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## THE MOUNTAIN VIEW CONVENTION

I left my home for the Bookmen's Convention at Mountain View, California, February 28. After spending a little time in Vancouver I continued my journey and arrived in Mountain View, Friday, March 5. The following day being Sabbath, the services were conducted in the Mountain View church. Brethren Town, Eastman and Hall were in charge.

Sunday morning our convention proper was opened by a social service, Brother Town leading out. The keynote of the meeting, as expressed by all, was for a deeper experience in the things of God, a more thorough consecration for service for our heavenly Father, and greater power from above so as to be able to accomplish more in the work of saving souls as we go back to our fields of labor.



DELEGATES AT THE MOUNTAIN VIEW CONVENTION

This spirit of consecration seemed to deepen as the meeting progressed. As different plans and methods were discussed an earnest desire was expressed by every one to choose the method that would be most pleasing to the Lord and work for the salvation of the greatest number of souls.

In all the discussions there was a spirit of freedom and frankness that was enjoyed by every one and I am sure the good counsel and suggestions made will be a great help to every field agent and secretary as they go back to their respective fields.

What a wonderful message we have, and how good the Lord is to give us a part with him in finishing the work. But in it all, how much we need the wisdom that only He can give, to work in right lines, and that His spirit may lead in all that we do.

The end is near; soon our Saviour will come; but we have a great work yet to do, so with you all I want to consecrate my life anew to Him for service, and with you redouble my efforts for those who are out of the ark of safety.

W. L. MANFULL.

### SIMPLE MODES OF WORK

We wish that we might say something that would lead all of God's children to place a greater value and more importance on the simpler, smaller things of life. We sometimes are carried away with the idea that if we could have some leading preacher come and hold a few meetings in the largest hall in our city, and advertise the meetings with big posters, that then something would be accomplished. We don't wish to discount big things, but the sum total of the smaller things, the little things, is infinitely greater. "Our character building will be in constant peril while we under-rate the importance of little things."

*"Little drops of water, little grains of sand,  
Make the mighty ocean, and the desert land."*

Our great Leader counsels us to devise and set in operation among the churches *the very simplest modes of work*. This brings our Home Missionary work within the reach of all. If our people will co-operate with such a plan and perseveringly carry it out, they will reap rich reward, for their experience will grow brighter, their ability will increase through exercise, and souls will be saved through their efforts.

It is clear to all that before we can win, we must enter into the race. We must not wait for opportunities, but make them. As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men. We are to work wisely, patiently, considerately, winning our way by the tender ministry of love. God expects personal service from every one to whom the light has come. We invite you to take your place in the advance lines. Let us go forth into the whitened harvest fields, for much will be lost should the harvest wait.

Be sure and get a good supply of our truth filled literature. Don't fail to get your two copies of the *Signs* weekly.

"The Moving Finger writes; and having writ,  
Moves on; nor all your Piety nor Wit  
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,  
Nor all your Tears wash out a Word of it."  
F. W. PAAP

### JUST PLAIN HONESTY

Some people seem to harbor the mistaken idea that to be sly and shrewd is a sign of strength, talent, or genius. We believe it to be a sure indication of weakness. Douglas said of Lincoln: "He is the honestest man I have ever known." Every truly great man has been straightforward, open and honest. Anyone who reads the Bible will see how truthful the men of God were. Remember in how outspoken and frank a manner John the Baptist, Paul and other servants of the Lord labored and spoke. We could make many applications of this principle of honesty to our own work. We wish to refer to two things.

When a minister among us accepts his credentials and receives his wages from month to month, these papers are granted, and the money is paid with the understanding that he preaches the doctrines which we as a denomination believe to be the truth of God.

Any man has a human right to change his views, to believe and to teach some new doctrines or some different doctrines from what he has held in the past; but no man can be honest and accept conference pay after he begins to preach new ideas and doctrines which the conference has not sanctioned. When a man ceases to believe or to teach the third angel's message as it is understood by Seventh-day Adventists he must, if he is honest, cease to receive wages from Seventh-day Adventists. It would not only be folly but sinful for us as a people to pay men to hinder the very work which we believe God has called us to do.

