

Western Canadian Tidings

"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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IF WE KNEW

If we knew what hearts are aching
For the comfort we might bring;
If we knew what souls are yearning
For the sunshine we might fling;
If we knew what feet are weary,
Walking pathways roughly laid,
We would quickly hasten forward,
Stretching forth our hands to save.

If we knew what friends around us
Feel a want they never tell,
That some word that we have spoken
Pained or wounded where it fell,
We would speak in accents tender
To each friend we chanced to meet;
We would give to each one freely
Smiles of sympathy so sweet.

—Selected.

COULD YOU DO IT?

If you were required to set down a clear outline of the history of our denomination, and were not permitted to consult any books or people before going ahead with your task, could you do it? Could you?

Suppose a stranger, interested in the truth, should ask you concerning the beginnings of the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination, the principles which lay at its foundation, the scope of its work, and why you are a member of it. Could you give a clear answer, or would you say:

"I really cannot tell you anything about the history of my church. I am an Adventist, as were my people before me; but as to the origin of the denomination, I fear I am not well posted, and am unable to tell you?"

No Missionary Volunteer should be satisfied until he has made a special study of our Denominational History, which study is a part of the Standard of Attainment plan. Why not form a Study Class in your Society now, and resolve that you will be prepared for the Denominational History examination, which comes in May?

The Missionary Volunteer Department has prepared a Leaflet of one hundred and twenty-five Questions on this subject, based on the book, "The Great Second Advent Movement," and giving references for finding the correct answers to each question. The May examination will be based upon this Leaflet. If you master the information called for in it, you will pass the test without fail. Secure the Leaflets from your Tract Society, or from the Missionary Volunteer Secretary of your Conference. You have two months and a half in which to prepare.

Begin today, without delay,
To prepare for the test,
That comes in May!

NINETEEN EIGHTEEN

What will its record be? Can we afford to be less active in the message than formerly? Surely not! It is easy to get careless and let the enemy steal a march on us. The officers of the conferences have laid plans for a stronger campaign in all the fields and this is as it should be. The success of these plans depend largely on the hearty co-operation of all our people. We are still granted a little time of grace in which to work, but the night surely cometh when no man can work. Now is no time to slacken our efforts.

More laborers are going into the field. Pray for them and pray the Lord of harvest to send still more workers to answer the many calls that come from all parts of the great Union conference. More laborers mean more souls won to the third angel's message. It also means more tithe to support the laborers that God sends. Then the mission board is constrained to ask us to undertake in Canada and United States to raise an average of 25c per week per member during 1918 for missions. Let us try to keep up our quota for missions every month during this year. The Western Canadian Union Conference has never failed to produce its yearly quota. We must not fail this year. Then we must never again fall behind our record of fifty thousand dollars worth of books sold. Our goal for 1918 should be \$75,000; but it will mean that everybody keeps the goal in view and works toward it right through the year. Watch the sales from month to month. By God's help we must do more in 1918 than ever before and we can if we try.

C. F. McVAGH.

MUSIC AT GENERAL CONFERENCE

We are desirous of making the music at General Conference a strong feature. Emphasis will be placed not only upon the special music, but upon the congregational singing as well. The congregation will use the evangelistic Song Book, "Songs of Zion." 1000 copies have been ordered for use during the Conference.

All singers are requested to join the chorus choir and bring with them for their use in the choir the complete edition of "Hymns and Tunes," and "Christ in Song."

I am requesting all persons willing to assist in the music of the Conference, and who come under any of the following classes to either notify me by mail, indicating the class you come under, or make it a point to see me at your earliest convenience upon your arrival at the Conference: (a) Music Leaders, (b) Pianists, (c) Soloists, (d) Orchestra Members,

(e) Mule Quartettes.

We are planning a good orchestra. Come and bring your instruments.

"O, come let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation." Ps. 95:1.

Please send all information to W. I. Morey, Walla Walla College, College Place, Washington.

Manitoba Conference

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THE LORD CALLS TO SERVICE

Manitoba believers are loyal, faithful soldiers of the Cross. In the great battle now being fought for the kingdom of Christ, we shall do our part faithfully. As long as we know that honest souls about us are in peril of remaining in the bondage of error and sin, we shall rally to the banner of Prince Immanuel and rescue all whom we can from the enemy's power.

