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"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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WESTERN CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE

This conference was called to meet in the Lacombe Industrial Academy Chapel, from February 11-22. At the opening meeting nearly every worker in the field was present, and all remained until the close. In harmony with the action at the late Council in Washington, a workers' institute preceded the conference business, the institute occupying seven days. The opening discourse was given by Elder G. B. Thompson on the evening of February 11, to a full house who had awaited our arrival for half an hour. The speaker gave a most impressive discourse on "The Duty of the Hour," and outlined the work before this people. It was a foretaste of what God had in store for his people, and gave the keynote to the institute and future meetings.

The instructions given were along the lines of "Finishing the Work," "Study of the Word of God," "Prayer," and the "Work of the Ministry." In addition to these regular studies, Elder McGuire gave instructions on The Young People's Missionary movement, and Elder Eastman conducted studies on the colporteur work.

The evening services were devoted to preaching, the speakers dwelling upon such themes as would help to build up a strong Christian character. As a result of these meetings between thirty and forty students and brethren and sisters gave their hearts to the Lord for the first time, and desired to go forward in baptism. This ordinance, however, was not administered on account of the inclemency of the weather, but these converts will receive baptism at the earliest possible opportunity.

One evening after a sermon preached by Elder McGuire, more than 250 souls gave themselves unreservedly to God. This meeting continued until after midnight. It was marked with special blessings, and many found a new experience in the Lord. I think that nearly every worker gave himself, in a very definite manner, anew to God, for the finishing of his work in this northern field.

On Saturday evening a special service was held, when testimonies were borne, hymns sung, and scriptures read in seventeen different languages. It seemed much like a European General Meeting, as there were present a large representation from many



Delegates and Workers at the Western Canadian Union Conference, Lacombe, Alberta

of the nations of Europe.

The conference business was done with dispatch and with great unanimity of sentiment. I do not think there was one discordant note sounded throughout the entire business session, and all seemed to lend their influence to the rapid prosecution of the work.

Practically all the former officers were re-elected, and the Western Canadian Union Conference starts on its new term with a consecrated band of workers, having great faith in God and a firm determination to give the message as quickly as possible to the people in this union conference.

The financial standing of the conference, as reported, shows them to be out of debt, and operating within their income. The tithe has most encouragingly increased year by year, and the various conferences had each given not only their full quota on the twenty-cent-a-week fund, but much more.

During the meeting the weather was very mild and pleasant. One could hardly believe how comfortable he could be in a country like Canada, until he found himself enjoying the hospitality of these dear people. The committee did everything in their power to make the stay of the visiting brethren pleasant. A cafeteria was operated in the dining hall of the school, where both the students and the visitors were served with splendid satisfaction. The brethren and sisters in the vicinity opened their homes and entertained very hospitably.

The closing service on Sunday night was a very impressive one. Elder G. B. Thompson gave a stirring discourse on faithfulness in the service of God. It was followed by a testimony meeting, in which more than a hundred took part.

The Lord was certainly with us throughout the meeting, and most of the workers will return to their respective fields of labor with a new vision and greater earnestness in the work of saving souls for the kingdom this coming year.

It was with a degree of sadness that we parted with the workers in this missionary field, feeling that we had been in the presence of God during the ten days we had been together.

I. H. EVANS.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

To the delegates assembled in the third biennial session of the Western Canadian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Beloved Brethren:

Since our last Union meeting of this kind, two years have passed into eternity, and their records are written in Heaven. It requires no argument to convince this audience that these two years have been, in some respects, the most remarkable of any equal period of time since Seventh-day Adventists became a people.

The great work of the third angel's message has been pushing forward into the regions of the earth, and it is now openly apparent that this Gospel of the Kingdom shall soon have been preached in all the world for a witness to all nations, and the end suddenly come.

The purpose of this gathering is to consider our relation to this great movement, and to study how we may render our best cooperation to hasten the coming of the Lord. Three biennial terms have now been completed since the union was organized. This report will embrace in a general way, only a few items, leaving details to the various reports to be rendered before the delegates, at this session.

