

Western Canadian Tidings

"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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HIS PROMISE

"God hath not promised
Skies ever blue,
Flower-strewn pathways,
Always for you.
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.
But God hath promised
Strength from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love."

REASON FOR REJOICING

The report of the twenty-cent-a-week fund recently published in the *Review and Herald*, contained some very interesting items, and should be the reason for great rejoicing throughout our ranks.

During the past year it has been the purpose to raise twenty cents per week per number, 15 cents of this going to foreign missions, and the balance to apply on the indebtedness of our institutions. During the past year there has been raised in North America, in excess of the 15 cents per week per member, \$103,335.06, which will be used by the various conferences for the purpose intended.

Nearly every conference has done splendid work in the campaign during the past year. The Western Canadian Union paid the highest per capita of any Union Conference in North America, the amount being \$12.70, or \$2.30 more than our quota. This is \$1.75 per member more than any other Union, the Eastern Canadian Union being next, and is \$5.87 per member more than the lowest amount paid by any Union. A portion of a letter from Elder W. T. Knox, treasurer of the General Conference, will be of interest:

"I am sending you with this a copy of the annual statement of the receipts on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund for 1914. It will not be necessary for me to take much time in analyzing this report for you, as I am sure you will scan it with very much interest. Suffice it to say that every Union Conference in North America, with the exception of two, has succeeded in raising in excess of 15 cents a week per member; that five Union Conferences have raised in excess of 20 cents a week per member; the entire amount from all Conferences contributed being \$614,877.23.

"The amount short on the Fifteen-cent-a-week Fund from the two Union Conferences is comparatively so small that it will affect only slightly the surplus received from the other ten, so that we shall have

to turn back to the ten successful Unions approximately one hundred thousand dollars. I wish to assure you that this affords me the keenest pleasure.

"I wish to call your attention to that which you doubtless already recognize, that any degree of failure that is shown in this report is due almost entirely to the fact that we did not begin our efforts in active campaigning earlier in the year. With but very few exceptions, the Conferences paid but little attention to the raising of these funds until the middle of the year was more than past.

"As late as October and November it looked very doubtful about our succeeding in raising even the mission funds, and it was only by the most strenuous efforts that the final result has been attained. I am very anxious that all who are at all responsible for the raising of these funds might be fully impressed with the necessity of their taking up the work in a very active manner at the beginning of the year.

"I am hoping that all will benefit by past experience and will now at the beginning of the year lay definite plans to carry on an aggressive campaign in behalf of our mission funds throughout the year. That we can succeed in raising twenty cents a week a member has been demonstrated in our experience of 1914. That the result is worthy of our effort, none can question. We shall have one hundred thousand dollars to apply on our institutional indebtedness. In some cases this will put some Conferences entirely out of debt. Others it will put well on the way to this desirable result. The result would have been almost fifty per cent. better if all the local Conferences had made good. It affords us a foretaste of what we may expect if all will now take hold and make good for this year."

A later letter from Elder Knox came as a pleasant surprise, in which he enclosed \$6,215.10, being the amount due the Western Canadian Union on the surplus offerings. This is the amount above fifteen cents a week per member paid in from this field, less a small per cent. which it was necessary to deduct because of the shortage of two Unions in the South. This has been forwarded to the Conferences in the Union in proportion to the amount paid by them as follows: Alberta, \$2,101.60; British Columbia, \$89.73; Manitoba, \$273.67; and Saskatchewan, \$3,750.10.

We are sure the results of the past year will give our people in this field courage to press the campaign still harder this year. We are in the midst of hard and strenuous times, but the Lord has said that if we bring into the storehouse the tithes and offerings, he will

pour out a blessing. Unless we are faithful in these things we will not be ready for the blessing.

God desires his people to give willingly, and it is a pleasure to notice that they *are giving willingly*. Whenever there is a call made there is a ready and willing response. God is seeking the development of character on the part of his people, and nothing develops character like giving.

"I saw that God's people must bring to him a *free-will offering*, and the responsibility should be left wholly upon the individual whether he will give little or much. It will be faithfully recorded."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 1, p. 237.

A. H. B.

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. Clemensen.

EDMONTON

The work here in this northern city is onward. The reason why it is going forward is, because it is the Lord's work, and soon his work will close here in the earth and then there will be no more mercy for sinners. We are glad to see the interest manifested among the various people here in the city, and how the truth appeals to the honest in heart when it is presented to them.

