

Western Canadian Tidings

"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S VISIT TO BATTLEFORD

His Excellency, the Duke of Devonshire, while making a tour of Western Canada, came through Battleford and made a stop there Nov. 14th. Of course his chief interest in the place was on account of the historic associations.

He came out to our Academy to look over what was formerly the seat of government for the North-West Territories. He manifested a great deal of interest going over the buildings to see what is being done, shaking hands with the members of the Board and Faculty, and making a short address to the students. On his request the day was made a holiday from school work and students and teachers joined with the representatives of the public schools and citizens to listen to an address in town.

He was accompanied by official representatives of the Dominion, Provincial and Municipal governments, and we are glad that by the providence of God these distinguished visitors were permitted to see this part of our work. And we hope that favorable impressions will be left upon their minds with reference to the work of Seventh-day Adventists. I esteemed it a privilege to be present on this memorable occasion.

—C. F. McVagh.

HOW AND WHERE SHALL WE EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN ?

Is it safe to send our children to public school?

Ans.—"Parents should realize that it is no longer safe to send them (their children) to public school."
—C. to T.p. 205.]

Why is it not safe?

Ans.—Fairy tales, myths and fictitious stories are now given a large place. Books of this character are now in the schools and can be found in many homes."

As a result of whose plan are these books in the schools at this time?

Ans.—"The widespread use of such books at this time is one of the cunning devices of Satan."—Id. p. 384.

It is said that nine-tenths of all sewage is good water. It is the one-tenth that unfits it for use. So most of the teaching in the public school system may be good. It is the little error, superstition and falsehood, that strikes at the foundation of the Message, that makes unbelievers of our children and young people. In "Counsels to Teachers," p. 205, this statement is made of the children who are not receiving a christian education:

"In the vision of the night I saw standing by the side of these neglected children, the one who was cast out of the heavenly courts because he originated sin. He, the enemy of souls, was watching for an opportunity to gain control of the mind of every child."

The objection is often made, "We would like and really ought to have a church school, but we are too poor." Ans.—"We are not a rich people, but if we pray in faith and let the Lord work in our behalf He will open the way before us to establish small schools. . . . for the education of our youth." Id. P. 204.

Dear brethren, did you do all in your power to have a church school in your church this winter? May God help every father and mother and each church member in the Western Canadian Union Conference to realize their responsibility in behalf of our boys and girls.

Yours in the interest of our youth,

—J. J. Reisinger.

ARE YOU INTERESTED ?

Over ten years ago our home missionary leaders realized the importance of organizing a second division of our army of house-to-house workers carrying the printed page. While a wonderful work was being done with the large subscription books by regular colporteurs, up to that time but little thought had been given to what could be done by thousands of our people among their neighbors and friends with what we now know as Home Workers' book.

In the providence of God, a vision of what might be done was given to these men, and by faith they issued the following appeal:

"We invite conference officers, and particularly Home Missionary Secretaries and Field Secretaries, to unite with us in earnest efforts to encourage our church members everywhere to circulate small literature."—Minutes General Conference Publishing Department, March, 1904.

Since that time the books used by these workers have been greatly strengthened in number, languages and contents. They present the finest group of publications for childhood, youth and age ever offered to the public, and when we consider the further fact that each of them contains some particular phase of Present Truth, their importance cannot be overestimated.

Continued improvement in the facilities for handling these books has also been made, until now we have report blanks, order blanks, and guarantee books with the names of the home workers' books printed in. We have a complete prospectus containing sample cover and pages selected from each of the sixteen home workers' books. This prospectus is in the form of a loose leaf binder, which permits any desired arrangement of samples, or even the elimination of any book or books that the worker does not care to handle. It folds up compactly, weighs but little over two pounds, and looks like an ordinary school notebook. Its price is only sixty cents, post

paid. The list of books now shown in the Home Circle Library, with prices and discounts is as follows:

Book—	Price Cloth Binding	Discount to Worker.
Advance Guard of Missions	\$1.65	40%
Elo the Eagle	1.10	40%
The House We Live In	1.10	40%
Making Home Happy . . . . .	.85	40%
Making Home Peaceful . . . . .	.85	40%
Thoughts from Mount of Blessing . . . . .	.85	40%
Those Bible Readings . . . . .	.85	40%
Vegetarian Cook Book	1.10	40%
Uncle Ben's Cobblestones	1.10	40%
Best Stories from the Best Book . . . . .	.85	50%
Christ Our Saviour . . . . .	.85	50%
Gospel Primer, Number Two . . . . .	.60	50%
His Glorious Appearing . . . . .	.60	50%
New Testament Primer . . . . .	.60	50%
Our Paradise Home . . . . .	.60	50%
Steps to Christ . . . . .	.85	50%

With such books as these, and such facilities for their circulation as are being provided, and with the training and assistance our Field Secretaries are now giving those who are selling them, results must follow and they are. Brethren and sisters, these small books are having their influence, the same precious influence as has been exerted by "Bible Readings," "Great Controversy," "Daniel and the Revelation," "Patriarchs and Prophets," and the "Desire of Ages." Shall we not do our part toward extending that influence by placing many of them in the homes of our friends and neighbors between now and the holidays, when they will be particularly interested in them?

