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PRAISE

"Blessed be the name of the Lord
From this time forth and forevermore.
From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same
The Lord's name is to be praised.

"I love the Lord, because He hath heard my voice and my supplications.
Because He hath inclined His ear unto me,
Therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.

"The sorrows of death compassed me,
And the pains of death gat hold upon me;
I found trouble and sorrow.
Then called I upon the name of the Lord:
O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul.
Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
Yea, our God is merciful.

"The Lord preserveth the simple;
I was brought low, and He helped me.
Return unto thy rest, O my soul;
For the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee,
For Thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes
from tears, and my feet from falling."

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GOD'S GIFT, CHRIST'S GIFT, MAN'S GIFT

"For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13.

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40.

The fullest expression of love that God could give to the world was the gift of His only Son. In him he poured out all the riches of heaven. "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Rom. 8:32.

Christ in his turn poured out His love in the greatest gift He had to bestow, His life, for the salvation of sinners. Not only does this include the years spent on earth, and the death of the cross, but it includes the taking of the place of the first Adam in relation to the human race, the ceaseless intercession for sin, the constant suffering with his people, and the continual burden of their welfare. What all this has meant to the Saviour we cannot grasp, but we do know that He has given His life for us in the fullest sense.

These gifts from the Father and the Son call for a response from those who accept the gifts. These gifts are the free expression of love. No actions can merit

them, no service can buy them. They can only be accepted by men and women with greatful hearts and thankful adoration. But the acceptance of these gifts should awaken in the hearts of those who accept them the same spirit of love that prompted the Father and the Son to make the gifts. If it does not, the gifts have not really been accepted. The acceptance has been in form only, in word merely, but not in reality with the heart and the spirit.

When the gifts are accepted in their fullness, with humble gratitude, there springs up in the heart of the believer a love for his fellowmen, and a desire to share with them the precious things he has received. Then man makes his gift, the gift of his life in service to other people, and the circle of gifts which make up the gospel of salvation is complete. God and Christ give salvation, and men and women act as channels for them in making the way of salvation known.

"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." 1 John, 3:14.

Our brethren are not merely the members of our church. They are members of the human family to which we belong. Our love to them will be shown in a desire to do them good. It will not be a feeble, luke-warm desire, easily satisfied, but a persistent, earnest longing to bring them to the Saviour, to the full acceptance of the gifts of the Father and the Son. By this we may know if we have passed from death unto life.

There is not much more time in which to work. Should we not therefore plan for the biggest, most systematic and far-reaching home missionary campaign this winter we have ever had? Let us take hold to be laborers together with God in deed and in truth.

E. M. GRAHAM.

PROGRESS

Splendid progress has been made in the Western Canadian Union during the past quarter. Advancement is seen in all parts of the field, and new courage is taking hold of every heart. On the first of January, 1915, there was a reported membership of 1845. Now it has reached 2139, a gain of 294, or nearly fourteen per cent. The increase for the third quarter was 150.

Still more encouraging than this is the fact that 236 persons have been baptized during the summer. This is our best recorded record and God is to be praised for this abundant harvest. The total baptisms for the three quarters stand at 459. It will be seen that the increase in membership does not sustain a proper relation to the number baptized. There are reasons for this, among which are, the failure of clerks of local

churches failing to report to their conference secretary, and the removal by death and other causes of the names of individuals from the church books.

A splendid increase is also seen in the Sabbath-school department. The total membership is now 2865, or 337 more than at the beginning of the year. There is also a net increase of eight schools. The Sabbath-school contributions show a marked increase. The first quarter there was received \$2,647.43; the second, \$2,507.48; and the third, \$3,858.62. Total for the three quarters is \$9,018.72, or only \$415.50 less than the whole period of 1914. During the last three months of 1914 the schools in this department raised \$3,242.54. It will be seen if this same record is made this year there will be a material increase in our contributions to foreign missions. This is as it should be.

Never has there been such an urgent demand for additional workers to be sent to the darkened parts of the earth. Call after call comes for recruits, but again and again these appeals cannot be answered because of lack of means. Printing presses, schools, dispensaries and other agencies for the spread of the message are needed everywhere. Doors are opening in every part of the great harvest field and will be entered quickly if we realize our responsibility. Will not those who made pledges at our camp meetings make an earnest effort to meet these pledges at an early date. God will bless us in so doing.

Aside from the gains made in the membership and in the contributions, we also have the work done in the book and periodical department to encourage us. Already there is an increase of nearly \$4,000.00 in the sales over the corresponding period of last year. It can safely be said that the \$30,000.00 mark has been passed. Who can reckon the vast amount of good this literature has done? Surely, this has been a remarkable year for growth. Let all the people say, Amen. May the next two months show an even greater development in all the great departments of this mighty movement.

