

# Western Canadian Tidings

"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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## THE CALL OF THE HOUR

A. C. Gilbert

We are in the days of the finishing of the work of salvation. God, as never before, is laying hold of every available agency for the speedy proclamation of the third angel's message to every part of this old world. The laborers will soon lay down the sickle. The work is done. What a wonderful, solemn thought!

But in the little time that yet remains, there is a vast amount of work to do. It cannot be done and the rewards cannot be rendered unless every person connected with this movement embraces the opportunity to do a real part in finishing the task that is still uncompleted. And, thank the Lord, every person may have part.

The selling of our larger publications is an opportunity within the reach of many. God is calling upon these to hasten and enlist in the colporteurs' army while there is room, and get a short-course training in the wonderful art of saving souls.

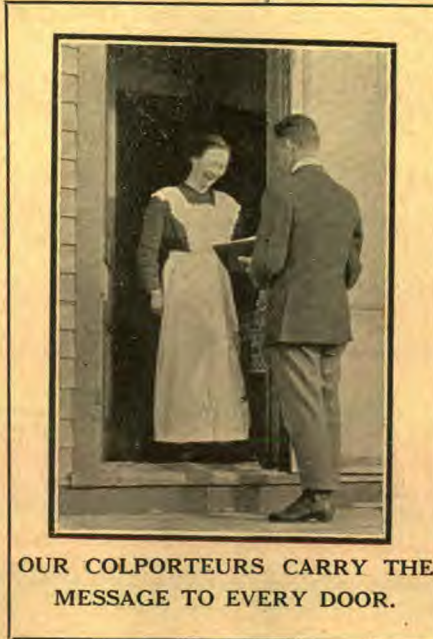
Our books contain a message of comfort for discouraged hearts. Where is the one who will volunteer to carry this message? Our books contain light for those in darkness. Where is the one who will volunteer to hold the light to guide the footsteps of those who want to see the way to kingdom?

A storm is gathering. Ominous clouds hang low on the horizon. Angry murmurs of thunder speak of danger not far away. It is time to hasten to our labor to save. The colporteurs are throwing out many a life line and souls are being saved by their efforts. Let us arise to our privileges at this time, and, according to our ability, do what God requires of us. Who will respond to the demands of the hour?

"The printing and circulation of the books and papers that contain the truth for this time are to be our work." Vol. 8, p. 89.

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the scriptures." Colp. Evan. p. 80.

"The circulation of our literature is one very important means of placing before men and women the light God has committed to his church to be given to the world." Colp. Evan. p. 30.



## OUR BRANCH OFFICE IN THE WEST

C. L. Paddock, Manager  
Western Branch

*Canadian Watchman Press*

In the fall of 1906 Brother H. H. Hall made a trip to Canada in the interests of the book work. He found that the sales for the entire year, for all of Western Canada was only \$706.31. There was no branch office, each tract society carrying a small stock, and securing supplies from the States, or Europe. In many cases this meant delay and inconvenience. Brother Hall found one young man who had taken orders for a large number of Daniel and Revelation, and the books were undelivered in the late fall because he could not secure them in Canada and they had been long delayed in coming from abroad.

Conditions existing made those in charge of the work see the

necessity of opening up a branch house in the West which would carry a stock of books, and in turn supply the tract societies. Brother Hall finally made arrangements with Brother and Sister Conway of Regina and a small stock of books was stored in their kitchen. This was the first branch house in Western Canada. The work was carried on here for one year, when a building was rented and a little depository built on the rear.

The growing work demanded larger quarters and a well-equipped branch house was opened in Calgary, and the supplies for the union were handled through this office until one year ago when the stock was moved from Calgary to Winnipeg, the present location. We are glad to say that we are very conveniently and comfortably located in the heart of the wholesale section of the city, in a modern office building. At one time this summer we shipped in an entire carload of books; probably the first carload of printed books ever coming into the Dominion, for other publishers don't ship books in carload lots.

And we are also glad to know that we now have a publishing house of our own, which will enable us to print our own literature on our own presses in Canada. Surely the Lord's hand has been guiding in this work.

We are bending every energy to give the best possible service to the field, and we are at your



service. If any of our people from the West are passing through Winnipeg at any time, we shall be glad to have you call and see us. Our address is, 303 Nokomis Building, Corner Cumberland and Hargrave Streets.

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"This is the very work (canvassing) the Lord would have His people do at this time." Colp. Evan. p. 5.

"I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success. It is the Lord's work, and a blessing will attend those who engage in it with earnestness and diligence." Colp. Evan. p. 35.

