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## TO TRUST

And so in the wearysome journey  
Over life's troubled sea,  
I know not the way I am going,  
But Jesus shall pilot me.

I know not the way I am going,  
But well do I know my guide;  
With childlike trust I give my hand  
To the mighty friend at my side.

—Selected.

1904	815,361
1905	1,026,499
1906	1,100,735
1907	1,285,349
1908	782,870
1909	751,786
1910	1,041,570
1911	878,587
1912	838,172
1913	1,197,892
Total	9,718,821

## THE FOREIGN POPULATION OF OUR COUNTRY—No. I.

### What Can We Do To Bring Them The Message?

The Lord has entrusted to us as a people a special message of warning and salvation to all the world, as set forth in the three-fold message of Rev. 14: 6-12, yea, to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people. This is certainly a great and comprehensive movement, and much is involved for each individually, and for all collectively.

This work has now assumed large proportions. From General Conference statistics given at the end of 1912 we see that 2,777 workers are laboring in foreign fields, presenting the message in 84 languages. The message has thus been carried to all the leading nations of the world, including 48 non-Protestant countries, and 20 non-Christian countries. In this we all rejoice, and it gives evidence that the message will speedily accomplish its great mission in all foreign lands.

There is another feature of the present situation that deserves special mention, namely, the great foreign population in our home land. At the census taken by the government 1910 it was found that 30,000,000 or about one-third of our country's entire population were reckoned as foreigners. These are distributed all over the country, though the East and central West have the largest numbers, but this is not the end, for they are still coming at the rate of about one million every year. One writer has estimated that the present generation will see 30,000,000 of these emigrants landing on our shores. It is impossible to convey to the reader any just idea of the largeness of the numbers, and what it really means. Just think, only last year, that is the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, 1,197,892 of these immigrants landed on our shores, that is a larger number of people than the entire population of the large state of Nebraska in 1910, which is given at 1,192,214. The following is a table giving the number that have come each year for the last ten years:

This condition of things creates a large and real foreign mission field right here in our home land, and these foreigners here are just as needy and as eligible to the gospel as are those of their kin in foreign lands. And it is a matter of interest too that these foreigners are not only eligible to the gospel, but that every earnest effort to bring them the truth meets a favorable response, which is, indeed, very encouraging.

Our great need is workers in the many languages and tongues of these people. If it were only two or three, yes, even half a dozen nationalities to deal with, it would be a comparatively easy and simple matter, but here we have more than sixty of them, for we have, at is were, all the nations and languages of the world gathered here in one country, yea, in the metropolis of our nation, the city of New York, we have no less than 64 nationalities represented, and the situation is much the same in all our large cities. This condition presents a situation different from anything found in any other part of the world, and they are here, not by accident, but rather by a divine providence, bringing them in easy reach by the message of salvation. These things being as they are, it now rests with us to plan ways and means by which we can bring them the truth of God for this time, and thus hasten the work of the gospel to its glorious consummation. O. A. OLSEN.

## FROM SOUTH AMERICA

An invitation which can scarcely be ignored without being rude has just been received from the editor of your paper. If it were not for this I should fear that, so long time having passed since I left Western Canada, my words would be like those of a stranger. However, I have been following the progress of the work in your field, as reported in the *Tidings*, with much interest and rejoice in its prosperity.

We arrived here the sixth of February, so much of our personal experience has been trying to understand what people say, and to have them understand us when we speak. This difficulty diminishes day by day and



more rapidly as time passes. A few words with reference to the country and our work may be of interest.

Uruguay is the smallest of the South American countries. Its size is about equal to that of Manitoba. The climate is mild, never very hot, neither is it cold enough to have snow. That it is a country of wonderful resources must be quickly seen when it has a city of 400,000 inhabitants, besides many other smaller places. The chief industries are farming and stock-raising, of which a great deal might be done.

Montevideo is as well built, clean and modern as most of the North American cities. It does not have the hurry and hustle of business that is so characteristic of the cities of the northern continent, still the electric cars go clanging along the streets and automobiles rush along with the same disregard for both the safety of the pedestrians and the speed laws. In some things it may not be so progressive, in others it is in advance of cities that boast of being up-to-date. One of the first things I noticed when landing was that the dirty wooden wharves of San Francisco and New York make rather unfavorable comparison with the clean docks of solid masonry in the harbor of Montevideo.

