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## A SPECIAL COLLECTION

The work among the colored people in America has made wonderful progress in recent years. The money spent is being very carefully supervised by the Conference officers in the fields having large colored constituencies, particularly in the south. I am sure we all want the colored people in America as well as in Africa, to have a chance to hear the Message and be saved.

At the General Council at Huntsville, Alabama, last spring, this work was given careful study and plans were laid to enlarge the work. Our school for the training of colored laborers at Huntsville was made a Junior College and Prof. J. I. Beardsley, who is well known in Western Canada, was placed in charge. At the same time it was planned to help the work in various places where there are special needs, but only as the money could be procured for the purpose.

It is hoped that the regular annual offering for the colored work, October 20th, will bring in funds to carry out these plans. If so, it must be an extra liberal offering. We are asked to make it average \$1.00 a member in the Western Canada Union. Many of our people can give large sums and let all have a part. You cannot give mission money where it will do more good. This is a special call entirely separate from the pledges made at camp-meeting.

—C. F. McVagh.

## SPREADING THE MESSAGE IN PRINTED FORM

Largely through the printed page will the work of the Angel of Rev. 18, be accomplished, and in my trip through the Union last month, this fact has been impressed on my mind. In Calgary, my first stop, I met the smiling faces of Brethren Mooney and Ojala. They had only words of encouragement and progress. The deliveries are the best in the history of our work in Alberta. Bro. Melvin Milne had just finished delivering his \$2,041.00 order, and Brother Geo. Shankel \$1,154.00. Both report some very interesting experiences. Bro. Milne has gone to Washington, D.C., to attend college. He expects to devote his life to the book work. How we wish other strong, spiritual young men would plan to master the principles of gospel salesmanship and determine to make of themselves all that God would have them be and plan to fit themselves to bear responsibilities in this very important part of the Third Angel's Message. We are in great need of capable leaders and we trust the Lord will lay the burden of service for this line of work on more of our young men.

From Alberta I went on to Winnipeg and there we met the Winnipeg church in a Missionary Institute. We had a very pleasant and, I trust, profitable time for the church. Winnipeg offers, I believe, a very fertile field for missionary and canvassing work since the public effort by Elder C. A. Hansen and his good

wife, and Bro. Parker engaging in selling B.R. With the staff of workers already located there, augmented by the nice location of the office, this should mean the addition of many souls to the Winnipeg church. Certainly a strong effort is being made and large results should come from this endeavor. The brethren find the large amount of papers and books sold in the past are bearing fruit and much of this work has come as a result of the faithful labors of Bro. Mickle, for the last five or six years. I have been profoundly impressed with the need of the same worker going over the same territory year after year, and we shall endeavor to shape our plans to this end in this Union for the future.

On my way back to Calgary I met Bro. Robt. Kitto at McLean and he reports a very satisfactory condition in Saskatchewan, all things considered. In parts of the province the crop conditions are poor, but our work is onward. Deliveries are good. The sales for Saskatchewan will be the largest in the history of the book work for this province. We are very thankful and certainly Brother Kitto and his faithful band of colporteurs are to be congratulated on the splendid record made this year.

We ought to redouble our efforts now that conditions are so favorable and the public mind is agitated with the conditions we are facing at the present time. Our brethren could place many of our smaller publications in the hands of neighbors and friends that would help them to see the meaning of the present unsettled conditions and point them to the Saviour in whom alone we can have peace.

—W. L. Manfull.

## ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE COLORED WORK—OCTOBER 20, 1917.

For a number of years a special collection has been taken for the colored work. This collection has greatly assisted us in securing necessary funds with which to carry forward the work for the colored people which has grown rapidly year by year, making it necessary to increase our appropriation to this line of work.

This money has not been spent in vain. We now have large churches in every city of note in the United States and in many rural districts. Schools are operated in most of these centres. The tent efforts are bringing out large churches. In one of the Southern cities a church of 75 has been developed the present summer, and in the North, the tent meetings were never attended by so large congregations. If we had more workers, we could quickly double the membership. The colored canvassers are having unusual success taking orders for our good books. One of the Oakwood school has taken \$3,500 worth of orders since school closed in the spring. Others have made scholarships. I mention these

facts to show that God is now working in a special way for this people, and I believe what we fail to do at once may never be done for them.

