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### LOSS AND GAIN

At the Fall Council quite a number of transfers of laborers were made. Calls were made by conferences and institutions for experienced workers to fill special places of responsibility. Western Canada has always felt free to do its share in supplying workers to other fields, especially the foreign fields; and we hope that we shall ever do our duty in this matter.

A call was made for our Brother MacPherson, the Western Canadian Union Conference Secretary and Treasurer, to fill the office of business manager of the Melrose (Mass.) Sanitarium. We were loth to let Brother MacPherson go. But he has had considerable experience in this line, and has had a desire to re-enter institutional work, when the opportunity offered, so felt inclined to accept this call to Melrose.

Brother MacPherson has rendered this Union Conference very faithful and efficient service during his stay with us; and all will miss his association and counsel. We shall pray that our God will bless him in his work at the Melrose Sanitarium; and that Sister MacPherson and their son Carrol, whom we have learned to esteem will enjoy added blessings from heaven in their new home and environments.

The Lord has opened the way for us to secure Brother T. R. Lukens to take the place of Brother MacPherson. Brother Lukens comes to us with a well-recommended record of service and Christian character, and so will fill well the position of secretary-treasurer and auditor of our Union Conference. Western Canada extends a hearty welcome to Brother and Sister Lukens. We are glad that they are willing to come to our field to assist us in the great work we have to do here. We believe that all our people throughout this Union will give them the same loyal support that they gave to Brother and Sister MacPherson.

What a day of rejoicing it will be when all changes are forever past; when we shall not have to leave the joys of home and kindred, and betake ourselves to the land of strangers and untried ways. May we

all be faithful to our respective duties till then, and join the final triumph of God's people when He comes to take them to that homeland from which "they shall go no more out."

A. C. GILBERT.

### THE REASON WHY

As there is some misunderstanding in some parts of the field as to the reason why tubercular patients are not treated in the sanitarium, I wish to say a few words about this disease. Although one out of every ten deaths are due to tuberculosis there are less people dying of this disease than there were a number of years ago. This improvement is largely due to the effort to keep those who have the disease from giving it to others. It is spread by the tubercle bacillus from one who has the disease being carried to another person by means of towels, dishes and cups, and by the improper disposal of infected sputum.

A sick person is much more apt to contract the disease than one who is well for they do not have as good ability to fight the germs. If we were to keep tubercular patients here it would be necessary to have separate buildings, dining room and kitchen for them, also different places for them to receive treatment. As we do not have this you can see that it would be impossible to treat this kind of people and still do justice to the majority of our patients.

One of the most unpleasant things that falls to the lot of a physician is to tell a patient who is really in need of help that it is impossible to keep him here, but it must be done, for the good of the larger number must be our guiding principle. The sanitarium board has voted that we do not take tubercular patients into the institution. We are not alone in this stand as none of our other sanitariums do so. Even the Central Alberta Sanatorium whose object is the treatment of tuberculosis will not take advanced cases for they feel that their depressing influence is detrimental to those who might otherwise get well.

I am writing this so that you may all see that even though it may be a hardship to some this course is followed because we feel that it is for the best interest of the work in general.

C. A. HAYSMER, M.D.

### PROGRESS

Certain newspapers in the United States recently gave the Methodist denomination a write-up as to its records in book sales, claiming them to be the largest publishers of religious books in the world. The figures as given for their sales for 1919 were as follows:



Books.....	\$1,163,973.00
Periodicals.....	1,817,074.00
Total.....	\$2,981,049.00

It is a well known fact that this concern publishes a large number of novels, perhaps half of them business, dealing with fiction. Surely this is a great record and our Methodist friends have reasons to be proud of it. I would like to point out, however, what a handful of people in comparison with numbers, known as Seventh-day Adventists, are doing in this line.

Their total sales for 1919 amounted to \$5,250,000.00 Five and one quarter million dollars worth. Be it remembered, too, that of this amount of sales, there were no books of fiction. Surely this is a wonderful record and ought to cheer our hearts. It only indicates, dear friends, that there is a power aside from the mere human power of a few thousand Adventist believers.

We cannot boast, and when we think of it, we have not accomplished in the past what God expected us to. There is a great work yet to be accomplished. Our record of five and one quarter million will soon be ten million. Our people must rally to the Cause and distribute our literature as never before. To make a record? No! To give to the world the message of a soon coming Saviour; to prepare a people to be ready when He comes in the clouds of heaven.

Let us scatter our literature as the snowflakes of Winter. May God help us to do this work while we are permitted to do so. Soon the time will come when no man can work.