—J. B. Giddings.

NOTICE

We have now a complete supply of Missionary Volunteer Leaflets and blanks on hand here at the office. Order yours at once. If you order direct from the office, Room 304, I.O.O.F. Building, Calgary, Alberta, cash should accompany your order. The better way is to order through your Tract Society. Educational supplies, such as leaflets and blanks, may be ordered the same way.

—J. J. Reiswig.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS and PACIFISTS

(Editorial of the *Signs Weekly*, Nov. 6th., O. A. Tait)

The term "pacifist," instead of representing a class of people who are honestly and honorably in favor of peace, has come to mean rather the individual or class of individuals who seek to obstruct the government and hinder war at all costs.

But the Christian who objects to bearing arms is not that kind of pacifist. Instead of seeking to embarrass or hinder the operations of the government, the true Christian is doing all in his power to uphold and sustain the government, even though he could not conscientiously bear a gun for the purpose of shooting his fellow men.

He is not opposed to killing men because he is afraid of danger, or would avoid the risk of losing his life in any place that duty might call him. Being

a Christian, he is prepared to die, and is willing to take any kind of risk that his conscience would place upon him. Therefore he would be willing to serve in any kind of life-saving work, such as caring for the sick and the wounded, even though this should call him onto the battlefield and into the most exposed and dangerous places. The true Christian believes the Bible, and he reads in his Bible:

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth power, resisteth the ordinance of God; and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou, then, not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is the minister of God for thee to good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For this cause pay ye tribute also; for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor." Romans 13: 1-7.

Camouflaging With Conscience Paint

Therefore the true Christian will support his government conscientiously and loyally, and that for the highest reason—because God has ordained it, and expects His followers to respect and uphold those who are in authority. But when men weave conscientious objections into a screen behind which to hide while they would embarrass or overthrow the government, they are not worthy to be classed with those who seek to avoid the killing of their fellow men.

Rulers as a general thing are not slow to distinguish between the man who has a loyal conscience and the one who is trying to camouflage incendiarism, anarchy, and disloyalty by using conscience paint.

Our government has very generously recognized the true conscientious objector to the bearing of arms; and the true and sincere will show by their actions that they appreciate this consideration of the broad principles of freedom and democracy. Because God commands, they will be found among the most loyal; and there is no danger that such conscientious objectors will ever become so numerous that they cannot all be used to good advantage in the fields of mercy.

NEW BOOKS

We give below a partial list of books that have just been issued. In most cases they are just off the press and have not had sufficient time to reach this field, but we expect a good supply within the next few weeks.

Sabbath School Reading Course books, sold only in sets, consisting of two books, entitled, "Thoroughly Furnished" and "Talks With the Training Class." 60 cents, postpaid.

"The Food Question." A treatise of great value to the housewife and all who have to do with the preparing of food. Written by eight experts, each a master of his subject. The chapter titles are as follows:

1. Food Economy.
2. Vitamines and Calories.
3. Stimulants and Condiments.
4. Ten Reasons for a Fleshless Diet.
5. Fruits and Their Uses.
6. Food Elements and Simplicity of Diet.
7. Use of Left-overs.
8. Simple Menus and Recipes.

The book contains ninety-six pages and cover, illustrated with charts and diagrams. Paper covers only, 30 cents.

"Technique of Hydrotherapy and Swedish Massage." This excellent little book has been thoroughly revised and some additions made. Bound in two styles, cloth 55 cents; limp leather, 85 cents.

"World Problems." Table of contents:

1. The Industrial Conflict.
2. War.
3. A Narcotized World.
4. The Bible or Tradition.
5. Can the Dead Talk to Us?
6. The Solution—The Remedy.

The problems discussed in this book are not only nation-wide, but world-wide. They are world problems, sometimes maladies. We meet them in operation or in effect on every side. Daily and hourly they are with us, growing more perplexing, more insidious, more threatening. There is a solution, a remedy—it is given in this remarkable little book. Paper, 30 cents; cloth, 60 cents.

"Our Day in the Light of Prophecy," by Elder W. A. Spicer. This book contains practical Bible studies, prophetic outlines, and historical data for home Bible study. The great fundamental principles of the Gospel as taught in the Word of God are clearly and simply told, using the Bible as its own interpreter. The topical arrangement of subjects in thirty-four chapters, culminating in a comforting description of "The Home of the Saved," will awaken the interest of the reader in the study of the Bible. The prices are as follows: Cloth, \$2.50; half leather, \$3.50; full leather, \$4.00. Order of your tract society.

—Canadian Branch Pacific Press Publishing Assn.

WHY YOU NEED IT

"I wish there were some regular way of learning each week just when the Sabbath begins and ends." The *Morning Watch Calendar* will tell you.

