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THE BRITISH COLUMBIA CAMP MEETINGS

The two camp meetings held this year were a success and a great spiritual uplift to all who attended them. The one at Coquitlam was located in the same place as last year, with 40 tents pitched on the ground. We also had the use of a dwelling house opposite the camp, and in that we had our dining room and four living rooms.

The forty tents pitched included the pavilion, the young people's tent, the book and grocery tent and the reception tent. The number present at our last Sabbath-school at Coquitlam was 170. However, many came in too late for that, but in time for the services following, and we estimate that about 200 were present.

During the first part of the camp meeting week the weather was dry and the evening attendance was good; but the last three days were wet, and this discouraged many from coming. However, some came and the last Sunday evening quite a number were present from the town. This interest is no doubt the result of the impression made last year. We regret very much that we are not so situated as to follow up the interest with a strong effort, following the camp meeting.

The Okanagan meeting was held at Vernon. We had the use of the Jubilee hotel, with lawn, and also the vacant block opposite. With the three meeting tents there were 36 tents pitched, which with three rooms of the hotel gave us ample accommodations. The number in attendance at the Sabbath-school, June 13, was 200.

The two meetings were about the same size. The Sabbath-school donations at Coquitlam were \$29.36, and at Vernon, \$35.16; a total of \$64.52. The donations for home work at both meetings were over \$360. One interesting feature of the Vernon meeting was the 75 children who were present.

Elders H. S. Shaw and O. A. Olsen attended both these meetings and we appreciated their labors very much. The utmost harmony and good will prevailed throughout and everyone we met expressed themselves as greatly benefitted.

We cannot afford to miss these annual gatherings, brethren and sisters. They are God's appointed agencies for the benefit of his people. Personally, I think I have only missed one or two in the twenty-five years I have been a Sabbath-keeper, and can present an earnest testimony to the blessings they bring. Let us pray in faith that the Lord may enlarge his work in British Columbia.

J. G. WALKER.



WORKERS AT THE ALBERTA CAMP MEETING

FROM THE ALBERTA CONFERENCE

As we go to press the Alberta Conference is convening at Red Deer, having begun on the evening of June 18. All the workers of the conference are present and a goodly representation from the various churches.

In addition to the workers of the local and union conferences, the following laborers are present: Elder O. A. Olsen, of the North American Division Conference; Elder M. S. Reppe, of Hutchinson, Minnesota; Elder J. Riffel, of College Place, Washington; and Brother T. T. Babienco, of Saskatchewan. Elder C. W. Flaiz, of the Pacific Union Conference, is expected for the latter part of the meeting.

Elder G. F. Haffner, who has been attending camp meetings for a number of years in this field, and is well known to all our people, is unable to be with us this year. Just before leaving for Canada, he received a telegram stating that his wife was at the point of death, and he was compelled to leave immediately for his home in Clinton, Missouri. We have not received further information as to Sister Haffner's condition.

Owing to the inclement weather the attendance at the first part of the meeting has been somewhat smaller than usual, but the numbers are increasing daily. The report of the first Sabbath-school held on the grounds shows a membership of 166. We trust this will be much larger next Sabbath.

Meetings are being held in the English, German, Scandinavian and Russian languages, and special meetings are held daily for the young people and children. The early morning hour is devoted to special Bible studies on practical subjects, intended to aid us in our daily Christian experience, and the morning devotional services are held in the several departments immediately after the morning meal. God's Spirit is manifestly present at all of these meetings and that to pour out rich blessings upon his waiting people.

The first conference session was held Friday morning, the 19th, when the delegates present were duly seated, committees were arranged for, and the annual president's report was rendered. This report is given elsewhere in this issue. At this meeting it was noted that of those present, only ten were present at the first session of the conference eight years ago. Two hours each day are given up to the conference sessions. At these meetings encouraging reports are being read by those who have charge of the various departments. Some of these appear in this issue, and others will be printed later as space permits. Two new churches have been received into the conference—one being the Loyalist church and the other the Scandinavian church in Edmonton.

The financial condition of the conference is good as shown by the treasurer's report, which was printed some months ago. At the close of his annual report the president submitted a summary which shows that during the year 1913, donations to foreign work amounted to \$6,086.87; and for home work, \$5,947.05; a total of \$12,033.92. In addition

to this, tithes to the amount of \$14,964.73 was received, making a grand total of \$26,998.65 given by our people in Alberta to the cause of present truth the past year. This is a gain of \$7,285.51, or 37 per cent. over the previous year. The tithe per capita was \$24.65, and the amount to missions averaged considerably above the twenty-cents-a-week-per-member standard.