When we organized in October, 1907, our membership was 777. Our total membership now is 1,635, and the total number of Sabbath-keepers, 2,277. Our tithe for the first biennial term was \$35,942.29; for the second term, \$51,170.01; for the third term, \$78,537.23; and for the total six years, \$165,649.53.

Each conference composing the union has kept step with the plans which have been suggested by the General Conference for the support of missions. Each biennial term they have endeavored to reach the goal per week adopted by the denomination. The mission funds for the first biennial period averaged 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per capita a week; for the second biennial period it was over 20 cents; and for the last biennial period it was over 27 cents a week. The total mission funds for the three terms was \$57,664.08.

Each conference in the union has been cheerfully appropriating the percentage of the tithe suggested by the General Conference, since the plan was launched. This, of course, is not reckoned in the figures quoted on foreign missions.

When we organized in 1907, our Sabbath-school membership was 1,157. At the close of 1913, the membership had reached 2,290. The offerings from this department to missions for the first biennial term was \$3,671.56; for the second two years, \$6,386.96; and for the last two years, \$15,110.22; a total of \$25,168.74.

In 1907 the total enrolment of all our schools in the union, of every character, was less than one hundred. Now the total enrolment is nearly five hundred.

The problem of carrying the message to the people over such a stretch of sparsely settled territory as we have in Western Canada, has caused us much distress and perplexity. Our ministers and other laborers have labored hard and faithfully, and the Lord has blessed their labors. The situation, however, is a perplexing one.

Facing conditions such as we find in a field of this nature, we have appreciated more than words can express the great value of the literature work. Each

year may be seen from forty to fifty self-supporting colporteurs, going from house to house over these hills and plains, reaching into remote parts of the field where otherwise the message had never gone.

Approximately one-fourth of the population of our territory is composed of nationalities in whose tongues the denomination has had almost no literature. Our colporteurs have, therefore, been confined in their work to about three-fourths of the population of the field. Our literature sales, however, for the past three biennial terms have been as follows: 1908-1909, \$36,511.35. 1910-1911, \$49,768.75; 1912-1913, \$78,644.27; total for the six years, \$164,924.37.

We have made some conservative figures covering the past six years, and find that, in that period of time our colporteurs have placed in the hands of the people, in whose languages they had literature, reading matter equal to an average of 220 pages for every home within the territory of the Western Canadian Union Conference.

Interests are springing up all over the country, and calls are being made for ministers to visit them. It is inspiring to imagine the effect in the time of the "loud cry," with all this literature in the homes of the people, when thousands will open and eagerly read these books, papers and tracts, in the face of the fiercest opposition. Then will come the harvest for the sowing that is now being done.

Our duty to this one-fourth of our population in whose tongues we have so little literature, is getting to haunt us night and day. How shall we reach these needy people, hungry for the truth? This is a question that has to do with the duty of every Seventh-day Adventist in this great north-west. We need some of our large books, such as *Great Controversy*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, and others, translated into those languages as our means permit, and as rapidly as consistent.

Some of Our Needs

We need a burden for souls. We need a fresh vision of things for this time. Not a new message, but a new grasp of the message we have had from the beginning of this work.

We should strongly encourage our young people to prepare for the ministry, the Bible work, teaching, colportage work, and other branches of the cause. Not the young people who are simply searching for a job that will yield the best commercial salary, but consecrated people who have learned obedience to God, and have respect for their brethren. Young people who scorn at the fear of hardships, and who are sound in the faith.

We need parents whose hearts burn for the salvation of souls. We need more family altars in the homes of this country, where the father and mother gather their brood about them, at the time of the

morning and evening oblation, and dedicate them to the service of God.

We need loyal men and women who labor with their hands to support the cause; farmers, mechanics and keepers of the home. The cause has need of every honest soul in whatever capacity they may be able to labor in the finishing of the work.

