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"DRAWING NEARER"

Yes, nearer, and still nearer,
The advent of our King;
The dawn is growing clearer;
Loud let your praises ring.

The way-marks are nigh past;
He's even at the door.
Be sure your anchor's fast,
Then joy forevermore.

—George S. Lord.

AN IMPORTANT DAY

Another Young People's Day is here. Sabbath, May 2nd, is the day. Every lover of children and young people will be glad to get the word and to unite in this year's special effort to give our dear young people a lift. And what Christian does not love the young? Who is so advanced in years that he cannot remember the days of his youth—his desires and ambitions, his fears and trembling? Who does not remember the man who was thoughtful and kind enough to smile upon him, place a warm hand upon his head and say something encouraging? Love expressed to the young even in little ways makes a deep impression upon them. Personally, I remember very distinctly the first preacher who gave me a warm smile and spoke a few words of encouragement and inspiration to my poor trembling heart. Later that same minister baptized me, and still later ordained me to the work of the gospel ministry.

If only we could all realize the tremendous uplift our personal efforts give young people, this Young People's Day would be gladly and earnestly improved. Every minister, every church officer, every parent, every grown Christian would study and pray for divine help to say some word and to do some deed that would help some boy or girl toward the kingdom.

The Missionary Volunteer Department has prepared a program for the day. Every arrangement for a good helpful day has been made. But all this must largely fail unless the program is carried out by those whose hearts are yearning to help the young. It should need no appeal for co-operation from our people. Brethren and sisters, let us all take hold to make the Young People's Day for 1914 one that shall never be forgotten.

A. G. DANIELLS.

THE WORK AMONG THE SCANDINAVIANS

At times, when I inquire of people for Scandinavians in the neighborhood, they will say there are none, but there is a Swedish family nearby. One bright-eyed young girl answered, "No, we are not Scandinavians, we are Catholics."

The Danes, Norwegians and Swedes are generally known as the Scandinavians. The Danes and Norwegians use the same language, while the Swedes have their own. The similarity between the languages make it easy for the three nations to understand each other, and it is the tie that binds them together.

The Scandinavians are naturally church people. In the home countries, the Lutheran church is supported by the state, and but few belong to other churches or denominations. The people are taken into the church when baptized at the age of three or four years, and made life-members. Very few of them are converted. They believe in their old doctrines and in their ministers. Often their ministers are worldly, use tobacco, play cards, dance and drink. The other day a man told me about a minister who chews tobacco while he is preaching.

In their native countries the children are taught religion in the public schools. From childhood they are instructed that Sunday is the Sabbath (day of rest), that the soul lives apart from the body, and many other unscriptural beliefs that have grown to be one with them and very hard to separate from. The Scandinavians believe in education. They have good schools and stand among the best in educational lines. Once separated from their old doctrines, they make good Sabbathkeepers.

In this Union Conference, we have thousands of these people. In some places they live in settlements, but often we find them scattered among the English and other nationalities. A great work yet remains to be done with them.

While it is true that the Scandinavians should work for their own people, and they do, yet I

fail to see how Rev. 14:6 can ever be fulfilled except the English brethren rally to our help. Some of you have been helping us in the past and we certainly appreciate it, and thank you most heartily, but the work is great and the workers so few.

At present Alberta has two Scandinavian workers and the other provinces none. In Alberta there are about one hundred Scandinavian Sabbath-keepers. During 1913 ten began the observance of the Sabbath. One church was organized, in Edmonton. In Saskatchewan, two Norwegian sisters started to keep the Sabbath through reading our church paper, the **Sendebudet**.

We need help. We have all kinds of books, papers and tracts in the Swedish and Danish-Norwegian languages. The Scandinavians should be supplied with this literature in their own languages, as they understand and appreciate that better. Many of you have Swedish or Norwegian neighbors, or perhaps there are some living a few miles away. Will you not supply yourself with papers and tracts and make them a visit? I assure you a very interesting time and a blessed experience.

"When the lost sheep was found, it was borne home with joy, and much rejoicing followed. This illustrates the blessed, joyful work of laboring for the erring. The church that engages successfully in this work, is a happy church. That man or that woman whose soul is drawn out in compassion and love for the erring, and who labors to bring them to the fold of the great Shepherd, is engaged in a blessed work."

