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THREE KINDS

"Three kinds of people will be found
Where'er we go the world around;
And some of them are quite renowned.
One class will work with heart and mind,
Are always sweet and always kind,
And these we call the workers.
The second class will go by jerks,
Sometimes they stop, sometimes they work,
And these we call the jerkers.
The other class will always shirk,
They love to talk, they hate to work,
And these we call the shirkers."

A PERSONAL LETTER TO OUR COLPORTEURS IN WESTERN CANADA

A picture is in my mind; a moving picture, as memory recalls some history of the recent past. I see a large country extending over fruitful plains and mountain valleys, inhabited by a peace-loving, industrious population.

I see numerous herds and flocks roaming over its broad prairies; grazing on its hillsides, and drinking from its cooling streams. Great railway systems connect cities and hamlets throughout this vast area; from ocean to ocean I see signs of industrial progress, and the entire scene is animated by the touch of prosperity.

In the midst of this activity is seen our earnest colporteurs hastening from home to home with our splendid books which contain the truths of the Third Angel's Message, and their success is marvelous.

Year after year financial prosperity continues to hover over this thriving land, beckoning our colporteurs to continue their noble work. Thousands of homes have been adorned with one or more of these good books, and winter after winter, while the country is wrapped in snow, many people are reading and seriously considering the wonderful messages these books contain.

One by one these years of opportunity roll by, seven-eight-nine-ten, and so forward till 1914 comes into view. Spring opens up as usual, and nature's smile gives promise of another prosperous year.

Our colporteurs hurl themselves into the field again with the same bright hope of former seasons, and have only begun when, lo, there is heard in the distance the alarm of war. Rapidly the scene grows more real, till soon the boom of cannon is heard and the clash of arms. Great excitement immediately takes possession of the minds of men, and the effect is frightful.

Suddenly the great money exchanges of the world temporarily close their doors and the wheels of industry begin to slow down. Yet, facing frost and drought, these conscientious bookmen still push on in their God-given profession, offering their matchless merchandise for sale.

Far from becoming discouraged by these adversities, which now become the theme of conversation among the people, these champions of bookdom *turn such calamities into reasons why* the people should purchase these books, which explain the meaning of such frightful happenings.

Hundreds of real estate offices have been closed; mills have shut down; banks refuse to make usual loans; public construction contracts are suddenly discontinued; and many corporations fall with a crash, leaving their stockholders stranded on the rocks.

A call is heard through the land for volunteers to defend the flag, and thousands of our sons are suddenly seen clothed in military uniform, having laid down the implements of husbandry, to take up the weapons of war.

Amid all this, undaunted by the sights which meet the eyes, and the sounds that fill the ears, these colporteurs press on, and by the blessing of the Lord per cent. of deliveries is about the same as in the years of former prosperity. Thus ends the year 1914; its records are written, and doubtless in these records may be found some of the bravest ventures and strongest determinations which have been in the history of our book work in Western Canada.

Nineteen-fifteen wheels into sight. The fortunes of war remain undecided. The groans of our soldiers come from the snowy pits at the battle's front. The unparalleled situation on the high seas adds gravity to the financial problems of the world. Our armies must be supported on the field of battle, and our helpless must be sustained at home.

Now the scene seems to halt, waiting for the next exposure, and the Lord knows what that next will be. Three months of this year have passed away. The rigor of winter is subsiding; another spring is sending its smile. The world hesitates in doubtful suspense; thousands of people are leaving the cities to return to the farm. Something is ahead, and humanity stands wondering what may happen.

Money is as abundant as at any time in the days of former prosperity, but those who control it consider conditions too uncertain to warrant its safe circulation, and the business world remains greatly paralyzed.

Now where are those invincible colporteurs who stood champions of the difficulties through the past year? It is time to call the roll, and I seem to hear the answer, here am I, and here, here, here. I see them open their doors at the sight of spring. They look this way and that way, but the wheels of finance still move slowly. I see them in deep meditation; what shall we do this year? Is it possible to sell books under such conditions?

Some talk about it from the commercial point of view; others mix faith with their commercial reasoning. One says: "It is not reasonable, from the business standpoint, that books can be sold in a time like this." Another says: "No, it does not look very reasonable, but from this time forward till we are translated, there will be many things to meet which, from the human viewpoint, will stagger the senses." I hear them talk further, saying:—

"I notice this: that when I am looking at the commercial side only, it seems impossible to get the courage to start out, but when I am in my room praying for light, I do not seem to tremble so much about the dollars. Dollars are important, that cannot be denied, but there is another word that begins also with the letter D, the word D-U-T-Y; that's the word that rings in my ear. This part of it out-weighs every other consideration when I am at prayer. I believe the Lord will give us all the dollars we need if we follow duty."