During the time of the Ashanti Expedition, there was one day a most dangerous duty that must be performed. The commander of the Scots Greys, not willing to command any soldier into so dangerous a place, asked for volunteers, saying that any one who wished to volunteer might move a pace forward in the ranks. Turning his face away for an anxious moment, then looking again, he saw the regiment all in line as they were before. "What!" said he, "The Scots Greys, and no volunteers?" Just then, an officer, seeing his anguish of disappointment, touched his shoulder and said: "They have all stepped forward and volunteered."

The greatest expedition that ever was launched, has now reached its last decisive struggle. The voice of our Commander-in-chief is heard saying to the Western Canadian Regiment: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And as he awaits our answer, shall we not all advance a pace forward together as volunteers?

There is surely somewhere a lowly place
In earth's harvest field so wide,
Where I may labor through life's short day,
For Jesus, the Crucified.
So trusting my all to Thy tender care,
And knowing Thou lovest me,
I'll do Thy will with a heart sincere,
I'll be what You want me to be."

H. S. SHAW.

MORE ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

A general report of the meeting is given by Elder I. H. Evans in this issue, but perhaps a few of the details will be of interest to our readers. We regret that space will not permit the publication of the full conference minutes, together with some of the sermons and helpful Bible studies given.

Each conference in the Union was represented by a full delegation, and it was of interest to note that the number was eleven more than two years ago. In addition to the regular accredited delegates, fourteen were seated at the Conference, making a total of forty-nine, as follows:

Alberta—C. A. Burman, U. Wissner, W. A. Clemensen, H. G. McCulloch, A. P. Pond, H. A. Niergarth, Chas. Rick, H. Humann, C. K. Reiswig, A. C. Harder, L. Halsvick, L. T. Heaton and P. P. Adams.

British Columbia—J. G. Walker, J. L. Wilson, C. O. Smith, J. Rottacker, E. R. Potter, Bertha Lofstad, H. E. Giddings, A. O. Burrill and E. S. Horsman.

Manitoba—E. M. Chapman, B. L. Grundset, H. J. Dirksen, V. W. Robb and G. R. Soper.

Saskatchewan—A. C. Gilbert, E. R. Allen, C. Sulzle, R.

P. Mooney, G. F. Ross, D. D. Neufeld, Mrs. A. C. Gilbert and C. J. Rider.

General—I. H. Evans, G. B. Thompson, Meade McGuire, W. L. Burgan, James Cochran and W. W. Eastman.

Union—J. I. Beardsley, A. H. Brigham, W. L. Manfull, F. L. Hommel and J. M. Rowse.

Ordained ministers not regular delegates—M. Mackintosh, M. Ostoics and J. V. Maas.

At the first meeting of the session it was voted, that the president of the Union Conference and the presidents of the Local Conferences form a committee to appoint the standing committees of the session. These committees were appointed accordingly, and announced at a later meeting as follows:

Committee on Nominations—E. R. Potter (Chairman), H. Humann, E. M. Chapman, C. Sulzle and J. L. Wilson.

Committee on Credentials and Licenses—J. G. Walker, (Chairman), I. H. Evans, A. O. Burrill, C. J. Rider and H. J. Dirksen.

Committee on Plans and Resolutions—P. P. Adams, (Chairman), W. L. Manfull, J. I. Beardsley, G. B. Thompson, E. R. Allen, C. O. Smith, B. L. Grundset, U. Wissner, Meade McGuire and A. H. Brigham.

The first three business meetings were given to the president of the Union Conference, the presidents of the Local Conferences and the departmental secretaries of the conference, who rendered cheering reports of their respective branches of the work. We shall hope to print these reports in this paper, in later issues, as space permits.

