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"MIZPAH"

"The Lord will watch between us now,
Though we are far apart;
He knows thy thoughts. He knoweth mine,
And keeps us heart to heart.
What though the land and sea divide,
Yet there is nought to fear,
The same blue sky still shelters us,
And God himself is near."

"Absent from each, yet close to Him,
Holding the self-same hand,
No anxious thought, no weary sigh,
But He will understand;
He knows the ties we hold so dear,
Each wish of thine and mine,
The love, made purer, stronger still,
By His great Love Divine."

—Terry.

THE USE OF THE TITHE

"God has given special direction as to the use of the tithe. He does not design that His work shall be crippled for want of means. That there may be no haphazard work and no error, He has made our duty on these points very plain. The portion that God has reserved for Himself is not to be diverted to any other purpose than that which He has specified. Let none feel at liberty to retain their tithe, to use according to their own judgment. They are not to use it for themselves in an emergency, nor to apply it as they see fit, even in what they may regard as the Lord's work.

The minister should, by precept and example, teach the people to regard the tithe as sacred. He should not feel that he can retain and apply it according to his own judgment, because he is a minister. It is not his. He is not at liberty to devote to himself whatever he thinks is his due. He should not give his influence to any plan for diverting from their legitimate use the tithes and offerings dedicated to God. They are to be placed in His treasury and held sacred for His service as He has appointed.

God desires all His stewards to be exact in following divine arrangements. They are not to offset the Lord's plans by performing some deed of charity, or giving some gift or some offering when or how they, the human agents, shall see fit. It is a very poor policy for men to seek to improve on God's plan, and invent a makeshift, averaging up their good impulses on this and that occasion, and offsetting them against God's requirements. God calls upon all to give their influence to His own arrangement. He has made His plan known; and all who would co-operate with Him must carry out this plan, instead of daring to attempt an improvement on it." Test for Church, vol. 9, page 248.

(MRS.) E. G. WHITE.

AN UNUSUAL SITUATION

Seldom, if ever, have our Sabbath school been called upon to relieve so desperate a situation as that which is presented to us in the object of the next Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. There is no need in all our foreign work that is more urgent, more appealing, than for literature to be provided for the nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples in the Asiatic Division. Native believers are waiting with outstretched hands for the truth-filled papers, books, and leaflets which they can so easily sell to the millions who must hear this truth before the work can be finished. There is in some of these places a veritable famine—a famine for the printed message of the third angel. One would think that the real difficulty would be to get the literature carried to the homes of the millions in these lands, but no, the problem now is to get the message printed.

Imagine the tenseness of a meeting like this: The superintendents of these far-away mission fields assemble at a central point with two or three of the leading General Conference visiting brethren. Each man has brought from his field his budget of items with the approximate cost—so much for the wage of workers—so much for the maintenance of the work already started, so much for the absolute necessities, so much to fit out the little printing plant that willing, faithful colporteurs need not quit their work for the lack of the printed page. Each man in accordance with instructions from headquarters has already pared his budget of items and costs down to the quick. The columns are added. The totals are brought together. The grand total for the whole field is staggering. It is far beyond the amount that can be counted on as coming from us to the mission fields.

What can be done? Only one thing. Items in the budget must be cut down. Again the lists are gone over. And with every stroke of the pencil each heart grows heavier.

A superintendent of one of the fields arises and asks, "Brethren, does this mean that we cannot have our little printing plant?"

"That is what it means," was the reply.

And the man who had arisen sank back in his seat with a blanched face, tear-dimmed eyes, and a prayer to God for help. Strong men wept with him, but the work of cutting out items from the budgets still went on.

Now, brethren and sisters, those men counted on the Sabbath schools giving \$30,000 on December 29. But that is *all* they counted on from us. With

a burden on my heart, such as I have seldom carried, I ask you, Is that all we are going to give? Remember, every dollar given beyond that amount will help put back some item of need in the publishing work which is now stricken from the budget. At the recent Council meeting held at Minneapolis, every cord limiting the use of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering was cut, and we can sacrifice to our utmost to swell the offering on December 29 with the assurance that the overflow will be directly used for the specified needs.

How much better than \$30,000 can we do?

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER,
Secretary Sabbath School Department.