"If the message goes to the world in this generation, it will be the greatest demonstration of spiritual and physical power that the world has ever witnessed. It is beyond the possibility of man. If, however, the Lord sees us consecrated to his service, he can surprise the world with the great things he can do with us and for us.

"It is as clear as any truth, that a large part of carrying the message is going to be accomplished by the distribution of the printed page, and it is a remarkable thing to be entrusted with a talent that can place this literature in the homes of the people.

"We are on the brink of a test today as really as were Gideon's men when on the bank of the river where the test was to be brought to them. I never really knew what kind of metal I am of, till I began to settle the canvassing question this season in the face of conditions we have to meet in this country."

The above is the nature of the discussions now being held among these men who have the talent to master the book work, and here seems to be as far as I have seen the picture completed in my musings.

The crisis is on; the camera stands ready for the next finish; what will it be? There are those who were in the field last year, who are convicted that they should be there this year, and there are others also who feel that they should enter the work; what will be the final decision?

We are counting on you to throw your strength and manhood into this very important department of the Lord's work. I look for the greatest victory in the book work this year, that has ever been seen in this line in Western Canada. What do you say?

H. S. SHAW

WELL ORGANIZED PLANS

The strength of an army is measured largely by the efficiency of the men in the ranks. This is a truth that is not as fully appreciated as it should be. When the battle rages, when the contending armies are brought face to face in deadly conflict, then it is demonstrated beyond the question of a doubt that the trained man has an overtowering advantage.

All that can be said in behalf of preparation for successful carnal warfare can be said with double emphasis in behalf of training for successful spiritual warfare. "In every church there is talent, which, with the right kind of labor, might be developed to become a great help in this work. That which is needed now for the upbuilding of our churches is the nice work of wise laborers to discern and develop talent in the church,—talent that can be educated for the Master's use. There should be a well-organized plan for the employment of workers to go into all our churches, large and small, to instruct the members how to labor for the upbuilding of the church, and also for unbelievers. It is training, education, that is needed. Those who labor in visiting the churches should give the brethren and sisters instruction in practical methods of doing missionary work."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. IX., page 117.

We have been particularly gratified to note in the quarterly missionary reports from the various conferences the great increase in all lines of missionary endeavor, and particularly the large increase of precious souls being won to the truth. This increase is the greatest where definite plans are laid and carried out. We trust our dear people everywhere will bear this in mind and study in this connection particularly the general report that will soon be published.

We feel that we cannot do better than call attention to the following counsel from our great leader: "Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work. Too often in the past this has not been done. Plans have not been clearly laid and fully carried out, whereby the talents of all might be employed in active service. There are but few who realize how much has been lost because of this.

"The leaders in God's cause, as wise generals, are to lay plans for advance moves all along the line. In their planning they are to give special study to the work that can be done by the laity for their friends and neighbors. The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church-membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. IX., pages 116, 117.

Let this blessed soul-winning work go on and soon we shall reach the last honest soul and finish the work. Then we shall all go home.

F. W. PAAP.

"Absence makes the heart grow fonder." How tenderly we think of the book or other article loaned to a fellow-student or neighbor, which he forgot to return!—*Educational Messenger*.

THE SIGNS PRESENT TRUTH SERIES

On account of the Post Office Department refusing to accept the *Signs Present Truth Series* as second-class matter, all orders for the *Signs Series* that have been sent in are turned over to the Review and Herald Publishing Association, to be filled with the *Review Present Truth Series*.

The *Review Present Truth Series* will not be at all disturbed nor in any way hindered through the action of the Post Office Department in refusing pound rates on *Signs Series*. The *Review Series* will be continued and the circulation materially enlarged. The success of the *Review Series* is far greater than was at first anticipated. Our people seem to appreciate having good, cheap matter, with which to do effective missionary work, and many of the outside people, who have so far received some of these Extras, are daily writing the publishers for more of them, and expressing themselves freely as being highly pleased with the copies they have received.

