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WIRELESS TELEGRAPH

The wireless telegraph called prayer
Needs neither ether, space, nor air
O'er which to speed fear's quivering waves
From us who need to Him who saves;
Through vacuums of forgetfulness
Race through the flashing messages;
No medium is too dense or hard:
Flesh, distance, time, in vain retard;
Prayer needs two instruments alone—
God's heart and, tuned therewith, thine own;
These signal stations in accord,
Thou shalt hold converse with thy Lord
Through hills, or plains, beneath the sea—
For love's the electricity!
Who loveth, though the meanest clod,
Can telegraph each day to God. —Selected.

WORLDLINESS IN THE CHURCH

It is recorded of the holy men of old that God was not ashamed to be called their God. The reason assigned is, that instead of coveting earthly possessions or seeking happiness in worldly plans or aspirations, they placed their all upon the altar of God, and made disposition of it to build up his kingdom. They lived only for God's glory, and declared plainly that they were strangers and pilgrims on earth, seeking a better country, that is, an heavenly. Their conduct proclaimed their faith. God could intrust them with his truth, and could leave the world to receive from them a knowledge of his will.

But how are the professed people of God today maintaining the honor of his name? How could the world infer that they are a peculiar people? What evidence do they give of citizenship in heaven? Their self-indulgent, ease-loving course falsifies the character of Christ. He could not honor them in any marked manner before the world without indorsing their false representation of his character.

I looked upon the dress and listened to the conversation of many who profess the truth. Both were opposed to the principles of truth. Dress and conversation reveal that which is most treasured by those who claim to be pilgrims and strangers on the earth. "They are of the world, therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them."

Puritan plainness and simplicity should mark the dwellings and apparel of all who believe the solemn

truths for this time. All means needlessly expended in dress or the adorning of our houses is a waste of our Lord's money. It is defrauding the cause of God for the gratification of pride. Our institutions are burdened with debt, and how can we expect the Lord to answer our prayers for their prosperity, when we are not doing what we can do to relieve them from embarrassment?

I would address you as Christ addressed Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again." Those who have Christ ruling within, will feel no desire to imitate the world's display. They will carry everywhere the standard of the cross, ever bearing witness of higher aims and nobler themes than those in which worldlings are absorbed. Our dress, our dwellings, our conversation, should testify of our consecration to God. What power would attend those who thus evinced that they had given up all for Christ. God would not be ashamed to acknowledge them as his children. He would bless his devoted people and the unbelieving world would hear him.

Christ longs to work mightily by his Spirit for the conviction and conversion of sinners. But according to his divine plan, the work must be performed through the instrumentality of his church; and her members have so far departed from him that he cannot accomplish his will through them. He chooses to work by means; yet the means employed must be in harmony with his character.—Mrs. E. G. White.

CASH OR CREDIT

So much has been said of late about doing business on the *cash basis* in our work, that it almost seems out of place to add anything further. However in visiting the various offices, one is brought face to face with the fact that all of our people have not yet been converted to the "*pay-as-you-go*" policy. And still more to be regretted is the fact that there is still a large percentage of people among our number who never pay at all. "*Brethren, this ought not so to be.*"

God has told us in his Word that we are to "owe no man anything," and without altering its intended meaning we could just as properly read, owe no tract society or institution anything. This is just as plain as the commandment which says, "Thou shalt not kill,"

and yet everywhere we go we find people who seemingly make no effort to pay their honest debts, or keep from contracting more.

With a certain class of people it seems to be the accepted rule to pay every other obligation before they do one to a tract society or one of our institutions. Since it is the "cause" they feel little or no responsibility as to the time of settlement. As the result, such people gradually acquire the name of being dishonest, and often our institutions are brought into disrepute and financial embarrassment. In consequence our tract societies are unable to meet their accounts with the publishers, schools cannot pay running expenses, etc., etc.

Our tract societies are not organized on a money-making basis. They are given a small percentage of profit, simply to meet necessary running expenses, and no allowance has been made for accounts that cannot be collected. They are required to pay cash every month, for the stock they handle, and it is not fair for our people to expect them to carry their accounts for an indefinite period, and perhaps after months of worry and fruitless efforts at making collections, transfer them to a place in the ledger named *Doubtful Accounts*, *Bad Accounts*, or possibly *Dead Accounts*, where they are a warning to future generations against extending further credit to the individuals named, and a target for remarks of every nature except complimentary. Anyone who knows how their name looks in such a place, much prefers to have it written elsewhere.

