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IF WE ONLY UNDERSTOOD

Could we but draw back the curtains
That surround each other's lives,
See the naked heart and spirit,
Know what spur the action gives,
Often we should find it better,
Purer than we judge we should;
We should love each other better
If we only understood.

Could we judge all deeds by motives,
See the good and bad within,
Often we should love the sinner
All the time we loathe the sin.
Could we know the powers working
To o'erthrow integrity
We should judge each other's errors
With more patient charity.

If we knew the cares and trials,
Knew the efforts all in vain,
And the bitter disappointment,
Understood the loss and gain—
Would the grim, external roughness
Seem, I wonder, just the same?
Should we help where now we hinder,
Should we pity where we blame?

Ah, we judge each other harshly,
Knowing not life's hidden force;
Knowing not the fount of action
Is less turbid at its source.
Seeing not amid the evil
All the golden grains of good;
Ah! we'd love each other better
If we only understood.

—Woman's Work.

FROM SOUTH AMERICA

When this letter reaches you, it will have been about a year since we left Manitoba, and perhaps a little report of our journeyings and work during this time may be interesting to the friends there.

After a short visit with relatives in the Dakotas, we attended the Ministerial Institute held at Walla Walla, Washington, and spent some time with relatives in Oregon and Washington. As it was determined that we should sail from New York Novem-

ber 20th., it was necessary that we should take the long journey from Portland to the Atlantic.

We arrived in New York November 8th., and were hospitably entertained by the brethren there. While in the city I had the privilege of speaking six times in the different churches, and much interest was shown in the South American field. In one church a collection was taken to help provide free Spanish literature for use in the work in Montevideo. We appreciated very much the cordial interest shown by the brethren in New York city.

On November 20th, we sailed on the steamship "Vasari" bound for Montevideo, accompanied by Elder and Mrs. Meyers, who were to take up work in Rio de Janeiro, and by Miss Cassie Wilson, who was appointed to Buenos Aires. These companions helped to make the long voyage pleasant.

For over two weeks we did not see land. The weather, which was quite cold when we left New York, gradually became milder, and then hot. An occasional shower would "wash down the decks" and break the monotony of the days. During the days we read all we could, studied Spanish and visited with the passengers. About the fourth of December we rounded Cape St. Roque, the easternmost point of Brazil, and the next day anchored in the beautiful harbor of Bahia in the north of Brazil. The ship was received after dark and was to leave early in the morning, so some of us determined to see at least a portion of the city. This city presents a beautiful appearance from the bay, but we found little to admire. It was hot and sultry, and the narrow streets and rough pavements did not seem very attractive to us, but perhaps we did not find the best part of the town.

In Brazil they use the Portuguese tongue, and as none of us could speak this, and few of us could use the Spanish, we found it somewhat difficult getting around. We returned to the ship about eleven o'clock at night loaded with the different fruits of the place, for we were travelling second class, and were

very unsatisfied with the ship's bill of fare.

Late Friday evening we anchored in the very beautiful harbor of Rio de Janeiro. This harbor is said to be one of the best in the world, and is certainly an interesting place. Rio de Janeiro, the Capital of the republic of Brazil, is a splendid city of nearly a million inhabitants. Early in the morning we all went ashore with Elder Meyers, and were taken by Sister Spies to their home, arriving just at the close of the Sabbath services. Brazil has recently been organized into a separate Union Conference. It is a vast field, with a territory larger than the United States and about twenty million inhabitants.

F. L. PERRY.

(To be continued)

SUPPLYING HOMES FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

To us is committed the giving of the Third Angel's Message to the world in this generation. Every person who has heard the message, is debtor to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, in proportion to the strength, intellect and financial means entrusted to him by the Lord.

In discharge of this solemn responsibility, missions have been planted by Seventh-day Adventists in every country in the world, and many of our people have been asked to make these lands their fields of labor.

