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"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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## THE NEW YEAR.

The old year gone, and girded for the new,  
We search our hearts lest sin be hiding there;  
We come confessing all, dear Lord, to Thee,  
And trust ourselves entirely to Thy care.

For the new way, untried, we ask Thy grace,  
In every joy or trial that may be given,  
Else will our weary feet slip from the path,  
So straight and narrow that leads up to heaven.

Help us to climb each noble height of love,  
And show compassion and sweet sympathy,  
To all whose hearts are bowed by sorrow sore,  
To all, who having much, yet know not Thee.

And help us still to fight life's battles well,  
With heart triumphant and with words of cheer,  
Our faith unfaltering fixed alone on Thee  
Throughout each day of all the year.

SELECTED.

## GOSPEL FINANCE

Eternity stretches before us. The curtain is about to be lifted. We who occupy this solemn, responsible position, what are we doing, what are we thinking about, that we cling to our selfish love of ease, while souls are perishing around us? Have our hearts become utterly callous? Cannot we feel or understand that we have a work to do for the salvation of others? Brethren, are you of the class who having eyes see not, and having ears hear not? Is it in vain that God has given you a knowledge of his will? Is it in vain that he has sent you warning after warning? Do you believe the declarations of eternal truth concerning what is about to come upon the earth? Do you believe that God's judgments are hanging over the people, and can you sit at ease, indolent, careless, pleasure-loving?

It is no time now for God's people to be fixing their affections or laying up their treasure in the world. The time is not far distant, when, like the early disciples, we shall be forced to seek a refuge in desolate and solitary places. As the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman armies was the signal for flight to the Judean Christians, so the assumption of power on the part of our nation in the decree enforcing the papal Sabbath will be a warning to us. It will then be time to leave the large cities, preparatory to leaving the smaller ones for retired homes in secluded places among the mountains. And now, instead of seeking expensive dwellings here, we should be preparing to move to a better country, even a heavenly. Instead of spending our means in self-gratification, we should be studying to economize. Every talent lent of God should be used to His glory, in giving the warning to the world. God has a work for His co-laborers

to do in the cities. Our missions must be sustained, new missions must be opened. To carry forward this work successfully will require no small outlay. Houses of worship are needed, where the people may be invited to hear the truths for this time. For this very purpose God has intrusted a capital to his stewards. Let not your property be tied up in worldly enterprises, so that this work shall be hindered. Get your means where you can handle it for the benefit of the cause of God. Send your treasures before you into Heaven.

The members of the church should individually hold themselves and all their possessions upon the altar of God. Now, as never before, the Saviour's admonition is applicable: 'Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.' Those who are fastening their means in large houses, in lands, in worldly enterprises, are saying by their actions, God cannot have it; I want it for myself." They have bound up their one talent in a napkin, and hid it in the earth. There is cause for such to be alarmed. Brethren, God has not intrusted means to you to lie idle, nor to be covetously retained or hid away, but to be used to advance his cause, to save the souls of the perishing. It is not the time now to bind up the Lord's money in your expensive buildings and your large enterprises, while His cause is crippled and left to beg its way, the treasury half supplied. The Lord is not in this way of working. Remember, the day is fast approaching when it will be said, "Give an account of thy stewardship." Can you not discern the signs of the times?

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## AN APPEAL FOR RECRUITS

A call was made for a meeting by the Union President and Bro. Hall, in behalf of the Pacific Press during the holidays to consider some of the questions that are of vital interest to the progress of our book work in this Union. This branch of our work has been wonderfully blessed by the Lord this year, and for this we are truly thankful to Him.

When we consider that approximately 41 colporteurs have sold in this Union over \$40,000.00 worth of subscription books during the past season, it is surely a cause of gratitude and rejoicing, and our lay members also come in for their share of the laurels for their hearty endeavors and co-operation. \$10,000.00 worth of other literature has also been sold. This does not



include any of our papers or periodicals. Surely this is a splendid showing—\$50,095.00!

Now the question is, what about the coming year? Have we finished the work in this Union? Have all the people been warned? Do our young people, brethren and sisters, believe their duty is done? These are the questions that we, who believe we are giving the last message of mercy to this old, tottering, war-cursed world, have to consider, and the vital question for every one of God's children to answer is: "Am I doing just all the Lord would have me do?"