This same principle of honesty applies to our church officers. When a man accepts the responsibility of elder or deacon or Sabbath school superintendent, or some other office, he does it with the understanding that he will labor to build up the church and to assist the cause of God in our organized work. If a man does not believe in the spirit of prophecy or does not pay his tithe or does not accept our principles of organization he should refuse to receive an office. He does himself an injustice and he injures the work which he professes to serve by accepting such a position. Another point of great moment should be noted. No minister has a right to ordain a man as elder or deacon who does not believe our message, who is out of harmony with our organized work, who fails to support our conferences by his tithes and offerings, his influence, etc. The minister that lays hands on such a man shares in his guilt. Further, no conference committee ought to continue in its employ a man who teaches new and strange things, which tear down and destroy. We must guard with the most sacred care the holy message committed to us of God. In writing this I do not wish to state anything that is unreasonable, and I am sure that none of our loyal, God-fearing people will so receive it. To us it is just a matter of following the principle of the good old-fashioned Bible honesty.

L. H. CHRISTIAN.

### CHURCH ETIQUETTE

A little dissertation on how to behave at church is not entirely out of place for some people even who go to church with a good degree of regularity. The *Presbyterian Journal* preaches a little sermon on the subject. It says:

As long as there are churches, there will be church etiquette, and very many who would not think for a moment of offending at a social function, do not seem at all concerned when attending a sacred service. The following rules form a good foundation:—

1.—If possible be on time. You need at least five minutes, after coming, to get warm or cool, to compose your body and mind and to whisper a prayer before the service begins.

2.—Never pass up the aisle during prayer or Scripture reading. If you do, your presence will distract the minds of many in the audience.

3.—Be devout in every attitude. All whispering should be studiously avoided. Find the hymn and sing it, if you can. Share the book with your neighbor. If in a strange church, conform to its customs of worship.

4.—If the sermon has begun, take a seat near the door, no matter if you are "at home."

5.—Be thoughtful for the comfort of others. Take the inside of the pew, if you are the first to enter, and leave all vacant space at the end next to the aisle.

6.—Speak a bright cheery word to as many as possible at the close of the service. If you are a stranger, ask one of the ushers to introduce you to the pastor or to some of the church officers. This will always insure you a hearty welcome.

7.—Never put on your overcoat, overshoes, or wraps during the closing hymn, and do not make a rush for the door immediately after the benediction is pronounced. There should be no loud talking and jesting after the service is concluded. These are as much out of place at the house of God as at a house of mourning.—*Selected.*

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## Manitoba Conference

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### ANSWERED PRAYER

Some years ago in far off Australia, a certain little boy was born. His father died soon after, leaving the mother alone to care for him. Through some means she heard and accepted the message for this time and continued faithful until her death, which occurred when her boy was twelve years old. Her dying prayer was that God would care for this lonely little fellow, and that she might meet him in the resurrection.

Left to the care of two wicked uncles who hated Seventh-day Adventists, and who naturally did everything to cause him to forget his mother's religion, he of course became estranged.

This boy has grown to manhood now, with children of his own. Last winter he received some reading on present truth, and heard one discourse by a colpor-

teur, which resulted in his turning to obey all God's commandments. The whole family is rejoicing in the light, and are trying to pass it on to others.

Who can say that this is not an answer to that mother's prayer?  
 E. M. CHAPMAN.

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### AUSTIN AND MINITONAS

It was my privilege to meet with the brethren of Austin and vicinity, Sabbath and Sunday, the 14th and 15th of March. Although there are but three families left in these parts, we enjoyed a good season together. My prayer is that these dear ones may continue faithful.

Upon arriving at Minitonas, the 17th, I was soon informed that there was a stir going around, over the Sabbath question, because of Mr. Edd Minchen and family accepting the Sabbath from reading and attending one service of Brother W. L. Manfull's, while delivering books. Brother Delbert Henkes also had been holding some studies in a schoolhouse near there.

The Presbyterian minister was to preach a sermon at the schoolhouse to prove that Sunday is the true Sabbath, after which opportunity would be given for observers of the seventh day to defend their position. It was not expected that a minister would be present, so he thought he could easily show them to be in the wrong.

Meantime the minister became informed of my presence in the neighborhood and evidently changed his plan. He announced that he had decided to take another subject for the day and would give that in the future. However, he gave them a few texts on the board to show the law was abolished at the cross, and by a few remarks gave a wrong impression of us as a people.