One of the chief difficulties to be met is the high rents that make it almost impossible to secure a hall for meetings in a place that is at all suitable. Very providentially about a year and a half ago an opportunity came to purchase a place at a price much lower than usual, and at terms that are less than it would cost to rent. This we bought and fitted up with an assembly room, office and rooms at the rear in which to live. Our work was thus firmly established and given a base from which it will expand.

When Elder Perry arrived, several nurses from the States, a brother from France and his family were the only Sabbath-keepers in the city. Today the church has a membership of about 25, and at least ten more who are waiting for baptism, aside from many who show a good interest by attending our meetings regularly. Financially the Mission has prospered. From a net worth of a little less than \$500 at the beginning of 1912 it has increased to \$4,300.00 at the beginning of this year.

The work of our nurses has done much to make our work known and has given us a good reputation among the most influential people. Among those who have accepted the message, already some workers have been developed. A man of some business experience did some good work at canvassing last year, and has now gone to Europe where he will spend a year in our school at Gland to prepare for better work when he returns. Another man who united with us the last year is now bookkeeper at our sanitarium in Argentine. A third has done some good work in the city with books and papers. By this work an interest in one of the suburbs has been awakened, where meetings are now held twice a week. The missionary zeal of these people is not often equalled. No sooner do they become interested than they bring some one else with them to the meetings.

One of the fruits of Catholicism is seen in the prevalence of infidelity, and utter indifference to religious matters. Not only are men non-religious but actually

anti-religious. Frequent articles appear in the daily papers ridiculing the idea that there exists any other supreme divinity than man. But in the midst of this dense darkness there are honest souls seeking for light. That these may be found and the light of truth be brought to them, we labor and pray.

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Montevideo, R.O. del Uruguay.

#### WERE YOU EVER LOCKED OUT?

If you were, you know that it is a very perplexing experience. The situation of one who is trying to enter a barred door illustrates the situation in which we as a denomination find ourselves.

Most of us have given hearty approval by vote to the plan of raising twenty cents a week per church member, fifteen cents of this to go to the support of our mission work, and five cents to be given to liquidate our institutional indebtedness. However, the problem of accomplishing this is yet to be met. We believe that the plan of giving fifteen cents per week per church member, through the medium of the Sabbath-school is the key that will unlock this door. Already some have tried the key and have found a ready entrance. Some of the leaders in our conferences recognize the value of this plan and are urging its adoption. The following resolutions were recently passed by one of our large conferences:—

"Knowing our Sabbath-schools are a strong factor in raising the means which make up the twenty-cent-a-week fund,

##### "WE RECOMMEND,

"(a) That our Sabbath-schools set a goal, in the matter of offerings to missions, toward which each school shall work from quarter to quarter. We would suggest that this goal be an amount not less than fifteen cents a week for each member of the Sabbath-school.

"(b) That some device be adopted by each Sabbath-school whereby the secretary shall inform the school of its standing each week, and thus give an opportunity to make up any shortage in the amount.

"(c) That inasmuch as the per capita offering is based on church membership rather than a membership of the Sabbath-school, we recommend that in the churches where some of the church members do not attend Sabbath-school, but come in for the church service, a second offering be taken just before the close of the Sabbath-school, in order that those coming in late may have a part in raising the desired amount."

If this were done in every school, it would make the twenty cents a week easily possible. It would finance our mission work. In due time it would pay off our indebtedness. The best, easiest, the most convenient way to give this amount is to place the money in the Sabbath-school envelope which is passed to every one every Sabbath.

The practical way for your church to carry out the plan is to count up your church members, multiply the number by fifteen, then again by thirteen, and you will have the amount your Sabbath-school should give to missions in one quarter. Set the goal plainly before the school. Let everyone do his best to reach it, and when the Thirteenth Sabbath comes around make it a "Dollar Day" for the special Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, and nine times out of ten the goal will be reached.



Believing this to be the "key" to the situation, we are urging every school to use it. It is easier to use a key than it is to pry open the door or to batter it down. The key that is constantly in use is not easily lost or mislaid, and it does not rust. Try it.

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

## Alberta Conference

Office Address, Lacombe, Alberta.

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

### THE ALBERTA CAMP MEETING

A prayer and praise service held on the morning of June 29th marked the close of one of the best camp meetings held in Alberta. No prettier spot could have been selected in the Province of Alberta, than the one chosen for the site of the camp. Sheltered by the foliage of beautiful trees on the west, the camp presented a picture of neatness and beauty difficult to excel.

