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## A DECLARATION BY THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING BEARING ARMS.

Adopted by the Executive Committees of the Eastern and Western Canadian Union Conferences of Seventh-Day Adventists, May 28, 1917, and by the Executive Committee of the North American Division Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, April 18, 1917.

1. Seventh-Day Adventists are a denomination of Christians organized in all the Provinces of Canada. They believe in salvation through faith in Jesus and accept the Ten Commandments construed in their utmost literal and obvious sense in the light of the teachings and life of Christ as their rule of faith. The same conscience that makes them willing to endure any sacrifice in order to obey the moral law of God as they understand it, also requires them to support civil government in all its divinely appointed sphere of authority and to loyally and willingly fulfill all the requirements of citizenship if not inconsistent with their hope of eternal life.

2. Seventh-Day Adventists in Canada are united in oneness of mind to obey God and honor the king as enjoined in the New Testament. As law-abiding, loyal subjects, they thank God for the civil and religious liberty granted to them by Canadian citizenship, and pray for the peace and prosperity of the Empire. They recognize that God rules in the kingdom of men and that the British Empire has been wonderfully used of Him in establishing in the world the principles of democracy, and in maintaining the open door for the preaching of the Gospel.

3. They also believe that unless the British people do forget their Creator and His divine law, that British influence will continue to bless the world until the Second Advent of Christ, when He comes as King of kings and Lord of lords to judge the quick and the dead and to establish eternal righteousness.

4. Seventh-Day Adventists desire to do their duty to the Empire and their part for humanity in this hour of crisis, and as they cannot conscientiously bear arms, they trust that His Majesty's Counsellors in mobilizing the man power of the Empire will not require them to violate their conscience.

5. The two organized Union Conferences, including the seven organized local Conferences in Canada, are represented by the following officers, composing the duly selected and authorized representatives of all the Seventh-Day Adventist churches and people in Canada:—

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concerning the non-interference with religious belief, as hereunto appended.

We also beg to refer you to the recognition given this denomination by the United States of America during the Civil War and at the present crisis.

Please refer to the attached appendices.

Ottawa, May 28th, 1917.

(Signed) H. J. M. RICHARDS,  
President Ontario Conference

### APPENDIX 1.

#### EXEMPTION IN THE BRITISH STATUTE:

Law Reports Statutes 1914-1916, 5 and 6, George 5th. Vol 53, Pages 367-370.

Especially Page 368, 5 and 6, George 5th, Chapter 104, Section 2, Sub-section 1,—

"An application may be made.....  
under this Act by or in respect of any man for the issue to him of a certificate for exemption from the provisions of this Act."

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

"On the ground of a conscientious objection to the undertaking of combatant service;  
and the Local Tribunal if they consider the grounds of the application established, shall grant such certificate."

### APPENDIX 2.

#### EXEMPTION IN THE UNITED STATES STATUTE

(Public No. 12—65th Congress)

(H.R. 35-45).

"An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the Military Establishment of the United States.

"Section 4. That the Vice-President of the United States, the officers, legislative executive and judicial of the United States, Territories, and the District of Columbia, regular or duly ordained ministers of religion, students who at the time of the approval of this Act are preparing for the ministry in recognized theological or divinity schools, and all persons in the military and naval service of the United States shall be exempt from the selective draft herein prescribed; and nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to require or compel any person to serve in any of the forces herein provided for who is found to be a member of any well-recognized religious sect or organization at present organized and existing and whose existing creed or principles forbid its members to participate in war in any form and whose religious convictions are against war or participation therein in accordance with the creed or principles of said religious organization, but no person so exempted shall be exempted from service in any capacity that the President shall declare to be non-combatant."

Approved May 18th, 1917.

### APPENDIX 3.

#### ROYAL EDICT OF QUEEN VICTORIA, 1859.

On 1859, Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, issued a royal edict to her subjects in India in which she took occasion to proclaim to the world from the throne of Britain a Magna Charta of religious liberty for every British Subject which is worthy of the respect of all mankind. The following are the words of this noble decree:—

"Firmly relying, ourselves, on the truth of Christianity, and acknowledging with gratitude the solace of religion, we disclaim alike the right and the desire to impose our convictions on any of our subjects. We declare it to be our royal will and pleasure that none be in any wise favored, none molested or disquieted, by reason of their religious faith or observances, but that all shall alike enjoy the equal and impartial protection of the

6. They most respectfully petition that they be recognized as a denomination as non-combatants and that they be given the consideration guaranteed to all whose religious beliefs forbid the bearing of arms, in accordance with British constitutional precedent, the present statutory laws of the Empire respecting military service, and the royal edict of the late Queen Victoria



law; and we do strictly charge and enjoin all those who may be in authority under us that they abstain from all interference with the religious belief or worship of any of our subjects on pain of our highest displeasure.

"And it is our further will that, so far as may be our subjects, of whatever race or creed, be freely and impartially admitted to offices in our services, the duties of which they may be qualified by their education, ability, and integrity to discharge."