After he had dismissed, I asked the privilege of speaking to the people for half an hour. It was readily granted, and the subject of the two laws was briefly presented. All who remained to listen agreed that the ten commandment law was not done away with.

I held six meetings in all during my stay, presenting "The Coming of the Lord," "The Change of the Sabbath," etc. On Monday night I took up "The Change of the Sabbath." Both ministers were present, and as opportunity was given after the conclusion for any one to present a Bible text to prove that the first day, or Sunday, is the Sabbath or the Lord's day, the ministers tried to work in proof outside of the Scriptures. This, of course, not being accepted by Protestants who take the Bible only as their rule of faith, made it evident to all present that Sunday rests alone upon the tradition of the so-called "Fathers." We were pleased to see many of the congregation raise their hands signifying that they fully believed what was preached. Some promised to begin to keep the Sabbath. The roads became so bad, we postponed the services a few days.  
 E. M. CHAPMAN.

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### MANITOBA NOTES

Camp meeting, June 18-27, in the vicinity of Brandon.  
 Brother Herbert Vanderpant recently returned to his home in Manitou.

Elder Chapman visited the Harkness family at Dauphin on his return from Minitonas.

The Sunday evening services in Icelandic by Brother David Guldranson are well attended.

Elder Dirksen closed his meetings at Morden on account of an epidemic of measles, and is now at Russell.

Brother Grundset is now at Hutchinson, Minnesota, looking for colporteurs for the coming season. He will doubtless be in the office by the first of April.

## Saskatchewan Conference

Office Address, Box 244, Regina, Saskatchewan.

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### IMPORTANCE OF COLPORTEUR WORK

The past few months has witnessed wonderful activity on the part of our people in the distribution of religious literature. Also there has been a growing interest on the part of the reading public in the very kind of reading matter that we as a people have been circulating for many years.

The reason why our literature is attracting the attention that it is, is because, as the *Springfield Republican* in referring to the European war, said:—

"Writers who can tell a stupefied world what this fearful portent means, who can throw light on the great fundamental problems of the race and give some hint as to its destiny, will have an attentive and even anxious hearing."

Never was there a time like the present. Never were there so many people looking for the very light that we have as *now*. Never was the time more opportune than *now* for the proclamation of the truth. Never were we in better times than *now* for the selling of our publications. Therefore, *never was our responsibility so great as now to embrace every opportunity in placing the saving truth in the homes and hearts of men and women everywhere.*

The faithful colporteur work is approaching the zenith of power and success. The greatest success of the future is not to be measured by the rule that some have used in the past—the rule of dollars and cents. We are entering the day of God's power, and every one who is "willing in the day of thy power" (Ps. 110:3) will have that unprecedented power in the telling of the truth, and unparalleled satisfaction and success in the work of warning souls to flee from the wrath to come. The burden for lost souls will rest heavily on the heart of every colporteur who goes out this coming season, and he will feel as he has never felt that he holds in his hand a pardon for every soul who will accept the deliverance from sin. He will feel his responsibility never so keenly as he realizes that his Father has entrusted to his care this wonderful pardon, and asks him to take it in haste to the prisoners who are waiting for freedom so that they may be ready for the coming of Christ which is "even at the door."

The colporteurs' institute for Saskatchewan will be held at the home of Brother Wm. Rowse, Hanley, Sask., April 22 to May 2. Brother and Sister Rowse have kindly opened their home for this purpose, and we are sure that all who attend this institute will highly appreciate their kindness.

Brother Rowse's home is eleven miles distant from the town of Hanley. As far as possible, every person attending this institute should be in Hanley the 22nd of April so as to avoid unnecessary drives to the town. All colporteurs should bring a quilt or blanket. Those contemplating entering the colporteur work should write at once to L. A. Philpott, Lacombe, Alberta, the field agent for this conference, or to W. L. Manfull, Box 1320, Calgary, Alberta, the Union Conference field agent, or to U. Wissner, Box 244, Regina, Saskatchewan. These brethren will give you any particulars you may desire to have in regard to the colporteur work and the institute. A. C. GILBERT.

