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"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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ON THE OTHER SIDE

"There will be no 'if' on the other side,
No streams to ford, and no heaving tide,
No desert wastes with their burning sand,
No brambles thick in a fettered land,
But undimmed and clear will God's plans unfold
Where the crystal streams thread the streets of gold.
Here an 'if' brings shiver of fright or fear,
Here are brows perplexed and the falling tear.
Yet e'en now, amid all our throes of woe,
We can reach His hand, in this vale below.
As He clasps us tight, we may safely tread,
Though the way is dark and our joy is dead,
There's a peace that broods o'er the ills of life,
There's a hope serene mid the world's mad strife,
For we know the might of the Father's hand
Though His thoughts we here may not understand,
And the morning bright of the cloudless day
Will reveal His love in our wintry way."

Selected.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Another week of prayer will soon be here again. December 8-15 has been set apart this year for this solemn occasion and arrangements have been made by the conference committee at its recent session that our workers meet with our believers at different places to assist in making the week of prayer the best enjoyed by our brethren in Saskatchewan.

Our staff of workers is, however, not sufficiently large that all of our churches can be provided with help. This we exceedingly regret, but rest assured that no church will neglect to meet regularly for the Readings specially provided for the week of prayer.

It seems but a short time ago that our workers laid their plans for the week of prayer. How fast the time goes by in this busy world with its every day's care!

It is appropriate that we pause for a moment and unitedly with God's people seek God earnestly in prayer. Let us obtain victory over our sins and consecrate ourselves anew for God's service. The time of probation will soon close and the angel of mercy will take its flight never to return.

The crisis brought upon us through the present tremendous struggle demands a living connection with our Saviour. Let us improve and strengthen it during these blessed hours of prayer. God is only too willing to help His faithful children, so give Him the opportunity.

The readings are found in the Review & Herald and in our foreign church papers. Should you not be a subscriber for any one of these papers, you may get a copy from the office where we have a small supply.

A SPECIAL COURSE IN THE "TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH"

"I am very desirous that the light contained in my books shall come to every soul possible; for God has sent the message for all. These books contain precious lessons in Christian experience. I would not dare forbid that these books be sold on special occasions at a low price, lest I should hinder the reading of the books, and thus withhold the light from some soul who might be converted to the truth. I have no forbiddings to place on the work of circulating our books. Let the light be placed on the candlestick, that it may give light to all that are in the house." Vol. 9, p. 74.

"Why is not a specialty made of the books containing the warnings regarding Satan's work? Why do we not give greater effort to circulating the books that point out Satan's plans to counterwork the work of God, that uncover his plans and point out his deceptions? The moral evils of his deceptions are to be removed by opening the eyes of the people so that they shall discern the situation and the dangers of our times; so that they shall make diligent effort to lay hold by faith upon Christ and His righteousness." Vol. 9, p. 67.

Surely these are definite statements and it seems they should arouse us to a more diligent study of the truth and light the Lord has sent us for this time. Just open a volume of the "Testimonies" and listen to the counsel for God's people for this time. Is it not appalling that we have had this instruction for these troublesome times all these years and have neglected to take time to give study to them. Especially have the young people been negligent of this opportunity and we hope that everyone will improve the time that is still left.

Realizing this great need, the Missionary Volunteer Department passed the following resolutions at the last Council meeting:

"Realizing that more definite and earnest efforts should be put forth to establish our young people in the truth and that the "Testimonies for the Church" may furnish the help that our young people need just now, we recommend:

1. That in every Union and local Conference a systematic campaign be started at once to enlist our Christian young people in the careful, prayerful reading of the nine volumes of the "Testimonies for the Church."

2. That to those who complete the course in two years one of the following books, or some other which the Department may select, be presented as a gift: "Gospel Workers," "Mount of Blessing," and "Steps to Christ."

We hope that a large number of our people will avail themselves of this opportunity and will not only receive the gift book, but also the blessing that the Lord has promised to those who will study His word. A good way to study the "Testimonies" is to form a class in the church or Missionary Volunteer Society and have someone appointed as leader, who will either conduct the study or else see that someone is appointed to lead out, but where this is not possible, every individual may read the "Testimonies" for himself and report to their Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary and receive a gift book. Get in touch with your Conference M. V. Secretary at once.

How many would like to enlist before 1917 closes?
Yours in the interest of the truth,

J. J. REISWIG.

THE MESSAGE IS GOING

A campaign has now been in progress some time for the sale of "World War" and the other books of the "Current Events Series." Thinking those who have had a part in this work would appreciate knowing just what has been accomplished we give the following figures showing the sales of the different books in each conference of the Western Canadian Union.