EVERY DAY

Several times I laid my fountain pen aside because it began to blot; it was so disappointing to have it bedeck the pages with big blotches of ink. But I soon learned that the pen was not ruined; it was only empty and needed refilling. That was all, but that made all the difference there is between the useful and the *worse than useless* article.

This set me thinking. What if God should lay me aside when I blot the page for the day with mistakes? How often I have looked back over the record blotted with sins of commission and omission—with unkind words and neglected duties that filled the evening reflections with bitter regret! How often I have failed! How often I have disappointed God when he has tried to use my life for writing in another heart His message of loving care! And again and again an accusing conscience has whispered to my despairing heart: You failed to let God fill you today.

A new year lies before us! Its pages are still white. But they must all be filled as God turns the leaves. Now if we really desire to fill each page with a record of which our Master can approve, we must let Him fill us daily for service. If He does not fill us daily, we cannot succeed; if He does, we cannot fail. He must direct our feet and strengthen our hands for work. This is the spiritual law of cause and effect; and we cannot escape it.

The psalmist knew this law for he declared, "Thy words have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee." What he did, we must do in order to live right and to serve successfully. Our Master and Saviour when on earth followed the plan recommended by the psalmist. He studied the Scriptures; lived in perfect harmony with them; and He was an eminently successful worker—not one failure stained His Wonderful record. He "spoke as never man spoke"; He knew how to comfort the sorrowing; He had power to heal the afflicted; He was able, through God, to finish the work He came to do.

So the real question you and I are facing is: Will we pay the price of success during 1918? Will we hide enough of God's Word in our hearts to serve Him acceptably? Every day we should study the Guide Book—eat this bread of eternal life—for our spiritual life is as dependent upon prayer and Bible study as our physical life is on air and food. And we should study the Bible from Gen. 1:1 to Rev.

22:21, for it is all the word of God, and "is profitable in righteousness." From cover to cover the Good Book is filled with the help we need for living the victorious life. Do you desire to become a successful Christian worker? Then will not you join with hundreds of other young people in reading the Bible through during 1918?

M. V. DEPARTMENT.

FOOD CONSERVATION

Lately articles have appeared in the "Review and Herald" urging our people in the United States, as far as possible, to co-operate with the American Government Food Controller, Mr. Hoover, who formerly had charge of the Belgian Relief work. The object of the government is to educate the citizens to care for and consume at home perishable foods and to substitute other foods on certain days for beef, bacon and wheat, which are especially needed for export to feed the soldiers of the Allies, the civilian population in Europe and the thousands of prisoners of war.

In the war torn countries, much of the suffering falls upon the old people, the women and children, and many will starve this winter unless food can reach them from Canada and the United States. Of all people, Seventh-Day Adventists ought to economize and be temperate and helpful at all times, and in this time we ought to show our loyalty to the principles of civil government and not fall behind our neighbors of other denominations in conservation of food and conscientious regard for the reasonable suggestions of the Government Food Controller.

The Canadian Government also has a food controller, Mr. Hama, with whom our people in Canada can co-operate. The department has printed for free circulation some helpful pamphlets on the relative value of the various food substances, and on how to can, dry and care for fruits, vegetables etc. They have also a series of pledge cards that those who desire may pledge to substitute other foods for beef, bacon and wheat on certain days. If all the people of Canada will heed these suggestions it will mean the saving of tons of these commodities for export to Europe. Seventh-Day Adventists will have no trouble in making a good record on the beef and bacon part of the program, and while we are large users of wheat, we also have a good knowledge of the value of other cereals, and moderate substitutions for wheat will work no hardship. Use your knowledge of, and experience in, vegetarianism to show your neighbor how to do it. We should have no conscientious scruples about helping the government in the matter of food conservation. We are asking to have our boys exempt from combatant service, so we should be all the more willing to do everything we can to show that we are not resisters of civil government, and that our sympathies are not with the enemies of the flag under whose protection we live.

C. F. McVAGH.

ALMOST GONE

The time is rapidly passing when periodicals can be purchased at the old prices. Have you renewed your *Review*? Here are some testimonies to its value:

"I tried to get along without it two or three years, but I felt I couldn't take it (not because I did not want

to). But, oh, what I suffered. No one knows how I missed it. I bore the agony as long as I could, and finally decided I would again subscribe for it at any cost. I felt I would be willing to go without some other things less needful in order to have the good old Review come to my house once more. Being an isolated Sabbath keeper, it is truly comforting and keeps one in touch with the message and our ministers and workers in the field."

