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BELIEVERS IN ATTENDANCE AT THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MEETING.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

BELIEVED BRETHREN:—

At the expiration of each biennial period, when we meet together in this capacity, we are wont to say that it has been one of the most interesting and eventful periods of our history; and truthfully, too, because for some time in the past, conditions in the world from year to year have been growing more and more serious.

Many who are here today well remember the last Union meeting we held at Lacombe two years ago. The time seems but yesterday, so soon have two years passed away. Those who attended that meeting returned home renewed in hope, and with a clearer vision of our relation to the Lord and His work in the earth.

Little did we realize that the world would be plunged into such unutterable sorrow as now surrounds us, and the havoc that would come to the nations of the earth, all in so short a time. Within five months after the close of our union session, the great war broke upon us, since which time our nation has been engaged in a terrible conflict.

Thousands of her men have laid down the implements of husbandry to grasp the sword, and from ocean to ocean, over her fair plains and hills, is heard the sound of the trumpet calling her sons to arms. Our country is facing a period of distress. In the

midst of a great struggle she is being stripped of her men. A quarter of a million have been called to the colors in Canada alone, and it is now said that the number must reach half a million as soon as possible.

These conditions have seriously affected our work in many ways, but it has seemed that no obstacle has been able thus far to quench the zeal of our people in their work for the Lord. While it has seemed at times that our work in Canada would be practically hedged up by the difficulties which have appeared, yet through the Lord's blessing we have seen a degree of success which we had not dared to expect, and for this we praise His name.

While this report will not deal with detailed statistics, which will be given in other reports to be rendered at this session, the few figures which follow, covering the last biennial period, may be of interest to the delegates.

	1914	1915	Total Term
Tithes received.....	\$45,580.43	\$47,295.80	\$92,876.23
Offerings to Missions....	16,459.60	24,764.73	41,224.33
Sales Publications.....	34,506.49	40,430.63	74,937.12
Number baptized.....	252	515	767
Membership—December 31, 1916.....	2,318		

A few comparisons by biennial terms may also be of interest to show the general trend of the work since the Union was organized in Western Canada:

	1st Term 1908-1909	2nd Term 1910-1911	3rd Term 1912-1913	4th Term 1914-1915	Total Four Terms
Tithes ..	\$35,942.30	\$51,170.01	\$78,939.94	\$92,876.23	\$258,928.48
Offerings	11,428.05	20,064.69	31,266.47	41,224.33	103,983.54
Sales ...	24,924.70	49,768.75	77,027.37	74,937.12	226,657.94
Added ..	166	341	561	767	1,835
January 1, 1908, we had a membership of.....					777
Gained membership to January 1, 1916.....					1,835
Our losses in membership in eight years were.....					294

Leaving our present membership, January 1, 1916... 2,318

These few figures may not seem large, but to me they mean much, because I know something of the sacrifice our people and our conference workers have passed through to make this report possible.

It will be noticed that the past two years have been the most fruitful in the matter of soul-winning of any like period since our work began in Canada. This proves that prosperous times from the standpoint of the world do not necessarily yield the most fruit in the Lord's work. We have no promise of good times any more in this earth, but we *are assured* that "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse"; but there comes a message from the throne saying, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." If ever there was a time when we had good reason to be of good courage, it is now. Surely the Lord has made bare His mighty arm in behalf of His people and His work, and especially during the biennial period just closed.

Your committee has directed the work placed in its charge to the best of our knowledge and judgment, and only regret that we have not been able to do more and better service. We desire to express our sincerest appreciation of the kind and willing spirit which has prevailed among the laborers and laymen throughout this field. Labor has been made a joy, and burdens have been rendered easy to bear, because so many loyal hearts have hurried to extend the helping hand.

Another union conference term has closed. We are permitted to assemble together again to encourage and strengthen one another in the way. There are matters to be considered at this session which mean much to the future of this cause. These will be brought before the delegates at the proper time, and should receive your earnest and careful attention. A solemn responsibility rests upon you as representatives from your respective fields. We as a people have but one thing to do, one object in life, that of giving this message to the world, the greatest work ever committed to men. We have no question to consider, nor recommendation to propose at this convention which does not deal directly with this great question.

You are to elect officers to fill the positions of trust in this union for the next term. You are to give such instruction as you may deem proper, for the direction of those whom you may select to administer union conference affairs.