Often large accounts are contracted by colporteurs and even conference field agents. Credit is necessarily extended for a time until books can be delivered, and then instead of paying their accounts, the money is used for other purposes.

The Spirit of Prophecy speaks very plainly on this point. "*When men can not by canvassing bring into the treasury every dollar that belongs to it rightly, let them stop just where they are.*"

Notwithstanding the fact that this statement is so explicit, this is a question which has given those in charge of our work perhaps more trouble and worry than any other feature. The man or woman, whether colporteur, conference employee, or lay-member, who receives literature from the tract society and does not pay for the same, is not honest, and under such conditions it is feared that a high profession will avail little in the sight of God.

For the year 1914, two tract societies in this Union Conference show a financial loss, in each case caused by the large number of accounts that can not be collected. The other two societies show an equally large number of accounts of this nature, and the outstanding accounts of all the societies are at least seventy-five per cent. too large.

We have no desire to be harsh or unreasonable, but we do wish to impress our people everywhere with the fact that "honesty is the best policy," *even among believers*, and if a large number of those who read these lines are induced thereby to pay their accounts with the tract society or school, the object of this brief article will have been attained. "*Now is the accepted time.*"
A.H.B.

Manitoba Conference

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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.

A REPORT

As I entered upon my duties as president of the Manitoba Conference it was thought best for me to hold a tent effort in Brandon.

Accordingly we came to that place and began the work about the first of August, 1913, in company with Elder Robb and wife. Later Brother George R. Soper from Minnesota, joined us.

As a result of this brief effort a number began the observance of the Sabbath, while others were deeply interested. We found the season all too short to properly round off the work before taking the tent away. After careful consideration it was decided that Elder Robb and wife, aided by Brother Soper, remain to follow up the interest.

On account of the absence of Brother Robb from Winnipeg, I endeavored to fill their pulpit about once a fortnight throughout the summer and at the same time carry on the correspondence of the conference. This, together with reporting sermons in the daily papers, and doing my share of the preaching and visiting, fully occupied my time.

Winnipeg being the headquarters of the conference, and the church there being left without a minister, it seemed best for me to locate there, which I did in November, with the idea of assisting the work in Winnipeg as time permitted, while caring for the conference work.

I have enjoyed the privilege of speaking to many souls who have been brought to the church through the missionary efforts of its members, and trust that it has accomplished some good.

One year ago Brother J. M. Hogg was elected elder and since that time we have worked together harmoniously, he taking charge of the services in my absence. As a result a few have united with the church, quite a number have taken their stand, and others are deeply interested.

It is impossible for finite man to estimate the final results of faithful efforts in the Lord's work. If we were to judge Jesus as a soul winner by the immediate results, we might look upon him as almost a failure. Among the disciples, one turned traitor, another denied him, and they all forsook him and fled, going back to their former occupation of fishing. Mary, Martha, Lazarus, and perhaps a few others were about the only ones we read of in his three years and a half of labor. Some of the good men of our time would probably be ready to tell him he had wasted his time. Had he been asked, "How many souls have you saved?" he would have answered, "Only a few;" yet he preached many sermons, spent nights in prayer and visited many homes.

Of the multitudes who followed Jesus, listening to his words and saying, "No man ever yet spake as this man," as he ministered to the sick, etc., we have no record of many taking their stand until Peter and the apostles on the day of Pentecost reaped the harvest of seed he had sown. Jesus told them they would do

a greater work than he. He also stated, "One soweth and another reapeth." It is the same in our day, so it is impossible for human beings to accurately estimate the full results of his own or another's labor.

Since my former labors have been blessed of God to the salvation of many souls, I still have reason to be of good courage, realizing that in some localities and among some classes the people move more slowly in accepting new light and in taking their stand upon it.

During the past year I have held eighty public services in Winnipeg, besides Bible readings and visits. These were mostly the regular services of the church, at which I tried to faithfully present the truths in such a way as to benefit the church members as well as those from the outside who were interested.

