

Western Canadian Tidings

"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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LOOK PLEASANT

We cannot, of course, all be handsome,
And its hard for us all to be good,
We are sure now and then to be lonely,
And we don't always do as we should,
To be patient is not always easy,
To be cheerful is much harder still,
But at least we can always be pleasant,
If we make up our minds that we will.

And it pays every time to be kindly,
Although you feel worried and blue;
If you smile at the world and look cheerful,
The world will smile back at you.
So try to brace up and look pleasant,
No matter how long you are down,
Good humor is always contagious,
You banish your friends when you frown.

—Selected.

OUR WORK IN WESTERN CANADA

It is encouraging to see the progress that has been made in the work in this field since the year this Union was organized. The Union secretary has just handed me a copy of his statistical statement compiled from the reports of the local conferences in Western Canada for the year 1912. As I have looked it over, I have been much interested in it, and am passing on some of the items for the perusal of our people in this field.

British Columbia was organized into a conference in the year 1902, and was connected with the North Pacific Union Conference. Manitoba and Saskatchewan were organized into one conference in the year 1903. This territory with Alberta, which at that time was a mission field, was connected with the Northern Union Conference. Alberta was organized into a conference in 1906. Saskatchewan was cut off from the Manitoba Conference January 1, 1907, and organized into a mission field.

Thus the work stood in Western Canada at the beginning of 1907. It was apparent that for the best interests of the work in these provinces, they should be organized into a Union Conference, so as better to

carry forward their work in this field.

Accordingly a meeting of representatives from each of these local fields was called to convene at Leduc, Alberta, in October, 1907, at which meeting was perfected the organization of the Western Canadian Union Conference, composed of the four western provinces of Canada.

Since that time these four provinces have unitedly struggled with the difficulties to be met in such a frontier field, and the Lord has blessed their labors. Saskatchewan was organized into a conference in 1912.

At the beginning of 1908 the total number of Sabbath-keepers in the Union was 1,009. At the beginning of 1913, a period of five years later, the number of Sabbath-keepers had reached 1,801. Our annual tithe receipts at the beginning of 1908 were \$15,954.72. For the year 1912, the tithe receipts were \$36,044.23.

Then the tithe per capita annually was less than \$16, and now it is more than \$20. This per capita is reckoned on the entire number of Sabbath-keepers, not simply the membership.

The total offerings to missions annually, at the beginning of 1908 amounted to \$3,579.02; for the year 1912 the amount to missions from this field was \$14,125.05, besides five per cent. of our tithe, which amounts to \$1,808.51 more, making a total of \$15,933.56 sent to foreign missions from this field in 1912.

Our book, tract and periodical sales for the year 1907 amounted to \$11,586.60. For the year 1912 they were \$34,233.90.

To some of our large conferences in the states, of course, these figures mentioned in the above would mean but little, but to a little handful of folks out on the ragged edges as we are, and struggling to get a foothold, they bring courage and good cheer. They show that some faithful work has been done by our people in the local conferences composing this field, and that these labors have been blessed of the Lord.

Now, two months of another year have already passed and we are nearing the homeland. No one knows how many more years will be left to us before the final

crisis overtakes the world. Trials will thicken about us more and more as the years go by. There is only one way to meet the conflict, and that is to be all of one soul and one mind in the great work we have to do.

How many times in the past have we wept for joy as we have seen our people in this field, though few in number, yet pressing together to finish the work both in this field, and to lend a helping hand to the work in lands afar.

First, in this new year, let us give our hearts to the Lord over again, and renew our consecration to His work. If we do this, the Lord has pledged Himself to sustain us and to give us the desire of our hearts. I want with you to advance to a new position in the siege, and fortify in advance of the ditch we occupied last year. Shall we all rise as one man?

H. S. SHAW.

Alberta Conference

Office Address, Lacombe, Alberta

President, C. A. Burman; Secretary-Treasurer, U. Wissner; Educational Secretary, J. I. Beardsley; Missionary Volunteer Secretary, A. Pond; Field and Missionary Secretary, L. T. Heaton; Sabbath-school Secretary, Miss H. G. McCulloch; Medical Secretary, N. J. Aalborg; Tract Society Secretary, U. Wissner; Religious Liberty Secretary, W. A. Clemenson.

