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BEING HAPPY

Just being happy is a fine thing to do;
Looking at the bright side rather than the blue;
Sad or sunny musing
Is largely in the choosing
And just being happy is brave work and true.
Just being happy helps other souls along;
Their burdens may be heavy, and they not strong;
And your own sky will lighten,
If other skies you brighten
By just being happy with a heart full of song.

—Riprey D. Saunders.

OUR LITERATURE

Among the items contained in the report lately published by the Statistical Secretary of the General Conference, for the year ending December 31, 1911, is the following concerning the sale of our denominational literature:

"The sale of literature is an important feature in connection with the work of Seventh-day Adventists, and the amount of denominational literature sold during 1911 was \$1,627,657.83. This makes a total of literature sales since the organization of approximately sixteen million dollars. This literature is issued from thirty-seven publishing houses and their branches, in seventy-one languages, in the form of approximately 340 bound books, 290 pamphlets, 1,100 tracts and 125 periodicals. A collection of one copy of each is valued at about \$500. These publishing houses have an investment of \$1,651,943.86, and employ 645 persons. The number of persons engaged in the distribution of this literature is 2,096, 984 of whom are in the United States and 1,112 outside this country."

The languages in which these denominational publications were issued in a greater or less degree at the close of the year 1911 are the following:

Arabic, Armenian, Armeno-Turkish, Battak, Bengali, Bohemian, Bulgarian, Burmese, Cantonese (China), Centibele (South Africa), Chassu (East Africa), Chinanja (Brit. Cen. Africa), Chitonga (South Africa), Croatian, Danish-Norwegian, Dutch, English, Estonian, Fijian, Finnish, French, Garhwal, German, Greek (modern), Greco-Turkish, Hawaiian, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Icelandic, Pocano, Italian, Japanese, Java-Malay, Kafir (Xosa), Korean, Laplandish, Lettonian, Lithuanian, Malay (Singapore), Mandarin (China), Moari (New Zealand), Marathi, Niue, Pol-

ish, Portuguese, Rarotongan, Roumanian, Russian, Samoan, Santali, Servian, Sesuto (South Africa), Slovakian, Soenda (Roman), Spanish, Swahili, Swedish, Tagalog, Tahitian, Tamil (India), Tongan, Turkish, Urdu (Roman), Urdu (Persian), Welsh, Wendic, Wen-li (China), Yiddish, Zulu. Total languages, seventy-one.

The world wonders how a people who number about 110,000 can accomplish such sales of literature as this is one year of time, and it is a wonderful thing. Nothing is like it elsewhere in the world. It is "not by might nor power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts."

Let the reader try to think of these workers wending their way to the homes of these millions of people, and conversing with them, and leaving literature with them in their own tongues. What an immense amount of light, by the grace of God, must have been shed by this means within the one year that is past. Seventy-one languages! Isn't that a picture? And still the work goes forward, and it now looks as if the year 1912 bids fair to outstrip any previous year in the history of the denomination.

Workers are rising everywhere and offering themselves to become carriers of this literature to the homes of men, not alone in North America, but elsewhere as well. Of the 2,096 persons who engaged in selling our literature last year, it is said that 984 were in the United States, and 1,112 outside of the United States.

I was much interested in a statement made a few days ago in a letter from Brother J. S. James to Brother Town, regarding a canvasser's institute he held not long ago in South India among the Tamils. It reads as follows:

"This was the most unique and interesting institute I have ever had the privilege of conducting. Our sole stock of literature consisted of four small tracts on doctrinal subjects, and the Bible. We had no printed canvass or prospectus, not even a book to study. Our men were all of limited education, some never having been away from home in their lives. But these things are of little hindrance to a man of faith and strong determination, and God can accomplish wonders where there is a willing heart and mind."

Here is the secret of this thing which causes the world to wonder. "Faith, strong determination, a willing heart and mind." God sends His servants out among the ignorant heathen, whose minds are darkened, and in the lands more favored, and here and there is found a soul who has a willing mind and heart, and the Lord puts a message in his hand and sends him to the homes of his neighbors. There is no limit to this thing. It is like a circle on the sea, if you try to stop it, you only start more circles, to widen and widen.

It is said that "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory." Test. Vol. 7, p. 140.