Plans are being laid to secure the services of Elder Luther Warren as soon as we are able, to conduct an effort in the city of Winnipeg. Brother Warren has had a burden for Winnipeg for some time, and we understand, and are hoping and expecting that the Lord will open the way for him to come some time this year.

There are many lines of work to build up and carry on, in a small conference where laborers and secretaries are few. These must necessarily be looked after by the president and the treasurer. It may occur to some who do not understand all these things and know little about the burdens carried by these men, that they are doing very little.

We can always look over the past with a feeling that perhaps we might have done better, but forgetting those things which are in the past, let us press on to the finishing of the work which will usher in the coming of our blessed Lord. E. M. CHAPMAN.

1914-1915

Another year has passed into history; the record book of 1914 is closed. Our failures and lost opportunities as well as our successes and opportunities improved are traced indelibly upon its pages. As our mind wanders back to some of the mistakes we have made, how ashamed we are, and how we wish it might be erased; more than that, how deeply we deplore the fact that we lost control of ourselves for a moment and was tempted to do such an unchristian act or speak in such an unchristianlike way.

Dear reader, God has the opportunity of looking over not only the mistakes of 1914, but of every year of our lives, and somehow when our mistakes and failures are all put together they appear more heinous than when they are scattered out during many years.

But it is all past. A new year has dawned. A time for making resolutions. Shall we not, in consecrating our lives for service this year, see to it that every sin is confessed, every wrong rectified as far as it is possible to do so,—that every hindrance which would keep us from receiving the Holy Spirit may be put out of the way? We are told by the Spirit of Prophecy that God's Spirit is fast being withdrawn from the earth. Souls are taking their stand for or against His eternal truth. The enemy, knowing that this is his last stand, is working with all the cunning and adroitness of a commander who has been in training for nearly 6,000 years, and if we are success-

ful in avoiding his terrible onslaughts and winning the battle, it will be because of our making the Lord our strong tower. "The righteous runneth into it and is safe." Prov. 18:10.

The year 1915 does not open with very bright prospects. The most terrible war that has ever been known is being waged in Europe. No doubt the opening of spring will add horrors to this awful conflict that the human mind can hardly conceive of. This war is not being looked upon as just an ordinary one. The minds of thinking people are being exercised with reference to it and asking what it means. Oh for the power to reveal to them in such an impressive way, both by life and speech, that the honest in heart shall be led to a clear understanding of the truth of God.

May our prayers ascend to Heaven that the great questions that will likely be settled this year, may be done so that no hindrance may be in the way of the finishing work. The one, who has long been watching for the coming Redeemer, welcomes the signs of today as the omens of that glad day.

O golden day! the ages crown
 Aglow with Heavenly love,
 Rare day in Prophecy's renown
 On to thy zenith move,
 When earth and heaven with one accord,
 In full-voiced unity,
 Shall sing: One Master, Christ our Lord;
 And brethren all are we.

V. W. ROBB.

REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Quarter Ending December 31, 1914

Name	Mem.	Donations		
		Reg.	13th Sab.	Total
Austin	13	\$ 6.91	\$ 1.60	\$ 8.51
Beausejour	34	10.91	7.23	18.14
Bergland	7	2.00	1.25	3.25
Bradwardine	14	24.65	7.25	31.90
Brandon	10	14.50	10.00	24.50
Giroux				
Killarney	11	2.38	3.75	6.13
Katrimie	7	22.00	11.00	33.00
Morden	50	19.08	2.15	21.23
Rivers		10.45	3.60	14.05
Russell	34	22.60	7.15	29.75
Scandinavia	14			
Winnipeg—English	37	34.48	4.37	38.85
Winnipeg—German	14	27.57	14.05	41.62
Home Department	24	35.30	16.25	46.95
Total: 14 Schools	269	\$232.83	\$89.65	\$322.48

Notwithstanding the financial depression the past year, the above report shows some gain. We have appreciated the interest that most of our schools have shown in endeavoring to raise our quota. You will notice by looking over the report, that four of our schools have raised more than the fifteen cents per week per member, and our home schools have done exceedingly well toward the goal. The last quarter of 1914 has been the banner quarter and yet we have realized only a little over eight cents per member.