LOUIS HALSVICK.

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BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE ALBERTA CONFERENCE

(President's address at the late Union Conference, abbreviated.)

To the delegates from the Western Canadian Union Conference, assembled, greeting:

We consider ourselves highly favored in being permitted to look into your faces once more, and hearing from your lips words of courage from the various parts of this Union. As we look over this large company today and think of what it represents, our minds go back to the time when this conference was organized at Leduc, six years ago. We are in a forward movement—a message which has life in itself.

The territory of the Alberta Conference is the same as that of the province bearing the same name. Its population is nearly half a million, speaking about forty different languages. A third of the inhabitants live in the cities and towns, and are largely dependent upon day labor for a living. Mixed farming, mining and lumbering are the principal occupations in the rural districts.

The Alberta Conference consists of 18 churches, one of which is the Conference church. These churches have a total membership of 607. There are besides, 417 believers who do not hold their membership in this conference, making in all 1,025 believers. This is an increase in membership of 132, and 325 in total believers over the last biennial report. Our corps of laborers is made up as follows:

Ordained ministers.....	3
Licensed ministers.....	7
Licensed missionaries.....	5
Teachers in the academy.....	11
Teachers in church schools.....	4
Colporteurs.....	14
Total laborers.....	40
Total on conference pay-roll.....	10

During the time covered by this report two general camp-meetings have been held in this conference. At each of these meetings about 340 assembled. A series of lectures has been held in several places, and good results have followed. In all, about 100 were baptized and an equal number began the observance of the Sabbath. Some of these, however, came in through reading, without the assistance of a worker. Some of our churches have performed faithful service in their neighborhoods and through the mail. \$1,063.41 was collected for missions by use of the missions number of the **Signs and Review**. As a result of this faithful service some are rejoicing in the message.

The colporteur acts a very important part in this great movement, especially where the people are scattered and the country new. He not only places the truth filled literature in the homes of the people, but searches out and reports the interested ones who otherwise would be passed by. As the people of this province turn from exclusive grain raising to mixed farming, the canvassing work will continue to grow. During the past two years, there were delivered \$11,305.70 worth of literature in this province.

At the time of our last Union Conference, there were in progress two German church schools at Rosebud, with a total enrolment of 75. These schools, with the primary department of the academy, comprised the church school work of this conference. During the winter of 1912, 1913, there were the one German school at the above mentioned place, and the primary department of the academy. At present there are 29 in the primary work at the academy; a school of 25 at Edmonton; one at Rosebud with an enrolment of 55; and a private school of 8 students near Clive, making a total enrolment of 117.

To show the steady growth in attendance at the

academy, I will give the enrolment of the four past years, including the present:

1910.....	63
1911.....	116
1912.....	163
1913.....	175

The school faculty now consists of eleven regular teachers, including the instructor in music. There is a good spiritual atmosphere in the school, most of the students taking an active part in religious services. During the last vacation, four of the young men were in evangelical work, three in the Bible work, and nine were engaged in the circulation of literature in Alberta and eight in other provinces, making a total of twenty-four of the 133, or 18 per cent. During the period covered by this report the academy building has been erected at an expense of about \$8,000.00, and today our finances are in a better condition than at that time.

The Sabbath-school work has also experienced a steady growth year by year. From the secretary we obtained the following figures: Number of schools in 1912, 24; family schools, 17; members of family schools, 48; total membership, 600. Number of schools in 1913, 36; family schools, 26; members of family schools, 91; total membership, 833. At the present time there are 36 schools; 31 family schools with a membership of 82, making a total membership of 935. The donations are as follows:

1912.....	\$2,020.94
1913.....	3,326.28
Total for two years.....	5,347.22
Total for two previous year.....	2,695.17
Gain.....	2,652.05
Per cent. gain.....	98

It has been my privilege to visit each of the churches except three, since camp-meeting. While there are some who are losing hold on the truths of this message, yet the majority are striving more earnestly to lay aside the weights and sins that do so easily beset, and do what they can to forward this movement.

There is a willingness to sacrifice for the advancement of this message, such as we have not seen in years gone by. Some who for years were wandering away from the fold are returning, and are showing their sincerity by their lives.

We are nearing the end, and but one work lies before us—the preaching of the everlasting gospel to all the world in this generation.

