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"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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## THE BIBLE

"Hast thou ever heard  
Of such a book? The author, God himself,  
The subject, God and man, salvation, life  
And death—eternal life, eternal death—  
Dread words! whose meaning has no end, no bound,  
Most wondrous book! bright candle of the Lord!"  
—Pollock's Course of Time.

## SOUL WINNING

Those who attended the late Union Conference session at Lacombe, Alberta, felt convicted that we should each of us set our hearts to win at least one soul for Christ before the close of the present year. As these brethren have returned home and told of the good meeting we had, many others have caught the spirit, and have begun to make special efforts to lead souls to the truth.

No matter how humble the station, or how limited the natural talent, every true Christian can be a soul winner, if he will. Whoever we be, or wherever life may engage us, there are people all about us who are perishing.

We are in danger of becoming so absorbed in our own interests that we may not discern the struggles of those around us. "The story is told of a policeman in Preston, England, who, while standing on the banks of the canal, shouted to a boy and said, 'Hello! why are you bathing here? This is not a place for bathing!' 'Please, sir! I am not bathing. I am DROWNING!' said the struggling boy, and soon he sank beneath the water. The policeman, perceiving the real condition, plunged in and rescued the lad. Many persons who are supposed to be having a good time in the world are only losing their lives. It is the duty and privilege of the followers of Christ to endeavor to save them from perishing."

Every individual believer who reads these lines has a personal responsibility in the salvation of his fellow men.

One of the questions which often comes to us is, what is the real motive that prompts our Christian profession, and in what are we most interested?

"Suppose," says Mr. Stevens, "someone were to offer us a thousand dollars for every soul that we might earnestly try to lead to Christ, would we endeavor to lead any more souls to Him than we are endeavoring to lead now? Is it possible that we would attempt to do for money . . . what we shrink from doing now in obedience to God's com-

mand? Is my love of money stronger than my love . . . of souls?

"Suppose I were to be asked how many persons I had persistently tried to win to Christ during the past year, what would my answer be? How many have I even spoken to? How many have I on my prayer-list now? If I am not interested enough in the salvation of others even to have a daily prayer-list, is it any wonder that I am not a soul winner?"

The spirit of soul winning is taking hold of our people all over North America in a special manner. From all quarters comes the call to move forward for the finishing of the work.

"The fruit of righteousness is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." Prov. 11:30.

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever." Dan. 12:3.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psa. 126:6.

Let none become discouraged because they may be hedged about by old age, or sickness, or by some condition over which they have no power. All can have a part in soul winning.

"A pastor once said he dreamed he saw rows of beautiful diadems. 'Is that big one for me?' said he, remembering that there had been many conversions in the church. 'No, not for you,' said the angel. 'That one is for the poor old deaf man who used to sit by the pulpit stairs, and plead with God for souls in the congregation while you preached to them.'"

O, shall there not be the greatest harvest of souls this year in this denomination of any year of our history? The time is ripe for it. We are in sight of the very end of the journey. Those things which prophets and seers have foretold, we see happening before our very eyes,—it is no more in the distance.

On shipboard, when on a long voyage in mid-ocean, and everything is going well, there is no great stir except the ordinary routine of duties common to such a trip. All seems quiet.

At length there comes a morning when the word goes out, "Land ahead!" and suddenly there is a change. All is astir. The passengers immediately begin preparations. Every man of the crew hastens to his post. Every ear is open for the captain's orders. As the ship draws nearer to the dock the

interest becomes more intense, till at last with joy they reach the end of their voyage.

Thus it is as the end of time draws near. Every person must be at his post. There can certainly be none who could stand by in an idle manner. Every one will be busy and interested in seeing the final culmination of the greatest movement the world has ever witnessed. This is the meaning of this great soul winning movement which is now arousing the people of God to action all over the field. Shall we in Western Canada all be awake to the situation?

H. S. SHAW.

### MISSIONARY WORK BY CORRESPONDENCE

"The great lack of men to go from place to place and preach the word may be in a great degree supplied by tracts and papers and by intelligent correspondence."—*Missionary Work by Correspondence*, page 2.

A most effective way of using periodicals is in connection with missionary correspondence. A letter should be written explaining that the paper is being sent free of charge, and a copy of the weekly *Signs of the Times*, or some other missionary periodicals should be mailed with it. The paper should be sent for several weeks, and then if no reply has come to the first letter, a second should be written, and the papers continued for some time longer. The question may be raised, "Why write a letter to send with first paper?" There are several reasons for doing this. One is to let the person to whom the paper is sent know that there will be no charge made for it. In these days there are so many tricks played upon people in order to extort money from them that they are naturally suspicious. When a paper comes to them which they have not ordered, they think at once that it is a device on the part of the publishers of the paper to get them to take it, and that later on it will be followed by a bill.

