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THE STAR AT EVENTIDE

Pale evening star, thy light is shining
O'er the dark and dismal plains of night
Each ink-hued cloud reflects its silver lining,
From thy clear translucent light.

So could I wish that every action
In mine own life undimmed would shine,
That every thought would be unselfish
Like that pure ray of thine.

J. M. HOGG.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

In the union existing between the church and each individual member, there is comprised a double responsibility of the church to aid and encourage the member in every possible way; second, the responsibility of the member to build up and strengthen the church. It is of this latter relationship we wish to speak particularly.

The responsibility of the individual member is twofold: first, in the general assistance which he shall render the church as a body, by representing its principles in his life, by sustaining its various departments, agencies, and ministries, and by contributing to its support; second, his responsibility to the individual units of the church body. This is by far the greater responsibility, and the one which will prove a real test of his faithfulness. His responsibility here consists in affording, so far as lies within his power, the same assistance and encouragement to every one of his church associates as he hopes to receive from them. In other words, it means the exercise of the spirit of earnest missionary labor in the church itself. As our church work is organized and carried forward, this labor on the part of the individual members finds ample opportunity, and becomes a genuine necessity.

But few of our churches have settled pastors, who can devote to the church work their undivided time and energy. The elders of our churches are, for the most part, busy men, and depend upon their labor for a livelihood; hence they have no more time or oppor-

tunity as a rule, for spiritual work in the church than has every other member. They must, therefore, have the assistance of all their brethren in maintaining in the church that working spirit of missionary and Christian activity which insures its health and vitality; and if each member of the church will feel that he must share with the church elder in this labor, more can be accomplished than for the elder to be so situated that he could devote his entire time to the work, and thus relieve others.

To one really desiring to find such opportunities for labor, a multitude of ways might be suggested. He can call upon his brethren who are sick; he can visit the poor and needy, and assist them in their distress; he can maintain the spirit of watchfulness for those who are discouraged or cast down. Particular attention should be given to strangers, to those who have recently united with the church or who have recently moved into the community. A friendly call, and a hand clasp of welcome at the church service, will do much to place them in harmony with their new environment. Among the younger members of the flock will also be afforded a rich field of personal effort. Those who live at a distance, and are obliged to absent themselves from church services, may be reached by correspondence. There needs to be in all of our churches more of this spirit of personal labor one for the other. There needs to be a coming together, a breaking down of the cold formality which exists. In some of our larger congregations, many of the members are acquainted only with those within the narrow circle of their personal friendship, and scores attend church services from Sabbath to Sabbath without finding an opportunity to become acquainted with many of their brethren and sisters in the same church.

Let us unitedly seek to break down these barriers to banish from our hearts all coldness and indifference, and labor to enter into closer fellowship and spiritual communion. This spirit will possess holding power, and the genial warmth and Christian fellowship will cause backsliders to return, will revive the drooping spirits, and come back into our own

hearts with tenfold gladness and blessing.

Let each individual member of the church count the church membership as a parish, and every one of his brethren the blood-bought heritage of Christ, for whom he should labor, and whom he should seek to serve. In the possession of this spirit, our churches will give to the world the evidence that God is indeed with us.

F. M. WILCOX.

THE THIRTEEN SABBATH OFFERING, DECEMBER 28.

Sabbath, December 28, is the time for the next thirteenth Sabbath offering to be taken in all our Sabbath-schools. At the last Council of the General Conference Committee, held in September, the following action was taken:

"Voted, That we request the Sabbath-schools to devote the offerings for the thirteenth Sabbath of the last quarter of 1912 to the needs of the training-schools for missionary workers at Canarero, Argentina and at Pua, Chile, aiming at \$10,000 for these enterprises on that day, the overflow above this amount to be devoted to the general missionary work of the South American Union among the Spanish and Indian missions."

A leaflet has been prepared and sent out to all our schools, setting forth the urgent needs of making better provision for the training of workers for this great "neglected continent." Some special articles will also be found in the "Review" from Brother J. W. Westphal, and others, in South America, concerning the dire straits in which they find themselves because of a lack of adequate facilities for their educational work. We hope these articles will be carefully read, also the leaflet; and that a most liberal offering will be made for our school work in that great and needy field.