And now, Beloved Brethren, we are almost home. But a few more meetings of this nature will be held on this old tottering earth, before we shall stand with our Lord in the place he has gone to prepare. How important that we make sure the journey that is yet before us. What a terrible thing to be almost home, and then lost.

The "Royal Charter" had sailed around the world and was homeward bound. Arriving at Queenstown,

a message was sent that she would be at her dock in Liverpool the next morning. The Lord Mayor of Liverpool, with a band of musicians and thousands of people, waited to give her a welcome home. But the "Royal Charter" went down in the night, between Queenstown and Liverpool, with nearly all on board.

The wife of the first mate, not knowing the ship was lost, was, with her children, making great preparations to receive him home. The pastor of her church was sent to break to her the awful news. She received the pastor pleasantly, and told him of her joy at the home-coming of her husband, on the good ship "Royal Charter," due that morning at Liverpool.

The distressed pastor then said, "My poor woman, the 'Royal Charter' went down last night, and your husband is lost." She looked on him for a moment, and then, lifting her hands toward heaven, she cried, "O my God so near home, and yet lost."

We are nearing the end of a long, perilous voyage, homeward bound, but we need not perish. Our good ship has encountered many gales, and passed by many hidden boulders, but she sails safely on. We have sent word ahead that we are coming. The table is being spread; for we are all expected to be there, and if we remain in the ship, we shall reach the homeland a little while hence, without the loss of one.

H. S. SHAW.

THE END NEARING

There was a time when Seventh-Day Adventists were about the only ones who believed in the soon coming of Christ, but now business men, lawyers, judges, editors and nearly all thinking men can see that the present condition of things cannot go on indefinitely. To many, this time of suspense is an hour of gloom, but to us who believe, it is the breaking of that morning, whose "sun shall never go down."

REVENUE STATEMENT WEST CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE, S. D. A. For year ending December 31, 1915.

INCOME

Tithe from Local Conferences:	
Alberta	\$2,209.58
British Columbia	913.43
Manitoba	582.53
Saskatchewan	1,649.98
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	\$5,355.52
Interest	49.84
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	\$5,405.36

EXPENSE

Laborers, Salary and Expense:	
Salary	\$2,881.45
Traveling Expense	1,063.93
General Expense	100.22
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	\$4,045.60
Less Refund from Transfer....	991.22
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	\$3,054.38
General and Office Expense:	
Rent	\$ 248.12
Postage and Stationery	132.19
Telephone and Telegrams ..	73.92
Exchange	42.13
Expense	96.32
Furniture and Fixture Depreciation	149.51
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	742.19
10% of Tithe to N. A. Division	535.49
6% of Tithe to Sustentation Fund.....	321.33
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Total Expense	4,653.39
Income exceeds Expense	<hr/>
	\$ 751.97

BALANCE SHEET

WEST CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE, S. D. A.

December 31, 1916.

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$3,593.96	
Local Conferences:		
British Columbia	\$ 79.42	
Manitoba	37.99	
		117.41
Personal account:		
H. H. Humann	\$ 29.85	
W. L. Manfull	7.56	
		37.41
Inventories:		
Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 318.50	
Stationery Supplies	35.00	
		353.50
Total		\$4,102.28

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Saskatchewan Conference	\$ 65.79	
Trust Funds—local:		
Aged and Orphans	\$ 149.62	
Needy Poor	11.30	
Ministry of Healing	2.50	
Press Fund	1,500.00	
Religious Liberty	68.83	
		1,732.25
Provision for Deferred Expenses:		
Office Rent	8.00	
Union Sustentation	5.37	
		13.37
Total Liabilities		\$1,811.41

SURPLUS STATEMENT

Surplus Jan. 1, 1915	\$1,538.90	
Plus Gain for year	751.97	
		2,290.87
Surplus December, 1915		\$4,102.28

January 21st, 1916

To whom it may concern:—

After having made a careful examination of the Books of Accounts with the accompanying Vouchers on file of the Western Canadian Union Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists for the last fiscal year, I do certify to the correctness of the Revenue Statement and Balance Sheet submitted as for the year ending December 31st, 1915, as disclosed by said Book of Accounts.