### COLPORTEUR WORK—DOES IT PAY?

(George A. Campbell, Union Field Secretary)

To think of the millions, yes, hundreds of millions of homes of every nation, kindred, tongue and people where this message must yet be proclaimed staggers one. Surely this gigantic task cannot be accomplished orally from the platform. It must and will be finished largely through our literature work. As the self-supporting colporteur goes from farm home to farm home, from village to village, and the congested homes of our cities he leaves a trail of literature behind him that will speak to millions of hearts that would otherwise never hear the message of the coming King.

There can be no question as to the results accomplished in souls saved by this line of missionary endeavor. This line of Christian work cannot be over-estimated. Chapter upon chapter has been written by the servant of the Lord as to its importance. The question, however, that comes to many who would like to engage in it, is, "Does it pay financially?" "Can I make a living at it?"

This question can be answered yes, or no. Yes, if you enter it with a burden for souls, obtain the necessary preparation and training, then **work, work, work**. No, if you have not made a success of your former occupation and heavily involved in debt. No, if you do not make a thorough preparation and receive the necessary training. No, if you do not work industriously, putting in faithful time.

True, the colporteur must meet certain requirements. The Field Secretary must thoroughly train and place the colporteur where he can work to the best advantage. When requirements are fully met on both sides, success is a mathematical certainty.

Yes, some have failed financially in the colporteur work, but please do not take this for evidence that it cannot be done. Many college graduates make a failure in life, but we do not conclude from this that a college course does not pay. A large number of men fail in business every year but that is no criterion that business is a failure.

The colporteur work can be made a success as scores of regular year-round colporteurs are proving. Just a word from the Testimonies: "The Colporteur work is elevating and will prove a success if he is honest, earnest, and patient, steadily pursuing the work he has undertaken. His heart must be in the work, he must rise early and work industriously, putting to proper use the faculties God has given him."

May God give us all a greater vision of what can be accomplished through the distribution of our literature, and may His Holy Spirit impress the hearts of capable men and women in the Western Canadian Union to enlist in this self-supporting

### LITERATURE WORK IN MANITOBA

(G. F. Ojala, Field Secretary, Manitoba)

1920 is in the past and as we look back to what God has wrought for us, it makes our hearts glad and our faith in God is made stronger.

"God calls upon His people to act like living men, and not be indolent, sluggish, and indifferent. We must carry the publications to the people, and urge them to accept, showing them that they will receive much more than their money's worth. Exalt the value of the books you offer. You can not regard them too highly."—Canvassers Manual, p. 55.

The Lord promises to be the chief worker by the side of the Colporteur, and this has actually been realized by those in the firing line. While we have not made our goal for the past year, it is very encouraging that the sales by our Colporteurs in the Manitoba Conference territory has enjoyed a healthy growth.

In 1919 our sales, as reported by the 26 Colporteurs, some of whom worked a week or two, while others spent the best part of the season in the field, amounted to \$12,584.15. This is not including the total sales of Tract Society which would bring the total sales up to \$21,691.60.

Colporteur sales for 1920 by the same number of workers increased \$2,417.00, amounting to \$15,000.00. Figures of Tract Society sales at the time of this writing not at hand. But we are inclined to believe the total figures will nearly reach the \$25,000.00 mark for the past year.

At the present time two or three are selling our larger books, two are working more or less with the smaller books, and a number are very enthusiastic about our new *Canadian Watchman*, and other magazines.

Our courage is good and we are looking forward and planning for a vigorous effort along all lines of literature work for 1921. Shall we thank God for what He has enabled us to accomplish? And, let us pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into His harvest. The fields indeed are ripe, but laborers are few. Let us reconsecrate ourselves anew to God, and ask Him what He would have us do. He has entrusted us with a message, and commanding us to give it to others. He promises to be the chief worker by our side. And assures us that the wages will be right.

### FROM SASKATCHEWAN

(John Jewkes, Field Secretary for Saskatchewan)

In these strenuous days when remarkable evidences on every hand, indicate that the time given us to finish the work is short, the question of scattering our literature necessarily becomes one of vital importance.

In Vol. VII, p. 140, we are told: "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory." And in Vol. IX, p. 61: "The great and wonderful work of the last gospel message is to be carried on now as it has never been before. The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals."

We may inquire, how will this be accomplished?



p. 280. "God calls for WORKERS. The cause NEEDS MEN, who, placing themselves in the hands of the Lord as humble learners, have proved themselves workers together with Him. Let them step into the ranks of workers, and by patient continuous effort prove their worth, working in harmony with the plan God has laid down."

We believe that the promise of God, "The canvassing work is to be revived and carried forward with increasing success." applies to Saskatchewan today.