C. A. BURMAN, *President.*

A REPORT

Plans for the circulation of the **Temperance Instructor** in this portion of the province were prayerfully laid at the monthly meeting of the Lacombe church officers held March 7. These were put into execution Thursday, April 2. The following newspaper report tells of the success which attended this effort:

“Because of the large number of students entering the Temperance Campaign, last Thursday, April 2, was declared a holiday. Thirty-seven students

and teachers availed themselves of the opportunity, and consequently there were very few homes within a radius of ten miles of Lacombe that were not visited, and invited to assist in the temperance work. The outside towns visited include Red Deer, Ponoka, Wetaskiwin and Stettler, in each of which good success rewarded the visitors. Temperance literature to the amount of \$105.00 was distributed, and the following list indicates the gifts received in the different places visited:

Wetaskiwin and Ponoka.....	\$49.35
Red Deer.....	21.75
Lacombe.....	17.35
Stettler.....	20.00
Country.....	26.80
Total.....	\$135.25

“Seven teams were employed and the thirty-seven persons travelled over 400 miles, distributed 778 temperance tracts, and nearly 1,000 copies of the special temperance issue of the **Youth’s Instructor**.

The above fund, besides paying for the literature distributed, will also provide a supply which will be furnished to persons desiring the same, by addressing the Alberta Tract Society, Lacombe. This is an excellent opportunity for teachers to obtain aid in bringing the principles of temperance forcibly to the minds of their pupils. A notable feature of the campaign was the cordial reception accorded to all, showing that there is live interest in the temperance question. Those who took part take this occasion to thank the people of both towns and country for the kindness shown them, and for their co-operation in this movement.”

Surely the above should awaken us to the fact that God does prepare the way for success to attend those who willingly offer their services in this way for the cause of temperance. Daily we are enjoying the blessings which the practice of true health and temperance principles bring into our lives. Many of God’s children would have been laid in the grave had not some willing hearts carried to them the gospel of health. Instead of appropriating such precious gifts to our own worldly advancement, let us answer the call, and through the medium of the **Temperance Instructor** enlighten the minds of others.

T. S. BOWETT.

A DEFINITE AIM

One soul for Christ during 1914! Yes, this is our mark. How can it be accomplished? In these days of darkness and sin, it will not be accomplished without some definite effort—some personal work and agonizing with God. Do not put off this effort, but begin now to seek for some one not saved. It may be that your nearest neighbor is longing for the very thing you have to give. Some have begun the work and results have followed. New interests are springing up in various places, and new ones are accepting this truth. If the above mark is reached, souls will accept this truth at the rate of two a day in this conference. Shall we not work and pray to this end?

C. A. BURMAN.

OBITUARY

Peter Schram was born at London, Ontario, August 24, 1828, and died near Claresholm, April 1, 1914. At the age of twenty-seven he was married to Miss Jane Jones. To this union were born thirteen children—eight sons and five daughters. At the age of thirty-three he moved to Minnesota, where he lived until he came to Canada in 1903.

At an early date he gave his heart to God and joined the Methodist church. About forty years ago he heard the Third Angel's Message, which he accepted, and ever looked forward to the soon-coming Saviour. Two sons—Samuel and Isaac, and two daughters—Mrs. Fred Palmer and Mrs. Charles Rick, were present at the time of his death. The funeral services were conducted by the writer.

C. A. BURMAN.

ALBERTA NOTES

Elder C. A. Burman, who returned from Granum and Edmonton on Tuesday, left on the 8th inst. to spend some days with the believers at Hawksdale.

From Sedgewick, Brother Louis Halsvick writes: "We are having good meetings. One man kept his first Sabbath yesterday. His wife will surely take hold soon. These are fine solid people and will bring a blessing to the cause at this place."

Brother Walter Clemensen writes that as many as 45 persons attended one of the series of meetings, which he is holding in the Boyne Lake country. A good interest is being shown in the presentation of the message there, and we trust that some will decide to obey.

We are pleased to report that Brother H. E. Shelstad, who has been laboring in the Mannville district has organized a Scandinavian Sabbath-school there. Brother Shelstad is now sowing the seeds of truth in the country adjacent to Irma, where he is staying with Brother C. J. Merry.