Book	Alberta	B.C.	Man.	Sask.	Totals
Armageddon	591	127	626	131	1,475
Christian Sabbath... 102	83	50	370	605	
Other Side of Death 363	172	250	144	929	
Return of Jesus ... 250	218	752	366	1,586	
Vatican and the War 277	105	230	159	771	
World's Crisis 228	13	15	74	330	
World War 5,840	2,317	4,055	2,356	14,568	
World Problems . . 1,156	252	351	90	1,849	

8,807 3,287 6,329 3,690 22,113

Has your church entered the campaign? Have you taken the active part necessary to insure its success? A new book entitled "World Problems" is just off the press. It is well written and deals with some of the most important perplexities and problems that are confronting the world today and gives their remedy. There is a solution, a remedy, and your friends will appreciate it if you will show this book to them and tell them something about its purpose, for they are anxiously seeking a solution of the problems that bewilder and perplex them.

Wherever campaigns with these books are in progress the Lord is greatly blessing; and what is being done where they have been presented to our people is only suggestive of the mighty work that can be done if all our churches, and every member in every church would take an active part in this general campaign. Let us work to the end that it shall become general, as there is no question but what now is the opportune time to distribute large quantities of "World War" and "World Problems."

J. B. GIDDINGS.

"THE SIGNS WEEKLY"

Subscribe or renew your subscription or your club of "Signs" before December 31, 1917, and you will save money. After January 1, 1918, on account of the constant increase in the cost of paper and other material, the price of the "Signs Weekly" will be

raised to \$1.50 per year. The old price, \$1.00, will hold good until the end of 1917.

Compare the prices below and advance your subscription or club for another year right now. Send subscriptions to your Tract Society.

	1917	1918
Single copy, one year	\$1.00	\$1.50
Five or more in clubs to one person .80		1.00
Five or more to separate addresses .85		1.15
Five or more in clubs six months. .45		.60
Five or more to separate addresses .85		1.15

You can make your money go farther and do more for the spread of the truth if you subscribe now.

C. F. McVAGH.

MORNING WATCH CALENDAR FOR 1918

The Morning Watch Calendars are here. Order your supply before Christmas. Why should we observe the Morning Watch, and what benefits are derived from such a custom? You no doubt know that the Bible plainly teaches that in order that we may expect success both in spiritual and material things, we must take time to meditate and let the Lord speak to us. The prophet Habakkuk puts it in these words: "I will stand upon my watch and set me upon the tower and will watch to see what He will say unto me and what I shall answer when I am reproved." The prophet lays more stress upon the Lord's speaking to us and our watching and listening than for us to speak to the Lord. We know that both are essential, but unless we take time to study the Word and meditate upon what we read, we will not get the results in our Christian life that the Lord expects us to have.

The Morning Watch Calendar for 1918 was arranged with the intention to give us a good thought each morning, and to help us in our Bible study. It is based on the 12 chapters of "Steps of Christ," and it is intended that it should be read and studied in connection with the verses given in the calendar. It makes a very nice Christmas gift to some friend. There is a good opportunity for all our people to place the truth before their neighbors without arousing any prejudice. They sell for 5c each. Get a good supply before the present edition is exhausted. Order from your Tract Society.

J. J. REISWIG.

British Columbia Conference

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THE LAST CALL

The Harvest Ingathering for 1917 will soon be in the past. The Lord is now giving several days in December in which those who have been unable to go out and solicit may perform their part. *Willingness* to go and labor for the Master in this worthy work is all that is necessary. It seems to me that on the word *willing* is suspended the whole success of the campaign. Everything worth while ever undertaken in this old world has been accomplished because someone was willing to go and to do. Your hope of eternal life depends absolutely on the fact that "there was One

who was *willing* to die." Men and women in all ages have been so touched by this tender *willingness* of the Saviour to save that they too have become seized with the same spirit.

Because of the *willingness* of many of our people in British Columbia, we were able to send over \$417 last month as an offering to the needy fields beyond. God is very pleased with this spirit and it is cause for great rejoicing.

Alone, the Saviour came to this sad, sin-cursed earth. Alone, He suffered in Gethsemane's garden. Separated from His Father's love, He died alone. Yet in the work He has given His people to perform, not one is asked to do anything alone. "Lo, I am with you *always*." The experiences of those who have been out in the Harvest Ingathering reveal beyond all doubt the accompanying presence of the Holy Spirit.

There are papers and supplies on hand at the office for all who send for them. This is the last call. "Who then is *willing* to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord" in the finishing of the 1917 Harvest Ingathering Campaign in British Columbia?

In the strength of the Lord let me labor and pray,

Let me watch as a winner of souls,

That bright stars may be mine in the glorious day

When His praise like the sea billows rolls.

