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"Have faith in God."—Mark 11:22

Have faith to work unseen,
Unhonored and unknown;
And then have faith to rest
When thou hast duty done.

That soul is great whose faith
Grows strong while toiling long
At thankless task for those
From whom it suffers wrong.

No trifles can there be
In lives of trust and love;
The humblest deed of faith
Will God and ages move.

—Selected.

WESTERN CANADIAN CAMP-MEETINGS, 1918

Conference	Place	Date
Alberta	Lacombe	July 11—21
British Columbia	Penticton	June 6—16
Manitoba	Winnipeg	June 20—30
Saskatchewan	Moose Jaw	July 5—15

ON THE WING

That seems to be an appropriate description of my work in this great Western Canadian Union Conference. Sometimes I wish I had wings in order to get about faster. My diary shows that in 1917, I slept on the train more nights than at home. But the time on the train is not all wasted time. Many precious opportunities of meeting interested people are found and the rest of the time is improved in study. Since the holidays, it has been my privilege to attend the dedication of two new church houses in Saskatchewan. One at Leader and one at Fox Valley. Then there have been Conference Executive meetings at Winnipeg, Lacombe, Battleford and Vancouver. It is always a pleasure to visit the schools and see the earnest faces of teachers and students. During the last two years, over \$50,000 has been invested in educational facilities in Western Canada, and we are not yet done. Our schools will soon be turning out thoroughly equipped workers for the Lord's vineyard. We aim to have the standards of work in our Canadian schools second to none.

At Winnipeg, where I spent one Sabbath, my heart was rejoiced to see so many new faces in the audience. The Lord has greatly blessed Elder Hansen and the other workers in Winnipeg. At Vancouver, also, there are signs of increased activity in all the churches. After the General Conference, we expect to have another evangelist for work in the coast cities. Elder C. E. Wood is now located in Victoria and we are

looking for educational laborers to fill calls in many parts of the field.

Recently, there has been a very earnest appeal for workers to come to the Peace River country.

Campmeetings, this year, will be held in all the provinces, at the same cities where they were held last year. Elder E. R. Potter, our newly appointed Home Missionary Secretary for the Union will join the rest of the Union workers in organizing, teaching and leading our forces to better accomplishments. In addition, we expect the best of general help at all our campmeetings.

Before the time this reaches the readers, we shall, many of us, be at the General Conference meeting in San Francisco. Pray God that His servants be given a safe and pleasant journey and guided in planning for the future work.

C. F. McVAGH.

NOT UNDERSTOOD

"I don't see what makes John act so. He used to be the best boy," said one mother to another. "My trouble is with Mary," was the reply, sadly spoken. "I don't seem to understand her at all." These sentiments, spoken and unspoken, are in the minds of parents in almost every home.

There are two books that will help. One is, "Thoroughly Furnished" Part I, by Coleman. The other is "Talks with the Training Class," by Margaret Slaterry. The two sell together for sixty cents. These books form the basis of the Sabbath School Training Course for 1918. The Training Course articles in the *Sabbath School Worker* will enable teachers and parents to study these books in the light of Scripture and the Spirit of prophecy. Never before have teachers and parents had so excellent an opportunity to study together the reasons why Johnnie and Mary act as they do. These books do not stop there, either, but they show how parents and teachers may give Johnnie and Mary the help they need, in the various stages of their development.

"Not understood," is the real reason for many sad failures of parents and teachers that have resulted in our boys and girls turning to the world for their work and their pleasure. It is with the hope of greatly strengthening the hands of parents and teachers in working for the youth and children that the 1918 Sabbath School Training Course has been planned. Some who take these studies will be enabled to turn defeat into victory in dealing with their children. Who can afford to miss them?

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

A REPORT OF THE SASKATCHEWAN C. I.

According to appointment, our Colporteurs' Institute was held in Saskatchewan at Macrorie, March 11th to 19th. The weather conditions and train service were somewhat unfavorable, but still these difficulties all come to an end and we were all finally settled in the houses of the brethren of the Macrorie Church.

There were seven men in attendance besides Bro. Kitto and myself. We spent a very enjoyable, and I trust, profitable time studying the principles of Gospel salesmanship, getting acquainted with the book each desire to work for, and seeking the Lord for strength and wisdom to know how to meet the difficulties before us this summer. Surely we need the help that only the Lord can give to know how to make our work a success in these trying times.