"To me the Review is one of the essentials of spiritual growth. I cannot be without it so long as I desire to keep growing in the message work!"

"Sometimes I get weary, lonely and the time looks long, but the good old Review follows me around the country, and if it does not reach me when the Sabbath comes I miss it terribly. It cheers me on my way. It keeps me abreast with the times. It shows me what God's people are doing all around the world. It tells me that the poor heathen are getting won by the thousands for Christ. The best of all, it tells me that Christ is soon coming in the clouds with great power and all his host of holy angels. Then we are going to be caught up to meet the Lord in the air."

"I could not get along without it, and I am glad I cannot. It brings us all as believers in this message closer together. I believe I have taken it ever since I became a Seventh-day Adventist, and I hope to take it till the end."

"I can truthfully say it has been a great help and comfort to me these many years, as I have been a reader of the Review ever since I was sixteen years old in my father's house. I have read it for more than forty years, and I could not do without it now."

"I have been a subscriber for the Review for over five years. I would not do without it. I had rather go hungry than do without the Review. I also subscribed for it for two of my daughters. One of my daughters has been giving it to her neighbor and she has commenced to keep the Sabbath. When I have read mine I send it to a niece, who seems to appreciate it very much. She writes that her father and husband both enjoy reading it. Her husband before this time was almost an infidel, and she says he spent one whole Sunday reading our literature."

"I have had the good old Review to read most of the time ever since I can remember. My father always took it while he lived, and I hope I never will be without it while this world stands. Our people do not know what they are missing when they are without the Review."

"Dear Old Review:—How could I do without your weekly visits? I should feel lost, deserted, and lonely. I am looking for you every Thursday. The many good sermons the Review carries to me! A live minister has not been to visit us here for more than a year. But the Review brings us sermons full of life—reviving in their influence, comforting and strengthening us."

What about your *Signs* weekly club, that paper so greatly used of the Lord in saving souls? Have you sent in your renewal, and increased your club for the greater needs of next year? That those not of our faith value this paper and are benefited by it the following statements show:

"We read the *Signs of the Times* from beginning to end, and it is the best little paper of its kind we have ever read. Thank you."

"I am sending in one year's subscription to the *Signs of the Times*, and also one year's subscription to the *Signs Magazine*. I have not been taking them, but have been getting them of some Adventist neighbors. I like them fine, and think what they advocate is all right, so concluded I would send in a subscription of my own."

"I think it is just great of you to write to me as you have and to send that instructive paper, the *Signs of the Times*, so frequently. As little drops of water wear away the hardest rock, so has the influence of the *Signs of the Times* effected a change in my outlook on life and things in general."

"I am not a Seventh-day Adventist, but I believe in the *Signs of the Times*, and the soon coming of Christ. Your paper deals very plainly with this subject, and I shall be glad to take it again."

"I found a copy of the *Signs of the Times*, and found the truth in every word I read."

"One of our isolated sisters sent us an order for five *Signs* weekly to be sent to her neighbors. Accompanying the order was a very interesting letter from a person who has been reading the paper, and who finds in it much light for this time. She also tells of another person who is so interested in the paper that she can scarcely wait for the next one to reach her. Still another, who has been reading the *Signs* for only a few weeks, is very anxious to learn more."

Surely you want to share in the circulation of a paper that is having so much influence. Get your order in for your *Signs* club before the year ends, and have the benefit of the old prices.

How about the *Church Officers' Gazette*? Every church officer should take it and study it, in order to become better fitted to be a leader in God's work. No one should be content with present attainments, but all should strive to attain greater efficiency. Matter for the *Gazette* is prepared by workers of long and varied experience. Up to the end of this year it is 50c for single subscriptions, and 35c for two or more copies to one address for the year. After that it is 10c more. Get in your orders and renewals early.

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WINNIPEG

We have just had our last baptism for the year in which seven adults were added to the faith. We are finding more new people who are getting interested in the message. It is our aim to get a new class to head the truth who will take the place of those for whom the narrow road seems too straight.