F.L.H.

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VISITS HERE AND THERE

Since my last report to the *Tidings* I have visited Ashcroft, Nanaimo, Victoria, Vancouver, Glenema, Grandview, Vernon, Kelowna, Enderby, Edgewood, Nelson and Columbia Gardens.

My visit to Ashcroft was made early in September. This visit had long been promised to Brother Lambert, who came into town to stay while I was there. His son, Harry, also came. Besides these two there are six Sabbath-keepers in and about Ashcroft. There are two or three interested ones in the town, and some with strong prejudices. On Sunday afternoon I spoke in the town hall on the subject, "The Fall of Constantinople: The World's Warning." About sixty were out, which they said was a good hearing for a religious meeting in Ashcroft.

The days from Sept. 10-15 were spent at Nanaimo and Victoria with Elder Shaw. The time we expected

to be with these companies was cut short by circumstances, but we enjoyed our visit with the brethren and sisters in both these places, and we think they were helped of the Lord.

On September 18 I was especially pleased to meet with the brethren and sisters of three of the churches of Vancouver in union meeting. The meeting was held in the East Side church and the house was full of earnest people. There has been an enlargement in Vancouver as the results of the labors of Elder Warren, Elder Burrill, and Sister McMillan, with the assistance of our faithful church members there.

I spent from Friday till Sunday, Oct. 1-3, at Glenema, where we held communion services. The Lord came very near at the Sabbath meeting and we all felt greatly blessed.

The evening of the 3rd I was at Grandview, where a union meeting was held. Words from Eph. 6:10-14 were presented, and the Spirit of God was near to help. This is the largest company of Sabbath-keepers in the province and is comprised of two churches, an English and a German. There are many devoted brethren and sisters there, but they have their struggles and conflicts of faith. We were pleased to meet for the first time Brother and Sister Noble, who have recently come from Newfoundland to help in the church school work at Grandview. Brother Berg is also there to assist in the German department. This school needs the prayers of the people of the province, as the brethren are having a struggle to support it.

On my way down Arrowhead Lake I stopped off at Edgewood and baptized Brother Passmore, who had been keeping the Sabbath for six years and had never taken that step. I enjoyed my visit with this family, and Brother Passmore has since written that he enjoys the special presence of the Lord since he took the step mentioned above.

The next Sabbath was spent at Columbia Gardens, where Brother and Sister Drake live. We spent the Sabbath quietly, and on Sunday afternoon held a meeting in the schoolhouse. About all of the few living there came out to the meeting and seemed interested, while I spoke by request on the Turkish Question. Monday morning, Oct. 11, Brother Drake drove me over to Trail, where I took the train for Nelson to spend the day with Brother Wood and family. A good work is being done in Nelson. About six have begun to keep the Sabbath and many others are interested. We feel sure a light will be established there, tho' bitter opposition is rising. Let us pray for the work there and for victory over the enemy.

On my return home I stopped over two days at Kelowna, where Brother and Sister Potter are laboring in the country district adjoining. Brother Potter is doing house to house work in this section and laying a sure foundation for good results. Some meetings have been held and the people have come out well. I feel sure that the Lord will especially bless Brother and Sister Potter as they labor in that field. Let us help them with our prayers.

I met with the brethren and sisters of Vernon on this trip and had one meeting with them. They are all of good courage and pressing on.

October 15-18 was spent at Enderby, where I had not been for a year and a half. There is no church there yet. On Sabbath, beside the brethren from Arm-

strong, we had a little company of twelve present. This does not include Brother George Tombs nor myself. We had communion service on the Sabbath, as some of this company are members of the Conference church. Sunday and a part of Monday was spent visiting the homes of Brother and Sister Bawtree, Brother and Sister McNab and Sister Rorke. I really enjoyed these visits and believed the Lord blessed them to the encouragement of the brethren and sisters there. I was glad for the assistance of Brother Tombs in getting this meeting arranged for.

Brother Sterling and family were at this meeting and Sister Rippington and her daughter, Bessie. We were glad for their presence and help.

Everywhere I go there is a demand for help and the calls that come in are many. At times this is distressing, as there is so much to be done and so few to labor. Shall we not pray for more laborers, as the Master directs. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

JOHN G. WALKER.

WHANACKER

By request of our president, I visited the above-mentioned place, with the intention of giving a series of lectures on present truth. When I arrived, however, it became necessary to change my plans, so in company with two of our believers, the only Sabbath-keepers in that vicinity, I spent two and a half days visiting from house to house, working with the Harvest Ingathering Signs, disposing of eighty-seven papers, including ten "Watchman," and gathering \$7.85 for missions.