At the Huntsville Council, it was voted to improve our school plant at Huntsville, to the extent of sixty thousand dollars. The colored people agreed to raise ten thousand dollars. The school was raised to a Junior College, to meet our educational standards and to answer a call for a stronger school for the many young colored people who are taking advanced work. To put in this equipment we must have new buildings and other facilities. We should begin this work next Spring, and must have at least twenty thousand dollars for the first building. It was voted to ask our people to give liberally. Those who have a surplus of means no doubt would feel to give large sums, no one less than a dollar. If all our members in this country would give a dollar apiece, we would go ahead with this much-needed extension work and no one would suffer. My dear reader, will you not take this request to the Lord in prayer and ask Him to impress you just what He would have you give. Our colored people are giving liberally of their scanty means to help themselves. In one of our recent colored camp-meetings with less than fifty per cent., they gave and pledged in cash to missions, over \$700. Some gave all the cash they had and borrowed money to return home on. I am sure if you could see their earnestness and also their poverty, you would not be happy in keeping for your personal use money that would be such a blessing if invested in this fruitful tribe. I know of no race that is more susceptible to the truth.

One of our greatest problems is to furnish church houses for the large companies that accept the truth. We must have a church extension fund to assist in this way. I have several places in mind where from fifty to a hundred have accepted the message, and have no place to meet after the tents come down. The conference and the members will do all they can to provide church homes for them, but they are not able to bear all the expense. I hope every reader of this call will take hold and help us to make this collection the largest that was ever made for this work and thus help a most worthy and needy cause. Ten millions of colored people in this country have their faces turned toward us asking for the light of God has given to us for them. Shall we answer the call? May the Lord help us to do so before it is too late.

Do not forget the date, Sabbath, Oct. 20th, 1917.

C. B. Stephenson, *Sec. Negro Dept.*

## UNIVERSAL TRAINING AND SERVICE

*F. W. Paap.*

In the closing days of the great struggle between the forces of good and evil—a very definite call to arms is to be expected. This will be true on the part of both generals. Universal training—universal service is the word. Have you heard the command of our great leader: "Come into line." "Let the gospel message ring through our churches summoning them to universal action." Vol. VII, page 14.

"Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Matt. 28:19 "The Saviour's commission to the disciples included all the believers. It includes all believers in Christ to the end of time. It is a fatal mistake to suppose that the work of saving souls depends along on the ordained minister. All to whom the heavenly inspiration has come, are put in trust with the gospel.

All who receive the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow-men. For this work the church was established, and all who take upon themselves its sacred vows are thereby to be co-workers with Christ." *Desire of Ages*, page 822.

"The church of Christ has been organized on earth for missionary purposes, and it is of the highest importance that every individual member of the church should be a sincere laborer together with God, filled with the Spirit, having the mind of Christ, perfected in sympathy with Christ, and therefore bending every energy, according to his entrusted ability, to the saving of souls. Christ requires that every one who would be called by his name, should make his work the first and highest consideration, and disinterestedly co-operate with heavenly intelligences in saving the perishing, for whom Christ has died." *An Appeal*, page 28.

This responsibility is so clearly stated that it needs no comment: "In this closing work of the gospel there is a vast field to be occupied, and, more than ever before, the work is to enlist helpers from the common people." *Education*, page 269.

We feel very grateful indeed for what has been accomplished during the past few years in the direction of training and enlisting the laity, but we feel that very much more must be done, and that right early.

This call to universal service is a call to consecration and this will lead to personal effective service.

"Consecrate yourselves wholly to the work of God. He is your strength, and He will be at your right hand, helping you to carry on His merciful designs. By personal labor reach those around you. Become acquainted with them. Preaching will not do the work that needs to be done. Angels of God attend you to the dwellings of those you visit. This work cannot be done by proxy. Money lent or given will not accomplish it. Sermons will not do it. By visiting the people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, you will win hearts. This is the highest missionary work that you can do. To do it, you will need resolute, persevering faith, unwearying patience, and a deep love for souls." Vol. IX, page 41.

We must not stand idly by waiting for some great work. Take hold right where you are. Get acquainted with your neighbors. Strive to win them by your practical sympathy. Let no one underestimate the value of little things in the work of winning souls. We call upon you, my brother, my sister, young or old, to enter His service and become a real soul winner for God.

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## SCHOOL OPENING

The time will soon be here when the doors of our Academy will be thrown open to again welcome the youth of this field to another year of hard work in preparation for a part in the Lord's work. The date set for our school opening is October 31st. This late date has been set in order to accommodate the students and parents as well as allowing time to have the fall work well out of the way before the time for school to begin.

