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"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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MY TRAVELS IN SASKATCHEWAN AND MANITOBA

On January 7, I left Lacombe for a ten days' visit to the Battleford Academy. Upon my arrival, I was informed by Professor Hughes that the faculty had been praying for the efforts that were to be put forth in behalf of the students and we had their support and were not disappointed in their pledge.

The Lord came very near from the very beginning of the meeting. Arrangements were made for two meetings a day, one at the regular chapel hour and one at the evening worship time. When the call was made for all who wanted to consecrate their lives to the Lord, a goodly number came forward. Some of these knew the Lord, but felt the need of re-consecrating their lives to the Lord and His service.

I appreciated my association with Elder Clemensen, Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Saskatchewan Conference, in these meetings. The time went fast and I was indeed sorry when the time came when I had to leave.

January 17, I boarded the C. N. R. flyer for Minnionas, Manitoba, where the brethren wanted some help in starting their church school. On Monday, January 21, fourteen children gathered in the little temporary school building. After a few remarks and a scripture reading by the teacher, Miss M. Pangman, we began to classify the pupils into the various grades. Everyone seemed to be there for business, and all felt that we had but a short time in which to prepare for service in the Master's vineyard. We shall watch the progress of the work in this part of our field with interest. The members of this little church seem just like one family, and if they will continue to do their part, we shall soon see the membership doubled, and on the corner of Sister Smith's farm a new school building. We hope that this humble beginning in the educational work is the nucleus of a tenth grade school in Manitoba. Surely the time has come when this Conference needs at least two such schools, one in the northwest and the other farther in the south.

At this writing I am at Russell. I expect to spend a few days with the brethren at this place, and February 2-4 at Leader, Saskatchewan. February 6-13 at Fox Valley.

Sincerely your brother,

J. J. REISWIG.

HALIFAX

I arrived in this city the latter part of July with my family. We found a church membership of 20 and a Sabbath school of 21. They had also a neat little church building (which has since been destroyed in the late catastrophe.)

We were glad to find the brethren and sisters loyal

and as soon as it was known that Halifax had a pastor the attendance increased until at our last meeting in the church the S.S. numbered thirty-nine and the church membership thirty-six. Four others were about to unite at the time of the catastrophe. One lady, formerly a Catholic, has kept two Sabbaths; another, who was a Methodist, has been keeping the Sabbath about two months; another, a young man, is getting his letter from the Baptist church. We find many interested ones. There was a very good attendance at our Sunday evening services. At our last meeting the church was filled. Quite a lot of literature has been distributed—about a thousand Worlds War, beside other books and magazines.

The little church here took hold of the Harvest Ingathering work nobly and over four hundred dollars was collected in the city. The tithes and offerings have greatly increased.

The explosion happening just at the time it did greatly interfered with our observance of the Week of Prayer. But although we were not able as a body to meet in services and listen to the readings we realize God came very near and we are praying that He may work this out to the glory of His name and the advancement of His cause. We were unable to have any kind of meeting until Thursday evening so many were wounded and some sick. However, those who were able to meet enjoyed a refreshing and on Sabbath there was a great praise meeting. The week of prayer collection was about fifteen dollars. At present we are holding our Sabbath services at the home of Sister Locke. We have the promise of a hall just as soon as they can get it fixed up. We are of good courage and anxious to press the battle and hasten the time when we can go home.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

STATEMENT OF 20c-A-WEEK FUND OF THE WESTERN CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE, 1917

Conference:	Mbrs.	Amount Raised	Quota	Loss	Over
Alberta.....	985	\$19991 01	\$10244 00	\$ 9747 01
B. C.....	470	6080 31	4888 00	1192 31
Manitoba.....	273	4579 71	2839 20	1740 51
Saskatchewan.....	590	14868 68	6136 00	8732 68
		2318	\$45519 71	\$24107 20	\$21412 51
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Net Amount Over.....			\$21412 51		

Twenty-Cent-a-Week Fund—Amount Per Member

Conference:	Per Week	For Year
Alberta.....	.39	\$20 28
British Columbia.....	.245	12 93
Manitoba.....	.3225	16 77
Saskatchewan.....	.48	25 20
Union.....	.3776	19 63

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TO THE RESCUE

Some have asked me if our book work would suffer this year on account of the military draft, which takes so many of our men from that work, either to labor on the farm or enter service in the army. My answer has always been that I believed the Lord would raise up others to do the work and that there would be a continued progress. The sales of 1917 exceeded those of 1916 by \$12,000, and over. As we draw near the end our aim should be to accomplish more each year. This will require a deeper consecration and more faithful, tireless labor. It will need the help of everyone, old and young. If ever the need represented a "call," then the Lord is calling now for men and women to step in and fill the ranks of the army of book-workers. There are, no doubt, some who can devote their entire time to the work. There may be some who can devote only a portion. Possibly there are, among our farming brethren, who could arrange to canvass at least a month or six weeks after seeding. At any rate, the Lord wants the work done and is saying "Whom shall I send and who will go for us." The answer must come back clear and distinct from many loyal hearts, "Here am I, send me," for now, as in the past, "the call of God is answered by the coming of the man." Test. Vo. 6.