J. J. IRELAND, Auditor.

WESTERN CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE

Statement of All Home and Mission Funds Received for Year 1915

Fund.	Total.	B.C.	Man.	Sask.	Total.
Tithe	\$ 1,926.02	\$ 825.24	\$ 481.12	\$ 1,497.20	\$ 4,729.58
Missions, 5%	963.00	412.12	240.56	748.60	2,364.28
Sust'n't'n, 6%	1,155.63	492.51	288.67	898.16	2,834.97
An'l Offer'g.	1,088.60	247.61	108.85	526.57	1,971.63
Harvest Ing.	557.74	518.19	299.44	529.70	1,905.07
Midsummer.	146.95	132.66	36.31	278.02	593.94
Missions	3,314.52	208.09	780.36	2,124.27	6,427.24
S.S. Offering	4,555.79	2,317.75	1,203.46	4,659.51	12,746.51
Y.P. Society.	341.90	109.82	25.50	55.75	532.97
Miscell.	229.32	.25	94.30	263.50	587.37
Relig. Lib... ..	11.35	.....	.....	.....	11.35
Swed. Sem... ..	70.00	.....	.....	.....	70.00
Color'd Wrk	12.30	3.10	6.20	1.25	22.85
S.C. Fund... ..	.....	.....	.....	5.00	5.00
German Lit... ..	2.00	.....	.....	4.00	6.00
Jewish .....	.25	.....	.....	.....	.25
Clinton Sem.	532.00	40.00	.....	15.00	587.00
Tr't Sec. Sust.	77.45	15.24	38.90	121.90	253.49

Totals\$14,984.82 \$5,322.58 \$3,613.67 \$11,728.43 \$35,649.50

F. L. HOMMEL,
Treasurer.

British Columbia Conference

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President, J. G. Walker; Secretary-Treasurer, J. B. Giddings; Sabbath-school and Missionary Secretary, Bertha Lofstad; Tract Society Secretary, J. B. Giddings. Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Lydia Stickle; Field Secretary, E. S. Horsman; Educational Secretary, H. E. Giddings.

PROFITABLE INSTITUTES

Our Profitable Institutes have closed and we feel sure our brethren and sisters were greatly benefited. The one on the coast, a workers' and church institute combined, was held in connection with our Annual Conference, though the business of the latter was mostly done before the Institute commenced.

The snow blockade, coming at the time of the Institute, hindered many of our folks in Vancouver from attending regularly, but those who could, came and took part in the discussions testified to the help they received.

The presentation of the "Home Missionary Work," "Reading and Study," "How to Present the Testing Truths," "Bible Work," "The Sabbath School" and "Young People's Work," "Sabbath Observance" evoked the liveliest discussions.

Elder MacGuire's talks to the parents and young people were greatly appreciated and Elder Shaw's presentation of the principles of organization, was helpful.

Only Elder MacGuire, Brother J. B. Giddings, Sister Lydia Stickle and myself were present at the Institute held in the Okanagan. Elder A. O. Burrill who was to have a part in the program, could not come on account of his wife's illness, and Brother E. R. Potter could not leave the interest in Kelowna at that time.

The Lord was with us in a marked manner, however, and the discussion on many subjects was lively.

This was more fully attended than the one on the coast, and brethren and sisters came from Kelowna, Vernon, Armstrong, Enderby and Glenora. At some of the evening meetings there were at least 160 persons present. The Institute sessions during the day were quite fully attended also.

Elder MacGuire's talks were appreciated by both old and young and many renewed their consecration to God for more faithful service.

We hope the time will come when every soldier of the cross believing this message, will know how to co-operate with others so that there may be a united effort. The servant of God saw a "company moving in exact order." It was the remnant people.

These Institutes are designed to educate us all in methods of operation so that we can move in concert, as also in doctrine we believe alike. Those who fail to attend cannot realize the loss of such valuable instruction.

J. G. WALKER.

DOING OUR PART

This closes a year's record and now we are fairly launched upon the work for the new year. We have some work before us this year. The new Sabbath-school goal is to reach the third million by the end of 1916. You know our Sabbath-schools have already given over two million dollars to missions and now

the aim is to reach the third million by the end of this year. Of course, we will make every effort to do our part, and if we follow carefully the plan suggested in the resolution passed at our recent conference, we shall not fail in doing our part.

In looking over our Sabbath-schools reports for the year, I find two items that are of great importance in our Sabbath-school work. They are six Sabbath-school scholars converted and sixty-two baptized during the year. This year shall we not do all in our power to win those in our Sabbath-schools for Christ? This is our great Sabbath-school work.