"I wish I had some place to keep my daily record of missionary work." The *Morning Watch Calendar* has a space especially prepared for this.

"I would like something to guide me in my devotional study each morning." The *Morning Watch Calendar* is designed for that special purpose.

"I should be glad to do some devotional reading together with my Bible study, but don't know just what to select." The 1918 *Morning Watch Calendar* is based on the twelve chapters of "Steps to Christ," and it is intended that this little book be read and studied in connection with the verses given in the *Calendar*.

"I do wish that I had a list of those Bible doctrines texts which are used in studying for the Standard of Attainment." The new *Morning Watch Calendar* contains just such a list.

"If all this is true of the *Morning Watch Calendar* for 1918, I don't believe I can afford to do without it."

Indeed you *cannot!* Order at once. Price, five cents.

—M. V. Dept.

A TRIP AMONG THE CHURCHES IN THE INTEREST OF THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WORK

It was my privilege to visit some of the churches in the interest of the Missionary Volunteer work in company with Elder Meade MacGuire, M.V. Field Secretary of the North American Division Conference. We had many good experiences and blessed meetings with the believers.

Our first stop was at Claresholm, Alta., the brethren being right in the midst of threshing; we had only Sabbath afternoon meeting. From here we went to Winnifred, where we met Sunday and Monday evening. The brethren at this place were of good courage and expressed a determination to serve God more faithfully. Our next appointment was with the Irvine church, but on arriving here we found the weather had changed considerably and it was snowing and the roads impassable. We waited all day but no one came in to get us, so we left for Morse, Sask.

Arriving here, we found that the mail goes out to Queen Center once a week and that they would not receive our letter until Friday, so we were obliged to engage a livery rig to take us thirty miles south, where we have a German church which has also a Missionary Volunteer organization. It was our expectation to meet Elders Walker and Clemensen and lay our plans for the remainder of the trip in the Saskatchewan Conference. On account of bad roads and cold weather, the above named brethren did not arrive. Not knowing whether they would continue their institutes as planned or not, we concluded to stay with this church until the date for our Battleford convention, so we had ten days' convention at Queen Center. The weather was quite cold and thus hindered in field work and enabled all our brethren to attend the meetings quite regularly.

Oct. 31st we left for Saskatoon, where we met Brother Guderain from Dundurn, and he insisted that we go down and spend one evening with their little company, to which we agreed. So Elder MacGuire spoke to a little company in Brother Guderain's home that evening, and for the next morning a meeting was arranged for in Brother Taylor's home. A good spirit prevails in this church and they are anxious to see the work progress. Again returning to Saskatoon, we spent one evening with the believers there.

Next morning as we entered the train we met three of the Queen Center young people on their way to Battleford. We were met at the station by the school auto and on arriving were informed that all arrangements were made for a meeting that evening, which was the opening of our convention. This school opened with an enrolment of 52 and when we left the school family had grown to about 80 members. A good spirit prevails and we have all reasons to look for good reports from there from time to time. Closing our convention Sunday evening, we boarded the train for Edmonton.

Here we were met by Brother Pond and at 2 o'clock quite a number of the brethren assembled in their little meeting house. Elder MacGuire spoke to them that afternoon and also the next day and evening. Although there are but a few young people in this church, the brethren are trying to carry on a young people's meeting. Bro. Sam Logan has been chosen as leader and we hope this society will prove faithful to their name and be real *Missionary Volunteers*.

From here we left for the Alberta Academy at

Lacombe. Prof. Dick met us with his usual smile and told us they were anxiously waiting for the meetings. Elder MacGuire spoke to the student body every evening. His special message was "The Christian's victorious life, and how to obtain it." After the presentation of the importance of the Morning Watch, a vote was taken as to how many would pledge themselves to observe the Morning Watch this coming year and every hand went up. A large number are following the Reading Course and quite a few enlisted in the Standard of Attainment. Of course most all are reading their Bible through.

Here we separated. Elder MacGuire went to Coronation to visit Jerome Evans, expecting to meet Miss Gillbank and myself at Alix on our way to Beiseker according as previously arranged. I had already purchased my ticket and was ready to leave for Alix when I received a telegram from Prof. Griggs to meet him at Lacombe, so Miss Gillbank went on, while I remained.

I just now received a 'phone message from Brother Roth, the elder of the Beiseker church, to come out and continue the meetings that have been begun by Elder MacGuire and Miss Gillbank. He states that a good interest exists and they hope that the young people will take their stand for Christ.

We are glad to say at the close of this trip that the Lord was with us and blessed greatly in the work. To Him be all the honor and glory. The question, "When will you come back again?" was asked at every place and we wish it were possible for us to return soon, but while we may not be there in person, we want to assure our young people that our prayers are with you and we will be glad to hear from you regarding your own experiences and also regarding the work of the Missionary Volunteer society.

Sincerely your brother,

—J. J. Reiswig.