Further reports of this meeting will be given in the next issue.

A. H. BRIGHAM.

Manitoba Conference

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President, E. M. Chapman; Secretary-Treasurer, B. L. Grundset; Sabbath-school Secretary, Lizzie Nickel; Tract Society Secretary, B. L. Grundset; Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Mrs. E. M. Chapman.

THE LAST APPEAL

We are admonished to "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is, and so much more as ye see the day approaching." God knew that in the last days we would especially need these seasons together to encourage and strengthen us.

"But," says one, "I cannot see how I can leave home." If we were to receive a thousand dollars each for coming, how many would remain away? I can see them coming from all parts of the province, —even the sick, lame and blind. Care of the farm or stopping over night on the way would not keep one away.

Brethren, the spiritual blessings that God is waiting to bestow are not to be compared to any amount of money. If we could but have our vision enlarged so that we might appreciate the value of eternal things as God would have us we would seek more earnestly than ever for this hidden treasure. I beseech all to earnestly pray for God to open the way for you to come, that we may have a pentecostal blessing together.

Brethren Robb, Dirksen, Soper and the writer, together with the Morden brethren, are working hard to make you comfortable when you arrive, so let us meet you one and all, if possible.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

MANITOBA NOTES

Six persons were baptized by Elder Dirksen at Russell lately.

Elder Robb reports one more in Brandon who has signed the covenant.

The Great Northern Railway has granted us the reduced rates over their road, to the camp meeting.

Elder Chapman's daughter recently came up from Minnesota, and will spend the summer in Winnipeg.

Brethren Andersen and Lockert are the latest arrivals to enter the colporteur work. They are from the Danish-Norwegian Seminary.

Preparations for the camp meeting have already begun on the grounds at Morden. Let all plan to be there the opening day.

Elder Chapman conducted a baptismal service in the Winnipeg church last Sabbath. Two were baptized and three were taken into the church.

Elder Dirksen reports two more new Sabbath keepers among the Germans in Winnipeg. These have taken their stand for the truth since he returned from Russell.

Brother Soper has closed his effort at Arden, and is now at Morden helping in the preparations for the camp meeting. Many are about ready to take their stand for the truth, and several are planning to attend the camp meeting.

We are glad to greet in Winnipeg Brethren Andrew Haynal and George Belleau. Brother Haynal will have charge of the colporteur work this summer, and Brother Belleau will canvass in the city of Winnipeg.

British Columbia Conference

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REPORT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SABBATH SCHOOLS Quarter Ending March 31, 1914

	Mem.	OFFERINGS		
		Regular.	13th Sab.	Total.
Armstrong	50	\$ 6.70	\$ 1.50	\$ 8.20
Clayburn	4	15.05	2.50	17.55
Comox	5	3.50	1.00	4.50
Cumberland	15	2.95	1.50	4.45
Firvale	35	5.90	2.45	8.35
Grandview	84	47.95	7.20	55.15
Glenemma	15	11.95	...	11.95
Janes Road	29	8.70	8.00	16.70
Kelowna	5	1.00	...	1.00
Lumen	26	21.00	3.30	24.30
Manson	36	9.95	2.55	12.50
Mission City	13	11.05	3.75	14.80
Midway	7	10.30	1.20	11.50
Molly Gibson	6	3.30	...	3.30
Nanaimo	40	27.10	3.65	30.75
Penticton	31	13.80	1.45	15.25
South Vancouver	17	26.85	2.85	29.70
Stratton	4	5.60	2.00	7.60
Vancouver	56	30.52	26.01	56.53
Vernon	22	2.25	1.85	4.10
Victoria	27	11.58	3.88	15.46
Van Anda	11	6.00	2.30	8.30
West Vancouver	50	15.79	10.75	26.54
Woden River	29	10.45	...	10.45
Home Department	8	4.35	2.00	6.35
Union Conference	29.45
Tota's, 24 schools....	586	\$313.59	\$91.69	\$434.73

In the above report you will notice only eight Home Department members. This is because a number of our Home Department members now have family schools; but we hope to see our Home Department membership increase.

