

# Western Canadian Tidings

"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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## OUR GOD IS STRONG

Oh, this world is full of sighing,  
Oh, this world is full of tears,  
And the moaning of the dying  
Sounds through the weary years;  
Yet right will triumph over wrong  
Because our God is strong.

Though the earth is ruled by Satan  
And his powers daily grow,  
Though each anxious troubled nation  
Has its cup o'er-filled with woe,  
It will not be for long  
Because our God is strong.

Sound the message of good cheer,  
For our Lord his watch is keeping,  
All who trembling stand in fear,  
All who fill the night with weeping,  
Soon will fill the day with song  
Because our God is strong.

J. M. HOGG.

## AN INDIVIDUAL SOUL WINNING CAMPAIGN FOR 1914

God has opened before us a new year. It ought to be to every Seventh-day Adventist the most important year of his life. We are one year nearer the finishing of the work, the close of probation, the judgment, and the coming of our Lord.

What can we do to make this year the most blessed year of our experience and the most glorious year in the history of this message? We can set for ourselves the definite aim of winning at least one soul for Christ and for His cause. Let every member of this denomination make this his aim for this new year. We love this cause, we love the message committed to us, we love the souls for whom Christ died. And now to us who own him as our Saviour, he has committed the work of bearing his final witness to the last generation of men.

Can God expect less of us than that we win one soul for him during the year? If each Seventh-day Adventist will take that as his or her aim, laboring and praying earnestly to that end, we shall double our membership within the year. Such a consummation would bring joy to each individual in the denomination, and to heaven itself. And if we, by God's help, can do that during 1914, we can do it

again in 1915, and so on till the work is finished.

There is absolutely nothing impossible or visionary about the proposition.

To double our denominational membership within the year means only that each member shall win one soul to the truth in twelve months. Is that impossible with all heaven interested in our success and with the unlimited power of God behind us?—Surely not. It is possible, and if possible, should it be considered unreasonable for us to set it as our aim?

When Jesus commissioned his disciples to go "into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," he was not speaking to ministers only. He was speaking to every individual member of His church. It is true that each individual Christian cannot go into all parts of the world to carry the gospel in person. But he can carry the gospel to all parts of the earth without going in person. He can carry it there by his letters and by the printed page he sends. The great commission is therefore to every individual that has accepted Christ as his Saviour. It is to me who write these words, and it is to you who read them. When God looks upon the record of our lives, he will look for fruit—for souls saved through our instrumentality. If we have no such fruit to show in the record of our life work, it is certain that we shall be classed among the barren, unfruitful and unprofitable.

When salvation came to us and we accepted it, all heaven was rejoiced; but it was not in God's purpose that it should stop with us. There is no such thing as stagnant Christianity. Health-giving water always flows. The lamp that is fulfilling the purpose for which it was made is the lamp that shines. It is God's purpose that each soul to whom the light of truth comes shall pass it on to another, and that other to another, and so on. We love the truth; but do we ever think what it would mean to us if the one who brought us the truth had done as so many of us are doing, and had not passed it on? We would still be in the world, and perhaps of the world.

But if the denomination, as a band of individual workers, will move forward in unbroken rank in this matter, the year 1914 will be the most glorious year

in the history of this message. We accepted the truth with glad hearts and rejoice in it today. Others will receive it as gladly as we and rejoice in it also.

Let us consider for a moment what this will mean. We have been struggling with our institutional and denominational debts. We have found ourselves face to face with a perplexing situation; with a depleted treasury; with as many missionaries in the field as we can support; and have actually found it necessary to put a brake on the wheels of progress in all our mission fields lest we should incur debts that would swamp us. In the effort to relieve the financial situation, we have tried to spring the Fifteen-cent-a-week Fund to twenty cents a week, and have been only partially successful. But if every member of the denomination will determine at once that he will be a part of the new program, the financial problem will solve itself automatically.

That means more than a mere matter of finance. It means that the entire organization will spring free from its handicap and go forward not only to fill present openings, but to invite new ones. And we shall always find God ahead of us. Then, instead of having something behind us holding us back, we shall cut loose from that and have something ahead of us drawing us on.