Those who contemplate taking a part in this good work should write to Brother Robert Kitto at the office in Saskatoon. He will correspond with you about books to be used, the territory to be worked and also the Institute that is to be held so that training may be given those who wish to labor. Come to the rescue.

J. G. WALKER.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

There is no effort that brings greater results than the effort put forth in behalf of our young people. They being young, are in the moulding process and their characters are being formed, consequently, when the right principles are put forth, they accept them.

Brother Reiswig and myself have just conducted a ten days' effort in behalf of our young people in school at Battleford. The Spirit of the Lord came in a great manner and nearly every student yielded to its wooing and took a definite stand for the Lord. They all expressed themselves as being anxious to do something for God. We pointed them to the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department, the most suitable body in the church for them to receive instruction as to what they should do.

The societies throughout the Conference have done nobly. This is not saying that we have done as much as we could have done, but I am sure that the Lord has been pleased with the work that has been accomplished. It seems, judging from the reports that are coming in and from the societies I have visited, that this year will be a very progressive one. One society secretary writes, "It seems to me as if a new life has taken hold of the members of our

society. It is just becoming real interesting." Another writes, "I have enjoyed the work as secretary during the past year very much. Our society took an active part in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. We gathered \$113. I was very timid, and it seemed so hard to commence, but now I, with the rest, like it so much that we can hardly wait until the next campaign opens." Then closing with this remark, "Enclosed find money order for \$52, being part of our pledge to Foreign Missions."

One of our isolated Conference members speaks thus of the help she has had during the past year by using the Morning Watch. "I have enjoyed the Morning Watch study very much. Could not do without it now."

These are only a few testimonials. I wonder if there are not others that have not yet joined this mighty movement that would like to experience these good things and have a part with this corps of workers.

This is a partial report of what was done during the last quarter:

Letters written.....	175
Letters received.....	83
Missionary visits.....	220
Papers given away.....	1456
Books given away.....	137
Tracts given away.....	644
Offering to Foreign Missions.....	\$1032.65
Offering to Home Missions.....	1293.17

May the Lord bless this department of the work and as workers and ministers, may we do all in our power to put every young person in touch with the Missionary Volunteer work. It is one of the means the Lord has in holding the youth. If there are those who have not written me, will you do so and let us plan the work for the coming quarter together?

W. A. CLEMENSEN.

BAGLEY, SASK.

The first day in the New Year, Brother Anderson and I started out for a thirty mile hike to a Swedish settlement located east of the Fort LaCorn Indian Reservation and reached our destination the second day in the evening.

I found the long journey rather tiring, as I had to have a heavy fur coat on and a knapsack on my back, for I intended to stay sometime in the settlement.

Though it was hard work getting here, I am very much pleased to be here. My first meeting was held last Sabbath evening and a good number came out. Last night, I had another meeting and there were present about thirty persons, not counting the children. These people manifest a great interest in the word of God. I was very much pleased to see some have their Bibles and follow me as I quoted the different texts. The majority of the people in this community have come direct from Sweden and settled here, others have been over in the States for a short period and then came up here and took up a homestead. They are mostly young people from thirty-five to forty years of age. It is a good time for the truth to reach them to make them useful in the Master's service. A few believe the seventh day to be the Sabbath, and all they need is a little help in starting. Pray that the Lord may bless them.

O. M. AKRE.

RETAIL VALUE LITERATURE SALES REPORT FOR SASKATCHEWAN TRACT SOCIETY 1917

Month	Sub. Books	Home Wkr's Bks	Other Books	Bibles	Tracts	Misc. Mdse.	Periodicals	Magazines	Totals
January	\$ 74.50	\$ 28.90	\$ 159.52	\$ 9.70	\$ 5.75	\$30.48	\$ 292.43	\$ 52.45	\$ 653.73
February	13.50	4.60	55.05	6.75	4.15	14.60	144.45	79.05	322.15
March	366.95	13.10	145.90	33.30	8.71	35.12	117.25	102.90	823.23
April	18.00	18.35	94.20	39.55	8.95	7.55	326.25	102.45	615.30
May	25.50	71.95	159.12	21.10	50.96	8.62	424.15	174.40	935.80
June	22.00	59.60	85.85	8.45	34.70	14.60	82.15	48.80	356.15
C. M.	21.00	420.50	761.25	300.00	105.00	6.75	36.75	30.00	1681.25
July	1320.00	211.25	73.15	5.15	18.55	19.23	155.45	203.45	2006.23
August	1985.00	518.10	103.70	52.70	35.50	8.30	107.50	91.35	2902.15
September	5863.75	284.10	88.45	58.70	29.60	18.80	209.80	103.10	6656.30
October	7820.00	118.30	68.10	71.85	30.30	1.40	85.05	133.00	8328.00
November		68.45	249.85	106.15	8.40	12.10	137.45	72.95	655.35
December	249.15	112.85	136.60	79.90	12.75	41.60	227.40	82.65	942.90