With the report we have a new plan to present. This plan was brought before our Sabbath-schools represented at our camp meetings and they readily adopted it. From "Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work" page 29, we quote the following: "There is a most precious missionary field in the Sabbath-school, and if there are now omens of good, they are only indications and beginnings of what may be done."

Now you know the call is for twenty cents a week from every church member in the North American Division of the Sabbath-school Department and the General Conference has suggested the plan of raising the fifteen cents a week through the medium of the Sabbath-school, leaving the five cents a week to be raised outside and in other ways. Thus a systematic way of raising this amount required for the support of our work in foreign lands will be established and I am so glad that British

Columbia is adopting the plan. We feel sure that those who were not present at camp-meeting will be just as eager to take hold of this as those who were there. Will not this be a splendid Sabbath-school achievement?

Mission clocks have been prepared for each school in order that they may know from week to week just how they stand. In preparing the clocks the membership has been based on the church membership and not on the Sabbath-school membership.

Taking our conference membership, 364, at fifteen cents a week per member for a year, we have \$2,839.20. This would amount to \$706.80 a quarter and you will notice that we have not quite two-thirds of this last quarter or about an average of ten cents per week per member; but I feel sure that when we try to reach a new goal with all our Sabbath-school members taking hold, we can easily raise the other third. I am greatly encouraged because of the way our Sabbath-school officers and leaders and people in general took hold of this matter at camp-meeting.

In writing of this the Sabbath-school Secretary of the North American Division Conference says: "I think we shall start another honor roll and I have no doubt British Columbia will be among the early ones to be placed there. . . . I just hope that everybody's heart will thrill with the idea of doing something better than we have yet done—something definite and exact and something that the denomination is obliged to do." Yes, I know our hearts will thrill and that we will all go forward to reach this new goal.

BERTHA LOFSTAD.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES

Elder J. G. Walker and Prof. H. E. Giddings attended the Vernon camp meeting.

Over 100 certificates were secured at the Coquitlam meeting and those who came by rail returned free.

Miss Lydia Stickle, who has spent the school year in Bella Coola Valley teaching church school, is now at home taking a much needed rest.

At the Vernon camp meeting sixteen were baptized. The baptism took place in Long Lake, about two miles out from Vernon. It is a beautiful place, and the scene was very impressive. Elder Rottacker administered the rite.

We are sorry to lose Sister Emma Tamka from our corps of church school teachers. Ere this issue of the Tidings reaches its readers, she will be on her way to California to visit relatives. She expects, a little later, to go to Honolulu, where she will teach a church school.

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THE RUSSIAN WORK

Having been asked to work among the Russian people at Viceroy I left Radisson for that place on May 6. Passing through Regina I spent four days with the Roumanian brethren there, and the Lord blessed us greatly. We also had a meeting in Russian every evening.

On the eleventh of May I went to Viceroy. There I found the people very busy with their work, as it was seeding time. I was unable to hold any meetings except on Sabbath and Sunday. I went from house to house but could not find the people at home as they were all in the field at work. However, I went to the fields with them and worked with them, and at the same time studied the Bible with them.

One day I was working with a young man gathering stones, who was a Greek Catholic. The Lord has broken his heart and he is now a Seventh-day Adventist. By working together we soon won five souls to Christ, so now there are six who have accepted the truth, and others who had become discouraged renewed their covenant with the Lord. Three had been baptized in the Baptist church, and the other three were baptized at this time. These are the first Russian believers to be baptized by our people in Saskatchewan.

A Sabbath-school of thirteen members was organized. Elder J. V. Maas was with us a part of the time, and was a great help to the people. He baptized these new believers. After the baptism we celebrated the ordinance of the Lord's house, and left these people rejoicing in the Lord and his truth. May God keep them, is our prayer.

T. T. BABIENCO.

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Alberta Conference

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Brethren and Sisters assembled in Annual Conference, Greeting:—

It is now nearly eight years since we met in this city for the purpose of organizing ourselves into a conference. The camp consisted of two assembly and twelve family tents. The total number of campers was about eighty. Very few of that company are present now. Of the workers at that time Brethren H. E. Shelstad, A. C. Anderson and the writer, are all that are now present.

During these years we have enjoyed the prospering hand of God. Many have been led to accept the message which God is so graciously sending to a lost world, and through the blessing of God and the combined efforts of all, the work has grown from six churches with a membership of 182, to eighteen churches with a present membership of 607. Besides these, there are 418 who have not yet joined a church in this province, making a total of 1,025 believers in this field.