If we take up this work now and carry it through to success, it will mean the doubling of all our receipts. There will be twice as much tithe turned in to our treasuries, twice as much Sabbath-school contributions, twice as much for home work, twice as many to support the cause, twice as many to enter our schools to prepare for the work, twice as many to draw from for foreign mission recruits, and twice as much to support the work at home and abroad. It will mean also the doubling of the work of all our institutions. This will be most quickly noticeable in our publishing houses; but our sanitariums and our schools will also know of it without delay. But it will mean more than this. It will mean that soon the work will be finished, and our blessed Lord will come.

#### How Shall We Go About It?

In the first place, every person who reads these lines should become a centre for the propagation of the idea, and should agitate the program among his associates, and go to work at once to put the program into operation. Every conference officer should adopt it, and pass it on to every minister in the conference; every minister should adopt it, and faithfully set it before every individual member with whom he comes in contact, and before every church he visits. Every church elder should adopt it, and by example and precept and influence secure its adoption by every member of his church. Every school should adopt it, and leave no effort untried

until every converted attendant is doing his part. Every sanitarium and every publishing house should adopt it, and seek to induce every member of its company of employees to enter wholeheartedly into the campaign.

We have done much missionary work in the past, but a great deal of it has been done in a more or less haphazard manner. In this campaign we set before ourselves the definite aim of at least one soul for this message during the next twelve months. We will work for that, we will pray for that, and we will hold on for it until we get it. We will have to make more than one person the object of our endeavors, and we will have to follow up our work with earnestness and with much prayer. But if we do, God will give us the victory, and we shall have souls for our hire. Let no one fall back in the harness now. Whoever does so may know that to just that extent he is interfering with the success of the whole undertaking. But whoever, in this matter, comes up to the help of the Lord may have the satisfaction of knowing that the success of the undertaking is due in part to him.

One soul for this message during 1914! No one will say that is too many. May God depend on you to do your part? What do you say?

C. M. SNOW.

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#### GREETINGS FROM JAMAICA

With the New Year, we have resolved to send off a letter to the Tidings, at once. We have now spent five months in Jamaica—months filled with hard, earnest work and careful observations.

Several times we have started to write you, not being able to complete the task. Never were we so busy before, or had so many duties laid upon us. As pastor of a large church and also head of the Treatment Rooms, our time is never our own, so you will pardon the delay in writing.

Our thoughts are often with the workers and people in western Canada, and our prayers ascend for you and the work there. Our first three months here were extremely warm, such as we had never experienced before. But we are now enjoying a typical Alberta summer, and have never seen such perfect weather. Except for the extreme heat in summer, Jamaica is blessed with an ideal climate.

We see many strange sights. A street car ride takes one through scenes which we would like to describe, but cannot. Women go about the streets carrying on their heads, baskets of fruits, vegetables or greens for sale. The people all walk on the streets. There are no sidewalks except in the business section of the city. Some of the streets are wide, but most of them are narrow, and all of them are well kept. Each house has its fence all around,

usually seven to nine feet high, with gates to be locked at night.

There are many poor people in this island, and many beggars going about asking for a penny or some bread or perhaps larger sums of money. Every day they come to us with various stories, many not at all true. We must harden our hearts and give very carefully.

The Jamaicans are not an enterprising race, hence the Chinese have come in and bought up nearly all the small shops, and indeed many of the large wholesale interests are held by Chinese merchants. They are clean and very pleasant, so get all the trade they need. We feel that something must be done for these thousands of Chinese, to give them the message in their own language.

There are many East Indians here, brought over to work on the plantations. And they do work, while the native Jamaicans sit and wonder why they cannot get enough to eat. There are a few French and a few Spanish in the Island, and a great many Jews.

In working among the people we are surprised to find many illiterate and grossly ignorant. Many cannot write their own name. They must be taught word for word and even then are not apt scholars. To many, Jamaica is the world, and with difficulty do we interest them in other mission fields. But we are glad to say there are many bright, wide-awake people here, with whom it is a pleasure to work.