T. S. BOWETT.

REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

Name—	Member-ship	Av. Atten-ship dance	12th Sab-bath	13th Sab-bath	Total
Armstrong.....	16	19	\$23 28	\$12 80	\$36 08
Beaver Creek.....	7	5	2 00	25	2 25
Chief Lake.....	7	7	40	10	50
Chilliwack.....	16	14	10 93	95	11 88
Courtenay x10th Sabbath)	14	13	11 71		11 71
Cumberland.....	10	8	2 15	3 59	5 74
Grand Forks.....	13	17	16 68	1 53	18 21
Grandview.....	66	63	58 57	24 02	82 59
Hagensborg.....	22	11	70	3 60	4 30
Kelowna.....	19	18	14 51	7 37	21 88
Little River x3 Sab.)	4	4	65	1 00	1 65
Lumen Grandview.....	55	38	34 81	8 81	43 62
Manson xPitt Meadows)	15	15	14 48	6 00	20 48
Masset.....	8	7	14 25	17 50	31 75
Midway.....	8	9	15 24	1 80	17 04
Minto x3 Sabbaths)	8	7	1 20	35	1 55
Mission City.....	7	7	7 30	1 00	8 30
Mountain View.....	17	12	5 08	6 58	11 66
Nanaimo.....	18	17	21 48	17 52	39 00
Nelson.....	30	22	14 13	8 04	22 17
Penticton.....	33	25	31 92	8 01	39 93
Read Island.....	9	8	6 88	3 25	10 13
Silver Creek.....	12	14	4 03	45	4 48
Vancouver—4:					
42nd Ave.....	22	19	10 23	26 00	36 23
Maple St.....	27	21	36 32	17 00	53 32
Union St.....	45	42	33 72	16 00	49 72
S. Vancouver.....	27	19	57 99	18 90	76 89
Vernon.....	15	14	10 98	3 00	13 98
Victoria.....	16	16	13 01	7 13	20 14
Home Department.....	24	24	37 50	11 22	48 72
Totals.....	590	515	\$512 13	\$233 77	\$745 90

No of schools—29, of which 7 are family schools.
Perfect Attendance Cards issued—61.

Names entered on Conference Memory Verse Honor Roll—31.

Thirteen taking Sabbath School Workers' Training Course.

Sabbath School periodicals taken—95 Sabbath School Workers; 98 Youth's Instructor; 96 Little Friend; 265 Quarterlies.

During part of the summer the Little River and Minto family schools met with a family at Courtney, but as this family left there early in September, the Courtney school was disbanded and the others re-organized.

We are pleased to welcome a new school at Chilliwack.

A hearty invitation is again extended our isolated members to unite with our Home Department class. What a help it would be to the individual and to the work could we but realize our aim of "Every believer a member of the Sabbath school."

This report looks small when compared with the larger conferences of Alberta and Saskatchewan, but our conference is not nearly so large as theirs. We feel greatly encouraged, as this is the best record we have yet made.

We regret so many have dropped from the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course. We know the summer season was a busy one, and that is doubtless the main reason of this falling off. But if you have failed in keeping up your studies this year, let this not discourage you from beginning the new course in February next. Those who have followed the articles in the "Worker" and the textbook, "Learning to Teach from the Master Teacher," must have been benefitted. Some letters have come in stating how helpful these studies have proved to them. We trust that all who have continued this course will soon send in the required statement setting forth the ten distinct points in the book that have helped them most, and secure the certificate for 1917.

(MRS.) SADIE MCN. JEMSON,

Acting Sabbath School Secretary for the British Columbia Conference.

GRAND FORKS

A recent visit to Cascade, a small hamlet a short distance east of Grand Forks, gave Mrs. Wood one of the best experiences in the Harvest Ingathering work she has had thus far this year. Taking the 5:23 p.m. train one evening, she arrived in Cascade at 6 o'clock and immediately began work. The unusual hour appeared to take the people by surprise, and their response was indeed generous. By 8 o'clock the greater part of the village had been covered, the balance being finished in the morning in time to return by the train going west to Grand Forks.

This "flying visit" increased her list \$22. When it is considered that Cascade is a "two-store village," it truly shows that the Lord went before and prepared the hearts of the people, for a donation was received in every home, but two, and at these, sincere regrets were expressed that they had no money at hand.

C. E. Wood.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Dole-Miller was born 1836, March 17, at Ottawa, Ont. Died Nov., 1917. In 1854 was married to Geo. Miller, who died several years since. On coming to British Columbia, some ten years ago, she heard the Sabbath message and at once began its

observance. At the age of 19 she gave her heart to Jesus and united with the Baptist. She was a member of the 42nd Ave S.D.A. Church of Vancouver, B.C. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to those in attendance from Job 14:14.