#### APPENDIX 4.

#### PETITION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, Washington, 1917.

The following is a copy of the petition presented to the authorities in Washington, D.C., by our co-religionists in the United States. This is merely offered as evidence that throughout our entire history, Seventh-Day Adventists have conscientiously objected to the bearing of arms,—

#### A MEMORIAL TO THE GOVERNMENT

To the Proper Authorities:—

In behalf of the Seventh-Day Adventists in the United States of America, the Executive Committee of the North American Division Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventists, respectfully submit the following statement:—

We believe that civil government is ordained of God, and that in the exercise of its legitimate functions it should receive the support of its citizens. We believe in the principles upon which this government was founded. We are loyal to its Constitution, which is based upon the principles of democracy, and guarantee civil and religious liberty to all its citizens.

We deplore that our nation has been drawn into the horrors of war, and shall continually pray that the God of Heaven may speedily bring peace to our country.

We have been non-combatants throughout our history. During the Civil War our people officially declared:

"That we recognize civil government as ordained of God, that order, justice, and quiet may be maintained in the land, and that the people of God may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty.

"In accordance with this fact, we acknowledge the justice of rendering tribute, custom, honor and reverence to the civil power, as enjoined in the New Testament. While we thus cheerfully render to Caesar the things which the Scriptures show to be his, we are compelled to decline all participation in acts of war and bloodshed, as being inconsistent with the duties enjoined upon us by our divine Master toward our enemies and toward all mankind."

We hereby reaffirm the foregoing declaration. We petition that our religious convictions be recognized by those in authority, and that we be required to serve our country only in such capacity as will not violate our conscientious obedience to the law of God as contained in the decalogue, interpreted in the teachings of Christ, and exemplified in His life.

#### AFFIDAVIT

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Minister or Officer)

of the Seventh-Day Adventist denomination, do solemnly swear and testify before God that the said Seventh-Day Adventist church, a christian body organized and having churches in many countries, holds that the Ten Commandment law is binding upon Christians, that it specifically teaches that the Fourth Commandment requires cessation from labor on the Seventh day of the week (Saturday) and that the Sixth Commandment forbids the taking of human life.

Seventh-Day Adventists throughout their entire history have been, and are, willing to make any sacrifice necessary rather than violate their conscience on these points. Further, Seventh-Day Adventists have been recognized as non-combatants by the Governments of Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States of America, and also a statement of their views and principles was duly filed at Ottawa on May 29th, 1917, and receipt of the same duly acknowledged.

I further testify that \_\_\_\_\_  
is personally known to be a member in good faith of the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Seventh-Day Adventist Church, and therefore we believe him to be entitled to the provisions made in the Military Service Act.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

#### LESSONS FROM BABYLON

(Taken from *Story of Prophets and Kings*)

Mrs. E. G. White)

From his rich store of treasure, Nebuchadnezzar caused to be made a great golden image, similar in its general features to that which had been seen in vision, save in the one particular of the material of which it was composed. Accustomed as they were to magnificent representations of their heathen deities, the Chaldeans had never before produced anything so imposing and majestic as this resplendent statue, three-score cubits in height and six cubits in breadth. And it is not surprising that in a land where idol-worship was of universal prevalence, the beautiful and priceless image on the plain of Dura, representing the glory of Babylon and its magnificence and power, should be consecrated as an object of worship. This was accordingly provided for, and a decree went forth that on the day of dedication all should show their supreme loyalty to the Babylonian power by bowing before the image.

The appointed day came, and a vast concourse from all "people, nations, and languages," assembled on the plain of Dura. In harmony with the king's command, when the sound of music was heard, the whole company "fell down and worshipped the golden image." On that eventful day the powers of darkness seemed to be gaining a signal triumph; the worship of the golden image bade fair to become connected permanently with the established forms of idolatry recognized as the state religion of the land. Satan hoped thereby to defeat God's purpose of making the presence of captive Israel in Babylon a means of blessing to all the nations of heathendom.

But God decreed otherwise. Not all had bowed the knee to the idolatrous symbol of human power. In the midst of the worshipping multitude there were three men who were firmly resolved not thus to dishonor the God of heaven. Their God was King of kings and Lord of lords; they would bow to none other.

To Nebuchadnezzar, flushed with triumph, was brought the word that among his subjects there were some who dared to disobey his mandate. — The king commanded that the men be brought before him. "Is it true," he inquired, "do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?" He endeavored by threats to induce them to unite with the multitude. Pointing to the fiery furnace, he reminded them of the punishment awaiting them if they should persist in their refusal to obey his will. But firmly the Hebrews testified to their allegiance to the God of heaven, and their faith in His power to deliver. The act of bowing to the image was understood by all to be an act of worship. Such homage they could render to God alone.

As the three Hebrews stood before the king, he was convinced that they possessed something the other wise men of his kingdom did not have. They had been faithful in the performance of their duty. He would give them another trial. If only they would signify their willingness to unite with the multitude in worshipping the image, all would be well with them; "but if ye worship not," he added, "ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace." Then with his hand stretched upward in defiance, he demanded, "Who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?"



