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THE BURDEN OF THE HOUR

God broke our years to hours and days that
Hour by hour
And day by day,
Just going on a little way,
We might be able all along
To keep quite strong.
Should all the weight of life
Be laid across our shoulders, and the future rife
With woe and struggle, meet us face to face
At just one place,
We could not go;
Our feet would stop; and so
God lays a little on us every day,
And never, I believe, on all the way,
Will burdens bear so deep
Or pathways lie so steep
But we can go, if, by God's power,
We only bear the burden by the hour.

—George Klinge.

THE MANITOBA CAMP-MEETING

This meeting held in the City of Winnipeg, came to a close Sunday evening, July 7. We had been a little anxious lest we should fail in securing a hundred certificates, as many of our people are located in this city. But this fear soon vanished as our people came with their families from all parts of the Province. About 150 certificates were handed to the secretary.

A spirit of deep devotion pervaded the camp from the very start. Many testimonials were borne to the effect that this was the best camp-meeting they had ever attended. No great demonstrations were witnessed, but rather, the quiet working of the spirit, as God led His people on to a deeper consecration, and more earnest devotion to the great work entrusted to us. At the close of the first Sabbath service nearly all present were led to ask for special prayer either for themselves or their relatives. As we listened to their testimonies, the promise of Malachi 5:5, 6 was vividly brought to mind.

Elder A. C. Gilbert from Saskatchewan, spent the

first three days of the meeting with us. His visit and practical talks were much appreciated. Elder H. S. Shaw and Elder Chas. Thompson from Minneapolis, carried the burden of the meetings in the English and Elders Haffner and Dirksen in the German. The weather was favorable throughout, and this added much to the comfort of the campers.

The evening services were well attended. This was especially true of the German meetings. This interest will be followed with a tent effort and we believe that a number of precious souls will be saved as a result of these meetings. As we have been staying on the grounds since camp-meeting, we have had an opportunity to mingle with the neighbors, and all seem pleased with the way our meetings were conducted. One family is anxious to know more about the truth.

The conference sessions were held every morning at 9.30 o'clock. Peace and harmony prevailed throughout the conference. Not one discordant note was heard. A lively interest was taken in all the business of the conference. The Friday morning session was of special interest, when the offerings were taken for home and foreign missions. In a little while pledges and cash to the amount of \$2,914 were received. This amount is to be equally divided between home and foreign missions. Previous to this Elder Haffner had received from the German brethren \$298 for the Clinton Seminary, making a total contribution of \$3,220.

Two conventions were held during the meeting. One in the interest of the Sabbath-school work, and the other for the book work. Sister Cowan did faithful work for the children. Two meetings were held each day and were well attended by the children in the camp and from the neighborhood.

May the Lord help us all to serve Him more faithfully day by day.

O. E. SANDNES.

STRICTLY BUSINESS

It is a perplexing question for our tract societies to know how to deal with canvassers in the field so as to be considerate and liberal with them and yet keep them from running up a big account until they have created a debt that is impossible for them to pay.

Our tract society secretaries are generally given to understand by the conference committee that agents are not to be permitted to run so in debt. Often, members of the committee, as well as others, express themselves very decidedly, stating that there is no need of allowing an agent to run up a large account, and that, if they were in the office, they are very sure they would hold very rigidly to a cash policy. A little experience in actual dealing with the situation would open their eyes, I am sure.

In the first place, the majority of people use a smaller proportion of real business method in the canvassing work than they would in almost any other line. Why this is so, it is hard to say. Some enter the canvassing work from a real conviction of duty in the matter; and some who are out of work and out of money, think they will sell some books in order to pay their expenses, thinking possibly, also, that by so doing they will be helping the cause. Very few recognize the fact that the canvassing work is something that must be studied and learned; that it requires a thorough preparation; otherwise, failure is almost certain. Too many think of the canvassing work as a sort of last resort; something that anybody can do; something that can be thrown down and picked up at any time, and still be a success. This idea has led so many to make a miserable failure of the book work, bringing a reproach upon it, and discouraging those who would make a success, from entering it.

The canvasser, after he has learned his canvass thoroughly and secured his preparation, should make up his mind upon entering the field, that he will deal with the tract society in a business-like way. Religion and Christianity do not mean slackness and disorder. A Christian should be noted for accuracy and a square business deal.