BERTHA LOFSTAD.

OFFICERS ELECTED

At our conference session recently held at Vancouver, the following officers and department secretaries were chosen:

President—J. G. Walker.

Secretary-treasurer—J. B. Giddings.

Executive committee—J. G. Walker, J. B. Giddings, G. Reiswig, Sr., G. Freeman, A. E. Shantz, A. H. Nicholson, C. E. Wood, E. R. Potter.

Department secretaries—Religious liberty, J. G. Walker; Sabbath school and home missionary, Miss Bertha Lofstad; health and temperance, E. R. Potter; missionary volunteer, Miss Lydia Stickle; Tract Society, J. B. Giddings.

The vacancies which appear in some of the departments will be filled by the executive committee of the conference. Owing to our absence from the office immediately after the conference and institute held in Vancouver, the resolutions which were adopted at this time have not been written for publication, but these will appear in the *Tidings* at an early date.

J. B. GIDDINGS.

AN ENCOURAGING LETTER

The following paragraphs from a letter which just came from one of our small Sabbath-schools on the western coast, are so good that I felt I must pass them on for the readers of the *Tidings*.

"There are only two families and a bachelor besides ourselves who keep the Sabbath on the island. Only one family here close enough to attend, although we are quite encouraged by the attendance of visitors. We lost one member by death last summer, the husband and father of three little tots. But the mother is very courageously trying to train them for the Lord. They just began to keep the Sabbath last year. It is all pioneer work, but we are seeing fruits of our work and expect to see her and her brother and the bachelor baptized as soon as Elder Walker comes up.

"There is an earnest Salvation Army man that is coming regularly and gave a dollar for missions. The public school teacher comes often, too, and is very much interested in some points of our faith. These would not be very large items for some places, but here on the Woden River where the population is but twenty-two, they make a telling influence for the last message to fallen Babylon.

"A Sunday School was organized last fall and we were much surprised when they asked the superintendent of our Sabbath-school to take charge of the senior class, and the secretary of our Sabbath-school to teach

the primary class. Of course, while we follow their outlines, we teach only truth. Their studies are very good if given in a truthful way. We hope to see some good accomplished by opening the way for prejudiced hearts to see the truth.

"Christmas was on Sabbath, so we had an opportunity. The Sunday School superintendent asked us if we would object to his inviting all the members of the Sunday School to the Sabbath-school, and also asked if we could not have a Bible study to follow. We assured him we would be glad to have them come. So most of this community attended and some from other places, making twenty-nine in all.

"We thank the Lord for the privilege of working for Him and pray that He may use us to rescue a few from sin and death. We want to be faithful in His service to the end."

This was signed by the Sabbath-school secretary. Truly the Lord will bless every faithful effort, and our Sabbath-schools, small as they may seem, can be real missionary centers.

BERTHA LOFSTAD.

REPORT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SABBATH SCHOOLS Quarter Ending December 31, 1915.

Honor Roll	Offerings			Total
	Members.	Regular.	13th Sab.	
West Vancouver	29	\$30.46	\$11.70	\$42.16
Straiton	4	5.00	6.00	11.00
Molly Gibson	6	.60	.50	1.10
Armstrong	11	5.00	2.50	7.50
Nelson	29	14.97	6.39	21.36
Mission City	8	4.00	1.50	5.50
Victoria	22	9.36	3.09	12.45
Grandview	91	48.85	15.25	64.10
Mountain View	36	12.75	12.00	24.75
Silver Creek	17	7.19	.87	8.06
Vernon	53	20.64	6.82	27.46
Firvale	24	1.15	5.85	7.00
Aldergroev	10	1.90	1.00	2.90
South Vancouver	28	34.60	19.27	53.87
Princeton	9	4.42	2.10	6.52
Midway	7	13.30	4.40	17.70
Manson	12	4.00	1.55	5.55
Lumen	42	19.27	5.86	25.13
Little River	4	2.50	1.00	3.50
Union St., Vancouver	60	30.75	15.01	45.76
Penticton	13	13.94	5.00	18.94
Naden Harbor	7	4.85	12.65	17.50
Nanaimo	33	25.47	7.84	33.31
Kelowna	7	6.59	3.46	10.05
42nd Ave., Vancouver	40	23.69	8.83	32.52
Enderby	8	1.50	.25	1.75
Woden River	10	....	1.00	1.00
*Cumberland	12	....	....	....
*Van Anda	10	....	....	....
Home Department	12	25.00	6.05	31.05
Totals: 29 schools	654	\$371.75	\$167.74	\$539.49