G. A. CAMPBELL.

### HINTS TO CHURCH ELDERS

The church elder is the keystone of success for the Dollar-a-month and Relief Book activities of the Union Institutional Fund campaign in our churches. To help achieve that success the elder should:

1. If the church is large, nominate efficient and capable laymen as district campaign helpers in the districts of his church.
2. Co-operate heartily with the church treasurer and other officers to make the Campaign a great Church effort. It is desired to have every member of the church take part, the whole membership working ardently that their church may reach its goal.
3. Make it his special duty from the outset to see that the whole church is acting and thinking together on the Campaign.
4. Set aside time in his weekly calendar for.
  - (a) Prayer for the success of this great forward movement.
  - (b) To encourage and check up with the church treasurer and others on the Campaign's progress.
5. Make a place often in the Sabbath program, either in the regular meeting or otherwise, for:
  - (a) Significant reference to the Campaign, as to its meaning and importance, need of Canadian recruits for the world mission fields, etc.
  - (b) Brief talks by live lay members on the Campaign and its success.

Every effort should be made to make this a memorable demonstration in the Western Canadian churches of this denomination.

**Co-operation is the key to success.**

L. W. COBB.

"If professed Christians were all sincere and earnest in their efforts to promote the glory of God, what a stir would be made in the enemy's ranks! Satan is earnest and sincere in his work. He does not want souls saved. He does not want his power upon them broken. Satan does not merely pretend. He is in earnest."

### EASTERN GREETINGS

It is a long time since I have written anything to the *Tidings*, although I have been impressed from time to time that I ought to, owing to my former relationship to work there in the West and for the many kindnesses I received out there while engaged in that work, but somehow the duties at this end of the line have occupied my attention.

It is now nearly four years since I came East and took up the work in Maritime Conference. God has greatly blessed the work here in this conference for which we thank His name. Associated with me are Elders Mackintosh and Chapman, both Western men, and both known to the *Tidings* Family. While we came from separate conferences, yet our work together has been very up-building. Our membership has been increased about 60 per cent here and our tithe about 350 per cent. Our offerings have come up over 400 per cent and our sales of literature 1000 per cent, so for these we praise our Heavenly Father. This is not a large conference. It has a membership of less than 400. We have a school to support, a 12-grade Academy which has an enrollment of about fifty.

Our territory takes in the extreme Eastern part of Canada known as the Maritime provinces, with Prince Edward Island and the Gaspé Peninsula added. This gives us a population to work with of about 1,000,000. The people out here are largely British and French. Some large sections of our country are entirely Roman Catholic which makes it very difficult to work. In fact our school is located where there are but two Protestant families within a radius of 16 miles on the west and about eight miles on the east. We are about nineteen miles from Moncton by rail.

The one question that we found here that has been somewhat against us, as in other parts of the Dominion, is that the people are prejudiced against material from the States. This has been the case more or less all the way along. We found this true in the West to some extent, especially where the British people lived, but through God we have overcome it. By the new Publishing House being established in Canada we see it, and while it is in this Union, yet it is one thousand miles from our office in Maritime. Still we are very thankful that God has been so good to us as to make it possible for us to get our literature right in the country that we are working. Not only have we this nice Publishing House but we are to have a real Canadian paper, *The Canadian Watchman*. When this matter was presented to our brethren here in the Maritime it made our hearts leap with joy and we are going to do our best to make this, the first religious magazine published in Canada, a glowing success, not only because it is the first Canadian religious magazine but because it is our own paper.

We asked the brethren what the subscription list would have to be to make it a success and they said "forty thousand will make it pay." We at once counted up our membership and found that with the 5,000 members there are in Canada, if every conference would pledge themselves to take an average of ten per member it would mean 50,000 so we asked the publishers to send over Miss Gregg, the Assistant Manager. Our Union also sent Elder Butler. When they arrived, Miss Frank, the Conference Secretary



and I went with them and called on seven of our churches. The result was that we took subscriptions amounting to 5,000. This makes us an average of about 14 copies to the member, so you can see that we are going to do our best at this end of the line to make this thing a success.

After we got through, Miss Gregg said she was going West to visit the Conferences out there. I told her that I felt quite sure that those conferences would take hold with just as much enthusiasm as we have out here, and I said especially will you find it so in British Columbia and Alberta and I know the other two will not be far behind.

Now the way that we are able to do as well as this in the few churches we visited was that a number of our sisters said they would take hold of it and sell it. Two sisters took as many as 500 each per month and a number took from 25 to 100 but there is a willingness and the Lord has said His people will be willing in the Day of His power. There is no doubt brethren and sisters that we have reached the day of His power. He has a wonderful power that He has put right into our hands and it is for us to put ourselves on the altar and reach the many people who are yet in darkness.

I have been very anxious to learn how things are going in the West. When Sister Gregg left a few days ago I said to her, "Be sure to send us word for we are going to both watch and pray over this matter we don't want to see Canada come behind."

Our winter has commenced here which is one of the things I very much dread in this country as they hold on so long. I expect we will have winter until next May, but still we have a warm hearted people out here and that removes some of the sting of the winter. Remember us in your prayers.

J. L. WILSON.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

We are enjoying Elder Gilbert's presence in the office again after his long absence while attending the Fall Council, and visiting the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Conferences.