Our audience last night was large and a good interest was taken in the discussion of the Holy Spirit. This question is a live wire in this city, where Satan is entertaining the innocent with pretended "Tongue Speaking" and fakers in "Divine Healing." Some of the people are getting their eyes open to some of these things. In our last baptismal class we had two young men who are well along with their high school work and are planning to prepare for teaching. It seems to us that the end is nearing. At any rate, the

Lord seems to be doing special work in helping to finish the message. Our financial report will be interesting and will appear soon.

C. A. HANSEN AND WORKERS.

GROWTH

A few items regarding the progress of our Sabbath schools may be of interest to all in our conference.

For the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1917, our schools with a membership of 343 gave \$545.07 to missions. This is an increase of \$155.97 over the corresponding quarter of 1916, and an increase of \$199.93 above the preceeding quarter. We now have sixty-five Home Department members and the returns from these amounted to \$183.93. While these figures are encouraging, let us not be satisfied but strive to do still more.

Be sure and remember our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering to be taken December 29th for the publishing work in the Asiatic Division. Read Bro. C. E. Weeks' appeal to the General Conference Committee in the Review dated October 25th, if you have not already done so. Vast is the field and great are its needs, and we are hoping that God's people will respond liberally at this time. Let us count our many blessings and then give in the spirit of Him who gave so much for us.

MRS. GEORGE SKINNER,
S.S. Sec. of Manitoba Conference.

ASHERN AND MORDEN

My last two visits were at Ashern and Morden. Ashern is a new district, and the people have a hard pull financially. It is not an easy matter to clear away the brush and stones and then bring the land under cultivation.

Brothers Kettne, and Kolatt live here with their families, and we had a few good meetings in a school house. The dear people turned out nicely. Two families were deeply moved and partly convinced to obey the truth.

During the week of prayer I was with the people at Morden. We had some real spiritual meetings. A deep devotion and consecration settled over the dear people. Although they are quite scattered and the weather was disagreeable, we met quite regularly. The week of prayer offering was \$26.45 from the Morden church.

I hope and pray that our good people will take a firm stand against the false doctrine of Christ, as it is spread by some who think they have new light. It is awful what some can get into. To believe that Christ never really existed before he was born into this world and that his birth was not as related in the record given in the Bible, and last, but not least, that he is not really living at present, but that he is in the grave, is dreadful. O, what a sad condition to come into!

Dear brothers and sisters, let us cling to our living Saviour and present our cases to Him that he may present them to the Father.

C. C. NEUFELD.

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LOOKING AHEAD

The work throughout the Province of British Columbia is moving along very encouragingly. The reports from our workers show that the honest-hearted are responding to the clear presentation of the truth for this time. The Spirit of the Lord is convicting those who are anxious to know the right way to the kingdom. In several instances there has been the clearest evidence that persons were just waiting for the right one to come their way and show them what to do in order to be ready for the close of all earthly things.

The world was never so solemn as in these days. The gospel field was never so ready for the seed of the Word of God as it is today. The hearts of thousands are asking the serious question, What do these things mean? They are looking to some source, to some channel that can give them light in the midst of the darkness. Seeing we as a people have the answer to the question, and can solve the problem from the prophetic Word, shall we not hasten more quickly in response to the world's need?

The British Columbia conference is setting on foot plans for the increased development of the evangelistic work in the coast cities. This class of work has been retarded during past years for lack of funds. But the Lord has opened the way for us to proceed with a program that we trust will be an encouragement to our brethren and sisters in this conference. The North American Division and Western Canadian Union Conferences at the Fall Council in Minneapolis have entered into an arrangement whereby they will assist us in our earnest desires to build up a strong substantial work in each of the large centers that adorn the western coast of our Province. We certainly appreciate this help, and believe that God will enable us to use it in a way that will bring honest souls to a knowledge of the present truth.

Elder and Sister C. E. Wood have been asked to settle in Victoria. An evangelist is being secured to take charge of the work in Vancouver. Another minister will be obtained to take Brother Wood's place in southern British Columbia. Two Bible workers have already been secured, and possibly another one will be added. It is very difficult to get successful workers for our large cities, therefore, it may require several months of negotiations and correspondence before all that we need is obtained. Let us all pray that the Lord will guide in this very important matter.

Our brethren and sisters in these cities can do much in helping forward this evangelistic campaign by organized systematic house-to-house missionary work with our literature adapted for this very class of labor. May every church in Vancouver through the leadership of their respective elders and missionary secretaries begin now to lay plans for a strong

campaign along this line. It will be a splendid preparation for the evangelistic efforts that will follow later.