We are glad for the success which is attending the efforts of Brother Ausman to place **The Practical Guide** in the homes of the people. A letter dated April 7 just received, contains the following statement: "I am getting along fine * * * * Have taken \$40.00 worth of orders so far this week."

It is pleasing to note that the efforts being put forth to enlist the services of our people to co-operate with us in the temperance campaign by widely circulating **The Temperance Instructor**, are being rewarded. Every day orders are coming in for copies of this excellent temperance educator, one of the most recent being for 150 copies, from the German church at Beiseker. While writing these lines a letter has come to hand from one of our brethren, in which he gives the names and addresses of 125 people to whom he requests us to mail copies of **The Temperance Instructor**. Encouraging, isn't it?

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BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

(Extracts from the President's address at the late Union Conference)

Believers in the Third Angel's Message, brethren of the western provinces of Canada, British Columbia greets you:

Our conference constituency is in a measure separated from you by a great distance, the mountain outlines of our province seem to present a high wall between us, yet our hearts beat in unison with

yours in the great work of giving the message throughout this comparatively new division of the great harvest field. At this meeting we hope to co-operate with you heartily in every measure tending to cement this union into a more perfect working body, and earnestly pray that the Spirit of God may guide us in every particular while we lay all our plans before him.

British Columbia extends from the 49th parallel eleven degrees northward, or to the 60th parallel. The province has an area of 395,000 square miles, and the 1911 census shows a population of 380,000. It has a large Asiatic population, for whom little has been done by us as a people. The population is sparse and over one-half live in New Westminster, Greater Vancouver and Victoria. It has a coast line of 7,000 miles.

With the conference church included we now have nineteen churches, with a membership of 426. At the last biennial conference I reported a membership of 336. Our isolated list shows an enrollment of 51, not members of any church in British Columbia. This makes a total of 477 Sabbath-keepers in our province. There are over 85 in the conference without church privileges. Our twelve churches, valued at about \$25,000, are not encumbered. Besides these we have the school farm of 140 acres at Pitt Meadows, a small place in the Bella Coola valley, and a mission farm at Port Simpson, originally purchased for the Indian work. These are also free from encumbrance.

Our tithe for the two years since our last union conference has been \$20,115.74. At the 1912 conference I reported \$15,248.32, thus showing a gain of \$4,867.42.

The tithe and donations, both home and foreign, for the last two years have been \$35,240.56. At our last conference I reported \$23,341.02, so we have gained in all \$11,899.54.

All our brethren have shown a lively interest in the foreign work, and placed our quota at twenty cents per week per member. The great aid to this has been the Sabbath-school donations, which have increased nearly 100 per cent. in 1912 and 26 per cent. in 1913. We have eighteen Sabbath-schools connected with churches in the conference, with as many more home schools. The membership is 427.

The last two years a good work has been done in establishing and operating church schools. In 1912 we had five church and two family schools in operation, with an enrollment of 120. Last year and at the present time we have five church and three family schools operating, with an enrollment of 121. As far as we know a good work is being done in these schools, and we hope to continue and enlarge it, as it means the education of our children in the message, and the future support of our conference school.

Our sales in the book work experienced a drop in 1913, but for the two years has gained over the last biennial period. The subscription book sales in 1912 were \$6,754.94. In 1913 they were \$2,979.16. A loss of \$3,775.78. The total for the two years, including tract, trade book and magazine sales, was

\$16,681.74. At the 1912 meeting I reported sales for two years as \$8,707.26. This shows a gain of \$7,974.48. The magazine sales for the two years have been \$1,750.73. At the present time the outlook is good for the book work.

Our academy has an enrollment of 33 this year, which enrollment includes music pupils living away from the school. At the present time about twenty are in attendance and living in the home. The school operates at a loss. At our conference held in December last it was decided to cut down to ten grades and operate an intermediate school. This, we believe, will place us on vantage ground and enable us to conduct on a paying basis.

We are enjoying a good measure of religious liberty, as our Attorney General has refused hitherto to enforce the Lord's Day Act to any great extent. We notice some relaxation, however, and the time may soon come when Sunday enforcement will be as stringent as in the other provinces.