The time of opening most of our schools in other places is from the first to the middle of September. This is true not only of our schools but also true of the provincial schools in this territory. From the foregoing it must be seen that the opening of the school at this late date is a matter of accommodation on the part of the school people in that they will be obliged to carry heavier burdens for the time school is in session than they otherwise would have to do if school continued through a longer period of time. That is, if school began earlier. The usual length of the school term of our schools is nine months, while that of the provincial school is ten months. Here we are doing in eight and a half months what others of our schools do in nine months and the provincial schools do in ten months, and yet to anyone who will give a careful study to the courses, they will quickly see that the course we offer is stronger than the courses offered by either our other schools or the schools of the province.

Now, this being true, it is of great importance that the students attending our school this year shall be there on time, so we feel that all should work to that end. Parents should see to it that their children are at school on the opening date, as it means much to your children and to the school as a whole. To those who are not dependent upon their parents for school support, I would say, get to school on time if it is at all possible. Do not think that because wages are good that you can save money by staying out a few days or a few weeks and then make up your work. A few days lost at the first may spoil your entire year. This has been tried many times in the past by others with regrets at their attempt to practice this false economy.

Another reason which makes me feel very insistent that all should do their best to be at school on time this year, is the fact that we are this year adopting our new course of study, which will fit the student for the provincial examinations. By all being on time it will eliminate a great many irregularities and help to make permanent arrangements for special classes from the very opening of the school. In order to allow the teachers to do their best work for those who do come on time, it is quite unfair that the teachers should be required to consume an extra amount of time on the late students.

In the face of what I have said in regard to coming to school on time, I wish to say to those who find it impossible to come at the opening date, Come anyway! Come if you are late. We will certainly do all we can to overcome the disadvantage you sustain by being late. We would not have any feel that by their not coming on time that they are not wanted. Come on time if possible. If not, come anyway. October 31st is the date.

—E. D. Dick.

### **"YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"**

(Concluded)

We are without excuse for God has arranged it so that every soul who knows the truth may have a part. With the hundreds of tracts and magazines and many truth-laden books both small and large to carry to the people, we will be held responsible for what we neglect to do. As individual members of the church, just common folks, what a high and holy calling is this! "To make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery . . . to the intent that

now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by *the church* the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord," Eph. 3:9-11. What a specially privileged people we are!

The writer once had a conversation with an artist that was at one time engaged by the King of England. He did all the artist work for the Royal family and was very proud of this fact. He felt that it entitled him to the highest honors among his craft. But what a contrast is our calling—"Ye are a *chosen* generation, a *royal* priesthood, an *holy* nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the virtues (margin) of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light," 1 Pet. 2:9. We are not just laboring for a king, but we are members of the Royal family. We are God's children, "Heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ," and "fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God." "We then as workers together with Him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain," Rom. 8:17, Eph. 2:19, and 11 Cor. 6-1.

What a peculiarly privileged people we are. What unlimited patience our heavenly Father has with us, and still He waits for us to awake from our lethargy. The message rings in our ears, "The work of God in this 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 ministers and church officers," Vol. 9, p. 117. "Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work," Id. 116.

"The very simplest modes of work should be devised and *set in operation* among our churches. If members will co-operate with such a plan, and perseveringly carry it out, they will reap a rich reward, for their experience will grow brighter, their ability will increase through exercise, and souls will be saved." An Appeal to Our Churches, p. 11. Surely this is a promise, and the Creator of the Universe is at the back of it. Can there be any failure? Not if we devise the simplest modes of work and set them in operation and if the members co-operate with these simple plans. It is the simplest modes of work that often bring the greatest results.

The Harvest Ingathering work is one of the simplest plans that could be set in operation. From the little child to the aged grandma and grandpa, may all have a part. But this simple plan cannot succeed if all do not co-operate. Some have felt that this work is too small for them to engage in, and they have never had part in it yet. These have been a very great hindrance to our reaching our goal. Did our Savior ever stoop to such a low work. Surely He did, and He bids us follow in His steps.

Did you ever stop to think of the magnitude of this Ingathering work? In the first place the world is made acquainted with this great movement. As men run to and fro a halt is called and their attention aroused. Inquiring souls are found and the names of interested parties are secured for the purpose of sending them more literature. Secondly, the Lord has much money among His people of the world He wants us to gather in, and we are buoyed on as we hear the calls coming from far off lands. And thirdly, we are not ready for our Master's return till we are brightened up by experience in reaching out for souls,

and this we receive by this simple mode of work. The love we desire to have in our hearts will increase as we labor for precious souls and the promise as quoted above. "We will reap a rich reward, for our experience will grow brighter and our ability will increase through experience and souls will be saved."