H. S. SHAW.

PUT ON THE BRAKES

While going around a curve a street car jumped the track, and as a result several persons were injured. Upon investigation it was found that the cause of the accident lay in the motorman's carelessness. He neglected to apply the brakes at the right time.

This is an item printed in a newspaper not long ago. How clearly and forcefully it illustrates a condition which oft appears in human life,—a careless, happy-go-lucky condition. How many persons to-day are jumping off the track, crashing into fanciful doctrines, plunging into vices and multiform evils that meet our gaze at every turn in the road. They speed forward inspirited by the superficial attractions of life that garnish the road-side, little thinking of the "curve" just ahead where some temptation is crouched, ready to spring into action, and hurl the heedless traveller down the embankment to destruction.

Should we not exercise the greatest care in approaching the "curves" in the track of life? Should we not momentarily examine our lives—apply the brakes—to see if we have them under control, and are able to meet successfully the temptations which lurk in the different places along the way, ready to take advantage of unguarded moments?

Lack of prayer, criticism, impatience, hasty temper, holding forth a dim light in behalf of the truth,—these and many other kinds are sufficient to throw one off the way that leads to the kingdom.

The days in which we are living are very strenuous. The woe is heard, the scene is enacted which are spoken of in the twelfth verse of the twelfth chapter of the Revelation: "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the Devil is come

down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Satan is trying with every known device to make God's people think that they do not need to be so particular, so watchful of every little word, thought and action. He is pleased when he finds us neglectful of our spiritual duties, forgetting to put on the brakes when our natural heart would carry us wildly down the incline to perdition. The chariot of a well-balanced life on the way to Heaven always proceeds under control.

We are strongly admonished by the Spirit of Prophecy to get the victory over every sin, over every form of selfishness, over every wrong word and action. And unless we do this we shall never receive the blessings of the "refreshing" which comes to those who gain complete victory over these wrongs. So let us closely examine our individual lives, and if defects are disclosed may the Saviour be allowed to wash them all away by His own precious blood.

When we have been freed from the overmastering power of any temptation, let us "stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage," and ever remember the words of inspiration, "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

A. C. GILBERT.

THE LORD WORKS TOO

When Jesus sent the eleven disciples from His presence with the great gospel commission to teach all nations, He also gave them the comforting promise that He would be with them always, even unto the end of the world. This promise which inspired the missionaries of the early church was not intended for them alone, but for all God's people who labor for the advancement of His cause before the end of the world, and is being fulfilled daily. As another evidence we quote from a letter written by Elder R. C. Porter, president of the South African Union Conference, to the S. S. Department of the General Conference, with reference to the Selukwe Reserve Mission, which has been made possible by the second thirteenth Sabbath offering:

"It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge your valuable services in working up so large a thirteenth Sabbath offering, through the Sabbath-schools, for the opening of the Selukwe Reserve Mission.

"There is something remarkable about the over-ruling of God's providence in the opening of this mission station. We had applied for the lease two years ago. It was granted, and a year ago Elder Anderson called at the office of the government and was informed that they were just ready to send out the papers for signature. Almost another year passed. When I called at the government

office, they said the papers were not there, and they supposed they had been sent out for the signature of our missionary superintendent. When informed that he had not received them, they began looking them up by writing to their office in Salisbury. The feature that seemed to us remarkable was that the papers were found and sent to Brother T. J. Gibson for signature just at the time when we learned that you were making the thirteenth Sabbath collection for the opening of the Selukwe Reserve Mission.

"After the General Conference Committee decided that they could not grant the appropriation we asked, we felt that we must go right on with our plans in faith, although we could not see where the money would come from for the opening of this station when the lease was obtained. We can now very easily see that the Lord knew how it was coming all the time. He held the lease in abeyance until the proper time, and shaped the plan for the thirteenth Sabbath offering to meet the needs of the Selukwe Mission just at the moment when we were ready to enter upon the work.

"I wish to express my appreciation to you personally for the interest you have taken in the matter and to assure you that it is greatly appreciated by the South African Union Conference, and the Selukwe Mission. You can imagine that it was quite a surprise to us, for we had not the slightest hint that you were doing anything of the kind until the American papers, containing the appeals for that purpose, reached us. At first we thought that it must be a mistake, and that the name of the mission for which the collection was being made had been a misprint. When we saw by other reports that it was confirmed, we thanked God and took courage.