Thursday evening, November 25, Brother and Sister MacPherson, with their son Carroll, departed for Melrose, Mass., where new duties await them at the New England Sanitarium. They will be greatly missed by their friends in Canada, especially those in Calgary. If we follow the Master's example, we must share what we possess with others—even our friends—and so we heartily wish for Brother MacPherson and his dear family the Lord's abundant and continued blessing.

It was our privilege to welcome Brother T. Ray Lukens, his wife and infant daughter, to Western Canada on November 14. May our heavenly Father guide and bless Brother Lukens as he takes up the responsible duties of secretary-treasurer in this Union.

We conclude from reports that Brother Shepard and Miss Gregg are experiencing success in their various institutes held in behalf of the Canadian Watchman Press just now. We are looking forward to the pleasure of having them in Alberta soon.

The world is eager for suggestions during Christmas tide. Business firms recognize this fact and respond. An advertisement in the street car was noticed the other day. It read:—"The Gift that Lasts—Jewelry." What do you think of this for an improvement—"The Gift that Lasts—*Canadian Watchman*"? More truth in it, too! Why? Because one does not often share ornaments and trinkets with their friends, but they do magazines. Jewelry gets lost; so do magazines; but we can always look forward to receiving a new one next month.

#### NEWS FROM AFAR

How often I have thought of you people there in Canada since my departure, but for some reason, I have never heard a word since I left, from anyone. On the way up I wrote several letters to the friends behind, but no answer.

Just a little scratch of our journey. It was one of the best trips I have ever made. We left San Francisco July 24, and arrived at Honolulu Sabbath morning, the 31st. The brethren gave us the very best reception and we enjoyed it. The Island is one of the best places that I have ever seen. I cannot describe it in a short letter, so will not attempt to do so. We also spent a pleasant day at Yokohama, and on the 17th of August we arrived at Shanghai, where we spent a nice time for a whole week. From there we went, each one to their respective fields. Brother Babienco, his family and I went to Manchuria. On the 31st of August we reached our destination—Harbin, Manchuria.

Of course we stopped at our Mission at Mukden and Chang Chun, and all our stops were profitable to us as well as to our people in the Missions. After our arrival we spent four days in search for a place to live in and after the weary days of search we found three small rooms with the kitchen, for \$85.00 per month, without light and heat. So you see what we have to put up in regards to rent. Provisions are quite reasonable and clothing not bad, but rent is too high.

Now, as to the work here, I cannot say much, because we are not well acquainted, but I must say that our God is able to save and keep. By His mighty hand He has kept those that were faithful to Him. During this hard period of six years, our brethren have been without help, but have been faithful here in Harbin and eleven members have been attending Sabbath School and the Sabbath meetings. Once more I must say that God is able.

I have been out with our books most of the time and find it very hard to work among these people because of their small wages, as they cannot buy books. Their pay is from \$30.00 to \$50.00 and that is to provide their living and clothing and education for their children. And yet there have been days that I sold three G.C.'s and four "World Hope."

The majority of the people are very wicked. They say that there is no God. That spirit is nearly all over the world. This shows that we are nearer and nearer to Christ's second coming. How glad we should be that we know that! And to us is only one thing of great need, and that is, much of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the work recorded in Matt. 24:14. Remember us in your prayers . . .

Remember me to our friends in Calgary. Best regards from Babienco.

Sincerely yours,

MAX POPOW

Address:

Manchuria Mission S.D.A.,

Mukden, Manchuria, China.

(Through the kindness of Brother LeMarquand, we have been permitted to print the above letter, which was received by him from Brother Max Popow, dated October 9. Write again Brother Popow.)

"Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three—all they have now, all they ever had, and all they ever expect to have."



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Bonde; Home Missionary, Miss Bertha Unruh.

### APPOINTMENTS FOR WEEK OF PRAYER

When this issue of the *Tidings* reaches our Brethren it will be time for every one to lay definite plans for the week-of-prayer. Surely we have reached a time when we ought to "watch and pray." We cannot tell how many of the spiritual feasts we will be permitted to enjoy together.

Special attention should be given to the children and youth of the church. It may be well in some localities to have the readings during the day and conduct a special service for the young people in the evening.

Knowing that the church officers would appreciate some help for this special week the committee has made the following appointments:

Rosebud.....	J. J. Reiswig
Rockyford.....	Elder Boetcher
Beiseker.....	C. K. Reiswig
Iddesleigh.....	Fred Johnson
Calgary.....	F. W. Johnston;
Sanitarium.....	George E. Shankel
Midnapore, Calgary (German).....	Sam Leiske
Claresholm.....	Dr. C. Haysmer
Cassils.....	J. K. Fish
Standard.....	Dr. Hans Bonde
Hanna.....	A. C. Harder
Loyalist.....	A. A. Roth
Pobida.....	P. G. Yakovenko
Leduc (German), Bentley.....	G. F. Ruf
Irvine, Hilda.....	C. K. Reiswig
Clive.....	C. A. Hansen
Edmonton.....	Lyle Sheperd;
	S. M. Ryan
Stettler.....	G. H. Barbee
Lunnford.....	R. C. Cordis
Kinuso.....	E. S. Stanley;
	R. E. Robinson
Peace River.....	P. A. Rick
Winnifred.....	H. A. Niergrath;
	A. J. Workes
Edberg.....	H. E. Shelstead
Vermilion Lakes.....	R. C. Cordis
Hawksdale.....	R. P. Mooney

We hope that these workers can meet the above appointments, and would therefore suggest that announcements be made in ample time so that nothing will interfere with these meetings. Definite arrangements for these meetings will be left with the church officers and the workers.