No doubt the conscription issue will take a number of our young men from our colporteur ranks, and their places must be taken by older brethren and by more of our sisters. Someone must step in and fill the gaps made, for the intensity of the times is awakening inquiries on the part of the public as to the meaning of these things as never before, and these inquiries must be answered by our people giving them the literature that will answer these questions from God's own word.

In order to meet the mind of God in this, we must have workers whose hearts are stirred by the spirit, "Give this good news to others," and whose own spirit has been melted by the tender influence of God's spirit. Our workers report many precious experiences, and surely the Lord has gone before us, so let us hear from many who have resolutely decided to enter the ranks of those carrying the printed page to the many inquiring souls.

The committee considered we should sell sixty thousand the coming season, and surely when we consider the marvelous times in which we live, this is not a great goal, is it? If we meet this, it means work, hard, earnest work. It will also mean the saving of many souls in the Lord's kingdom. Now, who will respond? "Let the self-sacrificing, the self-denying, the lovers of God and humanity, now put forth earnest, persevering efforts for the salvation of perishing humanity."

We want a hearty response on the part of every soul who feels impressed by the Spirit to take up the book work. We have selected a man for Manitoba, so this supplies our whole field, and we shall plan to give everyone the help we can. Let us hear from you, dear brethren.

W. L. MANFULL.

### LESSONS FROM BABYLON

From the following we learn of the great, all-protecting power which is manifested by God towards those whom He has chosen, and who remain true under all trials and continue to trust Him even unto death. We are told that Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because "an excellent spirit was in him." The honors bestowed upon Daniel excited the jealousy of the leading men of the kingdom, and they sought for occasion of complaint against him. His blameless conduct excited still further the jealousy of his enemies. Thereupon the presidents and princes, counseling together, devised a scheme whereby they hoped to accomplish the prophet's destruction. Thus we read from "Prophets and Kings," by Mrs. E. G. White:

"The prophet's enemies counted on Daniel's firm adherence to principle for the success of their plan.

And they were not mistaken in their estimate of his character. He quickly read their malignant purpose in framing the decree, but he did not change his course in a single particular. Why should he cease to pray now, when he most needed to pray? Rather would he relinquish life itself, than his hope of help in God. With calmness he performed his duties as chief of the princes; and at the hour of prayer he went to his chamber, and with his windows open toward Jerusalem, in accordance with his usual custom, he offered his petition to the God of heaven. He did not try to conceal his act. Although he knew full well the consequences of his fidelity to God, his spirit faltered not. Before those who were plotting his ruin, he would not allow it to even appear that his connection with Heaven was severed. In all cases where the king had a right to command, Daniel would obey; but neither the king nor his decree could make him swerve from allegiance to the King of kings.

Thus the prophet boldly yet quietly and humbly declared that no earthly power has a right to interpose between the soul and God. Surrounded by idolaters, he was a faithful witness to this truth. His dauntless adherence to right was a bright light in the moral darkness of that heathen court. Daniel stands before the world today a worthy example of Christian fearlessness and fidelity.

For an entire day the princes watched Daniel. Three times they saw him go to his chamber, and three times they heard his voice lifted in earnest intercession to God. The next morning they laid their complaint before the King. Daniel, his most honored and faithful statesman, had set the royal decree at defiance . . . .

"Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, He will deliver thee." A stone was laid on the mouth of the den and the king himself "sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel." . . . .

God did not prevent Daniel's enemies from casting him into the lions' den; He permitted evil angels and wicked men thus far to accomplish their purpose; but it was that He might make the deliverance of His servant more marked, and the defeat of the enemies of truth and righteousness more complete. "Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee," the psalmist has testified. Through the courage of this one man, who chose to follow right rather than policy, Satan was to be defeated, and the name of God was to be exalted and honored.

"Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

From the story of Daniel's deliverance, we may learn that in seasons of trial and gloom, God's children should be just what they were when their prospects were bright with hope and their surroundings all that they could desire. Daniel in the lion's den was the same Daniel who stood before the king as chief among the ministers of state and as a prophet of the Most High. A man whose heart is stayed upon God will



be the same in the hour of his greatest trial as he is in prosperity, when the light and favor of God and of man beam upon him. Faith reaches to the unseen, and grasps eternal realities.

Heaven is very near those who suffer for righteousness' sake. Christ identifies His interests with the interests of His faithful people; He suffers in the person of His saints; and whoever touches His chosen ones touches Him. The power that is near to deliver from physical harm or distress is also near to save from the greater evil, making it possible for the servant of God to maintain his integrity under all circumstances, and to triumph through divine grace.