"Today, as then, angels of heaven are waiting to lead men to their fellowmen. An angel showed Phillip where to find this man, who was so ready to receive the truth, and today angels of God will guide and direct the footsteps of those workers who will allow the Holy Spirit to sanctify their tongues and ennoble their hearts."

To every believer the supreme object in life should be, not only to learn the Third Angel's Message as a theory, but to *be that message*. We should be daily, the living message, crying in the world, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make straight paths." We are on business for our King—King Jesus. Our lives consecrated to the Master will lead us to work for His interests and not our own. Often we sing, "I'll do what you want me to do, dear Lord" and we believe what we say. While we are willing to work for Jesus we find that in the strenuous effort one must put forth for the necessities of life, we often neglect our *first* and *real* object in life.

The draft law has made it quite impossible for many of our young men of military age to go into the canvassing field, for they must work at farming or go into the draft. There should be two ready to spring into the ranks for every one that drops out, that the message may keep moving. Many men who are past military age must now hear the call of God to leave the plow or shop and press into the ranks of God's workers. Many young women and many of our sisters can take the place of men in this work as well as other lines of work which they are now doing.

If you cannot devote all of your time give part of the year. Those who have horses or autos, get a supply of literature and spend every week you can in this work. The Lord will bless your effort. We want all who are interested in this call to write me at once, as we have a plan to help you. Jesus says, "Go work today." We will await word from you with interest.

Yours for the finishing of the work,

GEO. H. SKINNER.

MANITOBA CONFERENCE REVENUE STATEMENT December 31, 1917

Income	
Tithe from Churches.....	\$8514.04
Austin.....	\$1074.60
Bradwardine.....	1535.41
Brandon.....	139.70
Beausejour.....	17.00
Carberry.....	34.29
Conference.....	1138.25
Dauphin.....	288.75
Grandview.....	46.05
Minitonas.....	371.96
Morden.....	278.79
Port Arthur.....	133.52
Russell.....	889.00
Scandinavia.....	69.77
Winnipeg (Eng.).....	2425.81
Winnipeg (Ice.).....	71.14
Appropriations:—	\$1834.29
N. A. Div. Conf.....	834.29
W. C. Union Conf.....	1000.00
Donations:	\$ 770.39
Laborers.....	\$ 200.62
Gen. Relief Fund.....	234.00
Gen. Conf. Fund.....	150.00
Auto Fund.....	78.00
Tent & Camp Fund.....	10.77
Interest.....	\$ 139.93
Total Income.....	11,258.65
Expense	
Laborer's Salary.....	\$5770.57
Laborer's Traveling Expenses.....	893.17
Laborer's General Expense.....	524.87
Total Salary and Expense.....	\$7188.61
Expense:	
Committee Expense.....	\$ 82.40
Exchange.....	5.98
Heat and Light.....	58.58
Postage.....	58.93
Rent.....	169.50
Stationery.....	18.15
General Expense.....	186.29
	\$ 211.98
Depreciation:	
Campmeeting Equipment.....	\$ 149.75
Personal Property.....	62.23
	\$1787.95
Specific Funds:	
Tithe to Union Conference.....	\$ 851.40
Tithe to Missions.....	425.71
Sustentation.....	510.84
Western Canadian Tidings.....	\$ 137.42
Total Expense.....	\$9905.79
Income Exceeds Expense.....	1352.86
	11258.65

BALANCE SHEET—MANITOBA CONFERENCE December 31, 1917

Assets	
Cash in Bank.....	\$7443.89
Bills Receivable.....	1000.00
Accounts Receivable.....	470.03
Inventories:	
Campmeeting equipment.....	\$ 569.25
Personal Property.....	465.00
Expense.....	45.18
Stationery.....	14.25
	\$1093.68
Total Assets.....	10007.60

Liabilities and Surplus	
Local Trust Funds.....	\$5498.48
Church School Fund.....	\$ 131.50
General Relief Fund.....	637.42
Gen. Conf. Refund.....	1213.50
Icelandic Lit. Fund.....	163.88
Poor Fund.....	12.25
Religious Lib. Fund.....	20.90
School Fund.....	3319.03
Total Liabilities.....	\$5498.48

Surplus Statement	
Surplus—January 1, 1917.....	\$3156.26
Gain for Year.....	1352.86
Present Worth.....	\$4509.12
	10007.60
GEO. R. SOPER, <i>Treasurer</i> .	