After visiting about all the families in that vicinity, I was called to Vancouver to attend the funeral of Sister Jane Hill, who had died at her son's home in the city. I hear good reports from those who have been out with the Harvest Ingathering number in Vancouver.

A. O. BURRILL.

KELOWNA AND RUTLAND

Last Sunday the sixth meeting was held at the Woods Lake schoolhouse (half way between Vernon and Kelowna) and the interest there is increasing, some driving several miles to attend.

We have taken up *Daniel 2*, the *Eastern Question*, *The Second Coming of Christ*, *Nature of Man*, and the last subject was the "*Destiny of the Wicked*." These great Bible truths, like pure gold, shine brighter the more we handle them. They also become more precious to us.

We were glad indeed to welcome Elder Walker two days last week. We made the most of his visit by having one study with a small company in Kelowna one evening and arranged for the first lecture in the Rutland schoolhouse for the other evening. This proved to be a real success. The attendance was good, considering the short notice and many other attractions that week. Elder Walker gave a very interesting lecture on "*The Eastern Question*," and the interest was certainly good. Next Sunday afternoon we plan to begin a regular series of meetings at that place. There are over one hundred families in the Rutland district. This, with the surrounding districts, make a total of about two hundred families outside the city of Kelowna, which has a population of nearly three thousand.

We have a little Sabbath-school and meeting in Kel-

owna every Sabbath. Last Sabbath a lady attended our meetings in Kelowna from a wealthy and influential family there and she certainly manifested much pleasure and interest in the subject presented. She promised to come as regularly as she could. She has great opposition in her home.

We appreciate more and more the privilege of laboring in this district and we ask an interest in the prayers of our brethren and sisters that we may do the proper sowing and cultivating for the Lord in this farming settlement.

E. R. POTTER.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES

Brother A. H. Nicholson, of Mission City, was a welcome visitor at the office this week. His words of hope and confidence were a source of much encouragement to all who came in contact with him. Let us all have more of this spirit.

Elder J. G. Walker has returned to the office after a trip through the Kootenays. He reports a profitable time spent among the churches and with those who are isolated.

A sister in Vancouver has received almost ten dollars after soliciting only a few days for the Harvest Ingathering for Missions, and says she intends to set her goal at twenty-five dollars.

The West Vancouver Church had a discussion when the Harvest Ingathering Campaign started, as to just how much the church should raise. Some said \$50.00, some \$75.00, and one brother said he thought the church ought to set their mark high and suggested \$100.00. The spirit of optimism was catching and it was unanimously voted that the church would raise this amount. The church has a membership of twenty, and so this would mean \$5.00 for each member. Has your church decided on something definite? Better do so now.

REPORT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Nine Months Ending September 30, 1915

Church	Tithe	Funds	Home Funds
	20c.-a-Week		
Armstrong	\$114.30	\$136.86	\$14.90
Conference	332.97	258.74	23.05
Firvale	164.27	55.26	14.56
Grandview	568.55	341.37	4.00
Lumen	222.12	108.45	7.65
Mansion (Pitt Meadows)	292.89	106.04	26.55
Mission City	12.85	27.05	.95
Nanaimo	402.91	135.84	17.97
Penticton	415.68	79.66	15.90
Silver Creek	143.18	97.77	12.85
Vancouver—42nd Avenue	391.03	113.45	65.25
Union Street	642.58	214.20	36.00
South	290.05	161.71	12.90
West	809.21	186.01	79.38
Vernon	209.15	84.73	12.90
Victoria	154.90	100.76	6.15
Isolated and Miscellaneous ..	810.13	245.73	140.51
Total receipts, 9 months, 1915.	\$5976.77	\$2353.63	\$495.97

OBITUARY

HILL—Jane Huntly Hill was born June 13th, 1836, in Westford, Vermont, U.S.A., and died on October 9th, in her eightieth year. Her husband died in 1896, and in the fall of that year she accepted the message under the labors of Elders S. W. Miller and George F. Enoch. Sister Hill was a member of our Union church in Vancouver, B.C., and remained faithful to the close of life. During her last sickness her Christian experience was marked by the presence of the Lord. Before passing away, Sister Hill requested that at her funeral some of the promises of the Lord to His children, concerning the future life, should constitute the service. This last wish the writer was privileged to carry out. Sister Hill died with the bright hope of hearing the voice of the Life-giver at the resurrection of His sleeping saints.

A. O. BURRILL.

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WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Are you taking the Review? If not, why not? You do not know what you are missing. We are still twenty-four copies behind in our quota. Are you responsible for one of these?

The following is a quotation from a letter written by one of our young people to a young friend:

"Sorry you don't get the *Review*. We have had it as long as I can remember, and I wouldn't like to be without it. We have been taking the *Instructor* for the past year. They are two papers no one can afford to be without.

