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I ASK THEE

Father, I know that all my life,
Is portioned out for me.
The changes that will surely come,
I do not fear to see.
I ask Thee for a present mind
Intent on pleasing Thee.

I ask Thee for a thoughtful love,
Through constant watching wise,
To meet the glad with joyful smiles,
And wipe the weeping eyes;
A heart at leisure from itself,
To soothe and sympathize.

I ask Thee for the daily strength
To none that ask, denied;
A mind to blend with outward life,
While keeping at Thy side;
Content to fill a little space,
If Thou be glorified.

—A. L. Warring.

A WORD OF CHEER

At the Spring Council of the North American Division Conference when help was provided for the camp-meetings, I was asked to attend the late meetings in the Central Union and Elder Chas. Thompson was appointed to help in the Western Canadian Union, so when our own meetings were over, I crossed the line and attended meetings at Sedalia, Mo., and Hutchinson, Kansas.

Seventh-day Adventists are the same wherever you find them. It is good evidence of the divine source of the Movement that it takes people from all nations and from all walks of life and makes then one in Christ Jesus. It is noticeable, too, that it generally appeals to the best and most conscientious in other denominations. Truly it is a message for all the world.

As it becomes more and more evident that the conditions which existed in this old world prior to the outbreak of the war in 1914, are never to be again exactly as they were, the zeal of the Lord is taking hold of God's people everywhere to finish the work. One writer has said the curtain has fallen upon a world that is never to be seen again and while that same author says that the world is coming to a new birth, he hardly dared to prophecy what the world would be like when the change comes.

Please the Lord we are not in darkness. We, according to His promise, look for a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. The outlook may be dark, but the uplook is bright. "Lift up your eyes and look up for your redemption draweth nigh." I am glad to see faithfulness in tithe and mission offering in all the Western Canadian Union Conference. Good reports come from the colporteurs

in the field. The business of the Canadian branch of the Pacific Press has been \$7,000 better for the first six months of 1917 than for the corresponding period last year.

Both schools at Lacombe and Battleford are preparing for a larger attendance than ever. Just now the Harvest Ingathering campaign is on and we hope to see a more united systematic work than ever before in all the Conference. If every one will take hold and do even a little, we shall have the largest mission offering in history.

By the time this is printed I will be on my way to British Columbia to council with Elder Gilbert and the Conference Committee about aggressive plans for work in that field.

—C. F. McVagh.

HARVEST INGATHERING AND OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

We all know that the Harvest Ingathering work has brought great blessing to those who took part and also to the mission fields. Our goal this year is to reach more people with our good papers than ever before and if there ever was a time when these papers ought to be scattered as the "leaves of autumn," it surely is now.

I have often been sorry when I visited some of our churches that in laying the plans for this important work our young people did not take the interest as I would like to see them take, and I hope here in this Western Canadian Union our young people will step right in line and feel that the Harvest Ingathering work is not a work for the older members only, but that each one has a responsibility in the church where they are members to see that their church reaches its goal. We should not be satisfied if we have reached our financial goal in the Missionary Volunteer Society, but we should also feel that we are responsible for the church goal, not only in raising means for missions, but in gathering in souls.

Of course all the money that is raised by the young people ought to be reported to the Missionary Volunteer Treasurer and counted on their Missionary Volunteer goal. The suggestion has been made that the young people hand the money to the church treasurer, report it to the *M.V. Society treasurer*, and send their soliciting card to the Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary. In this way we would be sure to make no mistake and also get a full report of what the young people are doing.

If you want to help in planning for this work, write to your Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary and I am sure he will be more than pleased to help you all he can.

I wish also to announce that we have now the Reading Course certificates and if any have not received their certificate, just report to your Conference M.V. secretary and we will try to fill your order at once. The reason the certificates were delayed was that the department did not have any certificates printed and as they expected to hold a council this summer, they held up the printing of these certificates until suggestions could be received from the Union secretaries. The certificates are now here and we will be glad to have all order their certificates at once.