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REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF THE ALBERTA CONFERENCE

Quarter Ending September 30, 1917.

Name	Member-ship	12th Sabbath	13th Sabbath	Total
Acme.....	20	\$ 46.95	\$36.86	\$ 83.81
Bismark.....	34	37.75	9.35	47.10
Beiseker.....	129	102.15	10.35	112.50
Boyne Lake.....	13	3.65	3.16	6.80
Burnt Lake.....	10	13.31	4.10	17.41
Brooks included in Bismark				
Calgary (Eng.).....	36	86.46	12.03	98.49
Calgary (Ger.).....	28	13.42	26.00	39.42
Clemens.....	17	22.30	10.05	32.35
Coronation.....	21	25.60	.....	25.60
Claresholm.....	34	64.90	34.15	99.05
Clive.....	30	45.28	12.03	57.33
Castor.....	5	6.00	4.50	10.50
Compeer.....	22	26.10	9.05	35.15
Cayley.....	19	16.00	17.45	33.45
Didsbury.....	26	29.26	6.15	35.41
Edmonton (Eng.).....	42	49.51	34.41	83.92
Edmonton, (Ger.).....	28	10.26	16.63	26.89
Falun.....	10	No. report.	.....	.....
Granum.....	17	34.00	22.00	56.00
Gadsby (Eng.).....	19	39.75	.....	39.75
Gadsby (Ger.).....	22	61.80	.....	61.80

Harmattan.....	26	24.87	7.64	32.51
Hanna.....	16	No report.	.....	.....
Hawkesdale.....	15	26.35	11.05	37.40
Irvine.....	27	40.70	14.90	55.60
Jenner.....	15	26.35	11.05	37.40
Leduc (Eng.).....	14	15.90	9.70	25.60
Leduc (Ger.).....	22	22.50	21.00	43.50
Loyalist.....	34	36.50	33.15	69.65
Lockhart.....	16	.....	.....	.....
Lacombe.....	100	78.85	.....	78.85
Lunnford.....	20	.....	.....	.....
Edberg.....	11	11.41	12.18	23.59
Lakesend.....	10	24.85	6.50	31.35
Midnapore.....	36	90.15	34.05	124.20
Markerville.....	8	5.39	1.08	6.47
Manville.....	4	18.40	.....	18.40
Neapolis.....	8	12.11	5.60	17.71
Olds.....	10	Entered in Harmattan	.....	.....
Ohaton.....	9	.....	.....	.....
Ponoka.....	12	5.60	.....	5.60
Retlaw.....	10	.....	.....	.....
Steveville.....	9	11.10	3.95	15.05
Stavely.....	13	.....	.....	.....
Sedgwick.....	3	16.25	9.85	26.10
Stony Plain.....	14	12.47	.....	12.47
Trochu.....	7	8.25	7.00	15.25
Thelma.....	30	.....	.....	.....
Travers.....	8	13.50	3.00	16.50
Vermilion Lakes.....	23	27.15	1.64	28.79
Winnifred.....	38	36.74	12.20	48.94
Woodbend.....	23	9.86	6.30	16.16
Walsh.....	12	3.15	.....	3.15
Wetaskiwin.....	9	4.25	.....	4.25
Kinuso.....	11	9.50	3.00	12.50
Lewisville.....	16	37.68	17.41	55.09
Shuler.....	15	.....	.....	.....
Irma.....	10	5.95	5.60	11.55
Wealthy.....	10	8.40	7.00	15.40
Conference.....		.....	.....	.....
Home Department.....	203	126.60	.....	126.60
C. M. Pledge.....		25.20	.....	25.20

Totals (60 schools)..... 1449 \$1512.43 \$504.33 \$2016.76
 No. of Perfect Attendance Cards..... 89
 No. of Scholars Baptized during Quarter..... 30

Another quarter has passed into eternity. Another report will be disclosed in the books of heaven. We are in the midst of another quarter, new records are being made. The Lord has been most gracious to us since camp-meeting closed, and it has been a time of growth and improvement.

An Interesting Comparison

The accompanying report indicates the standing of the Sabbath Schools in the Alberta Conference for the quarters ending September 30, 1916 and 1917: 1916 membership: 1209. Financial.....\$1,674.11
 1917 membership: 1449. Financial.....\$2,016.76

Gain membership: 240. Financial.....\$ 332.65

We have added eight new schools to our list. This makes our quarterly summary more interesting and we would draw the attention of the officers of each school to their own report and if by any chance you see mistakes, where improvements could be made, write us about them.

Some will see their school has failed to report. We hold over our report as long as we can so no one may be disappointed in not seeing their school come up to the standard of the others; but our report must be made up at a certain time and sent off to headquarters at Washington. As secretaries let us be faithful in sending in our reports. Have you ever thought that the Bible is made up of reports? Read Eze. 9, the last verse.