A. O. BURRILL.

B.C. NOTES

Brother and Sister Harry Cameron recently arrived from Saskatchewan, where they were engaged in Bible work. They will take up this line of work in the city of Vancouver in connection with plans of the British Columbia conference for evangelical work in the coast cities.

We extend a hearty welcome to Brother and Sister Cameron, and sincerely hope that God will abundantly prosper their united efforts for the salvation of souls.

Since returning from Minneapolis, Elder Gilbert has visited Chilliwack. He reports enjoyable visits, with several families who are deeply interested in the truth. The Lord is blessing richly the efforts of Elder Potter and Brother Bellchamber in that field of labor.

A general letter has been mailed to our people advising them that periodical rates will be advanced in price beginning with January 1, 1918, and that by renewing before December 31, 1917, the present rate may be secured. We trust that everyone will take hold of this opportunity.

Missionary report blanks have been mailed to all isolated members, which we trust will be completed and sent in to the office soon after Dec. 31. This last quarter's report of missionary work should easily be the largest of the year. Several thousand Harvest Ingathering papers are being distributed throughout the province, all of which should be included in the report.

Brother C. W. Peters, from Sewall, Graham Island, recently passed through the city on his way to his home, Seattle. We were glad to have a visit from this brother and receive from him interesting news of our people who are holding up the light of truth in that northerly section of our great field.

The members of the Vancouver churches were privileged recently to attend two union meetings, at which Elder W. C. White, of St. Helena, Cal., was the speaker. His address on the "Spirit of Prophecy" was encouraging. He related many interesting incidents which occurred in the life of his mother, Sister E. G. White. These proved how wonderfully the Lord has guided His people through the dark clouds of perplexity by revealing light through the gift of the spirit of prophecy.

Another welcome friend arrived in Vancouver on Nov. 22nd, in the person of Elder Meade MacGuire. Special meetings were held Thursday and Friday evenings at the Union Street Church, to listen to Elder MacGuire's inspiring talks on "Salvation" and "Faith." These were messages of encouragement and were instrumental in kindling hope anew and increasing faith in the ability of our Father to save by the wondrous gift of His Son.

On Sabbath morning Elder MacGuire spoke at the River Road Church, and in the afternoon he addressed another union meeting, speaking on the subject of "Christian Living in the Home." Following this service he addressed the young people, urging them to enlist in the ranks of the Lord's army for active service in the finishing of the work. All the meetings were well attended and the presence of the Holy Spirit richly blessed the speaker in his words of admonition and encouragement.

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ALBERTA ACADEMY

No doubt many of the readers of the "Tidings" have been disappointed since the opening of school, in not seeing some report from the Academy. Our time at

the school has been well taken up so that we have been very busy as is usually the case at any school opening. It would seem, however, that we have been even more occupied than at previous openings, owing to the many perplexities arising from our new course of study and its proper adjustments.

Our school opened October 31, as advertised. In the first week of school 117 enrolled and from that time until now our enrollment stands at 182. This compares very favorably with the enrolment of previous years, in fact is the largest enrolment enjoyed at this date.

Of this number it may be said that the Lord has specially favored us in bringing together so large a number of consecrated young people. We feel that we have a diligent student body who are here for the greatest good. Surely in such times as these our young people should be solemnized to realize their privileges now being enjoyed and avail themselves of every opportunity to prepare themselves for the Master's use.

The accommodations for the physical comforts of the students are the best in the history of the school. Two weeks before school opened the dormitories were supplied with steam heat. The plant is operating nicely and seems to be a success in every way. Since the opening of school, the workmen have continued to install the radiation in the Academy building until now the larger part of the building is under steam heat.

Tonight as I sit and write these few lines, I do so by the electric lights of the Academy. This is the first night for the electric lights, they having been on but a few hours. Everything is working nicely and these too are much appreciated by the students.

Though at the opening of school our laboratory apparatus had not arrived, we have since received a good shipment which allows us to do good work in the sciences. It is not saying too much to say that the present course of study would not have been workable without the laboratory rooms and apparatus added this year.

The work of the school has been somewhat interrupted, though, too, we are glad for the interruptions.

Shortly after the opening of school, Elder McGuire and Elder I. J. Reiswig were here to conduct a Missionary Volunteer convention. At the close of this we were happily surprised to have Elder W. C. White from St. Helena, California. Shortly following this, Prof. Smith, of Walla Walla, Washington, and Professor Griggs, of Washington, D.C., were here for a little time. These visitors are all joyfully welcomed and trust will be coming this way again for a longer time.