Since my return from the Fall Council in Minneapolis, I have visited Chilliwack and Victoria where our laborers in these respective places are working hard, and are seeing visible results from their toil. A heavy amount of work at the office, and in the city of Vancouver, has kept me very busy for the past month. We are reorganizing our system of work at the office and installing new and up-to-date equipment by which we will be able to turn out a maximum amount of work with a minimum amount of help. We are sure that our people will be pleased with quality of the work sent out as well as with the quantity. For the new and added equipment makes it possible to produce a first-rate standard of results which was not possible with the old machinery which we were using heretofore.

We are truly glad for the sweet spirit of co-operation manifested by our brethren and sisters in British Columbia. You will be happy when I tell you that we have more than reached our quota on the Harvest Ingathering and Twenty-cent-a-Week Funds, and we have not yet reached the close of the year. Let us thank the Lord for this. The tithe for last month, Brother Bowett tells me, was the highest for British Columbia for many years; that is, for one month. Again, let us thank the Lord for His mighty help. God's people are realizing that the end is near, and they are beginning to send in their means so that it will all be in the cause before the close of probation. The work is soon to be finished, and may the Saviour give us grace to do our little part in assisting to bring it to its triumphal close.

A. C. GILBERT.

THE MORNING WATCH

The time is here to secure the 1918 Calendar.
Have you tested the merits of the Morning Watch?
Ever so many find it indispensable.

Morning by morning it helps me.
Only five cents is the price.
Regard it a daily necessity.
New thoughts it presents each morning.
It promotes quiet study, meditation, and prayer.
No one can afford to be without it.

Give one to your friend.
Watch and pray now as never before.
A closer walk with God we need.
Tarry in the morning by the Living Waters.
Come, young and old.
Hear God's message to you each morning.

LYDIA G. STICKLE.

TO THE BELIEVERS IN THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS:

I feel I must make appeal to our people in behalf of the thirteenth Sabbath offering now so close at hand. It seems to me that this is the most important special Sabbath school offering in any quarter to which we have been privileged to give.

A short time ago an appeal was passed on to our

Sabbath schools from the department at Washington, pleading for an extra lift because of the great needs of the object of our offerings. Have we all read the article in the Review and Herald of October 25, page 20, signed by Brother N. Z. Town? In this is published a letter from Brother Weeks, who has charge of the publishing work in the Asiatic Division. This shows that they hope to become self-supporting, but in order to do so must have an operating fund. Their funds are so short that at times they cannot pay their workers until pay day is far in the past, and one of the employees has even advanced as high as \$800 to buy stamps with which to send out the monthly issues of the papers. Outside of Australia, the combined operating fund of the publishing houses of Japan, Korea, China, the Philippines and India is not \$10,000, and this division with more than half the world's population has asked for \$30,000 to be used as a working capital. But, because of the tremendous responsibility of supplying over half the world's population with literature in various languages, let us come nearer than we have ever done to the cross of Christ and get from there the view the Saviour had when He was raised thereon, then let us praise Him that He has given us this glorious message we have today, and earnestly ask for the grace of giving which He will bestow. Then shall we bring unto Him an offering in love and worship. Instead of the \$30,000 we can make it \$60,000, if each will give double what he intended.

In the past the appropriation asked went to the field for which the offering was taken, and the overflow went into the General Missionary fund. But now, every cent given on December 29 will go to the publishing work among the teeming millions of the East, and hereafter everything given in any thirteenth Sabbath offering will go to that special object.

Earnestly praying that the Lord will burden our hearts with the importance of the tremendous work of sending forth our literature "as autumn leaves" among over half the people of the whole world living in this one division, I remain,

Your fellow laborer,

(Mrs.) SADIE MCN. JENSON.

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LEAVING FOR THE FRONT

Feeling sure that you will be interested in parts of a letter we have received from Washington, we will quote the following:

"Let us not forget our missionaries. A company of about ten of our brothers and sisters sailed on December 20 for China. Brother and Sister Frederick Lee and their two little girls, and Sister Bothilde Miller are returning to their work in China, and Brother and Sister Van Trump, of the Review and Herald Office, are going out for the first time. Bro-

ther Van Trump goes to help in our printing office in Shanghai. Two days later there will sail from San Francisco Dr. and Mrs. James, who are to engage in the medical work to be opened in the city of Canton, China. Our earnest prayers should follow these workers as they leave the homeland for the regions beyond."

