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REPENTANCE

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no guile."

"Have mercy upon me, God, according to thy loving kindness: According unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Create in me a clean heart, O God;

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence;

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;

And uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation:

And my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy righteousness."

Psalms 51:1-14.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Important Notice

At the Minneapolis council last fall, a standing committee was appointed to secure rooms for those planning to attend the General Conference, and to help in such other ways in the preliminary preparations for the Conference, as the executive committee may instruct from time to time.

The members of this standing committee are as follows: C. H. Jones, J. L. McElhany, E. E. Andros, H. S. Shaw, R. S. Fries.

This committee, in organizing, has elected C. H. Jones chairman, and Elder J. L. McElhany, secretary. All who are planning to attend the General and Division Conference, and WHO ARE NOT DELEGATES but desire this committee to secure rooms for them, should write at once to Elder J. L. McElhany, 537 Twenty-fifth St., Oakland, Cal.

No cafeteria will be operated by ourselves, but there are many restaurants and cafeterias near the Auditorium, and it is planned that the delegates and visiting brethren will supply all their needs in these restaurants, or board themselves, as they prefer.

In writing the secretary, you should state whether you wish a room, with all modern conveniences, or cheaper accommodations; whether the room must be near the meeting place or can be several squares distant. There will be opportunity for some to rent kitchenettes, where they can board themselves if they wish, but all your wants should be specified in your letter to Brother McElhany.

The meetings will be held in Exposition Auditorium, in San Francisco. It is just off Market street, corner Haynes and Larkin. Full directions for reaching the place will be given later.

Those who do not inform Elder McElhany concerning their wants, must not be disappointed if they arrive in San Francisco and find no accommodations provided for them.

I. H. EVANS.

ARE YOU READING THE TESTIMONIES?

Years ago, when a young girl in one of our schools, I talked with one of the teachers about reading the Testimonies. To me they seemed dry and uninteresting, and I could not see why they were necessary.

"Suppose we do not argue about it," the older woman said; "but I should like to have you notice one thing, and think about it. Those who read the Testimonies most, and try most faithfully to carry out their instruction, are those who enjoy the happiest and brightest Christian experience. While those who talk against them, and neglect them, soon lose their hold on this truth, and finally drift away into the world."

Many times since then I have thought of that conversation, and have had occasion to verify its truth. The desirability of reading the Testimonies is not a question that can be decided by argument; it is shown by the fruit that it bears in the life. Do you desire to enjoy a deeper Christian experience during the year to come? One of the helps provided for you is very likely in your home library—perhaps unused and unprized. Take down the Testimonies, read them carefully, and mark the sentences and paragraphs that are especially helpful; you will be surprised, as you read, to see how much there is that seems especially fitted to your special need.

A. B. E.

THE TEACHERS' TRAINING COURSE OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL WORKERS FOR THE NEW YEAR

What has been in the world since the days of Eden, but has been very little understood though every human being knows it experimentally?—The child.

How many young men and women still cherish the root of bitterness in their hearts because of wrong treatment, unfair judgment, mistaken kindness, they received during the growing-up years, admitting, however, that parents and teachers intended to do the right thing, but failed through lack of insight into individual needs.

Now these same young people are beginning their duties as parents and teachers. Ask yourselves these questions seriously: What is my mental and spiritual equipment for knowing the young mind? for understanding the shy, brooding, yearning heart? for suiting training to the demands of each peculiar nature?

You, young teacher, are you putting all your pupils through the same educational mill, expecting each one to grasp on a fly what is suited to his nature?

You, devoted young father and mother, earnestly striving to give your children the best as they grow up, can you analyze each flash of personality, and adjust your discipline and training to each unusual temperament?

The Teachers' Training course of the SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER for 1918 is planned to help the teachers and parents to study their pupils and children in the home, in the Sabbath school and in the day school. We purpose to co-ordinate the available instruction on child study into a series of year's lessons. The two text books: "Thoroughly Furnished," Part I, The Child, by Coleman, and "Talks to the Training Class" by Margaret Slattery are used to outline the subject and furnish topics. References from either works will be given, especially to those of the spirit of prophecy. Many hours are devoted to the planning of the lessons, and the result is offered to any and all who are interested in this mystery—the child mind and how it should be trained for God.

The lessons are for Sabbath School teachers, secular teachers, fathers and mother.

Send sixty cents to your tract society for the books.

Subscribe for the SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER, where is printed the lesson outline and references for supplementary reading. The first lesson appears in the February number.

Each superintendent should organize a Teachers' Training Class, if there is not one already formed. The lessons may be taken as a private reading course if there is no class to join.

May the Lord's blessing be added as you "study to show thyself approved."

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

SUCCEED?—OF COURSE!