What about the Reading Course for this year? Have you your set? Soon the long winter evenings will come on when you will want to read and it is well for you to order your books now so they will be on hand when you want them.

—J. J. Reiswig.

British Columbia Conference

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A FAREWELL

On Tuesday evening, Sept. 11th, at the weekly prayer service of the English believers at Grandview, B.C., a farewell meeting was held, as Brother and Sister R. E. Noble were shortly leaving for the East. The meeting was opened in the usual manner and after a season of prayer, a duet was rendered. The following address was then read:—

Dear Brother and Sister Noble:

The members of the Lumen Grandview church assembled here this evening are mindful of the fact that our highly esteemed elder and his wife are about to leave for their eastern home. We regret that such a step is necessary, but we have the assurance that "All things work together for good to them that love God." Tonight we believe this by faith.

As we look back over the two years you have been associated with us in church and school, we think of the advice so kind and prompt that has so often been given and we realize that we indeed shall miss you in every part of our work. We also realize that owing to conditions peculiar to this community and to this Conference, your duties have been arduous. While we regret our loss we are glad that you are heeding the command of the Great Teacher, "Come, ye yourselves, apart and rest awhile." We would express ourselves in the words of the apostle, "We wish above all things that thou mayst prosper and be in health even as the soul prospereth." May many years of usefulness in your chosen work be granted you both, for we are reminded of the promise, "They that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

If at some future time, the call of duty, combined with the call of the West, leads you to return to this pleasant province, you may feel assured that a hearty welcome will be given you by the members of this church.

As an expression of our appreciation of your labors among us, we present this small gift, assuring you that our best wishes follow you for a life of health and usefulness."

At the close of the address and presentation, a testimony meeting followed, Brother Noble lead out, expressing in feeling words their gratitude for the remembrance, and urging upon all the necessity of watching that we fall not into temptation, and of being faithful to the end. Others testified of their hope in God, of their desire to press on and be found faithful and have a home where partings are no more.

While all are sorry to lose them as teachers and associates, we are reconciled to the fact that they are planning to take a much needed rest. On Thursday afternoon, Sept. 13, accompanied by Sister Rickard, Sister Noble's mother, they left Grandview for Fitch Bay, Quebec.

Alberta McLeod, *Church Clerk.*

SOWING THE SEED

Wealth cannot give the joy which is bubbling up from the heart of Harold Broder as he goes back to Walla Walla College. Already two have accepted the truth, and others interested as the direct result of his summer's missionary work as a colporteur.

It has paved the way for the growing interest which Elder Potter is creating at the Lyric Theatre Sunday afternoons. Lawyers, ministers and prominent business men of the city are interested and attending the meetings. The interest is growing.

Last week we were all encouraged with the largest attendance yet. While the Sabbath truth has not been given, we are encouraged by three having decided to keep the Sabbath through our personal work. Already other doors are opened for us to enter at Chum Rosedale, South Sumas and on the Chilliwack bench land. Remember us at the throne of grace while many stand in the valley of decision.

—A. Belchamber.

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DOES THE FARMER BOY NEED EDUCATING?

"The church is asleep, and does not realize the magnitude of this matter of educating the children and youth." "Why?" one says, "What is the need of being so particular to educate our youth thoroughly? It seems to me that if you take a few who have decided to follow a literary calling or some other calling that requires a certain discipline, and give due attention to them, that is all that is necessary. It is not required that the whole mass of our youth be so well trained. Will not this answer every essential requirement?"

I answer, No, most decidedly not. What selection should we be able to make out of the numbers of our youth? How could we tell who would be the most promising? In our judgment we might look upon the outward appearance, as Samuel did when he was sent to find the anointed of the Lord.

Who can determine which one of a family will prove to be efficient in the work of God? There should be a general education of all its members, and

all our youth should be permitted to have the blessing and privileges of an education at our schools, that they may be inspired to become laborers together with God. They all need an education, that they may be fitted for usefulness, qualified for places of responsibility in both private and public life."—*Counsels to Teachers, Parents and Students*, pages 43-44

NEWS ITEMS

Elder John G. Walker arrived at Saskatoon Friday, August 31st, after spending a few days, he left with Brother U. Wissner for Battleford to get acquainted with our educational institution and the general situation there.