The Committee on Plans and Resolutions introduced twenty-two recommendations, and two more were moved from the floor. Some of these aroused enthusiastic and interesting discussions, and all were unanimously adopted as follows:

Whereas, The Lord has wonderfully blessed this Union Conference the last two years in the growth of our work in every branch, in the salvation of precious souls and in the preservation of the health and lives of our workers; and,—

Whereas, There is need that all our people be aroused to the importance of the great forward movement now being inaugurated throughout the world in the work of saving souls; and,—

Whereas, We believe that the time has come for the finishing of the work that God has given us to do; therefore,—

1. Resolved, (a) That we hereby express our gratitude for the blessings, and consecrate ourselves to God as never before for the finishing of this message; and,—

(b) That we do our utmost to arouse all the members of our churches to the importance of this present hour, and to enlist them in a great home missionary movement for the salvation of souls and the finishing of the work of God; and,—

(c) That each member of our churches be encouraged to bring at least one soul to Christ during the present year, thus doubling our membership in this field; and,—

(d) That persistent efforts be made to organize every church for work, and to enlist every man, woman and child in actual service in this Cause.

2. We Recommend, That an Institute be held in each conference, for the purpose of training all young ministers, licentiates, Bible-workers and other conference workers in

effective methods of organizing churches and instructing church officers.

3. We Recommend, That as far as seems consistent, Institutes be held in such districts as will reach every church, in which the church officers shall be instructed in their duties, and in effective methods of work.

Whereas, There are advantages in having the Secretary of the Tract Society carry the responsibility of the work in the field as well as in the office—

4. We Recommend, That sufficient help be given in the Tract Society offices to attend to the book-keeping and other detail work, that the Secretaries may be able to spend a part of their time in developing aggressive work among the churches.

Whereas, The Review and Herald is our oldest Church paper, and has ever stood as a faithful exponent of the doctrines, principles and organization of the third angel's message; and,—

Whereas, It contains reports from our missionaries in all parts of the field, keeping us in touch with the progress and development of the work throughout the world; therefore,—

5. Resolved, That we endeavor to place this most able minister in the homes of all our English-speaking people throughout this Union.

For the purpose of encouraging young men to study for the gospel ministry, and in order that our evangelical work may be strengthened,

6. We Recommend, (a) That our conferences and schools urge young men who are looking toward the ministry to finish either a ministerial or literary course in one of our denominational schools.

(b) That conferences in licensing young men to the ministry, as a rule, require at least the completion of an academic course of twelve grades in one of our schools, or its equivalent.

(c) That young men who are now licensed ministers, who have not completed the academic course be urged to pursue studies in our training schools, or in the Fireside Correspondence School, with a view to reaching this educational standard before ordination.

(d) That we urge all conference workers to pursue the reading course as prepared by the General and North American Division Conferences.

Whereas, The responsibility of enlisting our young people in active service is second to none; and,—

Whereas, The Missionary Volunteer Department has proved a valuable agency through which to accomplish this purpose; therefore,—

7. Resolved, (a) That the local conferences of this Union be urged to select persons, qualified by training and experience, possessing strong spiritual experience, qualifications for leadership, and adaptability for inspiring the youth, for Missionary Volunteer Secretaries.

(b) That persons who have proved successful be retained in this position for a period of several years, that definite results may follow the efforts of this department.

In order to meet the needs of the field and comply with the spirit of the resolutions passed by the North American Division Conference at its fall council,—

8. Resolved, That each local conference in this Union be requested to select one person to act as Educational Superintendent and Missionary Volunteer Secretary, and that he be given sufficient time and freedom in the matter of travelling expenses to develop the work in all parts of his field.

Recognizing the value of definite plans in the matter of securing mission funds,—

9. Resolved, That we concur in the request of the North American Division Missionary Volunteer Department to raise the sum of \$800, which shall be a part of the regular quota of mission funds, apportioned to this Union, and further,—

Recommend, That this sum be apportioned on the following basis: Alberta, \$425; British Columbia, \$200; Manitoba, \$75; Saskatchewan, \$100.

To provide for the equipment necessary in order to do successful work,—

10. Resolved, That each conference provide its Missionary Volunteer Secretary with sufficient funds to secure the necessary library, record books and other office supplies.

Whereas, The Testimonies tell us that "the book work should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world," and,—

Whereas, We should increase the interest among our Church members in the Union, in this branch of the work, therefore,—

11. Resolved, That we urge our conference officers, ministers and other workers to make special efforts to get men and women of maturity and experience to devote their lives to the colporteur work.