Shall we not all co-operate in this great plan and not by our reluctance make a stumbling block for others. A great work was done last year and all who had a part received such a blessing that they are anxious to have a greater experience this year. Let not any stop short of their goal. We must all have a part.

—R. P. Mooney.

#### OBITUARY

Frances Papineaw, husband of our dear Sister Lucinda (Jones) Papineaw, was born near Toronto, Ont., on Dec. 5, 1840, and married July 22, 1862. Their married life was blessed with 11 children, 6 daughters and 5 sons, of which 5 daughters and two sons are still living. He died on Sept. 25th, at the home of his son William, near Bawlf, Alberta, after a year's illness from cancer of the stomach, at the age of 77 years. The last five days he was unconscious and quietly passed away. Only his son William, Mrs. Kershaw, his daughter, and their families, had the privilege to be present at the funeral. The services were held at Clive, in the Methodist Church, which was kindly offered for this purpose. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, based on Isa. 61:1-4, and other texts of Scripture, to a congregation filled with sympathy for the bereaved mother and children. Oh, how encouraging is the fact that we will not need to have many more funeral processions, since the coming of our dear Lord is so near.

—C. C. Neufeld.

### British Columbia Conference

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#### WHILE IN THE FIELD

Since my arrival in this province my time has been occupied with many matters incidental to becoming acquainted with the coast needs in particular, and the work of the province in general. Our brief acquaintance with the brethren and sister here has been very pleasant indeed, and is, we believe, a good evidence of the wider friendship that will be enjoyed by us all as we mutually encourage one another in the common ambition to be faithful in these trying times.

Mrs. Gilbert is now in a sanitarium in California, where she is receiving the much-needed rest and treatment that physicians had urgently advised that she must take, if she is to enjoy health sufficient for the duties she has been asked to assume in the work in this Conference. I desire the prayers of God's people to the end that she may be fully restored to health.

During the time that I have been here, I have visited all the churches on the coast and Vancouver Island. It has been a great pleasure for me to meet with our members in these churches. There is a strong purpose on the part of many to deepen their Christian experience, and to know more fully the

perfect will of the Lord. This is a very encouraging omen, and is one of the signs of the coming of the Lord. God has told us that in the days just before His coming that His people will humble themselves and seek earnestly for the outpouring of His special blessing. May we all take hold of this privilege of pleading with God in order that He may clothe us with power for greater and more effective soul-winning.

In a few hours from this writing I will start on a trip through the Kootenays and the Okanagan Valley to visit our workers and churches and companies who are in these districts. I am happy for this opportunity of laboring together with my dear brethren and sisters in the various parts of this interesting province. If every member living amongst these mountains and valleys, are truly faithful to God and are living carefully the blessed truth, there will be a mighty ingathering of souls such as we have never yet seen in British Columbia. Shall we not each determine that we will bring at least one person to Christ before the present year closes? God can do it through us. All He is waiting for is our complete consecration to His holy Spirit's leading.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign is gathering power and momentum every day according to the letters that come to us. We hope that each member, wherever he may be located, will make it a point to do his share. In this work is found one of the privileges of God's people to co-operate with Him in saving souls. Let not one forego this blessed opportunity. Even many who have been and are sick have gathered in several dollars for the Lord's work by just speaking to some of their friends as they have come to visit them.

May the prayers of all our people ascend earnestly to Heaven at this time for wisdom and help as we put our shoulders to the wheel to do our part in bringing this gospel to its glorious triumph.

—A. C. Gilbert.

#### THE CAMPAIGN

This is September twenty-third, and, although the Harvest Ingathering Campaign does not begin until October 1 in British Columbia, we are already receiving reports of the activity of some of our members in this work. These are encouraging and give unmistakable signs of the blessing of the Lord on the efforts put forth.

Elder Gilbert has just returned from Nanaimo. He reports that the members of the church there are enthusiastic over the prospects of carrying forward a successful campaign. One sister who has been out in that district has already received \$8.00 for the needy mission fields. This is a source of great encouragement. The members at Nanaimo are planning to circulate five hundred copies of the *Watchman* special.

A rush order for an additional hundred copies of the *Watchman* has been received from the Armstrong church, indicating that the brethren and sisters in that section are alive to the call of the hour, and intend to prosecute vigorously the campaign. By the time these lines appear in print members of the churches in Vancouver will be busily engaged in covering the city territory assigned them.