In vain were the king's threats. He could not turn the men from their allegiance to the Ruler of the universe. From the history of their fathers they had learned that disobedience to God results in dishonor, disaster, and death; and that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, the foundation of all true prosperity. Calmly facing the furnace, they said: "O, Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so (if this is your decision), our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O king." Their faith strengthened as they declared that God would be glorified by delivering them, and with triumphant assurance born of implicit faith in God, they added, "but if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."

But the Lord did not forget his own. As His witnesses were cast into the furnace the Saviour revealed Himself to them in person, and together they walked in the midst of the fire. In the presence of the Lord of heat and cold, the flames lost their power to consume. . . .

Then Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came forth before the vast multitude, showing themselves unhurt. The presence of their Saviour had guarded them from harm, and only their fetters had been burned. . . .

The experiences of that day led Nebuchadnezzar to issue a decree, "that every people, nation, and language, which speak anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dung-hill." . . .

It was right for the king to make public confession, and to seek to exalt the God of heaven above all other gods; but in endeavoring to force his subjects to make a similar confession of faith and to show similar reverence, Nebuchadnezzar was exceeding his right as a temporal sovereign. He had no more right, either civil or moral, to threaten men with death for not worshipping God, than he had to make the decree consigning to the flames all who refused to worship the golden image. God never compels the obedience of man. He leaves all free to choose whom they will serve.

By the deliverance of His faithful servants, the Lord declared that He takes His stand with the oppressed, and rebukes all earthly powers that rebel against the authority of Heaven. The three Hebrews declared to the whole nation of Babylon their faith in Him whom they worshipped. They relied on God. In the hour of their trial they remembered the promise, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." And in a marvelous manner their faith in the living Word had been honored in the sight of all. The tidings of their wonderful deliverance were carried to many countries by the representatives of the different nations that had been invited by Nebuchadnezzar to the dedication. Through the faithfulness of His children, God was glorified in all the earth.

Important are the lessons to be learned from the experience of the Hebrew youth on the plain of Dura. In this, our day, many of God's servants, though innocent of wrong-doing, will be given over to suffer

humiliation and abuse at the hands of those who, inspired by Satan, are filled with envy and religious bigotry. Especially will the wrath of man be aroused against those who hallow the Sabbath of the fourth commandment; and at last a universal decree will denounce these as deserving death.

The season of distress before God's people will call for a faith that will not falter. His children must make it manifest that He is the only object of their worship, and that no consideration, not even that of life itself, can induce them to make the least concession to false worship. To the loyal heart the commands of sinful, finite men will sink into insignificance beside the word of the eternal God. Truth will be obeyed though the result be imprisonment or exile or death.

As in the days of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, so in the closing period of earth's history the Lord will work mightily in behalf of those who stand steadfastly for the right. He who walked with the Hebrew worthies in the fiery furnace will be with His followers wherever they are. His abiding presence will comfort and sustain. In the midst of the time of trouble—trouble such as has not been since there was a nation—His chosen ones will stand unmoved. Satan with all the hosts of evil cannot destroy the weakest of God's saints. Angels that excel in strength will protect them, and in their behalf Jehovah will reveal Himself as a "God of gods," able to save to the uttermost those who have put their trust in Him.

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### AN OPPORTUNITY THAT WILL SOON PASS

The war goes on and difficulties increase. Prices rise continually in all directions. These things cause much perplexity in the prosecution of God's work, for it must go on, no matter what difficulties have to be overcome. At the last Fall Council it was found necessary to raise the prices of most of our publications and again this year further advances must be made.

We have, however, a month or two left before the new rates come into effect, so, as wise people, we should secure all we can at the old rates. I am writing particularly in regard to the renewal of all clubs of the *Signs Weekly* and the securing of orders for new clubs before the year closes.

Next year the club rates will be \$1.00 for each paper for one year, instead of 80 cents as it is now. Therefore, every paper ordered now for next year will cost 20 cents less than if the order goes in after January 1, 1918.

It hardly seems necessary to speak of the value of the *Signs* as a soul-winning agency. The Lord has blessed this paper in a very marked manner. The publishers are continually receiving letters from persons who have become interested in the truth through reading it, and many of these people are influential people, prominent in the work of the world, people of means, who are difficult to reach through our public efforts. Many do not remain merely interested, but fully accept the message. Besides these who write, there are many who seek our people and thus follow up the interest aroused by the paper.

Every true Seventh-day Adventist longs to have sheaves to present to the Master. "He that winneth souls is wise." It takes a wise person to win souls,



wise in the wisdom that comes from God, and surely it would be an evidence of wisdom to make a large use of a paper which the Spirit of God does use to win souls to Christ.

In years gone by many of the members in each church used to make it a regular business to solicit subscriptions for the *Signs* from their friends and neighbors, because they believed the message in regard to this work given through the servant of the Lord. This method of circulating the *Signs* should be revived and prosecuted with vigor. We can do nothing better than to follow the counsel of the Lord in regard to our soul-saving work.

Another method of work which has fallen into disuse is the selling of the *Signs* from door to door. The magazines have largely taken its place. But why neglect one paper to use another? We are no better off in such case than we were before, as far as extending the warning goes. We should sell the *Signs* regularly from door to door in the cities and towns, and sell the magazines too. All fish are not caught by the same bait, so we should fish all waters with as many kinds of bait as we can.