If, when the canvasser enters the work, he is short of money, it would be business-like for him to go to some one who has means and secure a loan of fifty or a hundred dollars on interest, and then by strict economy, endeavor to pay it back as soon as possible.

Sometimes a person is very anxious to enter the work, but not able to borrow any money on interest. He is not able to advance any money with his orders

to the tract society. In such cases arrangements are sometimes made to furnish the books on condition that, as fast as the books are delivered, their cost be laid aside and forwarded to the tract society with the next order; and, if enough books have not been delivered to pay for the first order, an inventoried list of all books on hand be sent with the money; so that the secretary may know that the money he receives, together with the books, which the agent has on hand, would square his account up to date. If the agent does his business with the office in this way, the secretary will not hesitate to send in the second order cheerfully and promptly.

The facts are, however, that very few agents do this. They run short of money, and, though possibly not realizing it, appropriate money that really does not belong to them and use it for themselves. Then, when they come to send in their second order, a part of the money that they should have on hand with which to pay for the first one is gone. They send what they have, asking the secretary to please ship them their order and promising the whole amount due at the time of their next delivery. The secretary is considerate and complies with their request. They repeat the same thing, and when the third order is sent in they are considerably behind with the account. Still they urge the secretary to ship them the books, frequently mentioning details that arouse the sympathy of the secretary. Perhaps at this point the secretary consults the president of the conference, and they consider the case. It looks bad. They hardly know what to do. They do not want to be hard on any one, nor do they wish to do anything that would cause any one to give up the canvassing work. They take a desperate chance, hoping that, possibly, if the man is given another opportunity he will be able to get on his feet again and go on with the work successfully. Again his order is filled, he repeats his previous experiences, and by this time he has an account of from one to two hundred dollars or more. Then he gives up the work, and in many cases, the tract society has to charge his indebtedness to the lost account.

If it is seen that an agent is going behind and using tract society money for personal expenses, and the danger of this course is pointed out to him, he is very likely to feel hurt. He feels that he is not receiving due consideration and that the tract society is crowding him. Viewing it from any standpoint that you wish, for an agent to get into debt with the tract society, is bad business. It places a burden on the man; it takes the pleasure out of his work; it puts him at a disadvantage; and it loads the tract society with heavy accounts on which it re-

ceives no interest, and possibly a large amount of some of these will have to be forgiven.

For one, I am anxious to see the canvassing work built up, and wish that many more would enlist in it. It is a splendid work, a noble work, and the Testimonies exalt its importance. But I believe that all who enter it should do so with a suitable preparation, intending to be business-like, expecting to keep their accounts square, believing that the Master is a good pay-master, and that He has said that "the laborer is worthy of his hire."—H. C. Hartwell, in Atlantic Union Gleaner.

Alberta Conference

Office Address, Lacombe, Alberta

President, C. A. Burman; Secretary-Treasurer, U. Wissner; Educational and M. V. Secretary, J. I. Beardsley; S. S. Secretary, Bertha Gillbank; Tract Society Secretary, U. Wissner; Field and Missionary Secretary, L. T. Heaton; Religious Liberty Secretary, C. A. Burman.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE ALBERTA CAMP MEETING

(Concluded)

Since the Sabbath-school is one of the leading factors in promulgating the third angel's message; therefore,

6. We Recommend, That a systematic plan be adopted in the study of the lessons in both the home department and Sabbath-schools, and urge that all our people become members of one of these departments, and that quarterly reports be rendered.

Whereas, The Sabbath-schools in other conferences have had consecration services with very good results; therefore,

7. Resolved, That we recommend to our Sabbath-schools the plan of having consecration services from time to time in connection with their work.

Whereas, The testimonies, as well as the financial standing of the conference, show that some of our people do not render to God His own; therefore,

7. We Recommend, That our people make a thorough study of this matter and that a united effort be put forth to deal more honestly with our heavenly Father in means which He has entrusted to us.

Whereas, The training of our students for work in the canvassing field is vital to their success, and the short institute is not sufficient; therefore,

8. We Recommend, That canvassing bands be organized and a systematic study of the outline as furnished by the Pacific Press be used as far as practicable in our academy at Lacombe.

Whereas, The placing of our truth-laden books in the homes of the people is a regular department of

the conference work and should therefore be recognized in a definite way,

9. We Recommend, That regular colporteurs' credentials be granted to permanent canvassers who have demonstrated their faithfulness and consecration to the satisfaction of the conference committee; and to students who have declared their intention of making this their permanent work and have spent at least two vacations canvassing.