There are 450 members in the Kingston church. The Sabbath-school numbers about 300, and it is a model Sabbath-school in many respects. I wish you could visit our church some Sabbath and spend the day attending the services, beginning at 9.30 in the morning, and closing at sunset, with only a short noon-hour.

The young people number about 65, and they have very interesting meetings. We deeply regret that so few have any desire to train for workers. As a result, young people drift away into worldly pursuits and pleasures, who might be busy in the work. This is one of the great problems in our work down here. How we long for a school like the Alberta Academy! Years ago one was started, with an outlay of much money, but soon closed, leaving the prospect darker than ever.

Our people in this Island are very poor, many are unable to get any work, or are unable to work. This makes finances very low in our work. The people themselves are able to do very little to build up their educational work, and all other lines of the work.

The treatment rooms are claiming much of our attention at present. The patronage is increasing so that a lady nurse and ourselves are quite busy.

In carrying both lines of work, we are taxed beyond our strength, but we hope to secure a good gentleman nurse soon to take charge of the treatment rooms.

There are many more things we could tell of, but time and space will not permit. While you are all enjoying winter, think of us, in the midst of summer, roses in bloom, garden just coming up, our houses open to catch every breeze, night and day.

On New Year's Day we took a trip into the country. We will tell more about that later. Now we must say good-bye and may God's rich blessings be yours as you seek to hasten his coming kingdom. Remember us in your prayers, that we may have strength and grace for our work in this difficult field.

NATHAN AND ANNA AALBORG.

Kingston, January 6, 1914.

#### ALBERTA INDUSTRIAL ACADEMY

This year has indeed been a season of blessing to our school. From the first, an excellent spirit has pervaded the student body—a spirit of earnest application and co-operation. There has been very little sickness, and although our home family has averaged one hundred nearly ever since the opening, a doctor has been called but once, and not very many have needed temporary treatments. So far it would seem that there has been less absence on account of sickness than in previous years.

Our enrollment has reached 170, of which 126 come from Alberta, 29 from Saskatchewan, 10 from Manitoba, two from eastern British Columbia, and one each from Quebec, Wisconsin and California. Twenty-seven are enrolled in the primary department, and nearly thirty in the German department. The religious meetings are well attended. Two Friday evenings in the month the Missionary Volunteers hold a public meeting, and on alternate Friday evenings a prayer and social meeting is held, and such meetings usually run over time. The Week of Prayer was a good season for us, and the blessings are still with us.

It is a pleasing sight to pass by the study rooms in the academy during the evening, and find all earnestly and silently engaged in the preparation of the next day's lessons. This is a new plan with us this year, and both teachers and students are finding it very profitable.

The students are doing considerable in the way of improvements about the premises. Just at present, interest centres on plastering and finishing off the upper storey of the main building. All the work is being done by students. The treatment rooms are also being completed by them. All are looking forward with anticipation to the coming

Union Conference session, when many will have friends and relatives here. God has been very good to us, and for this we give him all the glory.

J. I. BEARDSLEY.

## Manitoba Conference

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 L. Grundset; Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary,  
 Mrs. E. M. Chapman.

### BRANDON

The work in this city is moving onward. Some who came to our tent meetings continue to attend in our present quarters, to hear the present-day message, and we are confident that some of them will be gathered out "to shine as the brightness of the firmament."

We are glad to report another accession to our faith—a consecrated English lady. It is remarkable how her little girl of less than a dozen years grasps the truth. The husband and father is not yet convinced, but we are earnestly praying that God will give him strength to cast his lot on the right side.

We have received \$26.00 as a result of our work with the Harvest Ingathering Review, and pen cannot describe the good experiences obtained from meeting with the people and talking about the important work to be done at this time.

At present, Brother Soper and I are visiting the houses weekly, leaving a copy of the Family Bible Teacher wherever possible, thus hoping to give each family in the city the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the last solemn message to a lost world, and may God grant that a goodly number to whom the silent messengers of truth may come will have the moral stamina to stand for God and the eternal truth.

We have organized a young people's society, and ordered several copies of the different papers and magazines with which we hope to be able to start our new members out into the missionary work, and thus help in gathering the sheaves.