Whereas, There is need of a uniform plan of rendering assistance to our colporteurs, therefore,—

12. Resolved, That the following courtesies be extended by each of our conferences to all regular, accredited colporteurs who are employing all their time in the field in the colporteur work:

(a) Railway fares to and from regular yearly Colporteurs' Institutes, with free entertainment.

(b) The Review and Herald and the Union Conference paper.

(c) Railway fare from territory to camp-meeting and return.

13. We Recommend, That a large number of our young people be encouraged to give themselves to this branch of the work.

Whereas, There is need of a systematic plan for assigning territory to student colporteurs, and for the transfer of colporteurs from one conference to another; therefore,—

14. Resolved, (a) That students be advised to canvass in their home conference whenever practicable.

(b) That a committee be and is hereby appointed, consisting of the Union Conference President, the Union Field Agent, and the Principal of the school involved, to arrange for territory for all students who cannot consistently comply with the conditions of paragraph (a).

(c) That the transfer of colporteurs from one conference to another be arranged between the Union and the Local Field Agents of the conferences concerned.

(d) That no conference shall pay the railway fare of any student colporteur who does not belong in said conference, unless he has been recommended by the above named committee.

In order to establish a uniform system in regard to the return of books sold by the colporteurs,—

15. We Recommend, (a) That Field Agents faithfully instruct their colporteurs in regard to the number of books to be ordered, and that great care be used to eliminate the return of books to the Tract Society.

(b) That the Tract Society accept returned books from

colporteurs, who after diligent effort, have been unable to dispose of all their books.

(c) That all books returned without original wrappers be discounted five per cent.

(d) That the discount on damaged books be left to the discretion of the Tract Society Secretary.

Whereas, The Lord has given this people a message on health and temperance; and,—

Whereas, The temperance forces in Canada are lining up for a campaign to "Banish the Bar;" therefore,—

16. Resolved, That we make the most of the opportunity thus presented to make our true position known, both by uniting with the organized temperance forces as far as consistent, and by the circulation of the Temperance Instructor and other appropriate temperance literature.

17. We Recommend, That earnest efforts be put forth to extend the circulation of the Protestant Magazine, by securing subscriptions, and the sale of single copies.

Whereas, It is generally recognized that there is need of some means whereby continuous instruction may be given to our church officers; and,—

Whereas, The Church Officers' Gazette has been brought into existence to supply this need; therefore,—

18. Resolved, That every conference lay plans that will result in this paper being placed in the hands of every church officer in its territory.

Whereas, The Sabbath-school is regarded as the nursery to the Church, and provides a most effective means for the winning of souls; and,—

Whereas, The Sabbath-school provides a very efficient and uniform method of Bible study for young and old; and,—

Whereas, Our Sabbath-schools are becoming a very important factor in providing funds for missions,—

19. We Recommend, (a) That our Sabbath-school teachers and officers consecrate themselves to the work of bringing every pupil under their charge to the Saviour.

(b) That our people in this Union unite in the plans of the Sabbath-school Department of the North American Division Conference to secure a better knowledge of the Sabbath-school lessons by regular daily study in the home.

(c) That we co-operate heartily with the endeavors of the Sabbath-school Department of the North American Division Conference in reaching the goal of "One Million Dollars for Missions as soon as possible."

20. Resolved, That the Union Conference Committee be asked to provide plans for a summer school to be held in 1914.

21. We Recommend, That our Field Agents and Tract Society Secretaries attend the Bookmen's Convention to be held in the Pacific Press territory in 1915.

22. Resolved, That we express to the School Board, Faculty and students of the Alberta Industrial Academy, the Alberta Conference Committee and the Brethren and Sisters of the Lacombe Church, our sincere thanks and appreciation of the splendid manner in which the delegates and visitors have been entertained and their wants and comforts provided for during this session of the Western Canadian Union Conference.