ALBERTA NOTES

Brother J. R. Wagner and family of Lavesta made a short visit to Lacombe, returning home to-day.

Brother Halsvick writes that there is a good interest at Red Deer, where he and Brother Shelstad are holding a series of meetings.

In a former note in this paper it was announced that the price for five or more copies of the "Signs Monthly" has been raised to five cents a copy. This increase in price applies to all our monthly magazines.

Elder Burman reports from Vermillion Lakes that the interest up there is quite good, and he is in hopes of seeing some take their stand for the truth. He is now presenting the Sabbath question. He will leave there for Lacombe to attend the annual meeting of the academy board the first of next week.

ALBERTA ACADEMY NOTES

The regular annual meeting of the academy board is called for Tuesday, March 11.

Charles Blaine has been called home on account of the sickness of his mother.

Jonathan Jaeger has left school and is now working in the vicinity of Lacombe.

Brother P. O. Johnson of Minnesota was a visitor at the academy yesterday.

Brother J. K. Fish, who accompanied Elder Burman to Vermillion Lakes last week, returned this morning.

Brother George Poljank is on a two weeks' business trip to his home at Whitla, Alberta.

Frona Finch was suddenly called to her home in Edmonton because of sickness in the family.

Brother Knutson has gone to Calgary where he will receive medical treatment.

A recital of the public speaking and the music departments will be held next Tuesday evening at 7.30 in the academy chapel.

Sister Gertrude Shaw has returned from caring for her mother at Neapolis, and has entered the dormitory for the remainder of the year.

Brother W. L. Manfull recently spoke at chapel, describing his trip to the convention in Mountain View, California. It was very interesting and instructive. He will speak again in the near future, telling more of the work of the convention.

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.

SOME GREAT FACTORS IN THIS MESSAGE

All who have children know how different they are as to character and how different the means that must be used in their training. We are all grown up children. Our Heavenly Father, therefore has different ways of bringing us up for the kingdom. And that is the reason He has given this people so many different ways of working for the salvation of souls.

A great many people are reached by the printed page who would never attend a service. Hence the colporteur is as much the giver of the message as the minister.

Another great factor is the Sabbath-school work. The spirit of prophecy says: "The Sabbath-school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities and the most effectual in bringing souls to Christ." The same may be said of the church school work. If you can estimate the value of the salvation of your boys and girls, you may estimate the value of these schools. Dollars and cents can not equal in value the soul of one of these little ones. What then shall we say of the hundreds who are saved from destruction every year by our church schools?

Much could be said about the different means of reaching the masses of the people with this message, such as the Bible work, tract work, periodical and magazine work, etc. But I desire to call your attention to the medical work, with its institutions.

This branch of the work is a very important factor in reaching a large and needy class of people, that can not very well be reached in any other way. We could not very well do without this line of work. The facts are that the message would not be complete without it. God in His wisdom has made the health reform work a part of this message. He could hardly conceive of a health reform work in this enlightened age without the medical knowledge to support it. And we could

not have this medical knowledge without our medical institutions. It is God's own hand that has directed in the establishment of health institutions. They have been the means of saving hundreds of people from a premature grave, and have brought health and happiness into the lives of thousands. Best of all they have been the means of leading many souls to accept of the third angel's message.

Some of the leading members among us have been won for the truth through the sanitarium work. These institutions have done as much as any one factor to make this people favorably known to the world. And when we think of the great foreign mission enterprise, these institutions become especially important. The medical training is one of the leading factors in gaining the confidence and good will of both civilized and uncivilized people. And this line of work may be continued when the doors are closed to other lines of evangelical work.

O. E. SANDNES.

A GOOD RECORD.

We appreciate very much the promptness with which nearly all our people have paid up their pledges made at the last camp-meeting, to the General Fund. It is this promptness and liberality, which enabled Manitoba to give twenty-two and one-half cents per week per member to foreign missions for 1912.