May we as workers sense the hour in which we live and most earnestly seek for that preparation of heart and life that God may use us in his service.

V. W. ROBB.

### STARTLING CONDITIONS

In the city of Winnipeg there is much said about Krafchenko (the supposed murderer), his escape from prison, capture, and the band linked with him, including policemen, lawyers and many other sym-

pathizers. One cannot go anywhere without hearing the matter discussed.

The thought that comes home to me is that this world is getting continually worse. We are living in an awful time; sin, even murder, does not seem very bad to many. The ten commandments are not highly esteemed—even ministers tell their congregations that one does not need to keep them. The world is reaping this sort of teaching.

As the world is drifting into perdition, let us as a people stand by our post, giving the message as best we can. Surely we are on the verge of eternity. Above all let us not drift with the world, but see sin as it is—a terrible enemy.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

### MANITOBA NOTES

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. McCreery of Arden, a son.

Elder E. M. Chapman spent a day at Altamont last week in the interests of the conference.

The total sales of the Tract Society for the year 1913 amount to \$11,285.10.

Brother John McKelvy passed through the city recently on his way to Florida, where he will spend the winter.

Elder H. J. Dirksen left last week for Colcleugh, where he will hold meetings till the time of the Union Conference.

We were glad to have Brother A. H. Brigham with us last week. While here, the books of the Conference and Tract Society were audited.

Brother L. F. Gretzenger, elder of the Beausejour church, made us a short call last week. He reports one new member there, and says the church is getting on nicely.

Seven sets of the Reading Course books were recently ordered for the Young People's Society in Winnipeg. Several are also going to take up the Standard of Attainment.

Elder L. H. Christian made us a pleasant call recently, and while here held a meeting with the Icelandic brethren in Winnipeg. He was accompanied by Brother Dammen of North Dakota.

Elder H. J. Dirksen, in company with Brother Adolph Dederar, visited with scattered believers at St. Anne and Steinbach recently. At Steinbach they found a family keeping the Sabbath who wished to join the Winnipeg German church.

Elder Chapman spoke in the Winnipeg church Sabbath, the 24th, the subject being "Temperance." It was made very clear that the Christian should be temperate in all things, discarding the use of liquor, tobacco, tea and coffee, also showing that pork is unclean and unhealthful. The service the previous week was on the "Marriage Relation," showing the danger of our young people marrying unbelievers, also the sacredness of the marriage relation.

You have no doubt heard of the Western Canadian Union Conference that is to be held at Lacombe, February 11-22, and noticed the help that will attend. We would be glad if some of our Manitoba brethren could attend this meeting. If you follow out the instructions given in the last issue of the Tidings, you can return home free.

"Concentrate all your thoughts upon the work in hand. The sun's rays do not burn until brought to a focus."

## Saskatchewan Conference

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### HERE AND THERE

Since my last report in the "Tidings" I have visited at McLean, Rouleau, Dundurn, Hanley, Sunset, Fenwood, Southey, Warmley, Waldheim and Duck Lake. At this writing I am on the way to Stockholm.

I am happy to report that in every place where I have been our people are trying to be faithful to the cause of God. The loyalty of God's children is being tested most severely everywhere, at this time, and it has been a source of gratitude to find the Sabbath-keepers in this province standing by the truth so firmly.

I would be delighted if I were able to visit every isolated believer in our field, but this seems hardly possible. The work is broadening rapidly in Saskatchewan, for which we render praise to God.

Each department of the organized work in Saskatchewan shows encouraging progress. All our workers are well and busy. Souls are studying the truth under their ministration. Let us pray, then, and work everywhere.

A. C. GILBERT.

### TO THE WORKERS' BAND

Dear Children—I have received some very nice letters from members of the Band since my last letter to you in the Tidings. I appreciated them very much, and have answered each one.

It is very interesting indeed to learn of the different means being used by the Workers' Band to earn missionary money, and I am sure you will enjoy knowing something about it.

Two brothers own a little black cow, and their parents gave them "the price of the best can of cream which was sold last summer." The cream brought ten dollars, to help pay the teacher in Africa. These boys closed their letter by "wishing the Band many blessings."