One feature of our Institute that was worthy of note was the mature class in attendance. One brother sold his farm and will devote his whole time and strength to the printed page; another has rented his place; a third will hire a second man so he may be free to engage in this line of work. I trust there may be more in this Union who feel impressed by the Spirit of God to seek Him for wisdom so that duty may be made plain regarding this important question.

There must be those in our ranks that feel the call of God to give the message through the printed page to the world. We have men who have made a success in other lines of business, who would be successful in this line and surely the need is great. Many of our young men will not be able to go on account of existing conditions, so those who are older will have to enlist in the colporteurs' ranks.

I think I hear some one say, "I would go if I could talk enough," but, my dear brother, it is not the great talker that makes the most successful salesman but the one who knows what to say and how to say it, and who feels the burden of souls and the hastening of this message to every part of the world.

Another interesting feature of our Institute was the excellent interest the church took in the meetings. Some members were present all the time and many of them most of the time. Many of them impressed themselves as much benefited and we trust the missionary spirit may continue to grow in the Macrorie church.

W. L. MANFULL.

 IRRESOLUTION

"Many make a shipwreck of life by being ever in a state of inaction, by reason of constant irresolution and lack of definite determination. Like Hamlet, they are ever debating, 'To be or not to be—that is the question.'" Very truly Tillotson wrote: "There is no surer argument of a weak mind than irresolution—to be undetermined when the case is plain and the necessity urgent. To be always intending to live a new life, but never finding time to set about it.—this is as if a man should put off eating and drinking and sleeping from one day to another, until he is starved and destroyed." To this class of people belong those of whom Paul wrote thus: "Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." Young readers, be not of those whom this description fits. Will to do, and then do the right.

THE KHAKI "STEPS TO CHRIST"

The following from a Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary expresses the sentiments of all who have seen this special edition of *Steps to Christ*.

"The little Army and Navy edition of *Steps to Christ* has just been received, and I cannot refrain from writing you just a word of appreciation of the little volume. It seems to me it is just what is needed to help our boys day by day in the terrible struggle that they must constantly face. It is just the right size, and so light that it can be carried without any burden at all; and best of all, it is continually pointing the way to Jesus and teaching them His great love. I will do all I can to increase the funds in helping to scatter this little treasure among those who need it most."

Our Union Missionary Volunteer Secretaries and the Camp Pastors who have been appointed, are undertaking to supply all of our own boys with copies. Then we want to supply just as many others as funds will permit. What we have done so far is nothing compared to what we should do for the hundreds of thousands of men who are enlisted in this great world war. Shall we not swell the Soldiers' Literature Fund so that another edition can be quickly prepared? Men are going down to eternal death every day. Shall we not do what we can to point them to "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world?"

Send your offerings to W. T. Knox, Treasurer, Takoma Park, D. C.

M. E. KERN.

 BEISEKER AND ACME

Sabbath and Sunday, March 9th and 10th, were spent at Beiseker and Acme. Although these churches are near to Calgary and Beiseker is one of the largest churches in Western Canada, I have only been privileged to visit them twice during my two years in the field.

I was unable to hold a meeting in Acme on account of local conditions. The weather was unfavorable, and the membership is much scattered and reduced by removal, Bro. Smith and family being on the way to Peace River at the time of my visit.

At Beiseker, notwithstanding severe weather and bad roads, we had three public meetings which were well attended. I found the people interested in every department of the work and earnest and zealous in missionary work. This church always contributes very liberally to the advancement of the message.

While there I presented incidentally the situation of Clinton Seminary and its debt of about \$12,000. It was not my purpose at that time to ask them to contribute to the relief of this worthy institution, but I suggested that I thought we should help lift the debt if others in the States would co-operate with us and clear the whole debt. The proposition immediately appealed to them, and before I left, a delegation of representative men told me to guarantee that we would pay the last \$2,000 of that debt.

Such co-operation and adherence to business principles is indeed most encouraging. I hope that the "no debt" policy that has so far prevailed in our institutional work in Western Canada will not only continue in this Union, but prevail in all our denominational work throughout the world.

C. F. McVAGH.

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VISITING THE RUSSIAN MEMBERS

My last report to the *Tidings* brought me to the time appointed for the Beaver Creek Institute, February 20-24. On the morning of the 20th Elder Clemensen, Brother Kitto and myself took the G.T.P. for Leney, where Brother Babienco said some of the brethren would meet us. We found Brother Nedza, our Russian canvasser, waiting for us with a team of Brother Seracks, a new Sabbath keeper. After dinner Brother Clemensen and Brother Kitto went out with him and I rode home with Brother Lebedeff, who happened to be in Perdue that day. That evening we were at the church which is seven miles north of Brother Lebedeff's place. Though the night was cold we found a good-sized company waiting for the service. Here we met Elder Babienco and Brother Kritsky. On the days following we had meetings only in the day time, as the weather was so cold and some had to drive long distances to get to the meetings. The brethren are scattered, living from one to twelve miles from the church. Still they attended the meetings well and on Sabbath there were not less than 150 present. Mothers came with their bundles that looked like bedding, but turned out to be babies, and one day they brought a cow for the babies' sake. Imagine our surprise to see a cow loaded on a sled as part of our Institute attendance.