The majority of these churches are in good working condition. The largest is located at Lacombe. It has a membership of 240. The Leduc church has, until recently, been in a very weak condition, but by the blessing of God seven new members have been added, new officers elected and the work

placed on a substantial basis. It is hoped that soon two of our strong companies may be organized into churches.

The laborers of this conference are at present made up as follows:

Ordained Ministers	5
Licentiates	7
Missionary Licentiates	5
Colporteurs	14
Teachers in Academy.....	11
Church School Teachers.....	4

Our annual gathering held at Calgary one year ago was a grand success. Although held in the extreme south, the attendance was as large as in previous years. A good spirit was present and the brethren and sisters went to their homes greatly strengthened. At the close of the meeting thirteen were baptized. \$2,770.00 was raised toward the advancement of the cause at home and abroad.

At the close of the camp meeting, Brethren Beane and Niergarth held a series of meetings in a tent on 14th Avenue, Calgary. The results were not what we had hoped. At the opening of the academy in October Brother Beane took up his work as teacher and Brother Niergarth remained in Calgary until called to Clemens in January, where he spent a few weeks, returning again after Union Conference to complete the work. As a result of this effort twelve are now rejoicing in the truth.

Just prior to the camp meeting Brother Clemensen located in Edmonton where he labored most of the time until the Union Conference. Following that meeting he spent some time at Boyne Lake where thirteen precious souls began the observance of the Sabbath. Since his return he has labored in the vicinity of Edmonton, visiting Woodbend at times. Prior to the opening of school, Brother Pond spent some time in the interest of the Young People's work, and assisted Brother Clemensen.

Brethren Halsvick and Shelstad pitched a tent in N. E. Edmonton late in July and continued the work already begun. As a result of this effort several Scandinavians accepted the message and a church of ten members was organized.

After the camp meeting and before the opening of school Brother Harder spent some time visiting believers and interested ones at Thelma, Josephburg and Walsh.

During the year, Elder Humann, in looking after



A CORNER IN THE BOOK TENT

the interests of the German work, has visited two or more times at each of the following places: Calgary, Midnapore, Thelma, Rosebud, Loyalist, Coronation, Leduc and Edmonton. Special efforts were made at Calgary and Hanna where good results followed.

In January Elder C. K. Reiswig arrived from Minnesota to make this his field of labor. He at once began work, visiting interested ones south of Castor and in Calgary, and later accompanied Elder Humann to Hanna where a good work was done. Since then Elder Reiswig has spent some time building near the academy.

At the close of the Union Conference Elder J. L. Wilson took up work in this conference. He first visited Aetna, Winnifred and Medicine Hat. After locating his family in Red Deer, he answered a call to Leduc, where an interest had been created. As a result five were baptized and seven added to the church. On May 8 meetings were started in this city (Red Deer).

We welcome these laborers to share our joys, our burdens, our homes and conference privileges, and wish them success as they go forth and win souls for the Master.

The writer, during the year, has had the privilege of visiting each of the seventeen local churches once, and some of them several times. The companies at Thelma, Walsh, Didsbury and Neapots have also been visited.

Since the secretary of each department will give a detailed account of the work done in his line, it will not be necessary to go over the same here. However, a few remarks may be in place.

Colporteur Work

This line of the cause has met with prosperity during the past year. More books were sold than during any previous year. The colporteurs were encouraged to stay by their work until its completion and God greatly blessed the efforts. In all, fourteen agents were in the field and \$7,851.70 worth of books sold; five magazine agents sold \$953.10 worth of papers, which makes a total of \$8,804.80 worth of literature sold by nineteen agents.

Home Missionary Work

There have been decided advance steps taken in this department. Some of our churches are carrying out the programs outlined in the *Church Officers' Gazette*, and a spirit of real work is seen in some places. As a result interests are springing up near these churches and new ones are accepting the truth. Not all, however, are entering into this good work. Some are becoming too much interested in the affairs of this life to spend time in rescuing souls for whom Christ died. These need the converting power of God in their own hearts before they can successfully labor for others.

Educational Work

Prior to the organization of this conference eight years ago, church schools had been conducted at Harmattan and Rush Lake. The following year schools were conducted at Leavings (now Granum), Harmattan and Leduc. The following year a farm was purchased and the academic work was launched.