Wishing you the Lord's blessing, I am

Sincerely your brother,

J. J. REISWIG.

### \$8,000 FOR MISSIONS

Yes, this is what the Alberta Conference committee said about the Harvest Ingathering campaign in this province. The Union Conference committee said \$6,000.00. Now, what about the people. Elsewhere in this issue of the *Tidings* the report is given showing the division of our \$8,000 goal among organized districts, with leaders and the amount reported raised at November 21. The "amount raised column" adds up to \$5,108.90 leaving only \$2,891.10 yet to come. We believe this is a loyal response to

a call for united action in the raising of our goal this year for missions. However, we must not stop until the goal is raised and we go "over the top." To those who have not yet had a part in the campaign we earnestly hope that you will do your share now. Its easy—people will give—personal experiences and results have demonstrated that. Now, then let us all work and work together these few remaining weeks of 1920. Remember all funds must reach the office by December 31 to be counted on this year's goal.

There is a good supply of English papers and cards waiting for your orders, and don't forget the foreigners. We can supply papers in the following languages only: German, Swedish, Danish, Italian, Polish, and a few French.

### One Sign of a Live Church

"The Bishop of Nelson, (New Zealand), at a recent meeting, told of two men who met recently, and one asked the other for a subscription for his church. The reply was, that the church was always wanting money. The friend said: 'When my lad was a boy, he was costly; he always wanted boots and shoes, stockings and clothes, and wore them out fast, and the older and stronger he grew the more money had to be spent on him; but he died, and does not now cost me a shilling.' 'Yes, said the bishop, 'a live church always wants money.'"

Is the Foreign Mission work carried on by Seventh-Day Adventists alive? It surely is. Are the churches and members in the Alberta Conference alive to their duty for the support of Foreign Missions? Sure we are.

J. M. A. LEMARQUAND.

### THE HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT OF THE ALBERTA CONFERENCE

It was left for the Executive Committee to find a secretary for the Home Missionary Department. We feel indeed fortunate to have secured the services of Miss Bertha Unruh to attend to the office end of this work. I am sure our brethren and sisters have appreciated her inspiring letters. We are pleased to announce to you that Miss Unruh will continue to act in this capacity and that Brother S. M. Ryan has been asked to look after the field interests of the same department. Brother Ryan will also continue his work as financial agent for the Conference.

This arrangement will give Brother Ryan an opportunity to spend his whole time in the field, and he will be glad to help our churches with their Home Missionary work, also arrange new societies, where this has not already been done.

Our Missionary Societies should plan to set every member to work. The work will soon close. What about your friend and neighbor? Who will have to give an account for them? Let us work while it is yet called "Today."

J. J. REISWIG.

### ALBERTA NOTES

Brother Roth was a welcome visitor at the office recently. He just returned from Loyalist where with Brother Harder the Harvest Ingathering work was given attention and the goal raised.

Brother Peter Job one of our faithful canvassers is in the city and while attending the recent Institute made good use of his spare time selling "Bible Readings," and he sold about six copies too.



Brother Barbee is in Edmonton assisting the church there in the Ingathering Campaign. Their goal is \$660.

Brother Ruf is now with the brethren at Hilda and Schuler working in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. A card received just after his arrival states he had \$11 and was not yet started. Perhaps you won't need to get started if it comes that way, Brother Ruf.

Three of our girls from the Midnapore church, Amelia and Mary Kroom and Lydia Gurlitz called at the office with their share of \$16.75 collected in one day in the Ingathering work. They were happy and are still working.

It is not too late yet to do your share—remember the individual goal \$7.00 per member.

Others are doing it with success—why not you?