"I've tried twice, and failed both times!" lamented a Missionary Volunteer, with a look of discouragement upon his face.

"Failed? In what?" inquired his friend sympathetically.

"Why, in the Denominational History test for the Standard of Attainment. I feel like giving up; for though I've made an earnest effort to master the subject, I don't seem to succeed."

Listen, friend! Don't give up the ship just as help is arriving. Here is some good news for you. We have just what you need to guide you in your study and help you to *succeed*. It is a new leaflet containing 125 questions on Denominational History, and giving the pages in "The Great Second Advent Movement" where these are answered.

On this list of questions future examinations will be based. Doesn't this encourage you? When you have mastered the information called for in this leaflet you will be well-informed on the history of our denomination.

Order from your tract society. Leaflet No. 57, price 1½ cents.

Let us make this the banner year for the Standard of Attainment. Resolve to be a member of Attainment by the close of 1918, without fail. Succeed?—Of course you can

M. V. D.

HARVEST INGATHERING FOR 1917

"Over the top." It is very gratifying to find that we have passed our goal by nearly \$20,000. We wish to sincerely thank every one who took part in this grand united effort.

The circulation of considerably over 1,000,000 copies of the WATCHMAN is a task. As a result of this united effort many thousands know more of our movement and message than ever before. Great blessings have come to us as we have put on the armor and gone forth to the warfare.

The following report by union conferences for 1916 and 1917 will be studied with interest. It is our plan to give a report by conferences in the columns of the *Review*. You will be interested to see just how your conference came out as compared with others.

Union	1916	1917	Gain	Loss
Atlantic	\$15,721.41	\$17,742.02	\$2,020.61	
Central	13,531.53	10,403.23		3,128.30
Columbia	18,722.37	26,685.30	7,962.93	
E. Canad'n	4,342.35	5,720.30	1,377.95	
Lake	19,748.69	25,242.15	5,493.46	
Northern	13,611.65	17,869.02	4,257.37	
N. Pacific	9,508.35	14,603.53	5,095.18	
Pacific	13,303.45	21,227.14	7,923.69	
Southeastern	3,870.11	7,353.20	3,483.09	
Southern	4,265.24	6,121.80	1,856.56	
Southwestern	4,892.17	4,965.72	73.55	
W. Canad'n	4,435.78	11,013.32	6,577.54	
Miscellaneous		223.45	223.45	
Totals	125,953.10	169,170.18	46,345.38	3,128.30
Gain over 1916			43,217.08	

We wish space would permit of our giving a detailed report of what some churches and individuals have done. We are certain that with more experience and better organization that we can do more during 1918.

F. W. PAAP

Alberta Conference

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President, H. H. Humann; Secretary-Treasurer, F. L. Hommel; Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Bertha Gillbank; Field and Missionary Secretary, R. P. Mooney; Sabbath School Secretary, Mrs. H. M. Crothers; Tract Society Secretary, F. L. Hommel; Medical Secretary, Dr. Hans Bonde.

CHARACTER

Character is valued very highly in this world because it is greatly needed and takes a life time to get. If it were secured in a day or week or even a month, it would then be spent in the same manner. Nobody can build a character for another. It is a work that each one has to do for him or herself.

Character has to be guarded very closely, for it can be preserved only by a struggle, in which there is no treaty of peace. It is a battle that has to be fought every day in our lives. We sometimes may be the loser in this battle, but the man or woman who has learned to make his failures the aids to success has learned one of the most valuable secrets of life. And again, we must not be satisfied with our present attainments, for the man that is satisfied with himself will never grow.

Nothing is more difficult than to reform character, but nothing is so permanent as character when it is rightly formed. Character, whether good or bad, can never be hid from sight of others. Therefore, we should see to it that we cultivate a good character. The wise man also tells us that "A good name is

rather to be chosen than great riches and loving favour rather than silver and gold."

To some persons it is easier to form a right character, because of the stronger elements that they have inherited. First, the mental if they have a strong will-power it is easier to resist the temptations of the wily one, and thereby cultivate the elements of firmness and stability. Also the physical side has a great deal to do with character building. When there is a strong body, it often helps one to have a strong will, but on the other hand, when the physical side is weak, it is much harder to withstand hardships. Then again, the spiritual side. When one lives in a Christian atmosphere, morality is planted right in one's ways and motives, the right principles form a right character. It takes great genius on the part of the parents to map out the right course for their children, and land them at last safe on solid ground.