The *Review Present Truth Series* is just the same in contents as the *Signs Series*, excepting the title of the paper. At first it was thought that the title of the *Signs* would be preferable to that of the *Review* for general missionary purposes, but it has been demonstrated that the *Review Series* is really preferred.

At any rate, far more *Reviews* have been ordered so far than *Signs*. Our people are learning that the general public prefers Adventist literature during this time of war and uncertainty. While a few may be prejudiced and refuse literature that gives evidence of being that issued by Adventists, there are many who would be interested on account of its being our literature. So we may be sure that the *Review* title on the *Review Series* will not be in the least detrimental to its circulation.

EDUCATE FOR PRIVATE LIFE

Some people have gained the impression that the only aim of our schools is to prepare young people to enter the Lord's work, meaning by this to work in some institution, conference, mission field, or other part of our organized denominational work. Our schools do strive earnestly to develop as many as possible of our youth into acceptable laborers in the organized advent movement, yet there is another large and important field of effort that our educators must not overlook—the home life, or private life, we may call it. Not only do a majority of our students return to private life, but most of those who go out as public or institutional workers, still have the home life to maintain. The efficiency of a public laborer often depends to a large extent on his own and his wife's knowledge of how to conduct a home. Many a valuable laborer has been lost to the work because of sickness, of himself or of his wife, which might have been prevented if both had been properly educated in the essentials of home life before they entered the work.

A large and important factor, too, in our denominational effort is the home missionary work. How much this might be strengthened and be made more fruitful, if our young people in school were taught the value of Christian effort in connection with following one of the ordinary vocations for a livelihood, instead of

being allowed to return home with the feeling that there is no place for them in the Lord's work, and they settle down to the common life of the multitude.

This interesting theme is discussed in the April number of the magazine, *Christian Education*. In the same number are found articles on school and home gardening, preparation for stenographic work, usable education, as well as several for the ministry, our academies, our teachers, and our homes. One dollar will bring this valuable journal to your home ten times a year.

HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE

With the June issue, *Life and Health* will appear under a new name—*Health and Temperance*, indicating the close relation existing between temperance and bodily health.

Health and Temperance will stand for temperance in its broader sense, including mental and bodily purity, and the non-use of flesh, tea, coffee, tobacco, alcohol, and narcotic drugs.

Among the departments to be added are: Christian Temperance, Bible Hygiene, and School of Health, the last dealing with home treatment of the sick, nursing, diet, dress, and general hygiene.

Any one desiring to receive a leaflet containing an extract from Sr. White's forthcoming book, "Gospel Workers," on Health, or wanting to know more about the health magazine, should address: HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DAY

Sabbath, May 1st, has been appointed by the North American Division Conference as Missionary Volunteer Day. It is suggested that on that day special services be held in all our churches in the interests of our Young People's work.

It is sincerely hoped that every church elder and other church officer, as well as every other church member, will recognize this opportunity to show his appreciation of the work being done for the salvation of our youth of this denomination, and his interest in the same.

Surely no more important subject could occupy the minds of our people on the Sabbath Day, or at any other time, than the work of saving the young who are growing up among us. Parents have a responsibility which they cannot avoid, to train up the children they bring into this world.

And not only are parents responsible for the youth and children, but every member of the church has a large duty to help look after the lambs of the flock. A man said the other day that he was profoundly thankful that he had no children, for now, said he, I have no responsibility in that line, not having any children of my own.

But has he not a responsibility, notwithstanding he has no children of his own? The fact that he becomes a member of the church of Christ makes him a member of the body, and he cannot be clear from responsibility in the spiritual welfare of the youth belonging to any of the members of the church.

Then, too, the young people themselves are under great responsibility for the influence they may exert

for the salvation of their relatives and friends. No young person can stand idly by and see other young people going to ruin and be innocent. Every one has a duty to perform in this mighty problem.

Here is a young man who is in a lost condition. He may be your own brother, or he may not be, the question is, what can be done to save him? Does it concern me? Shall I let this matter go by unheeded? No, you cannot let it go by unheeded and be clear; you must try to save him. You can do something.

You can carry that person on your heart, and maybe you can get some other person who loves the Lord, who will share the burden with you, for this soul. You can plan together some way to bring about conditions which may help him to make a right decision. What other thing could be more important?

Now the purpose of this special Young People's Day on the first day of May, is to strengthen the interest that is already seen, and to encourage our young people throughout the field. Will not our people all take a special interest in this effort, and thus encourage those who are bearing burdens in this splendid work, and also become better acquainted ourselves with the efforts that are being made to save our young men and women for the Lord's kingdom.