There is missionary correspondence in which the *Signs* can be used to excellent advantage and many methods of free distribution.

All over the land we hear of Liberty Bond Rallies and Drives. Great energy is displayed in making these a success. Shall the children of the world display more zeal and energy than those of the King of Heaven? Shall we not have a *Signs Weekly* drive during the remainder of November and December? Let every church plan for the renewal and increase of its present club and also to secure many subscriptions from the people living in its territory. When December 31 ends the new prices come into effect, so begin at once and work fast. Then the fast-passing opportunity will have been improved.

—Edith Graham.

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### JENNER AND IDDESLEIGH

Shortly after the quarterly meetings at Edberg and Edmonton, held Sept. 27th and Oct. 6th, the writer came back to the above-named places to finish up the Harvest Ingathering territory and to hold some more meetings for the benefit of the interested ones. I found that Brother Young had covered the ground pretty well and received close to \$150.00 in the Ingathering work. I think that is well done for a lad of 70 years. May this encourage many of our brethren to canvass their neighborhood for means.

Meetings were held in houses and in a hall in town. The attendance was not very large, but the interest was good, and we had the joy of seeing three families take their stand for the truth. They were organized into a Sabbath school and are rejoicing in what they already see and know of the truth.

I chanced to meet a man whose parents live in the States and are Sabbath keepers. He said he had just recently been convinced that he ought to give his heart to God and keep the Sabbath, and that he would do so.

Oct. 30th, Brother Shelstad and the writer crossed Red River on a ferry, after working half a day helping to break the ice. We went north in the country working in the Ingathering and holding meetings as the way opened. Sabbath, Nov. 3rd, we were with Brother Atkinson and today (Nov. 4th) we will hold meetings in Sessford school-house, six miles north.

—Fred Johnson.

### VISITING THE SABBATH SCHOOLS

It was my privilege to be with some of our Sabbath schools from Sept. 20th to Oct. 29th. Leaving the office on the morning of the 20th, I took the train for Olds. At this place I was met by Bro. Torgenson, and after a drive of over twenty miles we arrived at his home and was welcomed by his kind and hospitable wife, and stayed at their home most of the time. On the Sabbath we drove to the Harmattan Sabbath school, where we were to hold our first Sabbath school convention. On our arrival we found Prof. J. J. Reiswig and Dr. Bonde already there, and ready to do their share in the meeting.

Four Sabbath Schools assembled at this place, Harmattan, Didsbury, Olds and Neapolis. Two days were set apart for this meeting. The time seemed too short for the work and the papers that had to be read. The days were full and the papers read were especially good. The titles of some of the papers: "The Object of the Convention," "The Influence of the S.S. in the Saving of the Youth and Children," "The Three Goals," "Object of the Sabbath School and Its Influence," "Why Have Sabbath School Officer's Meetings," "Methods of Teaching." All felt sorry when the time came for us to separate, their testimonies showing that the schools felt their work must come on to a higher plain. Prof. Reiswig closed a profitable and spiritual meeting with a preaching service Sunday night to a well-filled church.

From Harmattan I journeyed on to Leduc. Again I was made welcome at the hospitable home of Bro. Block and Bro. Shankel, Sabbath and Sunday, Sept. 28th and 29th. We held another convention, Prof. Reiswig again joining me, in the place of Elder Humann, who was unable to meet with the Leduc School, on account of other pressing calls. The English and German schools united their forces and the good spirit of the Lord came especially near to His people, making our convention a success from the beginning to the last meeting. In the testimony meeting at the close of the convention, many questions were asked and the plans that should be laid for the building up of the work, that their schools could be brought up to a higher standard. I can truly say this was the keynote of all the schools visited.

Sept. 30th, went to Edmonton, making this place the starting point for the rest of the trips north. On Oct. 2, went to Woodbend, accompanied by Bro. Pond, holding meetings with the brethren every evening during the week and visiting isolated members during the day. Sabbath, Oct. 6th, two services were held, in the afternoon meeting taking up the "Rise and Progress of the Sabbath School Work" and its relation to "World Wide Missions." Although this school is far away from other schools, they are letting their light shine, and are full of courage in the work.

On returning to Edmonton, we visited some of the members, as we had two days to spare, before leaving for Manville, where we were met at the station by



Sister Carpenter and taken to their hospitable home. I stayed with them for a week. Brother and Sister Carpenter taking me in their car to visit isolated members and driving many hundreds of miles to visit them. It was a strenuous time, but profitable. On Sabbath we drove to the Vermilion Lakes school. The day spent here was one of refreshing. Those coming from a distance felt well repaid for their coming. We returned to Manville, after a drive of one hundred and fifteen miles, wearied in body.

During this visit we stopped over night at the home of Bro. Scott, Wealthy, and organized a Sabbath school of fourteen members. I certainly enjoyed my visit with this family and meeting Father and Mother Scott, who have been long in this message, and are still doing what they can in saving souls. They have a hearty welcome for any of the workers that are passing their way.