We want to pass on the good news we have just received from the Sabbath School department at Washington, D.C.:

"The North American Division Sabbath Schools"
Have put the
"GO" in GOAL
THREE MILLION DOLLARS

"Not so bad after all! We were to have reached this three million goal by the close of 1916. We did not reach it then but six months later we more than reached it. It is this way: We have received enough reports from the N.A.D. conferences for the quarter ending in June to reach about three thousand dollars more than the three million. We have not yet heard from any of the foreign fields for that quarter. I suppose in reality we reached the goal in about three or four and a half months of extra time. Isn't that fine? All feel so happy about it."

We hear a sound of "a going in the tops of the mulberry trees," and we believe the Lord is going before us breaking down the hindrances along the way in reaching the goal set by our Sabbath schools in Alberta.

Realizing the progress we are making, we cannot but say with faithful David, "Declare His glory . . . His wonders among the people. For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised. . . . Give unto the Lord glory due unto His name; bring an offering and come into His courts."

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

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A COMRADE FALLEN

The following letter dated Nov. 11th, was received a few days ago:

"Your kind letter arrived on the 8th day of November; just one day before Lyle's burial day. So I have the sad experience of answering it. He passed his medical examination the 22nd of last month as an A2; took sick with infantile paralysis on Sabbath, the 3rd, died the 7th, with a prayer on his lips. Was laid to rest a little while last Friday. And so while we must be content without him here, we have the hope of meeting him again on the glad resurrection morning. The papers to support his exemption claim will not be necessary, for he has an exemption from the heavenly tribunal.

L. D. Sutherland."

Surely this is a sad surprise to us all, as this dear brother was with us just a few weeks ago, and apparently enjoying good health. We can only extend to his loved ones our heartfelt sympathy.

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WORKERS' TRAINING COURSE

We wish to correct a statement that was sent out in a letter to the members of the Training Course Class. In our letter we stated that the price for the two books that would be used in the 1918 Sabbath-school Training Class would be 50 cents. This is the price charged for them in the United States; but 10 per cent has to be added on all trade books that are sent to Canada. Please notice that 60 cents will be the charge for the books, and order as early as you can so we may have enough books on hand and no one need be disappointed.

Mrs. M. H. Crothers,
Conf. Sabbath-school Secy.

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JUST A SKETCH

On Friday, October 5, I arrived at Rouleau and was met at the station by Brother Diminyatz, at whose home I stayed the most of the time while visiting the scattered members of the Rouleau church. On Sabbath, October 6, we had the communion, and another service, every one seemingly impressed with the solemnity of the meetings. On Sunday, Brother Diminyatz took us over to a company near Dahinda that are members of his church. There we had the communion service also. As we presented the solemn scenes of the Judgment, and urged the necessity of putting away all differences and pressing together in christian unity, souls were deeply impressed. In the testimony meeting following, an earnest spirit of consecration was manifested. I shall long remember my first visit with this company and with the church at Rouleau.

My next visit was made with our Russian church at Lonesome Butte. Brethren Clemensen and Babienko met me at Moose Jaw and together we came on to Limerick, where Brother Wm. Ruminson was waiting with his auto to take us south over fifty miles to the Lonesome Butte church, and to his home, where I stayed the most of the time while we were there. We were deeply impressed with the spirit of self-sacrifice shown by the brethren of this church in attending the day meetings of the Institute when so much needed to be done in getting ready for winter. Also a thorough work was done in putting away the differences existing among them. I am sure the blessing of God was granted us, and the Spirit of God was present to convict and convert hearts while the truth was being presented. At the close of the meetings there, Brother Ruminson brought us to Viceroy with his auto—another act of kindness and self-sacrifice we greatly appreciated.

At Viceroy, we only had meetings for one day and became storm-bound at the home of Brother Paul Levadny. This storm caused us to miss our appointment at Queen Center where our next Institute was to be held. We were to be in Lafleche on the evening of October 17 and that was when the team came for us, but when we arrived the next evening, the team had gone back, though we had wired we were coming. The message was not delivered. This disappointment brought me back to Saskatoon and just in time to encounter a new problem affecting the school at Battleford. In the meantime, Brother Clemensen visited the company at Carmichael before going on to Prussia, where our next Institute was to be held. At this meeting, Elders J. J. Reiswig and McGuire were to be present, but through some misunderstanding and delay in the mails, they did not come. So after learning that Brother Clemensen was alone, I went to Prussia on Friday evening, October 26. The Lord helped me in the meetings on Sabbath and Sunday following and at the solemn service of ordination on Monday, when the elder, Brother D. Wies was qualified for his duties, and Brother Miller as deacon.

On Monday afternoon, Brother D. Wies took us

with his auto to Fox Valley, where the first gathering of the Institute was held on Tuesday evening, October 30. On Wednesday, we presented Institute subjects and in the evening held a preaching service. The following morning, Brother Wies brought me to Prelate to take the train for the Council in Minneapolis, leaving Brother Clemensen and Brother Berg to carry on the work of the Institute.

This visit to Fox Valley was doubly pleasant on account of meeting old friends and acquaintances known and loved in our home field of North Dakota.