Another reason is that a letter warm with the love of Christ will be likely to incline the receiver to read the paper. The personal interest shown is likely to have a good effect. Still another reason is that it opens the way to get into personal touch with honest seekers after truth.

The letters should be written with care and prayer. Every letter will make some impression, favorable or unfavorable. It has been said of one of the successful missionary workers in the early days of the message, that she would write a letter, pray over it, rewrite it and pray again, and perhaps repeat this several times before she felt that the letter was what the Lord wanted it to be. When finally ready to go, it would be such a letter as might appeal to even a heart of stone. As in all missionary work, there must be a deep burden for souls, and much prayer, in order that the letters and papers may be used by the Holy Spirit to win souls.

In writing to strangers care should be taken to state in some pleasant way that the paper is being sent free of charge and that other copies will follow. Attention may be drawn to some article of special interest. The address should be plainly given, and the signature should indicate the sex

of the writer, and if a woman, should indicate whether single or married. The papers should be neatly wrapped, as all these details make an impression on the receiver.

Care should be taken to avoid the use of expressions not generally understood, such as "present truth," and "third angel's message." Expressions should not be used that would imply in any way that the writer considered himself wiser, or in any way superior to the person addressed, or that he regarded him as a subject for missionary labor. It is better to approach a person as a fellow-seeker after truth, rather than as one to be instructed.

Missionary correspondence has been the means of bringing many people into the church. One sister in the early days labored earnestly in this way, and raised up several churches. Though feeble in body, she was as successful in bringing people into the truth as many ministers have been. What she and others have done, other church members can do.

E. M. GRAHAM.

## Manitoba Conference

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### YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY

Sabbath, May 2, has been set apart to be observed generally throughout all the conferences as Missionary Volunteer day.

We hope all our churches will plan for this and that our isolated brethren will remember also to pray especially on this day for this work. Special articles have been prepared and will be sent out to each church for use on that day.

Brethren, shall we not make this day count for our young people? Let our collections be liberal, as they will be used for this needy branch of the cause in our home field.

MRS. E. M. CHAPMAN.

### ARDEN

As a result of the efforts put forth here in Arden two have already decided to keep God's whole law, and others are deeply interested in the truth. Our meetings began March 10 and still continue. Considerable difficulty was met in securing a meeting place, as the place promised us was afterward refused because the foundation of the building was weak. The place now used was previously a drug store. It is owned by a Jew, who is friendly to the Adventists, and does not object to having the gospel of Christ preached in his building.

The attendance from the first has been small. There has not been one evening since the meetings began that there has not been a concert, dance, social, or theatrical performance. One Sunday evening a picture show in one of the churches disgusted several of the best church members. These, with the warnings of the ministers, have kept many away.

Shortly after beginning the meetings it was thought best to give a temperance lecture to get

the attention of the people. The attendance being so small, it was decided to secure one of the churches, if possible, but both refused. The Presbyterian minister's immediate reply was, "No, I am strictly opposed, for should a large number be in attendance, they would desire to hear more of your teachings and would be led to attend your services, which I must say are needed here in this place. We cannot think of it." He then went on to inform me of the rapid progress of our work all over the earth, especially in China, where missionary work is made possible only at an immense expenditure of lives and means.

God is leading the honest in heart to see in the working of these people, the un-Christian spirit, and they are beginning to see more in the truth, for which we praise God.

The editor of the local paper is very friendly. From week to week he has published announcements of the meetings free of charge. In order to more fully expose the false teachings and to show people who are earnestly desiring more truth, but have been deceived and led to remain away from the services, \$100.00 was offered to anyone bringing any Bible proof for Sunday observance. This, too, was published by the editor. No one has yet claimed the reward, though it has been talked of considerably.

Remember the work in Arden, at the throne of grace. Before long we hope to see others step out and take their stand with the people of God.

G. R. SOPER.

#### MANITOBA NOTES

The camp meeting will be held this year from July 2-12. The place has not yet been decided upon.

Read the May Watchman for full particulars about the burning of 2,500 Bibles by Rome.

In a letter from Sister Robb she writes that Miss Wood is meeting with excellent success in her sale of magazines in Brandon. An order for 300 magazines has been sent in for May.