10. We Recommend, That this conference unite with the Pacific Press Publishing Association in sharing equally the fare and expense of entertainment to the bookmen's convention next winter, of canvassers who sell \$1,200 worth of books during the season of 1912.

Whereas, There is urgent need that the canvassing work in this conference be put upon a more permanent basis; therefore,

11. We Recommend, That the conference officers and workers encourage men and women of mature years and experience, who have been successful in the world's business to engage permanently in canvassing for our books.

Whereas, There are thousands of Danes, Norwegians and Swedes in this province and a great need of more laborers among these people; therefore,

12. Resolved, That we authorize the executive committee to secure such a worker at the earliest opportunity.

Whereas, The advancement of the cause in its rapid growth needs more than ever the financial sustentation for the work in our home field as well as abroad; therefore,

13. We Recommend, That we as a people, believing in the soon closing of the world's history, continue to support the fifteen-cent-a-week plan.

Whereas, We have purchased a new tent costing \$180 to be used by the German brethren, and there is need of more new family tents; therefore,

14. We Recommend, That we raise \$400 as a tent fund, and further that we invite the children and youth to unite in an effort to secure a tent for their use during the camp-meetings.

Whereas, The Western Canadian Union Conference has taken steps to establish a Union Conference paper and Alberta has been asked to bear her share of the expense; therefore,

15. We Recommend, That the members of this conference be urged to donate liberally to this cause.

16. We Recommend, That all tithe, Sabbath-school offerings, and other offerings pass through the local church treasurer's hands,

Whereas, The liquor traffic is the great overshadowing curse of this and other lands, filling almshouses with paupers, jails and other penal institutions with criminals, dethroning reason and crowding our asylums with mental and physical wrecks, increasing taxation, multiplying widows and orphans, and increasing wretchedness and misery in the land; and

Whereas, The sale of alcoholic beverages makes drunkards, destroys the lives, and corrupts the morals of both sex, increases dissipation and vice in the land, and ruins for time and for eternity those who become victims of this awful traffic; therefore,

17. Resolved, That we do hereby declare our united stand against the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages in every form.

Whereas, The city council of Edmonton has released us from the usual building license and granted us free water; and

Whereas, The owners of these grounds have freely granted us the use of the same, and the citizens of Strathcona, as well as different Newspapers have shown many other courtesies, and the various railways have given us liberal rates at the time of our camp-meeting; therefore,

18. Resolved, That this body and conference assembled express their hearty appreciation by a vote of thanks.

U. WISSNER, Secretary.

FIELD MISSIONARY NOTES.

On July 3 in company with Brethren Smith and Blain, I went to Castor, about eighty miles east of Lacombe, where these brethren expect to spend their vacation in the colporteur work. Although this part of the country is new and the houses are a long distance apart, yet the crop prospect is good and we believe the boys will be able to accomplish a good work in that district.

The great amount of rain we are having makes it difficult to get around on foot, but laying aside all these difficulties, we enjoyed some precious experiences while out in the field. We were reminded that we are indeed in a foreign field, and experienced some of the real things which our workers have to undergo in the foreign lands. The people were English, German, Russian and French, and a large per cent were Catholic or Lutheran. Jeremiah 16:16 came to our minds as we searched them out "from among the hills and holes in the rocks." After spending two weeks there, I left the brethren of good courage, and determined to stay by the work until school opens again.

Brother McCready writes that he is having some good experiences in Edmonton with Daniel and Revelation. Sister Ida Hansen informs us that she has now started work, and God is blessing her.

Brother James Wagner is faithfully pushing the work although he finds it very difficult to travel through the muskegs. Sister Ellen Randlet is enjoying a large measure of success in selling our ten cent magazines in Edmonton and other towns. The work seems to be onward now and all are of good courage. May the good work go on.

L. T. HEATON.

ALBERTA NOTES

Prof. J. I. Beardsley and family and Miss Essie Barber are attending the summer school at Portland, Oregon.

Work has begun on the new building at the Academy. The brethren of the Lacombe church kindly donated the work of hauling the material for the basement. The footings are now being put in.

Bills for the lumber were submitted to firms in Lacombe, Blackfalds and Red Deer. The order was placed with Cushing Bros. of Red Deer, the same firm that supplied the lumber for our dormitories.