"I went to public school for a time and began reading novels, but when I left school and began to take an interest in the *Review* and *Instructor*, I decided to stop reading the kind of literature that wasn't helping me to live a better Christian life, and to do right. Now I don't want to give up these good papers to read novels, no, not for any price."

After expressing the hope of being able to attend one of our schools next year the letter continues:

"What do you intend to be? I think I shall be a medical missionary. I want to improve the time this winter as much as possible, as I have a number of books. I want to take the Reading Course, read the Testimonies through, and do as much studying as possible. Well, I must now close; please remember me at the throne of grace, and I will remember you."

This letter has impressed me much as an indication of the influence exerted in a home where these papers make their weekly visits. First, we need the papers for our own encouragement and help, and secondly, because of the moulding influence they will have upon our young people.

I see more and more in the Young People's Missionary Volunteer work, and I trust that all our Christian young people are planning to take the reading courses marked out for them; also that each one will try to help and encourage as many other young people as possible in every way that they can.

To my mind, this is an ideal sample of one kind of missionary letter. God's blessing attends the writing and receiving of such a letter. I hope all our Christian young people throughout the province are writing such letters to each other. You may never know how much good your letters do, but God will use the influence exerted through them.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

MANITOBA NOTES

B. L. Grundset, our secretary and treasurer, was united in marriage, Sept. 20, to Miss Inga Munson, of Minnesota. We extend to them our best wishes.

Eld. V. W. Robb expects to locate at Dauphin for the winter.

Eld. E. M. Chapman spent a few days at Winnipeg last week, while packing his goods for shipment, and was in attendance at the regular prayer meeting.

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONARY WORK

Of Manitoba Conference for Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1915	
Number of churches and companies.....	10
Membership of churches	250
Number of persons reporting work or donations— members or not—all ages	38
Number of churches holding missionary meetings during week	2
Number of churches holding Fourth Sabbath Mis- sionary service	1
Membership of Conference church and isolated mem- bers, including M.V. isolated members.....	40
Number of Conference church and isolated members reporting, including M.V. isolated members.....	2
Letters written	49
Letters received	26
Missionary visits (personal work)	357
Bible readings or cottage meetings held.....	55
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	31
Papers sold	22,626
Papers mailed, lent or given away.....	707
Books sold	183
Books lent or given away	37
Tracts sold	2
Tracts lent or given away	4,888
Hours of Christian Help work	742
Articles of clothing given away	8
Number of meals provided	52
Treatments given	16
Signers obtained to the Temperance Pledge.....	1
Offerings for Home Missionary work	\$6.30

B. L. GRUNDSET.

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GOODBYE

At the beginning of October, Brother and Sister H. A. Niergarth left Alberta for Washington, D.C., where he has entered our Missionary College for the purpose of taking the ministerial course at that institution.

Brother Niergarth began his labors in the Alberta Conference in the fall of 1911, and since then he has experienced the joy of leading many precious souls to a sin-pardoning Saviour. We are sorry to lose Brother and Sister Niergarth from this needy field, but trust that, in their study to reach a higher standard of efficiency they may have abundant success, so that they may soon be enabled to re-enter the Master's service and win many more souls for the soon-coming kingdom.

HENRY H. HUMANN.

ACADEMY OPENING

October 13th, the day of the opening of the academy, was of course a busy and interesting day for the students who were gathering for school. On account of weather conditions over the province, our enrollment was not quite as large as we expected. At the close of the first week seventy-six students were enrolled. We are glad to know that the prospects for others coming, in the very near future, are very good, and know that the enrollment will soon swell to one hundred. God has blessed us with very beautiful and

pleasant weather, so that our school has begun under very favorable circumstances.

Perhaps somewhat unusual from previous years, our first chapel exercise was conducted on Wednesday evening, so that our community might be with us. At this time, fifty-two students, together with our neighbors and friends, gathered in the chapel. After uniting in singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," prayer was offered by Elders Humann and Adams. Following this, a note of welcome was given by the principal, who invited the students most heartily to their new home, to their foster parents, to the hard work, to the student enterprises and religious activities which the academy has to offer. After this, Elder Humann expressed to the students his desire to see them unite with the management in making the school a success. Following this, each of the teachers expressed to us their good courage, their renewed determination in the giving of their services for their students. We are glad to know that there exists a good feeling of co-operation in true Christian fellowship, and believe that God will be with us to bless us in the coming school year.

We solicit the prayers of the parents in behalf of our school and trust that you will support us as we labor here for your dear children, whom you have been pleased to place under our care. May God bless us all to the salvation of our children and our fellowmen.

