

# Western Canadian Tidings

"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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## A DETERMINED WILL

There is no chance, no destiny, no fate  
Can circumvent, or hinder or control  
The firm resolve of a determined soul.  
Gifts count for nothing; will alone is great.  
All things give way before it, soon or late.  
What obstacles can stay the mighty force  
Of the sea seeking in its course,  
Or cause the ascending orb of day to wait.

Each will-born soul shall win what it deserves,  
Let the fool prate of luck! The fortunate  
Is he whose earnest purpose never swerves;  
Whose slightest action or inaction serves  
The one great aim.  
Why even death stands still  
And waits an hour sometimes on such a will.

—Larcom.

## FROM CHINA

I arrived in Shanghai, China, November 4th, and have been here a little over three weeks. The longer I am here, the more I realize the great need of Christ in the Chinese homes.

A wedding procession went past last night, and I wish you all could have seen it. Four men carried a large closed-in box which was decorated in gaudy style, in which was the bride. She was crying, and the people were firing crackers and playing Chinese music, which by no means is musical to a foreigner. The bride was going to see her husband for the first time.

Several days ago one of the gods was taken from the temple for airing. They carried him in a chair on two poles, a man at each end of the poles. The men in front wore large red hats on the back of which were mirrors, so that the spirit might be amused by looking at himself and not have time to think of harming them. I followed them to the temple, where they offered a goat and a pig.

The Chinese homes have neither floor nor windows, and of course are not clean, but Jesus loves these people, and how I wish you could see some of them who have learned to love him. Several days ago I was out with the Bible woman, Mrs. Miller, and we visited a girl who is dying with tuberculosis. She has been sick for seven years, but is now very happy because she has found Jesus.

I also met a woman who had been an opium fiend for years and had used a hundred cigarettes a day.

She is now free, and although her sons threaten to starve her to death, she hobbles around on her poor little cripple feet, with a bright and happy face, to tell others of the love of Jesus.

As I look about me and see what heathenism does, and where I would be were it not for the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, I realize more than ever that I have been "saved to serve." If the young people who read this could get a glimpse of China's needs I am sure that some of you would make it your chosen field. Pray for China. FLORENCE E. WILSON.  
November 26, 1914.

Box 523 U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China.

In private letters Miss Wilson tells much of the work and conditions in the field where she has gone, and by permission, we are quoting the following from letters to her parents:

"Mrs. Miller and I were away visiting, and did not get back till 10.30 last night. We surely had some good experiences at one house where we stopped. They took us out to another village where we found about thirty gathered to hear about Jesus. They go and tell others and when one goes back again they have new places to go, till there is no limit to the work. I could not help but cry as I saw so many souls looking for light and so few to give it to them.

"There is nothing at home to compare with their homes. They are the seat of all kinds of diseases, such as smallpox, the plague, cholera and leprosy. I can see that the Lord protects his missionaries. There are no quarantine laws here, and I have seen children running around with measles and smallpox. Lepers go around the streets begging. About 50 per cent. of the population die in infancy, as only the strongest can stand the way they have to live. It is a miracle how these same people clean up when they receive the Truth.

"You cannot appreciate what the gospel has done for you until you have seen these poor children. We have 1,500 good Christians here to show for ten years' work.

"I must tell you about the debate of Elder Westrupp's, of which we read at Armstrong. It was brought about by some Chinese teachers and evangel-

ists who had heard of the Sabbath. When they came to their conference, they insisted on questioning their foreign ministers and would not be satisfied without calling Elder Westrupp, who was in another village, to debate on the Sabbath question. As a result over forty of their best teachers and evangelists accepted the Truth, and have been a power in the work ever since. I long for the time when I shall be able to talk to them, but I must master the language first."

## British Columbia Conference

Office Address, 1708 Maple Street, Vancouver, B.C.  
 President, J. G. Walker; Secretary-Treasurer, J. B. Giddings; Sabbath-school and Missionary Secretary, Bertha Lofstad; Tract Society Secretary, J. B. Giddings. Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Lydia Stickle; Field Secretary, E. S. Horsman; Educational Secretary, H. E. Giddings.

### WHO IS WILLING?

The Annual Conference is now in the past and a matter of history. I think every delegate will testify that the Spirit of God was present and gave us help in dealing with the problems that occupied our time. I have attended many conferences held apart from the annual camp meeting, but none where the Spirit of the Lord was more plainly manifest and where his children grappled more seriously with perplexities that confront us here, or with a more sympathetic, hopeful and determined frame of mind.