The following brethren from abroad rendered valuable assistance in ministering to the spiritual needs of those present: Elders O. A. Olsen, H. S. Shaw, M. S. Reppe, J. Riffel and Brother T. T. Babienko. Prof. E. C. Kellogg of Walla Walla College did much towards encouraging the educational phase of the message, and two lectures on the value of Christian education were given by Prof. W. E. Howell, who arrived in time to spend a few hours on the camp grounds before continuing his tour through the middle states.

Several came with the expectation of finding in Jesus a personal Saviour, and many for the purpose of regaining the degree of spiritual strength experienced in former years. None of these were disappointed. The Lord richly blessed the earnest labors of the ministering brethren, and from the very first close attention was given by all present to the valuable instruction on the promises of God and other important Bible topics.

A new vision of the high standard of faith God requires his people to exercise in these last days, and of their failure to reach it because of sin, was presented by Elder Olsen at the morning service of the last Sabbath of the meeting. The Holy Spirit gave power to the words spoken and every one felt the need of heart-searching and confession of sin. Nearly the whole congregation responded to the call for consecration and went forward, some to give themselves to the Lord for the first time. Earnest prayers for forgiveness of sin, and a greater increase of faith than has ever been exercised, ascended as sweet incense to the throne of God. The Spirit of the Lord wrought mightily in the camp of Israel at this meeting, which will be a memorable one in the lives of many.

Later in the day a solemn service was held at which Brother L. Halsvick was ordained to the ministry, following which the congregation assembled on the banks of a beautiful stream, in the midst of which sixteen precious souls were buried with the Lord in

baptism. It can be truly said that God heard the prayers and blessed the labors of both workers and laity in behalf of the unconverted and indifferent.

The conference proceedings were characterized by a degree of harmony which greatly assisted the different committees in framing their resolutions and reporting without undue delay. Some changes were made in the officers elected to serve the conference for the ensuing year, as shown by the following report:

President, H. Humann.  
Secretary-Treasurer, F. L. Hommel.  
Field Secretary, R. P. Mooney.  
Sabbath-school Secretary, Miss H. G. McCulloch.  
Missionary Volunteer Secretary, A. Pond.  
Religious Liberty Secretary, W. A. Clemenson.  
Medical Missionary Secretary, F. L. Hommel.

Elder C. A. Burman has labored faithfully and untiringly as president of the conference since its organization eight years ago, and now that the work is on a sound basis and in a prospering condition, he has laid down the burden for another to bear. Elder Humann needs the prayers and support of all in assuming the many duties and responsibilities connected with the presidency of the conference.

Brother L. T. Heaton, who has done earnest work as Field Secretary for the last three and one-half years, has gone to Saskatchewan. Brother Heaton has worked to the best of his ability and we are sure the colporteurs will regret to see him go.

In spite of the heavy showers of rain which visited the camp almost every day, the attendance reached the mark of 340. Cash and pledges amounting to about \$500 were taken up towards the raising of a fund of \$1,500 for advancing different lines of the work in the home field, and a strong resolution for increasing the Sabbath-school donations for foreign fields was unanimously adopted. About \$300 worth of literature was sold from the book tent.

Mention should also be made of the temperance rally which occupied the larger portion of one of the afternoons. Large temperance posters, bearing striking illustrations and strong testimony against the liquor traffic decorated the pavilion, which was filled with an enthusiastic congregation. Rev. W. F. Gold, General Secretary of the Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform League, was the chief speaker on this occasion. He outlined the plans, now in operation for the abolishment of the bar from Alberta and requested the co-operation of all present in this great undertaking. Collections for this work were taken up in the form of cash and pledges, and orders for over one thousand copies of the *Temperance Instructor* were received.

As a result of the evening preaching services some from the outside became interested in the truth and Elder Wilson is continuing meetings in their behalf. Let all remember this effort in prayer.

The close of the camp meeting found new ones rejoicing in the truth and nearly all others in possession of great strength for higher service in the Master's cause.

T. S. BOWETT.

### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE ALBERTA CAMP MEETING

In view of the fact that during another year, we, the members of the Alberta Conference of Seventh-day Adventists have received blessings and mercy from



the bountiful hand of our Father in heaven; and—

Whereas, The gift of the Holy Spirit has been so poured out upon the workers sent forth and the literature distributed by this organization, that many more are rejoicing in this truth than were doing so at this time last year; and—

Whereas, Good reports are coming from our colporteurs now laboring in this field; and—

Whereas, God has so blessed us with the good things of this life that the tithes and offerings of this conference have increased largely, therefore,—

1. Resolved that we show our heart-felt gratitude to our Father in heaven by sincerely consecrating ourselves anew to his service, that our time, our means, and our talents may be used by him for the spread of the Gospel and the salvation of souls.