In the past many have given up their business, forsaken their farms, their shops, and other employment, and have given themselves to this Heaven appointed work, and they have been rewarded by seeing souls converted to God.

One of our Colporteurs is rejoicing in seeing about fifteen keeping the Sabbath as a result of his consecrated efforts the past season, several baptized, one of them being the mother of the Catholic Priest of that district. Others may be mentioned. We praise God for these evidences of His working power, but still there is a great work to be done. "The duty and delight of all service is to uplift Christ before the people." Vol. IX, p. 147.

Saskatchewan with its cosmopolitan peoples, speaking over forty languages, has many unentered districts. "We want men who will push the triumphs of the cross; men who will persevere under discouragement and privations, who will have the zeal and resolution and faith that are indispensable in the missionary field." C.T.T. p. 515.

During the coming season we expect to see a larger number of Colporteurs in the field than ever before.

On Sabbath, Dec. 4, our Colporteurs gave an interesting programme at the Academy, their Caleb, Joshua experiences were much appreciated, canvassing bands are now organized, and we are glad to report that an excellent spirit prevails at the Academy, an augury of good success to those whose devotion to duty will not fail.

### "THIS ONE THING I DO"

Every third Adventist has come into this message through the medium of the printed page. Think of it. This fact shows the marvellous influence of literature upon the minds of men and women. This message is gathering a momentum month by month, and year by year that no earthly power can counteract.

Dear colporteurs, will we not resolve before God to make 1921 a banner year in the winning of souls? We might resolve to circulate more literature than ever but of what avail will that be unless our efforts are accompanied by the spirit of God?

I read recently of a man seventy years of age, who had distributed gospel tracts wherever he went for thirty years. He admitted he could notice coldness in his spiritual life by a tendency to neglect this work, which had become his most constant method of bearing testimony for Christ.

Colporteurs, we are to talk the bookwork; to think it; to live it. It is to thrill every fiber of our being. The longer one is in it the deeper his love for it. While waiting for a train a few weeks ago I fell into conversation with three men. We had a profitable chat together for over an hour on the signs of the times. As I was bidding goodbye I handed several

One of the men immediately spoke up, "Why, I read that paper on the train between New York and Rochester." Thus our literature is finding its way.

I am with you, dear colporteurs, to endeavor to make this department of the cause one which will be deeply spiritual. This will be accomplished by a sincere, earnest group of workers imbued with the spirit and determination of Paul, who so aptly said, "This one thing I do."

ROBERT KITTO.

### "COME AND JOIN THE BOOKMAN'S ARMY"

(G. H. Barbee, Field Sec'y for Alberta)

Well it does seem fine to have a special number of the *Tidings* that is devoted to the book work.

I am more convinced of late, as has often been expressed, that this is one of the most wonderful ways of finishing the work that we have in the denomination. Our literature is published and talks in most languages.

I will briefly mention what the Colporteur does, or can do. In the first place he puts the truth in the home that will give all individuals a knowledge of this message, he can resurrect the family altar in many cases; his influence should always be for right. We will have the privilege in the new earth of meeting many that will come and say that it was we that invited them there.

Besides all these wonderful blessings, the Colporteur is self supporting, he is paying tithe to help support the Gospel Ministry, and is giving to Sabbath School, and helping in all foreign missionary enterprises, and in time will possibly go himself.

These are a few facts that have been going on in the past and of course we can only expect they will continue as we are told in the Testimonies, Vol. 5: "That as long as probation shall last there will be work for the Colporteur."

1920 is gone, but the seed sown is yet to be harvested, some of it this year, some of it next, and some even later. Our good Colporteurs placed in the homes something over \$21,000.00 worth of literature last year. This is actual sales gone into the field. This should make our hearts rejoice over this splendid accomplishment.

There are bright hopes in the future for Alberta. A number of old Colporteurs are planning to enter the field very soon, with some new ones that have never been in the field. The new Magazine is on the go. Brother Ingham a new Sabbath keeper under the effort of Elder Johnston is taking up the work, with many others selling at odd times. Miss Schwartz, one of our girls here in the office sold 25 in a little less than an hour. Perhaps you can do this, have you tried? Brethren Jobs and Robinson are both working and others are inquiring about territory so we feel very much encouraged. My article is limited in words, but I will close by inviting you to join the "Bookman's Army."

### "I MUST BE ABOUT MY FATHER'S BUSINESS"

(Geo. Toombs, Field Sec'y. for British Columbia)

Are you a business man? Does your business worry you? Or is it so firmly established that there is no need to worry. My Father is a business man and has many servants. Some are energetic and obedient and will move promptly when called upon,



are of little value. Some tell me, my Father's business will fail, because so many of the servants are not living up to their agreement, but I think that it is the unfaithful servants who will fail, as they will soon wither and die, for only the fruit-bearing branches will endure.