Totals.....\$17779.35 \$1930.05 \$2180.74 \$793.30 \$353.32 \$219.15 \$2346.08 \$1276.55 \$26878.54

Total Sales for 1917.....\$26,878.54
 Total Sales for 1916.....14,297.66

Increase in sales.....\$12,580.88

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Another year is whirling along and before we realize it this first quarter will be in the past. Let us arouse as Sabbath School members and be setting our aims high for the year. Surely the times demand the best there is in us.

I have not written to you through the *Tidings* very often, but as there are some of you whose names I have not on my list I will write to you this way so all will be sure to hear from me. Then you will know who to write to about Sabbath School work.

How thankful I have been as your good reports have come in, some large and some small, but all filled with the right spirit of co-operation and love for the service we are rendering to our great Leader. However, there are a few who are not reporting. New names are being handed to me all the time of Home Department members whom I know nothing about. We hope every Brother and Sister in the Conference will get in touch with our work here and will come along with us. You know we must work together if we wish to accomplish the most good. Please do not stay out of our family circle because you cannot give large gifts, for we can all give that greatest of all gifts to the Master—a consecrated heart.

The Sabbath Schools are all reporting good courage, and advancement in almost every case. I think it would be well for the leaders of the different schools to talk it over with the members and set a goal for each quarter. You know what satisfaction there is at the end to know you have not fallen behind. There may be a goal set for us by the General Conference when it meets in the spring, but let us see what we can do in the way of setting our own pace till that time.

I hope the Brethren and Sisters will think favorably of taking the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course. No matter if you are a lone Sabbath-keeper, you can gain something from it, I'm sure, that you can apply in teaching your neighbors. Whatever office you hold in the Sabbath School, or though you may hold none at all, there is no time like the present to begin to prepare for efficient service for the Lord. There are, perhaps, some who would not need the

studies, but however that may be it is always well for us to study these lessons in order to be in harmony with the rest of the workers in the denomination. The two books, "Talks with the Training Class" and "Thoroughly Furnished," may be had now of the Tract Society, price 60c. Please send me your names, stating that you wish to enroll, at the earliest possible date so as to loose no time in this important work.

MRS. R. S. DEXTER.

NEWS ITEMS

Elder Walker has been visiting the Regina and Queen Centre churches. At the latter church Brother D. D. Neufeld has been working and he reports that two families have accepted the truth.

Elder Mackintosh is now working at Mawer, where, through the missionary work of the people, an interest has been created, and we hope that some honest souls may soon rejoice in the truth there.

Our colporteurs and office sales for books and periodicals during 1917 exceed those of the previous year by \$12,580.00. This is almost double the amount of books and periodicals sold during 1916. You will find in this issue a sales report of the different books.

Brother and Sister H. L. Davy of Surbiton, Elder Mackintosh, Mr. Peterson of Delisle, Brethren Wm. and John Smith, and Miss Freda Guderain, were among the visitors who called at the office during the last few days.

The instrumental and vocal music department at the school is very much patronized by our students. Miss Guderain has a very large class of students enrolled in these studies and it was found necessary to purchase another piano. We secured another Sherlock-Manning piano the same as we got a year ago to supply the needs of the school.

OBITUARY

We are sorry to report the death of Sister Noah Palmer, of Southey, Sask. On Wednesday, January 6th, we received a message saying that she was ill and sinking fast, and asking that someone come at once. I took the first train out of Saskatoon and arrived in Southey at 1.19 p.m. Thursday. Unfortunately I was too late to see her alive, as she died about ten minutes before I reached there. At first we thought to have the funeral on Sabbath, January 12, but on getting a message from her mother, who lives at Crookston, Minn., we decided to postpone it till the following Monday.

The Methodist church was allowed us and the services were held there at 11 o'clock. The place was full and the people listened attentively while the writer presented the advantages of the Christian's mission in life and the necessity of a constant readiness for the Lord's coming.