Now I am sure that we do not want to be so far behind, so let us each try a little harder this quarter and see how many schools will raise their quota, at least, and I trust that all our Sabbath School officers

will work to place Manitoba on the "Honor Roll" at the close of the next quarter. We can do this if we encourage one another and especially the children. Help them to lay plans to do some line of missionary work and bring in the pennies and dollars with which to help toward the mark and God will bless them and we shall see a wonderful advance in this line.

During the last quarter there were twelve conversions and eight baptisms. This shows that God's spirit is still striving with man, and that some are responding to the call, "Walk in the Light." The work is going rapidly, so let us each be faithful—"You in your corner and I in mine," until the work is finished and the blessed Master will say, "Come up higher."
MRS. V. W. ROBB.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MANITOBA CONFERENCE

Year Ended December 31, 1914

Resources

Cash in Bank	\$3472.86	
Accounts Receivable	82.00	
Advanced to Laborers	225.91	
Camp Meeting Equipment	533.40	
Notes Receivable	1775.00	
Heat and Light, Inventory	5.00	
Stationery, Inventory	19.35	
Personal Property, Inventory	164.80	\$6278.32

Liabilities and Present Worth

Local Trust Funds	3221.16	
Stock—Present worth	3057.16	\$6278.32

LOSS AND GAIN

Losses

Laborers' Salaries	\$3849.20	
Laborers' Travelling Expense	364.57	
Laborers' General Expense	236.37	
Camp Meeting Equipment, Depreciation	125.00	
Expense	49.72	
Exchange	9.04	
Heat and Light	19.72	
Personal Property, Depreciation	25.30	
Postage	34.35	
Real Estate	350.00	
Repairs and Improvements	16.35	
Swedish Fund16	
Stationery	33.43	
Taxes	13.45	
Sustentation Fund	274.34	
Tithe to Missions	228.63	
Tithe to Union Conference	457.26	\$6086.89

Gains

Donations	\$ 239.48	
Interest	99.85	
Portage Office Rent	39.00	
Refund Tithe	6.20	
Rent	12.00	
Tithe	4572.56	
General Relief Fund, Transfer	223.92	
Net Loss for Year	893.88	\$6086.89

STOCK

Present worth, January 1, 1914	\$3951.04	
Net Loss for Year	893.88	
Present worth, December 31, 1914		\$3057.16

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MANITOBA TRACT SOCIETY

Year Ended December 31, 1914

Resources

Cash in Bank	\$ 617.26	
Accounts Receivable	1332.39	
Office Furniture, Inventory	118.15	
Merchandise, Inventory	626.11	
Postage, Inventory	3.00	
Stationery, Inventory	20.23	
Expense, Inventory	3.45	
Scholarships, Inventory	3.71	\$2724.30

Liabilities and Present Worth

Accounts Payable	\$.52	
Due Publishers	51.90	
Local Trust Funds	173.70	
Stock—Present worth	2498.18	\$2724.30

LOSS AND GAIN

Losses

Canvassers' Carfare	\$ 83.10	
Canvassers' License	20.00	
Drayage	2.60	
Expense	31.39	
Exchange	6.21	
Heat and Light	9.75	
Institute Expense	29.20	
Personal Property, Depreciation	9.10	
Postage	60.07	
Scholarships	3.71	
Stationery	42.75	
Sustentation Fund	6.71	
Western Canadian Tidings	81.28	
Doubtful Accounts	242.01	\$ 627.88

Gains

Merchandise	\$ 429.30	
Interest	25.28	
Net Loss for Year	173.30	\$ 627.88

STOCK

Present worth, January 1, 1914	\$2671.48	
Net Loss for Year	173.30	
Present worth, December 31, 1914		\$2498.18

B. L. GRUNDSET, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

Winnipeg, Manitoba, January 25, 1915.

To Whom It May Concern:

This certifies that I have audited the accounts of the Manitoba Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and the Manitoba Tract Society, for one year ended December 31, 1914. The books are in balance, and the statements rendered by the treasurer represent the true standing, financially, of these organizations as on the above named date.

Respectfully submitted,

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

MANITOBA NEWS NOTES

Elder Chapman spent last week with the companies at Carberry and Brandon.

Sister Whenham is spending some time in Winnipeg taking treatments from a local physician.

We were glad to have with us last week Brother A. H. Brigham, who audited the last year's accounts.

We have a good stock on hand of the new book, "The World's Crisis." Order these for distribution among your neighbors.