### HONOR ROLL

District	Goal	Amt. raised	Leader
Calgary, City	\$ 600.00	\$779.92	F. W. Johnston.
Irvine	147.00	236.00	G. F. Ruf.
Hanna	273.00	600.00	A. C. Harder.
Clive	161.00	179.20	W. H. Hamilton.
Stettler	133.00	203.65	Mrs. C. S. McCarty.
Loyalist	217.00	217.00	A. A. Roth.
Didsbury	112.00	115.00	Eld. & Mrs. Fish.
Olds	98.00	102.00	Eld. & Mrs. Fish.
Standard	200.00	203.00	Fred Johnson.
Beiseker	210.00	450.00	C. K. Reiswig.
Bentley	350.00	.....	C. C. Reiswig.
Boyne Lake	50.00	.....	Lucile Webber.
Calgary (Sanitarium)	400.00	400	F. L. Hommel.
Clareholm	378.00	104.20	Bertha Unruh.
Compeer	100.00	.....	C. S. Dowling.
Cassils	364.00	.....	R. P. Mooney.
Czar	150.00	118.05	Mrs. D. Houcher.
Drumbeller	200.00	121.78	Cal D. Smith.
Edmonton	660.00	290.00	Mrs. Fish, G. H. Barbee
Harmattan	175.00	7.00	Eld. & Mrs. Fish.
Hawksdale	161.00	3.75	.....
Hilda & Schuler	280.00	.....	G. F. Ruf.
Iddesleigh	200.00	.....	Fred Johnson.
Lacombe	1,092.00	561.00	S. M. Ryan.
Leduc English	119.00	.....	S. W. Shankel.
Leduc, German	196.00	.....	C. K. Reiswig.
Lewisville	210.00	150.00	H. E. Shelstad.
Lunnford	112.00	.....	R. C. Cordis.
Midnapore	126.00	66.50	G. F. Ruf.
Pobida	238.00	.....	P. G. Yakovenko.
Peace River	300.00	.....	P. O. Rick.
Rosebud	595.00	350.00	C. K. Reiswig.
Rockyford	245.00	.....	C. K. Reiswig.
Swan River	200.00	10.50	R. E. Robinson.
Vermillion Lakes	273.00	2.75	Mrs. J. K. Fish.
Winnifred	322.00	55.00	H. A. Niergarth.
Isolated	1,127.00	178.50	.....

Sister Johnson of Lacombe, is very bright and cheerful over the efforts of one day's work. (\$561.10; we should think so!) The balance, she says, is sure—just a matter of days.

It will be noticed that the Rosebud goal is reduced to \$595.00. The difference, \$210.00, has been allotted to the new church "Beiseker", which has already gone away "over the top." We have now three churches in Beiseker.

Good results have come of organized personal solicitation this year. To date several workers report real substantial amounts. Brother Dahl of Standard, has over \$100.00 on his cards and has the unique method of carrying one \$5.00-card and one for offerings less than this amount. The figures show the plan is working. Brother Shelstad reports \$150.00; Miss Unruh, our Sabbath School Secretary, \$91.50, with more to follow; Elder Fish, \$120.00; Brother Ruf, our Young People's man, somewhere around \$100.00. Four of the office workers have \$211.15, with more to follow.

Make your friends happy on Christmas Day and a whole year besides, by a subscription to the *Canadian Watchman*. It will be something new.

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### AMONG THE CHURCHES

September 1st Elder Skinner and the writer started on a trip among the churches. It was indeed a great pleasure to meet with our people and get acquainted. The burden of our visits was to enlist every church member of the Harvest Ingathering campaign and in the general Home Missionary work. The response has indeed been gratifying and as a result of the faithfulness of our people in the work we have passed our Harvest Ingathering goal for the Conference. God is placing His Spirit upon His people and a greater willingness is being manifested by every one to do the work that God has committed to our church members.

Our first visit was with the church at Austin. Here we found the believers of good courage and eager to have a part in the finishing of the work in the four or five of the young people here were definitely planning on attending one of our schools and we are glad that at this writing we find them hard at work in our schools. The Sabbath services were well attended, the members from Katrime being present.

At Bradwardine we found the brethren busy threshing. It was a privilege to visit our people in their homes and to hear them tell of their courage and determination to live and work for the Master. Even though it rained on Sabbath we had a large number out to our service. Brother and Sister Pangman and family, Sister Gladys Smith, and Sister Grimstad also met with us. The members living at or near Rivers were prevented from attending because of the condition of the roads. God's presence was experienced at both the Sabbath School and the after service. On Friday Sister Agnes Arnot motored us to Rivers where we visited Sister McNaughton, Sister Blabey and Sister Radcliffe, Brother Radcliffe being away threshing.

Monday morning Elder Skinner was called back to Winnipeg while I went on to Lavinia to visit with Brother Pangman and his family. I was glad to learn that Brother and Sister Pangman were planning to send their children again to Lacombe to attend the college.

Later on in the week Elder Skinner and I again met at Ochre River and we went on to meet with the church at Minitonas. Here meetings were conducted on Sabbath and Sunday and our people turned out to them nicely. Brother and Sister Minchen, Brother and Sister Sims and Brother Gordon Zimmerman from Swan River were also present. When the Harvest Ingathering work was presented the church set their goal at \$200 which was double that of last year. We are sure that they will reach their goal. Sunday afternoon when the distribution of *Presents Truth* was considered two of the brethren volunteered to pay for fifty yearly subscriptions to this valuable paper and have it sent to their neighbors. Monday morning Elder Skinner had to return to the city again. I remained in the neighborhood for several days. Tuesday night I held another meeting which was



attended by some of the neighbors who manifest some interest in the Truth.