We trust you greatly enjoyed the week of special prayer. Surely the events in the world that are so rapidly taking place are a call to us all for earnest supplication to God that He will overrule in the nations.

Wishing you a prosperous and profitable New Year, with kindest regards, we are,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. H. CROTHERS,
Alberta Conference S. S. Secy.

TO THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

We are on the last month of 1917; how about the goal? Have you done your part, and, if so, have you reported it? Our goal for this year is:

Young people converted	34
Missionary Volunteers in Alberta	160
To read the Bible through	28
Reading Course Certificates	100
Gifts to Japa nand Korea	\$600

I am sure we have reached our financial goal already, but it is not all reported. The mid-winter offering and all the Harvest Ingathering collected by the young people apply on our goal.

We still have part of a month to finish our work for this year. Let us redouble our efforts and complete each phase of our goal before the year closes.

BERTHA GILLBANK.

NOTES

The Auditing Committee of the Alberta Conference met together Dec. 18 and 19 in Calgary. Aside from the regular Executive Members there were also present Elder Block, Prof. E. D. Dick, Brother Kindopp and Brother Hamilton.

Elder J. K. Fish was prevented from being present because his health obliged him to remain at the Sanitarium. We hope he will soon recover.

During the recent Week of Prayer Elder Block made a short call while on his way to Midnapore to take the Sabbath service there.

Elder V. W. Robb from the Academy was a welcome visitor to our midst and took the service in the Calgary church last Sabbath.

Sister Carpenter and daughter are at present visiting Mrs. F. L. Hommel.

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THE SKETCH CONTINUED

On my return from the Council at Minneapolis I stopped off for a short visit with friends at Harvey, North Dakota, and to see once more the Academy in operation. I was pleased to find the school growing and a much larger attendance than there was when I was there. At that time they had ninety-six enrolled. The visit brought back an impression on my mind made in 1913, when Eld. Sulzle drove the school team while I held the plow that broke the first furrow for

the foundation of the main building. While there I had an opportunity to council with Bro. Kritsky, who had been recommended by the Council at Minneapolis to make Saskatchewan his field of labor, North Dakota having released him temporarily for the Russian work in our province.

The next day after getting back to Saskatoon I met Eld. W. C. White, who had just been to visit our school at Battleford. He seemed much enthused with what he had seen and experienced there, and spoke encouragingly of the prospect. We were glad to get his council and fatherly advice. The few days following this visit on November 11 were spent at Battleford in Council with the School Board and Conference Committee. We were glad to have Eld. McVagh with us at this meeting to help us with the many problems connected with our school and Conference work. Also we were pleased to have the council of Prof. Griggs, our General Conference Educational secretary, and Prof. Dick from Lacombe.

We are pleased with the way the school is advancing and with the interest the young people of the province are taking in it. Also we feel thankful for the support of all our brethren and sisters in the province in the great undertaking. At this writing we have enrolled 134 students, and more still coming.

After a week's rest and treatment at Bro. Logan's, Edmonton, because of a severe attack of lagrippe, I returned to Battleford, where I stayed from November 23-27.

The last place I have visited is Macrorie, where Bro. Wissner and I conducted a three days' Institute. Bro. Clemensen was appointed for this meeting also, but sickness in his home prevented him. The Institute proved a success, and we believe, a blessing to the brethren and sisters there, and we are pleased with the interest shown. The weather was cold, yet the meetings were well attended. We are touched with the kindness and hospitality shown everywhere we go, and cannot help noticing the increasing unity among God's people.

J. G. WALKER.

MOOSE JAW

We have just closed a ten days' effort in this city. The meetings were held in a store-room on the east side. It is impossible to get a suitable place in a good location unless we pay an exorbitant price. Having no help, we did very little advertising.

Brother Frank Wells, who is canvassing here, succeeded in persuading a few to attend some of the services. However, the harvest is ripe, so a feeble effort is richly rewarded nowadays. Five were baptized on Sunday night in the Baptist church, which was kindly loaned to us for the occasion, and five others have promised to surrender all to the Lord. On Sabbath we had a severe blizzard, and Sunday was a cold day. However, our Baptist friends had everything ready and warm for us on our arrival at the church. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

M. MACKINTOSH.

BATTLEFORD ACADEMY, BATTLEFORD, SASK. June 30, 1917.