RESOLUTIONS ON SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

The following Sabbath-school and Home Missionary resolutions were passed at our recent conference. We hope all church and Sabbath-school officers and teachers and all interested in Sabbath-school and Home Missionary work (and surely that takes in all) will read these resolutions carefully, study their meaning, and adopt them as a part of their working policy for the coming year. Read Exodus 15:15. Just as surely as the Lord desired Israel to go forward in the days of Moses, so surely does He desire His people to go

forward today. The Lord's work is advancing. Shall we advance with it?

"Whereas all our donations to Foreign Missions this year amounted to 15.95 cents per member and 10 cents per member of this was donated in our Sabbath-schools.

"Therefore, we recommend, that a vigorous effort be made to get our Sabbath-schools to donate at least 75 per cent. of our quota or 15 cents per member per week, thus insuring us success in reaching the mark set for us, 20 cents per member per week.

"Whereas a training course for Sabbath-school workers and teachers has been prepared by the general conference, and whereas, the benefit to be derived from this course will mean advance work in our Sabbath-schools.

"Therefore, we recommend that this course be taken up in each of our Sabbath-schools and that the general oversight of this course be one of the duties of the superintendent.

"Whereas the Home Missionary work is of vital importance and never so much so as now, and

"Whereas we have the territory to be worked and the facilities for working it,

"Therefore, we recommend, that each church be thoroughly organized for missionary work; and that the missionary meeting, which is the basis for missionary work, become a part of the service of every church in our conference, to be held at least once a month."

Saskatchewan Conference

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OUR EDUCATIONAL WORK

The church school work in Saskatchewan has been advancing gradually during the past few years. Yet it is not as large as it should be. We are thankful to the Lord, however, for the measure of success that has attended the efforts that have been put forth in behalf of the education of the children. The salvation of our young people is worthy of the best that we can give in an endeavor to secure them against the evils of this world.

This year we have seven schools in operation. The names of the places and teachers are as follows:

Sonningdale, Charles Sissons; Titanic, Harold W. Clark; Hanley, Carl K. Wilson; Tugaskie, Louise Bissegger; McGee, Mrs. Maude Bolton; Goodwater, Neil P. Christensen; Warmley, Frank Wells.

Very encouraging letters and reports have been sent in by the teachers. Each one seems to be striving to do his best to enable the pupils to make the best possible progress during the short terms of school at their disposal.

It is a source of pleasure to learn that the parents are co-operating with the teachers in every way in order to make their work a success. When the teacher receives the hearty support of every member

of the church, a great burden is easily borne by the teacher.

We hope that more of the churches will be able to have a school next year. There would have been more this year, if teachers could have been secured in time. Now that our conference school will soon be started, it is hoped that persons will be in training for the church school work in both the English and German languages. May all our young people in the province begin now to plan to attend the Academy at Battleford. It will be opened next fall.

As we pray for the different departments of God's great work, let us not forget the church schools and their respective teachers. Many children will be in the kingdom as the result of the self-sacrificing efforts of our people along this line, who otherwise would never have learned the blessed experience of getting ready for the coming of Christ.

A. C. GILBERT.

TO CHURCH OFFICERS

Soldiers cannot do their duty on the field of battle without ammunition. The general, as well as the private, must be properly equipped in order to do the best work.

This same principle applies to our church officers and other members of the church. Each one must have means and methods at his command in order to do his full duty.

Here is some valuable ammunition for the leaders in our local churches: The CHURCH OFFICER'S GAZETTE is just the very thing that our church leaders and elders need in order to help them to get something fresh and helpful for the flock every Sabbath. God has made them overseers of the church, and how sad it is that many come to the place of worship without proper food for the members who need help.

In the Gazette is found suggestive outline Bible studies for each Sabbath. These should be carefully studied, and furnish valuable thoughts to impart to the flock who needs power and encouragement.

The programs and other material for the Young People's Societies, are found in this periodical. Helps for other officers of the church are there, too. All the principal officers of the church should have access to this paper. The church should see that one or more copies are coming regularly for the benefit of its officers.