Brother Robert Swan has been asked to visit the churches and isolated members wherever possible, on Vancouver Island, and assist in promoting the campaign in that part of the Conference. Those in the

Okanagan will be encouraged in the work by Brother L. A. Philpott. Other laborers will be detailed to visit cities and districts in the province not yet provided for.

It is earnestly hoped that British Columbia will be able to report that every believer within its territorial lines has actively enlisted for service in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign this year. I believe this is possible. One sister who has been confined to her bed in a hospital for many months writes that she wants some papers, for she intends to have a part in the work.

The conference goal has been set at \$2,000.00. This is based on a membership of four hundred, each of whom is asked to be responsible for at least \$5.00. Many will go beyond this mark.

We are glad indeed for the co-operation of our brethren and sisters in this worthy undertaking. The Lord is pleased with the willing spirit that is being manifested on every hand and He will not fail to bless everyone who thus answers the call to service in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign: "Here am I; send me." —T. S. Bowett.

### ANNUAL OUTING OF THE CHINESE MISSION SCHOOL

September 9th, was the occasion of the annual picnic of the Chinese Mission School. This year it was held later than usual, owing to the fact that it was desired to have Elder Gilbert with us. Those who attended reported an enjoyable time, even though it was the first rainy Sunday we have had for some time, and the courage of many of the brethren and sisters was dampened to such an extent that they failed to appear. Brother Lim W. Ping, the teacher, and his boys had planned to entertain rather a larger number than came. We all met at Mahon Park, North Vancouver, and made use of the dancing pavilion for the exercises of the day, as well as for the lunch hour and the recitative entertainment that followed.

The program consisted of singing and of addresses by Elder Gilbert, Brother Dougan, Sister Vass, Brother Bowett, and several of the young men who spoke in their own language, and one who spoke in English. These addresses were well received, and judging from the ease with which these young men delivered their addresses, it would seem that they are used to speaking in public.

The lunch hour was a very pleasant one, and we were feasted royally. It was rather a disappointment to Brother Lim Ping and his helpers that there were not as many there as they had prepared for, but those present did their best to do justice to the kind hospitality spread before them.

It was with a feeling of regret that we gathered our belongings and started for the ferry, for we had had a good time. Let us hope that when the picnic comes next year that it will be held a little earlier in the summer, so that we will have a bright day, and that more of our members will come and show their interest in the work that Brother Lim Ping is doing for these boys, many of whom are interested in the truth. —Ruth M. Watson.

### A WORD OF FAREWELL

Duty calls us to our home in the East, consequently we must bid farewell to the work and workers in this conference. We have enjoyed our labors and associa-

tion here during the past two years, and shall never lose interest in the work of British Columbia. Our prayer is, that God may abundantly bless you all in the finishing of the work. —R. E. and Mrs. Noble.

### OBITUARY

McINTOSH—Alva Hope Gibson, daughter of G. W. and Belle Gibson, was born in Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 17, 1895, and died in Alberni, B.C., Sept. 14, 1917. She came with her parents to Victoria, B.C., in 1897, and resided there until 1912, when they moved to Alberni, B.C. She was married to Norman Alexander McIntosh Nov. 26, 1913, at the age of 18. Two children were born to this union. One is left to mourn a devoted and loving mother, the other having been laid to rest three weeks before his mother. She was a great sufferer during the three weeks of her illness and on this bed of anguish learned the great lesson of life,—God's wondrous love and forgiving power.

Her conversion was a glorious victory and during the remaining days of her life she labored faithfully for all who came near her. Her faith was beautiful to see, and her earnest prayers for those dear to her, especially for her brother who is at the front, were very touching. Those who ministered to her in the hospital where she died, said her experience and death were the most beautiful they had ever witnessed. She passed away Friday at 3 p.m., with praise on her lips and surrounded by her parents and husband. While our grief is crushing, we are comforted by the knowledge that she rests secure in Jesus to await his glorious appearing, to which she looked with such faith and joy.

The services were conducted by Rev. Beyne, Presbyterian, who paid a tribute to the departed by expressing the thought that never had he witnessed a more triumphant conversion and death, and that it had been the most blessed experience in all his ministry. —Mrs. Belle Gibson.

### B. C. NOTES

WANTED—Orders for Harvest Ingathering papers from those who may have been overlooked in the rush of supplying these to others. Order direct from B.C. Tract Society.

Pastor J. V. Maas, formerly of Saskatchewan, has moved to the Okanagan Valley, and is settling his family at Armstrong. We welcome the arrival of this family to our conference and trust that this change will be a great help to Brother Maas, who has been in ill health for some time.