I feel sure the Lord is blessing the efforts made in our Institute, about which the readers of the *Tidings* will no doubt hear more in later issues. Romans 13:11-14 is upon our minds.

—J. G. Walker.

REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE

Quarter Ending October 31st, 1917.

	Member- ship.	Regular	13th Sab.	Total
Battleford Academy.....	38	\$ 59.30	\$ 19.91	\$ 79.21
Beaver Creek.....	49	55.05	25.00	80.05
Canora.....	34	54.92	19.95	74.87
Carlton.....	29	42.88	27.60	70.48
Carmichael.....	16	47.45	8.75	56.20
Dundurn.....	25	56.15	19.60	75.75
East Regina.....	25	15.16	9.90	25.06
Fenwood.....	16	17.16	4.35	21.51
Fox Valley.....	46	30.70	41.10	71.80
Hanley.....	31	93.10	60.10	153.20
Hillesden.....	10	12.05	5.80	17.85
Langham.....	22	13.70	7.00	20.70
Lonesome Butte.....	No report.			
Loreburn.....	20	13.50	14.30	27.80
Macorie.....	52	99.50	118.95	218.45
McGee.....	10	8.00	1.70	9.70
McLean.....	11	26.00	21.10	47.10
Morse.....	No report.			
Prince.....	11	49.30	16.50	65.80
Prussia.....	36	44.95	9.60	54.55
Queen Centre.....	No report.			
Regina.....	14	24.71	18.30	43.01
Rouleau.....	42	28.78	11.04	39.82
Rosthern.....	14	14.80	6.00	20.80
Saskatoon.....	18	39.39	20.50	59.89
Sonningdale.....	26	39.27	13.84	53.11
Sunset.....	20	37.00	44.55	81.55
Surbiton.....	16	29.70	20.75	50.45
Swift Current.....	No report.			
Truax.....	No report.			
Tugaske.....	28	44.18	33.70	77.88
Viceroy.....	10	6.85	14.50	21.35
Waldheim.....	49	37.31	27.65	64.96
Camp-meeting.....		435.20		435.20
Home Department.....	175	314.91	81.32	396.23
	893	\$1790.97	\$723.36	\$2514.33

How thankful I am for a report like this to send in. I think it is the largest in the history of the Conference Sabbath School work. I am sure that the Sabbath schools feel the Lord has especially blessed them.

One school has been dropped, and the membership is not as much as last quarter, due partly to so many of our young people being out in the colporteur work, I think. Still our donations are far above those of the corresponding quarter last year.

I want to pass on the good news I received recently. You know we set a goal of three million dollars. Well, that goal is in the past now. It was made up about the first of the second quarter last year. How glad we are that we can do something for the Master,

and truly He is depending on us. He surely is calling upon us for more earnest and hearty service than we have ever given before. We should each one hear plainly in the events of the day the loving invitation "Son, go work today in my vineyard."

I have the privilege of meeting but few of our brethren and sisters of the Saskatchewan Conference, but I wish to thank you here for the hearty good wishes you have expressed in your letters, and I do hope to be a faithful servant in this field of labor, and with you receive the crown of life that fadeth not away.

Mrs. R. S. Dexter, Conf. S. S. Sec'y.

BULYEA

I presume our Scandinavian brothers and sisters have been looking for some report from our Scandinavian work regarding its progress. As Scandinavians, we ought to be especially interested in the work of our own people, praying and working for their salvation. Our work is new, and our people are hard to bring over from the old doctrine that has been printed, as it were, indelibly upon their minds. It takes a great work of the Spirit of God in their hearts to cause them to do the will of God. Let us all unite in prayer in behalf of our work.

Since we came to this field in April, we have been working around Bulyea, especially south of Bulyea, as there was an interest there when we came. During the summer months, it has been very difficult to hold meetings, so I have had to exercise patience in holding one and two meetings a week, and this does not bring quick results, for the seed must first be sown before we can expect or look for a harvest. Still, one man has made known his desire to keep the Sabbath, but has not begun as yet. I think if he begins, others will follow. We would enjoy receiving letters from those in our conference who are living near our Scandinavian territories, so we may gather all the information we can regarding our work.

—O. M. Akre.

RUSSIAN WORK IN SASKATCHEWAN

On the 10th day of October, Elders J. G. Walker, W. A. Clemensen and the writer were met by one of our Russian brethren at the Limerick station at 5 o'clock in the evening. From there we went by auto 55 miles to the Lonesome Butte church. The next morning we started our church institute. The Lord came very near and we had a blessed time together. Elder Walker gave very good instruction on church discipline and co-operation, and other useful advice regarding the Christian life. Elder Clemensen instructed the brethren how to work for their neighbors and how to report their work. On Sunday, the 14th, we had baptism.

Monday morning we went to Viceroy and spent a day and a half with the company of believers there. It is very encouraging to know that God is blessing His children. From Viceroy Elders Walker and Clemensen went to Queen Centre, and the writer went to Beaver Creek, where we had a debate with the Baptist minister for two days and result was that nine souls have accepted the truth.