23. We Recommend, (a) That any colporteur desiring to change his field of labor from one conference to another, should secure suitable recommendations from the conference where he has been laboring, and that no conference receive any colporteur coming to them from another conference without such recommendations.

(b) That in the transfer of colporteurs from one conference to another, agreeable arrangements be made be-

tween the conferences concerned, in harmony with the general plan followed by the denomination in the transfer of laborers.

24. Resolved, That we extend to the Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific railways an expression of our heartfelt thanks for the courtesies they have extended to us in granting reduced rates to this Union Conference.

At the seventh meeting of the session, the report of the Nominating Committee was rendered, and the officers for the ensuing biennial term were elected by a unanimous vote, as follows:

President—Elder H. S. Shaw.

Secretary-Treasurer—A. H. Brigham.

Field Agent—W. L. Manfull.

Auditor and Missionary Secretary—A. H. Brigham.

Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary—J. I. Beardsley.

Medical Missionary Secretary—F. L. Hommell.

Religious Liberty Secretary—H. S. Shaw.

Executive Committee—H. S. Shaw, A. H. Brigham, C. A. Burman, J. G. Walker, E. M. Chapman, A. C. Gilbert, W. L. Manfull, J. I. Beardsley and F. L. Hommell.

The report of the Committee on Credentials and Licenses was accepted as follows:

For Ministerial Credentials, Elder H. S. Shaw. For Missionary Credentials, A. H. Brigham, W. L. Manfull and F. L. Hommell.

At the sixth meeting a complete revision of the Constitution and By-laws of the Conference was presented by Elder G. B. Thompson, and at the close of the reading it was voted to accept the whole as read, in substitution for the old Constitution and By-laws which have been in force since the organization of the conference.

During the session, seven business meetings were held. Nearly every delegate was present at each meeting, in addition to a large number of visitors from all over the Union Conference. At the close, Elder Evans stated that resolutions are only helpful, as they are discussed and carried into effect, and it seemed to be the desire of all to go from this meeting with renewed zeal and energy, and a determination to be more faithful in promulgating the truth in this Union Conference, and throughout the world, that the work may be finished in this generation.

A. H. BRIGHAM, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF WESTERN CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE

Year Ended December 31, 1913

Resources

Cash in bank	\$2,574.82	
Accounts receivable	433.88	
Furniture, inventory	375.75	
Expense, inventory	23.00	
Postage and stationery, inventory	9.00	\$3,416.45

Liabilities and Present Worth

Accounts payable	\$ 104.76	
Local trust funds	1,696.07	
Stock—Present worth	1,615.62	3,416.45

LOSS AND GAIN

Losses

Laborers' salaries	\$2,615.41	
Laborers' Travelling Expense	1,368.43	
Laborers' general expense	115.60	
Tithe to General Conference	350.60	
Union Sustentation	175.32	
Expense	106.60	
Exchange	15.55	
Light	4.95	
Office rent	175.00	
Postage and stationery	79.40	
Furniture, depreciation	81.27	5,088.13

Gains

Tithe	\$3,506.13	
Interest	66.55	
Refund tithe	927.98	
Net loss for year	587.47	5,088.13

STOCK

Present worth, January 1, 1913	\$3,703.09	
Press reserve fund transfer	1,500.00	
	\$2,203.09	
Net operating loss for year	587.47	
Present worth, December 31, 1913		1,615.62

FIFTEEN-TWENTY CENT A WEEK FUND

Conference.	Quota.	Am't. Rec.	Over.
Alberta	\$3,867.50	\$ 5,705.57	\$1,838.07
British Columbia	3,057.60	3,250.57	192.97
Manitoba	1,856.40	2,629.85	773.45
Saskatchewan	1,101.10	5,156.56	4,055.46
	\$9,882.60	\$16,742.55	\$6,859.95
*Amount received per week per member		29c	
Amount per week per Sabbath-keeper		18c	