As a wife, Sister Palmer was faithful and devoted to her husband. As a mother she dealt wisely with her children, first requiring their obedience, and then trying to instill into their minds those principles of truth, modesty and respect for others that only a wise God-fearing mother is able to do.

She leaves behind to mourn her loss, a mother, brothers and sisters, a devoted husband and seven children.

We use the columns of the *Tidings* to express to the sorrowing husband and father and to the motherless children our heartfelt sympathy.

Sister Palmer was born at Black River Falls, Minnesota, March 8, 1885. She has been a Sabbath keeper since 1912, having accepted the truth with her husband at the Bulyea camp-meeting. She died believing that her sins are forgiven and she accepted of the Lord.

J. G. WALKER.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Man. S.D.A. Conf.:

Greetings:—

"We are living, we are dwelling, in a grand and awful time." Tremendous issues confront the people of this world. Heaven's record for 1917 will reveal how these issues have been met. The record will reveal the sacrifice of thousands of lives and millions of dollars for earthly kings and countries. What will you find revealed in your record, my brother, my sister? Will there be sacrifices of time and money, or if need be your lives for our heavenly King, King Jesus, and our heavenly country?

The record will show that all this sacrifice upon the part of the world brings sorrow and disappointment. Our sacrifices, my brother, my sister, may bring hope and life, even eternal life to many weary souls. God forbid that the record for 1918 of one S.D.A. in the Manitoba Conference should be "nothing but leaves. The Spirit grieves o'er years of wasted life; nothing but leaves." I believe that every believer in Manitoba will volunteer for the year 1918 as a good soldier of the cross, holding high the banner whereon is inscribed the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus and will march together and onward to the glorious victory.

We can always take courage in the fact that the tithe in Manitoba has increased materially this year and in addition to this we will receive several hundred dollars of appropriation so that we can add new workers and launch forth more energetically in our home field. But this gospel of the kingdom is to go to every nation, tongue and people, and when we think of our favorable conditions and the blessings we receive and how well we are provided for and then think of many of our missionaries who have sacrificed home and friends, and many times health and life itself for this blessed truth and their Master, would

we think it right that their living should be left to us to give just when we feel like it, or happen to think of it?

Now if we all say to our missionaries, 'Beginning with January, 1918, we will see that you get a certain amount each week, that you can be sure of,' this will give them greater courage, and the mission board will have something definite to work to. The average for each member for the support of our missionaries will be 25c a week for the year 1918. Some will be able to do this, some will feel that they cannot, but are there not many of us who can do more than this, and so make up for those whose circumstances will not allow. This is not an extra offering, but can be made up of our S.S. Offerings, and Mission offerings, to be paid into our local church treasurer. We feel to praise the Lord for the way in which Manitoba has expressed interest in foreign mission work by their good and substantial offerings to the support of God's work. We are all looking for the blessed hope and the glorious appearing of Jesus, and as we pray for the work that God is doing in the earth, let us do all that we can to hasten this event and we shall hear the "Well done, enter into the joy of the Lord," spoken to us. The sacrifices will then look small when we see the beauties of the new earth.

May the Lord bless you and keep you and cause His face to shine upon you, and prosper you in the things of this world and in the things of eternity, is the prayer of your brother,

GEO. H. SKINNER.

"BETWEEN VISITS"

You wish the Conference to send some minister to visit you at least once a year and more often, if possible. You appreciate a sermon, for the message sounds good to you even if you have heard it over and over again. We plan to visit you just as frequently as time and duty will permit.

How about "between visits?" Wouldn't you like to have some way of talking over the progress of the world wide work and having a good old fashioned sermon on the message?

The *Review* and *Herald* will call every week for only \$2.25 and if the worker called you would be glad to give him his meals and the subscription to the *Review* will be far less in actual expense to you.

Send your order for the *Review* to the Manitoba Tract Society, before Feb. 1st, 1918, and save 25c. If you are not getting it, do so. If you are, read it.

May this be your happiest year because of your greater opportunities for service for the Master.

G. H. SKINNER.

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WHO WILL HELP US ?

Who will help us? The British Columbia Conference owns only ten family tents for use at camp meeting. We need at least three times as many more in order properly to accommodate our brethren and sisters at the camp meeting next summer. We need your help right away because we would like to place the order for these tents soon in order to have them ready in time.

The cost of tents is very high now, and is rising. One tent complete costs about fifty dollars. It will cost a good deal to get twenty-five or thirty tents.

I am wondering if there are not some brethren and sisters in the Conference who would be happy to send us the price of at least one tent. Perhaps there are some churches that could take up an offering that would be sufficient to purchase at least one tent. Smaller offerings, of course, will be accepted.