Elder H. J. Dirksen reports very good meetings at Beausejour, and that some have already taken their stand for the truth.

Brother A. E. McGee who is canvassing in the Gilbert Plains and Grandview district reports that a family there has commenced keeping the Sabbath as a result of reading the Great Controversy that he sold them, and later holding a few Bible readings with them.

Saskatchewan Conference

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PRUSSIA, FOX VALLEY AND QUEEN CENTRE

I have been working for about two months near Prussia and Fox Valley. At both of these places the Lord has blessed the work. A daughter of Brother Weis, and a Baptist sister, have taken their stand for the truth, and others are very much interested. I hope that before long we may add some more to our membership there.

At Fox Valley we baptized two persons, through the ice, and the week of prayer proved a special blessing to every one. "The hearts of the fathers were turned to the children and the hearts of the children to their fathers." A revival such as I have never witnessed before, took place.

The latter part of the week of prayer was spent with our brethren and sisters at Queen Center. I am glad to say that the spirit manifested in these meetings was one of harmony and love. The work is onward, and I would ask our people to remember these places in their prayers.

C. SULZLE.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE

Year Ended December 31, 1914.

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES

Resources

Cash in draw	\$375.16		
Cash in bank	4820.90	\$5196.06	
Accounts Receivable		424.14	
Furniture, Inventory	\$165.85		
T. & C. M. Equip., Inventory	2140.90	2306.75	\$7926.95

Liabilities and Present Worth

Accounts Payable	\$ 4.97		
Local Trust Funds	2665.58	\$2670.55	
Stock—Present worth		5256.40	\$7926.95

LOSS AND GAIN

Losses

Laborers' Salaries	\$8886.47		
Laborers' Travelling Expense	1383.99		
Laborers' General Expense	699.86		
Laborers' Appropriations	406.13	\$11376.45	
General Expense	425.35		
Exchange	7.46		
Committee Expense	281.20		
Heat and Light	23.55		
Rent	82.50		
Postage and Stationery	261.45		
Telephone and Telegraph	46.90	1128.41	
Furniture, Depreciation	12.60		
T. & C. M. Eq., Depreciation	550.21	562.81	
Tithe to Union Conference	1462.37		
Tithe to Missions	877.44		
Sustentation Fund	877.44		
Western Canadian Tidings	217.19		
Donation to B. C. Conference	300.00	3734.44	\$16802.11

Gains

Tithe	\$14607.17		
Donations	121.86	\$14729.03	
Donations to Tent Fund	714.07		
Y. P. Tent Fund	92.50	806.57	
Interest		115.75	
Net Loss for Year		1150.76	\$16802.11

STOCK

Present worth, Jan. 1, 1914	\$6407.16		
Net Loss for Year	1150.76		
Present worth, Dec. 31, 1914			\$5256.40

U. WISSNER, Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SASKATCHEWAN TRACT SOCIETY

Year Ended December 31, 1914

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES

Cash in draw	\$ 142.34		
Cash in bank	1608.68	\$1751.02	
Accounts Receivable		1417.11	
Real Estate		400.00	
Inventories:			
Expense	20.00		
Furniture	293.90		
Merchandise	970.44		
Postage and Stationery	35.80	1320.14	\$4888.27

Liabilities and Present Worth

Accounts Payable	\$ 118.89		
Stock—Present worth	4769.38	\$4888.27	

LOSS AND GAIN

Gains

Merchandise	\$1047.30		
Real Estate	750.00	\$1797.30	

Losses

Canvassers' Institute	\$ 74.75		
Doubtful Accounts	8.06		
Exchange	2.30		
Expense	124.25		
Furniture and Fixtures, Depreciation	40.24		
Heat and Light	32.95		
Magazine Work	45.00		
Office Rent	84.00		
Postage and Stationery	236.04		
Sustentation Fund	13.20		
Scholarships	16.70		
Telephone and Telegraph	19.65		
Taxes and Transfers	70.08		
Net Gain for Year	1030.08	\$1797.30	

STOCK

Present worth, January 1, 1914	\$3739.30		
Net Gain for Year	1030.08		
Present worth, December 31, 1914			\$4769.38

U. WISSNER, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

January 27, 1915.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have completed an audit of the accounts of the Saskatchewan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the Saskatchewan Tract Society for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1914, also the cash entries up to and including the 26th inst. I am pleased to state that all entries have been found to correspond perfectly with satisfactory vouchers for the same. The books of account are in exact balance, and the requirements of the cash journals are fully met by the cash in draw and bank.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. BRIGHAN,
Auditor.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

Brother A. H. Brigham spent two days this week at the office auditing the books of the Saskatchewan Conference and Tract Society.