In our little company we have German brethren that love the Lord and are waiting for him to come and take his people home. Then we have colored brethren that have also joined hands with us and are very active in missionary work, trying to bring this truth that they have learned to love to their fellow man. The Lord has also called some from the Hungarian ranks to join the vast army that are swelling the chorus throughout the land of a soon-coming Saviour.

On the 17th of January, while Eld. Humann was here, fourteen precious souls were buried with their Lord in the watery grave and rose to walk in the newness of life. These are all residents here in the city and were taken into church fellowship that day. During the evening service Bro. W. B. Easton was ordained as deacon of the church for the current year.

Looking back over the year that has just passed, we cannot but say with the Psalmist of old, "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places." With the addition to the ranks of those that have taken their stand, and with many more that are deeply interested, we hope with the power of the great God to go forward and gain new ground every day, and trust that the honest in heart here where God has called us to labor will be found, that they also may have a share in the closing part of this message.

New life seems to be taking hold of every member, and all are seeking to have a part in the home missionary endeavor. Bro. Mooney's talks on how to work for souls around us were very timely and we thank the Lord for the messages that he has sent us from time to time.

We are of good courage in the Lord and ask for the prayers of the brethren that we may be faithful to the end.

W. A. CLEMENSEN.

AN INSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE

On Monday, Jan. 18th, a very interesting programme was given at the academy. The book "Beware," by Mrs. I. Carmichael, was re-written in dialogue form by Sisters C. A. Burman and H. A. Beardsley, who also trained a number of the students to represent the various characters of the book.

The dialogue portrayed part of the life of Irma Dean, the daughter of a consecrated Seventh-day Adventist couple, telling how her life's happiness was marred by her being united in marriage with an unbeliever. She met this young aristocrat at the home of a family who, while professing to be Adventists, were not living up to the light they had received. Food was served at this party which never found a place on the table at Irma's home, and other things were so like the world that it was not till the young people had become more than friends and Ralph Hughes had visited the Dean family, that he realized the difference in their home life and surroundings.

Irma's great ambition up to this time had been to become a foreign missionary for her Saviour, but her new friend had other ambitions for her, and discouraged the idea in every way and manner that he dared. Of course, he went with her to Sabbath School and service, and Mr. Dean had great hopes of his becoming an Adventist, but Irma's mother saw that it was not the Truth in which he was interested. As Irma was nearing graduation, it was very necessary that she should give her whole mind to her work, especially as she expected to be valedictorian of her class, but she found that an uneasy conscience is a hindrance to earnest study. While she managed to graduate, she had the pain of seeing one with less talent take the place she was expected to fill.

Soon after this, Ralph called on Mr. and Mrs. Dean, to ask that they consent to their daughter being married to him at an early date. Very reluctantly and not without warning their daughter of her peril in being "unequally yoked together with an unbeliever," they yielded to the wishes of the young people. Of course they requested that their daughter be allowed to follow the instructions of the Word of God with regard to the day she observed as the Sabbath, in the matter of the kind of food she ate, and the kind of clothes she wore. To these requests Ralph gave his consent, solemnly promising not to oppose Irma in any matter pertaining to her religion.

After the marriage ceremony and the wedding tour were over, the young couple went to live with Ralph's parents. His fashionable mother and sister were as much opposed to the match, having planned that he should marry a wealthy heiress of 'their own set,' rather than a plain Seventh-day Adventist. From the time she entered the home of the Hughes family, Irma's life was made miserable in every way that evil minds could conceive of. On the first Sabbath after their return from the wedding trip, a reception was

planned in their honor, and, although she knew it would be breaking the Sabbath, Irma was prevailed upon to go down to meet the guests. The food on the tables was always planned so that there was nothing she could eat without violating the principles of health reform, and her refusal to eat it was noted with unconcealed sneers.

When their baby girl was a few weeks old, Ralph's sister was to be confirmed, and nothing would do but that the baby be christened by the Episcopal bishop at the same time, so as to make a sensation in "the set." Irma protested, refused to attend the ceremony, but finally yielded, rather than offend her husband. Later, when the child was grown, little Maggie was taken to theatres, banquets and other worldly gatherings, even on the Sabbath, and was taught to drink wine and forbidden food with the fashionable friends of Mrs. Hughes, while Ralph suddenly became too busy to attend Sabbath School or services with his wife. Thus, by plots, by snubs, by slights, by threats, and by every means that inhuman minds could conceive, Irma was goaded to desperation, till she took her little one and returned to her parents, a broken-hearted girl who had failed to fulfil the work that God had planned for her, because at the first temptation to leave the narrow path she had taken the course which seemed to promise the most pleasure, rather than the path of duty.