We spent five days together, including the Sabbath. The morning hour at 9 o'clock, during the working days, were occupied by Elder Shaw in practical instruction on our relationship to the church and to the organized work. Some profitable lessons were given. Elder Warren, of Vancouver, and also Prof. N. W. Lawrence, of the North Pacific Union, were present and gave us help that was very much appreciated.

The Sabbath-school, the Home Missionary, and Young People's work all received their due share of attention, but the phase that occupied most of our time was the matter of education. It has been evident for some time that our church school work ought to be established on a better basis. The servant of God has told that all should have a share in the responsibility of educating our children, and that those without children have something to do in helping those who are financially unable to bear the burden alone, and yet who have children that should be educated.

After seeking the Lord and casting about for a plan to follow in which all our people could help if they felt so disposed, the following was adopted: "That we ask all our people in British Columbia to pay into the conference treasury for educational purposes, three per cent. of their income." This is to be used to pay the church school teachers. If all our church members and brethren and sisters throughout the conference will join in heartily with this plan there will be enough to pay all our church school teachers and get the work established upon a better basis, and with a higher standard as the work goes on.

This recommendation of course is not arbitrary. It is not to be understood as a tax. We simply ask all our loyal people to join in with us in a plan thought by the delegates to be the best working plan for the present. If we study the "Testimonies," we learn that

we are obligated to help. If we understand the Bible plan of organization, we know that the church in British Columbia, through its local church representatives, has given its voice on this question. If we know the Scripture we are sure there is a blessing in listening to the voice of the church, and in seeking to answer the prayer of the Saviour for the unity of his people. I feel constrained to ask "Who is willing" to help?

The recommendation takes effect January 1st of this year, with this exception, that those churches now conducting church schools are exempt till the close of the present school year. Such schools at present have the burden of paying their teachers, and to ask more would be to ask too much. In another place the recommendation as passed at the conference will be inserted.

The delegates were very enthusiastic in passing the measure and we feel sure will do all in their power to make the plan a success. Will the elders of churches take the burden upon themselves of making this plain to all our brethren? If there are any questions to be asked or any further information desired on this matter, I hope there will be freedom in writing to me. As to endorsing the plan, *Who is willing?*"

J. G. WALKER.

### PLANS FOR HOME MISSIONARY WORK

The following Home Missionary Resolutions were passed at our Annual Conference, held December 25-30, at Pitt Meadows:

*Whereas*, The Spirit of Prophecy has stated that our literature should be scattered "As the leaves of Autumn," and "The Work of God in the Earth" can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers, and that ways and means must be provided for training our church members in this work; and,—

*Whereas*, Our great home missionary work is destined to bring results of the greatest magnitude,—

Be it resolved,—

1. That we urge upon the churches of the British Columbia Conference the necessity and importance of engaging in personal, soul-winning service.

2. That the elder and missionary secretary of each church constantly keep before the members the importance of this home missionary work.

3. That every church in the conference hold regularly a missionary meeting (once a week, if possible, and at least once a month), and plan carefully so as to work every home in its territory with our truth-filled literature.

4. That in harmony with our organization, we give careful attention to the matter of faithfulness in reporting all work done.

5. That missionary conventions and institutes be held from time to time with all the churches, preferably by grouping them together wherever practicable.

6. That a systematic distribution of our tracts be entered into by every member of the conference; that we use the tracts put up in the regular envelopes and packages at 25 cents, one dollar, and five dollars a set, and that we aim to reach the goal of an average of at least two sets at 25 cents each, a member.

7. That we encourage earnest and consecrated men and women to engage in the sale and distribution of our Home Workers' books, securing as many such agents as possible.

8. That we encourage men and women to devote all their time to the circulation of our denominational magazines.

9. That we seek in every way possible to place the "Berean Library" in the hands of our friends and neighbors.

10. That we make earnest endeavor to increase the circulation of our pioneer missionary paper, *The Signs of the Times*, by following the plan recommended by the North American Division Council, that each church take a club of not less than two copies per member.

11. That the *Church Officers' Gazette*, which is indispensable in carrying out this work, be supplied to the church elder and missionary secretary, the same to be paid for out of the church home missionary funds.

12. That there be no slackening of our efforts in the prosecution of this work, but with unflagging zeal we push this great home missionary campaign forward till this work is done.