Whereas, The Word of God declares that his people are destroyed for lack of knowledge, and—

Whereas a thorough understanding of the truths of this message can be obtained by our young people becoming Members of Attainment,—

2. Resolved, That our leaders and parents co-operate with the youth in taking up the Standard of Attainment plan.

Whereas, The Reading Course books selected by the General Conference have proved of great educational value to many young people in the past,—

3. Resolved, That we urge our church elders and the parents of our young people to assist the youth in getting the reading course books and completing the courses already started.

Whereas, The Morning Watch Calendar is one of the best helps to spiritual life that has been set on foot for the benefit of our youth,—

4. Resolved, That we do all in our power to make it possible for the young people to observe the Morning Watch habit.

Recognizing the need of a more thorough study of the Word of God as given in the Sabbath-school, and the benefits derived from attending Sabbath-school regularly, therefore,—

5. Resolved that we urge all, both old and young, to take an active part in the Sabbath-school work and further that all isolated believers be requested to join the Home Department and report regularly at the close of each quarter to the conference Sabbath-school secretary.

Whereas, The success of our Sabbath-school work depends on thoroughly qualified teachers, therefore,—

6. Resolved, That we urge all our teachers and officers to take the Sabbath-school Teachers' Training Course prepared by the General Conference.

Inasmuch as Catholicism by its aggressive movements is encroaching upon the religious rights and liberties of this and other countries, therefore,—

7. Resolved, That we take active steps to enlighten the minds of the public with regard to this matter by the use of the *Protestant Magazine*.

8. Recognizing the importance of the canvassing work, we urge that capable persons prepare themselves to engage in this line of work permanently.

Whereas, we are drawing near to the end of time more rapidly than most of us realize, and our young people must have a place in this work,—

9. Resolved, That we urge our parents to hold a place in this closing work before their children as their aim in this life and provide them a training in the home school, the church school and by advanced education.

Whereas, The General Department of Education and the North American Division Conference on December 9, 1913, recommends that each Conference provide two or more tuition scholarships of fifty dollars each,—

10. Resolved, That we co-operate by raising this fund at this camp meeting, the same to be at the disposal of the Conference Committee.

Whereas, There is incontestable proof that the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage is destructive to minds and morals, causing increase of insanity, disease and vice, and believing that the licensing of the liquor traffic only encourages these evils and unfavorable conditions, and believing that legislative enactments against the manufacture, sale and importation of alcoholic liquors is one of the most successful ways to combat the liquor traffic, be it therefore,—

11. Resolved, That we second the efforts of the organized temperance forces to secure effective prohibitory laws for the eradication of the drink evil, and that we labor incessantly to bring about total prohibition in the Province of Alberta.

Whereas, The Home Missionary Work furnishes excellent opportunity for us to place the truth before our neighbors, and,—

Whereas, God places on us the responsibility of each carrying the message to those in his immediate neighborhood, therefore,—

12. Resolved, That we endeavor to discharge this responsibility by supplying ourselves with books, tracts and periodicals for distribution among the people of our respective vicinities, with a view to each winning at least one soul for Christ during the year 1914.

In view of the pressing needs of our home field,—

13. Resolved that we raise a fund to be distributed as follows: Educational Scholarship Fund, \$100; Colporteurs' Fund, \$100; Tent and Camp Meeting Fund, \$200; and Academy, \$1,100.

Realizing the great need of means with which to carry on the work in foreign lands, and—

Whereas, Our Sabbath-school offerings all go for this purpose, therefore,—

14. Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to raise a fund through the Sabbath-schools equal to fifteen cents a week per member for foreign missions.

15. Resolved, That we extend a vote of thanks to the officials and citizens of Red Deer, for their courteous treatment of our wishes with regard to the arrangements, etc., of this encampment; to the press for reporting our meetings, and the Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern, and Grand Trunk railways for their courtesies to us in making it possible for so many of us to attend this camp meeting.

#### LACOMBE, CANADA

After a most pleasant four months spent here in Lacombe, I again move on, this time to Roseberg, Oregon, to visit my oldest sister and youngest brother.

Last night I was invited to the home of one of



our little company here, where I found about fifty of the church members, together with the faculty of the Academy, waiting for me. At the close of a most pleasant evening, I was informed that money was being raised by the students, faculty and church to buy me an organ for my work in India. As I have taken music lessons this winter, this gift was most acceptable, I can assure you.