Our course of study as introduced this year is working very nicely. Our students have shown a loyal spirit of co-operation in their school work, and I believe the year bids fair to be our best year.

We are pleased to say that there is a good spiritual atmosphere present. Our Friday night meetings have been a source of inspiration to all.

The Harvest Ingathering campaign showed a good wholesome endeavor in the service of the Master.

Pray that the Lord may add His blessings to our endeavors for the young people.

E. D. DICK.

OUR SABBATH SCHOOLS

Report blanks, Sabbath-school supplies and letters have been sent to our superintendents and secretaries of our Sabbath-schools and our Home Department members, for this quarter ending December 31, 1917.

We hope a full report will come in along all lines, especially along financial lines. Last quarter several failed to report at all; others failed to report one cent given to missions during the quarter. We are sure this did not show a true record, but was owing to lack of reporting.

We shall never have a more favorable opportunity for bringing to the millions of China—who are in darkness—the light of life, by the printed page, than now; and never will the funds we possess be of greater value to accomplish this work than at this moment. We trust, therefore, that we shall have a larger 13th Sabbath offering December 29, 1917, than has ever been collected by our Sabbath-schools.

Yours for advancement in the Sabbath-school,

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS.

Conference Sabbath-school Secretary.

A WAITING FIELD

Since my last report I have visited thirty homes of our isolated believers in the northeastern part of the province. By the help of the Lord I have been able to place thirty-five orders for our good papers and books, such as the "Review," "Instructor," "Signs," "Soul Winning," etc., in the homes of our people. In this district there has been but very little evangelistic work ever done, but our faithful canvassers have accomplished a splendid work scattering the printed pages over the territory, and now the way is open for meetings in several places. God has also blessed the efforts of our dear brethren and sisters living in various parts of that country.

Practically everyone has been successful in gathering funds for missions. Surely God has kindly given us excellent weather for our campaign this fall, for which we should not forget to thank him. Every person who has engaged in the Ingathering work has been richly blessed and rewarded for their efforts. If there are some of our people in other parts of the province, either isolated or in the churches, who have not yet been able to take part in this grand and important work, please do not longer delay. Let none say, "There is a lion in the way." Daniel feared them not.

We still have a few more weeks in which to reach our goal of \$5,000.00. We must not disappoint the Lord nor His missionaries in far off lands, who are anxiously looking to us for support. We cannot refuse them the help they need just now for the finishing of the work. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Matt. 9:38.

P. A. RICK.

MARRIED—At Claresholm, Alberta, December 5, Lawrence S. Mabley and Almeida Willett. These young people have a large circle of friends among the readers of the Tidings who will join with us in wishing them a happy home and useful life. Elder McVagh officiated at the wedding.

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WEEK OF PRAYER

December 8-15.

One of the most precious helps that God has caused to be established in the church for His remanent people is the week of prayer. If any people ever needed the help of God, it is the Seventh-day Adventists, and if we as a people ever needed the influence of the week of prayer, it is now. God would have a tried people. Daniel 12:10. But if we keep up with God's plans for us, the trials only work for us "a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." 11 Corinthians, 4:17. In other words, these trials are our servants to purify and prepare us for the glory that is soon to be revealed at the second coming of our Lord. They only work to this good end, however, when we look to the eternal things and shut out the temporal things from our vision. But sometimes Satan gets the advantage of our poor, weak flesh and brings a cloud into our experience that blinds us to God's plans and mercy and brings discouragement into our lives. Single handed, even with the regular means of grace, we do not rise above it. But when the week of prayer comes and all God's people lay aside a portion of their daily toil to seek God together, as one people, then in answer to these united prayers, the mighty host of angels that excell in strength that do God's commandments (Psalms 103:20) beat back the angels of darkness and the refreshing influence of the Holy Spirit brings victory, deliverance and courage to all who participate in the prayer season. As our need is greater than ever this winter, we ought to enter more earnestly than ever into the week of prayer.

The time has been fixed December 8-15. Let the churches plan for meetings every day if consistent and let those who are unable to attend the public service enter into it by setting apart for prayer at home the time when the church is praying together. As far as possible, conference laborers will give help to the churches, but do not forget that a good delegation of angels will be present even if in some places a conference laborer does not reach you.

The Annual Offering for missions should be taken up in all the churches on the Sabbath, December 15.