Elder Skinner and I met again later and our next visit was with our new Ruthenian brethren at Erickson. We have here an organized Sabbath School of nine members. These brethren have but recently heard the Message and we were glad to hear them express their courage and their determination to be true to their newly found Master. Studies were held with them both on Sabbath and Sunday and they greatly appreciated the help given. Six of these dear people will be ready for baptism in the Spring.

Leaving Erickson we again returned to Minitonas. I spent several afternoons with the church in the Harvest Ingathering work and God blessed our efforts. The Sabbath here brought a great blessing to our people. It was our privilege to celebrate the ordinances with this company of believers. God came very near and gave to us all a new vision of the Master's sacrifice. After this impressive service we all went to the river side where Elder Skinner buried Brother Zimmerman with his Lord in baptism. It was an ideal evening. The sun was setting and heaven's benediction rested upon us all as this sacred ordinance was performed.

Elder Skinner and I again separated, he going on to the Fall Council while I went on to meet with the church at Russell. I rejoiced to be able to meet with our German brethren here and visit with them in their homes. God blessed in our service on the Sabbath. Our people seemed of good courage and are striving to have a part in the closing work. I was glad to be able to help pack a trunk which belonged to one of the young men who was getting ready to leave for Lacombe to attend the college.

From Russell I returned to Winnipeg to attend to the office end of my work before starting on our Home Missionary Institutes. May God's rich blessings attend our people in this field.

T. E. UNRUTH

### HOME MISSIONARY INSTITUTES

The Home Missionary Institutes held recently in Manitoba proved a great blessing to the field. We are sorry that it was not possible to hold more of them, but Sister Gregg and Elder Shepard, who carried most of the work in these institutes, could not stay longer. The object of these meetings was to hold before our people the need of personal missionary work on the part of every church member and also to work up a large circulation for the new magazine soon to be published in our own field—*The Canadian Watchman*. God's blessings attended the efforts put forth and the stirring messages that Sister Gregg and Elder Shepard had for our people brought new inspiration and new courage to every one present. Our people responded most nobly wherever we went and from present indications we feel that our people in Manitoba are going to rally to the work as never before and help to finish it in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

Our first meeting was at Port Arthur, November 5 to 8. Friday evening Elder Shepard spoke on the "Finishing of the Work" to a large company of our people. Good meetings were held on Sabbath. In the morning we met with the believers at Port Arthur and in the afternoon Elder Skinner spoke to our people at Fort William. Sunday afternoon the magazine work was presented by Sister Gregg and those

present responded by ordering over 700 copies of the *Canadian Watchman*. They will sell that number monthly and hope to increase it to 1,000 a little later on. One sister also pledged to get 100 subscriptions for this magazine. Sunday night Sister Gregg gave a most interesting stereoptical lecture on our publishing work. Many interesting pictures were shown of the publishing house at Oshawa. Monday was spent in visiting the homes of our people.

From Port Arthur we went to Minitonas where just one meeting was held. At this meeting Sister Gregg gave her stereoptical lecture. We were sorry that not more of our people were present, but because of weather conditions and the fact that the telegram announcing the meeting was not delivered, many were not present.

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### GREATLY IN ARREARS

Saskatchewan is far behind in making up its quota on the 50c per week fund. The report for September shows a shortage of \$12,000.00. How shall we catch up? There are three ways through which we may hope to redeem ourselves. We can contribute till the close of the year a larger amount in the Sabbath School contribution box, with a special donation on the 13th Sabbath. In the Harvest Ingathering Campaign we may also help to get even. There is yet time before the close of the year to solicit many gifts for foreign missions. This is a good work and each one should try to do his or her part to reach the amount assigned to us (\$6,000.00.)

Then there is the Annual offering to be taken the last Sabbath of the week of prayer. This is intended to be a thank-offering to God for His tender mercies and loving care for another year.

Saskatchewan has been badly stricken for two or three years and there must be a lesson in the experience for us all. Let us not lose hope but sound the note of "courage." The cause will triumph and "well done" will be said to those who have done "their best."

J. G. WALKER.

### NEWZETTS

The Laporte company has organized a church school recently. The building will be soon finished and equipped. Brother C. Buckle is to be the shepherd of the little flock of fifteen. Thanks to Brother A. C. Anderson's efforts.

The Carlton school is to have a strong young man for a teacher this season. He will take his school in a few days. This will be a change since all teachers heretofore were lady teachers.

Miss Swanson writes very encouragingly of her school at Tugaskie. We hope she will succeed, for we want to see her develop into a strong teacher carrying a life-certificate. There is a crying demand everywhere for qualified teachers, Saskatchewan included.