Our field agent, Brother R. Kitto, spent a few hours at the office before going south to lend a helping hand to his workers there. He reports very favorably. Our sales amount to over \$15,000. It exceeds last year's record by about \$1,300.00.

Elder Forshaw reports that one family has commenced to keep the Sabbath. Others are attending the Sabbath School. The meetings are not as well attended as might be wished.

In Saskatoon, Elder Clemensen decided to hold meetings on Sunday afternoon besides the evening meeting. He secured the Victoria Theatre on Second Avenue and we expect good attendance.

Brother W. G. McCready is spending a few days at Wetaskiwin and Lacombe. While visiting his relatives he will connect his visit with business for the academy.

Sister Bertha Unruh, who has done faithful work at the office for the last three years, left our office the end of August. She is planning to attend the Clinton Seminary this winter to enlarge her education for better usefulness in this cause. We wish her God's speed.

Do not neglect to order your S.S. quarterly and other supplies now and begin the new quarter with all the help you need. Besides the quarterly, the S.S. Worker for the adults and Our Little Friend, Memory Verse Cards and Commandment Cards for children, are helpers for a successful school.

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JENNER

The writer came to this place the latter part of August and Brother Shelstad, who drove down from Wetaskiwin, came the same day, which was Friday. On Sabbath we held Sabbath school with two families, the only Sabbath keepers in this locality. The truth, so far as I have been able to ascertain, has never before been preached here. Brother Milne sold a great many of "Great Controversy" here last summer. These books are being read by many, who are becoming favorable towards the truth.

Being the busy season, we saw that meetings could be held only on Sabbath and Sundays, so we started to introduce our periodicals and solicit subscriptions, with good success. The best time in an effort to get subscriptions is before the prejudice of the people is aroused. Every Sunday two meetings, six miles apart, were held with a good attendance and interest. It was thought we had no time to pave the way and so presented the testing truths with all the power and vim at our command, with the result that four broke down, two families deciding to obey. These having had no previous Christian experience whatever, have everything to learn, but we believe they will grow in grace and knowledge, while we now (Sept. 23rd) leave this place for a few weeks to attend Quarterly meetings further north.

Sabbath, Sept. 22nd, two men who have been keeping the Sabbath for some time, were buried with

their Lord in baptism. The attendance at Sabbath School that day numbered 17 adults and the donations amounted to \$4.25.

As the Harvest Ingathering papers arrived, the writer spent the last two days at Jenner soliciting funds. The success was shown by \$26.10. The Spirit of the Lord is preparing the people to give. All we have to do is go and ask for it. Brethren, one and all, let us do it.

—Fred Johnson.

YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

It has ever been God's plan that His church should be the light of the world, but the enemy of truth has marred this plan. We have been lead to believe that the church is a place to come for the purpose of hearing a sermon or Bible study for our spiritual good and edification. Also that it is the work of the ministry to evangelize the world and the duty of the layety to support the ministry by paying a faithful tithe. We read in C.O.L. page 343, "There are some who think that if they give money to the cause of Christ, this is all they are required to do; the precious time in which they might do personal service for Him passes unimproved. ... All are to labor in winning souls to Christ. Donations of money cannot take the place of this."

"Ye are the salt of the earth," Matt. 5:13. Who is this "Ye?" Is it the ministry? We know it means every soul that accepts Him as their Saviour. This is an expression we well understand for we all use salt. We are careful to spread it evenly over our food. If we put the portion of salt all on one spot we cannot use that part of the food, and the balance is still unsalted. And so our Saviour desires us to get a lesson from the words—"Ye are the salt of the earth." The different particles or members must spread out among their neighbors, for salt preserves, and it will save their souls from destruction.