South America is a continent of vast proportions, with a population of nearly fifty million. Here are found almost illimitable areas, here millions are fettered by the superstition and paganism of Roman Catholicism. Millions more are primitive pagans, or Indians, on whose ears the sound of the true gospel has not yet fallen. We have a message for all of these millions, to be given in the remnant of time which remains before the Lord comes. The territory is almost twice as large as that of the United States. Steam and electric railroads are not so far advanced as in this country. Vast regions are covered by the Andes range of mountains, and whole republics must be explored by the evangel of the gospel on horse back.

It is a task of tremendous proportions to carry the message to the millions here under such circumstances. The workers must be educated on the ground. It is for this purpose that the offering is to be given in our Sabbath-schools, December 28. Cannot each one do a little better than in any previous offering? By

doing so we will cheer the hearts of the faithful workers in that field, who are struggling against great obstacles, and give the work of God much needed help.

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

COLPORTEUR'S WAGES

The circulation of our literature by the colporteur has for many years been one of the most successful methods of disseminating the light of present truth. And, too, this work has been practically self-supporting, that is, financial returns have come in from it, quite sufficient to maintain the workers. This is true of those who carry them to the people. This has left the tithes and offerings for the support of those who are engaged in work that brings no direct revenue. Thus a large branch of our work has drawn almost nothing from the general fund, but instead has contributed quite largely to the expenses of the general work.

It has been thought by some that the colporteurs should be paid a stated salary, instead of depending upon a commission on his sales. It has been hinted that in the writings of Sister White is found ground for this plan; but so far as I have ever read her works I have found nothing that would justify the claim for a wage basis for the colporteur work. There are several reasons why this has not seemed to be the wisest plan. One is the class of workers who enter the colporteur work. These are frequently persons who have not been tested in any line of our work, and whose ability and faithfulness is unknown as yet. It is much better that such persons be placed where their success depends upon their own exertions.

Another reason is that after a canvasser has demonstrated his ability to sell our literature he prefers to work upon a commission. He has learned that if he puts in faithful time he will make a better income than the average conference laborer who gets a small but regular wage. I am reminded of a young man in one of our conferences who had been in the ministry, but concluded to devote a certain summer to canvassing. Times were hard in the conference, and the workers were on small pay. When camp-meeting time came that young man had a nice sum to his credit, while the wage workers were in the position that many of our workers often are, that is, "hard-up."

It is apt to be the canvasser who lacks confidence in himself, or an occasional thriftless one, who complains about the present plan of paying the colporteurs by means of a commission. The commission allowed by our publishing houses is more liberal than is granted by most other houses. With God to assist the faithful colporteur there is no reason why he can not do as well at least as in the ordinary occupations of life.

Altogether the colporteur work is a grand success. Whether we are a success in it generally depends upon

ourselves. It has been a boon to many a person who has given up a good position to keep the Sabbath. It has supplied such with the necessities of life and at the same time permitted them to sow the seeds of the truth which have become so precious to them. It is a vine of God's own planting, and must and will succeed in spite of all obstacles.

E. R. ALLEN

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EXTENDING THE BLESSING

As this issue of the "Tidings" comes to the homes of our people in Saskatchewan, it will find most of them in the midst of the Week of Prayer. This prayer season is proving a decided blessing for God's children who are waiting His return. Surely there is nothing more needed to-day, than a clearing of the highway to our own souls so that the "King in His beauty" may come in with a fullness of glory and power that has never been experienced.

No doubt every one has gained a definite victory over some certain sin that has caused a lot of trouble in our past life. No doubt right now you are rejoicing with the angels in Heaven to know that this Week of Prayer has drawn you closer than ever to the cross, and brought a deliverance which is complete and permanent. How necessary, therefore, that we maintain the ground that we have gained at the cost of so great a struggle. After we have allowed Jesus to wash our characters clean from the many foul blots of sin, how sad it would be if we should permit some unguarded moment to let in an evil word or thought that would soil the life with trial and sorrow. So let us keep up the altar of prayer; for this alone can protect us from the assaults of the enemy of holiness and truth.

Let us each determine in our own lives that we will do nothing that will not be pleasing to the Lord. The Lord tells us by the Spirit of Prophecy that "Those who decide to do nothing in any line that will displease God, will know, after presenting their case before Him, just what course to pursue. And they will receive not only wisdom, but strength."

This year with its records is fast closing, and its opportunities are past forever. But another year is before us with opportunities for Christian service.

The experience of this Week of Prayer will give us an eminent fitting in order that our lives may be most effectual representatives of the faith of Jesus. Let the same contact that we have made with the power of Heaven ever be held fast so that the life-current from above may flow through us to vitalize the sin-burdened souls for whom we may labor.