Now the question is, shall we keep this record up for 1913? I imagine I can hear you all lift your voices in the affirmative. But we shall have to follow closely the instruction in 1 Corinthians 16: 2. Some who were not present when the pledges were taken, promised a certain amount on this same fund. A few pledges are yet unpaid. If these could be paid in soon, it would be greatly appreciated.

O. E. SANDNES.

MANITOBA NOTES

Brother Oscar Ziprick is commencing a series of meetings at Whitemouth.

Sister Lizzie Nickel met with the Beausejour company last Sabbath.

Sister Hunt, of Winnipeg, underwent a serious operation last week. She is improving slowly.

The coming General Conference Bulletin is to be an exceptionally good one. Orders should be sent in early. Price, 50 cents.

Elder O. E. Sandnes met with the Katrime company last Sabbath, going from there to Brandon in the interest of the coming camp-meeting.

We were glad to meet Brother Frank Cramer at the office last week, while on his way from Ontario, where he was called by the death of his mother.

Sister McMinn of Winnipeg is quarantined with scarlet fever, but is getting along nicely. May the Lord restore the sick ones to their health again.

Elder V. W. Robb was called to Hazel Ridge last week to the bedside of Miss Dale. While there she passed away.

The funeral was conducted by Elder Robb. May the Lord sustain the sorrowing ones.

We were glad to have with us recently, one of our workers of the Minnesota Conference, Brother P. O. Johnson. He left here for an extended trip throughout the western part of Canada.

Brother C. E. Carlson spent a few days in the city last week on business and bidding farewell to the brethren here. He is leaving Manitoba for his home in Sweden. He is planning to return in the Spring and locate somewhere in a warmer climate.

"If you would be discouraged, look within; if you would be distracted, look around, but if you would be strengthened, look up."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MANITOBA CONFERENCE

Year Ending December 31, 1912

Resources	
Real Estate	\$ 1,500.00
Personal Property	204.53
Tent and Camp-meeting Equipment..	605.00
Heat and Light, Inventory	3.00
Stationery, Inventory	11.50
Postage, Inventory	5.00
Bills Receivable	2,000.00
Accounts Receivable	130.39
Cash in Bank	4,119.51
	\$ 8,578.93

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	400.00
Conference Trust Funds	4,839.14
Stock—Present Worth	3,339.79
	\$ 8,578.93

LOSS AND GAIN	
Gains	
Tithe Receipts	\$ 5,051.12
General Conference Appropriation ..	1,136.54
Rent	77.60
Interest	24.10
	\$ 6,279.36

Losses	
Salaries and Expense of Laborers ...	4,324.18
Executive Committee Expense	44.05
General Expense	88.56
Exchange	10.31
Postage	50.00
Repairs and Improvements	3.60
Insurance	12.00
Heat and Light	58.54
Stationery	28.30
Taxes	38.21
Depreciation, Camp-meeting Equip- ment	50.00
Depreciation, Personal Property ...	25.85
Sustentation Fund	253.05
Tithe to Missions	253.05
Tithe to Union Conference	618.77
Net Gain for Year	420.89
	\$ 6,279.36

STOCK	
Present Worth January 1, 1912	\$ 2,918.90
Net Gain for Year	420.89
	\$ 3,339.79

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MANITOBA TRACT SOCIETY

Year Ending December 31, 1912

Resources

Merchandise	\$ 590.51
Personal Property	77.50
Inventory, Office Expense	10.20
Inventory, Stationery	11.01
Inventory, Heat and Light	1.75
Inventory, Postage	2.50
Bills Receivable	176.06
Accounts Receivable	615.38
Cash in Bank	958.94
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\$ 2,443.85

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	205.20
Personal Deposits	107.11
Stock, Present Worth	2,131.54
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\$ 2,443.85

LOSS AND GAIN**Gains**

Merchandise	\$ 637.13
Interest	1.43
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\$ 638.56