Within the last year we have lost two of our valued laborers. Nearly a year ago Elder Conway and wife were called to labor in the Hawaiian Islands, and just recently Elder Wilson has accepted an invitation to connect with the Alberta Conference. We now have four ordained ministers, one of whom is in the academy, one licentiate and seven with missionary licenses. Brother Potter takes up ministerial work and Brother E. S. Horsman takes his place as Field Secretary. Our corps of laborers is small but it is all we can support at the present time.

While our brethren and sisters have heartily co-operated in giving of their means, a co-operation we greatly appreciate, we are pleased to state that many are learning the key-note that is now sounding and we expect to see a revival of missionary effort among our people such as we have never seen. We are writing to encourage the sentiment already aroused, and purpose also to hold church institutes so that faithful workers may be trained for all lines of church work.

We are in hearty accord with the efforts now being put forth by those at the head of our work—to distribute the responsibility of soul-saving to all within our ranks. Believing the Testimonies, as we do, we feel sure of the fulfillment of the words found in vol. 9, page 126. I quote only a few sentences here: "Representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. . . . Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God. . . . On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. . . . Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God."

With a simple faith in the sentences I have just read and in like works of the Master himself, we follow on to do our best, pledging our co-operation with you, not only for this meeting, but in every case where the interests of God's cause in our union are concerned, and, expecting the same from you, we continue our labors with renewed courage, de-

termined by the grace of God, that through the church of God in our province, many of its people shall know the power of the world's closing message of mercy, the remnant's only hope.

J. G. WALKER, *President.*

VISITING THE CHURCHES

My last letter to the *Tidings* was dated March 8. I was then at Glenemma, the closing day of the Institute there. The next day we drove over to Grandview, where we met with the officers of our English and German churches. This meeting was called for the purpose of defining the missionary territory of the above churches and to announce to them the field allotted to the Silver Creek church, and also that of Vernon.

This arrangement is the result of the interest aroused by the instruction given at the Church Institutes. Nearly all signified their desire to have a new experience in the things of God. One brother at Glenemma said at parting: "Brother Walker, I think you will see more done from this onward." We look for a forward movement and to see our brethren and sisters throughout the conference visiting their neighbors and friends, in fact doing all in their power to bring the last message of grace and mercy to the notice of the people in their neighborhood. Some can do Bible work, some can work with tracts and magazines, others can nurse the sick and search out the needy, and those who should be encouraged. All can do something. How thankful we should be for this.

Tuesday following the council meeting at Grandview, we met the Okanagan members of the Committee at Vernon. The chief purpose of this meeting was to decide upon a place for the Okanagan camp-meeting to be held this year, June 9-14. After a quite thorough canvass of the district, the Committee thought best to have the meeting at Vernon again. The committees were appointed and further announcements will be made later. The duty of deciding the location of the Coast meeting falls upon the members of that district.

This year our camp-meetings come earlier than usual. The one at the Coast is to be held June 2-7, and the eastern meeting as stated above, June 9-14.

The Church Institute at Nanaimo was held at the time announced, March 20-24. Unfortunately some of the brethren there were called away to work at that time and the meeting was not so well attended as the previous ones, but it proved to be a blessing however, and some at least are better prepared for missionary work than before. At the present time we are in the Victoria church and Brother McMillan is talking to a company of believers and visitors on Dietetics. The interest is good and I hear many questions asked.

The brethren in Victoria are now worshipping in a new church building on the corner of Hillside and Graham. The basement, planned for a church-school room, is not completed yet, but the auditorium, trimmed as it is and seated with comfortable pews,

presents a sight beautiful to the eye. Something more should yet be done, but even now it is the nicest church in the conference. It not only becomes the message, but is in keeping with this beautiful capitol city of the province.

J. G. WALKER.

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BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE

(Extracts from the President's address delivered at the Union Conference at Lacombe, Alberta.)

To the delegates of the Western Canadian Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Greeting:

It is with pleasure that this report is presented of the progress and prospect of the work of God in the province of Saskatchewan. We have been permitted during the past two years to feel the guiding Spirit of God in the directing of His work in our field. Amidst our many mistakes, we have felt the gracious forbearance of Him, who was tempted in all respects like us, yet sinned not. We humbly acknowledge His solicitude and tender mercy.