E. D. DICK.

CANVASSING IN ISLAY, KITSCOTY AND LLOYDMINSTER DISTRICTS

We read in Matt. 24:14 that it is for the finishing of the Gospel work that this world waits for its great change. God's purpose in placing men here is "that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him and find Him," Acts 17:27, and He forms the seasons and conditions to suit that purpose of His.

In this district where I am working, the Lord has given an abundant harvest and favorable weather for its ingathering. As I go around and see the harvest and hear the hum of machines threshing out the grain, I ask myself: "Why is all this?" One purpose of His comes to me, as I think of the message. It is that they may have a chance to get the saving truths in our literature. Here, then, is a golden opportunity which they may never have again.

The times are busy when threshing is on, but God opens the way for our work, nevertheless. Yesterday I took six orders and today four more for "Bible Readings," so threshing time is a busy time for canvassers too. The night before last I spent in a small bachelor's shack with three men. Two of them, both foreigners, became interested. After supper the table was cleaned off and the light arranged to fall on my book, and both men were eager to hear and see. One retired earlier and called out from his bed: "I will take that book." The other man ordered one in the morning. We slept three in a bed and one on the floor. Such is a colporteur's life. "Careless spectators may not appreciate your work or see its importance, but to the servant of Jesus his sacrifices appear small in comparison with those of his Blessed Master."

I have been working among many of my own countrymen from the British Isles in this district, and

found the task more fruitful than I expected, thanks be to the Lord. We should surely feel a special burden for our own nation as Paul did in Rom. 9:23. Lack of space forbids more experiences, but quite often they exclaim: "We were just discussing those questions"; and thus the order for the book is easily obtained. Many of them have been through trying times, and feel the need of more time for Bible study, especially for the children.

The Lord has given me about one hundred and fifty orders in these three months, and on November 1st I shall be starting to deliver. Brethren, pray for me, the task is a heavy and responsible one, and I have need of great help from above, and all your prayers.

RALPH E. ROBINSON.

ALBERTA NOTES

Elder Humann spent Sabbath, the 16th, with the believers at Acme.

Brother and Sister T. S. Bowett and family recently arrived from Lacombe and have taken up their residence in the city. Brother Bowett has connected with the office in accordance with the request of the conference committee.

We were glad to make the acquaintance of Brother Saxild, late of Pacific Union College, who called at the office on his way to Lacombe on the 17th inst. Brother Saxild will assist in the church school work in this field and we wish him success in this line of the work.

Brother Robert Kitto, who has been acting as field secretary in the Saskatchewan Conference the past season, was a welcome visitor at the office last week. Brother Kitto has left for Lacombe, where he has entered the academy for another year's study.

Among recent visitors to the office were the following: Mr. Jacobson, of Granum; Mr. Shields, of Toronto; Miss Mary Goerlitz, of Midnapore, and Mrs. F. A. Dunsmore, of Lacombe.

We are glad to learn that those members of Brother W. M. McCarty's family, of Stettler, who have been suffering from typhoid, are on the road to recovery. Brother Richard Watchorn, who is in the Stettler hospital suffering from the same disease, was in a critical condition at the time the report reached the office. During this time of affliction may our brother be sustained by the power of God. Let us remember these afflicted ones at the throne of grace.

On Sabbath evening last, following the close of the regular service hour, members of the Calgary church, and others, repaired to a secluded spot on the banks of the Bow River. Here a joyous but impressive scene was witnessed, as one of their number, Myrtle Bass, daughter of Sister Anna Bass, followed her Lord into the watery grave of baptism. The rite was administered by Elder H. S. Shaw. Elder J. L. Wilson writes that he has been holding meetings in that city at which the attendance has been from one to two hundred. He has now rented the Presbyterian church on the corner of Jasper and Third street. The first meeting was announced for last Friday evening. A quantity of literature, including a number of song books, has been sent up to Edmonton for this effort, which we trust will be the means of gathering out many souls for the kingdom.

TROUBLE AHEAD

There is trouble ahead for those who teach children in the Sabbath-schools when they come to teach the lesson for November 6. The lesson Scripture is Matthew 19:1-5, and there are only three verses that can be said to be adapted to the comprehension of the children. But the *Sabbath School Worker* solves the problem. It tells just how this difficult lesson may be well taught. For the sake of the children we hope that every teacher will have access to the November number of the *Sabbath School Worker*.

We are glad to report that the work in Edmonton is on

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 and Home Missionary Secretary, O. Ziprick.

HERBERT, PRUSSIA, QUEEN CENTRE

Since the time that I last wrote to the *Tidings* I have had the privilege of visiting and laboring at different places.