Jesus, our elder Brother, when He was but twelve years of age, understood His Father's business, for He said, "Wist ye not that I must be about my father's business." Oh, if we could only learn the lesson of this statement. It is said that Mary kept all these sayings in her heart. Would it not be well for us to remember these words and that God is our Father.

The promise of the Lord is, that He will send Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord come. Are you, my brother, Elijah? Jesus said John the Baptist was Elijah because he did the works of the Prophet. Can He say the same of you? Probably you are passing through the experience of Elijah when he was discouraged and have run away from the work. If so, listen to the still, small Voice. "What doest thou here Elijah?" Are you about your Father's business. Probably it is in the colporteur or magazine work. It is, and your place of business is in B.C., I would be pleased to hear from you, and to assist you in our Father's business.

We have more than 2000 young people in Western Canada. Less than 700 of them are in our own institutions. We have no room for the other 1300. Your

## Dollar-a-Month

is to make room for them that they may be trained to help supply the home and mission fields. Most of our books are sold by our students.

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE

More than 150 church schools in the U.S.A. and Canada could not be started last year because of lack of teachers. The buildings and equipment were ready. The children were there. But no teachers could be found. There were not enough in the denomination to supply the calls.

"India is calling for 30 evangelists now," said Elder G. W. Pettit of Bombay, at our camp meetings last summer. But we have been able to find and send only about four or five instead of the thirty.

One of the great problems of the October Fall Council was the tremendous demand for trained workers. It caused our General Conference leaders to turn and point to our institutions here at home, and speak most earnestly regarding the vital work

"The hour has come for us to step lively," said Elder A. G. Daniells, in speaking of this institutional enlargement and activity in training recruits.

"There never has been an hour when the educational work meant so much to this cause as today."

"There never was a time when the educational work could do so much to advance the cause as today." These are significant, important words coming from our highest General Conference men at the Fall Council.

Laborers are made from young people. The work abroad depends upon the work at home. Depends on it for men and money. The money is nothing without the workers. Dollars cannot teach. When one goes south, he must exchange his Canadian into American money before it is of use. So before our money can be of full use to the mission fields, much of it must be exchanged into prepared young people.

We have more than 2,000 young people above six years of age in Western Canada. There are no finer youth in the world. They will make the best of missionaries once they are trained.

But they *must be* trained. These youth cannot become skilled workmen without training. It is not just workers that the cause needs, but *skilled* workers. God has not left his cause to be directed and advanced by untrained minds. It was not so with Moses, with Ezra, with Daniel, or Paul, or Luther. And today probably about ninety per cent. of our missionaries and conference workers come from our schools and sanitariums. From the world field calls are coming for hundreds more of our youth to be trained and sent on.

But listen. Less than 700 of our 2,000 are in our schools and sanitarium. If we fill every institution we have in Western Canada full—Lacombe, Battleford, the sanitarium, and every Church School—we could not accommodate more than 700. There is no room for the other 1300. They cannot get into our schools or sanitarium if they try—not until we build larger for them. Two out of every three are outside with no provision for their training and but little for their salvation, for 85 out of every 100 of our youth who never go to our schools drift out of the truth.

This is the situation then. The cause needs more trained laborers. We have hundreds of splendid youth who can become such trained laborers. But we have no place to train them. Is not our duty plain? It is to provide the facilities over here that will send the workers over there.

Giving one dollar each month is the plan by which every believer is asked to help enlarge our Western Canadian institutions. What can I say that will help each church member to see this need and respond? If *every* member gives this dollar *every* month, \$40,000 will be raised in 1921. Think what a large sum this will bring for the spread of the Message if we are all faithful. But it is necessary to begin *now* in January, and *keep it up* to reach this goal. On behalf of the union and local conference officers, I appeal to each believer to give this Dollar-a-Month regularly and faithfully. May God open our eyes to see what kind of service He demands of us at this time for our own neglected children and youth.

If China asks for a *missionary*, shall we send them a *cheque*? Can money preach? How shall they hear without a preacher? Western Canada has 2,000



they be trained? Exchange your money into trained minds and consecrated hearts. Still continue to support every branch of the cause as you have done. But give some of your dollars here to send workers over there.

L. W. COBB.

### PRESENT TRUTH Religious Liberty Special

Below are three paragraphs taken from a recent letter from Brother Reavis, circulation manager of the *Present Truth*.