H. S. SHAW.

CREATING QUITE A STIR

Pastor Russell and other eminent ministers have aroused great interest and much discussion in recent months by their millennial dawn teaching. Probably no other single question is receiving so much attention in the religious world.

It is but fitting, therefore, that the *Signs of the Times*, bearing date April 27, should have as its big feature an article containing the truth on this "Age to Come" theory.

Consider the needs of your relatives and neighbors; then send your order off to the tract society at once.

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TWO HOMES

There are two classes of homes among the Adventist people. One you will find supplied with our periodicals, such as the *Review and Herald*, which is the church and family paper, the *Signs of the Times* for missionary purposes, *The Youth's Instructor* and *Little Friend*, for the youth and children. Perhaps some good magazine or other paper of current topics is also taken.

This is certainly as it should be in a family that is looking for the Lord to come. These papers furnish just what we need to help us spiritually and otherwise. Especially are they important for the isolated or those who are unable to attend church regularly. The cost of these weekly messengers is but a trifle. Besides bringing cheering news of the progress of the message,

there are good sermons from many of our best ministers, words of counsel and instruction which we can ill afford to be without.

Such homes are centers of light to their neighborhood, and the members are usually found to be intelligent, wide awake missionaries, exerting a saving influence.

We are sorry that not all homes of those who profess to love the appearing of Jesus are so well equipped. Some are without any of these helps. In their stead are found other papers and magazines, and in some instances, cheap story papers.

In Prov. 23:7, we read: "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Brethren, it is with the mind we serve God. There is another Scripture which exhorts us to "Gird up the loins of our minds."

I feel very anxious over this situation, and wish all our dear people would see that the right kind of reading matter is supplying the home. Light, trashy reading unfits the mind to comprehend or enjoy the word of God. We have no time to waste in useless story reading. Why should we indulge in these things to our own hurt, when there is such an abundance of that which is both interesting and beneficial?

Our own souls and the souls of our children are at stake in this matter. Read 1st Timothy, 5:8.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

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HOME MISSIONARY WORK

"The watchmen on the walls of Zion are to be wide awake and they are to arouse others. . . . The Lord is calling upon his people to take up a different line of work. . . . Many of God's people are to go forth with our publications into places where the third angel's message has never been proclaimed. . . . Visit those who live near you and by sympathy and kindness seek to reach their hearts. . . . Remember that those who know the truth for this time and yet confine their efforts to their own churches, refusing to work for their unconverted neighbors, will be called to account for unfulfilled duties. . . . My brethren and sisters, give yourselves to the Lord for service."

These are some of the earnest appeals that come to us through the Spirit of Prophecy. They were given to remind us of our responsibility to become active and interested in the salvation of our fellowmen. We are glad to see our people in Saskatchewan taking heed to these warnings, and engaging in service. The Lord is blessing their efforts, many people are interested in our message, while about fifty souls have already accepted the Sabbath truth since January 1st. We all rejoice in this good news. It inspires us anew to do more earnest work in the battle against spiritual darkness.

As soldiers of Christ we should be well supplied

with ammunition. Besides our books and tracts, let us not forget to make good use of our pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times*. We have just heard that two souls accepted the truth through reading this paper. I wonder how many of us are using at least two copies in our missionary endeavor, as recommended at our last camp-meeting.

Beginning with April 1st, the following rates are effective, which will be appreciated by all:

Two or more copies to separate addresses for six months, each 65c.

For one year, each \$1.25.

Two or more to one address for six months, 60c.; for one year, \$1.20.

I wish that all those who do not already take at least two copies, would subscribe for them now. Then there is a special of the *Protestant Magazine* just off the press, called the "Rome and War Extra," which calls attention to the significance of Pope Benedict's efforts to make the Papacy the leading power among the nations. The price of this extra is \$1.00 per hundred. The *Signs of the Times* and *Watchman* magazines for May are ready, and are splendid numbers. Who of our isolated brethren and sisters could use a regular number each month? These magazines are truth-laden and I am confident that many could be sold to neighboring farmers. Try it.