The lack of proper homes to live in, and being compelled to live under the unfavorable conditions so common in these countries, with no means of protection from the foul effects of unsanitary surroundings, has cost many of our dear ones their lives, while others have returned to us with ruined health and broken constitutions.

The heart weeps in remembrance of the loved ones who now lie beneath those mounds in Africa, India, China, and other fields in heathen lands. Naturally we would weep for the loss of dear ones, but in this case, more so because some of these lives might have been saved to us and to the work, had we understood as we now do the conditions under which they had to labor.

In a tract issued by the Sabbath-school department of the General Conference, which has been distributed among our people recently, some very interesting things are said about this matter, from which we take the following from the pen of Sister Anderson:—

"The first Chinese missionary home I visited was established in a cluster of small houses constituting a native dwelling. The houses consisted each of four walls of sun-dried brick sheltered by thatched straw roof, lighted and ventilated through a single opening where swung a rude plank door on creaking wooden hinges. Where there was pretense of floor it consisted of ashes brick laid immediately on the earth. Snow covered the ground when I was there, but the houses were built with no provision for

heating except by means of open charcoal fires placed about in iron pans. These fires soon consumed the oxygen and charged the air with poisoning gas. By written agreement to preserve, and in the end replace, every brick taken out, the missionary had secured permission to cut window holes and had put a few glass windows into his own living quarters. The interiors had been whitewashed and temporary partitions introduced where really necessary.

"Are you surprised to hear that this missionary became crippled with rheumatism, and that his wife contracted a suspicious cough, grew thin and pale and suffered from pain in the chest, till a change to the homeland became imperative?"

"In another section of China a missionary family were quartered in a portion of the house rented for chapel. It seemed necessary to preserve the larger rooms, which were also the best lighted and ventilated, for meeting purposes. The missionary's apartment was sheltered by the thick branches of great banyan trees which so fully excluded the sun that the tile roof was never thoroughly dried and a growth of mold frescoed the ceiling in bedroom and living room.

"Before the door was a deep, black pool, the favorite resort of a herd of water-buffalo belonging to the adjoining dairy. All day the water lay there still and stagnant. This combination of the pool and the dark roost in the spacious branches of the banyan trees made the place especially attractive to the malaria mosquito.

"These are not overdrawn pictures or extreme cases, but rather typical of the living conditions of our Chinese missionaries where mission houses have not been supplied. In most cases the worst may not be properly spoken of openly."

In the same tract Elder W. W. Prescott writes of his observations on a trip among our missions in China a few years ago. Among other things, he writes as follows:—

"Coming down from Peking, we left the train at Si Ping one Wednesday afternoon, about half-past four, and rode in a donkey cart eighteen miles to Sheng Tsai, where Brother and Sister J. J. Westrup were located. It was about ten o'clock in the evening when we rode up to the door of the station, with the wheels of the cart nearly half-way to the hubs in the mud. It was with some difficulty that we alighted from the cart without sinking into the mud, as there was no sidewalk. Going through the outer door, we came into a large room which might be used as a chapel. Passing on through this we entered the inner court, about twelve feet wide, and extending the length of the compound. On either side of this court were rooms occupied by the missionaries for a chapel, for a dispensary and for living purposes. There was no other opening than the court already mentioned, and there was, therefore, little or no opportunity for any circulation of air. When the sun beat down into this court during the summer months, the heat became almost unbearable.

"In the same city, Brother and Sister Wilbur were living in the upper part of a native house, using a common entrance with a Chinese family below. The only condition upon which they could secure these rooms was that on certain occasions the owner would have the privilege of using one of the rooms in order to worship the pictures of his ancestors on the walls.

"There is no attempt at exaggeration in this description and no undue emphasis upon unfavorable conditions.

In fact, it is difficult to convey an adequate idea of the true situation which I found, and yet I heard no word of complaint on the part of a single worker; but on leaving China, I felt that the one thing which I was under obligation to present to the Mission Board on my return to America, was the absolute need of providing suitable homes for our missionaries in order that their lives might not be unnecessarily sacrificed."