Sister J. W. Hober, of Bella Coola, who has been in the Portland Sanitarium for a few weeks, passed through the city en route to her home. She spoke encouragingly of the church and its work in that far-away north country. The brethren and sisters there desire very much to have a church school provided a suitable teacher can be found. We will be glad to correspond with any young man or woman who may feel a burden to assist this company in their earnest desires to educate their children for the kingdom.

The burden of scattering the truth is growing upon the hearts of many of our people. The following letter recently came from one of our isolated brethren: "Dear Brother Bowett: Please send me the following list—

- 4 Helps to Bible Study.
- 4 His Glorious Appearing.

- 10 Lord's Day.
- 10 Matthew Twenty-four.
- 4 The Other Side of Death.
- 4 Our Paradise Home.
- 10 Saints' Inheritance.
- 4 Shadow of the Bottle.
- 5 The Spirit World.
- 3 Thoughts on Daniel.
- 3 Thoughts on Revelation.
- 4 The Vatican and the War.
- 4 World's Crisis.
- 1 \$5 Tract Package.

Your brother in the work."

We hope that many of our isolated brethren and those in the churches will catch the spirit for wider service in home missionary lines.

## Manitoba Conference

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### MINITONAS CHURCH ORGANIZATION

On Sabbath, Sept. 22nd, it was my privilege to meet with a company of believers located about six miles north of Minitonas at the home of Brother E. L. Martin. About twenty were present, all appreciating very much hearing the message of God's Word based upon Heb. 12:35, "See that ye refuse not Him that speaketh." Meetings were held each night at the various homes, several outsiders attending each time and all feeling greatly benefited by listening to the message of Christ's Second Coming, and desiring to be more earnest in their preparation for that event.

On Sunday the 23rd a meeting was held at Brother Martin's at 2.30, after which we assembled on the banks of the beautiful stream where five dear souls were buried with their Lord in baptism and arose to walk in the newness of life. All felt it was a very solemn occasion and yet rejoiced to see others taking the step that would lead them nearer to their Saviour.

Sabbath the 29th we met at 11 o'clock and after reviewing the principles of the truth as taught in the Third Angel's Message, we proceeded to organize the church after the apostolic manner and principles. A nucleus of three were first chosen, who each stated that they were in perfect harmony with the principles to which they had listened. Sixteen others expressed their faith in these same principles and were voted in as members of the new organization to be known as the Minitonas Church. In the afternoon we had our Sabbath School, then a study was given upon church organization, its officers and their duties. Nominations were brought in and the following officers were elected to bear the responsibilities of God's work in this church:

Elder—Bro. Thos. Atkinson.

Deacons—Bro. Wm. A. Sims and Bro. E. A. Minchen.

Deaconesses—Mrs. Wm. A. Sims and Mrs. E. A. Minchen.

Clerk—Miss Lily Martin.

Mis. Sec.—Miss Lily Martin.

Treasurer—Brother T. H. Stevenson.

Brother Atkinson having already been ordained as an elder, the two deacons were set apart by prayer and laying on of hands for their duties.

On Sunday, the 30th, at 7.30 we again met together to celebrate the ordinances of the Lord's house. All responded, bearing testimony and thanking the Lord for the blessed truth which had brought them together. All gave themselves anew to the Lord and His work and we believe that these believers thus associated together will be a great help to the Lord's work in the Manitoba Conference. We look forward to see this church grow in numbers and be a centre from which the truth will radiate into surrounding communities. A business meeting was called to discuss the probabilities of erecting a church building and conducting a church school. All pledged themselves to do all within their power and means to provide a place of worship and a school for the children numbering about 15. A school board was chosen, with Brother E. L. Martin as chairman. Upon leaving they indicated that it would be necessary for me to return before the first of December to dedicate their place of worship, which I hope to do.

May the Lord greatly bless our people in their endeavor to carry the responsibilities resting upon us that when Jesus comes He may say, "Well done, enter into the joy of thy Lord." —Geo. H. Skinner.

### HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

All the believers in the Manitoba Conference have by this time received a few papers with which to begin the Harvest Ingathering campaign. The success of this work depends upon every believer doing his part. We have confidence in God's people and know that all will be glad to do their utmost to gather donations for foreign missions and use the papers which they have received wisely that God's cause may receive the needed help that this plan provides.

We are glad to see so many taking hold so energetically and right on time, and we believe that success will follow these efforts. We believe that the Lord is pleased when His children do His work on time, and that His blessings attend them.