Knowing as we do that Satan has no more successful a snare for the feet of young people than an alliance with an unbeliever, we sincerely hope that the dialogue made a deep impression upon the minds of the students who witnessed it, and also upon the minds of the parents and friends who were present.

Between the various parts of the story, suitable music was rendered by an orchestra and others.

A. P. POND.

HATRED

If you hate your enemies, you will contract such a vicious habit of mind, as by degrees will break out upon those who are your friends, or those who are indifferent to you.—*La Bruyere*.

A MISSIONARY REPORT

Very much more could be done for Christ if all would engage in personal work, visiting the people in their homes, sympathizing with them, and telling them of the love of Christ and what he has done for them. Angels of God will attend you in your efforts to save souls. Take with you some of our good papers and tracts, and you will find that nearly all will take them gladly.

Good work has been done by the Lacombe church in the past year, with the *Temperance Instructor* and *Harvest Ingathering* papers, and the Lord has blessed the efforts put forth. The sisters have organized a Sewing Circle, with the object of making garments, etc., and using the proceeds to supply our workers in the field with tracts, war extras, etc. May God bless this good work.

The following is the report of the Lacombe Church for the year ending Dec. 31, 1914:

Number of church members	140
Total amount received for Home Missionary work..	\$121.60
Number of missionary visits made	1280
Hours spent in Christian help work	1085½
Number of treatments given	34
Number of meals provided	51
Articles of clothing given away	118
Signatures obtained to temperance pledge	121
Number of tracts lent or given away	10814
Number of tracts sold	351
Number of papers lent, mailed or given away.....	7151
Number of reading racks	1
Times filled	76
Number of missionary letters written	1306
Number of letters received	234
Number of periodicals sold	1863
Number of periodical subscriptions taken	290
Number of all other books sold	201
Bible readings or cottage meetings held	150
Amount collected for foreign missions	\$179.00
New converts added through efforts of members....	3

Young People's Society

Members of Attainment	37
Members studying for Attainment	8
Observers of Morning Watch	24
Number taking the Senior Reading Course	5
Hours assisting in meetings	30
Bouquets given	8
Scripture Cards given	6
Tithe paid to Church Treasurer	\$237.10
Amount collected for temperance work	\$135.25
Amount collected by church for Harvest Ingathering..	\$186.80

HENRY D. MIDDLETON,

Missionary Secretary.

ALBERTA NOTES

Send in your order at once for a copy of the 1915 "Temperance Instructor." Positively, it's a beauty!

A Sabbath School of twenty-three members has recently been organized at Acme, where Brother J. K. Fish has been laboring.

Brother R. E. Robinson, after attending the temperance convention in Edmonton, immediately re-entered the field to continue his faithful work in the interests of prohibition.

Elder Humann, accompanied by Brother R. P. Mooney, recently visited the Edmonton church. There he had the privilege of baptizing 14 new believers, all of whom have united with that church. Brother Mooney remained a few days after Brother Humann's departure, and gave the church valuable instruction along the line of missionary work.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 2 and 3, the annual session of the Western Canadian Union Conference Committee was held at the academy. Following this the Alberta Auditing Committee, Conference Committee and School Board held their meetings. Those in attendance from outside were: Prof. Frederick Griggs, Educational Secretary of the North American Division Conference; Elder H. S. Shaw, Brother A. H. Brigham, Elders J. G. Walker, A. C. Gilbert, E. M. Chapman and Brother W. L. Manfull.

Elders J. L. Wilson, L. Halsvick and Brother W. A. Clemenson were present to meet with the Alberta Committees, and Brethren W. M. McCarty, of Cora Lynn, A. A. Roth, Beiseker, and W. H. Hamilton, Clive, assisted with the work of the Auditing Committee.

For the past two and a half weeks Brother Wm T. Tall has been canvassing in the country east of Wetaskiwin for "Great Controversy," using as helps "Ministry of Healing" and "Christ's Object Lessons." The reports of his work already received at the office for the above period of time show \$168.45 worth of orders secured. Surely this demonstrates that the colporteur work can be made a success in Alberta during the winter months. Remember Brother Tall in your prayers as he visits the many homes in his territory with the pages of truth.

REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1914

Name	Mem.	Donations	
		13th Sab.	Total
Castor	3	\$.50	\$ 5.80
Calgary	34	5.60	45.04
Claresholm	13	2.15	14.80
Comrey	12	2.00	8.00
Clive	26	4.30	28.87
Didsbury	23	1.40	12.15
Dakota	15	1.15	3.65
Edmonton	40	11.94	63.75
Granum	15	6.05	12.45
Gadsby	48	5.80	28.40
Harmattan	30	.40	13.60
Hazelwood	14	1.25	8.15
Hanna			
Neapolis	23	4.40	15.75
Olds	14	1.05	12.40
Leduc	19	7.50	22.55
Lacombe	197	54.09	171.18
Steveville	5	2.00	8.00
Stavely	6	5.00	10.25
Sunnyhill	20	1.10	13.40
Vermilion Lakes	33	1.55	18.65
Wainwright	5	1.30	2.70
Winnifred	18	1.05	12.83
Markerville	8	.16	1.92
Boyne Lake	18	1.65	5.45
Calgary, German	44	13.15	34.75
Carbon	26		
Josephburg	10	.87	10.50
Leduc	35	4.00	34.25
Midnapore	23	17.75	51.59
Rosebud	55	5.75	59.58
Trochu	8	.75	8.70
Thelma	17	1.10	11.25
Lewisville	32	3.35	40.80
Manville	4	.75	2.75
Burnt Lake	11	2.00	12.00
Edmonton	17	2.65	32.10
Coronation	50	1.15	13.60
Loyalist	34		
Home Department	104	57.70	210.18
	1155	\$235.36	\$1071.75
		1913	1914
Membership	997		1155
Home Department	87		144
13th Sabbath Offering		\$654.93	\$875.46
Home Department		227.66	439.88
Total Offering		3342.30	\$3760.17

GERTRUDE McCULLOCH.

ACADEMY NOTES

The stairs in the academy building have recently been covered with cork carpet.

About forty students attended a lecture on "Temperance" in the Comet Theatre on the evening of Jan. 22nd.

Two small buildings have been erected on the premises; one over the pump, and the other an addition to the barn.

Fred Braunberger has gone to his home in Beiseker, having completed this semester's work.

Brethren S. W. Shankel and J. B. Wallace, of Leduc, arrived on the 10th, and made a short visit with their children who are in attendance here.

Lyle Sutherland is moving from West Hall to the home of his brother, L. D. Sutherland, in Rosedale, for the remainder of the year. George Belleau has also left the Home and will stay at the residence of Brother S. M. Ryan until the close of the school year.

The first semester has closed, and the examinations are over. Most of the students succeeded in passing their examinations satisfactorily, a few having failed to obtain the number of marks necessary to make grades in some of their studies. At this writing the total enrollment has reached 176. Among the latest to join our student body

are: Howard Hanson, Cecil Forester and Leonard Bachlar, of Didsbury; Georgia Middleton and Bessie Warchomeka, of Lacombe, and Chester Rick, of Hawksdale.

We have greatly enjoyed a visit of five days from Professor Frederick Griggs, Educational Secretary for North America. Excellent talks were given by him every morning during the chapel hour and in the evenings just before study hour. His morning addresses were on "Leadership," some of the special phases dwelt on being: "Influence, a mark of Leadership;" "Associations Reveal Leadership," and "Study, an Essential in Leadership." His evening lectures were based on the "Message for This Time, and Preparation for Giving It."

The practical lessons contained in these talks made deep impressions on the minds of both teachers and students, and we believe that the truths brought out will cause many of our number to be more zealous in obtaining a speedy preparation for a part in this great closing message.

Prof. Griggs left here to attend an educational conference at Walla Walla College, Washington. He left an appreciative student body who will long remember the lectures given.

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SHALL WE, OR SHALL WE NOT?

A few lines in this issue of the *Tidings* about our church schools will not be out of place. We are apt to forget our obligations and also our promises. In a recent issue of the *Tidings* a recommendation on our church school work was presented and the plan outlined for the support of our teachers in British Columbia.

In the recommendation we are asked to pay 3 per cent. of our income toward a Conference Education Fund, devoted exclusively to church school support. Already some are paying into this fund and soon we will see a very material increase. But we hope *all* our brethren will contribute, as success can only come through united effort.

Let us stand by this plan, brethren, as long as it remains. There are so many children among us now whose education is being neglected because their parents are too poor to support them in a church school. We owe these children something, and in helping them to a Christian education we discharge the debt. The Lord has told us that *all* should help in the support of our church schools.