Resources

Convertible.....	\$ 1,900.51	
Cash in Bank.....	\$ 146.48	
Accounts Receivable.....	754.03	
Bills Receivable.....	1,000.00	
Invested Interests.....	\$27,444.70	
Academy Building.....	22,730.78	
Power Plant.....	5,233.49	
Well.....	847.66	
Less Dep. Reserve.....	1,372.23	
Chattels.....	7,796.23	
Farm Furnishings.....	892.35	
Home Furnishings.....	3,046.60	
Library Furnishings.....	299.12	
Live Stock.....	2,324.00	
Office Furnishings.....	206.00	
School Furnishings.....	868.44	
Tools.....	159.72	
Supplies.....	1,192.67	
Bookstore.....	212.35	
Culinary.....	87.97	
Farm.....	892.35	
Total Resources.....	\$38,334.11	

Liabilities

Bills Payable.....	\$1,500.00	
Accounts Payable.....	2,117.24	
Saskatchewan Tract Soc.....	\$ 243.85	
Students.....	592.36	
Others.....	1,281.03	
Total Liabilities.....	\$3,617.24	

Surplus Statement

Donations from Conference.....	\$35,052.79	
Net Operating Loss.....	335.92	
	34,716.87	
Present Worth, August 15, 1917.....	\$38,334.11	

LOSSES AND GAINS

Gains

Live Stock.....	\$ 3.32	
Breakage Fees.....	54.65	
Culinary.....	1,386.69	
Dormitory.....	1,983.80	
Donations.....	35,052.79	
Farm.....	238.21	
Library Fees.....	47.50	
Music.....	50.80	
Rent of Cottages.....	203.18	
Tuition.....	2,448.85	
	\$41,469.79	
Teachers' Salary Donation.....	518.42	
Total Gains.....	\$41,988.21	

Losses

Depreciation:—		
Farm Furnishings.....	\$ 213.91	
Home Furnishings.....	402.56	
Library Furnishings.....	22.63	
Office Furnishings.....	25.00	
School Furnishings.....	110.31	
Tools.....	25.03	
Depreciation Reserve.....	1,372.23	2,171.67
Bookstore.....	25.21	
Cartage.....	12.80	
Entertainment.....	58.65	
Exchange.....	19.41	
Expense.....	264.43	
Fuel.....	1,141.55	
Light.....	161.52	
Office Expense.....	24.93	
Postage.....	24.78	

Salary.....	2,480.85
Scholarship and Discount.....	59.35
Stationery.....	71.40
School Expense.....	148.69
Telephone.....	177.95
Traveling Expense.....	428.15

Total Losses..... 5,099.67 \$7,271.34

Net Operating Gain for Year and Present Worth..... \$34,716.87
C. Sissons, *Treasurer*.

To Whom It May Concern

To Whom It May Concern—

This is to certify that I have carefully examined the vouchers of the Battleford Academy and have checked over the inventories and verified the cash.

To my best belief the accompanying Balance Sheet and Revenue Statement reveals the correct standing of the books of account as of date, June 30th, 1917.

Sincerely,

F. L. HOMMEL,
W. C. U. C. Auditor.

A MOMENT IN THE MORNING

A moment in the morning, ere the cares of day begin,
Ere the heart's wide door is open for the world to enter in;
Ah, then alone with Jesus, in the silence of the morn,
In heavenly sweet communion let your duty day be born.
In the quietude that blesses, with a prelude of repose,
Let your soul be soothed and softened, as the dew re-
vives the rose.

A moment in the morning take your Bible in your hand,
And catch a glimpse of glory from the peaceful Promised
Land;

It will linger still before you when you seek the busy
mart,

And like flowers of hope will blossom into beauty in
your heart.

The precious words like jewels will glisten all the day,
With a rare, effulgent glory that will brighten all the way.

A moment in the morning—a moment, if no more—
It is better than an hour when the trying day is o'er;
'Tis the gentle dew from heaven, the manna for the day—
If you fail to gather early, alas! it melts away!
So in the blush of morning take the offered hand of love,
And walk in heaven's pathway and the peacefulness
thereof.