Strict compliance with the requirements of Heaven brings temporal as well as spiritual blessings. Unwavering in his allegiance to God, unyielding in his mastery of self, Daniel, by his noble dignity and unswerving integrity, while yet a young man, won the "favor and tender love" of the heathen officer in whose charge he had been placed. The same characteristics marked his after life. He rose speedily to the position of prime minister of the kingdom of Babylon. Through the reign of successive monarchs, the downfall of the nation, and the establishment of another world empire, such were his wisdom and statesmanship, so perfect his tact, his courtesy, his genuine goodness of heart, his fidelity to principle, that even his enemies were forced to the confession that "they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful."

As we near the close of this world's history, the prophecies recorded by Daniel demand our special attention, as they relate to the very time in which we are living. With them should be linked the teachings of the last book of the New Testament Scriptures. Satan has led many to believe that the prophetic portions of the writings of Daniel and of John the Revelator cannot be understood. But the promise is plain that special blessing will accompany the study of these prophecies. "The wise shall understand," was spoken of the visions of Daniel that were to be unsealed in the latter days; and of the revelation that Christ gave to His servant John for the guidance of God's people all through the centuries, the promise is, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein."

A careful study of the working out of God's purpose in the history of nations and in the revelation of things to come, will help us to estimate at their true value things seen and things unseen, and to learn what is the true aim of life. Thus, viewing the things of time in the light of eternity, we may, like Daniel and his fellows, live for that which is true and noble and enduring. And learning in this life the principles of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, that blessed kingdom which is to endure forever and ever, we may be prepared at His coming to enter with Him into its possession."

#### A TEST OF FAITH

At the Council in Minneapolis very careful study was given to the problem of producing our literature at prices that would cover the rapidly increasing cost of production. Various plans were considered and

rejected as unworkable, and finally it was decided that the retail prices of many books and periodicals, all tracts, and the *Signs* and *Watchman* magazines must be raised.

This brings to our magazine sellers a real test of faith. The yearly subscription will be \$1.50, and the retail price 15c a single copy. The one who sells the paper will get more profit on each paper sold and subscriptions taken, but it will doubtless be somewhat more difficult to sell the magazines at the higher prices.

Should difficulties cause us to abandon the work? We have been told that the last years of our work would be a time of difficulty, when we would meet many obstacles. But what if they are? We have a God with us who is omnipotent, all of whose biddings are enablings, and no difficulties should cause us to lessen our efforts, but they should rather be an incentive to greater things.

The publishers intend to make the magazines the best they can for the price. They will be full of world problems, that everyone is longing for light on, which will be there for them. They will have a wide influence, if they are only placed in the hands of the people.

We are not alone in raising the prices of our magazines, for many others have advanced in price. The public expect prices to rise, for it has become an everyday experience.

'Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.' Rev. 14:12. The faith of Jesus was strong at all times. He was never discouraged by difficulties, but went steadily on with His work at all times, and under all circumstances. The Faith He had is the faith the remnant people are to keep. The text does not say they are to have it, but to keep it, showing that they will meet with experience that would be likely to cause them to lose it. In spite of all they go through, the true people of God will keep the faith of Jesus to the end.

Now is the time for all magazine workers to keep the faith of Jesus. The Lord has spoken many times in a very definite way in regard to the duty of God's people to sell periodicals. This makes the magazine worker, who has faith in God, invincible. The Lord can cause people to buy magazines at 15c just as well as at 10c. All he needs is a people with willing, trusting hearts to take them to the public, and He will give the success.

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Josh. 1:9.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

#### SPECIAL DELIVERANCES IN THE HALIFAX DISASTER

From a personal letter written by Elder J. L. Wilson, president of the Maritime Conference, to Elder W. W. Eastman of the General Conference, we glean the following interesting items regarding the deliverance of our brethren and sisters in the great disaster which wrought such ruin in the city of Halifax, Nova Scotia. While our church building was destroyed, and some of our brethren and sisters lost their homes, it is



gratifying to learn that there was no loss of life among our church membership:

"I went to Halifax the day of the explosion. The condition is indescribable. The papers picture it no worse than it is. About two thousand have lost their lives, about twice as many are wounded, and more than twenty thousand are homeless. Many are living in tents, with the thermometer registering twenty below zero. There is scarcely a window left in any building for more than four miles from the place of the explosion.