Reading and association will help one more than anything else to cultivate the mind for future life, that is, if the reading material and associates are noble and ideal. If they are low, they will tend to the destruction of the person instead. We find again, that when one is trying to obtain an education, his mind must be in good normal condition, so that he can grasp the principles that are being brought before him day by day. It is the privilege of each and every one of us to develop a christian character, one that is able to withstand ridicule and is able to call sin by its right name. To stand by the right no matter what it might cost. One of the chief elements that will help one to obtain such character is a christian home, the place where one is taught from very childhood the principles of right and wrong. Those with whom we associate must also have a true regard for religion. When attending a Christian school, character will develop very rapidly, either for good or bad, just as we relate ourselves to the opportunities that come to us day by day. It is the little things that test our character. The things that we meet all along the pathway of life. If we meet them the way Christ met them, every time they come to us, it soon becomes a habit to us and another stone to our character wall, a stone that will not crumble nor fall has been laid.

We must be honest to everyone we meet, no matter how hard the consequence may be, for the truth may be trampled down, but will triumph in the end. When we are placed in trying places and darkness hovers over and about us, we should not give up the true principles, but stand firm like a needle to the pole, But again by standing firm to our rights, we should not be bold or proud, but be courteous and polite, for this is the only way to meet the enemy successfully.

Liberality, both in thoughts and in action should be cultivated in a Christian character. We should not allow ourselves to think just about our own selves all the time, but also about our neighbors and those with whom we associate day after day. In our everyday school association, we have the best opportunity to develop carefulness, punctuality and preciseness. We should not think of gaining anything by meeting our appointments just a minute late. We will never gain by being just a minute late, but rather lose. We may not see this in our young days, but the experiences of others are to help us

to overcome our shortcomings. If we arrange our lives so as to be just a minute late, we are sure to miss the joys of heaven, not just a minute late, but forever and forever.

"The world is looking for men who are not for sale, men who are honest, sound from centre to circumference, true to heart's core. Men whose conscience are steady as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right if the heavens totter and the earth reels. Men who can tell the truth, men that neither brag nor run, men who can have courage without shouting to it, men who know their own business and attend it, men who neither shrink nor dodge, men who are not afraid to say 'no' with emphasis, and who are not ashamed to say, 'I can't afford it.' This kind of character does not need an advertisement, and through God's help, it is the privilege of each one of us to obtain this character."

SAMUEL W. LEISKE

**REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Alberta Conference**

QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1917

	Members	13th Sab.	Totals
Acme.....	27	\$ 9.26	\$27.83
Beiseker.....	132	9.87	121.61
Bismark.....	27	7.10	40.45
Boyne Lake.....	11	1.60	2.25
Burnt Lake.....	9	3.00	13.58
Brookes—No Report.....			
Calgary (Eng.).....	54	53.00	167.20
Calgary (Ger.).....	19	7.05	31.02
Clemens.....	14	7.00	27.65
Coronation.....	21	6.25	19.25
Claresholm.....	37	15.35	44.90
Clive.....	26	7.95	54.10
Castor—No Report.....			
Compeer.....	22	7.25	15.90
Cayley.....	7	3.76	12.46
Czar.....	15	4.65	35.60
Didsbury.....	32	9.25	38.91
Edmonton (Eng.).....	62	38.63	106.11
Edmonton (Ger.).....	24	11.50	36.50
Falun—No Report.....			
Granum.....	20	20.00	60.14
Gadsby (Eng.).....	15	39.60	65.12
Gadsby (Ger.).....	16	1.95	13.60
Harmattan.....	22	17.01	50.58
Hawkesdale.....	15	5.95	25.56
Hanna.....	16	2.50	10.50
Irvine.....	28	14.70	45.80
Irma.....	6	3.10	3.10
Peerless.....	6	15.25	38.75
Kinuso.....	11	1.23	10.26
Lewisville.....	15	9.00	19.00
Leduc (Eng.).....	10	8.57	25.80
Leduc (Ger.).....	31	8.80	26.35
Loyalist.....	34	14.90	42.90
Lockhart.....	17	5.00	10.65
Lacombe.....	231	89.54	183.31
Lunnsford.....	20	5.07	5.07
Edberg.....	10	3.35	25.45
Lakesend.....	10	9.00	32.60
Midnapore.....	29	5.50	21.50
Markerville.....	8	1.00	4.61
Manville.....	11	5.00	19.40
Neapolis.....	8	6.60	18.67
Olds.....	6	12.00	44.30
Ohaton.....	9		
Ponoka.....	12	2.00	4.75
Retlaw.....	10	2.00	2.00
Steveville.....	7	1.70	10.90
Stavely.....	7	9.85	32.20
Sedgwick.....	8	9.85	20.00
Stony Plain.....	16	1.95	6.11
Trochu.....	7	6.00	17.05
Thelma—No Report.....			
Travers—No Report.....			
Vermilion Lakes.....	25	7.40	26.85

Woodbend.....	12	1.00	10.70
Winnifred.....	35	5.50	31.67
Walsh.....	12	4.00	8.00
Wetaskiwin.....	9	1.25	9.85
Lacombe (Ger.).....	61	22.00	52.40
Pledge.....		50.00	50.00
Home Department, Conference....	148	54.60	435.71
Birthdays, Extra.....		8.20	8.20
	1532	\$634.80	\$2364.83

