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GOD'S MERCY

Sweet is Thy mercy, Lord;
Before Thy mercy-seat
My soul, adoring, pleads Thy word
And owns Thy mercy sweet.

My need and Thy desires
Are all in Chr'st complete;
Thou hast the justice truth requires,
And I Thy mercy sweet.

Light Thou my weary way,
Lead Thou my wandering feet,
That while I stay on earth I may
Still find Thy mercy sweet.

Thus shall the heavenly host
Hear all my songs repeat
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
My joy, Thy mercy sweet.

—John S. B. Monsell.

*THE WESTERN CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL AND MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER REPORT.

In the presenting of the report from these departments, the writer feels greatly handicapped by the extent of the territory which must be covered, and the difficulty in obtaining statistics, due to the fact that the work in this territory is young and growing very rapidly. These features, however, enable us to present an encouraging report.

While it has been very difficult to obtain exact figures, which we would like to give at this time, we feel confident of showing that the work is constantly on the increase, and that our people are taking a greater interest in their youth as we near the end of our time.

Although your servant has held the name of Educational and Young People's Secretary for the Union, the other duties which fell to his lot so absorbed his attention, that he has not devoted the time to this particular phase of work, that he feels it should have received. For this he tenders no apology—simply this explanation that you may understand why a more exact report is not forthcoming.

It is to be hoped that this work will soon be in

* Biennial report rendered at the late Union Conference at Lacombe.

a stage of advancement that will justify the constituency of this Union in choosing an individual for these two lines alone. We are not prepared to say that this time is yet, and it is likely that, for a while longer, these duties must be carried by someone holding another position, but it is our earnest desire that these conditions shall not exist longer than our next biennial period.

The young people's work would appear to precede that of the educational department, although that of the educational department is young people's work.

During the past summer your secretary had the privilege of meeting the young people of three conferences in camp-meeting session. He found this a grand opportunity of becoming acquainted with these young people, and with their needs, and was very much impressed by the enthusiasm which they showed in this particular line of work and he confidently looks forward to a day when the young people's work will be built up rapidly and successfully in these conferences.

Aside from this, the only work done has consisted of correspondence, and we have been very gratified by the frequent and ready response which our letters have elicited. From the best statistics that we can obtain it would appear that our conferences stand about as follows:

Manitoba young people, 100; Saskatchewan, 175; British Columbia, 125; Alberta, 200; or a total of nearly 600 young people in this Union who are classed as Seventh-day Adventist youth.

Manitoba reports four organized societies, two of which are German; Saskatchewan three organized societies, one of which is Roumanian and Servian and one German, with a total membership of 35; British Columbia, five societies, one of which is German, with a membership of 80; Alberta, four societies, one of which is German, with a membership of 190. This last figure may seem out of proportion, when you recollect that we estimate there are 200 young people in Alberta; but this is easily explained by the fact that by far the

largest society is in the academy, and is composed of young people from the other provinces, as well as from Alberta.

We are glad to note that this work has grown substantially since our last biennial session. The young people are taking considerable interest in their work, and where secretaries have the time to give it due encouragement, the young people seem to be making very satisfactory advancement.

A great many young people in our schools have gotten their incentive for higher and better things one of which is education, from the lessons learned in the young people's organization.

We regret as yet we have not been able to get a satisfactory report of the contributions and work done by these young people's societies, and since we have no records of the work up to two years ago, we are not able to make a comparison, but it is to be hoped that from now on, the secretaries in the local conferences will be able to furnish complete and satisfactory reports of all their work, and thus we will be able to note the degree of prosperity from session to session.

Educational Work

From the figures which we were able to obtain from the local conference, it appears that the Manitoba Conference has one church school and two home schools with a total membership of 22. British Columbia, five schools with 121 pupils, and three home schools of 17, or a total of 138; Saskatchewan, five church schools with a membership of 34, and two home schools with a membership of 9, or a total of 43. It is interesting to note that in these schools five students are taking eighth grade work, and eight, seventh grade work. Alberta has four church schools, with a membership of 136, and no record of home schools.

Aside from this there are two academies in the Union, the one at Pitt Meadows, B.C., having an enrolment of 33, and the other in Alberta with an enrolment of 175. Of this latter number 126 come from Alberta, making a total of Alberta students in school, of 262.