I hardly think I need add anything, as these resolutions give the plan of our work for the coming year; only I want to add that I wish each member of our conference might have been present at the discussion of these resolutions, so you could fully realize how much the carrying out of each resolution means to our work; but may God's blessing be so added that you may realize it as you read them now, and may the realization of this lead to active, faithful service—more now than ever before, because the need is greater.

We have begun a new year; may it be a year of service, so that at its close we can lay it at the Master's feet and hear him say "Well done."

BERTHA LOFSTAD.

#### CHURCH SCHOOL RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED AT THE CONFERENCE

*Whereas*, There is need of a more permanent and regular means for the support of our educational work, and,—

*Whereas*, The Spirit of Prophecy teaches that all should share in the support of our church schools, and further, that all our children should have the benefits to be had in our denominational schools, we therefore,—

*Recommend*, That a conference *Educational Fund* be provided and maintained as follows: By the payment of three per cent. of the income of every church member into the conference treasury, and that this create a fund from which the church school teachers shall be supported.

#### AMENDMENT

(Amended to read as follows: That this resolution go into effect January 1st, 1915, except in the cases of those who are now supporting a church school, and that the plan go into general operation at the close of the present school year.)

#### THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER GOAL FOR 1915

No doubt our loyal Missionary Volunteers have been looking eagerly for the new goal. It is based on the 110 young people reported in our 1913 Missionary Volunteer summary, and is as follows:

14 young people converted.

7 Standard of Attainment certificates.

14 to read the Bible through.

21 Reading Course certificates.

\$275.00 for missions, or \$2.50 per member.

It is suggested that the young people of British Columbia attempt to raise \$276.48 to pay three dispensary assistants needed in West India.

Watch for more definite data later. Please bear in mind that each Senior and Junior Missionary Volunteer is requested to raise \$2.50 for foreign missions during the year, and that all the money pledged at camp meeting by the young people, that raised in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and all annual offerings made by the young people will apply on our financial goal.

LYDIA STICKLE.

#### THE SABBATH SCHOOL WORK

*Whereas*, It has been recommended by the North American Division Conference that our Sabbath-school officers hold office one year instead of six months; therefore,—

1. *We Recommend*, The adoption of this plan in our conference.

*Whereas*, A new Sabbath-school Teachers' Training Course will begin in the *Sabbath-School Worker* of February, 1915; therefore,—

2. *We Recommend*, That each Sabbath-school take at least two copies of this paper, and if possible one for every teacher, and that the schools be recommended to take up this course with their officers and teachers; and,—

*We further recommend*, That a teachers' meeting be held in each school.

*Whereas*, The plan of giving 15 cents per week per church member in our Sabbath-schools has been followed by most of our schools during the last six months; and,—

*Whereas*, The plan seems to be productive of the best results both in interest and offerings, therefore,—

*We Recommend*, That this plan be followed during the coming year, and that the use of the Mission Clocks, which have been very helpful in carrying out this plan, be continued.

The above Sabbath-school recommendations were passed at our recent conference. They are especially for those interested in our Sabbath-school work, and that of course means all; for from the oldest to the youngest, each has his place and his part in the Sabbath-school; and whether your place is in a large school, a family school, or whether you are a home department member, you have your part, and so these plans are for you, and we ask you to help carry them out during the year.

So we ask you to read, study, plan and pray, that

the work of our Sabbath-schools may mean this year—greater Home Missionary work and greater Foreign Missionary work.

BERTHA LOFSTAD.

#### MANSON ACADEMY NOTES

Miss Ila McCann spent the week-end at the academy.

Miss Sarah Stickle spent a few days in Vancouver visiting friends, during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Chas. Helin, of Coquitlam, spent the last Sabbath of the week of prayer with the church at Pitt Meadows.

Conference week was a very busy time for the academy family, but a time that will long be remembered as most pleasant and profitable.

The academy students are all receiving the benefit of the Reading Course books, as selections are read from these each night at evening worship.

At the academy during the week of prayer no supper was served and this hour was given to the readings. A splendid interest was manifested and the week proved one of great blessing to the school.

The M.I.A. Progressive Club is hard at work. Class drills and discussions form part of the program—a part that is enjoyed no less than the musical and literary numbers.

The academy teachers and students took quite a large number of the "Eastern Question Extra." These have been distributed in the neighborhood and sent to relatives and friends.

Miss Gertrude Beatty has recently enrolled as a student at the academy. This is Miss Beatty's third year at the school and the academy family extend her a hearty welcome as she returns.

During our recent conference we had with us, Elder H. S. Shaw, Brother A. H. Brigham, Brother J. M. Rowse, and Brother W. L. Manful, all representing the Western Canadian Union, Prof. Lawrence, of the North Pacific Union, and Elder Warren, of Vancouver.