Brother Meikle is enjoying many rich experiences in his magazine work in the city of Winnipeg and reports that he has at least 250 regular customers that take the **Signs of the Times** each month.

Brother Henry Dirksen recently ordered 125 Temperance Instructors, one copy of which was sent to every minister and teacher of the Morden district. With the copy of the paper, there was sent a personal letter calling attention to this excellent issue. We trust that many others will do likewise.

Brother H. J. Greenslade writes that he is holding a series of meetings near his home, with a fairly good attendance. Recently we received several subscriptions for our papers from those attending his meetings. Let others do likewise, and we shall see many brought into the truth.

It is planned to hold a colporteurs' institute in Winnipeg about the middle of May. We shall be glad to hear from any one interested in the sale of our books or periodicals, and who would like to attend this institute.

Elder H. J. Dirksen has had a large attendance at his meetings in Winnipeg, and has been invited to hold some of them in the homes of Lutheran and Baptist families. One has taken her stand with this people and others are very much interested. An urgent call has come for him to go to Beausejour, where several are about to accept the truth. He will return from there in about a couple of weeks, to continue the work in Winnipeg.

## Saskatchewan Conference

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### TO THE WORKERS' BAND.

I am sure you will all enjoy reading this letter from Brother Sturdevant. You who were at the camp meeting last year remember seeing the picture of him and his wife, and that we are to support a native teacher for a year in the mission where they are. Here is his letter to you:

Tsungwesi Mission, Rusape, Rhodesia, South Africa.  
To the Workers' Band of the Saskatchewan Conference.

Dear Children:

I have just received a letter from Sister Gilbert telling of your good work for Jesus and that you are planning to help us in our needy mission here. I must tell you something of our experience in reaching the Mission after our rest in America.

The natives thought we were gone a long time. We reached the station Sabbath at one o'clock, P.M. We should have gotten here in the early morning but our train was late. We were met by Brother Sparrow, my little yellow boy Jim, and two black native boys. We were soon off the train, got our baggage loaded on the big wagon drawn by twelve black oxen, and started on our way home. This was quite an experience for Brother and Sister Jewell, and the little boy Eugene, who came with us from America. Everything was new to them, and all they could do was to look and ask questions.

When we reached the top of the hill overlooking the Mission, we could see the houses and garden down in the valley. At the other end of the road many were looking our way, having expected us at early morn. At last they heard the great ox whip, (for their ox whips here can sometimes be heard a mile away) then they saw the wagon and here they came, a host of them, waving their handkerchiefs, and running to see who would get to us first. Chiefs, fathers and mothers, carrying their children, young people and children all wanted to shake their old teacher's hand first.

Dear children, we could not stand the sight. "The old teacher" jumped off the wagon and ran toward them, Mrs. Sturdevant following me as fast as she could. What a greeting it was! How they love us! Few words were spoken, no one could speak, for the joy was too great. Then all went to the wagons to greet their new missionaries. I can not tell you the rest,—you will have to guess it. But be assured we were not sorry we had left our homes and loved ones to come here.

I could only think of the time when Jesus will come,—our Saviour and best Friend. Do we long to see Him as these dear people longed to see their missionaries? These dear people are longing for a true friend. They worship and believe in a Great Spirit who is terrible and wants to kill them, or do them harm. So when they hear of God, a true Spirit, who loves them and can really believe it, they are glad.

We have now been here a little over two months. Little Eugene has been sick and Brother Jewell has been in bed with pain much of the time and it tries our hearts. Sometimes we are tempted to get discouraged and to think our lot is hard. But when we think of these dear people and their needs, we take courage, rise above our pains and go to work.

The first year is hard on the missionaries. Some never can get used to the climate and must die or leave. Our first helper, Brother C. L. Bowen, died last June, and now Satan wants to take another worker. Children, you must pray for us. Brother Jewell's being ill has made the work

much heavier for the rest of us, and we feel that we are breaking already, but we are trusting God to help us and give us strength. We are all happy and have only one desire and that is to help finish this work so we may all go home and rest in the Heavenly Kingdom.

The sickness and death which came to our Mission last year, not only took our faithful helper, but also caused us to lose much money so that now we are very needy. We are so glad to hear that you are going to support one of our teachers for a year. You will be helping us so much and God will give you fruit also for his kingdom.

I will not write more this time as I am so pressed with work. I will try to write you again some time, though. By the time you receive this we will have baptized over twenty of these dear people, who have given their hearts to the Lord.