### REGINA

We are sure that all the readers of the *Tidings* will be glad to learn that the Lord is blessing our efforts in Regina. Last evening we enjoyed the privilege of baptizing ten new converts to the faith. The Central Baptist Church was obtained for the service, and the caretaker did all in his power to make things pleasant and comfortable for us. Elder Gilbert expected to be present, but he was called away to preach the funeral sermon of a faithful sister in Battleford.

One thing that makes it hard to build up a church in a city like this is that as soon as they accept the faith, many have to go elsewhere in search of work, where they can keep the Sabbath. However, our congregation is growing steadily, and we expect to organize in the near future. In fact we hope to have ten more ready for baptism in a few weeks. Pray for the work in Regina. M. MACKINTOSH.

### SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

Sister Sulzle, of Fenwood, passed through Regina recently on her way to North Dakota, where she will spend a month or so with relatives and friends.

Elder Gilbert spent a day at Langham recently, where Brother Ziprick is holding meetings. The attendance is very good indeed, and we look for favorable results.

Brother W. G. Forshaw, who has been laboring at Tugaska for some weeks, has returned to spend a little while at Goodwater. We were glad to learn that several families have accepted the truth as the result of his labors.

Elder Gilbert was called to North Battleford to conduct the services at the funeral of Sister Mary E. Fisher, which took place on March 27th. Sister Fisher has been ill for some time, being confined to her bed for the last few months, and died on the 23rd.

A report received from Brother Sulzle this week contained the encouraging news that sixteen people had taken their stand for the truth. This is at Prussia. There are many more interested in that vicinity, and he cannot answer all the calls that come to him for help.

We would like to remind those who have not yet secured their Sabbath-school supplies for the coming quarter to do so as soon as possible. The lesson quarterlies have been here for some time, and we would like to see all our members supplied in time for the first Sabbath in the new quarter.

Brother Wissner returned on March 23rd from California, where he attended the Bookmen's Convention. He reports that the convention was most interesting and instructive. Missionary work in all its branches was thoroughly discussed, special emphasis being laid on personal effort in soul-saving.

Brother Mas has returned to his home at McLean, after spending some time at Macrorie. We have no definite report of the work there, but we understand that he has organized another Sabbath-school. This was done in order to make it more convenient for those who cannot get to the regular meeting place near Macrorie.

## British Columbia Conference

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### A BUSY TIME

My last visit to Penticton was a pleasant one indeed. I arrived there Thursday evening, February 11, and stayed till the following Monday morning. The first meeting was on Friday evening with the young people, of whom Brother Allen Wolfe is the leader. Sabbath was occupied with a forenoon service and baptism and ordinances in the afternoon. Seven were baptized on that occasion, two brethren and five sisters. All enjoyed the afternoon service very much.

Sunday evening we had a service for the public and the house was fairly well filled. We expect further results from Brother Wood's labors there, as two or three are already keeping the Sabbath, and as many more interested.

I came home from Penticton to meet Prof. Griggs at the academy for counsel on school matters. He was with the church at Pitt Meadows, Sabbath, February 20, and the church and students of the school enjoyed his talks very much. We were glad for the counsel he gave on school work.

The following week I spent two days in Vancouver visiting with Elder Burrill, and the new Sabbath keepers. We did not get to them all, but found some very earnest and devoted brethren and sisters among them. I presume there are over twenty-five keeping the Sabbath as the result of the last effort, and many more interested and on the deciding point. We cannot tell just what the outcome may be, as our corps of workers is too small to look after them properly. Brethren, pray for the work in Vancouver. At our Sabbath union meetings in the East Side church, the house is full.

February 28th, I met the members of the Committee in the East, and again on March 2 the members on the Coast. Elder Shaw was at both of these council meetings, and gave us help that was appreciated.

Wednesday, March 10, I baptized two of Brother Sieman's children, at Suringe Creek. They were baptized in the beautiful Arrowhead Lake that fronts the home of Brother Sieman. We were glad to see these two young folk follow their Lord in baptism. On this trip I visited Brother Martin's and Brother Yickes' families, four miles north of Arrowhead. In the evening their neighbors came out to hear something about the eleventh chapter of Daniel. Many listened with great interest.