A Bible Band composed of those studying for the "Standard of Attainment," meets each Sabbath afternoon an hour before sundown. A call was made for those desiring to take up this work and nearly all the students responded. It is the purpose of the band to become efficient in giving Bible readings and then go out in the neighborhood and give readings wherever there is an opportunity.

## Saskatchewan Conference

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### THE CHURCH INSTITUTES

The church institute work which was begun the latter part of October was finished January the 4th. Every church was visited. The brethren and sisters manifested a splendid spirit of co-operation, and this with the efforts put forth by Elder J. V. Maas, Brother U. Wissner and myself, enabled God to come near with his power, which stirred hearts to do more for the saving of souls.

Home missionary work was made an important feature in each institute. Studies on the Spirit of Prophecy and on the need for special preparation of heart for the reception of the latter rain, or refreshing from the Lord (the power of service), were presented. As each one saw the magnitude of the work yet to be done, and the promise of help from God to quickly finish this work, it was felt that now is the time to lay all on the altar of full consecration and complete

surrender, so that there remain no hindrance to operation of the Spirit in the labor of saving souls.

As the result of the missionary activity of our brethren and sisters in this province, persons are coming into the truth in various parts of the field. One family has brought four into the light of this third angel's message. A church in the country has enabled eight persons to see the light of the truth which we hold. Calls are coming more and more from places where neighbors are interested, and a minister is needed to preach the Word.

The great need is workers. Also the corresponding need is means to send workers. Let every one of God's children in Saskatchewan be true in returning to Jesus that which is his in tithes and offerings, so there will not be a lack of money to send workers when they can be secured.

All departments of the organized work in this conference has shown progress during the past year. Though it has been a hard year in many ways, yet so far as God's work is concerned it has witnessed an advance which has brought courage and cheer to those associated with its administration.

May we all live in that sweet relationship to our Saviour that brings the fullness of his blessing into our individual lives. Let us seek for a depth of consecration not yet felt. Let us take hold of the mighty God as never before, and go forward in confidence and joy that the work will soon be done, and the promised victory achieved.

A. C. GILBERT.

### REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Quarter Ending Dec. 31st, 1914

Name.	Mem.	DONATIONS		Total.
		Regular.	13th Sab.	
Beaver Creek .....	10	\$10.39	\$13.25	\$23.64
Carlton*				38.50
Dundurn .....	22	63.90	10.00	73.90
East Regina .....	40	25.20	4.85	30.05
Edenwold .....	81	51.17	18.83	70.00
Fox Valley .....	46	21.35	11.00	32.35
Fenwood .....	28	11.11	5.05	16.16
Hillesden .....	20	22.85	14.50	37.35
Hanley .....	17	69.80	30.70	100.50
Happyland .....	31	4.25		4.25
McLean .....	27	20.85	11.00	31.85
McGee .....	6	1.35	.75	2.10
Queen Center .....	40	15.24	7.03	22.27
Red Deer Lake .....	26	31.90	1.10	33.00
Rouleau .....	41	31.26	14.30	45.56
Regina .....	18	28.66	12.81	41.47
Rosthern .....	24	26.95	20.35	47.30
Sonningdale .....	27	36.84	7.26	44.10
Sunset** .....	21	38.15	21.60	59.75
Swift Current .....	26	17.45		17.45
Waldheim .....	57	29.17	23.80	52.97
Prov. Home Dept....	135	180.37	99.60	279.97
Totals: 21 Schools...	743	\$738.21	\$327.78	\$1104.49

\* No Report.

\*\* Twelve dollars of this amount should have been included in last report, but was omitted by mistake.

This quarterly report contains information which should be a source of encouragement to us. It is indeed good in every respect. You notice we have a new school added to our list, which makes our total number of schools larger than ever before. This school at Beaver Creek is composed entirely of Russian

people who have lately accepted the Truth through the efforts of Brother T. T. Babienco.

Twelve conversions and four baptisms are reported during last quarter, which shows that the Spirit of the Lord is working with hearts.

And did you take particular notice of that splendid offering. The largest ever reported in the history of the work in this province.

Thus the last quarter in the year gives the best record in many respects. And in this connection I am sure you will be interested in the annual report which is given below, as compared with that of 1913.