The prophecies of the Bible which have been so great a comfort to this people, and brought them to the place they now occupy in the world, are pointing never so plainly to the fact that it is high time to hasten to the work of warning those who know not the truth of the nearness of the end. May every believer in Saskatchewan be as a faithful watchman on the walls of Zion, and sound an alarm to those who are neighbors and friends.

A. C. GILBERT.

FENWOOD

By the grace of the Lord I can say that the Lord is wonderfully good to His children. If we only could appreciate His great loving kindness to us each day, and for this truth He has shown unto us.

Elder Gilbert and I visited the brethren at Loreburn. The Lord came very near with His blessing on the Sabbath. I remained a few days longer and visited all the brethren in their homes.

At Hodgeville the Lord came very near although through trials and difficulties. But we know "all things worketh together for good to those that love the Lord." Elder Dirksen stopped off there a few days on his way to Oregon, while I was there. We had some good meetings in the school-house while he was there. The Lord blessed us.

On my way home I had the privilege of visiting all the brethren at Rouleau, which has been my desire for some time. They are all of good courage and had their church building nearly finished. On Sabbath they held their first services in it, and it was my privilege to be with them. The services were held in four different languages, Servian, Romanian, German and English. I praise the Lord for the wonderful work He has done here since this company was organized.

A large number have accepted the truth this summer and lately an orthodox Greek Catholic Priest accepted the truth and was baptized on Sabbath. His only desire is to forget the past traditions, and is rejoicing in the blessed message, although he has to suffer persecution. But he calls it joy to suffer for His Master if he can only help some souls. Let us remember him in our prayers.

I arrived at home safely after being gone nearly five weeks, and found all well and of good courage. Let us be faithful, and soon our Saviour will be here.

C. SULZLE.

HISTORY AND PROGRESS OF ROULEAU CHURCH

The Rouleau church was organized by Elders Shaw and Sulzle July 16, 1907, with thirteen members, all living in the community, and were all in full harmony on all points of present truth.

These took up the missionary spirit for their own people with all their hearts, and acted upon the advice of the Elders who organized the church, to visit their neighbors, relatives and friends, and pray with them, giving them tracts and papers and loaning them books. As the result they accepted the truth family by family and joined the church.

They too helped to carry out the above suggestions and went as far as 25 or 30 miles around, and not only the common people accepted the truth, but also some of the ministers of other denominations. An English Methodist local preacher accepted the whole truth and went to one of our schools to prepare himself for the work. He is now visiting his parents and friends in his native land, taking the truth to them.

While the members of the Rouleau church had a burden for their own nationalities, they not only worked in their neighborhood, but also wrote letters and sent tracts and papers to their native land, Hungary, to their former Christian friends and relatives, who became interested in the message and desired some one to come over and help them.

So Brother Ostoies and family, and Brother Paul Krainean and family, were impressed, we believe, by the Holy Spirit, that they must go to bring the blessed truth to them as self-supporting missionaries. The Lord's hand was with them, although the devil was angry and opposed them in their work. The Lord blessed their efforts wherever they went and opened the doors for the warning message.

Later, Elder Ostoich received a call from the conference to go and labor in Servia in his own native tongue, while Brother Krainean labored in Hungary in and around his own village where he was brought up, until he was taken as a soldier to serve the government. Because of refusing to work on the Sabbath, he was put in prison, from where we believe that only the answers to the prayers of the brethren in Hungary and Canada, especially the Rouleau church brought him out of prison. The Lord has blessed his efforts since, and he is of good courage.

Elder Ostoich who labored with good results in Servia, brought many souls to the truth in about a year by the Lord's help, as the report shows about seventy souls accepted the truth under his labors. He returned to Canada last March and as the church had been following up the plan taken up at the organization to do missionary work for their neighbors and friends, quite a company were ripened when he came

back. Among them was a Greek Catholic priest who was bitterly opposed at first. But by the honest and faithful effort of the brethren and the humble prayers to God, the Holy Spirit worked on his heart until he began to study the truth and within a year's time accepted all the points of this message.

Thus the church has been continually growing till the present membership is forty-one. So far they have been holding the Sabbath-school and meetings in private houses, but the rooms became too small to accommodate them all, so it was decided to build for themselves a house of worship where they can all meet in a comfortable condition to worship their Lord and Maker on the holy Sabbath Day.