Elder A. C. Gilbert and family left today for Calgary. Brother Gilbert will attend the Union Committee meeting at Lacombe, while Sister Gilbert and Marjorie will spend some time with relatives in Calgary.

The meetings conducted at Regina by Elder Mackintosh on Sunday evenings are being well attended. The interest is growing, and some of the interested ones attend our Sabbath and prayer meetings.

Elder C. Sulzle passed through Regina en route to Fox Valley, where he will hold a series of meetings. Since the Week of Prayer, the church at this place has been actively engaged in distribution of literature, and as a result a number of people have become interested in the truth. We look for favorable results as Brother Sulzle follows up this interest.

The first copies of the book "The World's Crisis in the Light of Prophecy," lately published, have reached the office. We expect a shipment of several hundred of these books within the next few days. The book is paper bound, well illustrated and sells for 25 cents per copy; in lots of ten or more, 15 cents net. We are sure our people will welcome a book at so reasonable a price, and freely circulate it among their neighbors and friends.

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ANOTHER VISIT TO BELLA COOLA

It is now about two and a half years since Elder Shaw and I visited the church at Firvale, in Bella Coola valley. It has been a pleasure to visit it again, but this time alone. It is a long trip to make, but it seemed necessary as the church had no elder, Brother Phelps having gone away. So Monday, January 11th, I took the Union boat "Chelosu" for that port, and arrived there Wednesday at 10 o'clock in the morning. Brother Hober, who carries the mail from Hagensburg to Firvale, was there to meet me.

While at the port, Brother Hober telephoned to the Lutheran minister at Hagensburg, a distance of twelve miles, and asked for the use of his church that evening, for a lecture on the Turkish question. The request was granted, with the minister's promise to announce the meeting by telephone throughout the neighborhood.

We arrived at the place early enough ourselves, and at the appointed time found a fair audience waiting. They all listened with close attention to the subject presented from a Bible standpoint. The minister himself said the next morning: "If others have received as much good as I, we will all be benefited. We should study prophecy more than we do." I hope some good seed may have been sown that will bear fruit later.

The next morning we started for Firvale where we arrived shortly after three o'clock. That evening we met all the brethren and sisters at a meeting held at Brother Hober's. It was a very pleasant and profitable meeting.

While I was there some meetings were held in the day, and one each evening. The Lord drew very near and helped us both at our business meetings and

the other services. Monday evening we had the ordinances of the Lord's house. At this meeting we also had the solemn duty of qualifying Brother Astleford as elder of the church, and Brother Carpenter as deacon.

The Spirit of God came very near as we laid hands on these brethren and set them apart for the work to which the church had unanimously appointed them. I am sure both are wholly consecrated to the cause of God and the church will be blessed with their labors.

Most of the day before this closing service in the evening was spent at the school where I saw fifteen students seated. This was a very enjoyable visit. In a very marked degree the students attending were courteous, attentive to their work, and much in earnest. Sister Lydia Stickle is now teaching her third term in this school, and the fruits of her labors are visible in the consecration of her pupils to the cause of God. In this work the parents have all co-operated and thus the effort has been blessed. This is the first time I had ever visited the school and am much pleased with the work Sister Stickle is doing. About five students from there will soon be ready for our conference school.

Tuesday morning, in company with Brother Hober, I started back to the port to take the boat for home on Wednesday morning, and also to fill an appointment to lecture in Bella Coola Tuesday night. The schoolhouse at Bella Coola was fairly well filled that evening as I again talked on the Eastern Question. They all seemed interested, and paid the best attention as the prophecy was presented telling of the final end of Turkey and the events connected with it. I feel that whenever possible we should present this matter, as the people are ready to hear it, and many, I believe, will accept the message and step into the Kingdom. I believe the Lord will bless every effort to do this and to distribute literature bearing on the subject.