From Prussia I went to Queen Centre, where I stayed one week, visiting all our brethren at their homes. As it was harvest time we could not meet as often as we wished, but we had several good meetings on Sabbaths and Sundays; we also held quarterly meetings at this place.

Mr. Dyck, of Herbert, who was so kind as to take me out to Queen Centre, forty miles from Herbert, brought me back again and invited me to stay at his home. He called in his friends and relatives, and we had a few cottage meetings during the time I was there. May the Lord bless these dear people.

The time had arrived when it was planned to organize a church at Prussia, and so I returned thither, meeting Elder Gilbert at the train. On arriving there it was good to see those dear people again. After organizing the church and conducting quarterly meeting, it was my privilege to accompany Elder Gilbert on a visit to Brother Bodey's. From there we went on to Saskatoon. The next day I was glad to reach home for a week's stay with my family and the dear brethren at Rosthern, after an absence of nearly three months.

Leaving Rosthern again I went to MacRorie, as there was several who wished to be baptized. On arriving at this place I found the brethren all busy threshing, but they had arranged for a meeting that same evening. During my stay with the brethren there we had some interesting and blessed studies and visits together. Sabbath morning we came together quite early, as we had planned for baptism on Sunday, and I was anxious to study with the new brethren more fully, concerning different points of the truth, and also hold the examination of the candidates for baptism. The Lord came very near unto us in our meetings. After our study we had prayer and testimony meeting, and here we could see the working of God's Holy Spirit on the hearts of those present; sins and wrongs committed were confessed to God and one to another. They were desirous of being pure in heart, in making a covenant with the Lord in baptism. Some who had not, up to this time, fully decided to obey and follow the Lord, took their stand with the rest, promising before God and the brethren to be true and faithful by the grace of God.

The next day we went twelve miles north to a beautiful lake, over a mile from Brother Davy's place; and it was my privilege to baptize fifteen dear souls—husbands and their wives. We were so thankful for the sunshine and the beautiful day which the Lord had given us for this occasion.

We had planned to have quarterly meeting at the same time, so coming back to Brother Davy's place we all gathered in a tent, which was erected for this purpose. The Lord came very near to us as we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house.

Now, there is one feature of the work I would like to make a few remarks about in this report; it is the home missionary work of our churches, companies and isolated members of this Conference. It was indeed interesting to listen to the brethren at MacRorie relating some of their experiences in doing missionary work. They labored in different ways for years, distributing literature, making visits, holding meetings in homes and school-houses, and how glad they are now when they can see the fruit of their labor. How glad they are that they did not give up, when at times it seemed useless. Now they are happy and praise the Lord, because souls accepted the truth and they had a part in it. Together with Brother Maas and other workers, they had labored effectively in that vicinity.

Now, dear brethren, the same God who blessed the feeble efforts of our lay-brethren at MacRorie and other places will bless the efforts that you put forth in saving souls, if you put your whole heart into the work. The Lord will help us to say, speak and do the right thing at the right time, if we live in close connection with Him.

O. ZIPRICK.

PLACING OUR BOOKS

As colporteurs, we are in the promising time of the year. Every day, thousands of pages of literature, bearing the most solemn and important truths, are being placed in the homes of the people. While there are some who are indifferent, yet there are those who are more than anxious to know the meaning of the present unrest in the world. As we consider this, is it not our duty to use every possible means to place the books in the homes?

How cheering and inspiring it is to hear the oft-spoken words: "We are so glad you have brought that good book"; and they are saying this, not only in Saskatchewan, but throughout the world. While God is working marvelously in our behalf, evil agencies are striving harder than ever to counteract the work.

Though in some places outward conditions have not been the most favorable, not a note of discouragement has been sounded.

One point in delivering, in the opinion of the writer, is well worth remembering. Whenever prejudice arises in a neighborhood, plan to meet the most prejudiced customer first. If you impress him favorably, his neighbors will be quite ready to take their books too. At least one instance is known where this plan was tried, with the result that the delivery was an excellent one.

Recently Brother John Neufeld and the writer were delivering *Mystery Unfolded* among the Russian and Polish peoples. Wherever we went they made us feel welcome. Most of their homes are built of logs, plastered over neatly with clay. The floors, too, are made of clay and are very substantial. Many of the Russians live in villages. Each day the men go to their farms, returning every evening to the village. They think this is the happiest way one can live, and you cannot help being impressed with their modest, contented life. As a people, their customs have been changing ever since they came to Canada. The women wear a more modern dress than formerly. The boys and girls dress just as the Canadian children do, and the men are endeavoring to keep pace with the up-to-date farmer.