61 Schools.

Number of Perfect Attendance Cards..... 185
Number Taking Training Course..... 40

Seven of our schools failed to report—one more should have been on our list—(Schuler) but we have not received any report since its organization, so we have omitted this school, until we have some report from the worker there. You can plainly see that our membership and finances would have been much larger if all the schools had been faithful. "He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful in much." Our membership this quarter was 114 more than last quarter, and the donations exceeded last quarters' by \$26.07. Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings are the largest for one quarter for two years. This should make us feel glad.

The Perfect Attendance Cards are ninety-six more than last reported. The Calgary Sabbath School takes the lead, with Didsbury coming next. Twenty members received the Sabbath-school book mark, being perfect in attendance for the full year. I am afraid that most of our school are not paying the attention to this part of the work, as they should. This is part of our report. I would again ask our superintendents, Secretaries and teachers to encourage every one to make an earnest effort to be present each Sabbath.

Study the above report carefully. Compare your school with the others, and let us find out where we may improve. Our Sabbath School Goal is "Good, Better, Best."

Study the Summary below, showing the work of our schools for the last two years, both in membership and finances. This should cause us to rejoice and say: "See what God hath wrought."

1916			1917		
Q. Mem.	13th Sab.	Totals	Q. Mem.	13th Sab.	Totals
1st 1322	\$197.95	\$1023.87	1st 1364	\$145.37	\$903.16
2nd 1194	161.71	1200.80	2nd 1433	338.35	2026.22
3rd 1209	270.72	1674.11	3rd 1449	504.33	2016.77
4th 1284	130.00	1354.85	4th 1535	634.80	2364.83
	\$760.36	\$5253.61		\$1610.85	\$7310.98

Average per member for 1916 \$4.20

Gain in membership 1917, 193
Gain in Finances, '17 \$2057.36
Av. per member, 1917, \$5.07

May the Lord continue to bless in the work of the Sabbath Schools. May our efforts be blessed, that we may see fruit for our labors. "The worth of a soul cannot be fully estimated by finite minds. How gratefully will the ransomed and glorified ones remember those who were instrumental in their salvation."

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS,
Conf. S. S. Secretary.

VERMILION LAKES

I was suddenly called to Manville to conduct the funeral services of the dear baby of our brother and sister, Joe Scoggins. Arrived in Manville about midnight or later and found Joe and Brother Philbrick awaiting our arrival. We left town at 6 a.m., and drove all day, stopping at Brother Scott's for dinner and at Philbricks' for the night, and the next day the services were held. The Lord blessed in the presentation of the Word and hopes were re-kindled and faith grew strong.

On Monday we met for the Quarterly meeting and annual election of church officers. The Lord blessed us greatly in this meeting. Sweet harmony and peace prevailed throughout the entire session. A great realization of the wonderful sacrifice of Christ came to our view. The brethren chose Brother Joe Scoggins for their Sabbath School Superintendent. This was my first visit to the Vermilion Lakes church

and it was a happy surprise to me to find such a nice company here.

My imagination was rekindled when I was shown the different homesteads of Brethern Fish, Heaton, Wood, Grandpa Scoggins and Middleton. Surely this is a romantic country, and the company would greatly appreciate the presence of these dear brethren even now. I left the dear folks with their blessings and felt thankful the Lord had seen fit to use me for a little time there.

C. C. NEUFELD.

PLEASANT VIEW

We came out here the seventeenth of January to hold a series of meetings. Thus far, we have held nine. The weather being very unsettled, the roads bad, our meetings have been interfered with. We had forty in attendance one night, the other nights around thirty. If the roads were fit for automobiles, the school house wouldn't hold the audience. We have the assurance of some fruits already. One man with a family of nine children told us the other day that he would have to keep the Sabbath. When the change of the Sabbath was presented to him, he suddenly looked at me and said, "We have been serving the devil." This man's wife's sister, accepted the truth years ago in Russia, and some years later married a Roumanian brother. They moved to Brazil. I was shown a letter written by them five years ago in which they stated that they were praying for them to accept the truth. Surely there will be joy in store for that sister, should she hear of her prayers being answered.

We are hopeful of others. Almost every home has a copy of Great Controversy. One copy of Daniel and Revelation. The homes open to us are made up of different nationalities. I have an invitation to a Russian-German Catholic home to hold meetings.

Pray for these dear souls that a light may be set up here which will shine to the coming of Jesus.