Now I am in the school at Battleford. We have twenty Russian students in the school. May God bless this work.

—T. T. Babienko.

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THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR 1917

The Week of Prayer will soon be here. December 8-15 is the date appointed for this year. The need for prayer was never more urgent than at this time. The need for intimate communion with God was never so great as in these solemn days when "men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." The necessity of knowing the certainty of our Christian experience shall be never more felt than in these strenuous times when "all that can be shaken will be shaken."

All our people everywhere will be engaged in special seeking for the blessing of God during this Week of Prayer. What a grand united appeal will be ascending to the throne of grace during these days! The Lord God will hear the pleading of His children for help in this trial which has overtaken the world.

May all our brethren and sisters in British Columbia plan to arrange their duties so that they can get the most out of this Week of Prayer. All will secure a copy of the *Review* containing the readings for each day of this special prayer season. If you have not received a copy, send for one at once to the office.

It is hoped that each elder and leader will look after the local arrangements in his church or company for conducting the Week of Prayer services. Careful planning to derive the greatest benefit from this period of special prayer will bring abundant blessing to every seeker.

As far as possible the Conference Committee will arrange to send someone to each church and company for a part of the week of Prayer to assist in the services that are appointed. It will not be possible to send a Conference laborer to every place; for the appointments are so many and the laborers so few. We have asked a few of our lay-brethren to help us, and we are sure that wherever our brethren go to assist, that our people will lend every effort to make the meetings a blessing and power.

Let us all begin to pray now for the help of the Holy Spirit's presence during these meetings. A letter concerning the Week of Prayer and containing a list of the appointments and appointees is being sent to all our people in British Columbia.

Upon the last day of this season of prayer, an offering for Missions will be taken. It is sincerely hoped that all God's people will give liberally. The cause of truth is growing so wonderfully, and its needs are so urgent, that a large offering must be obtained to handle the work as it should be. May we seek the Lord earnestly to find out just how much He wants us to give. The cause will never need workers and money as much as it does in these days. A real sacrifice on the part of God's people is required to meet the many calls that come from distant lands. Let us keep on praying, working and giving more and more until the gospel work is done and the Master returns with rewards for the faithful.

—A. C. Gilbert.

OBITUARY

LAMBERT—Lillian Fern Lambert, daughter of John H. and May H. Lambert, was born at Hill City, South Dakota, May 18th, 1901, and died at Read Island, B.C., Oct. 25th, 1917, of tuberculosis. Lillian was taught the truths of the Message from early childhood and gave evidence by her life of the power of an indwelling Saviour. Her patience and meekness during her many weeks of suffering has been a powerful influence for good among friends and neighbors. She died with a perfect trust in God and a sure hope of having a part in the first resurrection. A short burial service was conducted and attended by her friends.

—J. H. Lambert.

B.C. NOTES

We are looking forward with much pleasure to a visit from Elder Meade MacGuire, who has promised to spend the evening of the 27th and all day of the 28th in Vancouver. We hope that many of our young people of the coast district will be able to come and enjoy the good things that Brother MacGuire has in store for them at this time.

Mrs. R. G. Rorke of Grinrod, in sending in a donation for Harvest Ingathering writes thus of her interest in this work:—

"One lady was selling bread and was intending to take the proceeds to buy Xmas gifts, but when I canvassed her for the Harvest Ingathering she decided to use it as a donation for the above fund. I was so pleased that you remembered me by sending me those magazines and would you please send me ten more, as I hope to use them. I haven't been able to leave home as I had hoped to do but I loaned my pony to a brother who would have been unable to go out on foot. He covered most of the territory I had intended to work and I am glad for this opportunity of adding to the fund. This brother collected \$8.00."

This is certainly an interesting experience and shows the Lord blesses the willing assistance given to help others in their desires to labor in the campaign.

Word from Brother James Scott, missionary secretary of the Lumen-Grandview church, brings the news that Brother John Bristol was the first of that church to engage in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. The Lord blessed this faithful brother with \$8.43 for his first twenty-five papers.

We are having good reports from the brethren and sisters in the Harvest Ingathering. Sister W. C. White, from Vancouver Island, writes that she has between eleven and twelve dollars, and still has more papers from which she expects to receive further returns.

Sister J. B. Castner, from Vernon, writes that she is enjoying the campaign this year, and that the Lord is giving her good experiences and liberal offerings from the people she meets.

In a recent letter from Brother McNaughton, of Midway, \$7.50 was enclosed as the result of his Harvest Ingathering work this year. This is encouraging, and shows that the Lord is blessing those who go out in faith in the work of the Lord.

Mrs. C. A. Butler and her daughter Violet, of Pitt Meadows, passed through this week on their way to Anyox, where they will spend the winter with her married daughter, Mrs. J. C. Barrett.