It pays to make an investment for our young people and children. The eight dollars spent in purchasing sacrifice barrels for campmeeting free distribution have brought tens of dollars into the Missionary Volunteer fund. The *Tidings* family will be surprised at the close of the year to see our large list of names on the honor roll.



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### VICTORIA

While the thermometer in the Victoria church does not register the rise and fall of temperature, it has faithfully recorded the efforts of its members in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Anxiously and joyfully the church watched its steady rising, until Wednesday, Nov. 17th, when it passed the goal-mark indicating \$650.00, and accomplished its purpose for 1920.

It was indeed encouraging to see how enthusiastically the church took up the work this year, and also how willingly the people responded. The sum total of money collected was not the only result of the effort, for some, who engaged for the first time in the work this year, have gained an experience that will be most valuable in fitting them for future work in the Master's vineyard. We have also made the acquaintance of a large number of people who are interested in the Message, and we are expecting definite results as we develop this interest.

Our work is steadily progressing in Victoria. Five were added to the church last month; and we are laboring with quite a number, who, we expect will be ready for baptism in the near future. As an encouragement to our colporteurs, I would like to relate the experience of one sister, who was baptized last month. When she was sixteen years of age, she was presented with a copy of "Bible Readings" as a birthday gift. It was placed upon the shelf among other books, and remained there nearly thirty years before she was impressed to examine it more carefully. Last Winter she attended some of the lectures we held in the vicinity of her home, and immediately connected our message with the message in her book. Today she is rejoicing in the truth. Let us scatter the printed page "like the leaves of Autumn," for God's Word will not return unto Him void, but will accomplish its purpose.

C. E. & LAURA WOOD

### GRAND VIEW

The opening at Grand View saw some changes, not only in new students, but new teachers and improvements.

One of the new teachers is Miss Margaret Denham, a graduate of Battleford, Academy. She is taking charge of the primary work, which consists of the first four grades. The work will take careful study and planning, because the twenty-nine who are under her care are in the period of life when their minds should be moulded and shaped for eternity. The other new teacher is Mr. Earl Carle, a graduate of Lacombe. He is teaching grades five to eight inclusive. Brother Carle is full of courage and enthusiasm, and by the help of "The Great Teacher" will be able to give valuable instruction to those who are under his care.

Many improvements are needed and some have been put in during the summer. A good wire fence encloses the entire school-lot. The academic grades

have a library started consisting of one hundred volumes, which gives the school a library of about three hundred volumes. Last year the academic grades were crowded into the room for grades five to eight, making it very inconvenient for all. Therefore the school board decided to equip one of the rooms in the basement, that had been used two years ago. This gives the school three up-to-date rooms.

Prayer-bands have been organized, and I hope they will be the means of drawing the students and teachers closer to God. In this time of the world's history we cannot spend too much time in prayer. We may be pushed to the limit with our duties, but we are told that a small part of the day spent in prayer, will help us greatly with our many responsibilities. May God see fit to impress each and every one of us to lay hold of the promises of God as never before. I feel certain that the prayer-bands are a part of a Christian school. If the spiritual side of the school is neglected there is a chance of the students becoming too much taken up with their studies and thus lose hold on God. If the students lose confidence in God our aim for a Christian school is thwarted.

Two Missionary Volunteer Societies have been started. The Juniors carry on their work in their school room and the seniors in the Church, under the guidance of the teachers of the school. These societies will be the means of giving the young a chance of developing their talents for public work.

The present enrollment is fifty-eight and more are expected, as soon as the work is done so they can be freed.

Speaking in behalf of the teachers I invite the prayers of all the believers of the Union for the success of the Intermediate School at Grand View.

C. F. HUBBARD.

### HARVEST INGATHERING NOTES FROM B.C.

December is your last opportunity to have a part in this 1920 campaign. *Don't fail* We are counting on YOU.

The Nelson Church has sent in \$122.60 so far, with "more to follow."

Just received from Victoria another \$340.62 to apply on their goal. This makes a total of \$629.27 raised by the members of that church to October 31.

We trust the Lord will graciously bless the efforts of Elder Rider as he assists the Silver Creek, Lumen Grandview and Grandview churches to enter the campaign. There are some beautiful valleys adjacent to these churches which we hope will be canvassed systematically for funds.

Brother Robert Swan has visited Kelowna in the interests of the campaign. This missionary secretary of that church says in a recent letter: "Next Tuesday has been set out for our big drive for the Harvest Ingathering." Brother Swan is also leading out in this work in Penticton. We are expecting to receive some splendid amounts from these churches.

Once more we earnestly invite every believer to help us in making the campaign a success. Your leaders cannot do it alone. They must have your help and co-operation. If you are timid, then ask the Lord for strength and for wisdom to know how to place before your neighbors and friends the tremendous need that exists in Europe and other foreign lands. Disease and famine are widespread. Calls for men and means are multiplying. Brethren and sisters, the hour has struck when we must attempt great things for God. The very assurance of the promise of our blessed Master should encourage every soul to do his duty in this heaven-appointed campaign. "Lo, I am with you, ALWAYS, even unto the end of the world."