So far as we have been able to hear, our schools are being quite successful in their endeavor to be self-supporting. We are certainly glad to note the increasing efforts on the part of our older members to encourage the younger to get a preparation that will fit them for efficient service in this cause, and already we can point with pride to workers, not only in our own Union Conference, but outside, who have begun their preparation in the schools of this union. Had it not been for the preparation of workers within our borders, some who are in attendance at this conference would not be here. But we must not relinquish our

endeavors, for we are still compelled to search unavailingly for workers in different lines.

Especially is it difficult to obtain properly qualified teachers. We have learned that teachers with at least a portion of their preparation taken in this country are much more likely of success than one who comes to us from abroad, with very different ideals and methods. We confidently look forward to the time when we will not only be able to prepare our own workers in this and other lines, but perhaps have them to send to other needy conferences, and, incidentally, to foreign fields.

One item of interest we would not fail to mention at this time, and that is, in this interim, we have held our first Union Conference Summer School. This gathering was held for a little over three weeks during the early autumn of 1912. Twenty-four of our teachers and prospective teachers gathered at Banff, Alberta, where they camped at the base of the mountains that surround this little town, and spent the days busily engaged in getting the preparation that could be obtained in this short period of time. At the close of the session the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas, we the body of students in attendance of 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, therefore:

"Resolved, That we express to our Union Conference and to our local conferences, our appreciation of their efforts 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."

Although there were urgent demands for a repetition of this event last year, yet it did not seem possible to arrange for a summer school. This is another thing which we trust will soon become a fixture in our Union Conference.

For all the blessings of success and prosperity which have attended these two lines of work during the past two years, we feel that we, as a Union Conference, should be especially grateful to God.

There are a few things of which we would like to make mention in closing this report. We would be glad of any steps that could be taken to ensure greater attention being given to the Young People's work in each of these local conferences, and if it could be so arranged that the local secretaries could devote more time to this line of work, and especially to the obtaining and recording of reports, in which of course they must have the co-operation of every lay member. Also if more could be done to impress upon all of our parents the need of beginning early in the training of their families for God. If these suggestions could be acted upon we would feel that much had been accomplished in the Young People's work.

In the Educational Department, we would urge that our local conferences do all in their power to raise the standard of our church schools, home schools and academies, so that we may never be fearful of an unfavorable comparison with the work done in public schools. Further, that we do all in our power to arrive at a uniform system of grades for our Canadian schools, and that we endeavor in every way possible to have the very best qualified teachers obtainable.

We trust that during the months that will intervene between this and another session of this Union Conference, we may ever work to the end of coming up higher in these lines, and that God will give us even a greater portion of his blessings, than during the past two years.

J. I. BEARDSLEY, Secretary.

Alberta Conference

Office Address, Lacombe, Alberta.

President, C. A. Burman; Secretary-Treasurer, F. L. Hommel; Educational Secretary, J. I. Beardsley; Missionary Volunteer Secretary, A. Pond; Field and Missionary Secretary, L. T. Heaton; Sabbath-school Secretary, Miss H. G. McCulloch; Tract Society Secretary, F. L. Hommel; Religious Liberty Secretary, W. A. Clemenson.

CHANGES AT THE OFFICE

On Thursday night, March 18, the Brethren and Sisters residing in Rosedale met at the home of Brother and Sister Wissner to bid them farewell before their departure to Regina, Saskatchewan, where Brother Wissner has accepted the position as Secretary-Treasurer of the Saskatchewan Conference.

Brother Wissner came to this province in the Autumn of 1909, and spent the following winter at the academy. In the Spring he was asked to assist Brother Hommel in the conference office. This he continued to do until Brother Hommel was called to take charge of the Calgary treatment rooms, about one year later, when Brother Wissner was asked to fill the vacancy.

For the past four years he has performed the duties connected with our office in such a way as to win the confidence and respect of all. He left on Sunday, March 22, for his new field of labor. Sister Wissner will follow shortly. They leave behind them many firm friends.

Brother F. L. Hommel has consented to accept the position formerly occupied by Brother Wissner. To enable him to do this and continue his work in connection with the academy, the keeping of the conference, tract society and academy books, has been turned over to others, and the conference and tract society office has been moved to the academy building. The stock of books, tracts, etc., still re-

mains in the building in Lacombe. All correspondence should be directed to the Alberta Tract Society, or F. L. Hommel, Lacombe, Alta.