We are going to start a tent fund column in the *Tidings*. Let all help a little, and those to whom God has given much, let them help much. Now, who will be the first to send in the price of one tent? Watch for the tent fund column, and do your part to make it grow.

A. C. GILBERT.

"OUT OF THE NORTH"

Missionary Volunteers, you will be glad to hear something from British Columbia's most northern Missionary Volunteer, who is located away up the coast at Metlakatla. The name Metlakatla sounds familiar to many of you, and you recall it to be the name of the place where Mr. Duncan established his mission among the Tsimshian Indians more than sixty years ago.

By the way, if any of you are not acquainted with the story of Metlakatla, you would do well to read up on it. Let me quote a paragraph from Mr. A. T. Pierson, author of "The Miracles of Missions":—"No record reads more like a romance of fairy fiction than the story of the seven years during which William Duncan was building up his model state among the wild red men of British Columbia!—an achievement pronounced 'absolutely without a parallel in the history of missions!' " We are told that Mr. Duncan is still alive, and lives at New Metlakatla on the American side.

We have but one Seventh-day Adventist in Metlakatla, and she is a young woman who herself accepted the truth only between two and three years ago. She is now faithfully holding up the light of truth in that place, and, through missionary correspondence, is doing much elsewhere as well. I know you will be interested in some of her experiences, so I quote the following from her letter:—

"I have been trying to interest some of the people here in the truth. One man seems very much interested in the Sabbath question and I am in hopes that he will decide to keep it. He has had an awful experience lately. He was ship-wrecked with two companions, saw them both drown before his eyes and spent sixteen days on a lonely rock through some of the worst storms of the season. He had never been a religious man; but the first words he said when rescued were 'There is a God.' He said he felt that God had kept him alive and sent help to him just as he had given up and lay down to die. It was a horrible experience to live through, but it seems to have made a changed man of him, so evidently it was meant for the best.

"I received a letter last mail which was a great pleasure to me. I have a little friend at Skidegate, a half-breed, hunch-back girl. She has been a good little Christian for years, and last summer I tried to show her the truth about the Sabbath. Just before I left home, I lent her 'Daniel and the Revelation' and 'The Change of the Sabbath' to read, and now she writes me that she has decided to keep the right

day. I am so glad, as she is a dear little woman and I am sure will be able to influence others of her people to follow her example. She says her parents approve of what she is doing. They are a fine old Christian couple. The father was the first Haida to accept Christianity and had to escape to the woods to save his life. This has encouraged her to keep on scattering our literature. It certainly brings results."

Watch for the next number of the *Tidings* for a general report from our Volunteers throughout the province. I shall not keep you waiting till then, however, before I tell you that we have more than reached our 1917 financial goal. Now, are you not glad you did your part?

LYDIA G. STICKLE.

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THE WORK IN ALBERTA

I have not said much to the *Tidings* for quite a long time because I always thought our people were all acquainted with the work and so I did not write as I ought to have done, to call your attention to the work here.

At the present time we have fourteen workers in the field. We cannot give a very encouraging report in winning souls for the message up to this present time, but at the same time we have all been as busy as we could be helping in some other lines of work. Three months were practically spent in the Harvest Ingathering, so we did not carry on many efforts, but the Harvest Ingathering proved to be a blessing to all our workers and lay members in the Conference. The Lord has certainly blessed each and everyone who undertook to do something in this line. And just as surely as the Lord has blessed His people financially in the Harvest Ingathering work, He will bless them in gathering in souls for Jesus. Especially if we only organize and stick to the work as we did to the Harvest Ingathering.

I wish to call the attention of the Alberta workers to this one point. If you have an interest in some locality, I wish that you would stick to it through thick and thin. Snow, ice, rain or cold weather ought not to drive anyone away from their field of labor until something is accomplished. If the roads are bad and the weather cold sometimes, that is the time to visit with the people and talk to them about the message, and I am positively sure, that if the force of workers, a number of fourteen, which I mentioned, will bring only ten souls to Jesus by camp-meeting time, we certainly will all rejoice. Just as surely as God has a message to deliver to the world, there is someone who will accept it, but we must remember it is not the very easiest time to get people converted to this message, so it means a hard struggle—fasting and praying more than ever before.

I might mention here that all our funds show a larger increase during 1917 than ever experienced in previous years, both in tithe, Sabbath-school, missions and home funds. Our people certainly did splendidly in 1917. Also our churches, Sabbath-schools and isolated people are calling for help where

they have created an interest. So all we, as workers, have to do now is go and see the interested ones and bring them across the line.

If it is possible for our churches and isolated people to create an interest, why should it not be possible to win those interested ones for Christ? Someone may say the weather is too cold to hold a series of meetings. Yes, it might be so. The meetings are not the only efforts that count in winning souls. But when all our workers will stay right with the interested ones in their field whether cold or warm, that is where souls will be won for Jesus.