"Assuring you that we are most grateful for the substantial interest the Sabbath-schools have taken in the work in Africa by sending the money for the original opening of the work in this field, by aiding in the regular Sabbath-school offerings, in the general offerings for the support of the foreign mission work, and by this special offering in this time of our need for the opening of the work in the Selukwe Reserve; and further assuring you that the interest thus taken by the Sabbath-school Department in our work in Africa places us under renewed obligation to devote ourselves faithfully to the advancement of the work in this great field, and that we constantly remember the Sabbath-schools in our prayers."

The thirteenth Sabbath offering for the Selukwe Reserve amounts to \$12,594.36, and will be a great help to that field at this time. It will be remembered that \$7,674.13 was given to the cities of India, and the offering for China is rapidly swelling as the funds are being passed along. The thirteenth Sabbath offering for the fourth quarter of this year is to be given to the educational work in South America. If we endeavor to make this a large offering, the Lord will add His blessing and use it for the advancement of His cause in that field.

"Doctrines are of use only as they are practised. Men may go to perdition with their heads full of truth. To hold the truth and fight for it is one thing. To be sanctified through it is another."

Saskatchewan Conference

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THE WORKER'S BAND

Dear Children:—I have thought of you many times since our good camp-meeting at Bulyea. I hope you are getting along well, and that you have not forgotten the nice lessons we learned in the children's meetings.

Are you all still climbing the ladder which connects us with Heaven? Satan does not want us to go toward the kingdom of heaven where Jesus is. He does not like to have us try to do right, and will do all he can to keep us from the way of life. So we need not be surprised or discouraged when the Devil tempts us to do wrong.

Jesus is stronger than the tempter, and is anxious to help us whenever we will let Him. Don't you remember that Jesus is the side-rails of our ladder? Therefore, so long as we are trying to get to Heaven, He is very near us.

This has been a very busy summer hasn't it? And I presume that you all have had many little things to look after, which has been a big help to your mamma and papa. But have you been thinking of the tent that we talked about at the camp-meeting? Yes; and I hope you have been planning for it, too.

I am sure the Worker's Band will like to think they bought the children's meeting tent. You must be sure to send in your money for the tent to Brother Rowse as soon as you can, so it can be ordered, and made ready for our next camp-meeting. Let us do all we can.

Now probably some of you who are reading this do not know what we mean by the name "Worker's Band," because you did not have the privilege of being at the camp-meeting, so I will tell you something about it; for I am sure you will be interested.

We thought it would be nice for the children to form themselves into a band of workers for the purpose of gathering in money for missionary work each year. This year we plan to raise enough money to buy a tent in which to hold the children's meetings during the time of the camp-meeting. The large tent has to be used for so many other meetings, that it seems hard sometimes to spare it to us when we want to have our meetings. And then, too, the Conference has to buy so many other tents and

things, so we thought we would like to buy the children's tent ourselves.

Now you know something about the Worker's Band, don't you? And do you not think that is a fine idea? I am sure you will want to join the band. Jesus likes to have us work for Him, and He is ready to help us.

This year we want to buy a children's tent for the Saskatchewan Conference. Next year we will want to raise money for something else and the next year for some other enterprise, and so on until Jesus comes. Then how glad all the faithful workers will be when they hear Jesus say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

Brother Mooney is delivering books for Brother A. T. Bablenco this week.

Elders Shaw and Gilbert made a short visit among the brethren in the vicinity of Dundurn, remaining over Sabbath and Sunday, October 26 and 27.

While waiting for his horse to recuperate, Brother J. B. Austin made a flying trip to Regina one day last week. Brother Austin is enjoying excellent success in his delivery.

A letter from Brother Perry Finkle informs us that he intended leaving for the Lacombe Academy about the 14th or 15th of October. Others have written us that they plan to go soon.

Brother D. L. Henkes was with us most of the day Sunday, October 20, while waiting between trains en route to Canora. Brother Henkes is now completing his delivery for the season.

We are sorry to learn that the home of Brother Noah Palmer of Markinch is now under quarantine for diphtheria. The report states that Sister Palmer is the only member of the family as yet affected by the disease. We trust Sister Palmer will experience a speedy recovery.