Two sisters raised some chickens and sent in three dollars which they received for them. This is a part of their letters: "I hope the other children will have good success with their chickens and gardens. It is nice to earn missionary money for Jesus. I know He likes to have us all help, and do what we can."

Another girl said in her letter: "Well, I have five dollars that I want to send for that native teacher.

I think I will send a few more dollars for the same purpose when I sell my chickens. I want to keep one of them so I will have some next year, too. I will sell magazines in the spring and summer. Pray for me that I may be a good worker for the Lord and keep his commandments, so I may be saved at last."

A little boy sent three dollars that he received for feeding and watering a calf when it was shut in the stable.

This is what was in another letter: "We are taking pleasure in sending you half-share in a calf which we sold for ten dollars."

Three brothers had some ducks that were sold, thus enabling them to send some money for the Workers' Band fund. I also received a nice letter from another boy, saying he and his brother had 18 chickens, that will be sold later.

You can see by these letters that the work of the Band is progressing, and that there are a good many ways to make money for missions. It encourages me to see our band doing so well. I would be pleased to hear from other members of the band who have not yet reported.

How glad Jesus is when we do all we can for him. He wants us to be lights for him in our homes, in school, among our playmates and wherever we are. He wants us to study our Bibles and our Sabbath-school lessons, too.

May the Lord bless each of you as you try to be little Christians. Write to me whenever you can, I like to hear from you.

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

### SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

Delbert Henkes had the misfortune a few weeks ago to be thrown from his horse, breaking one of his legs. The bone was badly split, and Brother Henkes is still confined to his bed.

Ten students are now attending the Lacombe Academy on scholarships earned by the sale of books in Saskatchewan. One medical student in Loma Linda, California, also made his scholarship in this province.

The sale of subscription books in Saskatchewan for 1912 shows a loss of \$500 over 1913. This same report, however, shows a gain of over \$1,000 in the total sales of the Tract Society during the last year.

Brother R. P. Mooney is now making an itinerary among the isolated Sabbath-keepers in the Northeast part of the province. He visited Brother English at Prince Albert, and found him just leaving the hospital.

Elder Rider is meeting with success in his work in the southwest corner of the province. Several have begun to keep the Sabbath, and one young man has already gone to Lacombe to prepare for the canvassing work. Elder Rider expects to remain at Amelia until the Unión Conference next month.

Cottage meetings are being held on Sunday evenings in Sister Henkes' home in Canora. Brother John Henkes and Miss Louise Bisseger, the school teacher, are leading

out in this work. Considerable interest is manifested among the neighbors. This kind of missionary work ought to be carried on in many places to good advantage.

One sister, after paying her pledge of ten dollars, made at camp-meeting, sent in five dollars more, saying that she felt impressed at the time to make the pledge fifteen, but was fearful of being able to meet it. It is this faithfulness to the impressions of the Spirit of God that brings his blessings, whether these impressions are written down as pledges or not. When the Lord finds that we respond to the influence of the Spirit we shall be used of that spirit to perform God's work in the earth.

We received, recently, a check for \$1,424.50 back tithe. The brother who paid this owns property in Saskatchewan, but lives in the States. He had grown careless in the payment of his tithe, but during a recent revival service renewed his covenant with God and returned to the Lord his own. We have been told by the Spirit of Prophecy that if we will get right with God the financial matters will take care of themselves, that is, we shall not have to worry over where the money is coming from to advance our work. This incident proves the truth of this statement. We wonder if there are any others in Saskatchewan who are thus robbing God of his portion of their income. If so we trust this brother's experience will be theirs.