Losses

General Expense	37.50
Stationery	28.34
Heat and Light	17.33
Dead Accounts	3.55
Colporteurs' Carfare	58.34
Drayage	18.75
Rent	60.00
Tithe to Conference	35.85
Scholarships	25.49
Exchange	13.03
Postage	12.74
Personal Property, Depreciation	5.00
Net Gain for Year	322.64
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\$ 638.56

STOCK

Present Worth January 1, 1912.....	\$ 1,808.90
Gain for Year	322.64
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Present Worth January 1, 1913

\$ 2,131.54

SALES REPORT

Subscription Books, Office Sales	\$ 828.00
Subscription Books, Colporteurs	4,872.47
Forty Per Cent. Books	59.05
Trade Books	375.89
Bibles	50.50
Tracts	114.09
Periodicals	900.00
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Total Sales

\$ 7,200.00

COLPORTEURS' SUMMARY

	Book	Hrs.	Ex.	Ord.	Ordered	Delivered
Carrie Borg ..	B.R.	150	395	56	\$ 244.50	\$ 234.50
Pearl Clark ..	B.R.	125	272	49	196.25	186.25
Della Jensen ..	H.M.	111	319	150	361.75	279.43
Thekla Roer ..	H.M.	109	294	120	285.60	255.74
Robert Neuman	G.C.	807	820	398	1,473.10	1,430.00
Laura Neilson .	P.G.	62	192	77	362.70	291.30
William Tall .	D.R.	1216	1406	554	2,210.25	2,195.25
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Seven Agents

2,580 3,698 1,404 \$5,134.15 \$4,872.47

B. L. Grundset, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENTWinnipeg, Manitoba,
December 31, 1912.

Executive Committee, Manitoba Conference,

Elder O. E. Sandnes, President.

Dear Brother: This is to certify that I have made a careful examination of the books of account of the Manitoba Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists and its missionary department, the Manitoba Tract Society, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1912, checking from vouchers which are on file in the office. The ledgers are in balance, the cash in bank equals the amount required by the accounts, and the revenue and financial statements submitted present the standing of the business on the 31st day of December, 1912, as disclosed by the said books of account.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. Brigham,
W. C. U. C. Auditor.**Saskatchewan Conference**

Office Address, Box 244, Regina, Saskatchewan.

President, A. C. Gilbert; Secretary-Treasurer, E. R. Allen; Religious Liberty Secretary, W. G. Forshaw; Tract Society Secretary, E. R. Allen; Field and Missionary Volunteer Secretary, R. P. Mooney; Sabbath-school Secretary, Mrs. A. C. Gilbert; Educational Secretary, A. C. Gilbert.

IMPORTANT CHANGES

A few days ago Brother and Sister J. M. Rowse left Saskatchewan for Calgary, Alberta. They went to this city in response to a request from the Pacific Press Publishing Association, to take charge of their branch office which is located there.

We were very sorry to see them leave this field, yet we felt that the hand of the Lord was manifested in deciding the matter, so we dared not hinder the move in any way. We only pray that God will bless them with the same success that attended their efforts in this conference.

It has been a perplexity to find another person to take charge of our office, but the Lord has been our help in this thing. We have been able to secure the services of Brother E. R. Allen of Port Hope, Ontario. We know that our people in this province will extend a hearty welcome to Brother Allen and his family who have come to this field to assist in carrying the gospel. Hereafter, all mail usually addressed to J. M. Rowse, will be sent to E. R. Allen, Box 244, Regina, Saskatchewan.

Mrs. A. C. Gilbert has been elected to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Sister Rowse, as Sabbath-school secretary of this conference, therefore all correspondence which usually pertains to this department will be sent to her. The Sabbath-school offerings, however, should be sent to the office direct.

We sincerely hope that Heaven will continue to add blessing and power to the work in this conference, and that these changes will meet with a favorable response from all our brethren and sisters in Saskatchewan.

A. C. GILBERT.

TENTS FOR CAMP-MEETING

This is the time of the year when every conference is laying plans for Spring and Summer's work. If a conference is in need of tents for their camp-meetings, now is the time when they are ordered.