Prof. C. W. Degering, principal of our school at Grandview, writes encouragingly of the opening days there. He reports that there are already sixty in attendance. We sincerely wish him and the teachers associated with him the best of success during the present school year.

Sister E. Wadsworth and Sister G. Voisey in a few hours on a business street in Vancouver, recently gathered in over \$14.00 for missions. They report a most enjoyable time.

Sister Clarke, of Nanaimo, was a welcome visitor to the office recently. She related some interesting experiences relative to her work in the Harvest Ingathering. At the time of her visit, Sister Clarke had gathered in over \$40.00 on her pledge of \$50.00 towards the goal of the Nanaimo church.

At the end of October, the sum of \$417.88 was received from the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and sent in to the Union office. Last year for the same month \$168.13 was the amount collected and received by the treasurer. It makes us glad indeed to note the increased courage, and the large spirit of willingness to serve manifested by our faithful people throughout British Columbia. God is greatly blessing the efforts that are being put forth, and splendid experiences are enjoyed by all who take part.

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FROM THE FALL COUNCIL

The Council held at Minneapolis was marked by an earnest, united spirit and by actions that will influence the work in the whole world until the close of time. I was glad that all our conference presidents in Western Canada could be in attendance. They do not often have such a privilege.

The General Conference will be held at San Francisco, California, the first three weeks in April, 1918. The council favored the elimination of the North American Division organization in its present form at the next General Conference. In view of the calls and openings in all parts of the world it was decided to raise our quota of mission funds from our churches in North America from an average of twenty cents a week to an average of twenty-five cents a week.

Plans were laid for the improvement of our medical college at Loma Linda and for continued relief of our institutional indebtedness.

Consideration was given to our work in Western Canada, and an appropriation from general funds of five thousand dollars for 1918 was granted. Also some relief in the amount of tithe that will be sent to the General Conference, so that a number of new laborers can be added to our field forces, especially in the weaker conferences of Manitoba and British Columbia.

On account of the increased cost of living, it was recommended that a bonus be granted our sorely pressed and faithful laborers to enable them to meet present abnormal conditions.

These plans will call for greater faithfulness on the part of our people in bringing all the tithes and offerings into the storehouse.

—C. F. McVagh.

NOTICE

All who have satisfactorily completed the study of "Learning to Teach from the Master Teacher" are entitled to a Training Course Certificate. Only this requirement is made:

Write a statement setting forth ten distinct points in the book which have been helpful to you.

Send the statement to your Conference Sabbath School Secretary.

Sign your full name and give address.

A certificate issued at Washington and signed by the secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, also by the Sabbath School Secretary in your Conference, will be sent you.

—Sabbath School Department.

RED CROSS NOTICE

Everyone who sells any of the January *Watchman* will be helping the Red Cross relief work. A part of the proceeds from the sale of this issue are to be given to this worthy cause and will be paid by the publishers so as not to deprive the regular agents from any of their profits. A statement of facts covering the Red Cross benefit appears on the front cover, thus making the magazine easy to sell. The cover is one of the most striking ever issued. The issue also contains four extra pages of pictorial world events and several articles of intense interest.

The new *Watchman* now sells for fifteen cents per copy, four to forty copies at eight cents per copy and fifty or more copies at seven cents per copy. We believe there is a big work that can be done with our monthly magazines and this special January *Watchman* will no doubt enjoy a big sale and bring the truth to many homes.

TO THE CHILDREN OF THE SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE

Dear Children:—This is the first time I have written to you and maybe you will feel like I am a stranger to you; but although I have not met many of you personally, I know I would not be a complete stranger to the Workers' Band. Sister Gilbert has told me of the good work you have done, and I have seen some of the effects of your labors.

The Workers' Band has to its credit here at the Tract Society office about eighty-eight dollars (\$88.00). The most of this, I suppose, will be used in the Home Missionary work that Sister Gilbert spoke to you of at Camp Meeting—that of finishing the guest-parlor at the Battleford Academy.

This year we have a very important and interesting work before us and I hope each one of you will work hard for it. Elder Evans writes us that it would take about thirty dollars a year to keep a Chinese child in one of our schools. This is surely not much compared with what it costs us here if we want to go to an academy, and I know this would be a grand opportunity for us to help our little Chinese brothers and sisters train for a place in Christ's service and in His kingdom. We cannot tell how much good we may do in this way, because that one child might be the means through our efforts of bringing many others into the fold of Christ, and this would in turn bring us rich rewards. I'm sure not one of you will want to miss the opportunity of helping in this.

The other day I received six dollars from three little boys, the proceeds from their Missionary Garden. If we all gave as liberally we would have enough to send about six Chinese children to school, I think. But whether the gift be great or small Jesus will bless it to His Name's honor and glory, and to the saving of souls for His kingdom. So let us try at least to keep two children in school for one year.

Write me as soon as you are ready, and send in your money any time to: Room 103, Willoughby-Sumner Block, Saskatoon, Sask. Lovingly, your friend,

Mrs. R. S. Dexter.

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