Encouraging reports are coming in from all the laborers. Rainy weather has hindered in the meetings, but both the English and the German company at Strathcona report an interest. Brother Armeneau is holding meetings in a schoolhouse near Bawlf. Brother Clemensen in his house-to-house work in Didsbury and vicinity finds those who are hungry for truth. Several are awaiting baptism at that place, also at Olds. Elder Humann has gone east to labor among the Germans and Russians of the Castor district.

Saskatchewan Conference

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President, A. C. Gilbert; Secretary-Treasurer, J. M. Rowse; Religious Secretary, W. G. Forshaw; Tract Society Secretary, J. M. Rowse; Sabbath-school Secretary, Bertha D. Rowse; Field and Missionary Secretary, R. P. Mooney; Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary, A. C. Gilbert.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

God's blessings were bestowed in rich measure upon His people assembled at the camp-meeting at Bulyea.

Many more people attended the camp-meeting this year than were ever present at a meeting of our people in this province before.

Reports from the colporteurs are coming in regularly each week. We greatly appreciate the faithfulness of these workers.

Notwithstanding we had eleven more tents on the ground than last year, still it was almost impossible to find room for all the people on the grounds and several roomed in different parts of the village.

As will be noticed by the heading of this department of the "Tidings," the Saskatchewan Mission Field has now become the Saskatchewan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. All our people will be glad to know that the

work has advanced to the point where a conference could be organized in this province. More will be said about this later.

Friday, July 19, Elder Chas. Thompson left the campground to return to his home in Minneapolis. We greatly appreciated Elder Thompson's stay with us and trust that he may attend other of our meetings that may be held in the future. Elders Haffner and Shaw and Brother Manfull remained with us until the close of the meeting.

Manitoba Conference

Office Address, 290 Bannerman Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba.

President, O. E. Sandnes; Secretary-Treasurer, B. L. Grundset; S. S. Secretary, Lizzie Nickel; Tract Society Secretary, B. L. Grundset; Field and Missionary Secretary, Robert Neuman; Educational Secretary, V. W. Robb.

WHO WILL HAVE A SHARE ?

During the good conference when \$3,220 were pledged to home and foreign missions, one brother after having given \$500, arose and said that he would give another hundred, providing the brethren would make it \$1,000. Two brethren immediately added \$100 each, and the first brother's wife gave the fourth \$100, leaving \$600 to be raised. Since then \$130 has been promised, leaving \$470 yet to raise.

I was impressed to make an explanation of this through the "Tidings", so that all our people, and especially those who were not at camp-meeting might have a chance to add their donation and help raise this \$1,000. I would therefore request anyone who wishes a part in this, to please send in your pledge or cash to the office as soon as this reaches you. The money can be sent in any time before next Spring. What we especially want to know now, is the amount that you can give. Let us remember "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

O. E. SANDNES.

THE HARVEST INGATHERING

The Sings of The Times Monthly will be used in the campaign this year. It will be a sixty-four page magazine, with a three-color cover especially attractive for the occasion. Orders must be placed with the press not later than August 1. Some papers are now ready for distribution. The date of the campaign is September 29 to October 4. Therefore let all elders and church officers who have not done so, ascertain immediately how many papers can be used, and send orders to this office.

Every member will want a part in this campaign, and we would recommend that suitable persons be encouraged to spend considerable time distributing these papers and collecting donations for missions.

O. E. SANDNES.

ATTENTION

Let all our people in Manitoba remember that hereafter all Sabbath-school correspondence including reports should be sent to Lizzie Nickel, Morden, Manitoba. But all Sabbath-school money should be sent to B. L. Grundset, 290 Bannerman Avenue, Winnipeg. If all will remember this, much work will be saved.

Until further notice, my address will be 290 Bannerman Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

O. E. SANDNES.

British Columbia Conference

Office Address, 1708 Maple Street, Vancouver, B. C.

President, J. G. Walker; Secretary-Treasurer, Andrew Roedel; Educational Secretary, C. O. Smith; Religious Liberty Secretary, F. H. Conway; S. S. Secretary, Mrs. Birdie Conway; Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Lydia Stickle; Tract Society Secretary, Andrew Roedel; Field and Missionary Secretary, E. R. Potter; Assistant Field and Missionary Secretary, E. S. Horseman; Medical Missionary Secretary, F. H. Conway.

HERE AND THERE

After our good camp-meeting and conference, I went to the Alberta camp-meeting, partly on the invitation of the brethren there, and also because our committee thought I had better go and arrange with Brother Beardsley and the Union Committee for the summer school for our teachers.