H. A. NIERGARTH.
PETER RICK.

OBITUARY

Mrs. A. W. Steeves died at the Alberta Sanitarium, in Calgary, Alberta, after a short illness of three weeks. She had been a sufferer for a number of years. During December she had another severe attack of illness from which she sought relief by an operation. For a time she seemed to be making a good recovery, but on Wednesday she suddenly became worse and passed away the following Friday morning, January 11, 1918.

The deceased was born in Tarra, Ontario, August 3, 1863. On November 4, 1884, she was united in marriage to A. W. Steeves at Hillsboro, North Dakota, and to them ten children were born, all but one of whom are still living.

The funeral services which were held at the home of Brother Steeves and at the Methodist church in Millet, were attended by a large number of friends and relatives. All of the children except the daughter living in Montana were able to be present.

To Brother Steeves and his family, who are thus called upon to mourn, we all extend our sincere sympathy, and pray that God will give them His special blessing of comfort and consolation in this hour of their grief and loss.

ACADEMY NOTES

The faculty and students have been pleased the past few weeks by visits from a large number of the patrons of the school. From Beiseker have come Brother and Sister Fred Renschler, Brother and Sister John H. Nathan, Brother and Sister Rudolph Gimbel, Brother and Sister Huldreich Leiske, Brother Fred Sulzle and Mr. Helmuth Schlenker. And today, we were pleased to be greeted by the welcome smiles of Brother and Sister Henry Kindopp, Sr., who are here to spend a few days looking over the work of the school and visiting their children, Matilda and David. It is a pleasure to have these good brethren and sisters with us and to show them the recent equipment of the Academy, especially the new "Rosebud Laboratories," which were equip'd entirely by the grateful co-operation of the Beiseker Church.

From Delroy has come Sister E. A. Yankhe, whose presence we have enjoyed during her week's visit to her son, Leo, who is in his first year at the Academy.

Mr. R. Carruthers of Cayley made a short call yesterday on his grand-daughter, Miss Margaret Carruthers, as he passed by on a business trip.

Miss Helen Armeneau was happily surprised recently by a visit from her brother, Philip Armeneau, who called on his way east from the coast.

Sister James Wallace of Stavely, has done the best of all, for she has made us two good visits already this year. Sister Wallace has done much for the school in sending all six of her children to be educated. The three older children were here formerly and this year Frank, Dora and Cameron are with us for the first time.

These visits from our brethren and sisters throughout the conference are much appreciated, and we take this opportunity to invite all to come and assure each one of a hearty welcome.

Thus far, we have been greatly blessed this year with good health. Among teachers and students there has been almost no illness at all, for which we are grateful to God. At present, one of the students, Miss Myrtle Knutson, is ill with throat trouble, but we trust she will soon be able to be with us again.

The enrollment of the school now stands at 217. We feel encouraged that such a goodly number are in attendance this year in spite of many hindering influences, and we are thankful that no student has been taken from us.

Sister D. L. Knoll of Morrin, Alberta, is expected tomorrow to make a visit to her children, Evelyn and Marvin. She plans to be with us over the week-end.

OBITUARY

SCOGGINS.—Waltie Pearl Scoggins was born at Hughenden, Alberta, April 6, 1917. She was afflicted and suffered from her birth. The dear parents often longed to help the dear little sufferer, and they consulted every source at their command. Finally, they had her operated on in the General Hospital in Edmonton, December 29, 1917, from which operation she did not recover. How sweet is the thought that we shall see them again and without any defects or pain. We can't always see why our little ones must suffer so much in their infancy, but the dear Lord knows why. Words of comfort were spoken by the undersigned.

C. C. NEUFELD.

Saskatchewan Conference

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SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT

The members of the Sabbath School are perhaps anxious to see the report of the Sabbath School Department, and I am glad it is ready to pass on.

You see we have added two new schools this time, one at Southey and the other at Kindersley; they have each sent in a good report. We give them a hearty welcome and hope to hear from others who

would like to join, and become an organized School. It is very necessary that we get a faithful report from you each Quarter.

Twenty-one have received perfect attendance cards for the Quarter and eight have had perfect attendance for a whole year. I am sure there are more than that, but these are all that have been reported to me so far. Perhaps we can see the gain we have made in members and financially better if we compare this Quarter with the corresponding Quarter last year:

1916—Membership, 880. Donations, \$1818.57
1917—Membership, 1050. Donations, \$2489.07

Gain—Membership, 170. Donations, \$ 670.50

I am glad to see our membership increasing so steadily. Thirteen Sabbath School members have been baptized during the Quarter. Not as many as last Quarter, but we are thankful for a few. Let us as teachers and members work harder for the souls of the Sabbath School members.

There was an overflow extra printed by the Sabbath School Department on account of the pressing need of money to forward the publishing work in the Asiatic field, to urge our schools to make our offerings more than ever before, but they were late in getting up here so our schools were deprived of them. But we pray the Lord to bless our offerings.

REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Saskatchewan Conference

QUARTER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1917

	Members	Regular	13 ^h Sab.	Total
Battleford.....	140	\$173 57	\$87 19	\$260 76
Beaver Creek.....	48	87 86	31 95	119 81
Canora.....	31	55 15	26 00	81 15
Carlton.....	27	48 06	27 75	75 81
Carmichael.....	23	38 50	10 00	48 50
Dundurn.....	18	57 75	21 00	78 75
East Regina.....	29	19 30	13 63	32 93
Fenwood.....	19	15 05	11 80	26 85
Fox Valley.....	46	56 35	10 00	66 35
Hanley.....	14	63 75	58 50	122 25
Hillesden.....	10	13 90	7 45	21 35
Langham.....	18	14 12	3 25	17 37
Lonesome Butte.....	23	16 98	10 00	26 98
Loreburn.....		20 00	14 00	34 00
Macrorie.....	53	96 52	91 50	188 02
McGee.....	14	9 27	4 50	13 77
McLean.....	11	37 00	10 10	47 10
Prince.....	10	49 15	10 15	59 30
Prussia (Leader).....	39	38 00	23 50	61 50
Queen Centre.....	28	43 55	8 75	52 30
Regina.....	14	35 81	10 00	45 81
Rouleau.....	28	28 32	16 14	44 46
Rosthern.....	7	11 90	12 05	23 95
Saskatoon.....	22	31 81	6 54	38 35
Sonningdale.....	23	51 74	12 55	64 29
Sunset.....	20	60 20	20 00	80 20
Southey.....	17	15 25	3 20	18 45
Surbiton.....	15	22 95	10 80	33 75
Swift Current—no report				
Truax.....	27	16 71	2 75	19 46
Tugaske.....	29	40 00	24 60	64 60
Viceroy.....	10	7 00	9 00	16 00
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Mrs. R. S. DEXTER

NEWS ITEMS

At the recent conference committee meeting it was decided that our camp-meeting be held this year again in Moose Jaw, July 4-14. We are sure our people are glad to receive this information at this early date.

Elder G. W. Rader, who has been asked by this conference to work in this field, arrived at Regina the other day and met in council with Elder Walker. Elder Rader is making the South-eastern part of the province his field of labor and is locating at Carlyle. His family will join him in the Spring. We welcome Brother Rader, and ask God's blessing upon his work.

In the interest of the book work, it was decided that Brother John Henkes be asked to assist Brother Kitto in this work.

Elder W. A. Clemensen, together with our Union Young People's Secretary, Elder Reising, are laboring at the Fox Valley church in the interest of the young people there. From there they will spend a few days at Leader.

An early Canvassers' Institute will be held this year at Macrorie, and we ask all those who are not students at the school, and who intend to attend this meeting with the object of doing colporteur work this summer, to correspond with Brother Robert Kitto or with the office. We trust the Lord will impress upon the hearts of some of the more mature brethren of our conference to engage in the book work.

Brother D. D. Neufeld has been laboring for several weeks at Queen Centre, where a good interest seems to be manifested, and where a few families have since taken their stand for the truth.

FOODS TO REPLACE MEAT

In many a household this knowledge would be gladly received. But very few people know how to prepare a good nourishing meal without flesh foods.

To Seventh-day Adventists who have been teaching and practising vegetarianism the meatless meals and meatless days are no hardship. On the other hand they are able to give valuable information to others so they can live well and economically without using flesh foods.

Our health magazine, *Life and Health*, is especially appropriate to circulate now. In every home where a Food Administration food card is seen, people will be found who are interested in the health principles which are a part of our cause.

The March issue of *Life and Health* contains among other items, three articles especially adapted to the present needs. They are: "Foods to Replace Meat," "Food Economies," and "A Few Facts About Fats."

The price of this number is but ten cents a copy. Fifty or more copies cost four cents each. The magazine is easy to handle, easy to sell.

Why not order a quantity from your conference tract society today and sell them in your neighborhood?

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GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN

The General Conference will be held March 29-April 21, 1918, at San Francisco, California. A daily bulletin will be issued giving the business and actions of each day; also sermons, etc.

You will not wish to miss the information you will receive in this Bulletin. This session will be a very important one, and we shall all watch it with more than usual interest.

Send your name and address immediately to the office with 50c and be sure to secure your subscription early..

G. H. SKINNER.

OUR YOUTH

On my return from the Union Council at Calgary, I visited Lavombe school for a day. Was pleased to meet former friends and make new acquaintances, also to meet several students from Manitoba.