I feel greatly blessed as I return from this visit and hope my presence may have been a blessing to the brethren and sisters. I return, pleased with the spiritual condition of the little church at Firvale, and commend it to God with these words: "We are bound to give thanks always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth." 2 Thess. 1:3. JOHN G. WALKER.

MANSON ACADEMY NOTES

Mr. Leo Barton enrolled as a student of the academy, at the beginning of the second semester.

Prof. H. E. Giddings spent a short time in Vancouver recently, on a business trip.

Miss Violet Crane, of New Westminster, has been visiting her sister, Miss Vera Crane, at the academy.

The academy students spend a few moments each evening in club drill for physical culture.

The students have had a rather unusual pleasure this week—skating. The early morning hour before school has been taken for this and it has been thoroughly enjoyed.

Miss Oickle and her music pupils gave a musical at the academy Saturday evening, January 23rd. This was the first musical program rendered this year and was greatly enjoyed by all.

Our poultry yard has recently been presented with some very fine barred rocks, from Brother Thos. Passmore, of Edgewood. The ancestry of this stock made the best Dominion record for eggs.

Alberta Conference

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ACME

"Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the Lord come. And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers; lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

This Scripture has been truly fulfilled at Acme during the last week. At this place Brother Fish has been laboring faithfully for some time. As a result, last Sabbath over twenty-five gave their hearts to God and are now awaiting for baptism, which we hope to administer soon.

This Sabbath meeting was the greatest I have attended in all of my ministry. Tears flowed freely, confessions were made, and enemies were made friends. These, brethren and sisters, are all new Sabbath-keepers. This looks very much as though the "latter rain" is falling.

One thing that I must mention, and that is that an unclean thing is something that a clean person cannot handle and remain clean. Therefore like the "prodigal son" (when he got so low that he fed pigs), they said, "I will arise and go to my father." Having left pork from their tables, they have decided that the pigs shall leave their farms. When they meet God on the Sabbath, they want to meet him clean, that they may receive his blessing. Thank God for this, and brethren pray for these people.

The people all around Acme are interested and anxious to hear these truths. Many requests came for meetings while I was there. To fulfill them will keep Brother Fish quite busy for some time to come. I have spent one week with him assisting him to close up this effort, and I expect to go up again soon to assist in the organization of a church.

Our work in Calgary is moving slowly, but surely. A good spirit is manifested, and all are trying to do something to help bring souls to Christ.

J. L. WILSON.

MEDICINE HAT

After spending the first half of the week of prayer at Winnifred, the writer left for Claresholm. When arriving there, I learned that sickness would prevent the holding of meetings, so I left and went to Stavely. We held meetings there at the home of Brother Wallace: The Lord was with us, and we were blessed.

From there I returned to Calgary. After a little rest, we commenced packing our household effects, and January 6th arrived at Medicine Hat, our new field of labor.

January 15th, I again went to Winnifred to follow up the interest, but after holding four meetings, I came to the conclusion that because of weather conditions, it was better to postpone the meeting until more favorable times.

Since my return I have had the privilege of having two meetings in the German language, leaving results with the Lord.

January 8th I went to Redcliff, returning the next night. I found some interested ones there, and was invited to return by the first of February to hold a meeting. This place being only six miles from here, it will be convenient to labor there in connection with this city.

We are of good courage, and very hopeful of some results. Our field is a large one. Already several openings are awaiting our time to be able to enter them. Parties are offering to pay all expenses and provide a place to hold meetings, if we will come and do so. Pray for us that the Lord may give us wisdom according to our needs.

H. A. NIERGARTH.

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EDBERG

On Sabbath, the 9th of January, the Lewisville church came together at the home of Brother C. J. Hansen, to celebrate the ordinances of the Lord's house and to elect officers for the next year. The same officers were re-elected for the new year. The spirit of the Lord was present and the meeting was a blessing and a strength to all who were present.

Elder Humann and Brother Mooney were with us and gave valuable instructions. Brother Mooney gave a study on "Righteousness by Faith," and also a splendid lesson on the importance of being faithful in reporting.

Elder Humann spoke of the blessings we have all received, and how willing and glad we ought to be to carry to others what we have received; unless we do this we cannot inherit the kingdom of God. He also gave a practical lesson on the training of children. We are sorry that so few of the members were present. We know that at this time of the year it is hard to come out, but, brethren and sisters, are we doing all in our power to "assemble ourselves together?"