The Doukhobors, who speak the Russian, are more

easily reached than are the Galicians, many of whom speak Polish. They are very clean and one can soon tell that they practice health reform. Whenever we approached a Russian village, all the children would flock around, following us right into the homes, no matter how many there were of them. This is not regarded as being impolite, and they seemed to enjoy interpreting for their parents or for us.

The foreign people are honest and frank, and are eager to obtain their books. They are waiting for the truth, and it is evident that there is yet a great work to be done for them. There is need of more workers—more colporteurs—not only for them, but for every class. In giving God whole-hearted service, He will, in return, give us courage, confidence and determination, which are so essential in delivering books. Success is bound to come, although we may not see it all in this life.

We pray that good results will be accomplished from the work done by each colporteur in the field this season. We know that God's word shall not return unto Him void.

Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace
Our path, when wont to stray;
Stream from the fount of heavenly grace,
Brook by the traveller's way;

Bread of our souls, whereon we feed,
True manna from on high;
Our guide and chart, wherein we read
Of realms beyond the sky;

Word of the everlasting God,
Will of His glorious Son,
Without Thee how could earth be trod,
Or heaven itself be won?

—Burton.

ROBERT H. KITTO.

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REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
For Quarter Ending September 30, 1915

Name	Memb.	Reg.	13th Sab.	Total	Offerings
Beaver Creek	10	\$ 2.60	....	\$ 2.60	
Carlton	36	34.09	\$ 14.40	48.49	
Dundurn	25	28.90	15.35	44.25	
East Regina	37	16.52	9.05	25.57	
Fenwood	(No Report)				
Fox Valley	74	17.00	11.10	28.10	
Hanley	24	54.60	40.00	94.60	
Happyland	50	16.70	10.85	27.55	
Hillesden	15	14.25	6.40	20.65	
Langham	18	9.00	10.00	19.00	
Macrorie	30	50.05	28.25	78.30	
McGee	6	2.46	.25	2.71	
McLean	16	22.77	13.00	35.77	
Prince	12	34.65	8.35	43.00	
Queen Centre	28	13.00	5.00	18.00	
Red Deer Lake	18	16.10	5.90	22.00	
Regina	47	41.46	15.00	56.46	
Rouleau	28	22.00	12.75	34.75	
Rosthern	29	19.55	15.45	35.00	
Sonningdale	31	31.79	9.85	41.64	
Sunset	25	8.40	40.00	48.40	
Swift Current	25	15.95	5.85	21.80	
Tugaske	13	9.15	4.30	13.45	
Waldheim	48	18.71	31.36	50.07	
Provincial Home Dept.	158	167.07	89.15	249.92	
Camp-meeting .....	..	140.73	....	140.73	
Prussia Gen. Meeting.. ..	..	9.55	....	9.55	
Totals: 24 Schools.....	803	\$810.75	\$401.61	\$1212.36	

We are sure this report will bring gladness and encouragement to many hearts in our conference. Thankfulness is due our Heavenly Father for His blessing during the past quarter in the Sabbath-school work.

Our people are enjoying the Sabbath-school lessons so much. We do trust and pray that our Saviour may become more dear to us all as we continue to study more of His life while on earth and of His great love for us. Oh, may many souls be led to give their hearts to Him as His love becomes more clear and precious to them.

The financial side of this report should also cause us to renew our zeal and determination to do our best in helping to finish the work. The offering last quarter was larger than ever before. The amount received in our Sabbath-schools the first twelve Sabbaths was over \$800.00.

But notice the Thirteenth Sabbath offering. Four hundred dollars from our people in Saskatchewan for helping the work along in that needy Rhodesian field, where our missionaries are toiling on in their efforts to spread the good news of salvation among the natives in that part of the great African field.

May the Lord richly bless this offering as it goes on its mission. We know, too, that a blessing is bestowed upon those who give what they can of the means entrusted to them by the Lord. Have you not found this true in your own case?

You will notice with pleasure that our isolated believers are having a part in the blessing of giving also. Almost \$250.00 from them this last quarter. The Lord bless our dear Home Department members in their efforts to be lights in the world.

We are now in the last quarter of this year. Indeed, a third of it is already in the past. Are we not all anxious that it should be the best one? Let us be more often in earnest prayer in behalf of our own spiritual life as well as for every member of our schools.

The cause of foreign missions should ever be remembered by us. It merits our prayers as well as offerings. If we have been delinquent in these matters in the past, let us make efforts to redeem the time while opportunity is given.

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

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SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

Elder Gilbert left last week for Wells, Minn., where he will spend a few days on his way to Loma Linda to attend the Fall Council of the General Conference. He will likely not return to Saskatchewan until the first part of December.

Brother Forshaw, who has been at Tugaske for the last few weeks, reports that five souls are ready for baptism. Elder Ziprick has gone up to hold the baptismal service.