C. F. McVAGH.

Below we give a list showing the appointments made for December 8-15:

APPOINTMENTS FOR WEEK OF PRAYER

Babienco, T. T.	Beaver Creek
Diminyatz, Theo.	East Regina
Ziprick, O.	Fenwood
.....	Rosthern
.....	Waldheim
Ross, Geo.	Hillesden
Kitto, R. H.	Macrorie
.....	Surbiton
Berg, Henry	Prussia
Neufeld, D. D.	Loreburn

.....	Queen Center
.....	Tugaske
J. G. Walker	Regina
.....	Sunset
Mackintosh, M.	Swift Current
.....	Monse Jaw
Forshaw, W. G.	Prince
Clemensen, W. A.	Kindersley
.....	McGee
Baerg, John	Langham
Dexter, R. S.	Carlton
Wissner, U.	Hanley

CANORA

On the 16th of November Brother Wissner, Brother Dyninatz, and myself left for Canora, where an institute had been appointed with the newly organized church at that place. We held our first meeting on Sabbath with all the brethren and several outsiders present. The meeting house was filled. The interest shown both by the brethren and the public was very encouraging, and we believe that the instruction that was given will be a help to the church there. Special stress was laid upon the Home Missionary work and the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

On Sunday afternoon we all went out to the White Sand river where we buried four souls with their Lord in baptism. These were some of the visible fruits of Brother Illescu's labor in Canora and vicinity. This brother has a good interest aroused among the Roumanian people there, and we believe that this is only the first of a greater number that will soon step out and follow the Lord in His way.

May the Lord bless this church as they put forth earnest efforts for the salvation of souls around them.

W. A. CLEMENSEN.

FINDLATER AND MOOSE JAW

The past month I have been holding meetings in the Sunset School house ten miles southwest of Findlater. As a result, five new ones are attending the Sunset School-house, ten miles southwest of our Lord's return. The Latter Day Saints have a church in that neighborhood and, as usual, they did their utmost to keep folks from keeping the "commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." They are teaching rebellion against God's law and the immortality of the soul, continuing the work the devil started in the Garden of Eden. If any of them are troubling you, just ask them which of the ten commandments they are planning to break in heaven. If they don't expect to break them there, why teach people that Jesus abolished them.

We are holding meetings at present in Moose Jaw and hope to baptize some converted souls in a few days.

M. MACKINTOSH.

NEWS ITEMS

What have you done to help win—the Harvest Ingathering Campaign? Good reports are coming in from all over the field. One English-speaking brother landed in a settlement of our neighbors who could hardly make themselves understood in that language or understand it themselves; but they could understand when he said the magic word "Missions," and they were glad to give him 25 or 50 cents for the paper, just for the pictures, though they could not read a word of it. Another brother did not have

a good experience last year with the paper, so he did not want to go out this year; but when he did finally try it he was so delighted with the result that he could hardly stop work when he had finished all the territory within reach. Now if you think you will not get much money for your efforts, talk the matter over with the Lord, then go out and try it for the sake of the spiritual benefit you will get out of it; you will be surprised with the results.

Brothers Walker, Clemensen and Wissner are visiting among the churches and holding Institutes. Whether they are coming to your church or not, pray that the Lord may attend them in this work.

We have a fine autumn this year, but winter is surely coming. What are you doing for the amusement of the little folks during the long, cold evenings, that are just before us? The publishers of the "Little Friend" are offering as a premium with that paper a book that will help to fill in the hours when they have nothing to do. The title of the book is "Something to Do." Write to the Tract Society to find out about it.

Brother D. D. Neufeld was a caller at the office recently. Brother Rowse also stopped here on his way home from Battleford.

OBITUARY

Bartley—Mary Jane Bartley, aged 65 years, 9 months and 17 days, passed away November 24. Sister Bartley accepted the Sabbath truth about fifteen years ago, but it was not until four years ago when Elder Rider held a series of meetings in the Sunset School house that she fully understood the Third Angel's message. It was at that time that the children, William, John and Mrs. Bert Brown, gave themselves to God and His truth. Sister Bartley was very much enjoying a series of meetings held by the writer in the Sunset School house when she was taken sick for the last time. A number of times she expressed herself as willing and ready to go. Her only anxious thought being for the children she was leaving to face the perils of these last days. Her dying prayer was for them. Let all who read this pray that the family may be reunited in immortality. We laid her to rest November 26 in the Findlater, cemetery.

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FIELD WORK

Since last reporting I have visited the church at Russell, and was pleased to meet with them for Sabbath services, also on Sunday. Elder Ziprick translated for me. I shall long remember the earnest spirit manifested by the believers. My prayer is that the Lord may bless them and as there is a large number of young people, fit themselves for the work of their Master, and shall look forward with pleasure to another visit with these dear souls.

It was my privilege to spend Sabbath and Sunday among the interested ones down in Rainy River, Ont., holding several cottage meetings as well as Sabbath-school. Several families are very anxious to hear more of the truth and those who are keeping the Sabbath are faithful.