Two meetings were also held for the benefit of those not of our faith, and the house was full. As the result of these meetings we are all encouraged and strengthened for the work before us. May God help us all to have a greater burden for those about us who need spiritual help.

H. E. SHELSTAD.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS AT BEISEKER

This Young People's Society was organized July 19, 1913, with a membership of twelve, and we had some very good meetings. Although we are few and have not done very much, we hope God will bless the efforts we have made. The following is the report of the society for the year 1914.

Letters written	9
Letters received	3
Missionary visits (Personal Work).....	7
Bible readings or cottage meetings held....	2
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	2
Papers sold	81
Papers mailed, lent, or given away	100
Books sold	5
Books lent or given away	0
Tracts sold	2
Tracts lent or given away	550
Hours of Christian help work	10
Articles of clothing given away	6
Number of meals provided	1
Signers obtained to Temperance pledge	1

Offerings received\$46.80

MARTHA LANG.

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Why not pay your Tract Society account now?

Recent visitors at the Union office in Calgary, were Brother W. L. Manfull, Elder and Mrs. A. C. Gilbert, and Elder J. G. Walker.

A meeting of the Union Executive Committee was held at Lacombe, Alberta, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. All members were present.

We were pleased to welcome in our midst this week, Prof. F. F. Griggs, of Washington, D.C. He visited the academy at Lacombe, and also attended the committee meeting at that place. He will visit the Manson academy later.

The meetings held in Vancouver, B.C., by Elder Luther Warren, have been well attended, and a good interest has been aroused. About a hundred persons have become deeply interested. So far about twenty-five have signified their intention of definitely taking their stand for the Sabbath truth.

The new book published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association, "The World's Crisis," is meeting with favor everywhere. The first edition of 15,000 copies was sold in ten days, and another large edition has been run. The tract societies in the Union are now prepared to fill orders for this little book, and our people will find it a valuable help in doing missionary work. Price 25 cents.

The 1915 *Temperance Instructor* is now ready to mail, and we have received sample copies. It is very striking in its three-color dress, and the illustrations and contents render it the strongest and most complete temperance periodical published. It is worthy of a large circulation, and doubtless will have it. 410,000 copies were sold last year, but the half million mark is set for 1915.

Samples of all our English and foreign publications, photographs of institutions and mission headquarters,

and a thousand and one other things to be exhibited at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, at San Francisco, California, are being received by the Pacific Press Publishing Association for their booth. A revolving, electrically driven globe, five feet in diameter, to represent the world, will be the attracting feature of the exhibit. This globe will be studded with tiny electric lights, which in colors will indicate the character of our institutions and show their location. It is intended that the light of truth shall shine out in a clear, distinct way at this Exposition.

"A Straight Talk to Old Brethren" is the title of a book written by Elder J. H. Morrison, containing two hundred and twenty-four pages. This book has a field of its own, as it reviews the facts regarding leading men that have from time to time left our work and started movements in opposition to the organized work of Seventh-day Adventists. It gives a history of five different papers that have been started at different times against our work by these spasmodic movements. The book is devoted especially to a review and the consideration of the teachings of Elders A. T. Jones, A. F. Ballanger and C. G. Rupert. A perusal of this book will be found interesting. Price 35 cents, post paid. Orders should be sent direct to the Union College Printing Department, College View, Nebraska.

EDUCATION

"It is no disgrace to be poor; it is sometimes a disgrace to be rich; it is always a disgrace to be ignorant. Ignorance implies, not lack of opportunity, but lack of ambition. A good education is a guarantee of a man's willingness to work, and his ability to accomplish. There is no royal road to learning; every step of the way must be won by hard, sweaty labor. But an education is worth every effort that it takes—not for the mere dollar and cents that it will bring, but for the power that it gives a man to get and enjoy the best things in life."

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Conference	Quota	Received	Short	Over
Alberta	\$ 4,940.00	\$ 5,901.72	\$	\$ 961.72
British Columbia	3,785.60	2,932.49	853.11	
Manitoba	2,215.20	1,947.46	267.74	
Saskatchewan..	2,620.80	5,885.43		3,264.63
	\$13,561.60	\$16,667.10	\$1,120.85	\$4,226.35
				1,120.85

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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.

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