Good-bye, dear children. Let us put away all our sins and live for Jesus, so we will be ready to meet him when he comes. Pray for us and God bless you all.

Yours for Jesus

MELVIN C. STURDEVANT

Now, children, is not this a very interesting letter? How glad you are for what you have done to help raise money for this teacher. If any of you have not yet sent in your money, try to do so as soon as possible, so we can send the money on for the teacher. Let us not forget to pray for the missionaries, too.

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

#### SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

It is time to begin planning to attend the camp meeting to be held June 25 to July 5.

Brother Bennie Clark has closed his school at Warmley and returned to his home near Gull Lake.

Brother Wissner now has his wife and baby with him. They are nicely located near the office.

Brethren Sulzle and Z'prick are conducting an effort at Rosthern. A very good interest is reported.

Brother Sissons, who is canvassing in North Battleford, is meeting both interest and opposition.

Brother Luther Long is canvassing in Saskatoon and is having some interesting Bible studies with some he has met there.

The colporteurs' institute is now in session at Waldheim. Pray for those engaged in this branch of the work.

Miss Louise Bisseger called at the office last week on her way home from Canora, where she has been teaching the past winter.

Brother A. J. Burch, who has been attending school at McLean the past winter, called at the office, on his way to his home at Sunset.

Elder Gilbert made a trip north last week, stopping at the following named places: Findlater, Saskatoon, Rosthern, North Battleford and Radisson.

Brother Anton Kajner of Vibank was one of our visitors last week. He is well pleased with the training his son Joseph is receiving at the Alberta Academy.

Miss Ida Coles, who is meeting with success in selling the **Temperance Instructor** at Moose Jaw, ordered recently 900 magazines, **Life and Health** and **Signs**, to be used in Saskatoon.

If the members of the Home Department who have not yet sent in their report for quarter ending March 31, 1914, will do so at once, they will confer a favor on the secretary of the Sabbath school department.

We learn that Sister Mary Block, daughter of Elder Henry Block, was recently united in marriage to Brother Conrad Dick at her home in Portland, Oregon. Elder Block's address is 863 E. 9th St. N., Portland, Oregon.

## Alberta Conference

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### THE CAMP-MEETING

A committee selected for the purpose of securing a location for our next camp-meeting, met in Red Deer on Thursday, where suitable grounds were found. Red Deer is a place of about 2,500 people, situated on the south bank of the Red Deer river. The larger portion of the city is on a level tract of land several feet below the surrounding country. Spruce and poplar trees add to the beauty of the place.

The grounds chosen for our camp are about three blocks directly east of the depot, and about the same distance from the post office. The city has agreed to furnish water on the ground.

A camp committee has been selected, and all arrangements made for a good meeting. It is not too early to plan for this meeting. All should do all in their power to be present. Especially should the isolated ones attend. We all need a new work of grace, that we may not come short of the standard when our names are called up in the judgment.

C. A. BURMAN.

### THE GERMAN WORK

After the Western Canadian Union Conference at Lacombe, we enjoyed having Elder C. K. Reiswig with us in the field in connection with the German work. He and the writer labored together for about three weeks in the north-eastern part of the province among believers, who speak the Russian, Polish, German and Esthonian languages. We had some interesting meetings.

Leaving that part of the province, we visited isolated members. Through our efforts, by the help of God, there are some new believers. We organized a Sabbath-school of twenty members near Hanna. Three families accepted the message at Calgary. To God be all the glory.

H. HUMANN.

### CLEMENS AND HAWKSDALE

At the close of the Union Conference at Lacombe, the writer returned to Clemens to follow up the interest there. The attendance was good all through the effort. Although no more took their stand, yet prospects are that a number will do so in the near future.

From there the writer visited the Hawksdale church and held six services. One lady expressed her desire to unite with this people. The Spirit of God was strongly felt during these efforts.

We are living in a time of great interest in this work. Evidences are multiplying that God has set His hand to do a quick work in the earth. His leadings can be observed from time to time in remarkable answers to prayer, and in directing His

laborers in ways that are marvellous, inspiring them to press the battle to victory.

Now is the time to work, pray and give with all our might and strength. Every man is expected to do his best, yet only volunteers will be acceptable.

H. A. NIERGARTH.

### COLPORTEURS' INSTITUTE

This Institute, which was held in connection with the Alberta Industrial Academy, has just closed. In many respects this has been the most successful that has ever been held in Alberta. About thirty of our young people took up the study of our different books, and are planning on spending the vacation in circulating the printed page among the people. Brother W. L. Manfull, our Union Agent, was present and rendered valuable assistance.