	1913	1914
Conversions reported .....	19	25
Baptisms reported .....	31	39
Total donations for first quarter .....	\$448.21	\$ 752.27
" " " second quarter .....	531.77	808.17
" " " third quarter .....	950.18	1052.95
" " " fourth quarter .....	736.84	1104.49
" " " year .....	\$2667.00	\$3717.88
Gain over 1913: \$1050.88		

Surely this report should make us feel as Paul did, when his friends met him outside the city of Rome. The record says, "He thanked God and took courage."

We have bade farewell to the old year, and as we look back and see how tenderly the Lord has cared for his children and work, we should return to him most sincere thanks, and enter upon the journey through the new year with strong courage and faith in God.

You remember what our goal was for 1914. We thought \$3,000 would be a good offering for Saskatchewan, but we passed that by over \$700.

In that day not far distant when the redeemed from every nation meet on the sea of glass, you will be most happy when you find that this one from China, that one from South America, those from the islands of the sea, are in glory, saved by the gospel sent them with the means you gave. Will you be happy? Oh, yes, and you are happy that you have a part in sending this message "over the way."

Our loyal Home Department members are having a part in this matter, too, even though they are not permitted to meet with others of like faith. During the year 1914 over \$800 was received in Sabbath-school offerings from our isolated members.

Brethren and sisters, the work is onward. We even now see omens of its completion. What will we give this year to speed the gospel onward?

Let us be more faithful than ever before in the study of our Sabbath-school lessons, that we may become so well acquainted with the life of our Divine Pattern that we may know just how to follow in His steps.

In this connection I would express my most sincere appreciation of the faithfulness and co-operation of this dear people.

These words of the prophet express my message to you: "Take courage and do, and the Lord shall be with the good."

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

The Conference Committee and Auditing Board met Tuesday and Wednesday, January 12 and 13.

Elder Rider has left for the East, where he is planning to spend a month or so with his friends who are getting interested in the truth. He will then go to the States to spend the rest of the winter.

Elder Gilbert is spending Sabbath at Broadview. One of our brethren there reported that some of his neighbors were interested in the truth, and we trust that they will eventually take their stand for it.

Elder J. V. Maas, who planned to join his family in Wisconsin after the institute work, has decided to make his home at McLean. His family will return shortly. We are sure this will be good news to our brethren here, as we are all glad to have Elder Maas with us.

The series of missionary institutes which have been held in our churches beginning with the latter part of October, have been concluded with that of Fenwood on the 5th of January. We trust these institutes will prove a great blessing to our churches in this province.

Alberta Conference

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TWO FORMS OF RELIGION

The Bible speaks of two religious factors,—one is audible, and the other visible; one is heard from the pulpit, and the other is manifested in everyday life.

In the ceremonial services which God gave to his people, there was always but one object in view in which he illustrated pure religion. The Lord gave them four different types of offerings, namely—sin-offering, burnt-offering, meat-offering and thank-offering. In these various offerings the people were to become acquainted with the true religion of God. The innocent lamb appeared dumb as it was being slaughtered,—its skin removed, the meat cut up into pieces and burned. This procedure may be likened to the experiences through which a true Christian must pass in order to show to the world a true visible religion.

I want to ask all our brethren and sisters, in the name of Jesus, to strive to obtain a religion such as is manifested in the flesh—a religion that can be seen seven days in the week. Visible things must take the place of audible things. The Bible, which is being carried around in its black covers, must be revealed to the world in true fruits of the Spirit. The glory of heaven which, according to Rev. 18, will lighten the earth, will be visible glory. God says, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works." To shine is natural, and not a rule of compulsion.

According to 2 Cor. 5:14, we see that Christ is the one who spurs us on to better things. "For the love of Christ constraineth us." We see that through the love of Jesus Christ we are constrained to go good. Those who have to be forced to do good will never obtain this visible religion.

I would like to ask everyone, not to read this and

then throw it aside; but instead, let everyone search his heart and ascertain whether the truth is as visible in his life as it was in the ceremonial services. This theme cannot be explained through writing, but can only be realized through personal experience. May God bless his people with a true, visible religion.

H. H. HUMANN.

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### LEDUC

The attendance at our meetings in this place is steadily growing. At the first we had about 20, and now there are about 165 coming. It is almost impossible to make room for all who want to come, as our building is not very large.

This is a Baptist settlement, and a very hard field to work, but with the help of the Lord we have a good interest and expect to have a good harvest of souls. I think it is good to follow the example of the disciples at the time of pentecost. They added to the church daily, those that believed.

January 6th, three were added to the church, and two days later, two more united. At the next meeting five more will be joined with us, thus making ten new members.