October 23rd Brethren Strahle and Mullinex left Saskatchewan for Union College, College View, Nebraska. These brethren have labored faithfully in the canvassing field in our province this summer, and we wish for them the same abundant success in their school work that they have enjoyed in the book work.

The Saskatchewan Tract Society still has a few copies of the Sabbath-school Lesson Quarterly for the present quarter. If you have not been quaterly write us enclosing five cents in stamps and the Pamphlet will be sent by return mail. The better way is to send 20 cents for a year's subscription.

We have received orders for 1,265 copies of the Harvest Ingathering Signs to date. Did you get some of that number? November will be one of the best months for this work. Shall we not each one plan for a few days' campaign in the near future? Remember the papers will be sent free of charge to anyone who will use them judiciously.

Brother E. G. Swanson passed through Regina on the morning of October 21st en route to Hillesden for a short visit with his parents, before going to Lacombe to take up his school work for the winter. This is the first time Brother Swanson has been home for nearly a year, having

spent the summer in colporteur work in the northwestern part of the province. In speaking of his work, he said that, although he did not do as well this year as he had hoped, still his courage is good and he is determined to make good use of the experiences he has gained.

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OUR DUTY

Blessings are often the occasion of great trials; and trials if rightly met bring great blessings. The believers living in western Canada are reaping a bountiful harvest for which we all thank Him who is the giver of every good gift. The effects of this crop will be felt in all branches of the cause. Men who for years have been handicapped by adverse circumstances will this year be able to do a good work for God. Some who in the past have had very little tithe to pay, will this year turn over a large sum of money into the treasury. This will be a pleasure to many, while others will pass through a deep struggle before the victory is gained and the blessing experienced.

The temptation to settle with God last is a very common one, and one over which many fall. "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first-fruits of thine increase."

The Lord asks that the tithe be paid first. If this instruction were carefully followed, some would be saved the greatest trials of their lives. Men are liable to over-estimate the size of their crops and how far the proceeds will go in the settling of accounts. To the child of God leaving in His possession the Lord's money, will come all manner of temptations to invest that means, for pleasure or gain.

This year's harvest will prove a blessing or a curse to every believer. It may, and should be a blessing to all. Which shall it be to you?

C. A. BURMAN.

NEAPOLIS AND DIDSBURY

It was my privilege to be with the believers at Didsbury and Neapolis from October 15 to 21 visiting them in their homes, and found them all of good courage in the message.

On Sabbath October 19, the believers from Didsbury drove out to Neapolis for the services. That evening Mrs. Livingstone, a W.C.T.U. worker from British Columbia, lectured on Temperance, and we all had the privilege of attending and assisting in this program.

On Sunday afternoon we had a good service at Neapolis after which we drove to Didsbury and had a service in the Didsbury church. The spirit of God came near to bless in all these services, and we felt it a privilege to be there.

N. J. AALBORG.

OPENING OF ALBERTA ACADEMY

The academy opened its sixth year Wednesday, October 9, and at the present writing sixty-five students are enrolled. School work is being done on the first two floors of the new main building, and the upper floors will soon be in readiness. All the provinces of the Western Canadian Union Conference are represented in the student body.

A splendid spirit pervades the opening days, and the faculty is confident of God's assistance in a successful year's work.

A large number of students have written of their determination to be here, but have been detained by various circumstances, but most that have written so far plan to arrive November first. Pray that God's blessing may rest upon the workers in the academy, and that nothing shall occur to detract from the purpose for which this institution exists.

J. I. BEARDSLEY.

ALBERTA NOTES

Elder H. Humann, after spending a short time near Walsh, is visiting the Rosebud church.

The new church building in South Edmonton is well under way. Situated, as it is, at a point accessible to both parts of the city, this building will be a great blessing to the work.

The public effort in Calgary has now closed, and Brother Pond has returned to the academy. Elder Aalborg has located in East Calgary, where he hopes to create a new interest while holding together the work already begun.

During the next eight weeks, as far as possible, the laborers in Alberta will spend their time in visiting our people in the interests of home and foreign work. This is the time to reach neighbors and friends with this truth. Many are longing for the experience that this message will bring to them. As proof for this statement, every few days word comes, as it did today, that three precious souls have taken their stand for God to keep all His commandments. The work is fast closing. Let us work while it is day.