The prospect for the work, this season, is encouraging, and we hope to see a large work accomplished during 1914. Two of our boys are now in the field, and two others are planning to enter the work in the near future.

Please remember the colporteurs in your prayers, that they may be the means of bringing the truth to many homes this summer.

L. T. HEATON.

### FAREWELL

It has now been a little over four weeks since I left Lacombe, to take charge of the office work in the Saskatchewan Conference. The call came suddenly and we left on short notice without much time for saying farewell to the brethren and sisters in Alberta.

Nearly four years were spent in Alberta, and we learned to love the people there, who were willing at all times to cooperate with us in our duties.

I enjoyed the confidence of the president and conference committee in my daily work and our united efforts for the advancement of God's great cause were blessed so that it was our privilege to report a healthy growth in all branches of the work from year to year.

My purpose in writing these few lines is to thank you for your interest and co-operation. May the Lord grant us a growing desire to work together in peace and harmony as laborers in his vineyard, while heralding the tidings of his soon coming to a lost humanity, that many a precious soul may rejoice with us in the land of promise, as the result of our faithfulness.

U. WISSNER.

### ALBERTA NOTES

Word from Brother Shelstad states that he expects to spend Sabbath, the 25th, with the believers in the Lougheed district.

Brother F. L. Hommel left Lacombe on the 23rd for Edmonton, where he is visiting the believers in the interests of the temperance work.

We learn that Elder J. L. Wilson and family have located in Red Deer. Brother Wilson will conduct a series of meetings there prior to the camp-meeting.

At the close of the Colporteur's Institute, Brother W. L. Manfull left for Waldheim, Sask., the place of the Saskatchewan Institute. On his way there he plans to visit the Vermilion Lakes church.

Over 1600 copies of the **Temperance Instructor** have been ordered and distributed in Alberta during the past few weeks. Our people are finding it easy to dispose of this paper. One brother wrote stating that he sold his supply of 20 to the first 21 persons he canvassed. Another sent 125 names and addresses for copies of the paper. Have you sent in your order for what copies of the **Instructor** you can distribute in your district?

Elders C. A. Burman, H. Humann and P. P. Adams made a trip to Red Deer on Thursday, April 23, for the purpose of making some arrangements in connection with the camp-meeting to be held there in June. From there Elders Burman and Humann started for Beiseker where, in company with Elder Shaw, they will visit the Rosebud church. Elder Adams returned to Lacombe the same day, accompanied by Miss Wilson, who is visiting the academy.

Have you succeeded in finding that soul you have decided to bring to Christ during 1914? Four months, one-third of the year has gone by. Time swiftly passes, soon the whole year will slip by. Why not begin now! Several have taken right hold, and already results have been seen. Souls are calling for the truth, and openings are springing up everywhere. Begin at once to labor for some one.

### ACADEMY NOTES

Brother J. L. Beane was called to Didsbury on business April 14.

Louis Hippach recently visited his brother and sister at the academy.

The Conference Committee and Academy Board held a special meeting the first of last week.

Emil Lanz left for his home at Vibank, Sask., to take his part in the spring work.

Martha Tetz has dropped her school work and leaves this week for her home at Beiseker, Alta.

William Tall has given up his school work and will leave in a few days for his colporteur work in Saskatchewan.

Pastor C. J. Christensen returned the 14th from a trip to Wetaskiwin.

Miss Mary Clark, of Red Deer, was a week-end visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Fish.

J. K. Fish has dropped his school work for this year and is busily engaged erecting his new house.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. McClafflin, of Ponoka, were recent visitors at the home of their mother and sisters in Rosedale.

Brother Fitzpatrick, who is buying young stock in this vicinity, left for Edmonton recently and has since returned. He is preparing to drive his stock to that place.

Letters received from Luther Long and wife, inform us that they expect to enter the colporteur work in Saskatoon shortly.

Sister Mabel Campbell, of Calgary, who has been sick with typhoid fever for several weeks at the academy treatment room, is rapidly improving.

Mrs. J. I. Beardsley and children returned from her home in Iowa the last of the week. Her father is somewhat improved in health.

A letter received from Bert Bradley, who recently left school to work, says he is with his uncle at Provost, Alberta.

Several members of the public speaking and public reading classes attended the gold medal contest at Lacombe on the 14th inst.