The membership of this church is now seventy-six, the largest of any in the Conference. The attention was good while the practical subjects of the Institute were presented.

We enjoyed our visit with this company of believers and our associations there served to bind us all a little closer together. We found them all very hospitable and glad to have us visit them.

One of our chiefest difficulties was to fix in our minds the new and strange, and yet interesting, names. We acquainted ourselves with the following named brethren:—Nedza, Sereda, Kaleda, Gregaro, Mateko, Perepaliza, Serack, Farenck, Kovanko, Lebedeff, Sederanko, Fedosenko, Shestakoff, Kalachoff, Kerechanko, Mesanko, Waselenko, Gurowanko and Tkachuck.

On Monday, February 25, Brother Kritsky brought us to Radisson, where we took the train for Battleford. While on the way to Battleford we met Prof. Rowe, who takes the principalship of our Academy for next year. We were glad for the privilege of meeting him, and counselling about our school work for the present and next year also. We spent three days in the school board work with Elder McVagh present with us. I think we now have our teachers appointed for next year and by campmeeting time our Calendar for next year will be complete. Brother Rowe spent a few days at the Academy before returning to Berrien Springs where he remains until the end of the school term there. We were glad to have his presence and counsel at this time.

At this writing I am getting ready to go home for

a few days before going on to the General Conference. When I get back to my family I will have been absent six and one-half months, and the visit will be much appreciated I am sure.

J. G. WALKER.

GETTING ACQUAINTED

Two years ago I heard of the Battleford Academy, but little thought it would be my privilege to visit it. The last week of February was spent at the academy, and what I saw and heard there made me feel that the academy is established under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Saskatchewan Conference is rich in its wealth of young people, and our duty as parents and teachers is to give them a christian education which means an education of the hand, head and heart.

The large farm connected with the school, will, under right management, be a great benefit, by giving our boys and girls an opportunity to help themselves through school, and, at the same time, learn modern methods of agriculture and dairying.

The improvements under way will make our academy second to none. It is our plan to train young men and women to go back to our churches to teach our younger children that they may obtain the benefits of a christian education early in life.

We cordially invite our brethren and sisters to visit the academy. As teachers we thank you for your gifts which enables the school to do strong work so early in its existence. We daily need your prayers for wisdom to guide the young people aright.

PROF. THOS. D. ROWE.

MY VISIT TO THE BATTLEFORD ACADEMY

A few days ago Mrs. Foulston and myself paid a short visit to the Battleford Academy and were glad to meet friends and old acquaintances. We arrived there on Friday, February 24, and stayed until the following Monday morning. During this time we enjoyed our visit very much and were made heartily welcome.

We were much interested in visiting some of the classes and were impressed with the good work that has been done there. We must further say that the conference has prepared a fine building for the training of our young people, and much more has to be done this summer in order to finish the work. While we were there the students were busy excavating the basement in order to make room for a larger dining-room for next winter. The present dining-room we are told will be changed into class rooms so as to better accommodate the needs of such rooms. During the past few weeks bath and toilet rooms were installed in the building, and it is now modern in every way.

While there we had the pleasure of meeting Prof. Rowe of Michigan, who will take charge of the school after Prof. Hughes leaves. We understand Prof. Hughes is leaving soon for the General Conference and from there will go to his new field of labor in Jamaica.

We are glad for what the Lord is doing in Battleford and thankful for the success our educational work has enjoyed.

G. FOULSTON.

NEWS ITEMS

The Canvassers' Institute was held at Macrorie March 11-18, with Brethren W. L. Manfull and Robert Kitto in charge. Although the weather was very severe and those in attendance delayed in coming, yet those at the institute received helpful instruction which it is hoped will be seen in the work this summer. There was a good attendance on the part of the church members at Macrorie, who showed great interest in the book work. Bro. Wissner also spent two days at Macrorie.