I have had the superintendency of the kindergarten the last quarter. Last Sabbath as I bade the children good-bye, many of them told me they were going to have missionary hens, garden, etc., to help in the work. I do praise the Lord for these evidences which show that our people have a live interest in foreign mission work.—Della Burroway, in *The Eastern Tidings* (India).

## Saskatchewan Conference

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### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE

Whereas, God has graciously cared for his work in this province during another year, prospered our brethren and sisters, preserved the lives of his workers, crowning their efforts with the conversion of souls, therefore,—

1. Resolved, That we suitably express our heartfelt thanks to our Heavenly Father from whom all blessings flow.

2. We recommend that our people endeavor to keep themselves well informed with the movements of this message by subscribing for and reading the *Review and Herald* and all like church papers in their respective languages represented in our field.

Whereas, The liquor traffic is a constant menace to our homes, our schools, our churches, and our province; a disgrace to our civilization; and the cause, directly or indirectly, of an infinite amount of misery and crime, and,—

Whereas, At the opening of the present Banish the Bar Campaign we wish to reaffirm similar resolutions adopted at many of our annual conference sessions,—

3. Resolved, That we, the Saskatchewan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in conference assembled, do hereby pledge ourselves to use every honorable and lawful means by which the manufacture, transportation, and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverages shall forever be prohibited; and be it further—

Resolved, That we shall continue with even greater zeal, by voice and pen, and vote, by precept and example, and by the judicious circulation of specially prepared temperance literature, the campaign of education along health and temperance lines which has characterized this denomination since its organization.

Whereas, The plan of the denomination now is to raise twenty cents a week per capita of our church membership for the advancement of the message; and—

Whereas, The Sabbath-school is proving a regular and efficient means of raising mission funds,—

4. We Recommend, That the Sabbath-schools of the Saskatchewan Conference undertake to raise by their offerings a sum equal to fifteen cents per capita per week based on the church membership.

Whereas, The thirteenth Sabbath envelopes are meeting with favor and proving a means of increasing the thirteenth Sabbath offerings,—

5. We Recommend, That our schools and isolated members use these envelopes on such occasions.

6. Resolved, That we adopt the general plan of constitution adopted by the North American Division Conference and empower the incoming Conference Committee to make such modifications as may be needed to adapt this plan to the needs of this province.

Inasmuch as the colporteur work is one of the most important means of getting the truth before the people, therefore,—

7. Resolved, That we urge our people in this field to encourage proper persons to enter the field as permanent colporteurs.

Since the editors and publishers of the *Signs of the Times* publish all phases of the third angel's message in its columns twice a year, thus making it a most valuable medium for the circulation of the truth, we therefore,—

8. Recommend, (a) That clubs of this paper be solicited from our churches by those having the oversight of the work, to the extent of a circulation averaging at least two copies a member.

(b) That besides posting them through the mails to interested persons, an effective house-to-house campaign be entered upon to secure readers.

(c) That these efforts be extended by and from our people of other nationalities, using for this purpose their respective missionary paper.

9. Resolved (a) That we endeavor to fulfill our responsibility to carry the message to the people of our respective communities by the use of our books, tracts and periodicals with the view to winning at least one soul each to Christ during the year 1914.

(b) That Home Missionary Institutes be held in our churches during the present year at such time as may be arranged by the Conference Committee.

10. We Recommend, That the Saskatchewan Conference Executive Committee be increased from five to seven persons, and that the constitution be so modified as to conform to this change.

11. Resolved, That we take a deeper interest in the Young People's work and that our churches do all they can to form Young People's Missionary Societies.

12. We Recommend, That our Sabbath-schools exercise much care in the selection of teachers, and that they discourage frequent changes of teachers who are consecrated to God and who are successful in their work.

Whereas, The Conference Committee has made several investigations for school sites, and after deliberate consideration of the places presented,—

13. We Recommend, That in view of the favorable proposition made at North Battleford, a thorough investigation be made in regard to locating our school at that place, and if satisfactory, this site be secured.



14. We Recommend, That eight men be chosen to act with the Conference Committee to constitute a locating committee for the school, with power to act; namely, Elder H. S. Shaw, Elder O. O. Farnsworth, Wm. Rowse, Joseph Burgess, C. D. Speed, Frank Shearer, E. Guderian and J. D. Bodey.