Then there is some special material for the other brethren to help them in their missionary work. Small leaflets are provided which suggest clearly how to do different kinds of missionary work. These should be in the hands of every member.

The members in general should see that their officers are supplied with the *Gazette*. The officers in turn should see that the members under their charge are supplied with the ammunition that is absolutely needed in order to do effective work as soldiers of Jesus Christ. Systematic work is the only kind that counts. These leaflets tell how to do it. Every member, young or old, can do something if only they are instructed. The officers, especially the leader, or elder, is responsible to see that every one is doing something. God

will help if we set our hearts to make a start. Send for some ammunition to the office.

May every church in this Province arise and shoulder its full responsibility in connection with the finishing of the work of God. The time will soon be here when we can not work. Let us pray for a greater burden for the saving of souls.

A. C. GILBERT.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

Elder W. A. Clemensen has been visiting the brethren in Prince. The weather, however, was very unfavorable, and visiting in the country was almost an impossibility. On account of the heavy snow drifts, the roads are not often travelled.

Brother T. T. Babienko, who has been laboring in California for about a year, is again in Saskatchewan with us. He arrived here with his family a fortnight ago, and has since been visiting among the Russians in Eagle Creek. He plans to return to this place after Union Conference.

Brother Phillips, from Regina, called at the office on his way to Battleford. Brother Sutherland, from Macrorie, also paid us a visit en route to the school. Brethren Wall and Bauer joined Brethren Finkle and English last week at the Academy, and we have now a busy crew of men working at the school buildings. The boilers for the school are now

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OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS

"I have been pointed to the churches that are scattered in different localities, and have been shown that the strength of these churches depends upon their growth in usefulness and efficiency. In all our churches there should be schools, and teachers in these schools who are missionaries."—*Counsels to Teachers and Parents*, Page 168.

"Wherever there are a few Sabbath keepers, the parents should unite in providing a place for a day school where their children and youth can be instructed. They should employ a Christian teacher, who, as a consecrated missionary, shall educate the children in such a way as to lead them to become missionaries."—*Counsels to Teachers and Parents*, Page 174.

Following the instruction in the above statements seven churches decided to place their children in church schools during the winter months, and as a result, eighty-nine children are enrolled. Adding to these the sixty-two children in the Academy training school there is a total of one hundred and fifty-one pupils receiving Christian instruction every day.

So far only good reports have come from the parents and teachers and it is hoped that in each one of these churches a foundation has been laid for a permanent church school.

Dear parents, you who are fearing lest the world will attract your children, you who are expecting your young people to bear responsibilities in the message—what kind of education are you giving the lambs of the flock? A precious heritage has been given you by God. This means that a great responsibility has

been placed upon you. How are you facing the issue?

The church school idea is in its infancy in Alberta, but we expect it to grow. Is it too much to plan to double the number of schools during the next year? It can be done if all the churches which should have schools begin now to lay plans for the same.

I would be very glad to get in touch with every church where a school is desired.

Plan now for a church school next fall.

HARRIET A. BEARDSLEY.

REPORT OF ALBERTA SABBATH SCHOOLS

Name	Membership	13th Sab. Offs.	Ttl Offs.
Bismarck	22	\$ 1.20	\$ 19.00
Brooks	33	1.65	26.80
Clive	25	13.00	62.00
Claresholm	21	6.25	19.00
Clemens	21	3.60	21.25
Calgary	40	15.08	92.38
Edmonton	54	6.50	45.67
Gadsby	50	8.00	20.50
Granum	40	15.55	34.85
Hawksdale	10	.25	2.25
Harmattan	30	1.65	7.26
Leduc	15	5.90	16.95
Lacombe	145	28.28	76.26
Neapolis	13	12.65	34.15
Olds	12	2.50	11.31
Vermilion Lakes	32	3.65	19.75
Woodbend	16	.95	12.00
Sedgewick	6	1.30	13.30
Winnifred	18	2.35	12.20
Didsbury	32	4.15	13.85
Kia Ora	43	4.50	36.55
Ohaton	9	.55	5.30
Lockhart	13	1.00	8.50
Retlaw	10	.50	4.75
Castor	5	1.00	5.00
Markerville	12	.40	4.48
Travers	8	.65	4.00
Boyne Lake	12	.....	.60
Stevenville	7	.45	4.00
Stavely	6	5.00	15.50
Beiseker	33	.....	7.95
Midnapore	34	29.30	60.25
Leduc	47	10.00	51.45
Rosebud	82	1.45	46.41
Walsh	22	5.45	16.45
Thelma	28	1.60	6.10
Hanna	..	2.00	7.95
Josephsburg	20	18.00	71.70
Trochu	8	2.95	21.65
Calgary	36	6.30	40.75
Lewisville	34	2.10	11.25
Burnt Lake	5	1.25	8.22
Edmonton	12	3.40	32.48
Manville	6	.70	5.70
Coronation	50	5.00	12.10
Loyalist	35	6.75	40.25
Home Department	98	33.95	95.75