Sabbath and Sunday, March 13-14, I spent in Vancouver. Sunday afternoon I spoke in the East Side church on the Turkish question. The afternoon was stormy and not a large number were present, but there was good attention and some expressed themselves as having received help.

Hitherto there has been an interest to hear on this subject, but soon this will not attract, and especially as the idea of a peaceful settlement after the war gains the ascendancy over minds. Now is the time to agitate this question.

I can scarcely close this brief note without an appeal

to our brethren in British Columbia for prayer in behalf of the work here, for your faithful attention in the matter of the tithe, for it is the Lord's, and also your generous response in support of foreign missions, and at home, the support of our church school work, for which the conference now asks 3 per cent. of the income of all our Sabbath keepers. This work now demands our most earnest and prayerful attention.

J. G. WALKER.

### VERNON

Never have I felt the need of a power greater than the power of clear-cut argument and cold facts, as I have recently in the work here in Vernon. There are many who seem to see, and do acknowledge, the force of the Bible arguments supporting our message, yet there is the need of a power to enable them to "walk in the light."

Recently while Bro. Toombs and I were away from each other by several miles we were led the same evening to study the chapter in "Acts of the Apostles" on the "Gift of the Spirit."

Our minds were directed to the statement, "For the daily baptism of the Spirit, every worker should offer his petition to God. Since this is the means by which we are to receive power, why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit? Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, and preach concerning it?" Page 50. "He who teaches the word must himself live in conscious, hourly communion with God through prayer and the study of his word. Communion with God will impart to the minister's efforts a power greater than the influence of his preaching." Page 362.

This has come as a message from heaven to my soul. And my heart is filled with joy in the promise of God. The prospects of the work here are just as bright as the promises of God.

The officer who first organized the work of the Salvation Army in Vernon has now taken a firm stand for the truth and has been keeping the Sabbath since two weeks ago last Wednesday evening. Another soul for whom we have earnestly prayed for months made a start for the heavenly land last Wednesday evening.

We expect that six or more will very soon be ready to follow the Lord in baptism.

I never was more conscious of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and if anything is accomplished which will in the end prove to have been efficient for good it will be because we have learned to accomplish the work with much prayer sanctified by the merits of Christ.

E. R. POTTER.

### MANSON ACADEMY NOTES

Miss Gertrude Beaty is spending the week-end at her home in Vancouver.

Dr. Jordan, of Vancouver, gave a very interesting lecture at the academy, Monday evening, his subject being "The Eye."

Miss Bertha Astleford, of Firvale, has been visiting at the academy and with friends in Pitt Meadows during the past week.

Elder Giddings is conducting a series of Sunday evening meetings in the church at Pitt Meadows. These meetings are well attended by the people of the vicinity.

Mr. Chas. Helin, of Coquitlam, spent Sabbath, March 26th, at Pitt Meadows. He reported a growing interest in the truth at Coquitlam and asked that meetings be held there for these interested ones.

Sunday, March 21st, all work was laid aside and a pleasant day was spent at the Lillooet River, the occasion being the birthday anniversary of three of our young people. The bright sunshine, the quiet loveliness of the scene, and the boating on the river, all made the day one long to be remembered.

Brother W. L. Manfull visited the academy, March 25th, in the interest of the canvassing work. He spoke to the students during the chapel hour, giving a report of the Bookmen's Convention recently held at Mountain View, California, stating that the keynote of the Convention was "a deeper consecration for the work, that we may do the work the Lord has for us at this time." Brother Manfull also gave a graphic description of the educational features of the Panama Exposition, which was greatly appreciated.

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#### MARRIED

Brother Fred Reiswig and Sister Annie Ziprick were married in the church at Armstrong, in the presence of an audience that filled the house. The service was a solemn one and quite impressive. Supper was served in the church school house to 155 guests, all our own people.

J. G. WALKER.

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## Alberta Conference

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### SOME INTERESTING FACTS

The following facts were gathered at a meeting of the students held one Friday evening in the chapel of the academy. They demonstrate the great influence which parents have in molding the lives of young people and directing them in their Christian experience.

There were about one hundred present. It was found that forty-seven of these attributed their Christian experience to the influence of their parents—twenty-five to the mother's influence alone. Fourteen were brought to a knowledge of the truth through preaching and five through literature. Twenty were converted through personal work and four through the influence of brothers. Eight had been saved from the liquor habit and eleven from the use of tobacco. Thirteen of the number had taken their stand for the truth during the past year.