#### SALES REPORT OF SASKATCHEWAN TRACT SOCIETY—1913

Office sales .....	\$ 3,385.78	
Colporteurs' sales:		
Magazines.....	\$ 569.00	
Subscription books.....	11,368.00	11,938.00
<b>Total sales.....</b>		<b>\$15,313.78</b>

#### COLPORTEURS' SUMMARY

Name—	Book	Hrs.	Ordered	Delivered
K. Vesterdal.....	G.C.	219	\$ 400.85	\$ 387.35
Geo. A. Stiles.....	P.G.	103	317.25	216.00
S. M. Harkov.....	D.R.	70	44.50	44.50
H. G. Hadley.....	P.G.	354	1,118.00	607.90
Leonard Light.....	G.C.	548	716.55	678.20
E. F. Locker.....	P.G.	843	1,423.00	1,125.00
J. Linkert.....	P.G.	445	656.60	316.00
C. K. Wilson.....	D.R.	512	581.65	589.00
H. L. English.....	G.C.	437	328.30	328.00
L. A. Philpott.....	D.R.	453	788.60	746.09
L. Manfull.....	G.C.	609	618.25	400.00
Andrew Haynal.....	G.C.	864	2,398.79	2,150.00
John Haynal.....	G.C.	629	1,561.70	1,400.00
Susie Haynal.....	G.C.	213	459.75	350.00
Lizzie Buhler.....	G.C.	80	381.00	310.00
Edward Bush.....	D.R.&G.C.	78	94.55	94.55
Kenneth Macaulay.....	G.C.	497	589.80	589.80
A. C. Patterson.....	G.C.	270	605.60	605.60
N. J. Michalenko.....	P.P.	75	93.50	93.50
David Andrews.....	G.C.	283	312.50	280.00
Ottis Hudson.....	P.G.	25	27.00	27.00
P. Moelgaard.....	G.C.	25	39.50	39.50

7,632 \$13,557.15 \$11,368.90

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#### MISSIONARY REPORT OF LACOMBE CHURCH

For Year Ended December 31, 1913

Number of church members .....	115
Number of missionary letters written .....	971
Number of missionary letters received .....	100
Bible readings held .....	55
Subscriptions for periodicals .....	447
Papers given away .....	4,177
Tracts given away .....	7,204
Missionary visits made .....	829
Hours spent in Christian help work .....	152½
Number of sick persons assisted .....	25
Treatments given.....	196
Meals provided .....	12
Articles of clothing given away.....	84
Books lent or given away.....	87
Number of reading racks—2 filled 76 times.....	..
Retail value of all literature given away .....	\$164.82
Periodicals sold .....	1,456
Children brought to Sabbath-school .....	12
Books sold .....	56
Retail value of all literature sold.....	\$166.08
Collected for missions .....	\$ 93.70
Harvest Ingathering up to date .....	\$182.20

HENRY D. MIDDLETON.

#### ACADEMY NOTES

Daniel Armeneau spent Sabbath the 17th at the Academy.

Brother Curtis of Calgary, who recently spent a few days here, has returned.

Mr. McKay of Stavely was a visitor at the Academy on Monday, the 12th.

Brother C. C. Neufeld and family have returned to Rosedale after having spent the holidays with his parents in Minnesota.

A large range, purchased in Calgary, arrived recently and is doing good service in the kitchen.

Brother H. A. Niergarth of Calgary called at the Academy recently on his way to Castor.

Annie Graham, who spent the holidays at her home near Olds, has returned, having been detained by sickness.

Elder H. S. Shaw was a visitor over Sabbath, the 10th, occupying the academy pulpit at the regular Sabbath service.

Bertha Gillbank, who has been teaching school in Manitoba, has enrolled as one of our students.

Sister Lylace, a former student, has arrived and taken up her residence in her house in Rosedale. She has entered school for the remainder of the year.

On account of lack of room in West Hall, Wallace Pangman, A. C. Patterson, Olaf Skau and Willie Landeen have moved to the residence of Elder C. A. Burman, in Rosedale.

Elder C. A. Burman spent last Sabbath with the churches in Edmonton and Edmonton South, from where he was called on Monday to conduct a funeral service at Bismarck.

A committee of five boys has recently been appointed to plan for beautifying West Hall parlor. The same committee has charge of the work, and from the frequency of committee meetings we are anticipating something.

Elder K. C. Reiswig of Minnesota, who has been called to assist in the work among the German speaking people of the province, has purchased land from Elder Humann, and will reside near the Academy. For the present he and his family are living in Lacombe.