The territory of the Saskatchewan Conference comprises the province of Saskatchewan. It is the largest of the prairie provinces of Western Canada, and the beautiful undulating prairies of Saskatchewan have proved so attractive to our agricultural friends from lands across the seas, that we have within our borders representatives from every nation of importance on the globe. A few years ago there were thousands of square miles of unoccupied land, but now, in every direction, we see permanent homes of industrious tillers of the soil; we see cities crowning the plains, towns growing into cities, and villages into towns, till we hold within our embrace a population of over 600,000.

Evangelical work with our small force of laborers presents a mighty problem, in consideration of the very cosmopolitan population scattered over so large an area of territory. To bring the gospel within the reach of this mixed multitude will require more than human power and skill.

Aside from the work being done for the English and German speaking peoples, a good beginning has been made among the Russians, and those representing the Slavonic dialects, such as the Bohemian, Roumanian, Servian, Hungarian, Bulgarian, and others. Besides the languages mentioned, we have within our borders thousands of families who represent the Scandinavian, Icelandic, Finnish, Polish, and French.

We crave wisdom and counsel to know how to

direct our efforts with telling success in mastering these opportunities which are crowding at our doors of responsibility.

During the year 1912, the Saskatchewan Conference employed eight laborers, which were three ministers, three licentiates and two missionary licentiates. Two of the licentiates were in conference work only a part of the year. The year 1913 provided us with fourteen laborers, which consisted of five ministers, three licentiates, six missionary licentiates and one other worker. Four of the missionary licentiates are self-supporting. One of the ministers was not engaged by the conference until the latter part of the year.

Churches and Sabbath-keepers in our province have increased favorably, as the following indicates:

	Churches	Membership	Isolated	Total Believers
1912	9	252	49	301
1913	12	375	130	505
Gain		1912	1913	Total Two Years
Churches	4		3	7
Members	131		123	255

We are happy to report that our churches are favorably interested in the home missionary work. Some have had very good results in selling the home workers' books. We believe that this line of work should be vigorously encouraged by all our laborers. It is an endeavor which will assist mightily in the speedy finishing of the work of God in the earth.

The Missionary Volunteer work is receiving attention, and we aim to make this department a strong factor in our conference in the near future. A secretary for this work has been provided.

No part of our conference work has shown greater advance than the Sabbath-school department. The increase in both membership and offerings is encouraging, as the following figures show:

	Schools	Membership	Home Dept.	Total	Offerings
1912	13	285	102	387	\$1,490.52
1913	19	561	149	710	2,754.68
Total offerings for two years.....					4,245.20

The educational work in our conference up to the present time has consisted altogether of church and home schools. During the year 1912 we had four church and four home schools, with a total enrolment of 86. In the present school year there are two church, three company and two home schools, or seven in all, with a total enrolment of 51. Last year eighteen persons from our field were in attendance at the Alberta Industrial Academy, and during the current school year, up to the present time, thirty-two have enrolled there.

In view of our thriving constituency, and the proportionately large number of young people in our field, steps have been taken toward the establishing of a conference intermediate school. Sites have already been investigated, and it is quite probable that one will be secured in the spring.

The colporteurs who have labored with us in the extension of the gospel, have placed a large number of books in the hands of the people of our province during the past two years. In 1912 we had 14 colporteurs whose aggregate sales amounted to

\$11,870.45. The past year we enrolled 22 colporteurs, whose combined sales were \$11,368.00.

The work with our periodicals shows an increase. During the year 1912 about four thousand **Temperance Instructors** were sold. About the same number of other magazines such as **Signs of the Times, Life and Health, and Watchman**, were sold and distributed in various ways. Last year about 6,500 magazines were sold. Our regular weekly papers for the different nationalities are finding their way into more homes with each passing year.

In 1912 we used 1,390 **Harvest Ingathering Reviews**. Last year 2,949 were ordered. This work has brought many rich experiences to those who have entered it with the right spirit, and has assisted much in augmenting our funds to missions.

The Tract Society has enjoyed a good degree of prosperity during the past biennial term, as the following figures show:

Colporteurs' sales for two years....	\$23,258.45
Office " " " "	6,773.68
Magazine " " " "	1,160.00
Total.....	\$30,172.13

The tithes and offerings received from our brethren and sisters evidence their interest in the systematic support of the work of God. The following figures show the amount received in both tithe and offerings, of all kinds, during the past two years:

	1912	1913	Total
Tithe.....	\$8,884.18	\$11,842.41	\$20,726.59
Offerings (all kinds)...	4,486.48	6,565.66	11,052.14
Totals.....	\$13,370.66	\$18,408.07	\$31,778.73

In concluding this report I take pleasure in saying that our brethren and sisters in Saskatchewan are striving to be loyal to the organization and order of this denomination. And we desire to unite every available resource with the efforts of our sister conferences to hasten the good tidings of salvation to every inhabitant of Western Canada.