Was glad to visit Bro. Henry Janzen at Winkler, making several calls near him, but the storm rendered the roads impassable and we could not visit other

believers who live from 10 to 20 miles from there. I shall be glad, and my plan is to meet all the believers of the Morden church later.

Sabbath and Sunday I held meetings and visited with the believers at Carberry. Sister Barrington and children were moving to Lacombe and it was thought best that we disband the church, the remaining members joining the conference church. May each dear soul in this place prove faithful and live the truth and Message for the time, that our light may shine, that souls may desire to follow in our footsteps. May we trust in God and triumph with the truth and God's people.

I was pleased to meet with the Wednesday night class that Elder Hansen has in Winnipeg, and give the evening study on the subject of Christ's Second Coming. This is a very interesting class and all enjoy the study of God's word, and the courage and strength that it brings.

Twelve days were spent attending the Fall Council at Minneapolis, Minn., which I enjoyed very much. Following the council Elder W. C. White spent a day in Winnipeg, and in the evening spoke to the church. All appreciated his talk very much and we will be glad to have him stop again.

Several days were spent with Elders Ziprick and Neufeld at Beausejour. After holding several meetings we called a business meeting and disbanded the church. We were made sad to find that most of the Sabbath keepers here had followed the unscriptural doctrines of "no divine Christ, no intercessor or high priest, no angels," and yet we are glad to say that there are a few who are faithful to the Third Angel's Message and some interest is manifested by some who have not become Sabbath keepers. The conference took the church building over and rented it to a small company of people who wished to secure it for use. We hope later to have a strong church gathered out here again. May the Lord bless the faithful ones and may they trust in their Saviour, the one who is interceding for them in the sanctuary above and may He be the author and finisher of their faith. I shall be glad to hold more services here again.

The Manitoba conference welcomes Elder Neufeld of Alberta conference to this needy corner of the great harvest field and we believe that his labors will be a real blessing to the work of God. Elders Ziprick and Neufeld are laboring among the German-speaking people together for a time. Bro. Neufeld will move his family out here in the spring.

G. H. SKINNER.

NEWS NOTES

We were pleased to have Bro. Geo. McKelvy, of Katime, at the office last week, while in the city on business.

Over 700 attended a meeting held in the Walker theatre on the 11th of Sept. The large company present paid good attention to Elder Hansen as he presented the topic, "The End of the World and Armageddon." As a result of this effort several are now interested who did not know of the truth before, and quite a number attend the meetings held on Sunday evenings.

Nearly \$400 received at the office to date for the Ingathering. Manitoba's share of the \$150,000 is \$594. If all can secure about \$1.00 more apiece we shall more than reach our quota. We trust none will be satisfied, however, to reach the goal, but that all will continue this good work and secure funds for the FINISHING of the work of God. We have come to the time when we must work for soon it will be too late. Let none pass by any opportunity to save a soul from death.

The tithe for 1917 has already exceeded that for 1916, and the mission funds are showing a steady gain. Every true Seventh-day Adventist who believes this message can rejoice, yet souls are yet straying and "we may save one." God's work is on to victory.

Last Sabbath and Sunday Elder Skinner spent with those at Grandview, returning to Winnipeg Monday morning.

Brother McGee, who has been canvassing north of Winnipeg, has completed his delivery in that part and is now north of Portage, in the neighborhood of Amaranth. Wherever he goes he leaves a trail of books which speak the Message of the return of Jesus.

Letters received at the office from over the conference show an increasing interest on the part of all in the work of the Lord. As the world conditions intensify, the work of the Lord intensifies. A good supply of small books and tracts are on hand at the office to aid all in bringing the Message to friends and neighbors.

We hope to have the small cook-book, which quite a number ordered at camp-meeting, on hand about the middle of December. As soon as received, all orders will be filled, and any other desiring a copy should order at once. Ask for "Food and Cookery."

USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

As a denomination we do not recognize Christmas except as a worldly holiday, but so much is made of Christmas and New Year's by the world at large that oftentimes it becomes necessary to send a "Season's Greetings" to some friend or make a small gift. Our books should be just the thing for this purpose, or a subscription to some one of our publications. There is variety enough to suit every pocketbook and the truth-filled literature will be a great help in leading souls to Jesus.

THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE has recently placed with the Tract Societies a very attractive holiday card in a neat envelope, which may be purchased and represents one year's subscription to *The Watchman*. You can mail this or give it to some friend the same as a Christmas gift, and the magazine will be sent them every month for a year. Let us take advantage of every opportunity afforded by the world to carry present truth to our relatives, friends and neighbors and thus finish the work.