Those who are contributing to the support of a church school operating this year, of course are exempt till the close of the school year. Of course, even after that, the act is not compulsory, but we beg your co-operation, brethren. It will take some self-sacrifice on the part of many, but make the effort and the Lord will bless.

The Lord has ways of helping us that we know not of, but we must show an undivided interest in his cause. "Them that honor me, I will honor," he has said. About a united effort to make this work a success, I am constrained to ask—Shall we make it? Or shall we not? Surely we will.

J. G. WALKER.

VERNON

Eighteen Sunday afternoon lectures have now been given in the Oddfellows' Hall here in Vernon, with many cottage meetings and family studies. With the help of the Lumen, Grand View and Silver Creek churches, we are distributing sixty copies of the *Signs of the Times*, weekly, and German literature each week, with telling effect on the work here.

Since taking up the "Law and the Sabbath" question in the hall, four weeks ago, our attendance has increased each week until there were over sixty present last Sunday.

It is certainly a precious privilege to have the opportunity of presenting the truth before this people who have given from the first, careful and undivided attention to the matter presented.

Brother George Toombs, who has been with me during the last three weeks, has been a great help in distributing papers, holding Bible readings and selling magazines and books. He says—"I never saw people more anxious to read our literature than are the readers of the *Signs Weekly*."

The friendly relation with the leading persons in the religious, temperance and anti-catholic circles caused by our interest in these lines has increased and deepened, and we realize that much bitter prejudice has been broken down.

With our whole heart and soul we are working and praying that the deeply convicted ones may take their stand for this precious truth. And to know that our brethren are praying for the work here, as I know many are doing, is a great encouragement to me.

E. R. POTTER.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

After the Union Committee meeting at Lacombe, Alberta, Feb. 2 and 3, I came to Armstrong, where Brother George Reiswig met me and took me to his home in the Grandview settlement. I stayed with the two churches here over Sabbath and Sunday, Feb. 6 and 7.

While there we had some precious experiences. We had services with our German and English brethren, and had meetings with the young people's societies of both languages. Sabbath afternoon with the English brethren was an especially solemn meeting and the Spirit of the Lord was present, as the subject from 1 John 4:8 was presented.

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, I had the pleasure of visiting the most of the day, the church school operated at this place. The attendance at this time is 79, and it taxes severely the two teachers, Brother Berg and Brother Falk, to carry on the work. It has two departments—the German taught by Brother Berg, and the English taught by Brother Falk. I am pleased with the work which these brethren are doing, as I found the order and a good degree of earnestness manifested by the children and students. This is a big undertaking, but the brethren at Grandview have undertaken it in faith, believing the Lord would bless and help them to carry it through.

Wednesday, I went on to Vernon and stayed there

over night, with Brother and Sister Potter. I find them working hard and believe the Lord is blessing their efforts. Two things are being accomplished. Prejudice, which at the first was very strong, is breaking down, and quite a large number are now studying this truth. We hope for good results from this effort, but we need to pray, as this is the crucial hour.

My next report will continue with my visit to Penticton, where some are awaiting baptism.

J. G. WALKER.

REPORT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SABBATH SCHOOLS

Quarter Ending December 31, 1914

Honor Roll	Mem.	Reg.	Offerings 13th Sab.	Total
Van Anda	11	\$ 6.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 11.00
Nelson	9	4.00	2.15	6.15
Straiton	6	8.85	2.45	11.30
Minson	22	18.22	24.08	42.30
Little River	4	2.90	1.00	3.90
Firvale	26	4.35	2.15	6.50
Woden River	12	3.00	1.25	4.25
Vancouver, Union St.	62	42.82	13.73	56.55
West Vancouver	45	29.95	13.73	43.68
Vernon	39	19.65	7.85	27.50
Cumberland	13	3.00	.30	3.30
Mission City	8	8.85	3.70	12.55
Vancouver, 42nd Ave.	27	20.92	13.73	34.65
Midway	5	4.05	.25	4.30
South Vancouver	20	29.80	8.50	38.30
Victoria	26	23.98	.63	24.61
Naden Harbor	7	5.15	8.00	13.15
Nanaimo	37	34.65	3.36	38.01
Silver Creek	17	5.40	.35	5.75
Molly Gibson	6	1.75	.30	2.05
Glenemma	28	16.30	2.55	18.85
Grandview	84	123.52	19.35	*142.87
Lumen	27	22.85	11.15	34.00
Enderby	6	4.50	1.20	*5.70
Armstrong	16	3.10	1.00	4.10
Home Department	8	.50	.80	1.30
Penticton	24	15.20	.65	15.85
Clayburn	8	8.00	2.90	10.90
Conference Sabbath School...			18.62	18.62

Totals: 27 Schools 603 \$471.26 \$170.73 \$641.99
*For two quarters.