Accordingly, I started on June 19, for Edmonton, and arrived there Friday afternoon, the 21st. I found a beautiful camp of nearly fifty tents pitched just on the border of Strathcona, and I understand there were over three hundred persons present. I staid a week at the meeting enjoying the good things of the feast, and meeting many acquaintances of former years. Like our own camp-meeting, at Kamloops, the most perfect harmony prevailed,—an evidense of the healthy spiritual condition of our sister conference on the east.

On my way home from this meeting, I stopped off at Kamloops and enjoyed two meetings on Sunday afternoon and evening with the company there. Only one meeting had been held before I arrived, and no very extensive announcement had been made, yet there was a fair attendance and some interest. Since leaving I have heard of a deeper interest.

After spending a day or two at home, I went on to Nanaimo to counsel with the teachers of Manson Academy in regard to the work for the next year. We had a very profitable council and I left feeling greatly encouraged about the success of the academy the next school year. Our attendance will no doubt be larger than heretofore.

From Nanaimo, I went on to Victoria and spent

the Sabbath with the Brethren there, and the few days following tried to help them secure a lot on which to build their new church. The building on the old property was not suitable, and since they had not the means to rebuild and the lot itself had become valuable, it was thought best to sell, and establish elsewhere in the city. Since that visit, a lot has been secured in a very desirable part of the town, and the plans approved for a neat, modest building that will, I hope, be a credit to our cause in this capitol city of the province.

The following Sabbath and Sunday, July 13, 14 found me at Nanaimo where a church was organized on those days. Thirteen persons comprise the church, with three others intending to unite as soon as their letters come. Nine of this church are new Sabbath-keepers, who have come out into the light through the labors of Elder and Sister Conway, and the helpers who have labored with them, from time to time. I am sure we all rejoice with Brother and Sister Conway that another beacon light has been established to shed its rays into the darkness.

At this writing I am on the boat returning from Victoria, where I have been again, assisting in their new church enterprise. Everywhere I go, I find the brethren of good courage and hopeful for the future of our work here. While the outlook seems good, brethren, let us not forget to pray. Success can come only as we seek this avenue to Him who blesses.

J. G. WALKER.

THE TEMPERANCE WORK

During the Annual Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of British Columbia, held in Vancouver, June 24-27, we were enabled through Mrs. Spofford, the President, to arrange for Brother Andrew Roedel to present, on behalf of the Seventh-Day Adventists of British Columbia, the strong temperance resolution passed by our conference recently held at Kamloops, which expressed our united stand on the temperance question and our appreciation of and sympathy with the good work being done by the various temperance organizations in our province, and expressing our earnest desire to co-operate as far as possible with every proper effort put forth in behalf of temperance.

I was then given an opportunity to present our Temperance Instructor work, in which we spoke of its increase in circulation from 50,000 copies in 1907, to undoubtedly half a million this year; how that 55,000 copies were circulated in the little State of Maine, and upon the authority of Mrs. Stevens, President of the National W.C.T.U. of the United

States, and who recently addressed the students in our Foreign Mission Seminary at our headquarters in Washington, D.C., it was this campaign that saved the cause of temperance in that State in the time of great peril for its cause.

Then upon a motion by the Secretary of the Convention and which was quickly seconded, that the Convention of W.C.T.U. express their appreciation of the Resolution presented on behalf of the Seventh-Day Adventists of British Columbia and that they endorse the Temperance Instructor, the President called for rising vote which was responded to by the whole house in an enthusiastic way.

We were certainly glad to have this opportunity to present our work to this large and very representative body of women from every part of the province and representing every church including the Catholic, and which delegation represents 1,600 women in the province.

E. R. POTTER.

FROM CHICAGO

I have noted with pleasure the progress of the work in British Columbia, and the Western Canadian Union. I am sure the publication of a Union paper is an advance step and one that has long been looked forward to in the British Columbia Conference.

My work in Chicago has been in connection with the North American Foreign Department. Chicago has wisely been chosen as the headquarters of this department, for the population of this city is about eighty per cent foreign. It is much more difficult to work among these people, than it is to work among the English speaking people, because of the many different languages and customs, and also because of the power of the Catholic church over them.