Our Saviour carries the thought a little farther and says, "Ye are the light of the world," verse 14. Our neighbor is in darkness and God will hold us responsible, for He says, "Let your light so shine before men," verse 16. We must be hindering it, covering it up, for he says, "Let." We are not allowing it to shine. "So shine." It must shine just so or our neighbor will not be benefited by it at all. A light is of no value unless we carry it to the dark places. "Ye are the light of the world." From this we learn that God wants us to go with the light we have to our neighbors and LET it shine. Do not hinder or cover it up by keeping it at home.

The psalmist says, "Thy word is a candle (margin) unto my feet and a light unto my path," Psalm 119: 105. How true this is. What a great light was permitted to shine suddenly upon our path when a dear brother or sister came our way, years ago, and let their candle shine, and now that our pathway has been lighted up and we can see the way so clearly, we should do all we can in our power to LET this same light "SO SHINE" on our neighbors' pathway. The wise man said: "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord," Prov. 20:27. We are, as it were, a candle in the Lord's hand and He desires to hold this candle so our neighbors can see to walk. Will we obey His voice by working for our neighbors, or will we excuse ourselves by saying we have no talent, or cannot explain the scriptures, etc?

(Continued) —R. P. Mooney.

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Elder McVagh spent last Sabbath with the Edmonton church before going on to attend a committee meeting in British Columbia.

Elder J. J. Reiswig left the office last week to attend a Sabbath School Convention at Harmattan, Alberta, at which members from Harmattan, Didsbury and Olds were expected to be present.

A report just received from Bro. J. B. Giddings, Manager of the Canadian Branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association reveals a splendid gain as a Union in literature sales over that of previous years. The following figures represent a comparison of the amount of sales between 1916 and 1917 for the period ending Sept. 20th:—

	1916	1917
Alberta.....	\$ 7,630.70	\$10,002.30
British Columbia.....	2,483.95	3,401.60
Manitoba.....	5,704.30	5,357.90
Saskatchewan.....	6,704.00	10,969.55
Total.....	\$22,522.95	\$29,731.35

"God has given to His church but one mission on this earth. Its mission is not simply to feed the sheep, but to change goats into sheep—to save lost souls. This was the supreme mission of Jesus; and the mission of the church is the same, and is stated in the words, 'to seek and to save that which was lost.'"

—G. B. Thompson.

"Prayer and faith are interwoven like silk threads and rubber in elastic ribbon. They can reach farther than they appear."

WAS THIS JUST A "HAPPEN-SO?"

"It is remarkable to see how our literature is in demand since the war. Not only can we gain a hearing, but people ask us for our books and magazines. While out one night with one of our magazine workers, a lady came across the street and said, 'Is that *The Watchman*?' and when she was informed that it was, said that she wanted one, that it was the best magazine that she could get hold of; and this is now the testimony of many regarding our literature.—A Field Secretary.

NEWS ITEMS

Sister Robb called at the office upon her return from Claresholm.

Bro. Mooney, Max Popow and other visitors spent Sabbath with the Calgary Church. One member there has nearly succeeded in raising one fourth of their quota in the Harvest Ingathering.

Other evidence of this good work which is being done throughout the province are given below as received from the postman.

Bro. F. L. Hommel and Doctor H. Bonde made a brief visit to Lacombe this week.

Esther Anderson, age 11, daughter of Bro. Wm. Anderson, Claresholm, distributed five Harvest Ingathering papers and collected \$8.75. For the first paper she received \$5.00, the next three \$1.00 each, and for the fifth, 75c. This is a splendid example of what can be done by the children.

Word has come that Sister A. B. Anderson, of Nanton, collected over \$17.00 in a short time.

Katherine and Helen Chapman, ages 8 and 11, succeeded in getting \$2.40 for 10 papers. Another splendid example of the working of the Lord among the youth in the Harvest Ingathering.

Elder V. W. Robb reports another new Sabbath keeper at Claresholm. The work at this place will close soon, as Elder Robb will be going to Lacombe to prepare for his winter's work at the Academy.