I praise God for his help at this time. Satan is working very hard in these last days, and we must work harder than ever before to save souls for our King. This is a large field, and we need much wisdom in carrying on the work. I am of good courage. Pray for the work at Leduc.

C. K. REISWIG.

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### RED WILLOW AND GADSBY

To lay aside duties in the office and spend the latter portion of the week of prayer in seeking the Lord with believers of the Gadsby church was a great strength to the writer.

The members are quite scattered, for which reason they could not all meet together until Sabbath. However, Brother Marion McCarty, the deacon, and those living in the Red Willow district were holding regular meetings in the home of Brother and Sister W. S. Patterson, and it was here that the writer attended the services held on Thursday and Friday. Quite a number were present, including the fourteen students who are attending the church school, ten of whom live in this home. By the unseen agency of the Holy Spirit, deep impressions were made upon our hearts as we listened to the readings.

To spend more time in feeding on the Word of God, in secret prayer and in praying together, seemed to be the longing desire of every heart. This is the way to establish a line of communication with heaven which all the powers of darkness will never be able to cut off. The natural result of such communion with heaven is a burden for souls, and once this becomes a part of the life of every believer, we shall surely see this message go with a power undreamed of in the past.

Although Sabbath proved to be a day of cold wind and snow, nearly every member assembled in the Ingleton school-house for the closing service of the week.

An interesting and lively Sabbath-school occupied the first hour. In the service that followed the Lord gave power in the presentation of the readings, and as a result hearts opened wide for the reception of heaven's greatest gift—the Holy Spirit. Encouraging testimonies and prayers ascended to the throne of God from the lips and hearts of young and old. It was evident that the angels of God were present to minister to our needs. Just before closing, an offering of over \$28 was taken for the needs of the message in far off lands.

Although the Gadsby church has only been organized for three months, it is plain to see that the brethren and sisters love this message and their desire is to triumph with it. Brother J. C. Christensen, who recently moved into that neighborhood from Lacombe, is the elder, and is supported by a strong corps of officers.

A noticeable feature of the meetings was the active part taken by the children and young people, the smallest of whom were not backward in prayer and testimony. The time when this message is to be proclaimed by the lips of children is fast drawing near, and wise indeed are the parents who are now preparing their little ones for such an inspiring work. Other precious experiences were enjoyed by the writer on this visit, which space forbids mentioning at this time.

T. S. BOWETT.

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### HUGHENDEN

I wish to join the happy voices that ring out with good cheer in each issue of the *Tidings*. While I am not strong enough to be actively engaged at the front, I am mending my nets preparatory to active work a little later on.

By invitation of Elder Humann I visited, in company with Brother Shelstad, the little company at Sedgewick, and found them warm in the present truth. While it was the first week of prayer for most of them, they seemed as though they had always been attending, and during the cold days met together at night for the meetings.

It was also my privilege to visit the Lacombe church and the academy. It was interesting to see such a large company of students marching under the banner of the Cross. I spoke twice to the students—once on the "Making of a Man," and once on the "Love of God." It was a very cheering week of prayer, and I believe our dear people will be stronger to meet the coming year with its impetus.

C. A. HANSEN.

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### REPORT OF THE ROSEBUD CHURCH

On the evening of January 5th, Elder Humann arrived to assist us in our church business meeting, and also hold a few public meetings. Some changes had to be made in the announcements, as he could not remain as long as he had planned.

From the report of the church clerk, we learned that this church was organized April 5th, 1909, with a membership of 44. The tithe at that time was very

small. The membership has since grown to 82. During the past year ten members were added, and none were dropped.

The treasurer's report is as follows:

Tithe received during 1914 .....	\$2,094.00
Sabbath-school Offering .....	234.35
Mission Offering .....	214.50
Alberta Industrial Academy .....	161.00
St. Louis (Missouri) Church .....	155.75
Midsummer Offering .....	13.70
Harvest Ingathering .....	37.25
European Relief Fund .....	51.60
Young People's Offering .....	26.55

Total .....

\$2,988.70

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign had not been finished, so this report does not include the full receipts for the campaign.

The librarian's report shows the following: Membership, 52; letters written, 86; answers to letters, 13; *Hausfreunds* mailed, 367; *Signs of the Times*, German, mailed, 628; tracts given away, 7,090. We gave away \$54.45 worth of tracts and other reading matter.

Our Young People's Society has also done good work, but I am not prepared to give a full report of their work at the present time.