I was glad for Elder Walker's invitation to visit the Battleford Academy also. Here I had the privilege of meeting eight or nine Manitoba young people who are seeking a training in the school of the prophets. I wish that many more of our young people might receive the mold of Heaven and not the mold of the world that the schools of the world give. It is far better to invest our means in the education of our youth than to leave it to them, many times to be a curse to them. May the Lord bless these young people and may they appreciate the great privilege which is their's and make the most of their opportunities.

GEO. H. SKINNER.

NOTES

Elder Skinner has been confined for about a week with an attack of quinsy, but is now up and busy as usual.

Sr. Finch and Mrs. Louise of Rainy River called at the office recently, while in the city for a day or two.

Brother McGee reports an interest at Kenora, Ont., where he is now canvassing and holding Bible readings.

During 1917, the membership of the Winnipeg church increased from 54 to 92 and the tithes from \$966.43 in 1916, to \$2425.81 in 1917. God is blessing the united effort that is being put forth to reach the honest in heart.

The tithe for 1917 showed a gain of over \$3900 over 1916. Total 1916, \$4600.04. Total for 1917, \$8514.23. With all the blessings received from day to day, surely no one can afford to be untrue and unfaithful to God in tithes and offerings. Where do we stand in this world's history?

On Sabbath, Feb. 3, four more were baptized by Elder Hansen at Winnipeg.

The 1918 catalogs of books, tracts and periodicals give latest quotations and lists of literature. Send for a copy. A card will bring it and then you can see what you can secure for those about you to whom you wish to bring the truth.

Camp-meeting, June 20-30 at Winnipeg. Begin your plans now to attend this important meeting.

FAMINE? Secure a *Morning Watch* calendar and begin to store the Word of God in your mind against the day of famine. The coal shortage should remind us the time is soon to come when there will be a famine for hearing the words of the Lord. Order of Tract Society. 5c per copy. A meal for every day of the year.

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WHO WILL BE NEXT?

Who Will Be The Next? Money has come in for one tent. This is a good start, but we need twenty-nine more such amounts. Remember each tent complete costs a little over fifty dollars. Now who will be the next to send in the price of, at least, one tent? We would like to have the money as soon as possible so we could place the order with the tent manufacturers before the prices go up higher. In the previous issue of the *Tidings*, you remember we stated that this conference has only ten family tents, and that we should have twenty-five or thirty more. Let us all pray that God will send us the money with which to purchase these tents so we can take care of our brethren and sisters when they come to the camp-meeting.

Who Will Be Next?

A. C. GILBERT.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER NOTES

The month of January brought together the Missionary Volunteer reports from all parts of our conference. It brought one pleasant surprise after another as the exceptionally well-laden report blanks came in to head quarters. Without a single exception, each society reported for the fourth quarter of 1917. Also a goodly number of isolated members sent in reports.

It makes us all feel happy to know that the financial goal for the past year was reached—yes, and surpassed by \$19.50. Only about thirty-five per cent of the total amount had been reported for the first three quarters of the year and it did seem rather doubtful that we could reach our goal by the end of December. However, our faithful volunteers rallied to the front, and came out victorious.

The South Vancouver Society exceeded its goal by \$4.90. The Grandview Society exceeded the goal by \$6.80. One member of the conference senior society had set her goal at \$15, but this was more than doubled by the end of the year. Another member of the conference senior society had set her goal at \$50 and by the help of the Lord, she not only reached this goal, but went considerably beyond it.

Not only along financial lines, but also in the other lines of missionary work do we note progress, for according to the summary of work reported for the fourth quarter of the past year, there were more missionary letters written, and more papers, tracts, and books given away than during the three previous quarters combined.

The Lord's blessing has attended the efforts of our volunteers. Truly we all have reason to be of good courage in the work, which the Master has so kindly given us to do, and we shall not retreat until the work is done.

*"Then let us toil and let us pray,
The shining mansions wait;
The Master longs to call us home,
And close each pearly gate;
But honest souls are still unwarned,
And we must speed the call,
Or share the fate of those distressed
On whom His wrath shall fall."*

LYDIA G. STICKLE.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS NOTES

The Conference Committee and Auditing Board were in session January 23 and 24. They studied quite a number of important matters pertaining to the welfare and prospect of the cause in British Columbia. The Union Conference in their meeting at Calgary considered carefully the dates for the camp-meetings in each of the four conferences in Western Canada, and in harmony with the dates suggested for the other conferences, this body suggested that the camp-meeting date for this field be June 6-16. Our local committee approved this suggestion, and believe it to be the most suitable date in conjunction with the dates of the other camp meetings. The place for our camp meeting will be Penticon.

On the arrival of the Empress of Japan the other evening, we were pleased to greet Elder B. P. Hoffman, superintendent of our work in Japan. He was accompanied by Doctor N. Ikegami, one of our medical workers who has come over to study Sanatorium methods as practised in our Sanatoriums in America. Brother Hoffman spoke at our Maple Street church prayer meeting, at which he gave some interesting information regarding the progress of the work in Japan.