C. A. BURMAN...

SOUTHERN ALBERTA

Since arriving in Alberta, I have visited a number of localities and held a few meetings. My first visit was at Aetner. This is a Mormon district. Almost as soon as I arrived, I was invited to preach in the Mormon meeting house, which I accepted. The people all turned out, and a splendid interest was shown in what was said.

I was challenged to discuss the Sabbath question with one of the Mormon Elders, and seemed almost compelled to accept. This discussion was carried on in a Christian manner, so that all who were present seemed to be edified. The congregation was entirely composed of Mormons with the exception of three or four. I found the Mormons to be very kind and hospitable. I was invited to many of the homes and treated to the best they had. When I left there many of them wished me God speed, with an earnest request that I return again soon, assuring me that their homes were open to me.

I do pray that the good Lord will bless this dear people in bringing them to accept the Sabbath, as many of them said they saw it at the close of the discussion. Brethren pray for me that God will give wisdom in dealing with these creatures, and that I may be able to lead them near to Him.

J. L. WILSON.

CAMP-MEETING AND CONFERENCE

The next annual conference and camp-meeting for this province, will be held at Red Deer, June 18-28. This place is situated on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway between Calgary and Edmonton, twenty miles south of Lacombe, and is near the centre of the populated portion of the province. It is believed that we will have a large gathering this year, and to this end let all begin now to lay their plans. It is too early to announce who will be present from the General Conference, but we are assured of good help.

C. A. BURMAN.

ALBERTA NOTES

Elder C. A. Burman is now holding meetings in Pleasant Valley.

Brother T. S. Bowett and his little son left for Calgary March 16, returning March 19.

The conference office is now situated in room 11, on the third floor of the Assembly Hall of the Alberta Industrial Academy.

Twelve new members were added to the Lacombe church on March 14, four by letter and eight by baptism.

Elders C. K. Reiswig and Henry Humann leave this

week for Hanna, where they will spend some time holding meetings.

One lady has already begun the observance of the Sabbath at Pleasant Valley, where Elder Burman is holding meetings, and others are interested.

Brother L. T. Heaton left during the early part of the week to assist Riley Ausman in his work of canvassing for **Practical Guide** in the Tofield district.

Elder P. P. Adams went to Millet last week in response to a call for some meetings in that place. Well attended services were conducted, and it is possible that more will be held there in the near future.

We regret to learn of the serious illness of some of the members of Mr. and Mrs. VanBuskirks' family at Chapman, Alta. The members of the family resident in Rosedale have left for the home of their sick relatives. It is hoped that the healing power of God will visit these sick ones.

The members of the Lacombe church together with the students of the academy are taking an active interest in the temperance campaign now on foot. Thursday, April 2, the academy will suspend school in order to allow a large number of the students the opportunity of getting an experience in soliciting donations and selling the temperance annual of the **Youth's Instructor**.

ACADEMY NOTES

Elder Shaw paid the academy a flying visit on March 15th.

Born—March 21, to Brother and Sister C. C. Neufeld, a son.

Brother J. K. Fish made a business trip to Vegreville last week.

Brother J. L. Beane spent the week-end conducting meetings with the Edmonton church.

Brother A. H. Brigham arrived on Tuesday morning to audit the conference and tract society books, and returned to Calgary on the following day.

Mrs. Hall, of Homeglen, Alberta, was a visitor at Sister McClafflin's home last week.

Edward Stansworth, a former student, passed through Lacombe recently on his way from Stavely to Bawlf.

Brother and Sister E. W. Baker have left school and returned to their home in Calgary. We are sorry to lose these students.

Brother D. A. Dobbs and family have moved to Edmonton, where he will engage in the colporteur work.

Hazel Knutson, a member of the bookkeeping class, is getting practical experience in that line, in the academy business office.

Fred Guderian, while on his way to his home at DUNDURN, Sask., from Walla Walla College, spent a day at the academy.

Brother Fred Toombs of Nanaimo, B.C., made a short call at the academy recently, while on his way to Consort, Alberta.

Henry Voelker has moved from West Hall to make his home for the remainder of the year at Brother Knutson's home. Olaf Skau and William Landeen are residing at Pastor C. A. Burman's home.