	1310	\$278.71	\$1185.92
Total offerings 1st Quarter	.....	\$232.56	\$ 933.51
Total offerings 2nd Quarter	.....	194.81	1103.93
Total offerings 3rd Quarter	.....	161.80	1418.17
Total offerings 4th Quarter	.....	278.71	1185.92
Total offerings Year 1915	.....	\$867.88	\$4641.53
Our aim for 1915 was	.....	.....	\$4000.00
Over	.....	.....	\$ 641.53
Aim for 1916	.....	.....	\$5000.00

MRS. H. GERTRUDE RICK, SEC.

Calgary, Alberta, January 10, 1916.

HILDA DISTRICT

The winter campaign brings many peculiar experiences to the Gospel worker. I arrived in this district a week ago and have visited at the home of a

family who have been quite favorable to the Message since Spring. We had a meeting Friday the 4th inst., at 7 p.m. We took up the study of Dan. 2. After the study the people insisted on having another study that some evening. I have never seen more spell-bound listeners. The study was followed by an earnest prayer meeting. The audience, consisting of members of several denominations, told me that they were very desirous to have more meetings. Because of the weather, we couldn't expect to have another meeting till the following Friday.

There are some honest souls here and if we had more favorable weather, something more could be done. Pray for me that I may sow the Good Seed with wisdom.

C. C. NEUFELD.

REPORT OF LADIES' SEWING CIRCLE OF LACOMBE CHURCH

From Oct. 24th to Feb. 13th.

Membership	19
Average Attendance	10
Garments made and sold:	
Baby Bootees (pairs)	3
Baby Jackets	2
Aprons	25
Lady's Dress	1
Men's Socks (pair)	1
Dust Caps	2
Crocheted Holder	1
Total	35
Garments ready for sale:	
Baby Jackets	3
Aprons	4
Dust Cap	1
Total	8
Donations were given as follows:	
Week of Prayer Offering	\$1.00
Literature for Workers	2.50
Lacombe Reading Rack	1.00
Jewish Work	1.00
Total	\$5.50
Balance Cash on hand	\$2.50

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

Probably most of us have watched a railway engine being supplied with coal and water—the source of its power—and we have noticed that it is at the beginning of its journey and not at the end that this source of power is supplied to it. Should it start out with only a small quantity, it would soon be an engine in name only, “dead.”

May we not learn a lesson from this, and not attempt to begin a day's work without getting in connection with the source of our power, Jesus? “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me,” but, of myself I can do nothing.

Studying, meditating and praying over the Morning Watch texts, and other portions of God's word will

give power which can be obtained in no other way. Let us not grow careless in this and be at a standstill before the day is over, like the dead engine, never reaching our goal. The morning of life also is the time to set our goal and prepare for life's journey. It is time to form characters which will not flinch when difficulties overtakes us. In all the details of life, if when we have begun a good work we never lose sight of it until it is accomplished, there will be formed in us a habit which will help us to be steadfast in greater things. Shall we, who have begun observing the Morning Watch, who have started reading the Bible through or are taking a Reading Course, not persevere until we have reached our goal, and thus strengthen our characters?

A girl of eleven years recently sent in her review of the Junior Reading Course, and her letter certainly showed that she was cultivating perseverance which will be of good service to her through life.

The temperance campaign now on gives our young people an opportunity to work. Everyone can do something towards placing the temperance instructor and other temperance literature in the hands of the voters. Adventists should show on which side of this question they stand.

MRS. B. COWAN.