MANITOBA TRACT SOCIETY—TRADING STATEMENT
Year Ending December 31st, 1917

Returns	
Gross sales.....	\$4647.58
Less—Return sales.....	165.29
Net return from sales.....	\$4482.29
Costs	
Inventory, Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$ 477.00
Purchases in 1917.....	\$5350.88
Less return purchases.....	262.18
Net purchases.....	\$5088.70
Total cost of purchases.....	5565.70
Less inventory Dec. 31, 1917.....	1800.00
	3765.70
Gross Trading Profit.....	\$ 716.59

LOSS AND GAIN STATEMENT

Gains	
Gross Trading profits from trading statement.....	\$ 716.59
Interest on savings deposit.....	45.04
Total Gain.....	\$ 761.63
Losses	
Canvasser's License.....	\$ 10.00
Canvasser's Carfare.....	16.68
Expense.....	56.09
Exchange.....	1.50
Insurance.....	10.80
Postage.....	57.00
Rent.....	15.00
Stationery.....	44.35
Sustanation.....	25.00
Scholarships.....	18.00
Personal Property.....	41.39
Doubtful Accounts.....	35.31
Total loss.....	\$ 331.32
Net Gain for Year.....	\$ 430.31
Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$3117.28
Net gain for Year.....	430.31
Present Worth.....	\$3547.59

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—MANITOBA TRACT SOCIETY
December 31, 1917

Resources	
Cash in Bank.....	\$ 934.37
Accounts receivable.....	621.34
Inventories:	
Merchandise.....	\$1800.00
Postage.....	16.00
Stationery.....	16.50
Per. Property.....	175.25
Expense.....	20.65
	\$2028.40
Total Resources.....	\$3584.11

Liabilities and Capital	
Accounts Payable.....	\$ 36.52
Personal.....	\$ 28.70
Trust Funds.....	7.82
Total Liabilities.....	\$ 36.52
Present worth Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$3117.28
Net operating gains for year.....	430.31
Present Worth Dec. 31, 1917.....	\$3547.59

Total Capital and Liabilities.....	\$3584.11
G. R. SOPER, <i>Treasurer</i>	

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I have made a very careful examination of the vouchers of the Manitoba Conference and Manitoba Tract Society, checked over the inventories and verified the cash. To my best belief, the attached Balance Sheet and Revenue Statement reveals the correct standing of the books of account as of date December 31st, 1917.

Sincerely,

F. L. Hommel
W. U. C. U. Auditor.

NEWS

Good interest in the Standard of Attainment class recently started in Winnipeg, Brother Soper, leader. Keep the good work going.

Another pioneer canvasser recently called at the office—canvassing of course. Bro. Greenslade expects to put on the harness again and help the Lord make a quick work in the earth.

We are hearing every day from our dear people who are interested in souls and who wish to put our literature in the hands of the people. More canvassers, still more canvassers.

O yes,—your General Conference Bulletin subscription of 50c should be in by now. A post card will place your name on the list.

The *Tidings* was renewed the first of the year. We knew you wanted it. 50c.

Camp-meeting, June 20-30, Winnipeg. Enough said.

We are looking forward to a large band of colporteurs this year, and we are anxious to know when and where we can have our canvasser's institute.

Have you answered that letter you received from Elder Skinner? He is waiting to hear from you. He has received some very interesting replies.

One man writes from Dakota, "I wish to come to Manitoba in March to canvass, can I have territory?" Of course, you can.

Those missionaries who are laboring so faithfully over there have to pay high prices too. 25c a week per member will keep them.

Order a *Current Event Series* prospectus containing samples of *World War*, *World Problems*, *Shadow of the Bottle*, *Other Side of Death*, and *Return of Jesus*, etc., and sell these good little books in sets to your neighbors. A card will bring further information.

Alberta Conference

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OUR SANITARIUM

Near the close of the year 1917, I was visited in Edmonton by Elder H. H. Humann, who asked me to leave the work in that city and unite my efforts with those of the staff of the Alberta Sanitarium in Calgary.

On arriving here I found that this institution is situated in the highest part of the city, away from the noise and bustle of the business section. The building is a fine brick structure three stories high, having a score of rooms, counting those in the basement, which has been fitted up for general sanitarium treatment rooms. Here one may receive hydrotherapy, massage, and electrical treatments. On the ground floor

are the kitchen, the dining room, the office, and the sitting room. The last named rooms are large enough to seat a good number of persons. The two upper floors are used as wards for those who come here for medical help, and a well equipped operating room may also be seen on the third floor.