Brethren and sisters, we all remember the crowded condition of the camp at our last meeting, and that we decided to purchase more family tents to be ready for our next camp-meeting. The time has now come when we must place the order for the tents that we need, but there is not sufficient money in the tent and camp-meeting fund to cover the cost, and therefore I am writing this word to advise those who have unpaid pledges to endeavor to send in the money as soon as possible. It will be recalled that one-half of the amount given in cash and pledges was to go to missions, and the other half to the tent and camp-meeting fund.

There may be some who were not in attendance at the camp-meeting last year, who desire to give something toward the purchase of tents for the Lord's work. If so, they will please send their remittance to the office. It will require several hundred dollars to secure the additional equipment for our camp-meetings.

We greatly appreciate the co-operation of our loyal brethren and sisters in this field, and we are sure that this gentle reminder of the needs of God's work will bring the desired relief. May God reward His faithful ones for the sacrifice made in behalf of His glorious work for the salvation of mankind. Please send all moneys to the treasurer, E. R. Allen, Box 244, Regina, Saskatchewan. A. C. GILBERT.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES.

Favorable reports have been received from Brother Forshaw in regard to the work that he is doing at Macrorie.

Elder J. V. Maas of Dundurn, made a pleasant visit to Sunset, where he became acquainted with those who of late accepted the truth through the labors of Elder and Sister Rider.

Brother E. R. Allen, of Port Hope, Ontario, arrived in Regina February 28, to take charge of the work laid down by Brother Rowse. His family will be here sometime this month.

Brother J. M. Rowse and wife left Regina the 6th, for Calgary, Alberta. Brother Rowse, who has been in charge of the Saskatchewan Conference and Tract Society office for the past two years and a half, has been chosen to act as manager of the Pacific Press Branch office located at Calgary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE

Year Ending December 31, 1912

Resources

Inventory, Tent and C. M. Fund....	\$ 1,074.05
Inventory, Furniture	78.45
Inventory, Postage and Stationery....	25.00

Accounts Receivable	91.20	
Cash in Bank	5,413.35	
		\$ 6,682.05
Liabilities		
Conference Trust Funds	186.12	
Stock—Present Worth	6,495.93	
		\$ 6,682.05

REVENUE AND DISBURSEMENTS

Tithe Revenue

Tithe Received During Year	\$ 8,884.18	
Donations	14.60	
Refund Tithe	2.00	
General Relief Fund	111.10	
Tidings Subscriptions	24.10	
		\$ 9,035.98

Tithe Disbursements

Laborers' Salary and Expense	5,997.76	
Tithe to Union Conference	888.41	
Sustentation Fund	444.21	
Tithe to Missions	444.21	
Furniture, Depreciation	16.40	
Western Canadian Tidings	67.65	
General Expense	296.79	
Tithe Gain for Year	880.55	
		\$ 9,035.98

TENT AND CAMP-MEETING FUND

Revenue

Donations	\$ 700.29	
Tent Rents, etc.	201.92	
Cook Tent	17.15	
Childrens' Tent Fund	57.15	
Inventory Increase	365.00	
		\$ 1,341.51

Disbursements

Storage	60.00	
Equipment	344.34	
Freight and Drayage	100.10	
Expense	108.80	
Building	151.31	
Gain for Year	576.96	
		\$ 1,341.51

STOCK

Present Worth January 1, 1912....	\$ 5,038.42	
Tithe Gain	880.55	
Tent and C. M. Fund, Gain	576.96	
Present Worth January 1, 1913....		\$ 6,495.93

SUMMARY OF FUNDS RECEIVED

Tithe:		
Dundurn	\$ 121.20	
Fenwood	735.14	
Hillesden	561.10	
Hodgeville	58.00	
Rouleau	1,139.75	
Swift Current	179.00	
Sonningdale	100.00	
Waldheim	2,003.75	
Provincial Church	3,986.04	
		\$ 8,884.18
Annual Offerings	546.45	
Colored Work	13.55	
Foreign Missions	777.92	
Harvest Ingathering	122.70	
Mid-summer Offering	80.95	
Sabbath-School Offering	1,490.52	
		\$ 3,032.09

Aged and Orphans	24.55	
German Seminary	360.00	
Religious Liberty	7.00	
\$300,000 Fund	41.50	
Miscellaneous Trust Funds	60.90	
		\$ 493.95
Tent and Camp-Meeting Fund	700.29	
Poor Fund	143.00	
Building Fund	60.00	
Children's Tent Fund	57.15	
		\$ 960.44
Total Funds Received		\$13,370.66

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SASKATCHEWAN TRACT SOCIETY.