Bro. H. A. Niergarth recently came to Alberta from Takoma Park, D.C., where he has spent the past two years preparing for more efficient service for the Master. Sister Niergarth is visiting friends in Ontario. She will join her husband at Claresholm, where Brother Niergarth is now assisting Bro. Mabley with his threshing.

The following words are taken from a letter received from Sister J. W. Swisher, in which she enclosed \$7.50 collected for foreign missions: "I used ten papers you sent and one copy I received from Sister Fish. I never did any soliciting work until last year, and I haven't much confidence in myself, but I met some of the nicest people I ever met while out with these papers."

Brother H. D. Middleton reports in a recent letter that he has collected \$10.00 in Harvest Ingathering himself, and expresses a willingness to continue doing his best and also help others until the victory is won.

"I was talking to one lady and told her of the character of the work I would be doing for the next three or four weeks and showed her the Ingathering number of the 'Watchman.' She told me that she had never given one cent to missions because of certain funds she had seen misappropriated. Continuing, she said, 'but the Seventh-Day Adventists seem to do things differently,' and she believed, in this case, it might be alright. On leaving I asked if she felt impressed to assist us and what she would have me put down opposite her name. My faith was surpassed when she handed me \$5.00 and hoped she could give more next year. I feel that our success in this campaign depends on our remaining at the foot of the cross till we get a vision of the great work and its need. There is mighty power in prayer."

—E. S. Stanley.

"I did not think that I would have such good success today. I thought I could get not more than \$5.00, but I got \$19.35 already. \$7.25 were given by the Chinese friends and the rest, \$12.10, given by different nationalities."—John Lamb.

"We had some interesting experiences in the Harvest Ingathering work. We had the best experiences that we ever had in that line of work. For the two days we spent in Lethbridge, we gathered about \$34.00."—Cal. D. Smith.

"I took out 35 magazines and gathered \$10.10 for the Lord. Altogether now I have \$21.73. Surely the Lord is helping us everywhere in this work. One lady looked at my card and saw the 25 and 50 cents and remarked on the small donations. I said we were thankful even for that. She gave me a one dollar bill. I praise the Lord for the good omens."—R. E. Robinson.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

ALBERTA—

	Book	Hrs	Ords.	Mag.	Helps	Totals
*Middleton, H. D.....	D.A.	38	4	...	\$15.50	\$ 32.00
*Philbrick, Mike.....	P.P.	81	26	...	17.10	137.11
*Popow, Max.....	D.R.	113	22	...	10.10	112.60
*Steeves, Fred.....	G.C.	84	18	...	14.30	93.30
xWagner, J.B.....	G.C.	136	34	...	21.25	180.25
Watchorn, Richard.....	B.R.	31	7	...	7.15	40.15

SASKATCHEWAN—

Andrews, David.....	G.C.	25	6	28.00
Buhler, Lizzie.....	B.R.	28	23	...	6.85	117.85
*Burgess, Maggie.....	P.P.	75	10	...	12.00	55.00
Casey, Harry.....	B.R.	30	4	18.00
Carlill, R.....	G.C.	22	10	...	5.40	54.40
*Clark, B. C.....	B.R.	20	18	...	6.95	95.95
*Fitchett, Myrtle.....	P.P.	97	6	...	5.75	31.75
*Hoehn, Ed.....	P.P.	92	42	...	10.95	212.95
*Jewks, John.....	B.R.	86	41	...	7.00	201.00
Knowlten, G. F.....	D.R.	14	2	...	1.50	13.50
xSaunders, E. J.....	B.R.	151	83	...	21.00	427.00
*Schwartz, Margaret.....	P.P.	97	9	...	1.50	44.50
Weiss, D. D.....	P.P.	24	11	...	9.25	64.25
xWells, Frank.....	B.R.	123	30	...	12.45	142.45
*Williams, Nina.....	P.P.	65	9	...	12.00	58.00
*Coles, Ida.....	Mag	33	...	336	33.60

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