"Our church building is a total wreck. The pews in it were broken to kindling wood, and I fear we shall have to ask our brethren in different places to help us get re-established.

"I found Brother and Sister Chapman and family safe, but every window had been knocked out of their house. I inquired for the rest of the Sabbath-keepers, and found that they were all safe, although three of them had wounds on their heads and faces, but nothing serious.

"You will remember Sister Hayward. Her house was smashed to kindling wood. A boy was blown out of another house right into her husband's arms, and she says they walked from the debris just as though they were on a smooth floor, with nothing in their way. All the houses around there,—east, west, north, south,—right up to their house, were burned up, and hundreds of people were burned up with them, but not so much as a splinter of their house was burned. Others of our people were delivered in a similar way, although some lost all their earthly possessions.

"Sister Locke, you will remember also. When the calamity came, she and another sister and the children were on their knees having worship. The whole side of her house went out about three inches, and then stopped. Not a window in her house was broken, but in every place adjoining hers the windows were all knocked out. She has been able to take care of quite a number.

"Sister Case was standing at the telephone when the explosion came. Her house, likewise, was smashed to pieces, and she was protected in that one place just as if a little room had been built around her. They had to dig her out, and found that she had not received even a scratch.

"Relief is coming from all over the continent. The only thing we shall need help in will be the rebuilding of the church. The work all over the conference is in a prosperous condition.

"The ninety-first psalm was verily fulfilled in behalf of the Seventh-day Adventists in Halifax; although many of them lived right in the center of the destroyed area, they miraculously escaped. I do not think we shall live to see anything like it unless it be the seven last plagues. Those who passed through it can truly say, with one of old, 'O that Thou wouldst hide me . . . until thy wrath be past!'"

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### NEW PLACES

After the Church Institute at Macrorie, I spent two days at the office and then went on to fill my appointments for the Week of Prayer. The first place was Findlater, where I arrived on Friday evening. Bro. Hodgson met me at the station, though the train was very late and the weather cold and disagreeable. A ten-mile drive brought me to the home of Bro. Chas. Paul, where I met Bro. and Sister Brown. The next day we drove to the school for Sabbath School and services. We only held the Sabbath School, however, as a blizzard threatened and all felt it unsafe to stay longer, so we missed the reading that day. The two following days we met at the home of Bro. Julius Paul and had our reading and prayer season together. The Lord seemed especially near and gave us a blessing. The church business meeting was held while I was present, and its leader, Bro. H. B. Brown, qualified for the duties of the eldership.

My next visit was made at Regina, where I stayed two days. I met with both the English and Servian churches while there, and enjoyed my visit with them. We were sorry that Bro. Jackson could not meet with us daily on account of his lameness, the result of a fractured leg, but the Lord blessed us even though attendance was small, and I feel sure souls were drawn nearer the Lord.

From Regina I went on to Tugaskie, where Bro. Foulston met me and took me out to his place. I stayed with the three families about there for the remainder of the Week of Prayer, and did not get over to Mawer, where a part of the church lives, on account of the severity of the weather. I was pleased to get acquainted with Bro. Elick and family, and Brother and Sister Erickson, and to visit the church school taught at that place by Sister McNaughton. I also appreciated the material help given by Bro. Foulston to start the Industrial work at Battleford Academy. I feel sure that as progress is made, others will want a part in this important branch of our school.

Also immediately on my return to Saskatoon, I went on to Battleford to again visit the school. I found the work progressing smoothly, but some inconvenience being experienced on account of the increased number of students. We were glad to note, however, the good spirit in the school, and the willingness to co-operate in overcoming obstacles that must always be met in building up an institution of this kind. Preparation was then being made for the installment of inside closets, bath-tub and sprays, tanks for hot and cold water in the basement, and hot water in the kitchen. This involves another large expenditure, but we are glad the Lord is helping our brethren and sisters to pay their pledges, and is putting it into the hearts of others to give gratuitously.

I am glad for the privilege of visiting the three places mentioned during the Week of Prayer. They are not new to the readers of the *Tidings* in Saskatchewan, but they were new to me. It was my first visit to



them, and one that will be long remembered, because of the lessons impressed by the Spirit of God, and the many acts of courtesy and kindness tendered me while I visited.