Victories have been gained in the controversy with sin, and we believe that the cause of God in Saskatchewan is on the upward way to that glorious achievement which will mark the consummation of Heaven's sovereign plan for the redemption of sinful man.

We are passing rapidly along in our journey to the kingdom. Scenes of thrilling interest, long foretold by prophetic wisdom, are following each other in rapid succession. We are ready to join you in that fullest consecration which will quickly bring that "happy day," when all the redeemed shall take up their abode in that land where the roses bloom perennial, and the morning sunbeams ever shine.

A. C. GILBERT, *President*.

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ISOLATED FAMILIES

In visiting among the isolated brethren recently I am pleased to find them of good courage and anxious to raise their children to love the Lord and this message, although it is hard under these circumstances.

Children and young people must have associations and naturally are influenced to a great extent by those with whom they mingle, and eventually as they grow older will choose life companions from these.

As parents, is it not our duty to plan as much as lies in our power to locate our families where they can have associations of like faith? I believe as parents it is our duty to locate where we can have the privilege of meetings and good companionship for our children. This should be the first consideration in making a move, ahead even of the financial prospects, for, what shall it profit us however much we may gain, if we lose our children.

The case of Abraham and Lot furnishes us good illustrations of the results of parental choice. It would be well for several families to get together, so as to have services on Sabbath and a church school for their children.

Perhaps some parents who will read these lines will recall having once lived near a church, and because of greater financial inducements have moved out alone and had the sad experience of seeing their children drift into the world.

To those of you, having children, who are necessarily isolated, I would say—provide your families with plenty of good reading. Every child should have the **Little Friend** and every youth and young person the **Youth's Instructor**, and take the **Review and Herald** for yourself, and if possible, the **Signs of the Times**, with which to do missionary work. Seek in every way to make your home a center of light and blessing to the community in which you live. Be faithful in regular daily worship and family Sabbath-school, and God will bless your faithfulness to the salvation of your family. If you are not able to support a church school, try to get your young people into our academy as soon as they are old enough.

It was my privilege to meet with such a family recently, and it did my soul good to notice how the children loved the truth, and as they invited their neighbors in to a few meetings, it was pleasing to see what a goodly number came, and seemed very much interested in the truths presented.

Let us be faithful wherever we are, for we are each to be a light in the world, so "let your light shine."

E. M. CHAPMAN.

"Whatever may be our occupations, we are to be missionaries, having for our chief aim the winning of souls to Christ."

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A. H. BRIGHAM - - - - - Editor

Elder Shaw has returned from the West and is spending a few days at his home in Calgary.

We are requested to announce that the new Year Books are ready for distribution, and can be procured by addressing the Tract Society.

Brother W. L. Manfull passed through Calgary recently on his way to Lacombe, where he will conduct a colporteurs' institute.

STORIES WORTH RE-READING

To aid parents in selecting good reading for their children, the Youth's Instructor has just completed a book of very choice stories for the youth and children—a book in which adults will be much interested, and by which they will be benefited. This book has been named "Stories Worth Re-reading." It is neatly bound in cloth; contains 320 pages, $5\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{3}{4}$ inches, and is $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches thick—a regular \$1 book. But it will be given with a full year's subscription for the Instructor for only 50 cents extra—the Instructor one year, and the book postpaid for \$1.75. "Stories Worth Re-reading" can be secured only with the Instructor. Those who are now taking the Instructor may renew their subscriptions for one full year from the date of the expiration of their present subscription, and receive the book on the renewal. The book will not be furnished on club subscriptions.

MANITOBA NOTES

The old office building at Portage la Prairie was sold last week.

Brother L. F. Gretzinger made us a pleasant call the other day while in the city.

Elder E. M. Chapman spent a day with the Brandon workers last week, and met with Brother Pangman's people over Sabbath.