The young person who has to walk out alone and keep the commandments of God without the aid of Christian parents is certainly having a hard experience. These testimonials should serve to awaken a deeper interest and greater enthusiasm on the part of parents in doing their part to save their children and young people. Our schools are doing a good work, but without the assistance of the parents all other efforts are greatly handicapped. The only proper place for young people under the age of fifteen is under the fathers' and mothers' care.

The work at the academy is moving along very much the same as in the past. We are sorry that a few have had to go home on account of coming spring. The majority will remain until the last day. There is a good spirit present and the larger number are planning for active service in the cause of God. Financially, the school is having a very prosperous year, and both teachers and students are of good courage.

C. A. BURMAN.

### LEDUC AND HANNA

The work in Leduc is progressing nicely, although Satan is wide awake and tries to hold the people back. Other churches are working hard against the truth, but "all things work together for good."

Eleven persons were added to the church, and a much larger number have been added to the Sabbath school. February 22, we had a business meeting, and in a short time \$130.00 was donated to enlarge the church.

I was then asked to go to Calgary, where I found the brethren of good courage. I had not visited them since closing the tent effort last summer. Some who were interested then, have since taken a full stand, and others whom I had not met are now keeping the Sabbath.

From the 2nd of March until the 15th, I labored at Hanna, and organized a church of fifteen members. This has been a hard field in which to labor. Six more are ready for baptism, as soon as the weather is warmer.

At present I am at home, as my health is not good. Remember the work in your prayers.

C. K. REISWIG.

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### NEAPOLIS, DIDSBURY, CLARESHOLM, CALGARY

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" are some of the words of the Master many years ago, and truly ought to be the prayer of the Lord's people at this time. The many calls that are coming in from the different parts of this province evidence the importance of this, and that this is the time for every soul to ask himself, "What am I doing?"

On March 3rd I was called to Neapolis to conduct a funeral service. While passing through Didsbury, the brethren there asked me to hold a meeting with them. I preached twice to a well-filled church of interested people. I found the brethren there very earnest and doing all they can to keep up an interest among the outsiders.

From Didsbury I was called to a place about ten miles east of Claresholm, where I found another earnest working company, who are doing all they can for the salvation of souls and praying the Lord of the harvest to send a laborer.

At this place we held seventeen services, from 25 to 40 attending each evening. We closed this meeting because the farmers are becoming too busy to attend, this being the busy season of the year, but with the promise to go back again for a few days after the seeding is over.

Three adults have taken their stand with God's remnant people, and many others are in the valley of decision. Sister Ruby Rick is going to follow this work with Bible readings, and I am sure the rest of the company will do all they can to help her.

In this place, as in Acme, the people not only opened their eyes to the Sabbath, but they can see that the Lord wants them to be clean, so there are a few more pigs to sell. The same truth that opens our eyes to the Sabbath, also causes us to see that the Lord has made a difference between the clean and the unclean

(Eze. 22:26). The keeping of the holy Sabbath and the handling of the unclean animals, do not go well together. We are now going to hold a series of meetings in Calgary. Pray for us. J. L. WILSON.

#### ACADEMY NOTES

Elmer Carlson has left for his home in Saskatchewan. Henry Kielbach has left his his homestead, near Chipman, Alberta.

Elder P. P. Adams recently spent a few days with friends near Innisfail.

Brother C. C. Neufeld, who has been teaching school near Beiseker, has returned to his home in Rosedale.

On Sunday evening, April 4th, the Phillologian Society will give a recital in the academy chapel. All are invited.

Miss Marian Rathje, who was a student at the academy last year, attended the program on Monday evening, March 22nd, remaining to visit the school on Tuesday.

Roscoe Hippach has returned from Woodbend, where he has been teaching school. After spending a short time visiting at the academy, he left for Cairns, Alberta, to spend some time with his brother.

Elder C. K. Reiswig is spending a few days at home. He has returned from an extended trip through the south-eastern part of the province, where he had visited a number of churches. He expects to leave for Leduc in the near future.