15. We recommend that Elder A. C. Gilbert, Elder H. S. Shaw and Elder O. O. Farnsworth constitute a committee to draft the proposition to be presented to the parties offering the site at North Battleford with power to negotiate and make the transfer of the property

16. We Recommend, That a fund of \$10,000.00 be raised for school purposes.

17. Resolved, That we hereby express our thankfulness for the courtesies extended to us by the Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific Railways; to the city of Regina for the free use of the camp grounds; and to the local papers for publishing reports of our meetings.

#### REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good." Truly this should be the sentiment of our hearts as we see the leadings of the Lord and the progress of the work during the past year. Gently the Lord has dealt with us and how wonderfully he has blessed in all branches of his work.

Your secretary is happy to report progress in the Sabbath-school department the past year. The Lord has heard prayer in behalf of this work and to him belongeth all the praise for whatever may have been accomplished.

We have been anxious to see our schools reach the standard in every particular. Letters have been written to the superintendents, trying to keep before them our three goals toward which we as a people are working.

The first—"Daily Study of the Sabbath-school Lessons." Much has been said and written regarding this, but we feel that too much emphasis can not be placed upon this subject. In the words of another:

"We cannot study the Bible too much. And, indeed, I fear many of us study it too little. If our Sabbath-school lessons were thoroughly learned by all, what a knowledge of the Bible would be gained in a few years. But this cannot be the case if only a hasty glance is given to these lessons just before the time for Sabbath-school."

If we begin on Sunday to study the lesson for the next Sabbath and keep at it every day, how much more will be gotten from the lesson.

The lesson quarterly contains a very helpful outline in this matter and it is sincerely hoped that our people will avail themselves of the blessings to be derived from daily study. What can help us better to remember the Sabbath all week, than by spending a little time each day, learning the lessons to be recited when Sabbath comes?

The next goal towards which we are working is "Personal Work In Behalf of Souls." How closely this is connected with the one previously mentioned. How can pupils be better prepared to give their hearts

to God than by learning the precious truths contained in God's Word? Here again the following words are quite to the point:

"There is a clear promise in the Bible that God's Word will not return unto him void, but shall accomplish that which he pleases. It is a settled policy of the Sabbath-school workers to encourage personal labor in behalf of Sabbath-school scholars. No one should be content now with seed-sowing, and wait for the passing years to develop the fruit. The children and youth in this denomination must meet the crisis of the ages while they are children and youth. Constantly, the warning message is being passed on to the local schools by those set to watch Sabbath-school interests; every child attending our Sabbath-schools should give his heart to God, and should do it now. Sabbath-school workers every where are committed irrevocably to this policy, and in every place it must be worked out."

The last of these three goals is not separate and apart but very closely connected with the two preceding:

"The development of the missionary spirit has been the very natural growth of effective Sabbath-school work. We are unalterably committed to the policy of teaching Sabbath-school pupils that the time has come for sending this message to every creature in the whole wide world, and that their interests should not be bounded by the four walls of a church building. We believe the Sabbath-school which honors God by faithfully endeavoring to fulfill the great commission, will have choice blessings at home."

When we have obtained a knowledge of the Word and our hearts have been given to the Lord we then desire to give this message to others. And we gladly give our means to send the light to those in the other lands.

The Sabbath-school offering has come to be a great factor in carrying forward the foreign mission work. The General Conference has come to confidently depend upon the funds obtained from this source.

Last year, we saw by the chart the increase in Sabbath-school offerings year by year, for some time past. And now look at what was done last year by this denomination in the Sabbath-schools. Almost \$300,000.00. What does this mean? It means that this message is going rapidly as this dear people sacrifice to speed it onward.

We thought it might be of interest to this delegation to take a glance backward and see what Saskatchewan has been doing in this branch of the work the past few years. We will go back to the beginning of 1907. This is as far back as any records have been preserved. In fact the work in this province was only in its formative state at that time.

	No. of Schools.	Total Membership.	Total Offering.
1907 .....	7	104	\$299.00
1908 .....	8	215	401.00
1909 .....	5	145	444.00
1910 .....	6	157	633.00
1911 .....	8	209	739.00
1912 .....	18	387	1721.00
1913 .....	19	694	2667.00

At present there are over 20 schools with a membership of over 700.

Our goal for 1913 as you remember, was \$2,000.00.



Our goal for 1914 is \$3,000.00. Beloved, what say you, will we reach it? Your secretary has been encouraged to see the interest increasing in some of our schools. One of our German schools recently purchased a large missionary map of the world to use in their missionary studies as they take steps in advance.