J. G. WALKER.

### LEADER, SASK.

Not having written any news for the *Tidings* readers for some time, I feel sure that our old friends in British Columbia, as well as our new friends here in Saskatchewan, will be interested to hear of the work and our experiences in this part of our new field.

Since coming to this place we have enjoyed very much the kind association of the brethren and the friendship of our new friends. The Lord has blessed us with good health so far, and also with success in our labor for souls. The work at this place and vicinity is moving on nicely. One family was baptized by Elder Ziprick soon after campmeeting. Since that time three other families have taken their stand for the truth and are about ready for baptism. The interest is still growing and the truth is spreading from place to place.

I was out with one hundred Harvest Ingathering papers a few days soliciting funds for the mission fields. My goal was \$50, but I soon noticed that I had set my goal too low, so I planned to raise \$100. When my papers were all gone I counted the money, which amounted to \$115. I praise the Lord for all the blessings I received in this campaign for missions. I don't think I met a dozen people who would not give something after they saw the paper and heard the reason why we solicit money. A Jew, even, gave me \$5. Some said they had been longing for just such a chance to give to foreign missions. A Chinaman who could not read the paper was so interested to see the pictures that he gave me 25 cents. The brethren at this place have also gathered over \$100.

There is great opportunity for holding meetings now at Estuary, a small town about 15 miles west of Leader. When Elder Ziprick comes we expect to begin work at that place. Last Sunday I attended a church service where the pastor gave warning against Seventh-day Adventists and forbade his people to give any money to support their missions, as that would be a sin, because Seventh-day Adventists did not believe in the divinity of Christ. Quite a few of the people watched me while the pastor spoke, so I thought I should not leave the place without saying a word of explanation. At the close of the meeting I got up and said, "May I say a word of explanation about Seventh-day Adventists?" As everybody was quiet, I went on. "I see there is a misunderstanding about Seventh-day Adventists and Sabbath-keepers. Adventists always have and still believe in a divine Saviour." There I was told to stop, but the few words had its effect, as quite a few people came to me afterward and expressed their sympathy to me and said they did not believe all that the pastor had said.

Our courage is good and we trust in the Lord and His promise. We ask God's people to remember us and the work in this part of His vineyard before the Lord in their prayers.

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### VANCOUVER ISLAND

It was the privilege of the writer to spend a portion of the Week of Prayer with the brethren and sisters who reside in the Cumberland district of Vancouver Island. On Tuesday afternoon the train was met by Brother T. Pearse, who took me to his home, where I was glad to make the acquaintance of his family and enjoy the comforts of his home.

The same evening a meeting was held at the home of Brother and Sister W. C. White, who hitherto had become well known to me by correspondence only. It was good to see the faces of this family and also to greet Brother and Sister Monroe, who had been notified by telephone of the gathering. Although only three families assembled, the Lord came graciously near. As the reading was taken up the Holy Spirit came down from above and impressed our hearts, with the result that earnest prayers and sincere testimonies were borne by angels to the courts of heaven, there to be recorded in the Book of Remembrance.

On Thursday morning Brother Pearse kindly drove me a distance of about 13 miles to the home of Brother and Sister R. J. Smith, who live at Lazo, in the Comox district. Our little meeting held in their home was deeply spiritual and all present were refreshed by the blessings outpoured.

It was lovely indeed to visit with these dear brethren and sisters in their homes and enjoy their kind hospitality. They love the Message and for years have expressed tangibly their faithfulness by sending in a steady flow of tithe and offerings into the Lord's treasury. There are beautiful valleys situated in this part of Vancouver Island and they are settled up by an industrious class of farmers. There is reason to believe that the Lord has precious jewels among them who must be sought out and prepared for His soon coming. Literature for this purpose has been distributed freely and a good work performed in the Harvest Ingathering.

According to arrangements on my return trip on Friday, I stopped off at Nanaimo and was met by Sister Clark, at whose home a pleasant visit was enjoyed. That evening a Bible study on the signs of the Lord's coming was conducted in the church. Some not of our faith were present and we trust that the Holy Spirit made impressions on their hearts.

A nice little company was present the next day. Following an interesting and instructive Sabbath School, superintended by Brother J. S. Bradford, the week of prayer reading was proceeded with. As the meeting progressed, the spirit of God manifested a sweet influence, softening hearts for the reception of the blessing which are Lord graciously poured out. The sincere prayers and testimonies resulting from the Spirit's presence made us all conscious of the fact that the Saviour was drawing us tenderly nearer to Him and to each other.