The Mission Board of the General Conference are appropriating as rapidly as possible for the erection of small cottages for our missionaries, selecting locations in the respective fields as favorable to health as possible for the carrying forward of the work.

Quite a number of these homes have already been supplied in the different fields, to the great relief of our missionaries, thus making it possible for them to better protect themselves from the ravages of disease.

It has been suggested that the Sabbath-school offerings from the last Sabbath in September of this year, be devoted to the building of homes for our missionaries in China.

What a privilege this is, to be permitted to give for so noble a purpose. Think of it, giving of our means to bring safety and physical comfort to our brethren and sisters who are toiling under these unpleasant conditions in heathen lands.

And as we greatly enlarge our offerings on this Sabbath-school occasion, let us dedicate with the offering, our hearts and our devotions, and let us pray and plan that this day shall not only be a great blessing to the fields afar, but that there shall come into our own hearts and into the hearts of our children, a new experience, a fresh consecration to the cause of the blessed Master, who is doing so much for us.

H. S. SHAW.

CLOSING OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL

It is a good thing to begin any right and profitable work, but it is a grand thing to finish a good work. The closing day of the Summer School was marked by the inspiration of "something attempted, something done."

The interest and enthusiasm of those giving attention to the industrial phase of the school work increased from the first, and on Wednesday afternoon, September 11, the exhibit of work gave a splendid indication of the work that may and undoubtedly will be done in the various schools of this Union whose teachers were privileged to attend this Summer School.

The samples of work actually done by the children of grades four to eight exhibited by Prof. and Mrs. Wolfkill demonstrated that the instructions were practical and worthy of very careful consideration.

The daily council of the Academy teachers proved to be a great benefit to those teachers, and the daily study in the Art of Teaching conducted by Prof.

Wolfkill was highly appreciated by every one.

The testimonies given at our last meeting plainly indicated that every one felt very grateful for not only the help gained in intellectual lines, but also for the uniting, uplifting influence of the association of teachers from different parts of the Union and for the spiritual lessons gained both in our study and in the constant association with scenes of our National Park situated in the heart of the Rockies.

The ever-varying shadows and shades of color constantly give to the towering hills and rocks new forms and shapes, and impresses one as never before with the mighty works of God and the weakness and frailty of man; and one comes to understand better the peculiar charms of the mountains.

Following the testimony meeting the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"Whereas, We, the body of students in attendance at the first Summer School held in Western Canada, have received great spiritual and intellectual benefit from the splendid instruction, while surrounded by the beautiful scenery of our National Park; resolved:

"That we express to our Union Conference and to our local Conference our appreciation of their effort in making this Summer School possible, and our desire and determination to do more faithfully and effectively the work which, as teachers, is placed upon us."

Then in consideration of their earnest and valuable instruction Prof. and Mrs. Wolfkill were presented with a reminder of Banff and the appreciation and esteem of the teachers of Western Canada.

All the teachers had contributed to the purchase of an appropriately burnt leather cushion cover, in the giving of which they all took much pleasure, and which was increased by the way the token was appreciated by Brother and Sister Wolfkill.

The weather which had been rainy much of the time during the last two weeks cleared up and became ideal the last few days. It is safe to say that all left the camp strengthened in spirit and of good courage.

E. R. POTTER.

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AMONG THE ISOLATED

It has been my privilege of late to visit some of our isolated Sabbath-keepers living in the east and north-east part of this province. The places to which I went are Markinch, Stockholm, Mozart, Leslie, and Canora. Those of our people who live at these different places are rejoicing in the blessed truth of the Third Angel's Message, and are striving as best they

can to hold forth the word of life to those about them.