Quite an interest along the line of Bible subjects has been awakened in Didsbury. In answer to a call for some lectures, Elder Adams spent Sabbath and Sunday, March 20th and 21st, at that place. Four meetings were held and a lively interest was shown.

A recital was given in the academy chapel on Monday evening, the 22nd of March, by the music department. The program was wholly "Handel," and revealed a true appreciation of the great composer. The numbers were as follows:—

Biography of Handel—Mrs. Ellen Clark.

"Largo," an organ solo—Nellie Shankel.

"Angels Ever Bright and Fair," vocal solo—John B. Haynal.

"Glory Be to God," piano and organ duet—Robina Adams and Mrs. P. P. Adams.

"He Shall Feed His Flock," and "Come To Me," vocal duet—A. P. Pond and J. B. Haynal.

"The Harmonious Blacksmith," piano solo—Lydia Christensen.

"I Know My Redeemer Liveth," vocal solo—Elder P. P. Adams.

"Hallelujah Chorus," piano and organ duet—Hattie Beardsley and Phyllis Sargeant.

#### ALBERTA NOTES

Bro. and Sister F. H. Kay, of Clive, were recent visitors at the office.

As a result of meetings held in the district of Ohaton, Elder C. A. Hansen reports a number of new Sabbath-keepers.

Brother Clemensen and family have accepted a call to the Saskatchewan Conference, and will leave about April 1st for that province.

Brother R. P. Mooney, our field agent, returned from his trip to Mountain View, March 24th. He reports a profitable and instructive convention.

Since the last issue of the "Tidings," Elder Humann has spent five days each with the Loyalist church and the German believers in Calgary.

Brother H. A. Niergarth has spent some time at Retlaw, Southern Alberta. He reports eight new Sabbath-keepers as a result of the meetings held.

Brother Tall, who was recently called home on account of the illness of his little daughter, Daisy, has returned to Edberg, from which point he begins to deliver his books. Daisy is recovering.

It has been decided that the next annual conference and camp-meeting will be held at Lacombe, July 8-18.

This will give our people an opportunity to visit the headquarters of the work in this province.

Brother J. K. Fish, who has been laboring at Acme, was summoned home to the bedside of his little boy, who was ill with broncho-pneumonia. We are glad to report that Lloyd is rapidly recovering from his illness.

Elder Louis Halsvick visited the office last week. He left for Lewisville, March 20th, to attend the union meeting for our Scandinavian brethren. Elder Humann and Brother Mooney left for the same meeting on the 26th.

In a letter recently received by Elder Humann from Sister J. Rottacker, of Lumen, B.C., she makes request for all God's children to unite in special prayer on Sabbath, April 3rd, between 5 and 6 p.m., for the recovery of her husband, Elder J. Rottacker, who is very seriously ill. Let all our people in this conference read James 5:14-16, and then offer special prayer in answer to this request.

#### REPUTATION

"Reputation is an asset that all of us hustle hard to get. Some of us get it wrong side out by ways that make us a subject of doubt. Reputation for man or firm isn't built on a spurt for a term, but on steady pulling in the right direction to reach the goal next to perfection. An old-time reputation is not much good unless you feed it the sort of food that keeps it up as advertised, nor leave its merits to be surmised. Reputation puts you on the top; if you take it to use in some other shop you must fit your reputation to the new regime and put on a few extra pounds of steam."

"He is happy whose circumstances suit his temper; but he is more excellent who can suit his temper to any circumstances."—Hume.

"Every man who observes vigilantly, and resolves steadfastly, grows unconsciously into genius."—Bulwer

"Men are born with two eyes, but only one tongue, in order that they should see twice as much as they say."—Colton.

#### THE POINT OF VIEW

Trouble has a trick of coming  
Butt end first;  
Viewed approaching, then you've seen it  
At its worst.  
Once surmounted, straight it dwindles,  
Ever small,  
And it tapers till there's nothing  
Left at all!—W. A. C.

#### "THE LORD HATH NEED OF THEE"

"Because the Master is not here, with His own hand today,  
To feed the hungry multitudes who throng life's busy way,  
He gives the task to you and me; He bids us hear their cry;

He says that if we turn from them, we also pass Him by.