"I have gone through Old Testament prophecy, and have collected 151 definite predictions concerning the birth, life, ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, and glorifying of our Lord Jesus Christ. Every one of them has been minutely fulfilled."

"Over 300 predictions about the Messiah are found in the Old Testament. According to the law of compound probability, the chance of their coming true is represented by a fraction whose numerator is 1, and the denominator 84, followed by nearly 100 ciphers."—Arthur T. Pierson, "God's Living Oracles," page 114.

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THE NEEDS OF NANAIMO

Nanaimo needs a new church building, but the little company there are not able to build it themselves. They have gone ahead in faith however, and secured a lot worth perhaps \$600 in a desirable part of the city. With the little cash raised they have built themselves a temporary building for church school, intending to use the lumber later in a church building. Thus far they have done remarkably well, but they are not able to erect a building and I am taking this opportunity to ask for help for them. It may be that the Lord has some one in mind, who, upon reading of this need, will feel impressed to help. Surely no more worthy home enterprise could be named than to assist in erecting a place of worship that will stand as a witness for God in the city of Nanaimo.

All donations for such, may be sent to our treasurer, Andrew Roedel, 1708 Maple Street, Vancouver, B.C. From there it will be forwarded to the treasurer of the Nanaimo church. Let us help our brethren at Nanaimo.

J. G. WALKER.

PENTICTON

After closing our meetings at Komloops, I moved the tent to Penticton where I was joined by Brother C. O. Smith and my daughter Florence.

While the congregation has been small the interest has been good, so that we have been able to gather in some fruit. Three heads of families have taken a stand and three others have declared their intention of doing so, and several others are interested.

We have taken down the tent and are holding only Sabbath and Sunday meetings in the Odd Fellow's hall as the rest of our company have gone to their school work. Brother Smith to Grandview and my daughter is conducting the church school here.

Since taking down the tent the brethren here think that we ought to make an effort to erect a church building and as no effort is complete without a memorial, steps are being taken to erect one. We have just purchased a lot and one of our new

brethren has promised to furnish the paint and paint the building. I am sure that the good Lord will help us to get the rest. Brethren remember the work here in your prayers.

J. L. WILSON.

MANSON ACADEMY NOTES

Brother W. T. Rogers of Armstrong made the academy a visit last week.

Sister Etta Brown just arrived from Armstrong and plans to enter the academy in a few days.

Students that have arrived since last report are Brother Wm. Bryson, from Seattle, Washington, and Sister Bessie Rippington, from Armstrong, B. C.

Last Wednesday morning we were favored with a musical programme. It was given by Miss W. Courbarron the music teacher, and her students.

Elder Walker addressed the students last week at chapel, in which he spoke of the danger of fire in the building. Fire escapes have been ordered and as soon as they arrive and are in place, a strict fire drill will be enforced.

A number of the students and teachers have been out with the Ingathering number of the Signs. They worked in Vancouver and New Westminster, and did well considering the short time they were able to work, as it was very stormy. A very profitable hour was spent the next morning relating experiences and the amount each one collected. It amounted to nearly fifty dollars, and others are still planning on going out.

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FAITHFULNESS

"Thou hast been faithful in a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." These are the words of welcome to the redeemed as they enter the heavenly home. These words will not be spoken to an unfaithful servant for the Saviour cannot lie. This should be a source of great encouragement to His struggling and tempted children. It is very plain from these words that it pays to serve the Lord.

The Lord has ordained that His children shall be stewards over His goods until He comes. It makes no difference what our work or position, talent or education may be. Every child of God is made a steward over some portion of the Lord's goods. It matters not how much or how little of His goods we handle, we are expected to be faithful and give a faithful account of the same.

The great apostle Paul speaking of the last days, says: "Perilous times shall come for men shall be

lovers of their own selves, covetous etc." We can all see how this spirit of selfishness and greed is controlling the hearts and minds of men. And the people of God can hardly keep from being contaminated by the same spirit. At a time like this the Lord calls upon His people to cut loose from the world and to use their means to advance the cause of God in the world and thereby lay up treasure in the Kingdom to come.