At Markinch I baptized one person, and at Stockholm three received the ordinance of baptism. May these who have assumed the obligations of Christian duty, and taken hold upon the blessings of the "newness of life," be faithful to their vows. May they find their highest joy in humble service for the Master of us all, so that when He appears at last to rescue His people from the land of the enemy, they will hail Him as their redeemer.

My heart rejoices to know that we have so loyal a people scattered over this large province. It does me good to meet them, and to talk with them about the progress of God's work. It is a grand privilege to live as many of our brethren do in small towns or rural communities, and make known the realities of Christianity by a humble and consistent life. In many of these places a minister may not be able to go and stay for a length of time and hold a series of meetings for the benefit of those who know not the truth, so therefore what a responsibility rests upon our members, who are isolated, to carefully represent the message and sound forth the warning of Christ's coming. Many of those about us may never hear the voice of the ordained minister, but will receive their knowledge of the everlasting gospel by means of a book, or tract, or by the godly life of some contrite soul who is travelling to the heavenly home. So let us be faithful, and always of good courage.

A. C. GILBERT.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

Brother R. P. Mooney spent Sabbath, September 7, with the church at Fenwood. The brethren there are of good courage.

Brethren A. T. and T. T. Babienco were callers at the office last week. These brethren were on their way to Walla Walla, Washington, where they will attend school this winter.

Elder Gilbert left Regina the 11th for a two weeks' trip in the northern part of the province. He will visit the brethren at Sonningdale, Howiedale, Carlton and other points.

Brother Perry Finkle of Mildon is spending a few days in Regina this week. Brother Finkle plans to attend the Alberta Industrial Academy at Lacomba, Alberta, during the coming winter.

The Sabbath-school Quarterlies for next quarter have arrived, in both English and German languages, and we are now ready to fill your orders. Address, Saskatchewan Tract Society, Box 244, Regina.

The workers at Swift Current have closed the tent-effort there and have taken down the tents. Elder Rider will remain in the vicinity of Swift Current for a time, while Brother Forshaw will labor in Markinch.

We are pleased to learn that plans are being made for the erection, in the near future, of church buildings at Rouleau, Swift Current and Sonningdale. May God bless

our dear brethren in these places as they plan to provide a place to worship Him.

The opening day of the Alberta Industrial Academy is announced as the 9th of October. We feel anxious that our young people through this province shall avail themselves of the opportunities offered by this school. If you have not already done so, write at once to Prof. J. I. Beardsley, Lacombe, Alberta, and he will give you full information regarding the Academy.

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TO FATHERS AND MOTHERS

I suppose we are all aware of the fact that the future of our boys and girls depends largely on the education they receive while young. If their education is neglected, they will suffer for it more or less all through life. But there is another side to this question which makes the education of our young people so tremendously important, and that is the giving of the Third Angel's Message to all the world in this generation. It is not enough that our young people receive an education. It must be the right kind, and this can only be received in one of our schools. You would not think of sending the young man to a blacksmith shop to learn the carpenter's trade, nor should we any more think of sending our boys and girls to worldly schools, and expect them to become workers for God.

We can not appreciate the full value of true education. It is worth more than thousands of dollars, and will prepare one for the Lord's work here and give him a home in the kingdom. Let us not be deceived. The education of our boys and girls is worth more than our earthly possessions. If there is anything we should sacrifice for, I believe it is the training of our children.

Let me appeal to you fathers and mothers, who have given of your means to extend the message to earth's remotest bounds. Will you withhold that boy or girl from going to school just because you do not see how you can get along without them? Would it not be better to sacrifice them unto the Lord now, and, if necessary, be separated from them for a little while, and be sure of having them with you in the kingdom?

Last year Manitoba had four young people in the Alberta Academy, and one in Clinton. We hope this number may be doubled this year. The conference committee voted last year to use the interest on the money from the sale of the school farm to assist worthy students who are members of the conference. Twenty-five dollars were allowed on carfare: twelve

dollars and fifty cents on going to school, and if five or more months were spent in school and faithful work done, the student was allowed an equal amount on return fare. This same plan will be carried out this year as far as that fund will permit.