REPORT OF FUNDS

Name.	1912.	1913.
Annual offering	\$ 2,298.57	\$ 1,615.24
American Bible Society		5.00
Africa25
Bibles for Korea	45.00	
Bibles for Siberia	50.00	
Bibles for most needy field	25.00	
Beausejour Church fund		8.00
China	38.45	21.10
Colored work	37.29	87.15
Danish-Norwegian Seminary	510.00	50.00
Foreign missions	2,501.50	3,292.75
Foreign literature		5.65
German Seminary	518.93	557.50
German mission	3.35	2.50
German literature	3.30	1.50
Harvest ingathering	1,404.89	2,089.18
Hausfreund fund	3.00	
India		4.75
Jewish work	111.49	8.65
Kettner fund		27.00
Loma Linda College	100.00	250.05
Midsummer offering	436.65	486.58
Oakwood Orphanage	8.15	
North American Foreign Department		82.00
Needy poor	3.95	

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Native teacher in Nyasaland	16.60	
Pitcairn Island25	
Russian famine fund	7.75	
Religious liberty	19.03	18.24
Sabbath-school offering	5,957.48	9,196.20
Scandinavian ship "Missionary"	2.00	4.25
Swedish Seminary	50.00	10.00
Sustentation fund	1,811.47	2,126.22
South Dakota poor fund	2.00	
Scandinavia		2.50
Swedish literature		1.55
\$300,000 fund	457.59	
Turkey		2.50
Tithe to missions	1,811.47	2,313.01
Tithe to Union	3,744.00	4,147.19
Weekly offering	31.31	17.40
Totals	\$21,993.62	\$26,450.76
		21,993.62

*Queen Center.	40	37.45	27.00	64.45
Red Deer Lake	22	33.55	3.30	36.85
Rouleau	40	40.96	8.40	49.36
Regina	11	8.10	.77	8.87
Sonningdale	31	28.03	3.87	31.90
Sunset	15	27.80	3.05	30.85
Swift Current	25	28.30	9.00	37.30
Waldheim	52	30.33	22.55	52.88
Home Department	145	73.10	30.97	104.07

Eighteen schools.. 688 \$561.95 \$174.89 \$736.84
 *Formerly Hodgeville.

Yearly Report, 1913

Number reported converted	19
Number reported baptized	31
Total offerings for first quarter	\$448.21
Total offerings for second quarter	531.77
Total offerings for third quarter	950.18
Total offerings for fourth quarter	736.84

Total offerings for year \$2,667.00

I feel that we have much for which to thank the Lord as we look at these reports. You remember that two thousand dollars was our financial goal for 1913; and as you notice, we have passed it by \$667. Let us thank the Lord for such liberal Sabbath-school offerings to help support the foreign mission work.

In talking, recently, with the several members of our conference committee, it seemed to be the unanimous opinion that three thousand dollars would be a good goal for 1914. This means that there must be an average offering each quarter of \$750 in order to enable us to reach this amount. Let us each lay our plans to make this possible. May the Saviour bless you all as you continue to help with your liberal offerings. Forward is our watchword.

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

Lacombe, Alberta, February 16, 1914.

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to certify that I have made a careful examination of the books of account of the Western Canadian Union Conference from January 1, 1913, to January 1, 1914. I find the books are in balance; vouchers and receipts were produced in evidence of funds received and disbursed; also the balance sheets as given by the treasurer, A. H. Brigham, are correct reports of the business done as disclosed by books of account.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. COCHRAN, Auditor.

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CLEMENS

On January 14 the writer received an urgent call from the above named place, to follow up an interest created through discussions started in Sunday-school held there. The discussions led to the Sabbath question, and those interested met in different homes to study further.

After the writer arrived, the studies were continued in the school house, the attendance being very good, until the weather became so bad that it was dangerous to be on the prairie at night, making it necessary to close the meetings for the present.

They now have an organized Sabbath-school of eighteen members, thirteen adults and five children. This experience is another sign or omen that our Blessed Hope will be realized ere long. Let us work, pray and trust.