Returning to Edmonton, and accompanied by Sister Beacock, visited Stony Plain, where we expected to organize another Sabbath school, but met with disappointment. We were not discouraged. The roads were so bad that the friends were unable to meet us, and we were not able to get a conveyance, at any price, on account of the roads, and so returned to Edmonton.

Oct. 27th and 28th we spent with the Edmonton schools, and the last of the conventions being held with the English school. On Sabbath morning we met with the German brethren, enjoying the time spent, and found them of good courage and members being added to their school on account of their faithfulness in the work of winning souls to Christ.

In traveling around, I secured thirteen additional subscriptions to the *Sabbath School Worker*, and eleven orders for *Picture Rolls*, besides orders for a number of additional helps. I returned to the office after an absence of nearly six weeks, feeling the Lord had blessed the work during that time.

Mrs. M. H. Crothers,  
Conference S.S. Secretary.

## LUNFORD AND EDMONTON

Since my last report, which was some time ago, we have experienced some great things in the advancement of the message, in the development of affairs among the nations, and in seeing souls being drawn to their Lord. Some who have known the truth for years and have made preparation to help carry the gospel, but who, it seems, lost their zeal and have drifted away from the precious truth, have been found and now seem to be awakened to the situation, and seem to realize that the prophecies that were preached twenty-five years ago are coming to pass and this has helped them to see the truth of the gospel more forcibly, and they now are coming back and have expressed themselves as being desirous of putting themselves wholeheartedly in this message.

One thing that I wish to emphasize is the importance of the distributing of literature. It finds those whom the personal worker can never reach, and causes them to begin to seek for some one to help them and to call for the grace of God in their lives, and gives them a desire to know for themselves what these things that are taking place in the earth among the nations. This is one of the best ways of giving the truth for this time, and a very convenient way of giving it, and to those who say they cannot talk, we

may say as did the Saviour to Moses, when he was asked to go and deliver the children of Israel: The Lord said to Moses, I will give you a mouthpiece. Now the publishers and all those who are printing these good articles and the contributors are doing all that can be done to assist us in this work of giving the message. In the *Signs of the Times*, we have all that we could wish for the assistance of this part of the work. Shall we say that in each number of the *Signs* there are five good sermons, then shall we say that it is in reach of every family to send five yearly subscriptions to their neighbors, and in this way preach twenty-five sermons every week through your mouthpiece that has been provided, and we may be sure that the word spoken will not return void, but it shall accomplish that whereto I sent it, as the Lord himself has declared.

Now shall we not every man of us take this in hand and begin to give this message and help to finish up the work that Jesus said should be done before the end could come, as He said in Matt. 24:14, "This gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." There are so many different languages and nationalities all around us that we do not have to wait to go to a foreign country to give the message to all nations. While the nations as countries must hear the message, there is a great work for us to do right at home, and the Lord has prepared us a mouthpiece that we may preach this message to our neighbors even if we cannot speak their language.

It seems that this year in the Harvest Ingathering the way is prepared so that we may do more in the giving of the message to all nations than has ever been. Let us work while the day lasts, for soon the time will come when Jesus will leave the mediatorial throne and then it will be forever too late to try to save our neighbors and friends. May we work earnestly while the day of probation still lingers.

Pray for the work here that souls may be found and guided to the haven of rest.

—R. C. Cordis.

## NOTES

A few items of interest have been received in a letter from Prof. Dick concerning the opening of the Alberta Academy at Lacombe, which we quote as follows: "Well, school opened last Wednesday in very nice shape, I believe. Matriculation started at 2 p.m. and by 5 we had classified and enrolled 87. This was seven before the first day of last year. Enrolment has continued strong until tonight we have 133, which is the same as we had on Nov. 15th of last year, so we have reason for courage. A very pleasant and earnest spirit prevails. Last Friday at the students' prayer meeting twelve came apart for special help and all expressed their desire of wishing to lead a better life. . . . Electric light plans are developing very encouragingly now as we are having grand weather. Expect that we may have current in about two weeks. . . . As I said, I have never seen a better spirit in any school than we have had thus far."

Brother Newton called a few moments at the office while on his way from Vancouver, B.C., to take up his duties as teacher in the Academy at Lacombe. We trust he will enjoy his association with the students there during the school year.

Elder Humann has just returned home from his trip to attend the Fall Council at Minneapolis.

Sister Crothers, has also returned after making some interesting visits among the Sabbath Schools of this Conference, and has now resumed her duties in the office.

A recent addition to our office staff has been made by the arrival of Miss Ella Clarke from Indianapolis, Ind., to help with the stenographic work. For this we are thankful, and extend to her a hearty welcome.



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### ACADEMY OPENING

For three weeks I have been travelling among the churches and companies in the interests of the school work, and when I returned to Battleford two weeks before the opening day, it was with good courage and plans for advancement in our coming school year; for the prospects in the Conference and the plans of the young people were nothing but the most encouraging. And these ideas have not been given any setback as we come up to the opening of our Academy.

On the morning of October 31st, as Professor Hughes opened the school year with the thrilling words of Luther's hymn, we were pleased to be able to look into the faces of over fifty earnest young men and women, and they have been increasing ever since. The organization of the school has been rapidly effected, and we are getting into shape for good work. More will be said later about some of the strong features of our work for which we are laying aggressive plans.