A letter recently received from Fred Averill asks for his grades in the academy, as he is preparing for work as a teacher. He asks to be remembered to his old acquaintances here.

On Sabbath March 14, the educational programme prepared by the General Conference Educational Department, was given by the members of the Public Reading

class, at the regular service hour.

The home of Elder and Sister Henry Humann was saddened last Saturday evening by the death of their infant of six months, which had been sick for some time. The burial took place from the academy chapel last Monday afternoon, the services being conducted by Elder C. A. Burman who spoke very impressively from Psa. 39, and Eccl. 11. The little one was laid to rest in the cemetery on the academy farm, to await the call of the Lifegiver on the resurrection morn. The members of the school and community sympathize with this home in the time of their bereavement. This is the first time the hand of death has called upon us to prepare a resting place for a loved one, in the history of the institution.

Sunday evening, March 15, a very interesting and instructive programme was given by the Public Speaking class and the Music Department. Carl Wilson's presentation of **College Oileans** was a plea for temperance that will not soon be forgotten, and Bert Philpott, as an elderly man telling the **First Settler's Story** was given the undivided attention of the entire audience. Enid Christensen, Stanley Sharpe, Joseph Kajner, Katie Haynal, Ethel and Ruth Wallace, Jessie Humann, Ellen Randlett, Robina Adams and Ida Haywood contributed the instrumental solos, while the chorus supplied the opening and closing numbers, **Rock of Ages** and **Glory to Israel's God**. Roscoe Hippach gave an instructive oration on **Order and Organization in the Universe**.

Miss Della Burroway, who has spent some months of her furlough in Rosedale, left on the 24th of March, for her field in India. She was to speak in the Baptist church in Didsbury on her way to Oregon, where she will spend a little time with her mother. Her friends gave her a farewell surprise last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hansen, and the Missionary Volunteers presented her with a portable organ for use in her work. It was with a feeling of sadness that we said farewell to this faithful worker who has so willingly assisted us in many ways to build up some of the branches of the work here, and her presence as Superintendent of the children's division of the Sabbath-school, and leader of the Bible Workers' Band, will be greatly missed. We all unite in wishing Sister Burroway a safe and pleasant journey to India and the blessing of God in her labors in that far-off land.

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GRAHAM ISLAND

The following is from a private letter written by one of the brethren on the Island. He says: "We are having some good Sabbath-schools. We have somewhere between forty and fifty Sabbath-keepers. Among these are some new ones who have recently come into the message, and are waiting for baptism.

"One man I have been living with on the ranch has given himself to the Lord for service. I was going back on my land to put up a tent in which to make our home, when this man came along and

took up the place joining mine, so he stayed with us. We talked to him about the Bible, and loaned him some of our good books and periodicals. One day he came to me and said he was going to keep the Sabbath. He is developing finely in the message.

"There is another man coming in from Vancouver, who is interested. We are presenting him before the Lord, and hope he will join the Christian band. Two girls asked for the prayers of the Lord's people here. Elder Watson is doing a good work here. He has brought the truth to five families besides single individuals.

"We have made a beginning to erect a small house in which to meet for Sabbath worship. It will be a great joy to us to have our place of worship completed. Then we hope for more fruit in the way of souls. We hope the conference can send us some ministerial help soon. — Thomas Russell."

I think the readers of the Tidings will be interested in the above. He is a brother who has gone to that Island to make a home, and they are longing for some ministerial help, which we hope the British Columbia Conference will be able to furnish soon.

A. O. BURRILL.

Saskatchewan Conference

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NOTICE

Previous information has made known the fact that some changes have taken place in the personnel of our conference office. This notice is to say to our brethren and sisters in Saskatchewan that Brother U. Wissner has accepted the invitation extended to him to take charge of the office of the Saskatchewan Conference and Tract Society.

Brother Wissner bore similar responsibilities in the Alberta Conference which regretted very much to lose his services. We are grateful to the Alberta Conference for their generosity in this matter.

All correspondence directed heretofore to E. R. Allen, will now be sent to U. Wissner. Our German brethren will be pleased to know that Brother Wissner is well educated in German, and therefore they may feel free to write him in their own mother tongue.