Selected.

A REQUEST

A request has come to the Pacific Press Publishing Association from the Missionary Department of the North American Division Conference to extend the time of putting into effect the new prices on the Weekly Signs one month, or until February 1, 1918. The reason assigned is that the entire field is now tied up in the Harvest Ingathering campaign and two campaigns cannot be carried on very successfully at the same time.

The request has been duly considered by the Pacific Press Board and granted. This concession means considerable to the publishers. It also means much in a financial way to the churches and our people generally. We are glad to accommodate the field in extending the time, and confidently believe the biggest campaign ever waged in behalf of a single periodical will be carried on during the month of January. It ought to mean a list for the weekly of at least 100,000 copies.

JAMES COCHRAN,
Circulation Manager.

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F. L. HOMMEL

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HALIFAX

The following wire was received at the "Tiding's" Office, December 13, 1917:

"Elder E. M. Chapman and all our people in Halifax are safe. Three suffered slight injuries. Some of the laity lost homes and all they contained. The church is a total wreck.

(Signed) "J. L. WILSON."

A time will be appointed when an offering will be taken for the Halifax relief fund. We understand that all the homeless in Halifax are being housed and cared for under government supervision at present. As soon as full information is received, it will be passed along to our churches and an opportunity given to help. Any contribution to this relief will be forwarded in the best way by the conference office.

THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING

"There was one action taken at the recent Autumn Council to which I wish to call your special attention, and to enlist your co-operation in making the carrying of it out a great blessing to our publishing work in the Asiatic Division. On the General Conference Agenda paper which was made up for the Council, Sister Plummer had this question from her Department:

"Can arrangements be made by which the overflow, above the specific amount called for, shall go on to the field as an extra, above appropriations?"

"Doubtless you all understand that in the past whatever overflow there has been above the amount called for, for any certain object, in the thirteenth Sabbath offering, has gone into the general mission funds and has formed a part of the 20-cents-a-week. In presenting this matter to the Council, Mrs. Plummer made a very earnest plea that beginning with this next quarter she be allowed to appeal to the Sabbath schools for a large overflow to be applied directly to the object for which the whole offering was being given. I am sure it would have done you all good if you could have heard her presentation of the matter. As a result of the discussion, it was voted:

"That all the overflow on the Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings be devoted to the object set before the schools."

"Those small publishing houses in the Asiatic Division are in desperate need of funds with which to carry on their work. . . . In India, for instance, literature is already being published in ten different languages, and they still have one hundred and forty different languages as yet untouched. . . . In Shanghai, at

times they have not had sufficient funds to pay postage on their papers. The Shanghai House must furnish literature for the four hundred millions of China. In no other part of the world are our colporteurs having more remarkable success than in China.

"The \$30,000 which is being asked for in the next Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will all go to cover items in the 1917 Budget, but all the overflow will go to help them in their future work, or, in other words, will be in addition to the appropriations already made.

"Now can we not unite in a special effort in behalf of those mission publishing houses in boosting this Thirteenth Sabbath Offering? Remember that all over the \$30,000 will go directly to those struggling mission publishing houses."

The above extracts are taken from a letter received from the North American Division Conference, regarding this coming Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, and we trust will be an inspiration to every one of our Sabbath schools in Western Canada. Let us not disappoint those who are looking for our help.

CAUTION

Especially during the war time election, politicians have indulged in many rash statements and the newspapers publish many idle rumors. Our people should be careful about repeating such statements and rumors, especially if they are such as reflect upon the government or the conduct of the war. The very fact that Seventh-Day Adventists are conscientious objectors to the bearing of arms makes it inexpedient for us to say what others can say safely, if they choose. On account of religious prejudice, enemies of the truth would not scruple to twist our words and put the most unfavorable construction upon them. Let no word be spoken, either publicly or privately, that can be twisted into an evidence of disloyalty. We cannot be good Seventh-Day Adventists if we resist or hamper the government in carrying on the war. The Bible commands us to obey civil government in everything it asks of us up to the point of individually violating the ten commandments.

"Every unwise word that is uttered through our brethren will be treasured up by the Prince of Darkness." Test, vol. 9, page 243. "Teach the people to conform in all things to the laws of their state, when they can do so without conflicting with the Law of God." Test, vol. 9, page 239.

C. F. McVAGH.

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