We have been very fortunate to have Elders Reiswig and MacGuire with us over Sabbath and Sunday, and have much appreciated the strong missionary spirit and spiritual blessings they brought with them.

The prospects are better than ever before for a prosperous school year, in all lines. We have an earnest class of young people, and a strong faculty of consecrated workers. Surely we ought to see great things accomplished in Saskatchewan as the result of the lessons impressed on the hearts of the youth who are here in training this year.

### Faculty and Teachers of Battleford Academy

Several changes have been necessary from the list published in the calendar, and with the organization of our work, the teachers and faculty are as follows:

C. B. Hughes, Principal and Business Manager.  
W. G. Forshaw, English, Bible and History.  
W. E. Dinwiddie, Preceptor, Geography and Physiology.  
H. W. Clark, Science, Mathematics.  
C. S. Sissons, Accountant, Bookkeeping, Algebra.  
W. G. McCready, Farm Manager, and Arithmetic.  
Mrs. W. G. McCready, Preceptress, Grammar and History.  
T. T. Babienco, Russian and German.  
Freda Guderian, Music.  
Mrs. W. E. Dinwiddie, Reading.  
Mrs. C. B. Hughes, Elementary School Director.  
Elizabeth Woolridge, Primary Grades, Assistant Teacher.  
Perry Finkle, Building Foreman, Carpentry.  
Mrs. P. W. Finkle, Matron, Culinary Department.  
Mrs. G. A. Scott, Sewing.  
Miss Verle Ross, Hydrotherapy and First Aid Nursing.

—H. W. Clark.

### NEWS ITEMS

The Prussia and Fox Valley churches have been visited by Elders Walker and Clemenson last week. On account of the early snow storms they were delayed in their journey and have

not been able to carry out their appointment with the Queen Centre Church.

The Queen Centre church was privileged to have Elders MacGuire and Reiswig with them for about ten days. After a short stop in Saskatoon they went on to Battleford, where they spent a few days in the interest of the young people there. We are glad to see our Union Young People's Secretary visiting this field, and are pleased to have Elder MacGuire with him, who has labored so long in the interest of the young people.

Elder Walker has spent a few days at the Fall Council of the N.A.D., held in Minneapolis, which was attended by the presidents of the Western Canadian Union.

Brother and Sister Harry Cameron, who have been laboring since camp-meeting at Kindersley, have left our field for British Columbia. We are sure their presence will be missed by the brethren at this place.

The Battleford Academy opened on the set date, October 31, their second school year. Brethren A. V. Farnsworth, D.D. Neufeld, and U. Wissner were present as members of the Board. Fifty-two students were present for the opening exercises and there are good prospects for a large attendance this winter.

## British Columbia Conference

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### ALONG THE WAY

The twenty-third of October I arrived in Vancouver, completing a three weeks' trip through the Kootenays and Okanagan. All the churches were visited in these districts. It was a happy privilege indeed to meet all our brethren and sisters in these different points. The kindly spirit of welcome which I met all along the way was a great joy and encouragement to me, and I trust that this bond of Christian love will bind us to each other more and more firmly as the days go by. I desire to reciprocate this kindly feeling of our beloved people in British Columbia and ever prove myself worthy of their confidence.

The church school at Grandview has already started with Prof. C. W. Degering in charge. Two assistant teachers, Sister Degering and Sister Lydia Stickle, are also employed. It is expected that the enrolment this year will be over eighty. It is earnestly hoped that God will graciously bless the efforts of our people at Grandview to give their children a Christian education. Much wisdom and humility is needed in these days to know just how to do the best for our children and young people so that they may be guarded as fully as possible from the evils the world.

I left Vancouver the night of the 25th ult., to attend the Fall Council of the General Conference and North American Division Committees, which is held in Minneapolis from Oct. 26th to Nov. 10th. I am now enroute to this place.

Many encouraging reports are coming to the office concerning the progress of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Our people are meeting with good success. We hope that none will rest satisfied until they have reached at least their quota of \$5.00. Many are going beyond this. Keep the good work going until the close of the year, or until our territory is worked.

God is in this movement and all who enter it will be blessed. Splendid missionary visits are enjoyed by some of those who have been soliciting for the Lord's work. Let us all be sharers in this blessing and "do our bit" for God and the salvation of souls.

—A. C. Gilbert.



## SPECIAL NOTICE

We are desirous that all our people who pass through Vancouver visit the office when possible. Note the address: 1708 Maple Street and 1st Avenue West, Telephone No. is Bayview 1089.

All who arrive in the city late can find the writer at 2941, 11th Ave. W., or by calling up Telephone No. Bayview 1225.

—T. S. Bowett.

## B.C. NEWS NOTES

Sister A. Bellechamber, of Cilliwack, made an appreciated visit to the city and to the General hospital last week to see her former room and school mate, Sister Hazel Kenny Barclay.

Brother Potter, of Cilliwack, made a brief visit to the city and the office recently on business. He reports continued interest at and around Chilliwack. Ten or more families are very deeply interested and are now studying the Sabbath question.