We are glad to welcome to our Sabbath School department three new schools—Nelson, Naden Harbor and Enderby; so that we now have twenty-seven Sabbath Schools.

We had hoped to give the "time" of each mission clock at the close of the year, but we are not able to do this because some have not been running just right and will need a little "repairing." Some have kept excellent time—one clock ran way ahead, and some were a little slow; but after being "re-wound" for the beginning of another year, we hope they will keep correct time, although it does not matter if they do run a little too fast. We hope you all read the resolution about our mission clocks in the *Tidings* of Jan. 21.

Just now our new Teachers' Training Course is receiving a great deal of attention in our Sabbath Schools. Some very enthusiastic letters have reached me from superintendents who are planning advancement for their schools. Their teachers and officers have enrolled in the training course. This is really the foundation for good Sabbath School work and we hope be-

fore the quarter closes to have all our Sabbath Schools enrolled in this course. We will be glad to answer any questions you may wish to ask about this new course.

In one letter received was this statement: "Of course we will take the *Worker*." Now that seems like an ordinary statement, but it really means very much—it means that this superintendent feels that they could not have a successful Sabbath School without the *Worker*, and it means that every Sabbath School would feel the same if the *Worker* was a "helper" in their school each Sabbath, and it means that this year especially no Sabbath School, whether family school or larger school, can do without the *Worker*, because the training course outline and part of the studies will be in it. So let each Sabbath School say: "Of course we will take the *Worker*, and the result will be better trained officers and teachers, more interested pupils, more life and missionary spirit in the Sabbath School.

BERTHA LOFSTAD.

MANSON ACADEMY NOTES

Miss Sadie Crane spent the week-end at her home in Vancouver.

Mr. Max LeMarquand was among the recent visitors at the academy.

Mr. John Stickle made a business trip to New Westminster in the interest of the engineering department.

The academy family have been enjoying a visit from Mrs. J. B. Giddings. Mr. Giddings was also with us for the week-end.

Mr. Geo. Alcock recently returned to Pitt Meadows. His family is expected soon. They have been away for about a year and we are indeed glad to have them with us again.

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THE FIELD WORK

Among the many perplexities which come to us in connection with the development of the work in Saskatchewan is in the endeavor to answer the many calls that come for ministerial help from various parts of the conference.

Many, I am sure, wonder why it is a worker cannot be sent to their town, or neighborhood, upon the first request. It would be our greatest joy to do this, if this conference had the laborers to send. In the majority of cases it is not realized that in this great province, with its many calls, there are only *two* ordained ministers (one English, the other German), besides the president of the conference, and *two* licensed ministers (one English, the other German), regularly employed to look after the spiritual needs of the people.

A minister ought not to be moved from a place where he is laboring until his work there is completed, or in such a state that it can be safely left without losing what has been gained. We are as anxious as anyone can possibly be to come to the aid of our good brethren and sisters in helping them to extend the gospel in their own localities. But many things must

be considered in all these important matters, and we therefore trust that none will become impatient and feel that their cause is not receiving proper attention.

We are always glad to have you write us about the needs of your neighborhood and the openings for ministerial work. This is encouraging to us, as we see how the Spirit of God is troubling the hearts of men and women in regard to their soul's salvation.

We keep careful account of all these calls, and implore the Lord to help in meeting them. As the way opens each case will be supplied with a worker. Some of the invitations may have to wait quite a time before a worker can respond, because there are so many.

Our few ministers are working hard, and are finding fruit for their labor. Pastor M. Mackintosh is in the city of Regina. The outlook there is becoming more encouraging, and we look for a strong company to be established here. Pastor C. Sulzle is in the vicinity of Prussia and Fox Valley. The prospects there are very favorable for the development of a good harvest of souls. Brother Ziprick is located at Rosthern. Through the united labors of Brethren Sulzle, Ziprick and Neufeld, last spring and summer, and the later individual efforts of Brother Ziprick, a nice company was raised up in Rosthern and organized into a church. Brother Ziprick is now working in the vicinity of this place. Brother Forshaw has been in Goodwater and surrounding country, and has gathered in some souls. At present he is in Tugaske, where he will open up the work.