May the Lord give grace from on high to every member of this church and others, to stand as one man in Christ Jesus our Lord, to be as bright lights shining each one in their part of this province to glorify God our Father and Jesus Christ our Saviour to witness to our neighbors that we are waiting for the soon coming of our Lord in the clouds of heaven. Pray for the Rouleau church.

ANDREW D. HAYNAL.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

Among those who have recently gone from our province to Lacombe were Brethren C. K. Wilson and J. B. Austin.

Brother Mooney passed through Regina Wednesday, November 27, en route to Fenwood to deliver books for Brother Locker.

Miss Bertha Gillbank arrived last week to take charge of the church-school to be held at McLean.

Elder C. J. Rider passed through Regina last week en route to Hanley and Dundurn, where he will spend the week of prayer.

Sister May Mooney passed through Regina recently on her way to Warmly to teach the family school in the home of Brother Joseph Burgess.

Sister Ida Coles recently ordered 300 magazines for her work in Saskatoon and Brother H. L. English has ordered an equal number with which to work Prince Albert.

Reports from the church schools at Swift Current and Rouleau inform us that they are getting nicely started in their work for the winter.

Church and family schools are now in progress at Sonningdale, Swift Current, Rouleau, Hanley, Titanic and Warmly. One or two others are expected to be in operation in the near future.

Brother L. A. Philpott has finished his delivery and is now attending the Academy at Lacombe, Alberta. Brother Philpott worked faithfully this summer and succeeded in placing over \$1,600 worth of that excellent volume "Bible Readings for the Home Circle" in the homes of the people. This work was done, too, in territory that was canvassed only two years ago with "Great Controversy."

"The Mediation of Christ" will be the subject of the Sabbath-school lessons for the first quarter of 1913. What subject could be more important for us at this time? Be sure to order your quarterlies early so you will not miss a

single lesson of this important series. Remember the price is only five cents each or twenty cents a year. The Tract Society will gladly enter your name on their list for a year's subscription at the above mentioned rate.

The sad news came to us Friday, December 6, that Brother Eddie Swanson of Hillesden had passed away on the morning of that day. The trouble seems to have been pneumonia. Elder Gilbert left Regina on the morning of the 7th to conduct the funeral. Brother Swanson did faithful work in the canvassing work last summer and had worked hard so as to be able to attend school this winter. He had set his heart on obtaining an education in order that he might become an efficient worker in the cause of God. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the dear bereaved ones in this time of trial.

Would you like to do some real missionary work? Then write to the Tract Society regarding the coming six months' series of the "Signs of the Times." Ten copies each week for six months will only cost you \$6, and if you order them all sent to your address a copy of that valuable little book "Questions and Answers" will be sent to you free of charge. We can furnish the names and addresses if you like to help in this work, but have no particular persons to whom you would like to send the papers.

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DO IT NOW.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:29. Mark 13:10 says, "Shall be published."

This Scripture is being fulfilled at the present time as never before. And, too, this is the last sign given us by the Saviour while on earth, pointing to His second coming to this world.

Because of our publications, we have the greatest light of any people who ever lived, therefore the responsibility is greater. There is no person in this world to-day who needs to be cut off from our people, or at least from what we are doing in spreading this message. There is no phase of the message, without some publication dealing with that particular part, so wherever we may be it is possible for us to advance with the message.

Everyone who expects to triumph in the truth will have to read our publications, otherwise there is danger that we stop where we are, while the message will certainly move on. No sooner do we cease reading than we find we are out of joint with the church, and can we expect anything else? If we cease to partake of food we must expect to perish. Therefore if we would keep pace with the truth, we must have spiritual food. When God's Spirit was poured out on the

day of Pentecost, we find the believers were all of one accord. Likewise all who expect to receive of the Spirit during the latter rain will be in harmony one with the other.

How important that we may know and understand the meaning of the perplexities of the nations to-day as taken up by the "Signs Monthly" and "Watchman." Then again the efforts which are being put forth to bring Sunday to the front are being fully dealt with in "Liberty," and every true protestant should read the "Protestant Magazine," that they may understand the motives of the Roman church. But before all others is the "Review and Herald." Every believer in the soon coming of Christ should welcome its visit each week, that they may know and understand the progress of the message throughout the world.