Brother L. A. Philpott is in Vancouver assisting Brother J. J. Enwright to begin canvassing for Elder Spicer's book, "Our Day in Prophecy." We are hoping to sell a large number of this excellent little book in British Columbia this year and

trust that the Lord will open the way for several others to engage in this needy line of work. We are pleased indeed to learn from Brother D. A. Dobbs of Kelowna that he is planning to engage in the colporteur work in his home district. Our prayers will follow these faithful workers as they go forth in courage and faith to spread abroad a knowledge of the truth.

D-O-I-N-G
MISSIONARY WORK BY CORRESPONDENCE
(Concluded)

"Dear Friend:

"I take the liberty to address you in regard to the *Signs of the Times* which paper I have had the pleasure of sending you for the past few weeks. Since I have been informed by my friend that you are interested in religious literature, I felt sure you would enjoy the splendid articles, especially those dealing with current events, and their relation to us and this time. This is the day of strife and commotion when we must all face the question 'What do these things mean?'

"If you are pleased with the paper and care to read other copies, I would deem it a favor to be allowed to mail them to you free of cost.

"Hoping to receive a reply from you at an early date, I am,

"Yours truly."

You will be equally interested in some of the replies received. Here is one:

"I received your letter and also the *Signs of the Times*. I appreciate reading the paper very much, and you may send it to me longer if you wish. Are you not the man I bought a book from a few months ago?

"Yours truly."

Note how this opens the way for another letter, and perhaps later, further literature:

Here are others:

"I sent the *Signs* to a Catholic man last year. He would not read it at first. I got a letter from him a few days ago asking for reading matter, just anything that I wanted to send him. He says he is now one of us and expects to be baptized in our faith."

"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* affected a change in my outlook on life and things in general."

"I have never known Christ until five weeks ago, I accidentally ran across one of these papers, *Signs of the Times*, and after reading it I was converted and made up my mind that I was going to know more of Him, and at once subscribed for it, and oh, what help I have gotten from the wonderful truths it contains."

"A dear friend of mine sent in my name to your paper for six months and I have received it about two months now and I wish to tell you I have never read a paper of religious message in my life that did me so much good as this. I hope I will never have to be deprived of it and I am going to try to have it in other homes I know of. I really think this is the religion I have been looking for all my life, and hope I can join your little band before long."

Thus you see the remarkable opportunities in this work.

1st: It brings a blessing to the individual who does the writing;

2nd: In a personal way others are invited to investigate the truth;

3rd: This work can be made a special feature of the continuous, practical work of the missionary society, for it offers special opportunities for those who cannot get out with literature to have an active part.

Let us think of Cripple Tom and his work. Think of the far greater facilities God has given us for bringing the truth to others. Contemplate what may be accomplished by writing encouraging missionary letters, accompanying them with our truth-filled literature. Shall we not make a special endeavor to improve our many opportunities along this line during 1918? Let us make it the best year yet in missionary correspondence.

GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN

The next General Conference will be held in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, March 29 to April 14, 1918. A daily Bulletin of the proceedings will be published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

It is now less than two months until the Conference convenes, hence none too early to place orders for the Bulletin. This will be the most important General Conference ever held, and surely every Seventh-day Adventist will want to read the Bulletin. The price has been placed exceedingly low, only 50c. Send orders to your Tract Society office.

MARCH "WATCHMAN" NOW READY

The March number of the *Watchman* is now ready. Among the leading articles are "Benedict XV and the Belligerents," "The Orient and The Next War," "The Land of Liberty," "The End of the Age," etc. The cover design shows a little Adventist Miss in a country school knitting a sweater during the recess period for some soldier at the front. It is very impressive and has a strong patriotic appeal. Orders of 250 or more may be telegraphed free if you are in a hurry.

"The impenitent sometimes excuse themselves by saying of professed Christians, 'I am as good as they are. They are no more self-denying, sober or circumspect in their conduct than I am. They love pleasure and self-indulgence as well as I do.' Thus they make the faults of others an excuse for their own neglect of duty. But the sins and defects of others do not excuse any one: for the Lord has not given us an erring human pattern. The spotless Son of God has been given as our example, and those who complain of the wrong course of professed Christians are the ones who should show better lives and nobler examples. If they have so high a conception of what a Christian should be, is not their own sin so much the greater? They know what is right, and yet refuse to do it.'

STUDY AT HOME.—If you cannot attend one of our training schools, why not form the habit of studying at home? The Fire-side Correspondence School will teach you how. Elder A. G. Daniells, President of the General Conference, says: "I believe your school is conferring an unspeakable benefit upon our people." Let us tell you more about this matter. Address C. C. Lewis, Principal, Tacoma Park, D.C.

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