Dr. Bonde and Staff of Workers

Since the institution was planted in Calgary, about three hundred persons have been received as inmates. The wards have been full nearly all the time, so that the staff have had about all the work they have been able to do.

There is, however, one phase of the work here that has been of especial interest to me, that is the spiritual influence that the Sanitarium has wielded upon the patients, and also upon many outside of the institution. Workers' worship is conducted every morning at 6.45 a.m., and patients' worship for those able to attend at 8.30 a.m. In the evening the workers unite with the patients for worship at 7.30.

Several times during the week, there are gatherings for various spiritual exercises. Every Wednesday evening a prayer meeting is held. This is attended by the staff, the patients, and the friends who live in the immediate neighborhood of the Sanitarium. On Sabbath evenings for some time past, Dr. H. Bonde has been giving studies on the prophecies of the Bible. One of the visible results of these studies has been that some of the patients who have come here either without a knowledge of the Truth, or without submitting to what they have known, have returned to their homes, determined to live the Message before their relatives and neighbors. Correspondence is being kept up with these to encourage them in their spiritual warfare.

Recently a Missionary Volunteer Society has been organized. Literature work and correspondence has been started, and we believe that our young people here are determined to become active agents in the closing work of God.

Another gathering that has aroused quite an interest in the neighborhood is held every Sunday night. A series of lectures on health reform is being given by the doctor. Not only Seventh-day Adventists, but also a number of others in the vicinity are taking a keen interest in the subjects presented. The lecture on "Tobacco and Its Use," was attended by a score of city children and youth. We trust that they will profit by the earnest warnings given them, and abstain from the use of the poisonous weed. This is being followed by talks on the patent medicine evil and other vital subjects.

Thus we see that the Sanitarium staff is not only affording relief to those who are physically sick, but is seeking to prevent sickness in those who are well, and to lead souls out of the bondage of spiritual ailments to the joy of health known only to the children of our Heavenly Father. We earnestly request the prayers and co-operation of our friends that the Sanitarium may fulfil the purpose for which it was planted in this city.

— O — A. P. POND.

THE WORKER PICTURE ROLL

We have just four Picture Rolls left. The Sabbath-School that does not have one for this quarter, should send in their order to the Tract Society without delay, that you may not be disappointed.

"For years we have wished that our children might see that which is best, in representation of Bible scenes. And our wish has at last come true. You do not need to talk, nor argue, nor plead, to get the schools to take the Roll. *Just show it to them.* That is practically all you need to do. The cost of such a set of pictures is returned many times over in the enriching of the minds and hearts of all who see them." The cost is only \$1.00 a quarter.

The reduction in price for one year over the price per quarter ought to be an incentive for many *standing* orders for the Worker Picture Roll. Price for the year, \$3.50.

MRS. M. H. CROTHERS, S. S. Sec'y.

STONY PLAIN

Have been for two weeks at this new field and joined Brother Cal. Smith and his companion, who have faithfully labored here for some time. Part of this time, I held meetings in the Blueberry School about nine miles north west of Stony Plain, while Brother and Sister Smith were holding meetings in town and visiting the interested ones. Also joined them in town and spoke several times. We have here about ten or twelve who may be ready soon for baptism. Some are now asking for it. We have a nice Sabbath-school and some fine material for greater work to build up. It is a new field and everything has to take its time to develop. O, what a joy it is to see persons take their stand with this people! It takes courage, but the reward is great.

Just received a letter from Brother A. Klammer, Bruderheim, who states that he has been informed that he has cancer in the stomach and will need an operation very soon. This is sad news and this brother needs our prayers.

C. C. NEUFELD.

STEPPING-STONES TO SAFETY

*Five things, if remembered, will help you each day.
Obeyed they will keep you from going astray.
Though Satan may tempt you and trials betide,
You surely will conquer and in Christ abide.*

*Keep looking to Jesus. He never can fail,
And walk in his footsetps in every detail.
The world's vain allurements will vanish from sight,
By looking to Jesus, your Saviour and Light.*

*Read daily your Bible if you would be strong
To witness for Jesus and overcome wrong.
The author, the book, and doer abide,
But they who neglect it, will surely backslide.*

*Pray without ceasing, this will bring you to Him,
Who cleanses and keeps you a victor o'er sin.
There is nothing so great that our God cannot do,
And nothing so small, but He'll undertake too.*

*Confess Him to others, be bold for your King,
To those who are lying in darkness and sin.
What else can you better to all recommend,
Than this blessed Jesus, the needy one's friend.*

*Do something for Jesus, He did all for you.
Your joy find in willing His sweet will to do.
So seeking to please Him through life day by day,
His presence will gladden each step of your way.*
—Selected.