Among recent callers at the officers were Brother W. L. Manfull, Brother John Henkes, Brother R. Kitto, Sister Margaret Denham, Brother Vaughan from Toronto, Ont., Brother Edgar Johnson, Brother and Sister Neufeld, and Elder O. Ziprick.

Brother Perry Finkle spent a day in the city in behalf of the academy to secure some material.

Brother Fred Carpenter, who is taking charge of our farm work at the academy, arrived there lately with Sister Carpenter. We expect to do extensive farm work this summer, and are securing another team. Brother Carpenter is an experienced farm hand and we wish him the Lord's blessing.

OBITUARY

PALMER, ESTHER LILY, beloved daughter of Noah Palmer, was born in Markinch, Sask., June 22nd, 1909, and died March 3rd, 1918, after nearly ten days illness, in the hospital at Southey, Sask. Previous to this she had not known any serious illness and was always of a bright and cheerful disposition. For three years this little girl had attended school and had reached the fourth grade at the time of her death. The deep grief of the sorrowing father, brother and sisters are expressed in the following lines which were received from them:

"One precious to our hearts is gone;
The voice we loved is stilled;
The place made vacant in our home
Can never more be filled.

More and more each day we miss her;
Friends may think the wound is healed,
But they little know the sorrow
That lies within our hearts concealed."

Our hearts are sad indeed for this family when we remember that the mother was laid to rest only a short time ago. But it is our earnest prayer that the great Comforter's presence may be felt and recognized in this hour of trial.

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A DUTY

"It is a duty to know how to preserve the body in the very best condition of health, and it is a sacred duty to live up to the light which God has graciously given. If we close our eyes to the light for fear we shall see our wrongs which we are unwilling to forsake, our sins are not lessened but increased. If light is turned from in one case, it will be disregarded in another. It is just as much sin to violate the laws of our being as it is to break one of the ten commandments, for we cannot do either without breaking God's law. We cannot love the Lord with all our heart, mind and strength, while we are loving our appetites and tastes a good deal better than we love the Lord."—*Testimonies for the Church, Vol. II, page 70.*

YOUR PLACE is an IMPORTANT WORK

"The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time.

"God uses the power of the press in printing papers and books containing the messages of truth. These are essential in the carrying forward of the gospel. Many who are hungry for the bread of life have not the privilege of hearing the word from God's delegated preachers. For this reason it is essential that our publications be widely circulated. The sheets that come from the groaning press to be prepared as tracts and bound up as books are to go forth to all parts of the earth. Thus the message will go where the living preacher cannot go, and the attention of many will be called to the important events connected with the closing scenes of this world's history.

"Canvassers should be impressed with the IMPORTANCE of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books that will enlighten them. *This is the very work the Lord desires his people to do at this time.*

"God might have committed the message of the gospel and all the work of loving ministry to the heavenly angels. He might have employed other means for accomplishing his purpose. But in his infinite love he chose to make us co-workers with himself, with Christ and the angels, that we might share the blessing, the joy, the spiritual uplifting, which results from unselfish ministry.

"God expects personal service from EVERY ONE to whom he has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time. In the closing controversy now waging between the forces of good and the hosts of evil, HE EXPECTS ALL, laymen as well as ministers to take part.

"Men in the *humble walks of life* are to be encouraged to take up the work of God. As they labor, they will gain a precious experience. Let ALL set their hearts and minds to become intelligent in regard to the *work for this time*, qualifying themselves to do that for which they are best adapted.

"The humble, efficient worker, who obediently responds to the call of God, may be sure of receiving Divine assistance. To feel so great and holy a responsibility is of itself elevating to the character.

"Careless spectators may not appreciate your work or see its importance. They may think it a losing business, a life of thankless labor and self sacrifice. But the servant of Jesus sees in it the light shining from the cross. His sacrifices appear small in comparison with those of the blessed master, and he is glad to follow in His steps."

Note: It would be well for all to secure the book Containing the above quotations, *Manual for Canvassers*.

GEO. H. SKINNER.

RESOLVED—To live with all my might while I do live.

RESOLVED—Never to lose one moment of time, but improve it in the most profitable way I can.

RESOLVED Never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another.

RESOLVED—Never to do anything out of revenge.

RESOLVED—Never to do anything I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.

—Jonathan Edwards.

CALLING STILL

"I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'"—*Isaiah 6:8*. That was the question Isaiah heard, and that is the question today.

Who will go with our publications, to carry the last warning message to a sin-cursed world? Some are already on the firing line, some are preparing to go out soon, others planning on going out after our canvassers' institute, which will be held after the General Conference, the time and place to be given out soon. But are there not others who would like to join in the finishing up of this great message? Write to the Tract Society, or to the writer, saying, "Here am I, send me."