"February 1, *Present Truth* No. 27 will deal in a very strong way with the present popular question of religious liberty as involved in the proposed legislation for the enforcement of Sunday laws as is being agitated by the Lord's Day Alliance, the National Reform Bureau, and some of the denominational ministerial associations.

"This issue of *Present Truth* is being carefully prepared now and it will be ready to mail February 1. It has been demanded for some time and would have appeared earlier could the material needed for it have been secured. You will say it is the strongest thing in print on this burning issue when you see it, and besides, it will be the cheapest matter to be had on this subject.

"As this Sunday law question is being discussed in the papers, from the pulpit, in state legislatures, and even in Congress, it affords the best opportunity we have ever had for giving the people a clear and full statement on this most important phase of the message.

Price \$1.25 per hundred, plus 12c postage in Canada. Order of your Tract Society.

LYLE C. SHEPARD.

"A Christian steward will exercise care and good judgment in his giving and will be satisfied in every instance what His Lord and Master would have him do."

In order to feed the five thousand one day  
A lad gave all that he had,  
But it took Jesus' blessing you say  
To multiply his fishes and bread.

There are many thousands to be fed today  
"Come over and help us" they call.  
Where is the lad with the basket today  
So I can make it a blessing for all?

Bring in your DOLLAR A MONTH, my friend,  
Do it faithfully throughout the year  
That institutions established and workers be sent  
With the message we love so dear.

"Men derive true satisfaction not from getting so much as from giving." Say it with dollars!

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### CHARACTER BUILDING

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven—a time to keep, and a time to cast away. Eccl. 3:1, 6. Money given now to the cause of God, when everything indicates that God is doing great things, may never be better invested. Every convert made now will join you in praying, working and giving for the finishing of the work.

The final movements are rapid ones and God's people have to develop a character that will stand the test. His people have to become like Him. God is love and He gave and is continually giving. This love can be developed in no other way than by giving. "As ye abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all diligence and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace (of giving) also." 2 Cor. 8:7.

Paul recognized the grace of giving as essential in the building of a christian character.

God, who says, "the gold and the silver is mine and the cattle upon the thousand hills", has provided no other way for financing the gospel message into all the world than to give his church the ability of earning and making money in order to develop faithful stewards, who want to be used by God, in order to receive God's character of giving and thus become more God like.

"Ye cannot serve God and mammon" says Jesus, and it is evident that we serve either one or the other, for "no man can serve two masters." And again "seek ye first the kingdom of God." Paul writing to Timothy states it in this wise: "But godliness with contentment is great gain; for we brought nothing in this world . . . and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into many temptations and a snare and into many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men into destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil, which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things." Now listen to Jesus: "Take heed and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possess." And explaining this statement Christ relates the parable of the rich man, who could not use the blessing of a large harvest better than in the selfish gratification of laying plans to build larger barns in order to keep all his fruits and goods to enjoy himself for many years. But God calls him a fool." So is he that layest up treasures for himself and is not rich towards God."

"Self sacrifice is the key-note of the teachings of Jesus Christ. Often it is presented and enjoined in language that seems authoritative, because God sees that there is no other way to save man than to cut from his life the selfishness which, if retained, would degrade the whole being.

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of the "far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." 2 Cor. 4:17. We are to practice the same self-sacrifice that led Him to give Himself up to the death of the cross, to make it possible for human beings to have eternal life. In all our expenditure of means, we are to strive to fulfill the purpose of Him who is the alpha and the omega of all Christian effort.

We are to place into the Lord's treasury all the means that we can spare. For this means, needy, unworked fields are calling. From many lands we hear the cry, "Come over and help us." Our church members should feel a deep interest in home and foreign mission. Great blessings will come to them as they make self-sacrificing efforts to plant the standard of truth in new territory. The money invested in this work will bring rich returns." Test. Vol. 9, p. 49.

Now, while special efforts are being made, let us all work together in doing what we can towards the Western Canadian Institutional Fund, that "institutions can be established for the education of workers."

U. WISSNER.

### WILLING WORKERS

"Christianity is a religion that will not keep; the only thing to do with it, is to use it, spend it, give it away."

#### THE GOSPEL OF LABOR

This is the gospel of labor—ring it ye bells of the kirk—  
The Lord of Love came down from above to live with the men who work.

This is the rose that He planted, here in the thorn-cursed soil—  
Heaven is blest with perfect rest, but the blessing of earth is toil.  
—Henry Van Dyke.