ACADEMY NOTES

Our school is growing despite all the obstacles that are in the world at present and which have a tendency to draw our young men and women away from our work. The enrollment has now reached the highest mark in the history of our Academy. It is 229, and a few more are expected soon.

The latest students to arrive are Mildred Bergéy, Edwin and Ruth Johnson from Edmonton; Jessie Unwin from Lacombe and the Misses McCarty of Red Willow, Alberta.

Elizabeth James and George Trefz were recently visited by their parents, who stayed with us over Sabbath.

The usual semester examinations have been completed and the second semester's work has begun. We are all determined to make the best of this last semester of the school year.

Mrs. Christianson recently paid a visit to her daughter Enid, who is attending the school.

Mr. R. Burge, a representative of the Underwood & Underwood Co., of New York, visited the Academy last week and gave a stereopticon lecture. He showed us views taken on his trip around the world, many of which were from the battle front in France and other posts. These were interesting as well as instructive to us all.

Last Monday was our annual wood cutting day at the school. A large number of boys with some of the teachers went to the woods. The day was profitable as well as enjoyable to us all. Enough wood was cut to supply the school for another year.

John Sakofsky has just returned from a visit to his home near Rimby.

The canvassers' bands have been organized and are meeting on Sunday afternoons. Bro. R. P. Mooney has been speaking for several evenings to the students in the interest of the canvassing work.

We were glad to have Elder McVagh spend a few hours with us last week on his return from Manitoba.

Sister W. M. McCarty was a welcome visitor at the Academy last Thursday and Friday. She brought her daughters Zella and Wilma, who have enrolled for the second semester's work.

Present Truth, No. 26, takes up briefly, yet forcibly and conclusively, "The Return of the Jews," under the title of "The Gathering of Israel," showing that the restoration of Israel as taught in the Bible is the gathering of spiritual Israel into the Kingdom of Christ, and not the gathering of the Jews to literal Palestine.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA TENT FUND

The price of two more tents has reached the office. This is encouraging. This makes three new tents up to the present writing and this means only twenty-seven more in order to reach the thirty mark. Those who plan to receive a blessing from the Lord in sending the Conference the price of a tent—fifty dollars—please send the money in as soon as possible. We are anxious to place the order for these tents with the manufacturers. Now think this matter over seriously, and let those who are able and willing assist the Conference and co-operate with the Lord in properly equipping this field with tents for our conventions.

Remember the tent fund in your prayers and plans.
A. C. GILBERT.

ONE WAY TO HELP MALAYSIA

We are close upon another Thirteenth Sabbath offering with its joyous privilege of a special offering to a special work. This time it goes to the Malaysian field. The fare of one missionary from Vancouver to Singapore in Malaysia is \$295.00. Do you not think we can raise one fare to that place?

Last quarter we had \$286.33 on the Thirteenth Sabbath. While some of our schools went beyond their usual offerings, others were not able to do much toward that project, but perhaps this time all will be able to lift harder and make up enough for one passage over the waters of the Pacific to this hot island country shrouded in the darkness of heathenism. I believe we can do this. All our isolated believers are most heartily invited to lift with our schools in this grand work.

"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?"—Rom. 10:14,15.

MRS. SADIE McN. JEMSON,
Acting S. S. Secretary for the B. C. Conference.

WHO WILL RESPOND?

WANTED: Thirty-five more subscribers in British Columbia for the *Sabbath School Worker*. In this Conference we subscribe for but eighty-four copies of the *Worker*. We base our goal on the number of families supplying teachers and officers to our Sabbath schools. Because of the value found in this little magazine, we desire that it be in every home, but we have not yet made that the basis of our goal. The price of this paper has not increased this year, while most others have. No teacher or officer can afford to be without this help, nor those studying the lesson week by week, even though they are not teaching. We miss too much thereby.

Are you, who read this, a subscriber? If not, we earnestly solicit your order through the Tract Society. Thirty-five new subscribers wanted now—singly or in clubs.
MRS. SADIE McN. JEMSON.

