Address W. E. Dinwiddie, Battleford, Sask.