We are all of good courage. We are thankful for what the Lord has done for us, and we are determined to do more for him. God has helped us wonderfully from year to year, and we will try, with the help of God, to do more during the next year.

Brethren, let us work while it is day, for we know the night is coming, when no man can work. Now is the time when we should make our accounts in Heaven just as large as possible. Soon this great work will be done, and we shall go home to our King. May the Lord help us all to be faithful.

A. A. ROTH, *Elder*.

#### ACADEMY NOTES

H. E. Shelstad paid us a short visit last week.

William Landeen spent Sabbath, the 9th, at Innisfail.

Brother Steeves and wife, of Millet, visited their son, Fred, at the academy, Friday, the 8th.

Miss Della Mabley recently spent a few days visiting her cousin, Mrs. Fife, near Clive.

J. Stubbs, the travelling baggage agent of the C.P.R., spent a week-end visiting friends at the academy.

Brother and Sister Deutschman, of Leduc, recently visited Prof. and Mrs. Harder, of Rosedale.

The firm of Morrison & Johnston made the academy a Christmas present of two beautiful framed pictures. The gift is appreciated by the students and teachers.

David Kindopp, of Beiseker, has been visiting at the academy. He tells us that he intends to enroll as a regular student next year.

The latest to enroll are Donald McDonnell, T. Sather, Ferdinand Kohn and Ethel Wallace. This makes the enrollment one hundred and sixty-nine.

Miss Mabel Campbell returned on Friday from Youngstown, where she has been nursing for the past month. At present she is caring for Sister Summey.

Messrs. Meyers and Perkins report that at a depth of 270, they have been able to secure for the school an ample supply of soft water. A pump, able to raise 7½ gallons every minute, has been installed.

The Sabbath-school officers elected for the coming three months are: Superintendent, Robert Kitto; First Assistant, Essie Barber; Second Assistant, Leonard Light; Secretary, Rose Unruh; First Assistant Secretary, Amy Henderson; Second Assistant Secretary, James Wagner.

## Manitoba Conference

Office Address, 290 Bannerman Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba.  
President, E. M. Chapman; Secretary-Treasurer, B. L. Grundset; Sabbath-school Secretary, Lizzie Nickel; Tract Society Secretary, B. L. Grundset; Educational and Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Mrs. E. M. Chapman.

### THE NEW YEAR

What shall the record be of the new year in Manitoba? Shall it be one of greater advancement to the message we bear and of victories over the powers of darkness?

As individuals, each having a part to act, we each bear a measure of responsibility in answering this question. When we look over the past we realize that this record is gone forever and cannot be changed.

But since God promises to forgive our sins when we confess them, we may press on with renewed energy. He has said that He will cast them into the depths of the sea, and also that as far as the East is from the West, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us. All Heaven is pledged to keep every trusting soul, so let us do our part and strive to live closer to the Lord every day, that our example may draw many to him. When every individual among God's people walks with him, the work will soon be finished and the faithful ushered into their everlasting home, where trouble, suffering and death can never come.

The riches and prosperity of this world can never bring true happiness. The only true joy and happiness comes in God's service. So let us lay up treasure in Heaven, by giving our all to Him. May God help us all to be faithful in all lines of his work.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

#### MANITOBA NOTES

The Conference Committee and Auditing Board met the 5th and 6th of January.

The English and German brethren of Winnipeg held their quarterly meeting together Sabbath, December 26. All enjoyed the service very much.

Elder Chapman's little boy is now at home, after having spent eight weeks at the hospital. He is doing nicely.

Elder V. W. Robb visited the Bradwardine, Carberry, Brandon and Austin brethren during the week of prayer, and reports very profitable meetings held.

As far as can be learned the Manitoba brethren have been drawn near the Lord during the week of prayer, and we trust we will continue and make this year a year of prayer.

We are glad to learn that two more have begun the observance of the Sabbath at Brandon.

Elder Dirksen received the sad news of the death of his son, John Dirksen, at Portland, Oregon. We all feel to sympathize with him in his sorrow and bereavement.

Elder Chapman visited Brother and Sister McCreary and family at Arden, and report that they are doing well spiritually, but that Sister McCreary is not well. Let us remember this sister in our prayers.

Elder Anol Grundset spent Sabbath and Sunday, December 26 and 27, in Winnipeg, visiting his brother, also assisting in the church services. Sunday evening he held a stereoptican lecture on his missionary work in eastern Africa and also his travels through Palestine.