Sister Barclay, of the 42nd Ave. Church, was taken with a severe attack of pneumonia a few days ago and is now in the city's general hospital. We are very pleased to hear reports of improvement in her condition the last day or two. We solicit the fervent prayers of our people throughout the field for our sister's speedy recovery.

From Calgary has come to hand a shipment of another new book of the "World Crisis" series. Its title, "World Problems," is both appropriate and suggestive of the tremendous perplexities confronting the world today. It is written especially to fill the great need for Bible truths which sweep away the hazy atmosphere of dread and uncertainty with respect to the meaning and outcome of five of the worlds' most mighty problems. "World Problems" is bound to be a leader among books that reveal truth and point to signs that betoken the rapid approach of the end. Price is the same as "World War."

Six of our missionaries sailed from Vancouver on October 15th by the "Empress of Asia." The party consisted of Brother and Sister Mullinex, who are en route to the Straits Settlement; Brother and Sister Malin and daughter, who are booked for Calcutta, and Brother and Sister Strahle, who have answered a call for help for the needy Philippine Islands. It was certainly an inspiration to meet such fine young people who willingly sacrifice all for the privilege of engaging in the great work of rescuing souls from the depths and ruins of heathenism.

## Harvest Ingathering Notes

Two sisters from Vancouver recently spent a few hours visiting New Westminster. The result was \$14.00.

Sister Copeland, of Tranquille, has sent in \$6.00 as a result of her efforts.

The Nanaimo church has raised over one-half of their goal of \$100.00.

The Union Street church is steadily working towards its goal of \$200.00. Considerable over \$100.00 has been raised. Bro. Metcalfe, the missionary secretary, has been busy making regular trips to the office for papers and so far has been supplied with seven hundred copies.

This is the time of the year when we expect a drop in the thermometer any day. However, we are of good courage because these "instruments" recording the heat of the Ingathering Campaign in B.C. are going up all around us. One church threatens to burst theirs within the next few days. Watch for the report. It's coming.

In telling of a fall from the roof of a building which resulted in injuring his back to such an extent that he had to go into the hospital at Merritt, Brother C. Helin writes: "Well, that seemed to be pretty hard luck at first, but everything works together for good to them that love the Lord. I suffered quite a bit the first few days, but suddenly I took a change for the good and was able to walk, so then I made up my mind to start right then with my Harvest Ingathering. The result was \$1.85 and two promises for more to be sent to me later. It was not much to be sure, but I had done what I could and felt satisfied, besides it gave me a chance to speak to the boys and I don't think it was altogether in vain. After leaving the hospital I canvassed the town a day and received \$5.00 and a promise for more. I have also done some mailing from which I expect results. I am now home at Penticton for a few days while taking a rest and find that my wife has collected \$1.85 and she says she has only just started in. So that makes up to date for both of us a sum of \$8.70. I will now close by thanking you for the way you are pushing the campaign and for the good report you have caused to be published in the *Tidings*. It certainly makes our bones fat."

## Manitoba Conference

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## WINNIPEG AND MORDEN

Eld. Otto Ziprick and the writer were asked to labor a few months in Manitoba. After leaving his family at Russell, Manitoba, Brother Ziprick joined me at Winnipeg, Oct. 12th. We visited the brethren in the city and received a hearty welcome. It was my privilege to speak to the Mennonite brethren congregation and also visit Rev. N. J. Bestvater, the leader of that company and one of my youths' companions. We then held several meetings in private homes with our people and also two in our church. We hope that the seed sown will in time bear fruit.

On the 26th, we left for Morden where we also have a nice church building and visited with our people. The meetings held were attended by some outsiders too. Our loyal ones are quite scattered and do not find it easy to meet. The warning message on the spirit of anti-Christ which is based on II. John, 7:11, is being given here and is much needed. O, that our dear brethren and sisters would study Christ more. I am sure that we need a more thorough knowledge of our Saviour. It is heartrending to hear what some are teaching about Christ. May the dear Lord help them to see their mistake. O, let us worship our Saviour while we may!

—C. C. Neufeld.

## BAPTISMAL DAY IN WINNIPEG

We have just had our fourth baptism this year. At the last one, eight adults went forward, making twenty-eight for the year thus far, and we hope that others who were hindered from coming and some who are studying hard to get ready, may come in before we close up our first year in Winnipeg. The people manifest considerable interest in our meetings held on Sunday nights.

We are getting ready for a social gathering this week which we hope will prove helpful in getting acquainted with the many people who come and go without ever leaving us their names. The auto purchased for our work here has been a great help to us. In two days we made thirty-three calls and they were to the ones most scattered.

We are selling many books to our new Sabbath-keepers and a number of them in turn sell our literature to the public. One young brother who attended Bro. Manfull's last institute, sold \$40.00 worth of books in one week.

The work is hastening to its close. We feel impressed that the end will soon be here. We are doing some good work on the Harvest Ingathering and hope to reach our goal before Christmas. Pray the Lord of the Harvest to send more workers to help care for the people who are asking for help.

—C. A. Hansen and Workers.