It was a blessing to visit nearly all the homes of the



brethren and sisters in Nanaimo. While at Brother Jemson's, a portion of the time was spent in auditing financial records of the church, which were found to have been carefully and accurately kept. A splendid work has been done in the Harvest Ingathering by the Nanaimo church, over \$100 having been gathered in. I left the brethren and sisters enjoying renewed courage and determination to press on unitedly for the finishing of the work.

On the way home some pleasant hours were spent in Victoria, at the home of Brother and Sister Foxgord, during which the financial records of the Victoria church were audited. Here Elder Gilbert had conducted Sabbath and Sunday services and in company with him the return trip to Vancouver was completed.

Besides affording a complete change from the routine of the office, the trip was both encouraging and uplifting to the writer. The Lord is with His people on Vancouver Island and is blessing their efforts to serve Him faithfully to the end.

T. S. BOWETT.

#### WHAT ARE PRAYERS?

What are prayers?  
Always begging of the Lord,  
Just because He can afford  
What us spares?

There are tides too deep for sound,  
Mounting from the tear-wet ground,  
On the stairs

Of renunciation's blight,  
To transfiguration's height.  
There are airs

Of another world than this,  
Send resurgent tides of bliss  
On the soul they gently kiss  
Into praiseful ecstasies

Of true prayers,  
Saying now, "They will be done,"  
Thankful for what God alone  
Us prepares.

Tides unfathomably deep,  
That refresh us like a sleep,  
Tides of peace and power, that sweep  
Over ev'ry earthly steep,  
Are our prayers.

And our heaven, us to meet,  
Wafted seems by angels fleet,  
Till the glory-gleaming street  
Rushes down to kiss our feet,  
And insnares.

All our minds with the fond thought,  
All of us our prayers have brought  
And we up to heav'n were caught  
By our prayers.

This is all our highest meed,  
And the point of our whole creed:  
"We shall be like Him" we need  
In all interests which lead  
Us to prayers.

What are prayers?  
Taking, thanking, trustisg God,  
Whether raptures or the rod  
He prepares.

—Selected.

#### GRANDVIEW SCHOOL

The Grandview School opened October 17th, with an enrollment of twenty-seven. Since then others have entered until at the present time the attendance is

sixty-eight. Mrs. Degering has thirty little folk in the first four grades. In grades six, seven and eight, Miss Lydia Stickle has thirty-one. Seven are taking work in the ninth and tenth grades.

A good spirit has pervaded the school, and the students have gladly co-operated in making the work pleasant and profitable. A third class room for the advanced students has been fitted up in the basement under the primary room. Student prayer has been organized and is doing much in maintaining the spirituality of the students.

During the Week of Prayer we were glad to have Elder J. J. Reiswig with us. Besides the regular evening church service, the school spent some time each morning in devotional exercises. Hearts were touched as the Word of God was earnestly presented, and the majority of the young people expressed a determination to live nearer to their Lord.

We earnestly solicit the prayers of our brethren and sisters that these young people may cherish the love of God in their hearts during their school days.

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#### OUR MEDICAL WORK

As a number of inquiries have come concerning the development and growth of the medical work in Alberta, it was thought that a few statements might be acceptable.

Most of the believers in the province know that for about four years, Brother Sam Logan conducted treatment rooms in the Underwood Block in Calgary. This work steadily grew until a nice patronage developed. Early in the spring he invited Brother and Sister Close, of the St. Helena Sanitarium, to connect with the treatment rooms. About the time Brother and Sister



Close arrived, it was arranged for the Alberta Conference to take over the work so ably carried on by Brother Logan. On June 1 the treatment room work was taken over by the Conference. New quarters were also secured at 328a Eighth Ave. West, where



the work has since been carried forward. The present location is most excellent, being in the heart of the city, and is accessible for patrons living in all parts of the city.

The treatment rooms are well equipped for giving treatments to both ladies and gentlemen. The equipment consists of an electric light bath, spray, a good sinusoidal finzen-ray machine. These appliances, together with facilities for giving the usual fomentations, packs and so forth, enable the nurses to do splendid work. From the day these rooms were opened to the public they have more than met all expenses. Men and women of prominence in the city can frequently be seen at the treatment rooms, which is evidence that the work has been well received.