Brother Herbert Vanderpant, of Manitou, is in the King Edward Hospital, and Sister Lizzie Burgermeister is at the General Hospital. We hope our people in Manitoba will remember these dear young people at the throne of Grace that they may regain their health.

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A. H. BRIGHAM - - - - - Editor

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ALBERTA CONFERENCE

Year Ended December 31, 1914

Resources		
Cash in bank .....	\$1,899.83	
Accounts receivable .....	292.00	
Bills receivable .....	55.00	
Expense, inventory .....	43.15	
Office equipment, inventory .....	45.00	
T. & C. M. equipment, inventory.....	897.39	\$3,232.37

Liabilities and Present Worth		
Accounts payable .....	\$ 61.85	
Local trust funds .....	393.47	
Stock—Present worth .....	2,777.05	\$3,232.37

### LOSS AND GAIN

Losses		
Laborers' salaries .....	\$9,887.87	
Laborers' travelling expense .....	1,309.85	
Laborers' general expense .....	541.62	
Laborers' special allowances .....	230.00	
Tithe to Union Conference.....	1,620.06	
Tithe to Missions .....	1,458.07	
Sustentation fund .....	972.05	
General expense .....	251.27	
Office equipment, depreciation .....	10.00	
T. & C. M. equipment, depreciation..	183.82	
Western Canadian Tidings .....	456.79	\$16,921.40

Gains		
Tithe .....	\$16,336.41	
Donations .....	194.85	
Interest .....	18.90	
Net loss for year .....	371.24	\$16,921.40

### STOCK

Present worth, January 1, 1914.....	\$3,148.29	
Net loss for year .....	371.24	
Present worth, December 31, 1914....		\$ 2,777.05

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ALBERTA TRACT SOCIETY

Year Ended December 31, 1914

Resources		
Cash in bank .....	\$ 469.63	
Personal accounts .....	1,107.00	
Bills receivable .....	300.00	
Merchandise, inventory .....	907.91	

Relief books account .....	157.18	
Expense, inventory .....	16.00	
Fuel and light, inventory.....	6.35	
Furniture and fixtures, inventory.....	377.85	
Stamps, inventory .....	4.00	
Stationery, inventory .....	32.80	
Accrued interest .....	16.89	\$3,395.11

### Liabilities and Present Worth

Accounts payable .....	\$ 19.76	
Local trust funds .....	110.40	
Stock—Present worth .....	3,264.95	\$3,395.11

### LOSS AND GAIN

Gains		
Merchandise .....	\$ 756.27	
Interest .....	20.78	\$777.05

### Losses

Doubtful accounts .....	\$ 174.78	
Expense .....	95.67	
Fuel and light .....	16.30	
Furniture and fixtures .....	50.00	
Rent .....	29.25	
Stamps .....	147.37	
Stationery .....	54.91	
Scholarships .....	16.25	
Telephone .....	8.60	
Net gain for year .....	183.92	\$ 777.05

### STOCK

Present worth, January 1, 1914 .....	\$3,081.03	
Net gain for year .....	183.92	

Present worth, December 31, 1914 .... \$3,264.95  
F. L. HOMMEL, Treasurer.

### AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

Lacombe, Alberta, January 13, 1915.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have finished a complete audit of the accounts of the Alberta Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and its missionary department, the Alberta Tract Society for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1914, and take pleasure in stating that all vouchers have been found in proper order, the accounts accurately recorded, and the books in perfect balance. The balance sheets prepared by the treasurer represent the true standing of these organizations as on December 31, 1914, and it is my belief that all funds passing through the conference office have been honestly and faithfully handled.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. BRIGHAM,  
W.C.U.C. Auditor.

### OBITUARY

NUNN.—Elizabeth Richie Harvey was born near Mornden, Manitoba, September 5, 1889, and died December 17, 1914, at her home near Lacombe, Alberta. She was married September 3, 1908, at Portland, Oregon, to Thomas Richard Nunn, and to them was born one child, Philip Richard, who now is three and one-half years of age. For two years she suffered much on account of an internal cancer. She endured two surgical operations during the time, but through it all she was a patient sufferer. A few weeks before her death she accepted the truth with which she had been acquainted since her childhood. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer in the presence of a house full of neighbors and friends, and our sister was laid to rest in the Lacombe cemetery till the great Life-giver calls his sleeping children.  
P. P. ADAMS.

### WORK WANTED

A Servian girl, 16 years of age, desires employment in the home of a Sabbath-keeping family. For further particulars address Mr. Svetislav Gooderich, 1822 Toronto St., Regina, Saskatchewan.