O. E. SANDNES.

NOTICE

Let all our people remember that whenever you desire to reach our office by telephone, not to ask for the Manitoba Tract Society. That name is not in the telephone book. Simply give the number, St. John 218, and ask for V. W. Robb or B. L. Grundset. If you can not give the number you must call for V. W. Robb until further notice.

O. E. SANDNES.

MANITOBA NOTES

Elder O. E. Sandnes spent Sabbath and Sunday with the church at Scandinavia.

Sister Dale was in the city recently taking treatment for her eyes.

Brother and Sister Hogg were visitors at the home of Elder and Sister McGill recently.

Brother Ziprick spent a short time with the Beausejour company recently, and reports all of good courage.

Sister Margaret Pangman has taken up magazine work in the city of Brandon.

Brother Tall has now passed the \$2,000 mark in his book sales this summer.

Elder H. S. Shaw was a pleasant caller at the office this week, stopping off between trains en route to Washington.

The German tent effort is having a good attendance and are expecting that several will take their stand for the truth in the near future.

Brother Neumann is finishing his work in the southern part of the province, and expects to go further north in the near future.

Alberta Conference

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*THE ALBERTA INDUSTRIAL ACADEMY

Perhaps there is no branch of our work whose progress is more closely observed by our brethren than our schools. Especially is this true in the Alberta Conference, where our school is so new and where all have lifted so unitedly to build and patronize it.

In many ways the work of the past year has been hazardous. The high cost of living, and the large com-

pany of students who appeared at our doors asking for admission, have presented problems to the management that have concerned them deeply. In all these things God has richly blessed the school.

SPIRITUAL CONDITION

It is only fitting that we first look at this aspect of our school work. Those composing the student body form a large, and in many ways a difficult field for missionary labor. Much of this is overbalanced by the fact that most of these students are in the impressionable period of their lives. If all had arrived at the years of maturity the task would have been more difficult. This year exactly fifty per cent. of our students had been in some other of our schools before entering our Academy. Five were from families not of our faith. All have manifested a deep interest in religious matters during the year, as evidenced by the fact that avoidable absences from services were very rare, as well as by the part they have taken in the services when opportunity was offered. God did not forget us during the Week of Prayer, the entire school receiving the blessing of the season. We have had no great waves of revival service, but there has been a continual and healthy growth in this line. May the great Teacher of All be praised for his watch-care during the school year that has passed from us. On a recent Sabbath afternoon, thirteen of our students were baptized, thus definitely showing to the world and to God that they were determined to lead a new life. One other is to be baptized at her home church. Three of our enrollment were in the tent work last vacation, and twenty-one canvassed. We hope that a larger number will enter the work this year.

Although many of our families were compelled to sacrifice because of the financial stringency in many parts, yet we were blessed with the largest attendance we have yet had in the history of the school. For this we are thankful. Nor should we forget that our buildings have been spared from dangers seen and unseen. To these let us add the blessings of health, there having been very little serious sickness in the school this year.

ENROLLMENT

The entire enrollment has reached 116, sixteen more than we had dared to hope for. Of these twenty-five were in the Primary Department; twenty-two partially so, and seventy-eight wholly in the Academic Department. Ten of the latter were in the tenth grade, and five in the eleventh. Fifty-three of our enrollment were females, and sixty-three males. Ninety-five came from Alberta; and twenty-one came from Saskatchewan, Manitoba, British Columbia, Iowa and England. The average age of our Primary students was 10 years; of Academic 20. Average age of lady students 18, and of gentlemen, 21 years.

* Report delivered by the Principal at the Strathcona Conference.

Eight students came on scholarships, and four worked half of their way in the school. Of the enrollment seventy-five were in the school home, 40 males, and 35 females.