Again all who are interested in the salvation of souls should see that our faithful missionary, "The Signs of the Times" visit all who are seeking truth. Fathers and mothers, while you are enjoying so many blessings do not allow the younger members of the family to suffer for want of the good things contained in the "Youth's Instructor" and "Little Friend."

In the "Review and Herald" of November 14, 1912, page 2, you will find a list of our periodicals clubbed together in various ways and all are offered at greatly reduced rates for a given time. Let everyone get this number of the "Review," and do not fail to take advantage of this opportunity.

Let our church librarians take this matter up at once and call on each family personally, laying it before them. Now is the time, if ever we expect to have a part in this great work. In parts of two days I have obtained subscriptions to the amount of \$50 for our different periodicals under this plan. Let every isolated member send in their subscription at an early date. Everyone should take advantage of these club rates.

We are living in the most solemn time of earth's history, yet, if we are ready, it is a most glorious time. If any have been negligent in letting their subscriptions expire, do not fail to seize this opportunity for renewing.

L. T. HEATON.

NOTICE

Miss Bertha Gilbank, our provincial Sabbath-school secretary, has accepted a call from Saskatchewan to teach a church school. Miss H. G. McCulloch has been asked to take her place for the remaining portion of the conference year. All correspondence and reports intended for the Sabbath-school secretary should be sent to Miss H. G. McCulloch, Lacombe, Alberta.

C. A. BURMAN.

ALBERTA ACADEMY NOTES

Our enrollment has increased to 109. Among the latest arrivals are Wallace Pangman, Hamiota, Manitoba; Miss Maggie Burgess and Sholto Middleton, Hanley, Sask.; Ethel and John Wallace, Stavely, Alberta.; Miss Ida Carlson, Plenty Sask.; Miss Viola Clauson, Claresholm, Alta.

By the time this reaches our readers, our Young People's Society will have held two general meetings. In the first one we listened to a very encouraging report of the year's work which urges us on to greater activity. Several new members have joined this society, and judging from the enthusiasm manifested we expect to accomplish something worth while.

We are enjoying a visit from the members of the school board, who are holding meetings in the new building. Elder Shaw is here giving counsel. He spoke to us yesterday in chapel, giving us a very interesting experience he recently had on board ship off the British Columbia coast, from which we can learn a lesson of faithfulness to duty.

The class in Daniel and Revelation has recently been studying the sixth chapter of Daniel. The following are some of the many good lessons observed by the different members of the class:

"Man is to render obedience to God's word regardless of laws and decrees, made by man."—J. K. F.

"If God be for us, who can be against us? He will keep those whose minds are stayed upon Him."—R. W. C.

"However dark the outlook, we should be loyal to God, not fearing what man may do unto us."—A. D. A.

"God's church is able to witness for Him with greater power and more lasting results in times of persecution than in times of peace."—A. P. P.

"One of the things most to be admired in Daniel's character was the fact that his enemies could find no occasion against him except concerning the law of his God."—C. A.

"By unquestionable integrity toward men and rulers and by also being loyal to God, we can expect justice from the hands of God, whether we do or whether we do not from the hands of men."—E. B. C.

"Through religious persecution by earthly powers, God's loyal servants have opportunity to witness for the truth before kings and rulers whom it would be impossible for them to reach otherwise."—R. R.

ALBERTA NOTES

The auditing committee assembled at 9 a.m. on December 3 in the new academy building and took up the work of auditing the laborer's accounts for the past year.

Elder H. S. Shaw arrived from Regina, Sask., December 3 to assist in the meetings of the auditing and conference committee and school board which convened on the 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Elder N. J. Aalborg of Calgary, Brother Charles Rick of Claresholm and Brother S. M. Torgersen of Harmattan are among our visitors this week, having come for the purpose of assisting in the work of the auditing committee.

Brother L. Halsvick arrived a few days ago from Philadelphia and has already entered upon his work. At present, in company with Brother H. E. Shelstad, he is visiting the Scandinavian believers in the vicinity of Harmattan. We extend to Brother Halsvick a hearty welcome to this field and wish him success in his efforts in behalf of the Scandinavians.

Plans have been made for all available workers to visit the various churches and companies in this field for at least one Sabbath of the week of prayer. We trust that this will prove to be a blessing and a strength to each and every member. May the close of this sacred season find all enjoying a closer walk with God and having a stronger determination to assist in finishing His great work.

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WINNIPEG

It has been some time since I have sent in a report to the "Tidings," but we are still laboring here in Winnipeg, and are of good courage.