George Sargent and sister spent the week-end at their home near Clive. Herbert Deutchman returned recently from a visit to his home at LeDuc.

An interesting parents' meeting was held in the primary department last Sunday evening. Twenty-five were present and listened to an instructive address by Pastor Shaw. Another is appointed for next Sabbath afternoon at 4.30.

George Polinkas left on the 22nd inst. for his home at Whitla, Alta., where he will spend a few weeks on his farm, and then drive through to eastern Saskatchewan and Manitoba, where he will do colporteur work among the foreign population in that section.

We are enjoying a visit from Professor E. C. Kellogg, Principal of Walla Walla College, who arrived on the 22nd inst., from College Place, Washington. Professor Kellogg gave some valuable instruction to our colporteurs last Thursday morning in chapel, and on Saturday night he addressed the patrons, teachers and students of the academy.

## British Columbia Conference

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### AN INVITATION

I wish to extend a hearty invitation to all our brethren and sisters in British Columbia to attend the camp-meetings this year, especially in their respective districts. Notice the dates. The Coast meeting is to be at Coquitlam again, and will be held June 2-7. This meeting we hope will benefit the town people more than it did last year, as the gathering last year left a good impression, and they will attend.

Thus the two objects of our camp-meetings will be accomplished, first and primarily, to unify and establish and build up the believers, and, secondly, to get before the public the message for this generation.

Our workers' meeting will commence May 27, and especially do we desire some strong and willing hands to come in and help us pitch the camp. Meetings will be held while the work of pitching the camp is on. We want to get the camp pitched early, and be rested to take in the spiritual part.

The next meeting will be held at Vernon, June 9-14. Last year this meeting was at Armstrong, and was the largest ever held in the district. There were 41 tents last year, including the large ones. Coquitlam had 40 tents, but used a house for cooking, so practically the meetings were about the same size. We hope all our brethren and sisters in the district will come. We have the same help this year that the other provinces have. The dates are arranged to have it thus.

The workers will commence to pitch this camp June 3. We hope willing hands will also volunteer to help in this. The camp should be gotten in readiness as far as possible so that what tents come from the Coast can be set up speedily. There will be quite a number to pitch besides those that come from the West, and they will be there by June 3.

The next issue will have something more about these meetings, which we expect this year to be larger than ever, notwithstanding the closeness for money. This is an opportunity for self-sacrifice. The Lord wants us all there who can possibly come.

J. G. WALKER.

"The work of the gospel is not to depend solely upon the minister; every soul should take an active part in advancing the cause of God."

### A BRIGHTER PROSPECT

A visit at the academy shows that a lively interest is being taken both by the teachers and students, not only to get something growing, but also to improve the surroundings. A large number of small fruit plants have been planted and are doing well. Some ditching is now in process that will not only improve the looks of the front, but provide the best soil for garden stuff.

Patches of clearing where little underbrush covers the ground will be in to potatoes, and thus the waste and heavily taxed land around will be made, with the blessing of God, to yield some returns. The teachers are leading out in this work, and at the same time keeping up the interest in class work. Especially are we pleased to see the interest that the few remaining students are taking in the matter of improving the place. I venture to write that those who return next fall will be pleased with the school home and surroundings.

I do not like to close this brief note without stating at least some of the needs of the school. We have a good team, but they are poorly decked with harness. In fact, they are not safe. We expect to use the team at the camp-meeting, but feel somewhat ashamed. The harness does not represent the cause very well. Has someone a set they would be glad to donate?

Also we need another good cow. The one we have is first class, but we need another. We have a blacksmith's bellows, and if we had an anvil and vice we could do many things that would save the school. And then again the little shop would be a help to some of the students. Will someone help supply this need?

The school prospect never looked brighter, but it needs your prayers and your support.

J. G. WALKER.

### OUR TEMPERANCE WORK

This year our **Temperance Instructor** sales have been very encouraging. To date our orders total five thousand copies. Eighteen hundred of these have been sold in Vancouver alone, and about two thousand in other parts of the province, chiefly in the Okanagan valley.

Those who work in the business section find no difficulty in disposing of fifty copies in three or four hours. As these papers cost four cents only, this year when fifty copies are bought, the commission for this work is three dollars. Thus not only do our temperance workers place an excellent document in the hands of the people, but earn a nice amount with which to engage in other lines of missionary work. In times like these when many of us cannot afford to spend much time in missionary work, what can be better than a self-supporting work like this?