This little poem seems to have been the motto of our young people and children of Saskatchewan. We can hardly appreciate what it meant to our dear youth to give so much towards the Lord's work in 1920. Here is a little glimpse of the sacrifice of one of our faithful ones:

Kindly find the barrel with contents, the amount being \$5.00, which I gladly send for mission work and hope and pray that it may yield fruit—a hundred fold—in scattering the truth which I so greatly enjoy. It has meant some hard work and sacrifice as I am but a young girl and am keeping house for grandpa on a farm, eighteen miles northwest of Prince Albert. This is a part of what grandpa gave me for cooking for the harvest help.

#### HONOR ROLL

##### Juniors—\$5.00 and Over

Arthur Buckwalter	Nettie Shearer
J. R. Miller, Jr.	Elsie Shearer
Grace Close	Elva Blix
Dan Klam	Ersen Blix
Carl Klam	Ralph Blix
Christina Thorson	Bertha E. Neufeld
Miss Heinrich	Rosie Shearer
Amanda Dukes	Annie Hansen
Celia Sires	H. E. Reeve, Jr.
Dale Alden	Hattie McElwain
Angus Faulston	

##### Seniors—\$10.00 and Over

Ceda Ardelyan	Lionel Wasell
Katie Haynal	Louis Lutz
D. D. Dirksen	Elsie Epp
Henry Anderson	Susie Epp
R. L. Walker	Mabel Fitchett
Roscoe Denham	Martha Henkes
R. H. Kitto	

This list does not include all of our young people who have given to missions this year. Many came

are grateful to God for this excellent work and hearty response on the part of our lambs of the flock. We are determined to do greater things for the Lord in 1921.

D. E. REINER.

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### OUR FINANCIAL GOAL FOR 1921

In a previous issue of the *Tidings* some 28 names were mentioned of Missionary Volunteers who had either reached their goal or doubled it. All Missionary Volunteers and others will be interested and glad to learn that we have more than reached our goal. Figures show that we have raised about \$2,900.00. I feel very thankful for this, and I am sure you all do. May the Lord help us to continue to do our best for Him. It has been impossible for me to get a report from each young person as to the definite amount he raised, and therefore the names of some that have reached and doubled their goal do not appear here. Here is another partial list of names:

#### HONOR ROLL—Goal Doubled and More

Lorena Smith	Sophina Forsch
Marie Smith	Hilbert Hafner
*Hanna Hafner	Lorna Brown
Ben Wagner	Flossie Addeson
R. Falk	Lucille Webber
A. Lankowitz	Della Boothby

#### LIST—Goal Reached and More

Roy Dahlin	Ruth Anderson
Theo Dahlin	E. Johnstone
*Myrna Walter	Elizabeth Fox
*Lyle Walter	Do. othy Enston
*Opal Walter	Emma Oelke
*Marie Christiansen	Ethel Wallace
*Edna Clason	*Dillie & Pearl Thomas

\*Below ten years of age.

G. F. RUF.

### REPORT OF THE ROSEBUD CHURCH FOR 1920

As the end of this world's history is drawing nearer every day, yes, every hour of our life, and we are aware that God's people have only a very short time in which to finish the great work they have been called to do, every Seventh-day Adventist ought to arouse and do his share. Now is the time when God's people ought to press together as never before and help the cause of God to its finish. We read in the Testimonies, Volume 1, page 268:

"I was shown the inhabitants of the earth in the utmost confusion. War, bloodshed, privation, want, famine, and pestilence were abroad in the land. As these things surround God's people, they press together, and cast aside their little diffidencies. Self dignity no longer controlled them; deep humility took place."

We, as a church, were surely glad to have a little part in the rapidly closing message. As the Lord blessed us last year with a good crop, we were only too glad to return to Him His share of what He has given us; and if everyone would have been true to



finished and been at home long ere this. We paid in tithe and offerings as follows:

Tithe.....	\$5,805.11
Harvest Ingathering.....	653.39
Missions.....	755.24
Sabbath School.....	579.96
Miscellaneous.....	5,708.94
Poor Fund.....	133.85
Total.....	\$13,636.49

This is what has been sent in to the Conference Treasurer. The church has done some home work besides this.

As we are enjoying a little time of peace, brethren and sisters, let us arouse and finish the great work we love so much. A time soon will be here when we will want to do good, but it will be too late. Let us do better every year, till we have done the last task and hear the comforting voice of God:

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matt. 25:21.