In addition to our Sabbath-school, we are holding six meetings during the week at the present time. These meetings are attended by a goodly number of regular visitors, also by our new believers, who are strengthened by them and helped to see more and more God's glorious truth for this time.

I am also thankful to say that there are new brethren learning the blessing there is in being faithful to the Lord in paying tithe. One brother (who had been sick for a long time before he accepted the truth) came to me the other day to hand in some tithe. As I looked over the amount I knew he could not have obtained that much during the short time since he accepted the truth. Upon questioning him, he said: "O no, I did not make so much since I keep the Sabbath, but I figure and added all up from the time I got better from my illness, and was able to work, and I am so glad that the Lord has restored me to health, and has brought this wonderful truth. I rejoice in it, and I want to be faithful to the Lord."

These words of my brother did me much good, and I am thankful that the Lord is bringing His children out of the world to serve Him and walk in His commandments.

OSCAR ZIPRICK.

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FROM THE ISOLATED

Elder Walker, President of the British Columbia Conference, visited us, coming on Friday evening and remaining for the Sabbath. We did indeed enjoy

his visit and in the evening called in a number of our neighbors, when he delivered an able discourse on the third angel's message. We were greatly helped and encouraged to persevere and keep faithful until the Lord comes.

On Sunday Brother Walker visited Brother and Sister Post, opposite the Needles, and once more spoke on the message, they also having called in their friends and neighbors. There was a good attendance at both meetings, and we trust much good may result from the faithful exposition of the message. We will be always ready to welcome Brother Walker when he comes as we have been greatly helped and encouraged. We are isolated members here, and so greatly appreciate the visits of our brethren. He left on Monday for Nelson to visit other brethren and sisters.

MR. AND MRS. PASMORE.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL AT FIRVALE

The little school here opened October 14 with an attendance of eight pupils, which has since increased to fifteen. The school-room had been somewhat remodelled and repapered, and presents a real neat appearance. It was a pleasure to see the enthusiasm with which the students, one and all, took hold of their work. All are grateful for the privilege of attending a church-school, and are enjoying their work.

Each Wednesday morning we have our little missionary meetings in place of the usual opening exercise, and are endeavoring to do some practical missionary work through mailing papers, and missionary correspondence. At present we are sending out the Ingathering number of the "Signs of the Times." This is about the only way in which we can do anything to assist in the campaign since there is very little opportunity for soliciting otherwise here.

I enjoy reading the items from other schools, as they appear in the "Tidings" from time to time, and I hope we may have the prayers of God's people everywhere that the schools may meet the purpose of God in their establishment.

LYDIA STICKLE.

REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOLS

Quarter Ending September 30

Place—	Mem.	Off.	13th Sab.	Total.
Cumberland	11	\$ 2.60	\$.50	\$ 3.10
Collingwood	6	19.40	1.70	21.10
Clayburn	5	.....	.....	.....
Grandview, English	14	20.60	3.80	24.40
Grandview, German	76	36.85	10.50	47.35
Glenemma	11	5.40	1.00	6.40
Kamloops	..	.....	.....	.....
Manson	45	14.19	17.15	31.34
Mission City	10	18.75	5.25	24.00
Massett	18	.....	.....	.....

Nanaimo	29	42.60	12.00	54.60
Penticton	15	18.05	3.00	21.05
Port Simpson	5	.....	.....	.....
Reiswig	10	1.50	.50	2.00
Silver Creek	15	.85	1.25	2.10
Sloan	19	1.65	6.50	8.15
South Vancouver	18	3.60	2.60	6.20
Straiton	5	4.30	2.25	6.55
Vernon	22	8.40	.95	9.35
Victoria	32	22.51	7.30	29.81
West Vancouver	41	60.19	34.05	94.24
Home Department—				
Campbell River	10	15.20	3.00	18.20
Comox	6	4.70	2.25	6.95
Happy Valley	14	3.10	2.95	6.05
Deroche	8	4.35	1.00	5.35
Edgewood	2	.....	1.00	1.00
Erickson	2	.....	1.00	1.00
Fernie	2	.....	2.00	2.00
Kokanee	6	.....	.....	.....
Prince Rupert	1	.....	1.00	1.00
Van Anda	3	3.00	.75	3.75
Waneta	8	5.90	4.20	10.10

Totals. 460 \$317.69 \$129.45 \$447.74

I have been looking back over the records of our Sabbath-school offerings to missions for the past three years. I find that in 1910 our Sabbath-school offerings were \$652.21; in 1911, \$755.91; and in the first three quarters of the present year we have given \$1,118.41. We will have doubled our gifts to missions at the close of this year, over that of 1910. What a splendid record. We are making headway fast. My heart rejoices with you, my dear co-workers, for the rapid climb of the last few months. I am thankful for what God is doing through the medium of the Sabbath-schools, to carry this message to the regions beyond. How grateful we should be that we have a part in this great work.