REPORT OF MANITOBA MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Number of churches and companies	10
Membership of churches	273
Number of persons reporting work or donations, members or not, all ages	35
How many churches hold missionary meetings during week?	1
Membership of conference church and isolated members, including Missionary Volunteer isolated members	42
Number of conference church and isolated members reporting	13
Letters written	163
Letters received	97
Missionary visits (personal work)	592
Bible readings or cottage meetings held	30
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	9
Papers sold	3559
Papers mailed, lent or given away	1151
Books sold	31
Books lent or given away	169
Tracts sold	15
Tracts lent or given away	3029
Hours of Christian Help work	261
Articles of clothing given away	60
Number of meals provided	29
Treatments given	3
Offerings for home missionary work	\$79.75

B. L. GRUNDSET.

A SMILE

Nothing on earth can smile but man. Gems may flash reflected light, but what is a diamond flash compared to an eye flash and a mirth flash? Flowers can not smile; this is a charm that even they can not claim. It is the prerogative of man; it is the color which love wears, and cheerfulness and joy, these three. It is a light in the windows of the face, by which the heart signifies it is at home and waiting. A face that can not smile is like a bud that can not blossom, and dries up on the stalk. Laughter is day, and sobriety is night, and a smile is the twilight that hovers gently between both, more bewitching than either.—Henry Ward Beecher.

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Another Union Conference has been held in Western Canada and it will be four years till the next one will convene. Four years is a long period at this time of the world's history. No doubt very important events will transpire during this quadrennial period before us. Reports of the Conference will appear from time to time in the Tidings, as space permits.

Elder Thompson put forth a strong effort to impress all with the importance of getting into active service in soul winning. The time has come for a great work in the earth, and those who are ready to be used as instruments of God will be privileged to do in the next few years that which they never again will have the opportunity of doing—saving souls for the kingdom.

Elder Evans spent his time in encouraging the delegates to live the victorious life. He said it was useless to spend our time and money for that which was not going to help us—that we never could enter the kingdom unless we would overcome our besetments, and that God had made all provision necessary to set His people free from their sins.

Elder Evans also made a strong plea for the ministry. He pointed out that if we were to double our members in the next four years, we must work for the perishing world about us.

Elder McGuire spoke on putting self out of sight and that Christ should shine forth through us. Bro. McGuire spent part of the time at Lacombe with the Academy students.

The newspapers in Calgary were very helpful in advertising our meetings; also in publishing reports of the Conference. Articles were prepared daily and liberal space granted in their columns. The

newspapers of the world are beginning to preach to more people than our workers could possibly reach.

Our readers will be interested to know that we have at last heard from Sister Salisbury. When writing, she was in Bombay, India, in company with Dr. Menkel and other workers, endeavoring to find some of the survivors of the "Persia". She met several persons who had seen Elder Salisbury about the desks during the voyage, but only one person remembered having seen him after the vessel went down. This gentleman said that he had seen Bro. Salisbury in the water clinging to an oar, and that he had said he had no life-preserver. It is believed that he must have given his life-preserver to someone else, as Sister Salisbury felt certain that he had one with him. None of the survivors had seen Bro. Salisbury in any of the lifeboats, so it is pretty well ascertained at this time that we have lost Bro. Salisbury. Our prayers will go out for Sister Salisbury and for the many who will miss his kindly smile and useful service.

Still more reports are coming from Portland, Maine, where Eld. Daniels is having a marvelous interest. This is the place Sister White had such a burden for all of her life and where the work has gone so slowly, yet Sister White had great faith that the time would come when a movement would arise in eastern cities that would spread and move westward.

Judging from reports that come, this must be the beginning of such a course. Eld. Daniels reports that his hall held 3,400 people a few days ago and that 1,000 people were turned away by the police, because there was not room for them. This sounds good, and let us hope it is the beginning of the end.

DOES NOT PLANT HIMSELF

The man who gives God the management of his life does not plant *himself*. He does not say, "I want to live in England," or "I want to live in Africa." He does not say, "I want to follow this profession," or "I want to follow that profession." He says, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do? Father, deal with Thy child just as Thou wilt." And then the Lord takes him up and plants him. . . .

And so, when we are planted by God, the soul has perfect satisfaction. No fear of hunger now, for the soil where God has planted us is rich and sappy. No fear of thirst now, for the roots go down to the river, and are bathed with "the water of the river of life." No fear of deterioration now, for he who planted will prune. No fear of destruction now, for "I the Lord do keep it; . . . night and day."—George H. C. Macgregor.

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