Chas. Kingsley once said, "The men who I have seen succeed in life have always been cheerful and hopeful men, who went about their business with a smile upon their faces, facing rough and smooth alike as it came." Perhaps some will say, "It can't be done, and there is no use in trying." Read the following:

#### It Couldn't Be Done

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,

But he, with a chuckle, replied,

That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one

Who wouldn't say so till he tried.

So he buckled right in with a trace of a grin,

On his face. If he worried, he hid it,

He started to sing as he tackled the thing,

That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;

At least no one ever has done it."

But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,

And the first thing we knew he'd begun it;

With a lift of his chin, and a bit of a grin,

Without any doubting or quit it,

He started to sing as he tackled the thing

That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,  
 There are thousands to prophesy failure;  
 There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,  
 The dangers that wait to assail you;  
 But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,  
 Then take off your coat and go to it;  
 Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing  
 That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.—*Selected.*  
 —George H. Skinner.

### A NEW CHURCH

On Sabbath, 22nd, we had visiting us Elder Skinner who spent the whole following week with us, leaving on Monday morning, the 1st inst. We surely had a blessed time while he was with us. On Sunday, 23rd, five precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Several interesting meetings were held in Brother Martin's and two in Brother Atkinson's home. On Sabbath, the 29th, a church was organized with nineteen charter members, and on Sunday, 30th, the ordinances of the Lord's house were observed at Brother Martin's, the Lord being especially present.

By God's grace we trust to be faithful in service to Him, and hope that our lives and conversation will be a continual testimony to His grace. Later in the season we intend erecting a building on an ideal location on Sister Smith's farm to be used as church school and large enough to suit all church purposes. We are determined that by God's grace, having put our hand to the plow, we will *not* turn back.

—T. H. Stevenson.

## Saskatchewan Conference

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### GETTING ACQUAINTED

I have been in Saskatchewan a little over a month and presume it is time I reported something through our valuable paper, the *Tidings*. My time has been fully occupied with business at both the office and the school, and in the few visits I have made. I arrived here on the last day of August and spent the special prayer and fasting days of Sept. 1 and 2 with the little company at Saskatoon. We are always bound closer to the truth when we observe the regulations of the church and we all felt especially blessed as we observed those special days in seeking God earnestly.

After a few days at the office I went in company with Bro. Wissner to Battleford to make my first visit to our school. I am pleased with all that has been done and believe the prospects are good for a growing and successful school. The brethren laboring there are hard at work getting the building completed and something done on the farm to put it on a paying basis. There is much to do yet in order to get the school completed and more means will be required to complete the enterprise. To stop short now would only be to defeat the purpose of the school and bring reproach upon the cause. This failure has been repeated at different times in the history of our work in establishing schools, but we hope not in the establishment of Battleford Academy. I know it has had the warm friendship and support of all in

Saskatchewan thus far, and so the outlook is encouraging. Let it be the object of our prayers continually.

Beside my three visits to Battleford, I have seen the brethren and sisters of Fenwood and Dundurn in their own churches and made short visits to Kinderley, where Bro. Foreshaw has been laboring since camp-meeting, and where there is some interest shown. I also saw Brother Mackintosh at Macrorie and had a short council with him. This is already a large church; but the prospects are good for a further enlargement, as the interest is keen. At this writing I am at Moose Jaw waiting for a train to take me to Rouleau, where I expect to spend Sabbath and Sunday, Oct. 6th and 7th.

I am touched with the kindness and hospitality shown by all I have met thus far, and only hope that by the grace of God I may be of service in the field to which I have been so lately called.—J. G. Walker.

### THE EDUCATIONAL WORK

THE NEED: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." The harvest of the world is waiting. Millions of unwarned souls stand as a direct challenge to the young people of this denomination. More and more rapidly is the way opening for the advance of the message, and at the same time greater and more perplexing problems are facing the workers and even the lay members. The crisis upon the Christian world demands men of superior training; men who are ready for any emergency, who are trained for active service, who know God and the sanctifying power of His truth, and are ready to face all the forces of evil. Such characters are developed only by thorough training. Education is demanded as an essential qualification, but there must also be the character, wisdom and judgment that has been developed in line with the Word of God, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, and in view of the special work that must be done. The need is great. The workers are few. The work is making great demands upon us as a denomination and as individuals.