But as we see here and there young people drifting into the world we should ask ourselves the question, "Is this the result of my unfaithfulness?" Oh, I wonder as teachers and officers if we are really doing all that God requires of us in this grand and glorious work. As I think of the great army of our fine youth and young people under the influence of the Sabbath-school from week to week, I tremble, as with the picture comes a fuller realization of the necessity of enlisting and carefully training these for the soon coming Kingdom. This necessity places an important duty before every senior member of the Sabbath-school; and what a tremendous responsibility it rolls upon those who are in any way directly connected with their training. Let us see to it that in all our schools we seek to accomplish that for which God has called the Sabbath-school into existence; and may He help us through earnest prayer and faithful service to do our whole duty.

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Sabbath-school secretaries should order their memory verse cards for the first quarter, 1913, at once, that they may have a supply in time.

Elder H. S. Shaw returned to the office at Regina, December 9, from Lacombe, Alberta, where he attended a meeting of the Alberta Conference Committee and School Board. He reports a pleasant and profitable trip.

According to appointment the next General Conference will meet at Washington, D.C., May 15 to June 8, 1913. A General Conference Bulletin will be published. It will be illustrated and will contain quite full reports of proceedings; sermons will be omitted, but Bible studies will be given. It will be furnished for fifty cents for the session.

BARGAINS

For \$2.50 the Youth's Instructor will be sent for one year, and a good Bible, 1 x 4½ x 7½ inches in size, self-pronouncing, references, maps, large minion, octavo, clear type edition, divinity circuit, red under gold edges—in every way a good serviceable and attractive Bible. For \$3.00 the Instructor will be sent for one year and a Bible like the one described above excepting it has larger type (long primer), and is 1¼ x 6 x 8 inches in size—just the Bible for the aged, or those having impaired vision.

To any school sending five one-term subscriptions for Christian Education, \$1.00 each, a large Peerless Globe will be sent free, excepting express charges from Chicago. The globe stands 19 inches high, and is 38 inches in circumference, substantially made of the very best material obtainable, and has a heavy

mortised mission stand. A globe of practical size is an essential to every school room, but globes are expensive and most schools cannot afford them. Here is an opportunity to obtain one very easily. Address your Tract Society for further information.

WRITING FOR THE TIDINGS

The Western Canadian Tidings is published for the purpose of aiding in the administration of Conference work in the Union, and that all may become acquainted with every part of the field and have a broader view of the advancement of God's work here.

It is not designed to take the place of a missionary paper, as an expounder of the faith, nor that of a literary journal for the enlightenment of the people along scientific, social, or economic lines, but to assist in the prosecution of all departments of the work in which we are engaged. It is intended to be a medium between the laborers and the people in the various conferences.

We have the good Review which most of us take, and which keeps us in touch with the work outside our own Union, but we know but little of what is going on in our field except as it is reported through our own paper. I am certain that if our workers would report more frequently, the interest in our paper would be greatly increased.

It is not the desire of the editor, and surely not of the readers, to have the columns occupied by selected matter, but this sometimes becomes necessary. Presidents write too seldom. The people welcome anything from those at the head of the work. They want to hear from our ministers who are on the firing line. Reports of souls saved cannot come too often. Do not wait until the end of the year, and then write a general report.

Conference notes, school notes, and colporteur's reports are also valuable and edifying, but do not write an item simply to mention the name of some friend. If souls have been brought to a knowledge of the truth, every Christian will rejoice, as well as the angels of heaven. What the people want to know is about the progress of the work for which they pay their tithes and deprive themselves of the comforts of life that they may make offerings to the Lord.

Long prosy articles on general topics are only welcomed in the absence of other matter. But short pithy reports of progress are always gladly received, and can not come too frequently. If the work is hard, by reporting we will have more prayers to help us endure the hardness. If the Lord is blessing us, that will encourage the people. Shall we be more faithful in reporting? I trust that the answer will be, yes.

A. H. B.