Shortly before the opening of the treatment rooms, Dr. Hans and Dr. Dale Bonde, both graduates of the Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelists, were invited by the Alberta Conference to take up work in this field. In response to the call, the doctors came to Alberta in April. There was some question for a time as to whether they would be permitted to take the provincial examinations. Through the kindness of the registrar they were notified that they would be permitted to write. The standard of the University of Alberta is very high. Students of all schools are not admitted, and as the College of Medical Evangelists had not yet received recognition in Canada, it was feared that there would be difficulty in being permitted to write upon the examinations. The invitations were extended, however, and the doctors passed their examinations with honor. As far as we know, they are the first Adventist physicians who have ever qualified in the Dominion of Canada. It is very evident that the Lord's hand was leading in this work.

The Doctors Bonde rented a house for their private use, but patients commenced to flock in and soon filled every available room in the house, so that the doctors were obliged to find rest the best they could. About this time, Sister Mabel Johnson and Elizabeth Erickson, both graduates of the College View Sanitarium, joined the doctors in their work.

Owing to the crowded condition of the house, the committee met and rented a larger house of sixteen rooms, adequately adapted for the work of caring for the sick. This home is located at 322 First Ave. Northeast. There is hot and cold water in each of the rooms. This, together with other features, makes the house quite suitable for carrying on sanitarium work. The institution has a good operating room. The equipment for this department is being added as the needs of the work demand.

Associated with the doctors is Brother A. P. Pond, Miss Mabel Campbell, Mrs. H. A. Neirgarth, Bro. and Sister Carl Courser, Isabelle Repp and others. Sister John B. Giddings is also rendering valuable service. The workers have been hampered by many inconveniences, but still the work has made progress.

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## GREETINGS TO OUR SABBATH SCHOOL MEMBERS

The old year with its mistakes is in the past, and the new year with its possibilities lies before us. It is time for us to lay plans for the advancement of

our work in the Sabbath schools during the first quarter of the new year. What can we do to make it the best we have ever experienced in Alberta? We must and can make it one of advancement in the spiritual life and the salvation of our youth and children. Our donations for the first quarter will be the means of sending more laborers into the "wide harvest field." The fields are very white and the laborers so few. The workers are ready, waiting, to be sent, but the treasury must be replenished, and shall we not help?

The word "goal" is not an unfamiliar sound these days. It is worth while that every Sabbath-school have one. The setting of a goal requires definite thinking and a decision—both of which are indispensable to the fruitful life, but no more valuable than the effort put forth in making a goal. It is well for each school to estimate its membership at, say twenty-five cents per member, and then multiply the membership by the per cent (twenty-five cents) and by this means find out how much the amount comes to—and then set the goal.

### "Model Device for Thirteenth Sabbath Offering"

In a certain Sabbath-school a model device was hung. The members came together at a certain hour and back of the rostrum was hung the device for increasing the offerings. Thirteen steps leading to the open door of a bank was neatly drawn, each step representing one Sabbath in the quarter. A certain amount of offerings must be given each Sabbath in order to reach the goal at the end of the quarter. If the amount was reached, one step was colored red, and if more was given, a part of another step was colored. This was to indicate that through toil and sacrifices, the goal must be reached and the offerings stored in the bank of heaven.

With an appropriate program and a liberal offering, the occasion may be made a time of profit to the believers. On one occasion, a good sized basket was almost filled with dollars, dimes and nickels, denoting the willingness on the part of all in giving of their means to missions and the uplift of the Sabbath-school by so giving.

Why do we have goals? Why do we report? The first question is answered by the above, and the second is We report because we believe the old proverb that says, "The year a tree ceases to grow, that year the tree begins to die." So with our Sabbath-schools. When they fail to report, we come short of our privileges and standard. Who will be the first to report before the 10th of January. Let us remember we are "laborers together with God" and "should not feel like shrinking from sacred obligations." May this year be indeed a year of progress in our Sabbath-schools.

Yours in the work of soul-saving,

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS,  
*Conf. Sabbath-School Secretary.*

By Bible study and daily communion with Jesus, we shall gain clear, well-defined views of individual responsibility, and strength to stand in the day of trial and temptation.

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## RELIEF OF SYRIAN AND ARMENIAN REFUGEES

The North American Division is setting apart Sabbath, January 12th, as a day in which to take up an offering to be used in helping the above named sufferers. As we are a part of the North American Division, this decision means that the Western Canadian Union will be instrumental in supplying its share of help, so let us not forget this important date—January 12th, and make a liberal response.