Saskatchewan Conference

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SASKATCHEWAN TRACT SOCIETY TRADING STATEMENT For Year Ending December 31, 1917

Returns	
Gross Sales	\$ 16,433.94
Less Return Sales	155.95
Net return from Sales	\$ 16,277.99
Costs	
Inventory—Jan. 1, 1917	\$ 1,000.31
Purchases in 1917	\$ 15,383.95
Less return purchases	762.92
Net Purchases	\$ 14,621.03
Total cost of purchases	15,621.34
Less Inventory, Dec. 31, 1917	1,715.19
Cost of Mdse. Sold	\$ 13,906.15
Gross Trading Profit	\$ 2,371.84

LOSS AND GAIN STATEMENT

Gains	
Gross trading profits from trading statement	\$2371.84
Sundries	2.00
Total Gains	\$ 2,373.84
Losses	
Colporteurs' Carfare and Institute	\$ 222.70
Exchange	2.46
Expense	87.94
Furniture, Depreciation	105.36
Freight and Express	82.95
Light and Heat	16.74
Rent	135.00
Postage	243.79
Double Accounts	31.00
Scholarships	73.02
Stationery	141.42
Sustenance	163.43
Telephone	48.50
Typewriter Inspection	15.75
Real Estate	200.00
	1,570.06
Net Gain for Year	\$ 803.78

SASKATCHEWAN TRACT SOCIETY—BALANCE SHEET Year Ending December 31, 1917

Resources	
Cash and Bank	\$ 1,551.27
Accounts Receivable	1,654.30
Real Estate	200.00
Inventories	2,383.85
Expense	\$ 21.51
Furniture and Fixtures	948.90
Merchandise	1,715.19
Stationery	198.25
Total Resources	\$ 6,289.42

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Accounts Payable	\$ 454.59
Trust Funds (Temperance)	4.25
Total Liabilities	\$ 458.84
Present Worth Jan. 1, 1917	\$ 5,026.80
Net operating gain for year	803.78
Present Worth, Dec. 31, 1917	\$ 5,830.58
Total Liabilities and Capital	\$ 6,289.42

BALANCE SHEET SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE OF S. D. A. Year Ending December 31, 1917

Assets	
Cash in Bank	\$ 17,463.99
Accounts Receivable	537.33
Inventories	4,093.54
Tent and C. M. Equip.	\$ 3439.72
Furniture & Fixtures	531.44
Stationery	117.88
Expense	4.50
Total Assets	\$ 22,094.86
Liabilities and Surplus	
Accounts Payable	\$ 34.64
Trust Funds	5,045.78
Home Missions	\$ 2496.62
Religious Liberty	19.31
Sask. School Fund	1176.36
Servian Fund	14.00
Workers' Band	94.74
Y. P. Miss. Volunteer	244.75
Tent and C. M.	1000.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 5,080.42
Surplus—Jan. 1, 1917	\$ 9,893.07
Net Gain for Year	7,121.37
	17,014.44
	22,094.86

REVENUE STATEMENT SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE OF S. D. A. Year Ending December 31, 1917

Income	
Tithe from Churches	\$ 46,258.30
Donations	293.88
Total Income	\$ 46,552.18
Expense	
Laborers' Salary and Expense	\$ 17,437.48
Salary	\$ 12,439.32
Traveling Expenses	2,676.70
General Expense	1,236.17
Appropriation	1,085.29
Expenses, General	\$ 2,529.53
Lost Accounts	\$ 204.20
Committee Expense	63.65
Entertainment	101.00
Exchange	32.96
Expense	308.56
General Expense	252.47
Light	1.75
Office Rent	135.00
Postage	243.80
Room Rent	96.00
Stationery	284.99
Telephone and Telegraph	117.86
C. M. Operating	687.29
Depreciation	\$ 842.77
Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 117.35
Tent and C. M. Equip.	725.42
Appropriation	\$ 1,667.00
British Columbia Conf.	\$ 500.00
Relief Fund	167.00
Tent Equipment	1000.00
Specific	\$ 16,652.93
Sustenance	\$ 2,775.47
Tithe to Missions	9,251.64
Tithe to Union	4,625.82
Western Canadian Tidings	301.10
Total Expense	\$ 39,430.81
Income Exceeds Expense	\$ 7,121.37

U. WISSNER, Treasurer.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—

This is to certify that I have made a very careful examination of the vouchers of the Saskatchewan Conference and Saskatchewan Tract Society, checked over the inventories and verified the cash.