We know that our brethren and sisters in Saskatchewan will extend a hearty welcome to Brother and Sister Wissner to take up their abode with us

in this field, and will give them their highest support as they render their talents in service for the advancement of the gospel.

A. C. GILBERT.

Manitoba Conference

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HERE AND THERE

Our workers are busy trying to get this great message before our part of the world. We are glad for the evidences of God's blessing upon the efforts put forth.

The meetings at Arden during the past two weeks have excited some interest, but the enemy puts up a resistance through the ministers of the place in efforts to keep the people away, by stirring up prejudice and having something every evening to occupy their attention.

However, Brother Soper is of good courage, and we are expecting the Lord to fulfill his word that "it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the things whereto I sent it." Isa. 55:11.

It was decided that I hold a temperance lecture here next Tuesday evening. We shall secure one of the churches if possible in hopes to break down some of the prejudice. Pray for the work at this place.

From Arden I went to Erickson, to visit the few who are trying to hold up the light there. I found them deeply concerned over the problem of holding church school another year. They feel they cannot send their children to the public school. If all that are there could sense the importance of having their own school, they could easily support it, and it certainly would be as good a missionary work as they could do.

May God turn the hearts of all our dear people to the saving of their children, and let those who have no children, feel a responsibility to help also, and the Lord will give them stars in their crown.

It was also my privilege to make a short visit with the Harkness family at Dauphin. It was a pleasure to be with these isolated ones, who have not the blessing of meeting with others of like faith. I greatly enjoy the work, and the burden of my prayer is to see it go with all the power promised for this time.

May God bless you and make you faithful unto the coming of our dear Saviour.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

*BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE MANITOBA CONFERENCE

The Conference of Manitoba comprises the province of Manitoba, 75,000 square miles with a population of 495,869, and that portion of Ontario lying west of the 89th Meridian embracing the cities of Port Arthur and Fort William on Lake Superior. These two cities have a population of 33,750. Since the Keewatin district was added, we have nearly 75,000 square miles more added to our territory. The larger part of the population live in cities and towns. Winnipeg, the largest city of this Union is located in Manitoba. It has a population of over 200,000, and has been termed the Chicago of Canada. It is one of the most cosmopolitan cities of the world, having a representation of at least 100 nationalities.

In 1912 our membership was 205. At present we have nine organized churches and four companies with a total membership of 228, including the Conference church. The total number of Sabbath-keepers is 260, twenty-five of whom accepted the truth within the last year but have not had the opportunity for baptism. The great tendency to emigrate to the west has retarded the increase of membership to a certain degree, and in some cases whole churches have been broken up. At present we know of several families who are planning to sell out and move west. We feel like saying to our people "Stay by the best province in the Union and help hold up the light of present truth." Our membership is about one-third German, and there is one Scandinavian church and one company. There have been 25 baptized since our last report.

The working force of our conference at present consists of three ordained ministers, including the president, one licentiate, and three having missionary licenses. Our finances not being sufficient to support a field agent, the colporteur work has been under the care of the office, assisted by the Union field agent.

Evangelical efforts have been held in the following places: Winnipeg, both in English and German, Brandon and Carberry. Some work has also been done in connection with the churches. Two church buildings were recently dedicated, one in Winnipeg, and the other at Beausejour. These churches are valued at \$4,000. While the visible results have not been what we could wish, we feel to praise the Lord that a few have been led to take their stand on the right side.

In 1912 we had 12 colporteurs in the fields, whose sales, with the sales of the office, amounted to \$7,200. In 1913 we had 16 colporteurs and the total sales were \$11,285. Total

* Report rendered at the late Union Conference.

for the two years, \$18,485. This is a gain of \$8,740.30 over our report two years ago, which at that time was \$9,744.70. The Lord has certainly blessed this line of work in spite of the fact that we have no field agent. Our canvassers this year averaged \$2.10 for every hour of work. One agent sold \$2,226.00 worth of books. One of our agents took in one week \$307 worth of orders, which is with one exception the largest sale in the Pacific Press territory. This shows that our field is a good one for the colporteur. To the Lord we give all the praise.

We are pleased to be able to report a steady growth in the Sabbath school work, both in numbers and donations. At present there are 18 Sabbath-schools with a membership of 250. The donations for 1912 were \$805.56; for 1913, \$1,101.66. Thus we have a gain of \$296.10 during the last year which is indeed encouraging.