E. W. Baker of Calgary, after a short visit, has decided to enroll as a student for the rest of the school year. His wife has arrived, and she will also take up a course of studies. Since the dormitories are crowded they are residing at the home of Elder P. P. Adams.

Our Academy is now provided with an electric bell system for use in announcing the changing of class periods. At present the system is operated by buttons, but a clock is in process of building that will operate the system, ringing the bells every forty minutes, also giving a five minute signal.

An interesting stereopticon lecture was given in the chapel last Sunday evening by Brother J. M. Rowse, manager of the Canadian Branch, on the rapid growth of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, from its organization in 1875 to the present time.

At six o'clock Wednesday evening, January 7, at the home of Elder J. C. Christianson of Rosedale, Miss Hattie Sargeant and Mr. Robert Hamilton, both of Clive, were united in marriage by Elder C. A. Burman. The couple returned to Clive, where Mrs. Hamilton is teaching a private school.

The evening of January 17, a "Missionary Rally" was held in the Academy chapel under the leadership of H. D. Middleton, our church librarian. The meeting was opened with a male quartette by Messrs. J. Haynal, C. Wilson, H. Christenson and W. Landeen. Following the prayer, which was offered by Elder Adams, a very appropriate poem was recited by Margie Heaton, after which all joined in singing "What are you doing for Jesus?" Short missionary talks were given by Brethren L. T. Heaton and J. M. Rowse, setting forth the importance of placing our literature in the hands of the people. Opportunity was given the congregation to relate some of their missionary experiences, and a number responded. Elder Adams gave a brief talk on the work of the "Protestant Magazine," and showed the importance of each Christian subscribing for the same, after which a number of subscriptions were taken. The meeting closed with a solo entitled "Matthew Twenty-Four," rendered by William Landeen.

The gradual increase of students in this and other years has impressed upon the board of managers that the chapel was altogether too small to accommodate the constantly swelling company that gathers there. Also, this Union Conference has no place suitable for the holding of large conventions, such as will be held here in February. Hence some changes have been made during the past few days that will greatly improve this situation. The partition between the chapel and library has been removed, increasing the seating capacity of the chapel at least one-third, or to about 225. The folding doors that were in this partition have been removed to the second floor between the Bible and Normal rooms, making another auditorium with a seating capacity of about 125. The fourth floor of Assembly Hall is being rapidly fitted up for sleeping rooms. The lathing is well under way, and the plasterers will commence work in a few days.

## TO CHURCH ELDERS

"Have you ever determined how many of the members of your church are subscribers to our general church paper, the Review and Herald? Just now, at the beginning of the new year, would it not be an excellent thing for you to agitate this matter in your church, speaking in the public congregation of the value of the Review, and of the blessing it will prove to everyone, and then follow up this effort with personal work in the homes of your people? Try this plan, and watch the development of the good results which will follow this wider diffusion of the excellent instruction, and of the thrilling reports of progress which the Review contains from week to week."

A recent investigation shows that the Review and Herald subscription list for this Union numbers only 312. Surely it should be much larger. The above instruction, if carried out here, would prove a great blessing.

## A VALUABLE 1914 DIARY

Last year, on urgent request from workers in the field, the General Conference Committee authorized the secretary of the Publishing Department to prepare a compendium of data relating to the beginnings and growth of our organized work in its various departments to be issued in a Diary for 1913. This booklet met with such favor that the data has been revised in harmony with the latest statistics and is being issued in a neat little pocket Diary for 1914. Order from your Tract Society. Price 25c.