Another word of encouragement to all our churches and isolated ones. Many times we receive the good news from our churches and isolated people that they have created an interest and they desire help. If we cannot send you help immediately, I wish you would not get discouraged, but call on us again until the help comes. We never get tired reading letters which contain requests of this sort, so I hope you will never get tired either, until this message is brought to a finish and we as a redeemed people shall see the coming of Jesus in the clouds of heaven and hear Him say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Matt. 25:34.

H. H. HUMANN.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

It was my privilege on the last Sabbath in 1917 to meet with the Edmonton church in quarterly meeting and business meeting the following day. The attendance was all that could be expected and a spirit of harmony and brotherly love prevailed and two were received into the church. A full set of officers were chosen, who with the church enter upon the work of the New Year with hope and courage and free from debt.

Following this meeting, I started for Edberg to meet with the Scandinavian brethren, Sabbath, January 5, but was stopped on the way by a telephone message from Burnt Lake, announcing the death of Sister C. A. Pearson, the funeral to be held January 6. I called Elder Humann over the 'phone and he sent Elder Neufeld to Edberg in my place and I hear that they had a splendid meeting.

Leaving Burnt Lake, and Red Deer, I stopped off at Lacombe to counsel with Elder Human and was glad to find shelter in his comfortable home from the severe cold and storm then sweeping over the country. Acting on his advice, I came to Bismark church, eighteen miles west of Ponoka, and held quarterly meeting on Sabbath, January 12. Notwithstanding the severe cold, there was a good attendance and a beautiful spirit present. Some one remarked that it was the best meeting ever held there. A full set of officers were elected, the transactions passing off very harmoniously. Am now on the way to Falun to visit the believers there.

With best wishes and a Happy New Year to all the readers of the *Tidings*,

FRED JOHNSON.

ALL THINGS WORKING TOGETHER

Heaven is astir and active in behalf of poor erring humanity. It is marvelous the way God and angels work in this cause using human agents. I will relate an experience attesting this, which occurred in Edmonton.

A woman whom one of our workers met when engaged in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign was struck with the call of this missionary work and the worker made a note of her interest, intending to call again. Being slow to do this, the Lord caused him to meet her on the street, and he gave her a *Signs Weekly*. At that time, the woman was planning on sending her boy to the Catholic School, but thought which of these two causes, the Catholic or that Missionary cause was right. Reading in the *Signs Weekly* about the Sabbath convinced here she should obey God. She prayed for light and guidance. Prayer meeting night came in our church and the woman's interest was spoken of and prayers offered for her and another worker was led to offer to go to her. This worker visited her the next Friday evening when she was busy preparing to keep her first Sabbath. She did not want any visitor and was not going to answer the door, but a neighbor came and told her a man was at her door. When she let him in and found his errand, she knew her prayer was answered. Soon after her husband became sick and spent two weeks at home studying the truth in a book they bought, and though he has not yet joined his wife in obeying the truth, yet he acknowledges his sickness was sent for a purpose.

Their hearts were touched as this worker opened to them the Scriptures and regular visits were made. Notice some of the means which led to this result:

Engaging in the Harvest Ingathering work;

Attending prayer meeting;

Using the *Signs Weekly*;

Making missionary visits, and etc.

"Go work today in My vineyard," the Lord says, and at the same time, he has richly provided us with the means and ways and longs for our co-operation.

R. E. ROBINSON.

EDMONTON

As we are living in such perilous times, and so many things are taking place that arouse people to inquire, what these things mean, many are found who are anxious to study the word of God to see for themselves.

While many are studying, and some are taking hold of the truths of God's word, yet the enemy of souls is working hard in every way possible to deceive, and as Jesus said, "If it were possible he would deceive even the very elect." So he is working hard, but we know there are honest souls here who have not yet given up to Satan's allurements and deceptions. One lady has just begun to keep the Sabbath, and others of the same company are thinking seriously of taking the step. We see many evidences that show us we are living in the last days and surely we shall be awake to the situation and do all we can to deliver the honest in heart from the doom that is just before them, and us.

As we see the day approaching when Jesus will call His children, may we not pray that our lives will be witnesses for Jesus in every walk in life.

Remember the work in this needy field that the honest souls may be found and pointed to Jesus.

R. C. CORDIS.

HARMATTAN

I was sent to visit the brethren at Harmattan and to look into the interest reported at that place.

The first meeting with them was the last Sabbath

in the old year. We have had three meetings a week for the outsiders which have been very well attended with marked interest shown. The Lord came very near in some of the meetings, conviction would be seen settling upon some of those present. Bible studies and children's meetings have been conducted in addition to the regular services with the result that a number of the children have owned their Saviour. We believe one family has been reclaimed as commandment keepers and others are about to take their stand for the first time.