"Our eyes are blind; we only see an outcast at our door;  
Yet said He not Himself that they who feed and clothe  
His poor

Give unto Him?—Then day by day for such a royal Guest  
Shall we not bring with willing hands our choicest and our

#### MAKE IT WORTH WHILE

"The world is but a fleeting show,  
So make it 'snappy' as you go—  
Fill it with all the joy you can,—  
The Lord sure loves a happy man."

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Brother J. M. Rowse, manager of the Calgary branch of the Pacific Press, returned from the main office last week. He reports a pleasant journey, and a profitable convention.

Since returning from California, Brother W. L. Manfull has held a Colporteurs' Institute at Pitt Meadows, B.C., and is now at his home near Salmon Arm, B.C., for a few days.

Elder Shaw has returned to Calgary, after an absence of over a month. In addition to attending the Mountain View Convention, he has spent a little time at various places on the Coast.

Sabbath, April 10, will be observed as Educational Sabbath. Special readings have been sent out to be used on that day, and they will take the place of the regular monthly missionary reading for April.

A number of encouraging reports are contained in this issue. From every conference comes word that souls are being converted, and numbers are being added to the church. In all parts of the field, the work is onward.

A Bible reading on the meaning of current events is one of the features of the May number of the *Signs Magazine*. It is interesting and impressive. This magazine is brimful of answers to questions which so many are asking. We recommend a generous circulation of this excellent May number.

"We can not get very far by looking for the answers in the back of the book. Problems must be worked out. Our own experience or the experience of others may give us the rules by which to work the problems, but mental fiber and stamina form the ammunition that wins success. They are developed by application and by persistence; by the triumph of the will over mind and body."

But little is accomplished, because but little is vigorously attempted; and but little is attempted, because difficulties are magnified. A timorously cautious spirit, so far from acting with resolution, will never think itself in possession of the preliminaries for acting at all. Perhaps perseverance has been the radical principle of every truly great character.—*J. Foster.*

### CREDIT

Credit is an estimate of your capacity to worry about paying your bills which is held about you by a lot of total strangers. Credit is also a belief held of your ability to pay for something long after you have ceased to derive any benefit from it. Credit is likewise a gauge of your willingness to *deceive* yourself into the belief that you can afford to buy something because you cannot pay cash for it. If everybody paid cash, there would be no bond issues, no huge clerical forces, no national debts, no armies or military systems, no schools such as exist today, no war, no degenerate fashions—nothing but plain everyday living. Credit enables everybody to live a *fictitious* existence. "*Nothing exceeds like credit.*"

### THE MISSION FUNDS

The first quarter of another year has rolled around, and we are watching with intense interest the progress that is being made in raising our quota for foreign missions. The reports for the month of March are not yet complete, but during the first two months of the year, we paid into the mission treasury \$2,794.97. This is a splendid beginning, but it is \$85.48 less than our share of 20-cents-a-week per member. No doubt the thirteenth Sabbath offering which was taken last Sabbath, will swell the receipts for the month of March. We hope that our next report will show a good margin over and above what we are trying to raise. We are giving below the complete report for January and February:

Conference—	Quota	Amount Received	Amount Short	Amount Over
Alberta .....	\$1048.38	\$ 593.29	\$455.09	
British Columbia .....	736.98	1010.06		\$273.98
Manitoba .....	394.44	156.94	237.50	
Saskatchewan .....	700.65	1033.78		333.13
Totals .....	\$2880.45	\$2794.97	\$692.59	\$607.11

### POTATOES

For sale by the Alberta Industrial Academy, 200 bushels potatoes. \$1.00 a bushel, bagged f.o.b. Lacombe. Address: C. A. BURMAN, Lacombe, Alberta.

### FARM FOR SALE

Thirty-two acres of land, one-half mile from the Alberta Industrial Academy and one and one-half miles from Lacombe. Three acres in Barnett Lake. Fourteen acres under cultivation. Two and one-half acres in timothy. Balance in pasture and timber. Also one three-quarter acre lot with five-roomed house, barn, chicken-house and granary. Garden contains gooseberry, strawberry, currant, rhubarb and asparagus beds. This property is nicely located and is very desirable for those having children to attend the academy. A bargain, if sold at once. Write: J. W. SUMMEY, Lacombe, Alberta.