Some of our churches have already taken up this work, but many have not done anything definite yet. Why not engage in this work now while the paper is new, and make this a banner year for our temperance work in this field? I feel that we will, but the question is, are we all to have a part in it?

Every city and town, as well as the country, should be worked, and now is the time.

The **Temperance Instructor**, the special temperance number of **Our Little Friend**, and the new tracts give us excellent material for this work.

C. O. SMITH.

### THE RESPONSIBILITY OF REPORTING

Some stories have been told so many times, that it is hard when we have to listen to them again; and so I have wondered if it were not possible to put an old story in a new setting. Our story is the old one of "Reporting," but its new setting is "Responsibility."

A short time ago I heard the following read from Vol. 9, page 102: "As I have thought of that cup trembling in the hands of Christ; as I have realized that He might have refused to drink, and left the world to perish in its sin, I have pledged that every energy of my life should be devoted to the work of winning souls to Him." It startled me, and like a flash came the thought,—"Christ might have . . . left the world to perish." Are we leaving any part of His work undone? He left nothing undone in His work for us. The greater the responsibility the more easily it is realized; but no less important are the smaller responsibilities. Nothing is unimportant in the work of God.

And then I thought of our reporting. It seems such a little thing, and yet it means so much; for the results measure the importance. I hope every member of every church in our conference, and every isolated member, will realize the **responsibility of reporting** and leave nothing undone that he or she can do to help forward the work of God in the world.

The reports for the past quarter have been coming in in a way that is not only encouraging, but shows that there is an awakening among our people in British Columbia; but we cannot be satisfied until we hear from all. So to you who have not yet reported, we especially make this appeal.

By observing the following rules you will lighten the work of your Church Missionary Secretary and help build up the work of our Conference.

#### Reporting Rules

- 1—Always take a blank when handed out.
- 2—Fill in your report. (No matter how small.)
- 3—Return at time appointed to Missionary Secretary.

#### Reporting Reasons.

- 1—That those in charge of the work man know what has been done, so as to better plan what is to be done.
- 2—To keep perfect order in our work.
- 3—For the encouragement of others.

BERTHA LOFSTAD,  
Conf. Miss. Sec'y.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES

Brother John Earret has returned from the East with his mother and sister. They are now residing in Vancouver.

At present Elder Walker is on his way to Penticton. He will be with the church there for a few days and then visit the other churches in the Okanagan, spending Sabbath, May 2, at Grandview.

Brother and Sister Fleming have fifteen hundred **May Signs of the Times** to sell in Vancouver and Victoria this month. Last month their sales reached the two thousand mark.

In the **May Watchman** is an article you will want to read. It is entitled "The Church of Rome Burns Bible." In one day 2,500 Bibles were burned, but in the next, 3,000 copies were sold. Order from the tract society.

Brother F. P. Wright, who is now canvassing at Nelson, writes: "Times are quite hard here at present as most of the people seem out of work. However, I am of good courage for I know the Lord's work cannot be hindered by hard times."

Brother A. E. Shantz, one of those to accept the truth in the recent Vancouver effort, has started this week in the colporteur work. He seems delighted with his field, which is the Fraser Valley, and hopes for good success. He is working with Practical Guide to Health.

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of the last week in April are appointed for the two first temperance programmes in Vancouver. The following week programmes will be given in the other two churches. In connection with these rallies a vigorous campaign with the Temperance Instructor will be waged in this vicinity. We expect to let the people know that we are leaders in temperance.

A sister who has just recently accepted the truth and is now using her spare time canvassing in Vancouver, writes: "I want to say I am of good courage and thankful I can have a part in this closing work. In going from house to house one lady said, 'Don't go next door, she is a Roman Catholic!' I said I would call anyway, and in ten minutes I had her order for a good binding, and was gone."

It is time to be planning definitely to attend the camp meetings. Remember the dates: the Coast meeting at Coquitlam, June 2-7; and the other meeting at Vernon, June 9-14. Workers' meetings will be held at each place a few days before the regular meeting.

On Sunday evening, April 19, Elder Burrill preached in the Kitsilano church to a congregation made up of our people and those living near that church. A report of the discourse, which was on the "Reality of the Resurrection and the Second Coming," was published in the **Monday Morning Sun**. The editor of the **World** thought this of enough importance to copy it as it also appeared in the afternoon issue of that paper.