At the beginning of the present year, an Italian worker, Brother Calderone, was sent from New York to work among the Italians in Chicago. After working for some weeks in his new field, it was thought best to start a Sunday-school, as one of the most successful ways of reaching the foreigners is through the children. I was asked to assist in the work of the Sunday-school, and I shall never forget the first Sunday. About twenty of the children came, crowding right into the front seats. We told them the wonderful Bible stories, which some of them had never heard before, and when we had finished, they begged "for another story." Such interest and attention, I have rarely seen in schools of American children.

As I looked into the little group, my heart was filled with pity. Some were deformed; others showed great neglect; their clothes were ragged and dirty, and some of the older girls with sad, careworn faces, were carrying a baby brother or sister in their arms. As I went home through the crowded streets, my thoughts were still with the children,—not only of this little group—but also of the hundreds of other children in Chicago and other large cities of our land who know not Jesus.

The next Sunday we were again at the Sunday-school, but no children came. Brother Calderone, who reached the church before we did, said that some time before the hour of the meeting, a woman stationed herself at the gate of the small iron fence, and as the children came, she sent them away, telling them that we were Protestants. When Brother Calderone protested, she only answered: "You Protestant, you Protestant," and would not let a child come in. When she thought it was safe, she went away, and later eight children came in.

The following Sunday twenty were again present,—eight of the Sunday before, and others with them. So the Lord worked for us and the enemy did not triumph. We trust this little Sunday-school will be a beacon light in the darkness of the Italian quarters of Chicago.

BERTHA LOFSTAD.

KAMLOOPS

The good work in this part of the province is moving forward, for which we thank God.

Following the camp-meeting I visited the churches at Vernon, and Grandview. At the latter place nine precious souls followed their Lord in baptism, Sabbath, June 29. Brother Rottaker is the elder of this church, and is doing a good work in taking care of the lambs of his flock and in bringing other souls into the same pasture.

On June 29 we began our tent effort in the city of Kamloops. Our company consists of the following named persons: Brethren C. O. Smith and William Chipperfield, Sisters Florence Wilson, Emma Tamka, Lydia Stickle, and the writer.

At the first meeting there were three present. The congregation now ranges from fifteen to thirty-five, with an average attendance of about twenty, most of whom seem to be quite interested. We have called at every home with literature of some kind, and find very little prejudice, but lots of careless indifference. We have been able to put something in every issue of the daily paper, besides the announcements of the subjects, since we began the meetings. Remember the work here at the throne of grace.

J. J. WILSON.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES

Elder O. A. Burrill has arrived at Vancouver, and will engage in Bible work at that place. Let us remember him in our prayers.

Albert Bellchamber will begin work this week at Chilliwack with "Daniel and Revelation."

The Victoria church property has recently been sold, and a lot has been purchased in a more suitable location. A more convenient house of worship will be erected on the new site at once.

The "missionary thermometer" at the West Vancouver Sabbath-school bursted before the end of the second quarter was reached. The total contribution for the quarter amounted to \$92.07.

Miss Mabel Hallberg recently passed through Vancouver on her way from the Lacombe academy to her home near Ladysmith on Vancouver Island.

We are glad to report that Brother W. T. Rodgers is back in the colporteur work. He is working in the vicinity of Armstrong, and writes that he is of good courage.

Brother F. P. Wright says that he is not contented except when he is in the field with a prospectus. He is working with Great Controversy, and we expect a good report from him next week.

CRITICISM

It has been well said that the reason there are so many critics is because so much business can be done on a small capital. Any brainless, irresponsible person can criticize. Lucifer introduced the idea into the universe by criticizing the Creator. Notwithstanding that he and all his sympathizers were cast out of heaven to save the universe, men refuse to be warned, and continue the useless practice.

The following anecdote and lesson from the *Christian Commonwealth* is to the point: "A dog, hitched to a lawn-mower, stopped pulling to bark at a passerby. The boy who was guiding the mower said: 'Don't mind the dog, he is just barking for an excuse to rest. It is easier to bark than to pull the machine.' It is easier to be critical than correct; easier to bark than to work; easier to burn a house than to build one; easier to hinder than to help; easier to destroy reputation than to construct character. Fault-finding is as dangerous as it is easy. Anybody can grumble, criticize, or censure, like the Pharisees; but it takes a great soul to go on working faithfully and lovingly, and rise superior to outward circumstances and surroundings, as Jesus did."—G. B. Thompson.

WHY I AM HERE.