The co-operation of the superintendents, the faithfulness of the secretaries in reporting, and the interest of the members of the schools, has been greatly appreciated by your unworthy secretary, and has been a help and encouragement to her in her work.

Your secretary would not fail to speak of the Home Department work.

"In order to extend the influence of the Sabbath-school to those who can not come to it, the Home Department has been planned. The Home Department is a division of the Sabbath-school, bearing the same relation to it as the Primary, Intermediate, Junior, or other departments of the school. This department is composed of members who can not regularly attend the sessions of the Sabbath-school, although they are encouraged to do so whenever they have opportunity. By the formation of this department, the isolated, the feeble, the aged, and those who are confined at home in attendance upon the sick, may become members of the school and share its blessing.

"This work has caused the uplifting of thousands of heavy, lonely hearts, and changed what was an element of weakness in the denomination into an element of strength."

This is indeed an important part of the school work, and do you ask if it pays? If you could read some of the letters that have been received from different members of this department, telling how they appreciate the interest taken in them, and how they want to be faithful, you would say it does pay.

Not only does it pay in courage and strength given to the devoted members of this department, but they also enjoy giving of their means to carry this truth which they love to those in the fields beyond.

Some blessed experiences come to these dear ones in their homes and little Sabbath-schools. Four hundred and sixty-five dollars was received in Sabbath-school offerings from members of this department, last year in this province.

In closing,—

"We plead most earnestly for a removal of any hindering policy in the conducting of Sabbath-school affairs. Let us each ask ourselves if our interest has been as anxious and sympathetic as we could make it. This child of the church which has to do with the spiritual welfare of every child, every youth, every adult in the denomination, should not be regarded by any one as unworthy of the best effort that can be bestowed upon it. We may well thank the Lord for what the Sabbath-school work has done for this people. With faith in its future, let us lay hold mightily to make it what it should be."

May the Lord bless to this end and tenderly care for every department of this great work, until the time when "on those peaceful plains, beside those living streams, God's people so long pilgrims and wanderers shall find a home."

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

SAVE THE YOUNG PEOPLE

We are all well informed in a general way at least as to the means by which the Church of Rome has built up its work. One of the most effective means it has is the training of its young people. It bends every effort to that end. It establishes hospitals; it establishes orphanages. It does everything it can to get young children into its fold. It not only cares for its own, but for the Protestant children. To get hold of those children and train and develop them until they are brought thoroughly into sympathy with the work of the church, we find that every means and every effort possible is exercised by the church.

Now, I think if we labor with a determination to get every young man and woman interested in this cause, we will have accomplished the biggest thing we can for this work. It means more than dollars and cents. We have a splendid organization in the Missionary Volunteer Movement, a splendid machine; and if we can make it operate to the extent that every one of our young people is affected, then we shall see a mighty work accomplished. In some way we ought to make every one feel that he is a part of the young people's work.

F. GRIGGS.

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT

Manitoba—Week Ending June 13

Name—	Book	Hrs.	Ord.	Mag.	Helps	Total
Carl C. Jensen.....	P.G	41	13	.....	.....	\$62.00
George Belleau.....	D.R.	8	4	\$2.25	.....	22.25
H. P. Parker.....	B.F.	55	23	.....	.....	31.50
J. S. Kohler.....	P.G.	..	3	.....	.....	12.00
Solomon Meikle....	Mag.	..	615	61.50	.....	61.50
		104	658	\$63.75	.....	\$189.25

British Columbia—Week Ending June 20

E. S. Horsman.....	B.R.	30	24	.....	\$ .30	\$99.80
C. Lofstad .....	P.G.	3	2	.....	.....	9.00
Robert Swan .....	M.H.	13	..	.....	1.20	1.20
Ensley White .....	Mag.	6	88	8.80	.....	8.80
Mrs. L. C. Neff....	Mag.	6	57	5.70	.....	5.70
		58	171	\$14.50	\$1.50	\$124.50

Alberta—Week Ending June 26

Robina Adams .....	P.P.	22	7	.....	.....	\$27.00
Alma Anderson .....	P.P.	25	2	.....	\$3.50	10.50
Riley Ausman .....	P.G.	77	8	.....	.....	37.00
Maggie Burgess .....	PP.	94	24	.....	.....	87.00
D. A. Dobbs.....	B.R.	51	20	.....	4.45	104.45
Bertha Gilbank .....	P.P.	24	7	.....	.....	26.50
Martha Huther .....	P.P.	15	12	.....	4.75	53.75
Jalmar Johnson .....	P.P.	92	21	.....	.....	70.00
Melvin Milne .....	P.P.	55	10	.....	.30	42.30
Edwin Oldham .....	P.P.	15	4	.....	.....	14.00
Isabel Repp .....	P.P.	14	4	.....	4.50	20.50
Sam Shafer .....	G.C.	79	37	.....	.....	144.50
James Wagner .....	P.P.	121	15	.....	.....	58.50
		690	171	.....	\$17.50	\$691.50