The temperance number of **Our Little Friend** is now all ready for distribution. It is very profusely illustrated and is sure to be a winner. Your children will want to take some to neighbors and share the good things with their little friends. Price, 3 cents each postpaid for five or more copies. They sell readily for five cents. Several orders have already come in. One sister placed an early order for sixty copies for her children to use. If you cannot use many, order at least ten.

Now that the attention of our people in this conference is being drawn to Religious Liberty on account of the growing tendency of our cities and towns to enforce the Sunday laws, it is well that we give this phase of our message some study. The new **Liberty** has some excellent articles. Among them, "Church and State," "Religion in the Public School," "A Review of Sunday Legislation by the Supreme Court," besides a section on temperance. The **Protestant Magazine** is always good, and is even better adapted for use in our field. We keep in stock quite a number of tracts on this question. See our catalogue for titles and prices.

#### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Four-roomed house and lot near the Alberta Industrial Academy. For full particulars, write Mr. D. A. Dobbs, 678 Fourth Ave. N.E., S. Edmonton, Alta.

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Our Aim: "One Soul for Christ in 1914." How many did you try to lead to Christ last week? One-third of the year is already gone. Are you any nearer the goal now than you were four months ago?

The General Conference Committee has appointed Sabbath, May 2, as Missionary Volunteer Day. Every church is urged to observe it. The suggestive programme appears in the **Review and Herald** for April 16.

Elder Shaw leaves next week for Saskatchewan to attend a meeting of the conference committee to be held early in May. From there he expects to go to Manitoba, where he will join the workers at Brandon and spend several weeks in evangelistic work.

The **Church Officers' Gazette** is growing in favor with every issue, as church officers everywhere come to realize the great help it is to them in their work. It is meeting a long-felt want, and should be received regularly by every officer in our denomination.

A special temperance number of **Our Little Friend** has been issued and is now ready for circulation. This is a beautiful number and can be used with telling effect in the schools and among the homes. If given a little help, the children will become enthusiastic in selling it, and much good will be accomplished. Price, 3 cent each, in quantities of five or more. Selling price, 5 cents.

To assist in the study of the present series of Sabbath-school lessons, the **Acts of the Apostles** is found very helpful. For the historical data, and for the application of the practical lessons Paul teaches throughout his epistles to the Romans and to the Corinthians, there is no help that will compare with that given in this book. You can find

something bearing on practically every point brought out in the quarter's lessons to add to your store of knowledge and to make them intensely interesting and profitable. Prices, cloth, \$1.65; limp leather, \$2.25.

The Colporteurs' Institute at Lacombe, Alberta, closed last week, and a good meeting is reported. Our Union Field Agent, Brother Manfull, was present throughout. Elder Shaw and Brother J. M. Rowse of Calgary, were also present a part of the time to assist in the work. Brother Manfull has now gone to Saskatchewan where a similar institute is being held. Following this, there will be one at Winnipeg, Manitoba. We trust the valuable instructions received by the literature workers at this time will give an impetus to the work that will result in increased sales this season, and the salvation of many souls.

The 1914 **Temperance Instructor** is meeting with favor everywhere, and with nearly all classes of people. The following testimonial is but one of a great many received: "I gladly take this opportunity of earnestly commending to all who are temperance people the careful reading and study of the **Instructor Temperance Annual**, now being introduced in the Okanagan Valley by Mr. Potter, of Vernon. The purpose of the journal appears to be the highest, giving information of existing evils, pointing out the best means of combating them and inspiring all who love their unfortunate fellows to active helpful efforts."—D. J. Welsh, Pastor Baptist Church, Kelowna, B.C.

We are glad to give space in this issue to several articles on home missionary work. If we would hasten the coming of our Saviour we must become enthused with the importance of this wide-open field for labor. "This home missionary work, this home field, has been shamefully neglected, and it is time that Divine resources and remedies were presented that this state of evil may be healed. Let the church member take up his individual work, and vindicate the name of the Lord by which he is called." The home missionary movement which is now spreading among our ranks, is by Divine appointment one of the most important, and every believer will want to have a part. There is ample room for all, and none should be excused. "There is great need that every trained mind, every disciplined intellect, every jot of ability, shall be brought to the work of saving souls." By doing with our might what our hands find to do, talents and aptitude for the work will be developed, and it is by neglecting our daily opportunities that we become fruitless and withered.

### CAMP MEETINGS FOR 1914

British Columbia, Coquitlam .....	June 2-7
British Columbia, Vernon .....	June 9-14
Alberta, Red Deer .....	June 18-28
Saskatchewan .....	June 25 to July 5
Manitoba .....	July 2-12