Year Ending December 31, 1912

Resources

Inventory, Merchandise	\$ 859.29	
Inventory, Furniture	212.90	
Inventory, Postage and Stationery....	17.11	
Real Estate	800.00	
Accounts Receivable	658.17	
Cash in Bank	679.22	
		\$ 3,226.69

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	200.49	
Stock—Present Worth	3,026.20	
		\$ 3,226.69

LOSS AND GAIN

Gain

Merchandise	\$ 1,095.51	\$ 1,095.51
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Losses

General Expense	308.98	
Dead Accounts	31.25	
Furniture, Depreciation	83.99	
Magazine Work	86.40	
Missionary Correspondence	56.52	
Scholarships	14.10	
Net Gain	514.27	
		\$ 1,095.51

STOCK

Present Worth January 1, 1912.....	\$ 2,511.93	
Net Gain for 1912	514.27	
Present Worth January 1, 1913....		\$ 3,026.20

J. M. Rowse, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

Regina, Saskatchewan,
March 3, 1913.

Elder A. C. Gilbert, President,

Executive Committee, Saskatchewan Conference.

Dear Brother:—I have finished a careful audit of the books of account of the Saskatchewan Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, and the Saskatchewan Tract Society, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1912, and hereby certify that the financial statements submitted by the treasurer represent the true standing of these organizations as on that date. Respectfully submitted,

A. H. Brigham,
W. C. U. C. Auditor.

"Fretting is as vain and useless a habit as you can harbor. Nothing so warps your nature, sours your disposition, and breaks up your friendly relations."

"The men who do things, and not the men who merely talk about things, are those who bless the world."

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.

EXPERIENCES AND STATISTICS

I think my last note to the "Tidings" mentioned some visits yet to be made on my trip through the Kootenays. The first was at Trail, where I met Sister Nicholson, who teaches in the public school of Trail, Sister Clark, her grandmother, and Brother Perry and Brother Carr. From Trail I went to Columbia Gardens where Brother Drake and family live. This "cut off" is now possible on account of the new bridge across the Columbia at Trail.

At Waneta I found a new family living on the farm belonging to Brother Wm. Reith, who with his wife are now attending Walla Walla College. Brother and Sister Selby were formerly at Takoma, Washington. Our Sabbath meeting was held at Brother Drake's, Sayward, or, as it is sometimes called, Columbia Gardens.

My next visit was at Midway, where I met for the first time, Brother Dan McNaughton. I enjoyed this visit very much, and especially Brother McNaughton's treatment for La Grippe. We had some profitable talks and seasons of prayer, and I think the visit was a blessing to both of us. Brother McNaughton has been in the truth only about a year. While there I made the acquaintance of Brother and Sister Scott and two of their daughters, one of whom has successfully sold our magazines in Nelson and Trail. They live just across the line on the American side.

My physical condition compelled me to cancel my visit to Silver Creek and come home soon as possible for treatment and to be in readiness for the coming committee meeting that had been announced.

January 28, Elder Conway and myself visited the brethren at Cumberland, Comox, and on Denman Island. We remained about a week with them, and believe the blessing of the Lord attended our efforts.

On returning home I found Elder Shaw at Pitt Meadows. He had just returned from Mountain View where he had been attending a council of the General Conference Committee. We counselled together over some conference matters and on February 6, the next day, he took the train for his home in Regina.

The evening of February 13, I started for Bella Coola, but after getting a little way out from Vancouver I felt the La Grippe coming back on me. Remembering the Bible injunction "discretion shall pre-

serve thee" I turned toward home again, where I have been now for over a week trying to eliminate the seeds of a cold contracted months previously.