DISCIPLINE

This is a matter of which we do not wish to say much, but feel that it is due to the company of students that were with us this year that we incorporate in this report the fact that, notwithstanding the large company of youth thrown together from various homes, and with different degrees of training, and the crowded condition of our institution, this has been the easiest year as regards discipline in the knowledge of the writer.

This is not saying that the Faculty has done nothing in this line, for much has been done to preserve conditions that would tend to incline the students to do right because it is right, and not because of the fear of punishment. Each teacher has labored to make himself the students' leader in all phases of school life, and to keep their minds so continually fixed upon solid and serious matter, and yet with sufficiently frequent changes, suggested by the teacher, that our expectations in this line have been gratified to a surprising extent. It is with pleasure that we look back upon a year in which the Faculty has not been called to deal with a single case of discipline.

(To be continued)

CALGARY

After the camp-meeting at Stratheona, we were asked to hold a tent effort in Calgary. A tent was pitched in Crescent Heights and the meetings began July 11th. From the first some interest was shown, and a goodly number attended from different parts of the city. The congregation was composed principally of men, which is unusual. Literature on different subjects was freely distributed among the people both at the tent and from house to house. Some have started to keep the Sabbath with us, and others are in the valley of decision.

After five weeks of work in Crescent Heights it was deemed advisable to move the tent a little distance, and locate between Sunnyside and Hillhurst, on a corner near three street car lines. The new location is in a more thickly settled district and nearer the business section. A gasoline stove was secured which makes the tent pleasanter on cool evenings. The weather at times has been very unfavorable, being rainy and cold, but our attendance has been good considering the weather. The new location will enable us to reach many more people with the message. Those also who were interested in Crescent Heights are coming right along, and we feel hopeful that several more will take a firm stand to obey God.

The members of the Calgary church, have helped materially by their presence and by telling their friends. Elder Burman was with us over one Sabbath, and spoke several times at the tent. His help was very much appreciated by all who attended, but especially by the believers and the tent company.

The Lord has blessed our efforts. We see some deep interest and feel confident that some will be added to the company of those who are seeking to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

N. J. AALBORG.

A. POND.

EDMONTON

It was my privilege to spend Sabbath, September 7th, with the brethren and sisters at South Edmonton. We were favored with pleasant weather, and the meetings were well attended. The spirit of God came in during our Sabbath services, and each one seemed to be greatly strengthened. Both the English and the German workers are much encouraged to see some tangible fruit from their labors at this place.

On Sunday the brethren met for the purpose of considering the advisability of securing a lot and erecting a place of worship. A committee was appointed who began at once to investigate the possibility of immediately erecting a building to take the place of the tent which has given valuable service during the summer. The brethren of that place are of good cheer, and are pushing the work.

C. A. BURMAN.

ALBERTA NOTES

Please note that all money for subscriptions to the "Tidings" should be sent to the office at Lacombe.

Brother F. S. Bolton, who was formerly connected with the work on the west coast of Africa, was a visitor at Lacombe.

Our supply of Sabbath-school quarterlies arrived at the office, and we would urge our brethren to order their copies at once, in order to save disappointment.

Brother Hamilton, who has lately arrived from Central America, has been looking over the Lacombe district for a suitable farm on which to locate himself and family.

Our summer school at Banff closed Wednesday, and the teachers will soon be home again. From all reports this has been a most profitable institute to all who attended.

The staff of workers on the school building has been increased by the assistance of Brethren Draper, Roscoe Hippach and Melvin Milne. The roof is now finished and siding is being put on. A large part of the lathing work has been done, and it is hoped to begin plastering at an early date.

"Where sin abounds, some folks seem bound to sin a little."