H. A. NIERGARTH.

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REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Quarter Ending December 31, 1913

Place—	Membership	—Donations—		
		Regular	13th Sab.	Total
Carlton	28	\$ 33.35	\$ 7.60	\$ 40.95
Dundurn	19	7.50	2.15	9.65
East Regina	29	22.06	...	22.06
Edenwold	64	37.04	...	37.02
Fox Valley	38	17.15	2.15	19.30
Penwood	44	34.14	2.63	36.77
Hillesden	9	7.30	13.00	20.30
Hanley	16	47.40	30.75	78.15
Happyland	33	9.56	2.00	11.56
McLean	27	38.85	5.70	44.55

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Wanted—A man to work on farm during the coming season. For particulars, address Joseph Burgess, Warmley, Saskatchewan.

Found—A black plush cap was found at the Alberta Academy, near West Hall, at the close of the conference. Owner may address F. L. Hommel, Lacombe, Alberta.

The third biennial session of the Western Canadian Union Conference, which convened at Lacombe, Alberta, came to a close Sunday night, February 22, and was a meeting long to be remembered by those who were present. The earnest instructions given by those in charge, and the blessings received by all who attended, will doubtless bear fruit in the salvation of many souls during the coming months. Our readers will appreciate the reports that appear in this issue of the Tidings. Further reports will be given as space permits.

EDUCATIONAL SABBATHS

Two Educational Sabbaths were appointed at the last Council. The first of these falls on March 7, and the second on August 8. The object of these educational Sabbaths is to give our people an opportunity to know more of the principles of Christian education and to become better informed as to the growth and needs of all lines of educational work.

For the first Sabbath, March 7, readings are to be prepared and sent to all the church elders. The readings for March 7 will be published in the March issue of the magazine, Christian Education. A copy of this magazine will be mailed to all church elders in time to be read on that day. The readings will speak of our children and their care and the church schools and their place, growth and needs.

As a people we have undertaken a work of great magnitude. A definite message is given us to carry to every nation; and, in carrying forward this program, every available resource is necessary to its accomplishment. We are not only called to give our lives and means to this undertaking, but we are also called to dedicate our children and educate them for the Master's service. These children form a very considerable asset to the future development of our work. The entire enrollment of our schools, including those in non-Christian lands, for 1913 numbers 26,322. To undertake the spiritual welfare of so many, and to seek to train them and many others who will enter our schools, is a task which concerns all our church members. It is, therefore, fitting that two Sabbaths each year should be devoted to the saving and educating of this great army of recruits. We, therefore, urge that our churches everywhere observe March 7 as an educational Sabbath. In many churches it may be possible to have two sessions on that day devoted to the interests of Christian education.

This occasion will offer an excellent opportunity for our ministers to preach on the subject of education, laying before our people the object of our schools and the great work before us in saving our children and young people and preparing them for places of usefulness in the work. The cause of present truth needs the whole-hearted service of all the children within the denomination. We need constantly to keep the Lord's work before them and the training and the education necessary to become successful workers. We trust that our first educational Sabbath, on March 7, may prove a great spiritual uplift to each church where it is carried on, and be a means of drawing the hearts of the parents towards their children and helping all to realize more fully the responsibility that rests upon us in the cause of Christian education.

J. L. SHAW.

MEMORY VERSE CARDS

In response to request we have the assurance that the Memory Verse Cards will be printed in German for the next quarter. That is, the text will be printed in German on the back of the English cards. This will no doubt be a great help, and it is possible that later the German text may be printed on the face of the card. Let the orders for both English and German Cards for the next quarter be sent in at once. Several were late for the present quarter, and suffered loss and inconvenience. Orders for Lesson Quarterlies should also be sent in early.

THIS YEAR'S SANITARIUM COOKING OIL—Free from animal fats. Shipped in 37½-pound five-gallon cans at 15½ cents per pound f.o.b. In barrel lots of 375 pounds each f.o.b. Winnipeg, or 404 pounds each f.o.b. Vancouver, 12½ cents per pound. Address Mrs. L. J. Burrill, Janes Road P. O., S. Vancouver, B. C.