## FEBRUARY SIGNS MAGAZINE

THE OUTLOOK FOR 1914—A careful study of conditions throughout the world, from a fulfilling prophecy standpoint. WORLD WIDE GOSPEL OPPORTUNITIES—Open doors to all nations; the message in this generation. CONDITIONS IN OUR CITIES—One example; no exception; a type of many; what it means. SHORT PATHS TO WEALTH—One hundred million in forty-nine years. WHEN WILL CHRIST COME?—When the gospel has been fully proclaimed in this generation; wonderful facts. HOW WE MAY ACCEPT CHRIST—The steps by which one becomes a Christian in the Biblical way. OUR DAILY POISON DOSE—Birth-rate decreasing; insanity increasing; large quantities of poison consumed. WHAT IS THE SANCTUARY?—The earthly temple a type of the heavenly. EVOLUTION THAT DOES NOT EVOLVE—Scientific evidence that a so-called factor of evolution fails; nature requires creator. GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE IN CHRIST—The contest for man's soul; how God will end the reign of sin. FRAUD OR FAMILIAR SPIRITS—Great scientists witnessing for spiritualism; what they fail to discover regarding it. WORLD WIDE APOSTASY FROM GOD—A startling disregard of the Word; a dumb following after tradition and commandments of men. SELECTED FRAGMENTS—Three pages of uplifting seed thoughts. THE OPEN GLORY—The marvelous nebula in Orion; the open space into regions more glorious. Order of your Tract Society.

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Our readers will note with interest the report in this issue from Elder N. J. Aalborg and wife, who left their home in Alberta last year, going as missionaries to Jamaica.

The little song book, "Songs for the King's Business," is again in print, and will be furnished at the same price as formerly, forty cents, postpaid. Order of the tract society.

Many inquiries have come to us regarding the publication of the Testimonies for the Church in three volumes instead of nine. We are now assured that this will be done, and they will be ready for distribution about July 1. The printing will be on India paper, bound in full limp leather. Canadian price, \$13.20.

On account of the coming Union Conference, the next issue of this paper will be mailed one week before the regular time. All copy for publication should reach this office not later than Friday, January 30. There will then be an omission of one number, the next being dated March 4. We regret that our meagre facilities will not enable us to publish extra numbers during the conference, thus sharing the blessings with those who are unable to attend. At the close of the meeting, as complete reports will be printed, as space will allow.

The 1914 Temperance Instructor will bear date of February 3, and will be ready for mailing by January 30. This new number will be superior to all others. The cover illustrations have been designed to impress purity, sacredness and happiness of a natural home contrasted with the same home, later on, wrecked and ruined through the use of liquor. Certainly it cannot fail in saving some who are now enslaved, protecting the way in many homes

and communities for the entering of the full gospel message for this special time.

### WHAT TO BRING TO THE CONFERENCE

Considerable has already been said on this subject, but perhaps a little more will not be out of place, as this will be the last issue of the paper that will reach many of our readers before leaving for the conference.

We wish to emphasize especially the necessity of bringing a good supply of bedding, as the weather may be extremely cold. Those coming from the warmer climate on the coast will need to bring as much warm clothing as possible. Other things of necessity and convenience, such as towels, etc., should be brought. Our people at Lacombe will do everything possible for your convenience, but they cannot promise more than bare room and furniture at this season of the year.

Meals will be served at the academy at twenty-five cents each or five meals for one dollar. For the convenience of those in charge, meal tickets should be secured, as far as possible, before the time for using them.

During the first two days of the meeting all day trains will be met by teams. Persons arriving after the second day should notify F. L. Hommel, Lacombe, Alberta, a few days in advance. Twenty-five cents will be charged for each trunk transferred from the station and returned at the close of the meeting. Ten cents each way will be charged for passengers.

Above all, do not fail to secure a Standard Certificate from each railway over which you travel, as these will save hundreds of dollars in car fare at this time. At every meeting held, persons come without certificates, expecting to return free. Remember, that unless you have a Convention Certificate or a receipt from the agent or conductor for the amount you have paid, we cannot secure any rates for you.

Remember the date, February 11-22. Railway tickets may be purchased on or after February 4 and will be good for return trip until February 25. No stop-over allowed.

The first two days of the meeting will be spent in the interests of the publishing work. It will, therefore, be necessary for tract society secretaries and book men to arrive on the 10th in order to secure the benefit of all these meetings, as the first meeting will be held on the morning of the 11th.

This will be the best meeting of its kind ever held in western Canada, and we trust a large number will be able to attend. Come, Brethren and Sisters, praying for and expecting a blessing, and you will not be disappointed.