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THE BANFF INSTITUTE

Our first Union Summer School or Teachers' Institute, which has been in session at Banff since August 21, and which, we believe, will prove to be a great factor in the successful carrying forward of our educational work in Western Canada, came to a close to-day, September 2. The twenty-nine teachers, who now separate to carry on this branch of the work, leave this gathering with broadened conceptions of the organization and importance of this work, and with a determination to do their part in a most faithful manner, knowing that the Great Teacher is their guide, counsellor, and inspector.

It would be hard to over-estimate the amount of good that will result from a meeting like this; and eternity alone will reveal the full effect it will have upon the lives of the pupils in our union as well as, more directly, upon the lives of the teachers. Much credit and thanks are due Prof. and Mrs. Wolfkill for the way they carried forward the work of instruction. Almost everything taught was demonstrated or illustrated, and this not only served to make the lessons very interesting and instructive, but was in itself an object lesson of how we may teach the students soon to be under our charge. Much enthusiasm, too, was shown on the part of the student-teachers; for all seemed desirous to get all the help they could.

Let us pray that the principles of true education, which were daily set forth or read from "Christian Education" and the "Testimonies," may find good soil in the hearts of all present and may so mold their characters, that we may look back to this gathering as the beginning of an important epoch in our school work, and thank God that he ever put it into the minds of our brethren and sisters throughout this union to hold a summer school.

C. O. SMITH.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES

The Conference Committee is in session this week at Pitt Meadows.

Brother Swan reports a good delivery with "Heralds," having lost only three orders. Brethren Covell and Bell-chamber also deliver this week.

Harold Toombs has arrived at the Academy from the Okanagan district. He will help to get things in readiness for the students who will soon be coming in.

Because of rainy weather, the tent was taken down at Nanaimo last week. Elder Wilson's effort at Kamloops

has also closed with five reported Sabbath-keepers. He will next hold a series of meetings at Penticton.

Orders are coming in for the Ingathering Signs slowly. Have you ordered yours? Remember British Columbia is to raise \$1,000 for missions in this way this year.

A small son of one of our isolated brethren recently sent us \$6.50 for foreign missions. This he had raised by planting a missionary patch in his father's garden and setting a missionary hen. Many children could do likewise.

Thus far, Brother and Sister Walgamott have sold nearly 200 "Steps to Christ" and taken over 100 six months' subscriptions for the "Signs" weekly. Let us hear from others who would like to take up this line of work in their neighborhoods.

Brother Pierce reports to us that he has safely reached Port Simpson with his gasoline launch, having made this long journey from Vancouver in seven days. He took some orders for our books on the way. One order being from a Methodist minister. He will do some colporteur and Bible work in that neighborhood this winter.

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT

Two Weeks Ending September 7

Alberta						
Name—	Book.	Hrs.	Ex.	Ord.	Helps.	Total.
Charles Blain	B.R.	67	85	14	\$	\$ 52.00
Ida Hanson	P.G.	30	13	4	.....	18.00
xRoscoe Hippach ...	P.G.	64	74	27	.....	117.00
xW. G. McCready...	D.R.	32	53	5	.....	17.50
xC. D. Smith.....	B.R.	17	26	4	.....	15.00
G. Polinkas	D.R.	114	71	15	.....	60.50
		324	322	69	\$	\$ 280.00
*British Columbia						
xA. Bellchamber ...	D.R.	26	42	18	\$	63.00
E. S. Horseman....	P.G.	35	81	35	10.50	156.50
F. P. Wright.....	G.C.	43	150	6	8.95	32.95
W. T. Rogers.....	P.G.	180	150	48	114.95	344.95
		284	423	107	\$134.40	\$ 597.40
zManitoba						
William Tall	D.R.	145	186	66	\$ 3.50	\$ 244.50
Robert Neuman ...	G.C.	138	158	57	1.25	204.25
		283	344	123	\$ 4.75	\$ 448.75
Saskatchewan						
xL. A. Philpott....	B.R.	52	44	25	\$ 2.55	\$ 109.50
xEdward Bush	B.R.	51	39	16	.....	65.00
xA. G. Yakovenko ..	P.P.	45	45	10	.....	41.00
J. B. Austin.....	G.C.	108	148	53	.....	226.50
xE. F. Locker	G.C.	31	18	7	.....	29.50
zC. K. Wilson	G.C.	136	196	106	.....	431.00
xGeorge Brown	G.C.	32	25	16	.....	77.00
xD. L. Henkes.....	G.C.	36	28	9	.....	36.50
xPeter Paulson ...	G.C.	40	37	10	30.80	66.80
J. J. Strahle.....	D.R.	81	92	43	.....	209.55
		612	672	295	\$ 33.35	\$1,292.35
Twenty-two agents		1503	1761	594	\$172.50	\$2,618.50
Previously reported						23,023.30
Total this year.....						\$25,641.80