T. S. BOWETT.



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## WEEK OF PRAYER NOTICE

December 11 to 18 should be underlined in red on the calendar by every Seventh-day Adventist in Western Canada. Thus future plans would be made so that all might have this one week free to renew their acquaintance with God.

When we come close to God, He comes close to us. This is the personal experience of every one who faithfully observes the Week of Prayer. Mark it now while the dates are fresh in your memory. Then, when the time comes you will be ready to enjoy the wonderful blessings which are waiting for you. We, as a people, earnestly believe that Jesus is coming soon. We are *sure* of this, but none of us are so sure of how many days we shall have the privilege of carrying this good news to others. May each one of us be strengthened to render more faithful service than ever before as a result of 1920 Week of Prayer—from December 11th to the 18th.

## THE INWARD LIFE

In a laundry the other day I saw two kinds of irons. One, the usual sort, needing to be put on a heated furnace at frequent intervals to fit it for its work; while the other iron was attached by a flexible gutta-percha tube to the gas-pipe, so that it was easy to use it; and inside the iron a jet of flame fed by the gas, which maintained it at regular temperature and counteracted the chilling effects of its work. Is it not this what we want? Not depending on the outside stimulus of a convention, a mission, or a sermon, but receiving straight from God Himself that inward fire of the Holy Ghost to give and perpetuate, which is the dearest passion of the hearer of Jesus.

F. B. MEYER.

## THAT CHRISTMAS PRESENT

We all enjoy both the giving and receiving of gifts, and as we draw to the end of the year it is natural for us to begin to plan in regard to what we shall send to our friends. Many spend valuable time and money in the making of gifts, sometimes useful, often ornamental. It ought to be a serious question with us at this time whether we should spend time and money in this way now. With probation's hours closing, the time of trouble upon us, our friends unsaved, we surely ought to place every dollar where it will do the most good.

Our books make splendid gifts for any season of

the year, and should be used freely by everyone who really believes this message.

What better gift could be made this year than the sending of our new magazine the *Canadian Watchman* to your friends? It would be an all the year round reminder of your love and friendship. It will only cost you \$2.50 and if you will remember five of your friends in this way, we will send it to each for the year for Ten Dollars. Could you spend ten dollars in any better way?

Think it over carefully, decide today, and send names and addresses, with the cash to your Tract Society, so the order can reach us early and we have it reach them in time.

LIZZIE M. GREGG.  
CANADIAN WATCHMAN PRESS.

## A FOREIGN FIELD OF THIRTY-TWO MILLIONS AWAITING OUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

We think of South America as being an immense mission field and our hearts go out in tender sympathy for the millions there in Catholic superstition and darkness. We rejoice to hear of thousands in that neglected continent seeking after truth and accepting it largely through the work of our colporteurs carrying to their homes our literature in the Spanish and Portuguese languages. Yet we have a *foreign* field within the boundaries of the United States and Canada almost as great in extent of population as the entire field known as the South American Division.

Are those 32,000,000 foreigners at our doors as susceptible to the truth and as hungry for our literature as people across the seas? Experience proves that they are much more approachable here and can be reached without the great sacrifice of health and the heavy outlay of means required to seek out the honest in heart in distant lands. Just as literature is the chief evangelistic agency in the foreign fields, so too, in the homeland, we must look largely to our consecrated colporteurs to search out the dear foreigner huddled away in a tenement house in the city, or scattered throughout the west Canadian country territory. Let us thank God that today subscription books and magazines for our colporteurs, and smaller literature for our home missionary workers are available in most of the leading languages of these 32,000,000 precious souls that are looking to us for light and salvation.

J. H. McEACHERN.

FOR SALE: 25 acres fine farm land one mile from station; one quarter mile from school, on main highway. Sidewalk to town. Good buildings. 7-room house, full basement, cement floor. City water, electric light and telephone on street. Six acres orchard; six acres alfalfa; 18 acres cleared. Good wood supply on balance. Well fenced. Team of horses, cow, 200 chickens. Will sell place, stock, implements, furniture, complete for \$11,000.00—bare place for \$8,000.00. Part cash and terms. Poor health cause for selling. A bargain for interested party. Address G. W. Clark, Armstrong, B.C.

WANTED—Two good men to fall timber. Wages \$8.00 per day. Address A. E. Owens, Ocean Falls, B.C.

FOR SALE—One-half section good farm land; One-half section adjoining is leased. Government reserve adjacent furnishes abundant pasturage at 40c per head the season, and wild hay at 25c a ton. 150 acres broken; fenced and cross-fenced. 3 good-sized barns; 7-roomed house; abundant water—well and lakes. Brush land district; soil is deep, black loam. Never had a crop failure in the district. Fine opportunity for stock farming. Poor health reason for selling. Part of proceeds go to the cause. Price \$30 per acrs. Terms. J. Burgess, Warmley, Sask.