Let us not forget to pray earnestly for these servants of the Lord as they minister before him in behalf of those who need the precious light that we enjoy. The cause of God is onward in all parts of the world, and it will soon close in glorious victory. Let us all be faithful in doing our part, so that we can share in the reward to be apportioned by the Lord himself.

A. C. GILBERT.

Manitoba Conference

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OUR OFFERINGS

When the time comes that there will be no more calls for means, we may know the work is finished, and as long as the calls come, we know Jesus is in the Heavenly Sanctuary in the work of the judgment.

It will be a sad time to many when this work is finished. Some will come with their gold and silver, and when they learn that it can not be used, will throw it to the moles and bats.

In spite of the hard times cry, God's work is moving on, and in looking over our reports, comparing this year with last, I see we are only a little behind. Surely we have done well.

Let us begin to plan early, so we can be sure to come out even this year, and not have to say we almost made it.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

CARBERRY

An urgent plea had been made for a series of meetings to be held at this place. A suitable place was obtainable and as those of our people who are living here have been distributing a considerable of our literature, especially upon the subject of the great war now in progress, it was thought that now is the opportune time to hold some public services.

It was arranged that Brother Frank Finch, of Brandon, Mrs. Robb and myself should start the meetings, and as soon as possible Elder Chapman would join us, and unitedly we would make a strong effort to give the people of this place an opportunity to procure a knowledge of the truth we hold so dear; accordingly we arrived the first of February, secured the Salvation Army barracks and began our work immediately. Elder Chapman came the eighth.

Our attendance has not been large, but has ranged from twenty-five to sixty. In our visiting we have found some who are deeply interested, and while it is too soon to ascertain what will be accomplished, yet we believe God has some jewels here that need to be searched out and prepared for the Master's use.

Our people living here are making our stay with them as pleasant as they can, and we know if the Lord gives us some fruit for our labors, that these self-sacrificing ones will, if faithful to God, share with us in the promise—"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

V. W. ROBB.

SCATTERING THE PRINTED PAGE

It is inspiring to note how our people throughout the world are getting back to the home missionary work. There was a time when I was a boy that our people were known by their large pockets filled with tracts and papers to be given out, and interests would spring up as a result of this work. A minister would be called and a church raised up largely as a result of scattering the printed page.

We surely have reached the time when the Lord will do a quick work in the earth, and this work will be accomplished through his people. Not only the ministers, but all have a work to do.

Our publishing houses are getting out just the reading, both in books and papers and small tracts, needed for us to use in this work for which we are very grateful. Now what is needed is that we make use of this good reading matter, by giving it out to those who sit in darkness. Many are doing this sort of work, and as a result God is blessing the seed sown.

I am also thankful that Manitoba is working. Perhaps some are "standing all the day idle," but I believe the most of our people have a burden for souls and are doing what they can to get the Message before the people. Many, especially in towns and cities, do not have much to do at this time, and so what an opportunity to get the Message before them.

Because the times are hard is no reason why we should lessen our pace, but we should work the harder. We are to see still harder times. This old world is to see stormy times before the end, and what we fail

to do now will have to be done even if it is stormy. There is no use to look for peace until the Author of Peace comes in the clouds of Heaven, with power and great glory.

Some of our newly converted people are in the field at work, going from house to house scattering the Message, happy in trying to give the people what is so precious to them.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

GOOD WORDS FOR THE MORNING WATCH

One sister writes that the Morning Watch has helped her to arise earlier in the morning, and with more interest and courage.

What has been your experience, dear reader? Have you found it a constant reminder and help in forming the habit of daily Bible study and prayer? And has it suggested to you each day something that you might do for someone else in the way of passing the blessing on?

Or has your calendar in some way been laid upon the shelf and forgotten? Have you found it difficult to memorize the verses each day in the press of work and care, and allowed yourself to neglect it? If this has been your experience, I hope you will be encouraged by the good experiences of those who have persevered and tested the benefits to be derived from the habit.

There is truth in the words of one who said: "Habit is a cable; we weave a thread each day and at last we cannot break it." Habits are easily formed and it is about as easy to form a good one as a bad one, when we set our will to do it.

The little Morning Watch Calendar has been prepared with great care to help us in daily study and meditation, and who of us can estimate the value of this study habit. Let us be encouraged to persevere.

MRS. E. M. CHAPMAN.

MANITOBA NOTES

Elder Dirksen has had a successful experience at Beausejour, five taking their stand for the truth. He made a short visit to Winnipeg on his way to Morden, where he expects to labor for a short time.