On leaving here, I am to go to Bearberry (about forty-five miles west of Olds). In this new place, I trust that with the prayers of the brethren, some honest hearts may accept the fullness of the gospel message.
E. S. STANLEY.

MARRIED

The marriage of Miss Merlan Vaughn of Solberg, Alberta, to Mr. Burnie Workes, of Whitla, Alberta, took place at the home of the bride's parents on the evening of December 31, 1917. A large number of friends were present. Rev. Boggas officiated.

Married.—In the parlor of the Alberta Sanitarium, Calgary, December 18, 1917, William Harold B. Smith, of Acme, Alberta, and Ruth Mary Wilson, also of Acme. These young people have many friends among the *Tidings* family who will join with us in wishing them a happy and useful life. Elder McVagh officiated.

MARRIED.—In the Alberta Sanitarium parlor, Calgary, Alberta, December 22, 1917, Benton Wareham, of Beiseker, and Mary Guerrens, of Shafter, California. Congratulations extended.

ALBERTA CONFERENCE—REPORT OF THE HARVEST GATHERING BY CHURCHES, 1917

Church—	Total	Average per Member
Acme	\$ 130 60	\$ 5 22
Alberta Conference	923 04	10 86
Bismark	155 10	4 85
Calgary	328 92	9 14
Clemens	174 75	10 61
Clive	146 00	6 09
Coronation	134 15	3 35
Didsbury	164 15	4 82
Edmonton	849 42	10 62
Gadsby	121 35	4 85
Granum	217 20	5 43
Hanna	160 00	8 89
Harmattan	107 20	3 83
Hawksdale	120 85	5 04
Irvine	141 20	5 65
Lacombe	1038 77	7 11
Leduc English	71 87	3 27
Leduc German	100 00	3 57
Lewisville	213 64	8 22
Loyalist	75 40	1 93
Midnapore	102 35	5 12
Rosebud	633 50	5 81
Sedgewick	11 65	2 91
Vermilion Lakes	130 47	5 22
Winnifred	157 96	9 29
Retlaw	138 55	13 86
Compeer	78 91	7 89
Total amount	\$6627 00	\$6627 00
Average per capita		6 73

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NOTICE

The Young People's Society of Edmonton, Alberta, would be glad to receive papers, such as *Signs Weekly* or *Magazine*, *The Watchman*, *The Present Truth*, for the purpose of mailing out. If there are those who are interested in this work and who have papers they can send, address them to Miss Nellie Logan, 10132 87th Avenue, South Edmonton, Alberta.

D-O-I-N-G

MISSIONARY WORK BY CORRESPONDENCE

Did you ever hear of Cripple Tom, the little lad, who, although confined to his bed in a dingy room above a dusty street in a great city, made himself happy by writing scripture texts on bits of paper, and dropping them out of the window, with the hope that some one might thus be led to Christ? And more than one life was changed because of Little Tom's "speaking leaves" that dropped on the sidewalk below his window.

One of his bits of paper floated down from his attic room on a certain day, and dropped just in front of a wealthy gentleman walking along the street. He picked it up, and the words he read carried a timely message home to his heart. He became acquainted with the little missionary and through the remainder of the lad's life the gentleman supported him in his humble, yet far-reaching work. Tom simply had a love for souls, and *did what he could* for them. Our profits for such work are far greater, as we have texts and comments upon them already printed in convenient form to accompany our written invitation to read.

The First Letter

One of the best methods of opening missionary correspondence is to send copies of our periodicals, or tracts, and accompany them with an earnest invitation to consider certain articles or paragraphs. Reasons for sending first letter at time of or soon after mailing the first paper:

- First: It lets the person know at once why paper is received;
- Second: It draws attention to it from the first;
- Third: Removes any thought of receiving a bill.

In Private Correspondence

• Think of the opportunities in private correspondence. One lady in correspondence with a friend in Canada, mentioned the *Signs*, and began sending a copy each week. The answer to the letter contained the encouraging news that the paper was gladly received and read by her friend, and that each week's issue was passed on from home to home in her neighborhood and read with interest.

Another sister in renewing her club of the *Signs* tells of a reply to a missionary letter she has received:

"I have been sending one copy of the *Signs* to a lady in Mississippi. After sending several, I wrote her and she replied: 'Just send me that little California paper right along, as it is brim-full of good things. I did not know that Jesus was coming so soon. Pray for me that I may get ready.'"