"There are many who, because of prejudice, will never know the truth unless it is brought to their homes. The canvasser may find these souls and minister to them. There is a line of work in house to house labor which he can accomplish more successfully than others. He can become acquainted with the people, and can understand their true necessities; he can pray with them, and can point them out to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Thus, the way will be opened for the special message for this time to find access to their hearts." *Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 314*.

"Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters."—*Isaiah 32:20*.

G. F. OJALA.

"It is said of Jesus that He is 'touched with the feeling of our infirmities,' for He 'suffered, being tempted.' He can feel for us. He knows our struggle because of his own personal experience in suffering and in battling with temptation. His sympathy is deep and tender."

WINNIPEG

We have just been giving the Sabbath question, and we almost feared that it might lessen the attendance, but to our surprise, it was the largest audience we had seen in the building, and they seemed to take very friendly to our ideas. One man said, "I guess I will soon be fired for coming here to these services." This man is working directly for another denomination, and is now attending all our Sabbath services.

An evangelist has been saying hard things about us here, but a little opposition doesn't harm us, it only makes us the more determined and our hearts only beat a little faster for the cause we love.

One thing that is looking favorable for our work here is a class of men for baptism. Surely it is hard for our brethren to step out, when there seems to be nothing but starvation before them, yet some are stepping out by faith, and one dear brother who is a gasoline expert and mechanic, said to me that he thought he had worked his last Sabbath. Surely these cases deserve our sympathies and prayers. This is the time of living by faith, and continuing instant in prayer, that God may deliver us from Satan's cruel yoke, and plant us in the kingdom.

It would be a splendid idea if our brethren needing help would keep in touch with us.

C. A. HANSEN,

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CARRYING THE MESSAGE

It has been my privilege to be connected with our work in Winnipeg since April last year. It is delightful to notice the profound interest that people here manifest in the Bible prophecies, and the present truth.

This morning I called on a lady, who is just starting her Bible course, and who told me that she had been a church member for thirty years but had never heard this truth and felt sad about her wasted time. She takes to her studies with the vigor of an ambitious high school girl. Others show the same interest and induce their friends to come to the meetings.

The other day as I was stepping on the platform to wait for the car, carrying the Bible under my arm as usual, a lady came to me and asked if I studied the Bible, and how one could get help to study. I had just time to give her one of our papers with an invitation to our meetings and she was gone. The doors are open everywhere. One of my friends I promised to take up study with as soon as I could find time, and whom I started to read *Great Controversy* for herself, now has had two regular lessons and is already starting to keep the Sabbath.

Truly the harvest is plenteous but the laborers are few. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His vineyard.

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HELP FOR NEXT YEAR'S SCHOOLING

To students in school the question often arises, what can I do during the summer that I may earn money enough to put me through school next year and yet have an active part in the Lord's work? For such, the canvassing field is the ideal place. It presents a great opportunity for Christian service, gives one the experiences afterward so dearly cherished and at the same time is remunerative. But the saving of souls must always be the first object. Know that you are in God's service and are working for him, then placing your confidence in Him, you will be happily surprised in the way he blesses you with orders. Success sometimes elates one to think too much of the financial side. Let that one turn a temptation into a blessing by counting up his benefits and thanking God for paying him so well.

Set a goal for your season's work, and for your week's work then pray God to help you realize it. With a firm reliance on God the next thing is get to work. Work is necessary for success in any thing. Be a hustler. Be at it early and do not let your spirits be dampened by the dampness, nor your smiles be darkened by the clouds outside. "Be thou strong and very courageous." Earnestness counts for much, and "a resolute purpose sanctified by the grace of Christ will accomplish wonders." God is so pleased to bless honest, faithful effort that there is absolutely no chance of failure for the fellow who will get in and dig.

R. M. MILNE.

CATCHING MEN

"And Jesus said unto Simon, fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all and followed him." *Luke 5:10,11.*

When the Lord called Peter, at first he obeyed the call but afterwards became discouraged and went back to his old profession, catching fish. How many there are who have heard the first call and did not fully follow. They have kept on fishing. From time to time the Spirit speaks to them softly, "Come, follow me"; "From henceforth thou shalt catch men." He wants you to change your occupation and sell the boat. We must have faith in God and this truth. We must sell the ship and the tackle and follow the Saviour if we want to see the promise fulfilled.