From this beginning the work has grown until last year two schools were conducted at Rosebud, one at Edmonton, one at Clive, one at Lacombe, with a combined enrolment of 117. The academy has had an enrolment of 150. The enrolment of the academy, including the primary department, has been as follows for the past seven years respectively: 36, 47, 83, 63, 116, 163, and 179.

Sabbath-school Work

The present year has been one of prosperity to this branch of our work. Fifteen new schools have been organized, with an increase in membership of 360. \$3,326.28 was contributed to missions by our Sabbath-schools during 1913.

Young People's Work

This line of the cause has received no little attention. Brother Pond has put forth faithful efforts to reach all the young people in the conference with the view of enlisting their co-operation in the proclamation of this closing message. Some steps have been taken to arouse both parents and youth to the dreadful results of our young people uniting in marriage with those who have no interest in the work of God for today.

Health and Temperance Work

During the time of the Union Conference some very practical and interesting studies were given by a number of our sisters touching the duties of home life and how to care for the body. Demonstrations were given in bread making, preparing of vegetables and fruit, healthful dress and simple treatments. These meetings proved very helpful to all in attendance.

The temperance wave which, during the past few years, has been passing over the States, has reached Alberta, and the people of this province are much exercised over the matter. This has given us an excellent opportunity to show where we stand on this question. Our secretary has gotten in touch with several temperance societies, and by this means distributed quite a quantity of temperance *Instructors*.

God has graciously blessed the efforts of his people in this conference during the past year. In most places a bountiful harvest was gathered. Those engaged in stock raising received a good price for their produce. The stringency of money, felt all over the country, is being experienced here also, but nevertheless God has sent us means with which to advance his cause.

The object of all our efforts is the winning of souls. In this we have seen success also. Since the time of the Union Conference in February over forty have taken their stand with us. During the past twelve months, ninety-one precious souls have been buried with their Lord in baptism. These results have been brought about by the faithful efforts of all, both workers and laity.

For these blessings we extend to our heavenly Father our heartfelt thanks, and continue to seek him for even greater results for the future.

C. A. BURMAN,

REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL WORK

The Sabbath-school has been called by some the "Child of the Church." As such, do we realize its importance? Hear what the Spirit of Prophecy says:

"The children and youth are Christ's purchased possession. He has bought them with infinite price. Jesus loves the little ones. He looks with pity upon the young, for He knows how Satan will seek to attract them into the broad way, making it look enticing to their eyes; and Jesus bids the angels to take special charge of these inexperienced souls, in their homes, in their school life and in the Sabbath-school." Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work, p. 44.

If our Saviour sends angels from heaven to care for our youth, not only in their home and school hours, but also to watch over them in the Sabbath-school, should not the chief aim of every school be the salvation of its members? The Sabbath-school should not be regarded merely as a place to go and recite the lesson for the day but its object should be the ingathering of souls for Christ.

The Sabbath-school should be conducted in an interesting way and the lesson presented so that the important truths will be firmly impressed upon the student's mind. Quoting from the January *Sabbath School Worker*:

"One advantage of the study of the Bible in the form of the Sabbath-school lessons as we now have them is the opportunity offered to secure thorough knowledge of the Bible through systematic study of the lessons prepared. By a careful study of these lessons in the course of a few years the leading truths of the Bible may be learned in a most thorough and systematic manner."

I trust the daily study outline has been an incentive to all to spend some time each day on the Sabbath-school lesson. Lessons well prepared bring life and enthusiasm into the class, and the influence is felt throughout the school. Strangers are attracted and thus the work progresses.

The following figures give some idea of the progress made in the Sabbath-school work in Alberta during 1913:

	1912	1913	Gain
Number of schools	21	36	15
Membership	637	997	360
Home Department membership.	42	110	68
No. of conversions reported	14	34	20
No. of baptisms	11	47	36
Thirteenth Sabbath offering...	\$449.95	\$654.93	\$204.98
Total offerings.....	\$2,020.90	\$3,342.30	\$1,321.36

We thank God that by his help we are able to present these figures to you. To Him is all the praise.

The 36 schools comprise 22 English, 10 German, 3 Scandinavian and 1 Russian. There were eight English schools organized during the year, of which five are still doing faithful work. The two German schools, one at Thelma, one at Josephsburg, and the Scandinavian school at Edmonton send in very encouraging reports.