By a Missionary Society

We know of one missionary society whose members are taking up missionary correspondence work in this way:

A list of names—of persons, perhaps, who have purchased copies of our books or have become interested through evangelistic meetings—are secured

from the conference missionary secretary. For convenience, the names are kept in a small card list, each name, with spaces for record of letters written, etc., on a separate card. Here is a sample of the card from the list before any records are made.

Name (and address)

Date of paper sent

First letter written by Date

Second Letter Date

Third letter Date

Reply

Correspondence with each person is carried on by the members under the direction of the church missionary secretary, who keeps the list and sees that records are made properly. Each reply is reported, and recorded on the card. This simple system keeps the secretary in touch with the work, makes reporting easy, and is a help in planning for continuous and aggressive efforts.

The members of this society are very busy people. One evening each week is taken for wrapping, addressing and mailing a large club of papers.

Samples of Letters Written

The two samples of letters accompanying the first paper here given may contain suggestions which will help you in similar work:

"This letter introduces to you one of my very best friends, the *Signs of the Times*. I have been acquainting a number with the *Signs* during the past few months. As my list at present is not full, I am taking pleasure in giving you opportunity also of becoming acquainted with this friend of mine.

"I believe it will prove a true friend to you as well, as it tells about the very things that people wish to know today. It tells the meaning of the great events taking place in the world, not merely what men say, but as made clear by the Bible prophecies referring to our own time. This is only one special feature. It has many.

"I will be glad indeed to know how you enjoy these papers. They will cost you nothing, as they have already been paid for in advance.

"Yours very truly."

(To be continued)

There is a great deal of satisfaction in looking back on a profitable year's endeavor in the field. Perhaps it has been our first experience. We have been our own manager of a firm of one, have ordered our own goods and disposed of them. We have gained some experience in banking, keeping accounts, dealing with business firms, and best of all we have had the privilege of meeting the people with a message weighted with eternal consequences. O, how important then and solemn our responsibility, as we meet the educated and uneducated with such a message. It is in speaking and working with these classes that we become intelligent and useful for the cause of God. We should be able to converse on the current events of the day. Know the great men who are molding public opinion. "The man who reads is the man who leads."

"There is only one thing should concern us,
To find just the task that is ours,
And then, having found it, to do it,
With all of our God-given powers."

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STATEMENT OF HOME AND MISSION FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE WESTERN CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1917.

	Alta.	B.C.	Man.	Sask.	Total
Tithe.....	\$4777 22	\$1404 37	\$851 40	\$4625 82	\$11658 81
Specific					
Tithe to					
Miss.....	9554 46	702 18	425 70	9251 64	19933 98
Sust. F'd	2866 33	842 62	510 85	2775 47	6995 27
Mission Funds					
An. Offer...	1979 39	311 67	281 78	615 15	3187 99
Har. Ing....	6627 00	1612 36	647 80	2126 16	11013 32
Mid-Summer.....	91 46	106 96	51 61	506 50	756 53
Missions	3612 24	1144 63	1627 94	2989 30	9374 11
Sabbath-School.....	7310 98	2766 55	1764 78	8107 42	19949 73
Y.P. Sec.....	257 94	117 69	99 20	336 90	811 73
China.....	102 00		100 00	3 25	205 25
Africa.....		5 00	5 00		10 00
Hawaiian Is.....			1 60		1 60
India.....		15 00		84 00	99 00
Peru.....	10 00				10 00
S.A. Indians.....		45			45
Singapore.....				100 00	100 00
Home Funds					
Armenian Relief.....	1 00				1 00
Colored work.....	53 20	36 53	41 30	321 95	452 98
Clinton Seminary.....	500 00			100 00	600 00
Dan. Nor. Seminary.....	25 00				25 00
E. Michigan.....				100 00	100 00
Hinsdale.....				2 00	2 00
Lit. for Cities.....				4 00	4 00
Loma Linda German.....				5 00	5 00
Lit. Fund.....		5 00		1 00	6 00
Rel. Liberty.....	8 64	2 99		5 63	17 26
Rural Schools.....	116 50	20 95	48 51	96 43	282 39
Signs Lit. Fund.....			10 00		10 00
Women's Aux.....	105 67	3 60	38 32	115 65	263 24
Tract Soc. Sus.....	116 57	51 40	25 00	163 43	356 40
	\$38115 60	\$9149 95	\$6530 79	\$32436 70	\$86233 04
1916 Funds.....	24346 42	6089 72	4596 56	20211 20	55243 90

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FOR SALE CHEAP—A farm west of Lacombe, about six miles north of Gull Lake in Township 43, section northeast. One-fourth of Section 14, Range 1, west of fifth meridian. Has not been cultivated for some time. About thirty acres was under cultivation. Most all clear land. Apply, A. W. Jones, 9827 85th Ave., South Edmonton, Alberta.