"In all fields, nigh and afar off, men will be called from the plow and from the more common commercial business vocations that largely occupy the mind; and will be educated in connection with men of experience. As they learn to labor effectively, they will proclaim the truth with power."—*Vol. 9:96.*

"There are whole families who might be missionaries, engaging in personal labor, toiling with busy hands and active brains, devising new methods for the success of His work." "Preaching will not do the work that needs to be done. Angels of God attend you to the dwellings of those you visit. This work cannot be done by proxy. Money lent or given will not accomplish it. Sermons will not do it. By visiting the people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, you will win hearts. This is the highest missionary work you can do."—*Vol. 9, p. 41.*

Heretofore we have been depending upon our young men for the colporteur work, but the military act has affected our work so that henceforth we must look for men of more mature years, men who will work all the year around.

There are many of our bretheren on farms that are not compelled to be there for the support of others. They could do good work selling our truth-filled books. A little preparation by attending a colporteurs, institute would fit them for a good work in the field. We will help you make a success in this work. The world is starving for the message and surely you can say something to draw their attention and arouse their interest. Every day some new event or some awful disaster gives you a text or a point that you can use as a lever to almost compel folks to want the book or magazine you are selling.

I read in *Great Controversy* the following statement: "As the time comes for the third angel's message to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments. . . . They will be qualified rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the training of literary institutions." *Page 606.*

This invitation to catch men is to you, dear readers. Will you heed the call? We need every man and woman we can get. There is no age limit in God's great cause. We need you. It is time we were desperately in earnest. The fields are all white ready for the harvest, but where are the reapers? We will be glad to get in touch with you if you have a burden to take up this work. Write now, while the Spirit impresses you to help finish the message that prepares the way for the coming of our King.

R. P. MOONEY.

TO OUR SABBATH SCHOOL OFFICERS

As we have commenced the New Year and most of our schools have chosen their officers for the year, many of them may be glad to have some suggestions that may prove helpful to them; it was thought advisable to have a number of articles printed in the *Tidings* and feel sure they will be appreciated as the articles are taken from *The Church Missionary Work*. This little booklet has gained many friends the world over. The first article will be:—

Duty of the Sabbath School Superintendent

It is the duty of the superintendent to organize and manage the Sabbath-school. He should be at the place of meeting from fifteen to twenty minutes before the time set for the opening of the school; should have his programme prepared and his hymns selected; and should start promptly at the appointed time. He should not read the hymns, except on rare occasions, when there is some special point to be made by so doing.

He should see that the leaders of the junior division are present, or that substitutes are provided; and should either review the senior division himself, or see that some suitable person is appointed, giving a week's notice for proper preparation.

He should see that all classes are provided with teachers, and during the class recitation should visit all divisions, and observe the teachers in their work. This will enable him to make changes when they are necessary. He should see that the bell is rung promptly at the changes of programme.

When there is an assistant superintendent, the superintendent should delegate some of his duties to him, so using him that he will receive a training which will fit him for the office of superintendent at some future time.

He should appoint a teachers' meeting, and lead it. At this meeting matters of business connected with the school may properly be considered, and the superintendent should make a note of any such matters as may come to his notice, and bring them up for discussion. He should encourage the assistant superintendent and the teachers to do the same, that the very best plans for managing the school may be laid. He should conduct a study of the lesson, or appoint someone else to do so, and give the teachers such instruction as he may deem advisable.

He should be wide awake, always trying to improve his school; seeing that it is well managed and orderly; that the teachers hold the attention of the scholars; and above all should do all in his power to make it a means of saving souls.

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

ACADEMY NEWS ITEMS

Spring is almost here. The snow is nearly all gone from the hills and we are beginning to look for green leaves and gophers. Elder Fred Johnson stopped for a few hours' visit with his son and daughter, while on his way north last Sunday.

Miss Martha Heuther has been absent for a week nursing at her cousin's home on Camrose.

East Hall has lost two of its occupants, Miss Millie Bergey, who left for Portland, Ore., to enroll in the nurses' class which begins in April; and Miss Lydia Zweigle, who was called home on account of the illness of two of her brothers.

The Conference committee was here for a day or so last week. We are glad they have decided to have the camp-meeting in the same pretty spot beside the lake as was used last year.

The students were pleasantly surprised to have Bro. Calvin Smith and wife stop off between trains while on their way to Clive. It is a pleasure to have the old students pay us a visit. Little Delbert Dick was operated upon last Friday for adenoids. He came through very nicely.

The Misses Wetzler and Schrader from Rimby after a satisfactory survey of the school, have decided to enroll the first of next month. The enrollment is now 230, the highest it has ever been.