From the "Review and Herald" dated Dec. 20th, we learn the following interesting facts concerning these needy people:

"Armenia was the first nation to embrace Christianity as a national religion."

"The Turkish printing press, the Turkish grammar, and the Turkish theater owe their origin to the initiative of the Armenian."

"The Syrians are not Assyrians. The latter term is sometimes abbreviated into Syrians; but the Assyrians are Newtorians, living in Mesopotamia, Kurdistan, and north-western Persia. They are in no way related to the modern Syrians on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea."

"The Christians, numbering more than one million, have suffered most in the terrible events of the past two years."

## A WORD TO THE WISE

By renewing a single yearly subscription to the weekly *Signs* now you save 50c, for the new price will be \$1.50. You save 30c on each of five or more subscriptions for a year to different persons by ordering them now at the 85c price, for the 1918 price will be \$1.15. Likewise, you save 20c on each copy of a club of five or more to one person, for the new rate will be \$1.00 as against the present extremely low rate of 80c.

A profitable meeting of the book men in the Western Canadian Union Conference was held December 24-26. Those in attendance were: H. H. Hall, of the Pacific Press Publishing Association at Mountain View, California; Elder C. F. McVagh, of Calgary; Elder A. C. Gilbert, of British Columbia; Elder H. H. Humann, of Alberta; Elder J. G. Walker, of Saskatchewan; Elder G. H. Skinner, of Manitoba; J. B. Giddings, of Calgary; the manager of the Canadian Branch of the Pacific Press; W. L. Manfull; our Union Bookman; L. A. Philpott, of British Columbia; R. P. Mooney, of Alberta; Robert Kitto, of Saskatchewan; and G. F. Ojala, of Manitoba. Plans were made for the for-

warding of the book-work in this Union. While we are meeting new difficulties this coming year, there is yet a way for this work to go on unhampered.

## WINNIFRED

It is with a heart filled with praise to Almighty God that I take advantage of giving a report of some of the blessings received in His service, after an absence of two years. Those two years, if not spent directly in the cause as an employed worker, were nevertheless a time of disciplining in the school of Christ, with its trials and tests, some of them fiery trials. All praise to Him who does not leave those He loves to go their own way, but leads them according to His great wisdom in a way that leads to the kingdom. Soon, if faithful, we will be there.

On October 16th I was re-installed as a worker of the Alberta Conference. Awaiting my wife's return from Ontario, I left on the 23rd for Winnifred, stopping over at Medicine Hat for a day to visit some interested ones. I visited a lady, who two years ago was much interested, but is now greatly taken up with one of the great deceptions of the day. After spending a pleasant hour, I put on my overcoat to leave, when she asked me about the methods of our work. The last thing I told her about was the Harvest Ingathering. She replied: "I want to give you something. It's only a little. I would like to do more." She handed me \$10.00. The Lord is working today.

The Winnifred company has taken nine new members into its fold since camp-meeting. Some of these attended meetings two years ago. The last two, husband and wife, had marked experience of God's leading by way of trials and perplexities. After this sister had decided to unite with us, she became discouraged and decided to wait. Just after her decision, some power took a hold of her by the shoulder and gave her the worst shaking she ever got in her life, leaving her with neck stiff and a pain in her back. She was this way for about three days, when she settled it that she would take her stand, and immediately she was alright again.

The goal of the Winnifred church for Harvest Ingathering was \$105.00. They took in \$140.00, which experience gave joy and courage.

During the Week of Prayer I was near Retlaw and visited Sister J. Hooper. I found her of good courage. She had gathered in \$133.55 for the Harvest Ingathering, receiving \$100.00 from one party interested in the truth we hold. The weather being stormy, I couldn't hold any meetings, but visited some homes of interested ones, and they expressed a desire for meetings.

Returning to Whitla, I found weather conditions so bad that I couldn't follow up a good interest that has arisen since the Harvest Ingathering campaign. This interest is about 22 miles south of Winnifred. Another opening at Whitla, where the trustees have granted the use of the Presbyterian church, has to be postponed because of the weather.

Pray for me, that much wisdom, tact and simplicity may be given by the Lord, so that souls may be gathered in from these parts.

H. A. NIERGARTH.

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