Elder Robb, who is laboring at Carberry, spent Sabbath and Sunday, the 13th and 14th, at Brandon.

Arthur McCreery, from Arden, spent a short time in Winnipeg, on his way to Vernon, B.C. He is to make his home with Brother and Sister Potter for a time.

Brother Kingston, from Giroux, who lately accepted the truth, is canvassing in Winnipeg for the new book, "The World's Crisis," and is meeting with good success.

We have eight students from Manitoba at the Lacombe academy. What a blessing to be able to get a Christian education.

Sister Hanna Bentsen, who recently accepted the truth at Brandon, passed through the city on her way to the Hutchinson Seminary.

A reformed drunkard, an ex-policeman, and now an evangelist, became enraged, in Winnipeg, as his attention was called to the keeping of the commandments, and used rather rough language, for a preacher. It shows that we as a people get little good in listening to those so-called evangelists who need to go further with their reformation.

We are sorry to report the death of Sister Lizzie Burgermeister, of Russel, aged about 18 years. She came to Winnipeg in hopes to find relief from spinal trouble and contracted erysipelas, which was the cause of her death, Jan. 14. She was a faithful Christian, and we are sure she sleeps in Jesus, and expect to meet her in the earth made new. She was laid to rest in the Brookside Cemetery, Winnipeg.

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A. H. BRIGHAM - - - - - Editor

What about that account you owe to the tract society or academy?

In the Western New York Conference it has been suggested that, by the sale of "World's Crisis," many could earn the amount they would like to pledge for foreign missions. This suggestion could well be carried out in other places besides New York.

Every difficult lesson mastered, every fresh task finished, or anything else done as well as it can be done, gives so much added power for the next lesson or task; likewise every slighted lesson, every half-finished task, every slipshod piece of work, weakens the power for the next undertaking.—*Marden.*

"The miracles of Christ are a proof of his divinity; but a stronger proof that He is the world's Redeemer is found in comparing the prophecies of the Old Testament with the history of the New."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 957.

Elder H. S. Shaw left Calgary the first of this week for the East and South. He will visit College View, Nebraska, and other places along the way. He was accompanied as far as Regina, Sask., by Elder A. C. Gilbert, who has been spending a few days with relatives in Calgary, after attending the Union Committee Meeting.

The annual offering for the colored work will be taken Sabbath, March 6. The North American Division Conference, which has charge of the Negro work in North America, is very anxious that we secure a liberal offering upon this occasion, in order that the needs of that work may be met. Watch for articles in the *Review and Herald* regarding it.

While mailing the last issue of the *Tidings*, word reached us of the death of Elder O. A. Olsen, at Hinsdale, Ill. This has come as sad news to the large number in our Union Conference who knew him. His death was caused by heart failure following an attack of pneumonia. Elder Olsen was well known throughout our denomination, having held responsible positions for many years, both in this country, Europe and Australia. For eight years, from Oct. 17, 1888, to Feb. 19, 1897, he served as president of the General Conference. At the time of his death he was general secretary of the Foreign Department of the North

American Division Conference. Funeral services were conducted by Elder I. H. Evans in the new Scandinavian church, Chicago, Ill., Feb. 1, and the remains were taken to Washington, D.C., for interment. Sister Olsen and two sons, Dr. A. B. Olsen and Prof. M. E. Olsen, with many relatives, survive to mourn the loss of one who has been a kind husband and father, as well as a valiant servant in the cause of God. Sister Olsen has gone to make her home at the Washington Sanitarium, where she can be near her son, Prof. Olsen, who is a teacher in the Washington Missionary College.

THE CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE

We would call the attention of our church officers to this most excellent help. It is a monthly periodical prepared especially to supply the material for and give instruction to church officers. Those who have had it feel that they can ill afford to be without it, and we hope all those who have not seen it yet will supply themselves as soon as possible. If the officers are not able to take it, we would suggest that the church supply them with it, at least the elder and missionary secretary. It comes at 35c. a year in clubs of two or more copies to one address. Single subscriptions, 50c. *MRS. E. M. CHAPMAN.*

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I would like to find a small ranch or farm on lease or for rent, in British Columbia. I would like to raise fruit and chickens. Address C. HELIN, Coquitlam, B.C.

I would like to communicate with a Seventh-day Adventist farmer who requires the services of a good farm hand. I have a wife and four children, and would like a permanent place. Am accustomed to hard work, and understand farming. Address W. T. Rogers, 1708 Maple Street, Vancouver, B.C.

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