In spite of the great need of men and means in our home field, we are glad to see that Manitoba is increasing her donations for the foreign fields. We believe the figures below are an indication that she is trying to do her part. The amount given to missions for two years, including the Sabbath-school offerings are as follows: 1912, \$2,574.24; 1913, \$2,660.48; total, 5,234.72, or an increase over the last period of \$86.24. In 1912, the fifteen-cent-a-week fund amounted to 24 cents per member. In 1913 it was 25½ cents per member.

We have reason to believe that the most of our members are trying to do something in the various lines of home missionary work. The churches and some of the isolated members are taking regular clubs of the Signs, which we believe are being well used. One isolated sister spends \$12.00 a year for Signs and other literature to supply a reading rack in their railway station. As she makes regular trips each week, she says it is almost always empty or nearly so. She has been doing this for some time, and has reason to know that the greater part of the literature is read by interested people, some of them who might refuse it from other sources, so she is encouraged to keep on.

Two sisters in Winnipeg did very well for the home workers' books before Christmas. Others have been very successful selling magazines, such as the **Signs, Life and Health**, etc. Some are supplying the hospitals regularly with literature, chiefly the Signs. The Winnipeg Missionary Society together with the Young People's Society, have just entered upon a campaign to do the best they can to cover the city with the **Temperance Instructor**, and also to do tract work through the King's Pocket League, and through systematic work with the envelope plan. The German company is also

working, and some literature for the Hebrews is being used.

We had one church school during the summer, and part of the winter, besides two family schools. At our last committee meeting we elected a secretary for this branch of the work. We have four Missionary Volunteer Societies, with a membership of 90. We are anxious to not only save our young people, but also to see them become workers for God. Two of the societies are German, although but one conducts its meeting in the German language. Nearly all have taken up the Morning Watch study. The Winnipeg society has supplied themselves with the reading course books, and a number have begun to study for the Standard of Attainment. As we view our field in general we are deeply impressed with the great need of schools for the proper education of our children and youth. In this company of bright young people properly trained, are great possibilities to the cause of God. Our hearts cry out to him for wisdom and means to accomplish the work for these youth and children that He would have done.

This conference since its organization in 1903 has received appropriations from the General Conference, this in 1912 amounting to \$1,000. One year ago, we voted to be self-supporting. Our tithe in 1912 amounted to \$5,051.12; for 1913, \$5,633.60; total for the two years, \$10,684.72, or a gain over two years ago of \$2,438.61. We are paying ten per cent. of our tithe to the Union, five per cent. to Foreign Missions and five per cent. to the Sustentation fund.

Our Needs

In the city of Winnipeg we need to carry the message to these different nationalities. Something has been done in canvassing which has opened up the work for a strong evangelistic effort, which ought to be carried on in the near future. We also have many smaller places which need the message, and as so many books have been sold, it appears now is the time. Evangelistic work should be carried on in the city of Winnipeg in the near future. Many books and periodicals have been scattered, which have opened up the way for the preacher. This is also true of the smaller cities and towns. We have a colored brother in the city of Winnipeg, who spends all of his time in the magazine and book work. This brother has been the means of bringing several people into the truth. At present he has a dozen very interested ones. This last year he sold at least 6,000 magazines and several hundred dollars worth of books. He is in touch with many of the leading business men of Winnipeg.

The educational work needs more of our attention. We need schools to give our young people the

proper education. We are glad that about twelve of our students are able to attend the school at Lacombe, and many more ought to be in a place of this nature.

In closing we feel very grateful to God for his blessings, and as we think of the many ways there are for growth, we feel to ask God for special wisdom. We expect to see the work in Manitoba develop in the future, and we pledge ourselves as God's servants to do our part.

E. M. CHAPMAN, President.

MANITOBA NOTES

Elder E. M. Chapman has recently returned from a visit at Dauphin, Arden and Erickson.

Brother George McKelvy made us a pleasant call recently, while in the city on business.

As a result of the meetings held at Giroux, five adults and six children have taken their stand for the truth.

Sister Pearl Harkness of Dauphin is gradually improving in health. We are very glad to see this as she was so low that the doctors despaired of her recovery.