HOW SHALL WE MEET THE NEED? The nations of the earth furnish an illustration. Every man is drilled to perform some line of work. Every industry, every faculty, every power, is being organized and directed into service for the nation. The crisis facing the church calls for the same application and effort. The rapidly increasing magnitude of the missionary activities calls loudly for thousands more youths than are now ready. They must have Academy or College training. The developments in national affairs are fast bringing the world to the final climax. But before that time comes we have a message to give and a warning to carry which will reach the ends of the earth. This very fact presents a vast work that is actually staggering in its magnitude. But the gospel work will be cut short in righteousness; and to do our part when this occurs we shall need an army of young people to throw into the great effort for the finishing of the work. The thought should be driven home as never before—that to meet the needs of the work we must put our youth into training at once, for the time is precious and the last moves in the mighty conflict will be very rapid. We must be ready for our part.

THE CALL FOR SERVICE: The call of the hour is for *all* young people in training for this great

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advance move which will end the battle between the forces of evil and good. Present conditions seem to make it impossible for all to be trained, and yet the impression is growing stronger in my mind that is must be *all*. Circumstances are bringing our youth to the place where they must face active service either for God or else for the world. It is becoming harder for them to stand for right unless engaged in active service or in preparation for such. It is fast coming where those who are not actively working for God are falling away from the truth. The conflict is getting too sharp for any neutrals. Here is brought before us another need,—that of the youth themselves. The schools established in the providence of God for the education of our youth in these perilous times are the most powerful factors we have in holding them faithful to the Message.

**THE MEANS:** Courses of study are arranged for the purpose of giving the students an insight into such subjects as will develop their minds and stimulate their thoughts, and direct them into the proper channels to prepare them for life work. In the schools of the world one can get a course in practically any line of work he wishes to pursue. There is a general course as high as the twelfth grade, which is a preparation for all future study. In this course Science, Mathematics, Language, Literature, History, etc., are studied that the student may have sufficient grasp of these subjects as they touch his life, to make him capable of meeting life's duties intelligibly. All of these are necessary in our schools, and for the reason that we must live and do our work among men. But our schools, while they give efficient work in these subjects, must do a special work which the public schools cannot do. We must train the youth to do a special work among men. They need a thorough knowledge and experience in the methods of Christian work. They must know the Bible and the hand of God in history. They must understand true Science and the greatest of all Sciences—soul-saving. So for the high calling placed before our youth, our schools must be of the highest standard, both in scholarship and in spirituality. An education lacking in either, will not meet the needs.

**CHURCH SCHOOLS:** These schools are not the least important of our educational system, though they are often regarded as such. They are the feeders, as it were, of the training centres. The importance of early influence cannot be over-estimated. If our church schools were better organized and equipped, the scholars would pass on to the Academy much better prepared to gain the necessary

qualifications for workers. Is not the thorough preparation of an army of youth to finish the battle against sin a sufficient reason for building up such schools?

**THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR:** What will it be? We are very anxious to see the co-operation and sacrifice that will help the Academy to do the work it should. The success of this year depends much upon how fully these principles are recognized by our people. There is yet time for decisions to be made which will change the current of many young lives. We are in serious times, and want our youth to gain the preparation to stand faithful. Many have not the experience that will hold them true to God under the influences they will soon meet. Our hearts should feel very deeply for them. Times of great test demand more urgent efforts for their education in the things of God.

May God guide and direct each one that this work may take a mighty forward movement, and that we may not fall behind in preparing the workers for the final campaign.

—H. W. Clark.

We are pleased to welcome to our midst Elder Meade McGuire, Field Secretary for the Missionary Volunteer and Education Depts. of the North American Division, and who proposes spending the next six weeks with the various Conferences of this Union in the interests of the Educational and Young Peoples' work. He will be accompanied on his visits by Elder J. J. Reising, our Union Secretary for these departments. Our Academy students no doubt will remember Elder McGuire's former visit, and be pleased to welcome him back.

"My first donation to the Ingathering work came through the mails in the form of a \$10.00 cheque. Three business firms gave me \$10.00 each, making \$40.00 with very little effort. I expect to spend several days collecting funds for missions."—F. L. Hommel.

"I have commenced the Ingathering work in a good way. Have made fifteen solicitations and received \$44.95. Seven of these were \$5.00 donations. I had made the assertion to some that if we had the faith five dollar donations would be forthcoming where previously we had received one dollar. I am humbled to confess that I feel my success has surpassed my faith. Brethren there is power in prayer."

"Bro. Dowling had a most wonderful experience. He asked the Lord to give him the same number of dollars as there are numbers on the card. In about six hours' time he used about six papers and discovered he had \$31.00. He is now setting himself a goal of \$50.00 and I believe he will get it, although he has only a few more hours he can use as he is moving to Leduc."—E. S. Stanley.

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