The news has just arrived that Byron Hamren's sister Ella has died. Our sympathy goes out to the parents, brothers and sisters in their bereavement.

Brother and Sister J. J. Reiswig and Brother and Sister J. K. Fish left here a few days ago for the General Conference.

We are glad to welcome Bro. Jacob Gimbel and wife, Bro. and Sister William Leiske, Bro. Huldreich and Bro. Fred Renschler from Beiseker, who were visitors here this week.

It seemed good to have Miss Jessie Humann with us again. She was here two days last week visiting at her home before going to take up work in the office at Saskatchewan.

A number of the individual work-benches are completed, upon which Prof. Klooster and his wood-working classes have been busy during the past few weeks. These well made, hard maple benches are a very real addition to this department of the school and the boys are justly proud of them.

Some of the students have found the first Anemone buds on the pasture hillside, and we shall doubtless see Professor Dick and his botany class out looking for specimens before long.

The eighth grade room students are out campaigning for money for a new bubbler drinking fountain for their room. They should raise the amount in a week according to their plan, for they are working with a great deal of zeal.

Marie Hansen.

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A FIELD-WIDE REPORT

During the month of February and part of March it has been my privilege and pleasure to visit nearly all our isolated brethren and sisters on the Island, and also to make a trip through the Okanagan and Kootenays. On the Island I made stops at Nanaimo, Errington, Alberni, Cumberland and Victoria.

Owing to prolonged delay at Cumberland due to washouts on the railroad, I was able to stop at Victoria only a few hours. But at the other places I was permitted to visit all our people. It was a joy to find them of good courage, and pressing forward in the way that leads to the kingdom. The hindrances shown to me everywhere I went has left in my heart a strong desire to make a return visit. It is very encouraging to see that our believers in different parts of the province are laying definite plans for disseminating the principles of the third angel's message. In every church and company, and in the hearts of the isolated the burden of soul-saving should rest heavily. We will never have a better and freer opportunity for this kind of work than now.

A colporteurs' institute was in progress when I arrived at Grandview. Brethren Manfull and Philpott were in charge. Several of our young people took advantage of this privilege to study the art of Christian salesmanship in order that they might be more effective in prospective labor in placing our books in the homes of the people. Thursday, the 21st, was spent in counsel with the brethren about the colporteur work, and other matters. The week-end was spent with the Penticton church. Two

days of the following week were occupied with attention to plans for the coming conference and convention to be held in Penticton June 6-16. We are sure that the Lord is going to give us a good place for our camp. Let all our people pray that rich blessings may be poured upon the gatherings of God's people in these solemn days. It is not too early to begin to lay definite plans to attend the convention in this Conference.

A short visit was made at Kelowna and at Nelson. In both these places I found our members faithful. The gospel work in Nelson is reviving. Two persons have accepted the truth lately, and several more are deeply interested. Brother Toombs is busy holding Bible readings with them.

Our few conference workers are very busy these days. They report growing interest. It is earnestly hoped that this current year will bring a bountiful harvest of souls. It can be done if all, both conference workers and lay-members seek the Lord of the harvest with all their heart for a baptism of power for service. He will hear the united appeal of His children.

A. C. GILBERT.

TOO LATE

The following paragraph was received too late to be included in Sister Jemsen's last article on the 13th Sabbath Offering, and as we fear the envelopes for the offering will be too late also, we insert this as an explanation:

"We are unable to have the Thirteenth Sabbath Envelopes this quarter. Owing to the freight embargoes which have been quite severe for some time in the East, our General Conference Sabbath School Dept. has been unable to receive these from the manufacturers. But though we must do without these silent pleaders, we hope our Sabbath schools and isolated members will not relax their efforts to secure funds for these special offerings.

B. C. NOTES

We were glad to meet so many of the workers and delegates to the General Conference as they passed through on their way to San Francisco. Elders W. A. Clemensen, O. Ziprick, and J. G. Walker of Saskatchewan paid us very welcome visits; as did Elder Geo. Skinner of Manitoba and Elder J. K. Fish of Alberta. Brethren Niergarth and Shelstad, Miss Mabel Campbell and Dr. H. Bonde, of Alberta, also called in at the office on their way through the city.

Elder J. G. Walker has been visiting his family at Pitt Meadows on his way to the General Conference. We were glad to see him at the office again.

Mr. F. L. Hommel, the Union Conference Auditor, has also been here auditing the books. He, with Elder Fish and family, went on their way Thursday morning, the 21st.