Twenty-three agents 852 \$1,000 \$78.25 \$19.00 \$1005.25

Summary to Date This Year

Subscription Books .....	\$4709.31
Magazines .....	1415.95
Home Workers' Books.....	93.30
Total .....	\$6218.56

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Elder H. S. Shaw, Brethren W. L. Manfull and J. M. Rowse and Prof. J. I. Beardsley are in attendance at the Manitoba Camp Meeting. Brother A. H. Brigham has returned from Regina where he attended the Saskatchewan meeting.

Owing to the rush of work during the Camp Meeting season we are unable to give all of the colporteur's reports this time. These will be given later as fast as they are received. The number of colporteurs in the field is now larger than it has ever been before.

The August issue of *Life and Health* (ready July 3) is a special temperance number, particularly adapted for circulation while the prohibition movement is progressing. By circulating this number much can be done to help along the temperance cause.

The Manitoba Camp Meeting began at Morden, Manitoba, Thursday, July 2. The camp is located very nicely, surrounded with shade trees. The visiting ministers left Regina Sunday evening to be present at that meeting. No reports have yet reached us.

In our last issue we stated that Elder J. H. Schilling would attend the Saskatchewan Camp Meeting. We were later informed that it would be impossible for him to be present, and Elder Carl Leer, of North Dakota was on the grounds to take his place.

Prof. E. C. Kellogg, President of Walla Walla College, was present at the latter part of the Alberta Camp Meeting, laboring in the interest of the educational work. The Western Canadian Union Conference is now included in the Walla Walla College territory, so we shall hope to enjoy the visits of the President from time to time as occasion permits.

Prof. W. E. Howell, of the North American Division Educational Department, spent a little time in our territory last week. He visited the academies at Pitt Meadows, B.C., and Lacombe, Alberta, and also spent a few hours at the camp meetings in Alberta and Saskatchewan. His presence and counsel were much appreciated.

A brother in sending his renewal subscription for the *Review and Herald* makes the following statement: "For more than fifty years I have read the *Review*—read it when the 'Testimonies,' the *Review*, and a few tracts and pamphlets comprised about all of our demoninational literature. These with our Bible and hymn books were prized above temporal necessities, and the *Review* should now be the first of our periodicals in every Seventh-day Adventist household, and the last to be dispensed with. God bless our dear old *Review*, and he does, and none can afford to forego that blessing."

What ought to be our attitude toward a paper and its circulation, of which thousands say "It is the best I ever saw;" "It contains just what the people ought to know, and presents it in a way anyone can understand it;" "It revolutionizes communities, changes homes of strife and poverty into homes of peace and prosperity, and reforms individuals?" That paper is the *Instructor Temperance Annual*. It is one of the most popular papers among all classes of any of our publications. Circulate it everywhere.

A little, black, 14-year-old girl in Hayti has become a member of our Missionary Volunteer organization. Her society is away in the interior. Under all circumstances it would be difficult to make the journey to the coast, but during the recent uprising it was positively dangerous as well, yet that girl walked 150 miles to take her society report to Sister Prieger, who has charge of the young people's work in the Haytien Mission. She was determined to do her part of God's work in Hayti faithfully. To her that meant diligent service and faithful reporting. Should it mean less to you and to me? Surely not. She was faithful in her part of God's work. Are you?

The Saskatchewan Camp Meeting closed last Sunday evening. This was the largest meeting ever held in the province, which in itself speaks for the advancement of the Lord's work during the past year in that field. Seventy-seven tents were pitched, accommodating over four hundred campers, while some had rooms in nearby houses. Meetings were held regularly in several different languages and were well attended. The morning meeting of the last Sabbath was especially blessed with the presence of God's Spirit. It lasted nearly four hours, and nearly every one present occupied the front seats reserved for those desiring a closer walk with God. At this meeting plans were formulated for the starting of a new school in Saskatchewan. A fund of over \$6,000.00 was subscribed by those present, with which to begin this enterprise, and a committee was selected who have been given power to complete arrangements for a site and the erection of buildings. We shall hope to give a full report of this meeting in the next issue of the *Tidings*.

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