*Two weeks ending August 23. xOne week. zThree weeks.

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Sabbath, September 28, is "Dollar Day." All Sabbath-school offerings given on that day, will go to China for the purpose of building missionary homes.

The article "From South America," by Elder Perry in this issue, was written especially for the members of the Manitoba Conference, but feeling that it would be of interest to all our readers, we have printed it among the general articles.

How far from peace the world still is can be judged from the fact cited by Senator Lodge in a Congressional debate, that seventy-two thousand lives were lost in battle in the wars of 1911.

At each issue of the paper a number of important articles arrive "just after going to press." This difficulty can be eliminated if all will forward contributions as early as possible. All matter for next issue should reach this office not later than Friday, September 27.

Elder H. S. Shaw left Regina last week to attend the fall council of the General Conference committee which convenes at Washington, D.C., beginning September 18. He spent a few hours at Winnipeg en route, reporting a pleasant visit with the brethren there, and called on friends in Minneapolis over Sabbath.

Elder William Guthrie, president of the Canadian Union Conference, has recently been elected president of the East Michigan Conference. Elder M. N. Campbell of Iowa, has been selected to fill the vacancy

in the Canadian Union, and has already entered upon his duties.

The publishers report the total number of Harvest Ingathering Signs ordered before Sept. 7, as 156,327. The campaign is moving a little slower than last year, as the total number ordered at the same time a year ago, was 263,686. Those who have not already ordered their papers should take note of this condition and put forth special efforts to bring the situation up to last year's standing.

The Russian Government has recently issued a book of 101 pages which describes and gives a history of Seventh-day Adventists from 1844 to 1911. It contains the following: "The Seventh-day Adventists in Russia show a splendid life, and active work. The movement continues to take in new districts in European and Asiatic Russias. They reveal a determinate zeal in their missionary efforts to win souls. The whole organization is primarily a missionary one. Every church member must help forward the Third Angel's Message, and be a witness for Christ."

From Brother N. Z. Town, assistant secretary of the Publishing Department of the General Conference, we learn that last year, the summary of book sales for June, covering a period of five weeks, amounted to \$135,800; this year the June summary, which covers only four weeks, amounted to \$137,800. The July summary amounts to \$156,166.90. These figures are for book sales alone. The total amount of literature sales, including books and magazines, during July is \$188,135.33. Eternity alone will reveal the good done by our faithful colporteurs.

BIBLE LESSON BOOKS

In harmony with a special request of the teachers in convention at Portland, Oregon, recently, we have bound advance pages from Part One of McKibbin's Bible Lessons No. 4 in temporary form for use during the first part of the school year. This makes 96 pages, and covers the printed questions, readings, and memory verses of the first eighty lessons. Price in this form, 25 cents.

They also requested that about one hundred advance pages of Bible Nature Series Book 3, be made into a pamphlet for use at once. This is ready. The price is 25 cents.

While these text books complete will not be ready before the first of the year, this provides for the sixth and seventh grade students to go forward with their Bible and Bible nature classes, as outlined in the regular course of study, which plan will be greatly appreciated by both students and teachers.

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