According to the last reports there are forty copies of the *Sabbath School Worker* being taken by our Sabbath-schools. This does not include the Home Department and isolated believers. The members of the German schools regret very much that they cannot have the paper in their own language. Our thirteenth Sabbath offerings would be greatly increased if we could have the readings printed in

German as well as in English. But we are thankful to say that these schools are doing what they can to aid in this work. The Memory Verse cards are being used in nearly all our schools, and now since they are printed in German, they will have a wider circulation in this conference.

It is with pleasure we note the increase in membership of our Home Department. This branch of the Sabbath-school work is but beginning; there is a wide field for work, and we trust to see more definite results before another year. There seemed to be a need of something to bring these members in a closer connection with the Sabbath-school, so we have started a "Chain-Letter." One number of the letter has been sent, and we believe it is having the desired effect. To have each isolated Sabbath-keeper a member of the Home Department is what we are working for this year.

You are all well acquainted no doubt with the great three-fold aim of the Sabbath-school department: Personal work for every pupil, daily study of the Sabbath-school lessons and a million dollars for missions as soon as possible. We trust that each school in Alberta is doing its part faithfully so we may reach the aim very soon. Now in order to fulfill our part of the financial goal, the Alberta schools must raise \$4,726.80 this year. This means an increase over last year's offerings of \$1,384.50. Is it possible for us to do it? Yes, I believe it is if we determine that we will, and work with this object in view.

In conclusion, we thank God for the Sabbath-school work, and the great blessings and help it is to us. This "child of the church" needs the love and care of the people, and we earnestly ask for this, and for your prayers that this work may prove to be all that God desires it to be.

H. G. McCULLOCH.

REPORT OF LITERATURE SALES

It is with pleasure and praise to God for his guiding hand that I submit this report to you this morning. This report covers a period of eleven months or from July 1, 1913, to June 1, 1914.

During this time we have enjoyed a large measure of God's blessings in the work. We have had many evidences that the Lord was with us as we went from place to place carrying the printed page. Many times when the work was going hard and a feeling of discouragement was stealing over us, the Spirit of God has come in like a flood and scattered the darkness, and victories were won. In order to be successful in this line of work, the colporteur must spend much time in seeking God for strength and wisdom. There is no class of workers against which the enemy is working harder than he is against our colporteurs. Once the truth in printed form gets into the homes of the people, it is difficult for the enemy to overcome.

While many of these books may lie on the shelf and are seldom read, nevertheless, the truth is hid therein, and the time will come when these books will be sought for and read. Then they will speak forth with the boldness that the living preacher dare

not, and as a result thousands will find their way into the kingdom of God, having never listened to the living minister.

Then, too, we feel that there is no line of work one may engage in that will give them a better preparation for the ministry or Bible work than the canvassing field affords. Many things might be said in favor of this work, but I shall only mention one or two.

In Mark 16:15, we have our Saviour's command to go and preach the gospel to all the world. Then in Mark 13:10, the Saviour says the gospel must first be published among all nations. Now, while all cannot preach, neither can all canvass, yet I feel that every one who is faithfully giving his time to carrying the printed page to the world is fulfilling this command in giving the gospel to all the world. They are servants of God.

Then also, many of our brightest young men and women are enabled by canvassing to pay their way through our academies and colleges. Thus, looking at it from different standpoints, the colporteur work is elevating and ennobling; it is of God and the very work he would have us do at this time.

Although our season was late and our school closed late in the year, some of our young people are getting started in the work, and we are able to show a gain of sales over the previous year. For this we are indeed thankful to God.

During this year our book sales are \$6,486.00, and magazine sales are \$1,060.50, making a total of \$7,546.50, giving a gain over last year of \$131.10. While the gain is not large, yet when we consider we are one month short this year, we feel that the efforts put forth have not been in vain.

At present we have the largest number of colporteurs in the field we have ever had at any one time and our courage is good for the future. Thanking the workers and believers through the province for your co-operation in the work of the past year, we earnestly beg of you to remember us in your prayers the coming year that our efforts may be crowned with success. L. T. HEATON.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE ALBERTA INDUSTRIAL ACADEMY

What has been the most successful year in the history of this institution terminated on Monday evening, June 8th, by the closing exercises rendered before an appreciative audience of about two hundred, which included many patrons and friends besides the regular teachers and students.