Those going from this field are: Elder E. R. Potter and wife of Chilliwack, Elder C. E. Wood and wife of Victoria, Elder A. O. Burrill and wife of South Vancouver. Among the party that left Vancouver Friday morning, the 22nd, were Miss Annie Rowling, and Mrs. J. N. Colthardt. Among those who will go by train later in the week are Mrs. G. Burkman, Mrs. L. Blanche and Mrs. K. A. Smeed.

Elder Geo. Skinner of Manitoba was in Vancouver over Sabbath, and all our people enjoyed hearing him speak. He spoke in the Maple Street church in the morning, and in the Union Street church in the afternoon. It was an enjoyable time to those who were able to attend.

Mr. T. S. Bowett left for the Conference the evening of the 23rd, going by way of Seattle. Elder A. C. Gilbert left the first of the week, expecting to visit with his wife and daughter in Oakland before the meeting begins.

"Praise loudly, blame softly."

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The following news item which came to us in one of our Australian publications, proves the protecting power of God over His people:

"Australia has been shocked by the fearful calamity that has befallen Mackay and Rockhampton, on the coast of Queensland, caused by flood, cyclones, and a tidal wave. We are pleased to inform our people the lives of our people in these districts have been spared, although much loss of property and inconvenience has been experienced."

OFFICE NOTES

W. L. Manfull stopped at the office last week on his way from the Institute at Macrorie, Saskatchewan. He reports a good institute, and was particularly pleased with the active interest taken in the Institute by all the members of the church.

Elder J. J. Reiswig and wife spent a day in Calgary on the way to General Conference. They will spend a few days at Armstrong, British Columbia, before going on to San Francisco.

F. L. Hommel and J. K. Fish and wife were the first to leave for the General Conference. Brother Hommel will spend a few days at Vancouver auditing the books of the British Columbia Conference on the way and Elder Fish and wife plan to visit relatives in Washington for a few days on the way.

Brother H. A. Neirgarth, Brother and Sister Mylrea and son, Fred, Sister Mabel Campbell and Brother H. E. Shelstad left Calgary March 21. They plan to sail on the *President* from Victoria for San Francisco. We wish them all a safe journey and a good appetite all the way.

F. W. Spink, who has recently resigned his position as ticket agent in the Canadian Pacific Railway office at Edmonton, spent Sabbath, the 16th, at Calgary. He has decided to keep the Sabbath of the Lord and together with Mrs. Spink will attend the General Conference.

Elder McVagh and wife left Calgary, Sunday, March 24 for the General Conference, via Spokane and Portland.

The official delegation from the Western Canadian Union at the General Conference will consist of the following persons:

C. F. McVagh, F. L. Hommel, J. J. Reiswig, W. L. Manfull, E. R. Potter, A. C. Gilbert, T. S. Bowett, H. H. Humann, J. G. Walker, U. Wissner, G. H. Skinner, G. R. Soper. In addition to these voting delegates, the conferences have arranged to have a goodly number of their ministers attend this important meeting.

"Criticism withers and dies where sympathy blooms."

TAKING JERUSALEM

During the past four months the *Watchman* magazine has been throwing much light on the situation of Jerusalem. In the January issue which was published in December, the first article appeared entitled, "Will the Turks Lose Jerusalem?" The second article appeared in the February issue, entitled "Will the Jews Return?" and in the March number this was followed by an editorial entitled "The Jewish Nation." In the April *Watchman* appears another article on "The Taking of Jerusalem." Jerusalem is a very timely and interesting subject and there are many people in the world today who would give a thoughtful reading to the magazine if the article in the April magazine was called to their attention. Such articles as this one and "Will Russia disappear from the War," which also appears in the April *Watchman* are just what people are looking for and will cause them to appreciate the truths contained in our publications.

WHAT ONE SISTER DID

All through our ranks there are persons who could preach the third angel's message in a quiet and effective way by taking up the sale of our ever-improving *Signs Magazine*. Some time ago a sister sold the *Signs of the Times Magazine* in a large mining town in Montana. Not long afterwards a letter, accompanied by \$15.00 came from a gentleman there, the amount to be applied, he wrote, to the work in some needy field. He stated that he had never knowingly seen a Seventh-day Adventist except this lady. He is now keeping the Sabbath, has influenced several others to join with him, and in his letter offered to support personally an effort in that city until the work could get a start. It was all a result of his buying a copy of the *Signs Magazine* and later getting hold of some of the *Signs* weekly copies and giving his subscription.

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