Cease wondering why you came;

Stop looking for faults and flaws;

Stand up today in your strength and say,

"I am a part of God's great cause.

However full the world, there is room for an honest man;

It had need of me or I would not be,

I am here to strengthen the plan."

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All copy for the next issue should reach this office not later than Friday, August 2.

We expected to print in this issue the proceedings of the conference meetings at the Manitoba camp-meeting. For some reason this report did not reach us.

The Saskatchewan camp-meeting which was held at Bulyea, closed Sunday evening July 21. We hope to give a full-report in the next issue of the paper.

Our attention has been called to an error which appeared in the Saskatchewan department of last issue in the article contributed by Brother T. T. Babienec. The total number who were received as members of the Waldheim church was twenty-three instead of eight.

Sabbath July 27, has been appointed by the General Conference as the day for the midsummer offering to be taken. Readings for a special service on this day, have been sent to the churches.

Last year the amount given on this occasion was \$17,975, and the question now is, "What shall it be for 1912?" We believe that all our churches will give an encouraging answer, for the reports from the fields were never more earnestly appealing.

The monthly expense of the Foreign Mission Board is now \$40,000, and the mission offerings received by the treasurer for the month of June was only \$12,500. This condition calls for a hearty response from our people at this time.

Very encouraging reports are coming to us of the work being carried on with the "Protestant Magazine" in British Columbia. Brother E. R. Potter has sent us a number of excellent testimonials received from prominent men of the province. Space will permit but one, which is from the editor of "Western Call," (Vancouver), and reads as follows:

"I have much pleasure in recommending the "Protestant Magazine" to all patrons who may desire to study the fundamental differences between the Protestant Religion and that of the Official Roman Catholic Church. It speaks out candidly, clearly, fearlessly and truthfully concerning the various phases of the monstrous claims of the papacy. It is the best return in a literary and historic way for twenty-five cents of which I have knowledge."

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT

Saskatchewan, Two Weeks Ending July 5

Name—	Book	Hrs.	Ex.	Ord.	Helps	Total
J. J. Strahle.....	D.R.	103	144	47	....	195.50
M. E. Mullinex.....	D.D	98	118	36	....	147.00
J. Linkert.....	D.R.	67	99	44	1.00	168.00
C. K. Wilson.....	G.C.	46	69	32	....	137.00
F. E. Austin.....	G.C.	95	106	43	....	196.50
J. B. Austin.....	G.C.	67	85	49	....	223.50
D. L. Henkes.....	G.C.	81	93	25	19.65	119.15
George Brown.....	G.C.	61	34	15	....	58.50
E. G. Swanson.....	G.C.	79	54	13	....	51.50
*A. C. Hanson.....	P.G.	156	188	63	4.00	290.00
x Edward Bush.....	B.R.	54	57	12	....	54.00
L. A. Philpott.....	B.R.	118	124	69	....	288.50
x A. G. Yakovenko....	P.P.	11	...	10	....	40.00
		1,037	1,160	458	24.65	1,969.15

Manitoba, Three Weeks Ending July 12

x William Tall.....	D.R.	53	52	20	....	74.10
z Laura Neilson.....	P.G.	25	66	27	3.30	128.20
x Robert Neuman.....	G.C.	57	67	27	....	108.00
x Della Jensen.....	H.M.	18	54	27	1.90	62.75
Pearl Clark.....	B.R.	46	116	16	3.90	64.90
Carrie Borg.....	B.R.	67	166	25	12.85	110.35
z Thekla Roer.....	H.M.	33	101	43	2.85	99.60
		319	674	206	38.00	698.35

Alberta, Three Weeks Ending June 28

x John Bates.....	P.G.	19	26	5	3.30	27.50
x Roscoe Hippach....	P.G.	39	112	4	....	20.00
x Merlan Vaughn.....	P.G.	2	3	1	....	4.00
z James Wagner.....	B.R.	120	108	21	....	85.50
		198	249	31	3.30	136.50

British Columbia, Week Ending June 28

z W. H. Covell.....	P.G.	60	80	50	....	239.00
W. T. Rodgers.....	H.H.	7	6	3	5.00	17.00
R. J. Elvin.....	P.G.	16	7	3	....	15.00
		83	93	56	5.00	271.00

Twenty-seven Agents.....	1,537	2,176	751	70.95	3,075.00
Previously reported.....					7,246.70

Total this year.....10,321.70

z One week. x Two weeks. * Four weeks.