To my best belief the attached Balance Sheet and Revenue Statements reveals the correct standing of the books of account as of date December 31st, 1917.

Sincerely,

F. L. Hommel

W. C. U. C. Auditor.

THE VALUE OF GOOD BOOKS

God only knows how good books are calculated to lift a man higher, and make him holier. On the other hand, God only knows the effect of bad literature upon the morals of the young men and women of today. Do you know we are fast coming to the time, it seems to me, when the taste for literature is of such a nature that it has to be fed upon hurtful suggestions.

A certain Divine was talking a few days ago to one of the saddest publishers in the country and asked him, "Why is it that there are so many trashy, sickening, sentimental, hurtful novels being put upon the market today?" to which he replied, "Because the taste of our people demand it."

A few years ago in one of our Western States, one of the saddest tragedies took place that I have ever heard of. A boy of eight years old took the life of his playmate, and no one could explain it, for they had been the warmest of friends. One day the father sat talking to his boy, who said "Father, if you go home and look in your library, you will see the cause of this," and the father went home and looked, and there was a book "The Adventures of Frank and Jesse James," two of the greatest outlaws the world has ever known. This boy of eight years old had got hold of this book and his young life was fired by the miserable tragedies, resulting in murder.

I know that people do not like to listen to things like this. They say, "We do not like preaching about 'sins,' we like preaching about 'sin.'". Yes, and that is just what I am doing. We have come to the time when there needs to be a clarion note sounded in all the country with regard to the things we are allowing, which are ruining and wrecking the moral life of our people. Parents, and guardians, take warning and see if you are putting a stumbling block in the way of your children. Christ said, it would be better for a mill stone to be hanged about your neck and cast into the sea, than to offend one of these little ones. "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of God."

"Let parents then bequeath to their children, not riches, but the spirit of reverence."—Plato.

FRED C. K. CHAMPMISS.

FIVE QUESTIONS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Go where you will, talk to whom you may, and you will find people everywhere asking if the occupation of the Holy Land by Allied troops is significant; that they want to know about Armageddon; they view with concern the declension of piety; they wonder if famine is facing the world; they marvel at the demonstrations of psychists, and ask if all these things is not a prelude to some impending event of great magnitude. Get a copy of the *Signs Magazine* and see how beautifully it explains these very questions. Let it not be a question of whether or not you should order some of the message-filled April *Signs Magazine* for use in your neighborhood, but rather, let it be a question of how many.

CARLTON AND FOX VALLEY

The above mentioned places have been visited during the past month in the interest of the Young People's work. God is richly blessing the efforts that are put forth in behalf of our young people in this field. Sixteen have taken their stand for the Lord since the beginning of the year.

The Society at Carlton is not very large, but they were all of good courage. Their numbers are few but they are all very zealous for the Lord's work. They are especially lifting on the Foreign Mission load. Their faithful self denials will not be forgotten by the Lord. While there, every member consecrated their services to the Lord for the current year, pledging to do all that was in their power to spread the message in their neighborhood.

In company with Elder J. J. Reiswig, I spent about a week with the society at Fox Valley. During our stay there, four souls united with the Lord, and will help push the work in those parts during the year. There are over sixty young people within the reach of this church and we hope that the good Lord will touch every heart so that they will see the importance of this movement, that of winning souls for the kingdom.

I ask an interest in the prayers of all our church members in this Conference for our unconverted youth.

W. A. CLEMENSEN.

NEWS ITEMS

Prof. and Sister Hughes, who have been with us for one and a half years at the school, are leaving for the General Conference and will not return to our field. Prof. Hughes has been asked by the General Conference to take up work in Jamaica. Brother Hughes has had charge of our school for the first year and a half and during this time the school has wonderfully grown. We all wish Brother and Sister Hughes and their family God speed and blessing in their new field of labor.

The Conference Committee and School Board met last week in February at the Battleford Academy. Prof. Thomas D. Rowe, our new principal from Berrien Springs, was present, and plans were laid for the coming school year.

Elder Walker has left for the General Conference and is planning to spend a few days with his family in British Columbia before going to San Francisco.