A. A. ROTH,  
Church Treasurer.

## FINAL CAMPAIGN HARVEST INGATHERING REPORT ALBERTA

### Honor Roll

District	Goal	Amt. Raised	Leader
Calgary, City.....	\$ 600.00	\$ 910.42	F. W. Johnston
Irvine.....	147.00	237.00	G. F. Ruf
Hanna.....	273.00	600.00	A. C. Harder
Clive.....	161.00	253.55	W. H. Hamilton
Stettler.....	133.00	333.00	Mrs. C. S. McCarty
Loyalist.....	217.00	217.00	A. A. Roth
Didsbury.....	112.00	132.25	Elder & Mrs. Fish
Olds.....	98.00	131.00	Elder & Mrs. Fish
Standard.....	200.00	292.70	Fred Johnson
Beiseker.....	210.00	476.95	C. K. Reiswig
Czar.....	150.00	183.55	Mrs. F. Houcher
Hilda.....	200.00	235.00	G. F. Ruf
Schuler.....	80.00	150.00	G. F. Ruf
Idesleigh.....	200.00	202.00	Fred Johnson
Edmonton.....	660.00	668.00	Mrs. Fish & G. H. Barbee
Lewisville.....	210.00	713.39	H. E. Shelstad
Lacombe.....	1,092.00	1,092.65	S. M. Ryan
Harmattan.....	175.00	180.00	Elder & Mrs. Fish
Claresholm.....	378.00	401.45	Bertha Unruh
Rosebud.....	595.00	612.39	C. K. Reiswig
Bantley.....	350.00	33.00	C. C. Reiswig
Boyne Lake.....	50.00	45.00	Lucile Webber
Calgary, Sanitarium.....	400.00	225.27	F. L. Hommel
Compeer.....	100.00	45.00	Guy Sharman
Cassils.....	364.00	144.40	Geo. A. Campbell
Drumheller.....	200.00	168.03	Cal D. Smith
Hawksdale.....	161.00	4.75	R. P. Mooney
Leduc, English.....	119.00	76.10	S. W. Shankel
Leduc, German.....	196.00	140.90	C. K. Reiswig
Lunnford.....	112.00	16.55	R. C. Cordis
Midnapore.....	126.00	86.25	G. F. Ruf
Pobida.....	238.00	12.75	P. G. Yakovenko
Peace River.....	300.00	58.50	P. A. Rick
Rockyford.....	245.00	225.70	C. K. Reiswig
Swan River.....	200.00	52.70	R. E. Robinson
Vermilion Lakes.....	273.00	2.75	Mrs. J. K. Fish
Winnifred.....	322.00	208.80	H. A. Niergarth
Isolated.....	1,127.00	652.62	
Total.....		\$10,221.64	

Fine, isn't it? \$10,221.64, and all since September first, when the Campaign started. This shows what can be accomplished when all work together. The Lord's hand has been with us and to Him we give all the praise.

## ALBERTA NOTES

Another achievement—our Mission Fund Goal for 1920 is "over the top" by over \$800.00. This means that for every member in our Conference we have given for 1920 over 50c per week per church member.

Elder Reiswig spent a few days in the office during the week and left Friday morning for the Claresholm church, where he will spend the Sabbath.

Brother Ryan will be with the church at Olds over the week end.

Elder Fred Johnson passed through Calgary Monday the 10th en route to Portland, Oregon, his new field of labor. We shall miss Elder Johnson very much from our corps of laborers, but pray God's blessings to attend his efforts in the Western Oregon Conference.

Brother Harder was called by telegraph to Oklahoma recently owing to the sickness of his father-in-law, who is not expected to live. Sister Harder had gone a few weeks before. They expect to return sometime in February.

The Auditing Committee will meet in Calgary January 25th to audit the labore account for 1920. A session of the Conference Committee will also be called following the meeting of the Auditing Committee. We solicit the prayers of God's people in Alberta for these important sessions when plans for the furtherance of the work in this province will be considered.

The past few weeks have been busy ones in our offices. Closing up the past year's work, with a heavy mail continually, has kept us going. In addition to the regular office routine we had the added burden of rearranging our office space and equipment into three rooms. The building notified us of a \$25-a-month raise of rent commencing January 1st for the four rooms we previously occupied. We therefore decided to get along in smaller space and have given up room 303.

We would appreciate church clerks forwarding us at once the names of the newly elected officers for 1921, where this has not already been done.

Have you sent in your offering to the Poor Fund? It is needed.

Now is the time to start your dollar-a-month for the Union Institutional Fund. Before January 31st gets here see that your dollar is either handed to your church treasurer or sent direct to the office.

## British Columbia Conference

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## KELOWNA CHURCH SCHOOL

We are living in solemn times and the year before us brings great responsibilities and events which are full of meaning to those who believe the Advent Message. The condition of the world is a challenge to the young people of this denomination to prepare themselves for the finishing of the work. As young people engaged in Christian school work, it is our object to lay constantly before our students life's great aim—that of a thorough preparation to meet the world's need, and a character that will withstand the storms and tempests just before us.