I am indeed glad to notice the spirit of liberality and sacrifice among the people of God. Nevertheless I feel called upon to mention the need of faithfulness with the Lord in all things. Let us notice briefly the question of tithe paying. From Lev. 27:30-32 we learn that the portion required by the Lord is one-tenth of all our increase. This portion is holy or set apart by the Lord for holy use. One-tenth of our earnings belongs to God. It is therefore self-evident that anyone knowingly appropriating a part or all of the tithe to his own use is robbing God. It matters little whether it is ten cents, a dollar or one hundred dollars. The Lord can never say to such servants, "Thou hast been faithful, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

This idea of paying one-tenth of all ones income to the Lord originated with the plan of salvation, and still belongs to the same. God dedicated this portion to his servants in the early patriarchal age and for all time. We read of Abraham that he paid tithe to Melchisedec, who was the servant of the Most High. This took place more than four hundred years before the days of Moses. The tithing therefore did not originate with the Jewish economy.

Jesus in referring to Abraham says: "If ye were Abraham's children ye would do the works of Abraham." John 8:39. In Galatians 3:29, we learn that all the children of God are children of Abraham. Consequently all who are faithful like Abraham will pay tithe to the Lord. Again in Hebrews 5:6-10, we learn that Melchisedec represented Christ and Abraham the Christians. Then if this is true, ought we not to follow Abraham's example and pay tithe of our increase to Christ as Abraham did to Melchisedec? This is in harmony with the words of our Saviour in Matt. 23:23. Speaking of the custom of tithe paying, He says: "These things ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone." We can hardly conceive of a New Testament command taught plainer than this.

The beauty of this plan is that it fully supplies the needs of the cause of God, while at the same time it leaves the giver no poorer. Listen to what the Lord says: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house and

prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." If any are struggling with poverty, having a hard time financially let us ask ourselves, "have I brought all the tithe into the storehouse of God?" If the spirit of God tells you that you have not been faithful, my brother, will you not heed the invitation? "Prove me now herewith saith the Lord."

You will be surprised how quickly the blessing of God maketh rich. All who have tried it know that the nine-tenths with God's blessing upon it goes farther than ten-tenths without His blessing. If you earn ten dollars, one belongs to God, and if you should appropriate all to your own use, you receive less good of the whole sum, than if you turned the one over to the cause of God and used only nine for your own needs. Let us ask the Lord for faith to take Him at His word, and we shall not be disappointed.

O. E. SANDNES.

WINNIPEG

Owing to the stormy weather this summer, our tent meeting did not prove a success, only that through it we became acquainted with several people with whom we are working, and hope that some day we may see some fruit of our summer's work. Others who became interested at the camp meeting last summer are still studying the truth, and we pray that God will give them courage to stand for Him.

We have become acquainted with several prominent people in the city, to some of whom we are now giving readings. Thus slowly a foothold is being secured for which we praise the Lord. The promise of Psalms 126:6, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him," is very precious to us.

Sabbath, October 5, our quarterly meeting was held. All present seemed to enjoy the services very much and a marked degree of the Holy Spirit was felt by those engaging in the solemn ordinances of the Lord's house.

The several reports rendered shows a healthy growth in the different lines of work. Especially, we noted the increase of the tithe, and surely this is a good omen, for the Lord has promised to shower His spirit upon us when we are faithful in rendering to Him His own. May the God "who gives us the power to get wealth" work upon all our hearts and cause us to become more particular in the du-

ties that we owe to Him.

The Winnipeg church has taken hold of the "Harvest Ingathering Signs" work nobly and we shall expect great things ere this campaign is over. Shall we not all put our shoulders to the wheel and lift hard and long? The conflicts of life will soon be ended, the battles gained or lost. The "Signs" in the East are surely tokens of the "Coming one," and we, if we are permitted to sing the song of redemption, must at this time be true to God.

We crave your sympathies and we need your prayers that our work may be acceptable in the sight of God, and fruitful in the saving of precious souls.

V. W. ROBB.

MANITOBA NOTES

Two more were baptized last Sunday as a result of the German meetings in the city of Winnipeg.

Brother Ziprick went to Beausejour recently, where he has rented a house and expects to move his family in the near future.

Brethren Strahle and Mullinex, Union College students, who have made a very successful delivery in Saskatchewan, spent a short time at the office en route to College View, Nebraska.