We are glad to have with us again, Elder H. J. Dirksen, who returned last week from his visit at Portland, Oregon.

Miss Wood, one of the converts at Brandon has taken up the magazine work in that city, and is meeting with very good success. She plans to canvass for books this coming summer.

The Sabbath school offerings of the Winnipeg church for quarter ending March 31, amounted to \$40.80. This is a nice gain over preceding quarters.

Brother Chas. Zilke of Saskatchewan, called at our office last week between trains. He intends visiting his folks here for a time, and then enter the canvassing work in Manitoba for this coming summer.

Our people in Manitoba will be pleased to learn that Brother David Gulbrandson and wife, of Iceland, will locate in Winnipeg to take up the work among the thousands of Icelanders in this city.

ALBERTA ACADEMY NOTES

Clara Gibson returned Monday evening, after spending a week at her home in Mannville.

The senior class of the academy has organized and is making preparations for the class day programme.

The academy herd of stock has been increased by the addition of five head of cattle bought of Mr. Addison.

Gardner McElroy has dropped his school work for this year, and entered the employ of Mr. Ritz, of Lacombe.

After a de'ention of six weeks at her home because of sickness, Jennie Ritz has found it necessary to drop her school work for this year.

Accompanied by the preceptress, the young ladies of east hall visited west hall one afternoon last week.

Lawrence and Bennie Mabley have returned to their home near Vermillion. Their sister Della, will remain till the close of the year.

Last Saturday evening the dormitory students spent a pleasant hour in a spelling match. Robert Kitto had the pleasure of being the champion speller.

Brother Fitzpatrick, of Edmonton, is a visitor at the home of Professor Adams. He may take a carload of young stock back with him to his homestead.

Perry Finkle returned to his home at Milden, Sask., Monday, to care for his farm. He hopes to return in the fall, bringing one of his brothers with him.

Brother J. L. Beane and family have moved into the house formerly occupied by Brother Wissner. Brother S. M. Ryan and family have moved into the house vacated by Brother Beane.

Brother and Sister Luther Long and Gustave Ojala left last Monday for Battleford, Sask., where they expect to enter the colporteur work. They all plan to return to continue their studies in the fall.

Charles Sissons and wife, Bert Bradley, Jonathan E. and Pauline Jaeger, are leaving the school on account of the spring work. We regret to see them leave, but trust they may be with us again next year.

Sister McClafflin returned from her visit to Bismark last Friday, accompanied by her two nieces, Misses Abbie and Zella Olmstead, who spent the week-end in Rosedale, returning Monday.

A letter was recently received at the office, from Earl C. Willet, of Vernon, B. C. He has been in the States for some time on business, but has not forgotten his friends at the academy.

The members of the hydrotherapy classes, who have been studying some of the simple and effective methods of treating disease by the use of water, have finished their work, and are taking their examination.

Sunday evening a number of students from the academy conducted a preaching service in the Milton school-house. A good audience was present, and all were interested. The subject was "The Eastern Question and What It Means to Us." These meetings will be continued each Sunday night.

Adolph Bernhard, who has been making his home with his sister, Mrs. U. Wissner, is moving into the dormitory for the remainder of the year. Mrs. Wissner and little son left yesterday for Calgary, where she will visit friends on her way to their new home in Regina.

The Missionary Volunteer Society has elected new officers as follows: Leader, J. K. Fish; first assistant, Bertha Gilbank; second assistant, Robert Kitto; secretary-treasurer, Blanch Hippach; assistant, Anna Neufeld; chorister, Carl Wilson; organist, Ruth Wallace.

In the Sabbath school secretary's quarterly report presented last Sabbath, we note that the membership for last quarter was 197, and the total donations \$191.30. The special donation taken on the thirteenth Sabbath amounted to \$46.25, which we trust will help in erecting the much needed church in China. Quarterly services were held following the Sabbath-school, Pastor P. P. Adams occupying the pulpit.

As we entered upon the second quarter of this year, new Sabbath-school officers were elected as follows: Superintendent of senior division, S. M. Ryan; assistant, Miss Robina Adams; secretary-treasurer, Nellie Shankel; assistant, Miss Phyllis Sargent; chorister, A. C. Harder; organist, Miss Hattie Beardsley; superintendent primary division, Hazel Knutson; secretary-treasurer, Martha Huether.

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