We have a good school here at Kelowna and a worthy class of young people to associate with in school work. We are at present carrying eight grades and have forty-six enrolled. We are sorry to say that sickness has delayed quite a number but hope they will catch up and make their grades. We are looking forward to seeing some of our students



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active service for the Master. Truly the Lord has blessed us abundantly. Our Harvest Ingathering for the school was in the neighborhood of sixty dollars. We have a good young people's society and believe that a good missionary work will be done this year. We need the earnest prayers of God's people that this school will be a success and that souls will be saved as a result.

C. W. MAYOR.

"Since the Lord is soon coming it is time to put every dollar we can spare into the Lord's treasury that institution may be established for the education of workers." Vol. 6, p. 441.

We are to practice the same self-sacrifice that led Him to give up to the death of the cross to make it possible to human beings to have eternal life. Vol. 9, p. 49.

## WHY HASTE IS NEEDED

1. In what language were the general world conditions and their significance spoken by the Lord's servant more than ten years ago?

"We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of the Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude.

The agencies of evil are combining their forces, and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones."—Testimonies, Vol. IX, p. 11.

"There is coming rapidly and surely an almost universal guilt upon the inhabitants of the cities, because of the steady increase of determined wickedness. We are living in the midst of an 'epidemic of crimes', at which thoughtful, God-fearing men everywhere stand aghast. The corruption that prevails is beyond the power of the human pen to describe. Every day brings fresh revelations of political strife, bribery and fraud; every day brings its heart-sickening record of violence and lawlessness, of indifference to human suffering, of brutal, fiendish destruction of human life. Every day testifies to the increase of insanity, murder and suicide."—Id. p. 89.

2. To whom has God entrusted the last warning message for a perishing world?

"In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light-bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning message for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the word of God. They

proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention."

"The most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given us to proclaim to the world. The proclamation of these truths is to be our work. The world is to be warned, and God's people are to be true to the trust committed to them."—Id. p. 19.

3. To whom is this message to go?

"The light that God has given to His people is not to be shut up in the churches that already know the truth. It is to be shed abroad into the dark places of the earth. Those who walk in the light as Christ is in the light will co-operate with the Saviour by revealing to others what He has revealed to them. It is God's purpose that the truth for this time shall be made known to every kindred, and nation and tongue, and people. . . . The time has come when the message of Christ's soon coming is to sound throughout the world."—Id. p. 24.

4. Have we, as a people, been fulfilling this great commission?

"As a people we greatly need to humble our hearts before our God, pleading His forgiveness for our neglect to fulfill the gospel commission. . . . Let us now take up the work appointed to us, and proclaim the message that is to arouse men and women to a sense of their danger."—Id. p. 25.

## HOME MISSIONARY HELPS

### Reading Course

The church officer and church missionary worker who wants to be informed along their line will join the 1921 Home Missionary Reading Course. The books are:

"Testimonies for the Church" Volume IX, cloth, 85 cents.

"The New Layman for the New Time," cloth, \$1.25.

"Immigrant Forces," cloth, 75 cents.

Complete Set, postpaid, \$2.50

Those who already have Volume IX of the Testimonies can secure the other two books for \$1.75 postpaid.

This reading course was established as a result of the action at the last Fall Council bearing on this point.

### Home Missionary Songs.

Now ready—a book of thirty-two inspiring and soul-winning songs. One for every home. Price 25c. each.

### Home Missionary Wall Calendar

It is not too late to get one of these excellent wall calendars for 1921. Price 35c.

### Home Missionary Worker's Record Book

A little note book prepared especially for the individual missionary worker. This book enables one to keep definite detailed information about each visit made. Fine for town or city work. Price 10c.

Order above Home Missionary supplies from your Tract Society.

Elder Christman writes that November 30 shows that the Harvest Ingathering fund had reached practically \$400,000.

Union Home Missionary Sec'y.

**FOR SALE OR RENT**—Good quarter section twenty miles west of Wetaskiwin and one mile from Falun (post office and store). Good opportunity for anyone interested as owner is leaving Alberta on account of his health. Good buildings and several acres under cultivation. Write Elder Fred Johnson, Falun, Alta.

**WANTED.**—Carload of good clean feed oats. Send prices and sample to J. Buckwalter, Hazenmore, Sask.

**FOR SALE.**—One-half section good farm land; One-half section adjoining is leased. Government reserve adjacent furnishes abundant pasture 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. Land is bluff; 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 acre. Terms. Will sell stock and implements and everything as it stands to suitable party.