Pastor C. A. Burman, President of the Board, supported by members of the faculty and the pastor of the local church, occupied the chair. Occupying a row of seats directly facing the rostrum and wearing their graduate colors of silver and garnet, were the members of the graduating class for 1914, five in number. These were: Carl K. Wilson, Roscoe M. Hippach, Ellen A. Randlett, Ruby H. Rick and Lydia E. Christensen, the latter graduating in piano music. Over their heads floated a banner bearing

the class motto, "Character, Not Fame." The program consisted of the following items:

Instrumental Duet—Phyllis Sargeant and George Sargeant.
 Invocation—Elder P. P. Adams.
 Commencement Address—Prof. J. L. Beane.
 Piano Solo—Mrs. P. P. Adams.
 Presentation of Diplomas—Prof. J. I. Beardsley.
 Quartette—Mrs. Leona Burman, Mrs. A. C. Harder, P. P. Adams and J. I. Beardsley.
 Benediction—Pastor J. C. Christensen.

Professor J. L. Beane, who delivered the commencement address, declared the need of the world today is not for persons of rank and wealth, but rather those who by careful training have developed Christian characters of sterling worth. He emphasized the fact that only those possessing this inestimable quality can successfully carry the gospel of Christ to enlighten souls bound in the fetters of sin.

In presenting the diplomas to the graduates, Professor J. I. Beardsley spoke highly of the efforts put forth by each member of the class to successfully complete twelve grades of academic work, and called for an expression from each which was fittingly responded to. Their remarks showed that it was with sadness they bade farewell to their teachers and fellow students of the institution with which all of them, with one exception had been connected for so many years.

Members of the faculty expressed their interest in the future welfare of the class and urged each one to carry out the principles instilled into their minds by their course of study at the academy.

Everyone present thoroughly enjoyed the evening and left feeling well pleased with the progress of the past school year.—*The Western Globe* (Lacombe).

ACADEMY NOTES

School closed June 9.

Professor J. I. Beardsley attended the Eastern British Columbia camp meeting which was held at Vernon, beginning June 9.

The following students left for Saskatchewan for the purpose of entering the colporteur work in that province: A. C. Patterson, Leonard Light, Carl Wilson and L. A. Philippott. Those entering this work in Alberta are: Henry Kinnopp, Robert Kitto, Maggie Burgess, Bertha Gillbank, Alma Anderson, Robina Adams, Melvin Milne and Edwin Oldham.

Miss Lydia Christensen, who graduated in piano music, gave a recital in the Academy chapel on June 4, assisted by Prof. and Mrs. P. P. Adams, instructors in the music department. Among the items of the program, the rendering of Beethoven's well known "Sonata Pathetique" deserves special mention. Miss Christensen gave a perfect rendering of this classical selection entirely from memory, bringing out its beautiful harmony of many pages in a way which appealed to the musical taste of the audience. Her ability as a pianist was further demonstrated in an excellent rendering of Bach's "Two Part Inventions" No. 14. The program contained the following items:

"Sonata Pathetique" (memorized)	Beethoven
"Nightfall in the Forest"	Holt
	Mrs. A. Adams
"Two-part Inventions" No. 14	Bach
"Voices of the Woods"	Watson
	P. P. Adams
"The Whispering Wind"	Wollenhaupt

All who were present listened attentively to the different selections, and many expressed themselves as well pleased with the success attained by the work of the music department.

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The Saskatchewan camp meeting will begin at Regina tonight. Elder Shaw and Brother Rowse will leave the last of this week in order to be present during the first part of the meeting.

Brother W. L. Manfull has been spending a little time in British Columbia after the close of the Okanagan camp meeting. He is now located near Salmon Arm, B.C. He is attending the latter part of the Alberta camp meeting and will also attend the two eastern meetings.

Elder J. H. Schilling, of New York City, will attend the Saskatchewan and Manitoba camp meetings in behalf of the German work. Elder O. A. Olsen, who has been at the British Columbia and Alberta meetings, will also attend these meetings. Elder M. S. Reppe will represent the Scandinavian work at the Saskatchewan meeting.

Lost.—At the time of the Union Conference at Lacombe, Alberta, an Oxford Bible, 7 7/8" by 5 in., 1,000 page, concordance, well worn and marked. Anyone having this Bible, kindly address Wm. J. Merickle, Bozeman, Montana.

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