STEADMAN OF THE AMBULANCE CORPS

A story by Ruth Lees Olson that may have its counterpart in the experiences of some of our Adventist boys who must go to the front. She describes in vivid language actual scenes in first-aid work. Lient. Steadman, a Sabbath-keeper, with a number of others, was taken prisoner by the enemy, was cast into a dark, damp dungeon, and when his comrades had well-nigh lost hope, he revived their spirits and kindled their interest in spiritual things by explaining the last day prophecies of God's word. This is one of the many features of the bigger and better "Signs Magazine" for January; \$1.00 a year until the first of January; \$1.50 thereafter. Speaking of holiday remembrances, why not the "Signs Magazine"? To five or more of your friends for a whole year at 60c. each.

Did you enroll in a Missionary Volunteer Reading Course? Then don't peter; finish it before Christmas.

Send the *Morning Watch Calendar* to your friends this year instead of a Christmas card.

Remember that the dates for the regular Standard of Attainment examinations have been changed. The next test will be in December. Are you getting ready for it?

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FARMERS EXEMPT

A letter in The Morning Albertan of December 3, signed by Mr. J. M. Carson, of Calgary, Registrar of the Military Service Act for Alberta, says that instructions have been received from Ottawa authorizing the appeal judges and others concerned in carrying out the Military Service Act to exempt bonified farmers and farm laborers as long as they continue to be farmers and producers from military service; it being deemed that they are more help to the Empire and to humanity while producing food than in the army. Mr. Carson further says that all cases passed upon up to the present time may be appealed on or before December 10. Farmer boys who have been denied exemption should write a letter to Mr. Carson at once, merely stating that they desire to appeal. They will then be told when and where the appeal will be heard.

OUR SCHOOLS

Since the Council at Minneapolis it has been my privilege to visit our Academies in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Both Battleford and Lacombe now have a much larger attendance than at the same period last year. This is most encouraging. Our people are sustaining these schools nobly, both in the matter of means and in sending their children to be trained for greater usefulness. Both school buildings now have steam heat and electric lights and improved facilities in the way of room, library, laboratory equipment. These are greatly appreciated, both by students and faculty. Strong faculties are in charge who deserve the full confidence of our people. Doubtless there are many others in the Western Canadian Union who ought to be in school, and who could be if greater efforts were put forth. We are looking to our own schools for the teachers and laborers to fill the many calls for help, both in Canada and in the mission fields.

Professor Griggs, educational secretary of the North American Division Conference, inspected the schools and rendered a very favorable report of the equipment and quality of work being done.

C. F. McVAGH.

HARVEST INGATHERING NOTES

Mrs. F. H. Kay writes: "We are having some grand times in our Harvest Ingathering. We are finding interested souls, loving hearts as well as the indifferent. One family asked many questions and desired Bible studies, and on my last trip one gentle-

man said, 'That's just the work my heart's in.' He much desired literature and I have put his name on my mailing list. As soon as I solicited from him, he turned and solicited a friend."

The Harvest Ingathering receipts in the Alberta Conference are to date \$5,372.85. The prospects are that the Conference will make an average of \$6 per member. As a result of this effort new life has come to many of the churches. Let the good work go on.

Elder J. J. Reiswig is a recent visitor at the Union office. He left Calgary December 6 for Grandview, British Columbia, where he will spend the week of prayer.

The Sanitarium located in Calgary at 322 First Avenue, northeast has had a splendid patronage from the time it opened its doors. They have been constantly crowded for room and the workers have been laboring almost beyond their strength to make the work a success.

The following lines have just been received from British Columbia: "An accident has befallen the thermometer at the Maple Street Church. Constructed to register only \$125 degrees of Harvest Ingathering heat, it has failed to withstand the pressure of \$185 degrees and burst on December 1st."

Special attention is called to Elder Evans' article on the last page of the Review and Herald of December 6, asking that a collection be taken in all our churches for the relief of the suffering Armenians and Syrians. The collection will be taken January 12, 1918. More will appear in the Tidings with reference to it later.

Let the 1918 *Morning Watch Calendar* guide you in your study of the Christian life. Get it from your Tract Society.

How many Missionary Volunteers will give ten *Morning Watch Calendars* away and help ten persons to form the Morning Watch habit? Will you?

LIVE QUESTIONS

1. Who are the kings of the East and what will they do in the last days?
2. What great world problem looms just ahead?
3. Are Mormons polygamous and do they still advocate its practice?
4. Will Turkey actually be driven from Europe?
5. Will Rome exalt herself in Europe's peace deliberations?
6. Where is Hell? Is it burning now?
7. What shall we do on that meatless day?
8. Are labor-saving machines and devices a sign of the end?

Each question is the basis of a December *Signs Magazine* article. You can heartily recommend this last but not least of the 1917 issues.

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