Educational Day, March 2, has been a success at our academy. The students and teachers took a great interest in it. The collection was \$200.00, which is certainly a splendid record, and shows how interested our young people are in helping others to obtain an education. We expect to receive favorable reports from other churches.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Brother Palmer's girl, Esther. Brother Palmer just lost his wife a few weeks ago, and we are sure that the heartfelt sympathy of our people are with Brother Palmer in his bereavement.

The General Conference made an appeal to our Conference to make them a special donation for the work in Manchuria, Asia. Appreciating the Lord's blessing during the last year, the conference committee voted to donate \$2,500.00 to this needy field. We feel confident that our brethren throughout Saskatchewan are in harmony with this action in giving a helping hand to the needs abroad.

Brother F. L. Hommel, the auditor of the Union, has audited our Conference and Tract Society books.

GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN IN BOUND FORM

A number of requests have come to the publishers for the next General Conference Bulletin in bound form. All who wish it thus can secure it, but the order must be placed in advance of issuing the first number. We will bind in cloth only, and just the number that are arranged for. Price, postpaid, \$1.75.

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Have you ordered your General Conference Bulletin? Remember the conference begins March 29. All orders should be in the hands of the publishers early to enable them to have a completed list prior to the opening date. Order of your tract society. Price, 50c.

An announcement has just been received from Elder and Mrs. Fred Johnson of the marriage of their daughter Hazel, to Brother S. H. Logan, both of South Edmonton, on February 27th. This was a pleasant surprise and we join with their many friends in wishing them continued happiness and God's abundant blessing.

PRESENT TRUTH No. 27

This number of *Present Truth*, prepared by Elder A. G. Daniells, will be ready to mail March 1.

The theme of this issue, "Armageddon—The Last Great Battle," is presented under the following topics:

Armageddon—(it's meaning); Why this War has Been Named Armageddon; the Scriptures the Source of Information Regarding Armageddon; Where the Battle of Armageddon will be Fought; the Whole World to be Involved; Armageddon Foretold by Other Prophets Besides John; Joel's Prophecy of War; History of the World Outlined in Prophecy; the Present Outlook—Does it Presage Peace or War? The Cause of Armageddon; Armageddon Closes the World's History; The Kingdom of Christ.

While this issue of *Present Truth* is full and complete in the presentation of its special theme, it is also the climax of the two preceding issues, No. 25, "The World in Ferment," and No. 26, "After the War—What?" In these three issues the great Advent message has a setting that makes it of the most thrilling interest, and of unusual convincing power. The molding influence of these three great numbers read in the order published, can hardly be estimated. They should have a wide circulation.

Alberta Camp Meeting will be held at Lacombe, July 12 to 21. Begin now and make your plans. It is not too early, and we want to see you there when the time comes.

Why not send that article in right now, which you have been planning on so long. Then start another. That is what makes the "Tidings."

PROF. M. E. KERN WRITES:

"While in Iowa recently I learned of one of our young men who had given up the truth, and ran away and joined the army. When on sentry duty he picked up a copy of *The Watchman Magazine* and read it. There was something in it that touched his heart, and he wrote back to his home, asking for forgiveness of the past, and his determination to be fully consecrated to the Lord." Magazines like this *Watchman* and *Signs Monthly* are causing many to think seriously about their soul's salvation. Are you doing your part to help increase their circulation.

AFTER THE WAR—WHAT?

"Is this terrible conflict the prelude to general amity and lasting peace? Will the nations of men learn from their terrible baptism of blood the futility of fratricidal strife? What does the future hold? What conditions will exist after this great war has been brought to a conclusion? What will be the end of the present conflict? Will it be the last war? In the light of prophecy and the general teaching of the Bible, what is to follow this great war?"

These are the great prevailing questions of the present day. The intelligent, thinking people everywhere are not only asking these questions in words, but in every life expression, and are anxious to consider any seriously attempted answers, especially so if such answers can claim any reasonable support of Divine authority. The times, therefore, have marvelously opened the way for the proclamation of the Advent message.

Present Truth, No. 26, written by the editor of the *Review*, not only answers these burning questions in almost logical, convincing way, but presents the coming of Christ and the end of the world as the great events of which the present world war is an ominous sign. This number gives the message of the second coming of Christ and in a setting of present-day events that makes it an irresistible part of the great world issue. It is an inspired issue, with a clear, convincing message of the coming of the Lord, and will be the channel through which millions will be warned, and many honest souls reached.

WANTED AT ONCE—*Signs Weekly*, *Signs Magazine*, *Watchman*, *Liberty*, for distribution in this city.

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