Elder O. E. Sandnes returned last week from Bergland, Ontario, where he has spent about two weeks. While there he organized a Sabbath-school of nine members, and distributed fourteen copies of the Harvest Ingathering Signs for which he received \$7.50.

Sister McGill of Giroux spent last week in Winnipeg, and while visiting friends in the different parts of the city, improved the time by soliciting for foreign missions.

Brother Tall, who has been delivering books for the last three weeks, was taken sick last week, and left for home. In a recent letter, we are glad to note that he is improving and expects to start delivering again soon.

Elder W. M. Adams, formerly president of the Manitoba Conference, has recently been elected president of the Utah Conference. Elder Chas. Nelson, who was also employed by this conference for some time, is a member of the executive committee of that conference.

BE READY

Keep up your steam. Keep the fires of your ambition kindled. Keep them fed with the fuel of purpose and determination.

Wipe away the dust of desuetude. Rub off the rust of unreadiness. Eliminate the points of friction with the lubricants of tact and patience.

Do not be short of power when your big chance comes. Do not dissipate it in steam while standing still. Do not let the fires sink too low for the work you have to do.

Keep your hands on the throttle of your powers. Keep your eyes on the track of opportunity.

Be ready for your orders. Be master of your engine, of your organization, of yourself.

And when you get the signal, "Go ahead," throw the throttle wide, and—go.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In response to repeated and urgent requests of the readers of Christian Education, the publishers have decided to issue the journal monthly each year from September to June, instead of bi-monthly. The Home Education Dept. will be from this time forward of much value to all parents, who should join in upbuilding the interests of education by making it a monthly visitor to as many homes as possible. The new subscription price is \$1.00 per year.

MEMORY VERSE CARDS

Our Sabbath-school workers should bear in mind that Memory Verse Cards should be ordered for the forthcoming quarter in time for the cards to be received before the beginning of the new quarter. The Worker bases its estimate of cards needed for the new quarter upon the orders received before the close of the old quarter. No new edition will be printed after the beginning of the new quarter. Orders made after the close of the old quarter may not be filled on account of the edition being out. Bear in mind to order Memory Verse Cards early.

RECREATION

This forty-page tract is an appeal to students and teachers in our schools, and employees in our sanitariums, written by Mrs. E. G. White. It is made up of twenty-two articles and includes the follow-

ing subjects: Dangerous Amusements for the Young; Innocent Pleasures for the Youth; Holidays unto God; Firmness in Resisting Temptation; How to Spend Holidays; Symmetrical Education; Christian Recreation; Manual Labor not Degrading; The True Dignity of Labor; Duties and Dangers of the Youth; Joy in Christianity; Entertainments and Amusements in Our Sanitariums; Physical Exercise as a Remedial Agency; Physical Labor an Aid to Recovery; Substitutes for Amusements; Separate from the World; As Lights in the World. Many of these articles are selections from published Testimonies; but about fifteen pages of very precious instruction appears here for the first time in print. Price 5c. Order from Tract Societies.

OBITUARY

WOOD—Died at Penticton, B.C., Oct. 10, Oscar Elihu, son of Brother and Sister C. E. Wood, aged five months and two weeks. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder J. L. Wilson.

F. E. WILSON.

THE DEACON'S THANKSGIVING

(By Willis Hawkins)

Old Deacon Bedell was the cheeriest man
You'd meet with in many a day.
He 'lowed that the Lord had a pretty good plan
For running the world, and he'd say,
"I'm thankful that things are about as they are—
They could be a mighty sight wuss—
An' the things we've complained of the loudest so far
Have proved to be blessin's to us."

When adversity smote him it fell like the dew
On a mountain's impervious crest,
For his simple philosophy held to the view
That everything worked for the best.
And for others' misfortunes he always could find
Such sweet consolation to give.
It seemed that he envied the halt and the blind
The lives they were destined to live.

When his end was approaching he said, with a smile,
As they folded his hands on his breast,
"I've worked pretty hard a consid'able while,
An' I'm thankful to git a good rest."
So he went through the world strewing smiles on his way
And the neighbors surviving him tell
That, no matter what happened, it seemed every day
Was Thanksgiving for Ezra Bedell.

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