Brother H. P. Parker, a young man who has recently taken his stand for the truth in Winnipeg is now devoting all his time to the sale of the temperance number of the **Youth's Instructor**. He is meeting with good success.

We hear that Brother Herbert Vanderpant has been doing a little missionary work, selling the Temperance Instructor at the hospital at Ninette. He feels very grateful for the opportunity of doing something for the Lord.

Elder V. W. Robb passed through the city recently on his way to Hazel Ridge, where he has been holding meetings for about a week. He reports some very good meetings there, and feels sure some will in the near future take their stand for the truth.

There is a great movement on foot among us as a people to join in the Temperance Campaign, and as the Testimonies tell us that this is as much to the message as the right arm is to the body, we hope that our Manitoba brethren will fall in line, and scatter this valuable temperance magazine, the **Youth' Instructor**. It is certainly one of the best ever published on temperance lines, and should be in the hands of the public.

REPORT OF SALES

Canadian Branch, Pacific Press, March, 1914

	Sub'n.	40%	Trade	Educ.	Tracts	Bibles
Man.	\$ 69.50	\$ 39.90	\$ 31.45	\$ 22.40	\$ 7.00
Sask.	73.55	73.15	42.85	\$ 4.20	52.51	8.50
Alta.	37.90	31.75	117.57	13.50	44.68	2.25
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Elder Shaw has begun his return journey from California, where he has been attending the Spring Council of the North American Division Conference Committee. He will spend some time on the coast before reaching Calgary.

We are hoping for a full report from all our Young People's Societies, as the time is now here for the quarterly reports. Send your reports at once to the conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

Contributors will kindly remember that our new address is 437 Lougheed Block, or Box 1320, Calgary, Alberta. Mail arriving late in the week should always be addressed to the post office box, as it will be taken from there late Saturday evening.

Brother W. L. Manfull is spending a little time at his home in Vernon, B.C., preparing for the strenuous season which is before him. He will leave soon for the East, and will assist in Institute and other work looking toward a strong corps of colporteurs in the field during the coming season. Institutes will be held in Alberta and Saskatchewan during the month of April.

NOTICE

As announced in our last issue, the office of the Western Canadian Union Conference has been moved to Calgary. We are located in room 437 of the Lougheed Block, corner of Sixth Avenue and First Street West, and will be pleased to have our people call at any time when in the city. Mail for the conference or its officers, may be addressed to 437 Lougheed Block, or Box 1320, Calgary. Telegrams should be directed to the office address or telephone number M1868. If our correspondents will kindly notice these changes, it will facilitate in the receiving of our mail, and will be greatly appreciated.

A LETTER AND A REPLY

Doubtless many of the readers of the *Tidings* read with considerable interest the press report of the resolution recently introduced into the Dominion Parliament providing for the appointment of a committee of fifteen to investigate the evils of the cigarette, with the view of enacting a law for the abolition of this great evil. This resolution was introduced by the Hon. Andrew Broder and supported by the premier, R. L. Borden. The writer at once took occasion to write these gentlemen expressing his appreciation of the stand taken. The letter and reply follows:

Lacombe, Alberta, March 12, 1914.

Right Hon. R. L. Borden,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Honorable Sir:

The announcement of a resolution calling for the abolition of the manufacture and sale of cigarettes, and the appointment of a committee of fifteen to investigate the evils of the cigarette will be received with gratitude by the members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the North-West. It is our firm belief that the "honor of God, the stability of the nation, the well-being of society, of the home and of the individual demand that every effort be made to eradicate this destroyer of the lives of men.

In behalf of the Western Canadian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Medical department, I take pleasure in expressing my thanks for the manner in which you have supported this movement for the salvation of the youth of this fair land. May God grant that the issue may have a successful termination.

Praying that you may be sustained in your arduous duties, by the hand of the Almighty God, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

F. L. HOMMEL.

THE REPLY

Ottawa, Ontario, March 16, 1914.

My Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst. is before me. The committee appointed to inquire into the evil effects of cigarettes and the best way of remedying the same will be appointed today. The committee will be composed of Messieurs Barnard, Broder, Charlton, Cromwell, Kemp, Kyte, Lemieux, MacNutt, Marcell, Morphy, Paquet, Perley, Schaffner, Stewart (Lunenburg), and Turgeon.

Yours faithfully,

R. L. BORDEN.

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