FOR SALE—Good 40 acre ranch near Salmon Arm. About 17 acres cleared, balance bush. Water for irrigation, if needed, runs by the house; also river runs through place. Good buildings. Place suitable for poultry and mixed farming. Clear deed. Adventist Church on corner of place. Apply: C. Stilwell, R.R.1, Salmon Arm, B.C.



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A clipping received in a letter from Sister J. D. Homan, of Coronation, announces the death of her son, Roscoe who, enlisted in the 187th battalion and went overseas last January. He was born in Belview, Nebraska, on August 20th, 1897. We deeply sympathize with this dear family in the hour of their sorrow, and pray that they may be kept and strengthened by the great Comforter.

Once again we welcome Elder McVagh back to the office. This time he returns from attending a meeting of the North American Division committee at the Fall Council.

We hear that Elder MacGuire and Elder J. J. Reiswig are now holding some profitable meetings with the students of the Alberta Academy. These will be much enjoyed, we feel sure.

The following interesting figures reveal the increased interest that has been taken in the Harvest Ingathering campaign this year over that of last year. You will observe that \$2,564.28 more has been received during September and October of this year than for the same period of 1916. Each Conference shows a very substantial gain in their receipts:

	1916	1917	Gain
Alberta	\$317.17	\$2,377.47	\$2,060.30
British Columbia	176.37	422.48	246.11
Manitoba	140.25	286.85	146.60
Saskatchewan	81.08	192.35	111.27
	\$714.87	\$3,279.15	\$2,564.28

## NOTES FROM THE MISSION BOARD

Let us spend a few moments with our missionaries out on the far-flung frontiers where the truths of the third angel's message are being given to those in need of the light of life. From recent letters we glean the following:—

*British East Africa*:—A. A. Carscallen, August 6, (received Nov. 5)—“Canada Mission is prospering. Brother and Sister Morse and Brother Lane are there. Brother Labe leaves for home in a few days. They have a fair school, with several outschools. They have only grass houses yet. Brother Lane has been using the printing outfit. Kisu Mission is entirely alone. Brother and Sister Matter are at Kanyadote doing well. Brother Phillips is at Karungu, having all he can do. Brother Watson is at Rusinga and has a good school. Some were baptized from his mission, boys and women. Others were baptized from Karungu, Gendia, Wire Hill and Kamagambo.” This is interesting news from East Africa missions; we were unable to hear from there for about two years after the war broke out.

*China*.—J. E. Shultz, Shanghai, October 5.—“It is safe to say that ninety-nine out of one hundred awakened interests in China are due to the influence of the *Signs*. The marvelous opening at Wen Djou was the work of the *Signs*. Two delegations from there visited Shanghai and took back some of our books. When the brethren went down there they found more than two hundred interested people, some of whom have been keeping the Sabbath over a year.” He then mentioned recent experiences among workers of a personal nature. “Two weeks ago I assisted at the funeral of Brother Brown's (we take it R. J.) little boy at Nanking. Now word comes of the death of Dr. Davenport's younger child at Hancow, and the critical illness of Brother Gibson. We hear Mrs. Warren, in Sesechuan, has been very ill.”

*Malaysia*.—F. A. Detamore, Singapore, Sept. 27.—“We ordered about 3,000 Harvest Ingathering papers. Last year we received over \$2,000 from 1,950 papers. I think we have a good paper this year, and that we can pull for large gifts with it. We are trying to raise an operating fund for our printing work.”

*Burma*.—J. E. Fulton, August 28.—“From Maulmein we had a pleasant journey all day up the Salween River. About fifteen minutes after we reached Shewegon, my son-in-law, Brother Hare, arrived in our little mission launch. Greetings over, we started up the river eighteen miles to our Karen station. The Karen people in the immediate vicinity seem very friendly, but have not manifested themselves very interested in the message. One or two of them that have been connected with the mission as servants are very bright young people, and if we are able to get hold of others of this kind I should feel very much encouraged if I were working in this place.”

*Africa*.—A. M. Konigmacher, North Rhodesia, August 15.—“We now have permission to do evangelistic work on both sides of the Belgian Congo line. I have asked permission to build on a piece of land on the Musofu stream. I hope to get it in time to build a house before the rains come. We have had quite a time with sickness. My oldest boy was taken with fever. When he was getting better our little baby, Joe, took sick and died. When his food came from Bulawayo, 800 miles away, it was rancid. This was too much for him. We buried him at the foot of a mammoth ant heap. Brother Bender made the little coffin in the night and we buried him early in the morning, so Brother Bender could get his train. This makes three little boys waiting for Jesus in the heart of Africa. They are buried on the farthest outlying posts of our people.”

—T. E. Bowen.

Another interesting Harvest Ingathering news item has just come to hand from the pen of Elder C. E. Wood, of Grand Forks. It reads as follows:

“Mrs. Wood just returned from Trail today and tells me that she has increased the amount upon her list to \$119.65. She has considerable of her allotted territory yet to cover. On account of press of other work, I have just merely started on my territory. The first three papers distributed started my list with \$5.75. I expect to devote more time during this next month.”

Now isn't that encouraging indeed?