Brother Robert Kitto, who has done faithful work as our field agent this year, left the province this week to attend school at Lacombe. He went by way of Calgary, where he will spend a day or two with his sister.

At the recent meeting of our conference committee it was decided not to open school at Battleford this year, on account of the season being so far advanced when the lease for the property came to hand. However, we will proceed to make such repairs as are necessary to have the school in readiness for opening next fall. Interesting details will be given in a circular letter which will be mailed to our brethren very soon.

We are pleased with the reports that are beginning to come in from our people in connection with the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Sister Mary Unruh, from Rosthern, visited some neighboring towns and succeeded in collecting about \$31.00. Other members of this church are out, and we expect a nice sum to be realized as a result of their efforts. Most of our churches have ordered a generous supply of the papers in the different languages, and we look forward to a successful campaign in general.

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We have learned indirectly that Brother Heaton and family have safely reached the Hawaiian Islands, their new field of labor.

Over eleven thousand of the Harvest Ingathering Signs are in the hands of the believers in Western Canada. What a mighty work will be accomplished if these are rightly used.

Study the splendid report of the work done by the Saskatchewan Sabbath-schools in these columns, for it is worth more than a casual reading. Figures are generally cold and lifeless, but these grow wonderfully warm when one sees the love, devotion and sacrifice lying underneath their apparently lifeless form.

Elder C. A. Hansen and wife, together with their young son, have reached Calgary and are located in the building rented by the Alberta Conference. Elder and Sister Hansen will devote their life and energies to the evangelical work in this needy city. We are glad that the work in these centers is being pushed forward. Sister Elizabeth King is expected to join the force in Calgary in the near future, devoting her time to the Bible work.

It may not be generally understood that there are quite well equipped Treatment Rooms in Calgary. Brother S. H. Logan has been here for several years laboring to build up this branch of the work. The rooms are nicely located in a central part of the city, and are equipped with an Electric light bath, Finsen Ray machine, a fine Sinusoidal electrical apparatus, and other appliances for giving the usual hydrotherapy treatments. The rational methods in treating diseases are now being used everywhere. Those desiring further information should write to Brother Logan, care 214 Underwood Block, Calgary, Alberta.

The following is taken from a letter just received from Sister C. J. Rider: "We are in Rutland, Vermont. Have been engaged in a tent effort here the last summer with Elder Bryant. The Lord has indeed

blessed the work. There are fifteen new Sabbath-keepers as a result of the effort, three of whom are Mr. Rider's cousins. Those for whom we had a burden to work for when we came east have taken their stand. We hope to see others join soon. We expect to be here all winter."

It is good to see the work making headway in these old fields where the message first started.

Sister E. M. Chapman writes that five were baptized at Rivers, Manitoba, recently. More are expected to receive the same rite at this place. A great deal of publicity has been given to the work in Rivers by the public press. Long articles on the various points of the message have been published, thus bringing the truth to a large number of readers. At the time of the baptism the editor of the *Gazette* devoted nearly a column to the discussion of this subject. Sister Chapman writes:

"We feel grateful to God for the measure of His blessing which has accompanied our effort in this place. But we feel that the work has only begun. Our prayer is that the Lord may use us further in the work He would have us do here."

The General Conference and North American Division Fall Council will convene at Loma Linda, California, on November 5, and will continue until November 27. It is expected that members will be present from all the great mission fields of the world. Besides the members of the General Conference and North American Division Committees, there will also be present the presidents of all local conferences in North America, and leaders in the publishing, medical, and educational branches of the work. In all there will be about one hundred and forty leaders in attendance.

This will be the most important meeting held since the last General Conference Session. So rapid has been the growth of the work in all parts of the earth, and so imperative the demands for its still further expansion, in all fields and in all departments, that it was deemed advisable to call together this body of men at this time.

The Western Canadian Union will be represented by Elder H. S. Shaw. Elders A. C. Gilbert, J. G. Walker, H. H. Humann, and E. M. Chapman will also be present at the Council. Brother W. L. Manfull has found it impossible to leave the field, owing to the heavy pressure of work in connection with the fall deliveries.

In your daily devotions remember this Council in your prayers. Cease not until you have the assurance that the blessing of God is being poured out in great measure on this assembly.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—The Burman property, near the Alberta Academy. The house has eight rooms and is heated with a furnace. Anyone interested in this will please address, Box 418, Lacombe.

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Suburban Home Bargain—Spokane tract at Orchard Ave. Handy to good 12th grade church school and electric line. 7-room modern house; bath, sleeping porch, full basement 20 minutes' ride from center of city. Price \$2150. Must be sold at once. This is a snap! Write S. J. Abegg, R. No. 8, Spokane, Wash.