But I have been writing myself and telling my own experiences. Now I want to tell what others have done and how the Lord has worked for us in British Columbia. I take the following from the statistical report recently sent to the General Conference Office at Washington, D.C.:

Our church members now number 352 with a company of 12 to be added soon. These with the 96 isolated ones, and those not holding membership here, make a total of 460 Sabbath-keepers in the province. At our last conference I reported 396 in the conference.

In 1912 our Sabbath-School offerings were \$1,597.00, or \$7.94 over the double of the gifts for 1911. Our donations for foreign missions on the fifteen cents a week plan, reached the limit of twenty cents and over per member, the total contributions being \$3,581.94. In 1911 they were \$2,787.14. In 1911 the donations for home work were \$1,188.24. Last year, or 1912, they were \$1,935.94.

In 1911 the total sales of tracts, magazines, and books, were \$5,618.55. In 1912 they reached the \$9,000.000 mark. In 1911 our tithe was \$8,881.09. In 1912 we received \$10,226.51, a gain of \$1,345.42. All our laborers were paid at the close of the year and though we have had little surplus, we have had our monthly bread, sent, I believe, from the Lord. I think everyone will agree with us that we did the right thing in refusing the General Conference appropriation of \$1,000 for 1912.

An increased interest has been shown in our school work and the enrollment in both our church schools and academy is about double that of the previous school year. This year it is about 150. We have five church schools in operation.

The Nanaimo church raised up by Elder Conway, and those who helped him, was organized just after our last conference. Ere this issue reaches its readers another will have been organized and a new church dedicated at Penticton where Elder Wilson has been laboring. So the Lord has blessed the work during the past year, and we are glad to give Him the glory. "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich."

J. G. WALKER.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES

Brother Wm Bryson Sr., is now with us, selling 1,000 March "Watchman."

Sister Helin of Massett, B.C., is visiting with friends in and near Vancouver.

Back numbers of the Chinese and Japanese magazines can be had at one and one-half cents each at the Tract Society. They make splendid material with which to work for these classes of people. Order now.

Sister M. E. Thornton is now making her home at Pitt Meadows with Elder Walker's family, and is relieving Sister Walker so she can fill the vacancy at the academy, caused by Sister Perry's illness.

Sister R. P. Perry has been compelled to lay down her work at the academy and seek treatment at one of our sanitariums. May she soon be restored to good health again. Sister Bertha Lofstad takes her place as preceptress, and Sister J. G. Walker is carrying her class work.

While on his way to Bella Coola, Elder Walker was compelled to give up the journey and return because of illness. He is now improved and visited with the Victoria church last Sabbath. He expects to attend the dedication of the new church at Penticton, on Sabbath March 8.

Orders are coming in for the temperance "Instructor." 610 have been ordered thus far. Remember that 10,000 is British Columbia's goal for this year. This would mean that each member distribute about 100 of them. Surely we can do that. The price this year is five cents in lots of five or more.

MANSON ACADEMY NOTES

Brother T. M. Hodgins called at the academy last week.

Sister Potter is rapidly recovering from the recent illness.

We are glad to see Sister Bertha Lofstad here again. She comes to assume the duties of preceptress.

Sister Edith Lowther has returned and is now busy with her studies again.

We are glad to welcome in our midst Sister Potter's father and sister, Brother Lars Peterson, and Sister Ida Peterson.

On account of failing health Sister Perry has had to discontinue her teaching. Sister Walker has kindly consented to fill her place.

After careful consideration it has been decided by the school board and faculty to close school May 13 instead of the date announced in the calendar.

A musical was held the evening after Sabbath in the Academy chapel, rendered by the music teacher Miss W. CourBarron and her pupils and others who assisted. The program was well rendered.

Elder Walker addressed the students at the academy the other morning, in which he emphasized the importance of training for the ministry, Bible work and evangelistic canvassing.

Any one having a copy of "Ecclesiastical Empires" that they would dispose of for use in the Academy will do the school a favor by corresponding with E. R. Foster, Manson Academy, Pitt Meadows, B.C.

Elder H. S. Shaw, and Brother J. M. Rowse stopped off at Pitt Meadows on their way home from attending the bookmens' convention and General Conference meeting at Mountain View. Brother Rowse spoke to the students in the evening giving an account of some of the important themes dealt with at the convention, which proved very interesting, especially to those who are planning on canvassing this summer. Elder Shaw remained over the following day and addressed the students in the morning, dwelling on the importance of concentration of thought. "To harness the mind and keep it under control is a great achievement." In the evening he spoke on the "Eastern Question" to an interested gathering. We are glad for the visit of these brethren to strengthen us in the battle for victory.

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Elder Shaw left Regina the first of this week for Lacombe, Alberta, where he will attend the annual board meeting of the Alberta Industrial Academy which is called to convene March 11-13.

We trust all our Sabbath-schools will plan for a specially large offering on the next thirteenth Sabbath, March 29. This offering will go to two mission fields which present most pressing calls for help—Korea, and the Philippines. Last year about one-fourth of the total offerings of the Sabbath-schools was given in the thirteenth Sabbath collections.

All our readers will please remember that it is planned for our Tract Societies to handle all subscriptions to the Tidings. Therefore kindly send in your subscriptions to the Tract Society of the conference in which you are located, the address of which will be found in each issue.

We have received word from the Review and Herald office that it has been decided to make the offer of the family group of our publications for five dollars a perpetual one for the year. This is an excellent opportunity for our people to take all of the papers published at Washington, and we hope all will improve it. We cannot afford to be without them, for they tell us of the progress of the work and keep us in touch with the development of the message.

OBITUARY

GALPIN—Herbert William Galpin was born at Oswego, New York, on April 2, 1845. At the age of twenty-five he was converted, and on October 30 of the same year was married. In 1892 while living in Minneapolis, he accepted the doctrines as taught by this people, and united with the church at that place.

About three years ago he located near Winnifred, Alberta, where he died January 29, 1913. He leaves a son and three daughters to mourn their loss. A short time before his death he united with the Winnifred church. He passed away in the hope of a soon coming Saviour. We sorrow not as those who have no hope. Services were conducted by the writer.

C. A. BURMAN.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The time set for the General Conference is May 15 to June 8. It is to be held at Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C. The brethren are doing everything they can to secure transportation rates as cheaply and comfortably as possible for all who desire to attend the conference.

Those planning to go to Washington from this part of the country will be interested in the following from Brother W. H. Edwards, which appeared in the Northern Union Reaper last week. It is necessary that all who desire to avail themselves of this opportunity should write Brother Edwards immediately. It is not possible for him to make plans for such a trip until he knows something of the number who desire to go on this special car or train. His notice reads as follows:

"It is not too early to lay plans for transportation by those who anticipate attending the General Conference at Washington, D.C., May 15 to June 8 of this year. We have a promise from the railroad that they will send a car if as few as 16 assemble, or a train if as many as 75 agree to go, the same to start from Chicago and go through without change to Takoma Park, D.C., with the agent to go with the train and personally conduct it. We would like to enter into correspondence with all those (delegates or visitors), who expect to go via Minneapolis, to see if it will be possible to aid you by a through car from here to Chicago, with transfer to the train for Takoma Park."—W. H. Edwards, Transportation Agent, 2718 Third Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Let all who read this and desire to avail themselves of this privilege write immediately, to Brother Edwards, at the address given.

H. S. SHAW.

The following testimonial came from a lady who received copies of the "Instructor" under peculiar circumstances, and who found it to be so interesting and helpful that she sent us her subscription:—

I am enclosing one dollar for one year's subscription to your lovely little paper for my eldest daughter, and hope to be able to have it in the home until my children are grown. It is by far the best young people's religious paper I have seen, and the only one that ever interested me much. You certainly have a fine combination of common sense, and the right kind of religious sentiment which seems to me is terribly missing in most of the so-called religious papers. I am not a church woman, and probably never will be; but I want and expect to bring my girls up in the admonition of the Lord.