U. WISSNER.

OBITUARY

DIED—Mrs. Mary E. Fisher, of North Battleford, Saskatchewan, March 22, 1915, at the age of 65 years, 1 month and 8 days. Sister Fisher was born in Cleveland, Ohio, February 14, 1853. November the twentieth, eighteen hundred seventy-two, she was joined in marriage to Mr. John Fisher, in the State of Indiana. Two children were born to them: Sister Harry Cameron of North Battleford, and Mrs. Isham Davis of Spokane, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher moved to North Battleford in 1905, where they shared together the trials and pleasures of pioneer life until Mr. Fisher's death, October 2, 1910.

Sister Fisher was a firm believer in the precious truth of God in which she, with her children, Brother and Sister Cameron, and others, were firmly established by the faithful labors of Elder and Sister Rider, who conducted a tent effort in that city last year. Sister Fisher loved to meditate upon the precious promises of the Word of God, and during my several visits with her she found it a source of strength to converse upon the goodness of God and the beautiful prospects of the undimmed future when the Saviour's voice will awaken the saints who have fallen asleep.

The hope of the Third Angel's Message is a great comfort to her children who are bereaved. They feel that the separation will be brief, for they know that their mother has taken faith for her pillow and the righteousness of Christ for her covering and gone to the house of the tomb to rest just a little while to await the call of Him who is "the Resurrection and the Life."

Words of consolation were spoken by the writer.

A. C. GILBERT.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

Sister Gilbert and daughter Marjorie, who have spent some time with relatives in Calgary, returned to Regina last week.

Among the visitors to the office last week were Brother Gower, of Loon Creek, and Brethren J. V. Maas and John Crooks from McLean.

We would request all those of our isolated members who have not yet sent in their missionary report for last month to do so as soon as possible. We are pleased with the reports that have come in, and appreciate the promptness of some of our brethren and sisters in attending to this matter.

Brother W. G. Forshaw, who has been spending a little while at Godwater, has again returned to Tugaska. From a letter received we quote: "The meetings here are being quite well attended, and there are five families who acknowledge the binding claims of the Lord's true Sabbath."

Brother Ziprick spent last Sabbath with the church at Rosthern. He has again returned to Langham, where a live interest has sprung up. In a letter to the office he says that although most people are busy with their farm work, the meetings continue to be well attended, over forty people being present at the last one. So far about ten souls have accepted the truth.

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MANSON ACADEMY NOTES

Mr. E. S. Horsman visited the academy, April 6, in the interest of the canvassing work.

Miss Roma Crane spent the week-end at her home in New Westminster.

Mr. Ernest Barton, of Vancouver, and little daughter, Mary, have been visiting relatives in Pitt Meadows.

Mr. Cowan Shantz, of Vancouver, spent the week-end at the academy.

Mr. W. H. Dutton, of Vancouver, has taken up his work on the school farm. Mrs. Dutton is expected in a few days.

Miss Doris Dougan is visiting in Pitt Meadows with her sister, Mrs. L. Barton.

Mr. N. Allen, of Nanaimo, has recently enrolled at the academy. We are glad to see our student body increasing instead of diminishing as we near the close of the year.

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RETLAW

In response to some providential leadings, and in reply to an urgent call by letter from the above named place, in which the writer of the letter stated that "they wanted help to understand this truth, and that none of them were Christians, and they did not care to live any longer in uncertainty, the writer could not longer delay, but left for here February 23rd.

After exactly four weeks of labor, a Sabbath-school has been organized with fourteen members. Eight are adults and six are children. There are also several adults under deep conviction, some of whom will likely obey all the commandments in the near future.

Verily it must be said, "What hath God wrought."

This has been the most blessed experience in the experience of the writer. Hospitality has been shown by all.

Most of these people have lived among Seventh-day Adventists before coming here, but they never paid much attention before. Now they have altogether a different opinion of us, and are rejoicing in the privilege of belonging to our people. Some have not had church privileges for about five years.

One lady wept for joy the first night, when on her way to the meeting, while thinking of the privilege of attending a service.

Pray for the work here. H. A. NIERGARTH.

WINNIFRED AND MEDICINE HAT

On the 26th of March I went to Winnifred to bind off the work started there, and further follow up the interest. Five new believers is the result, with a sure prospect of about eight or ten more in the near future.

This church is an example of what can be accomplished when lay members are possessed with a missionary spirit. Besides those mentioned, others are interested. In fact it is an experience of continually reaching out after others. Were there more of that spirit in our churches, great good would result, and many more souls would be added.

Some of these people have caught the spirit of opportunity. They hold on. That is what counts. May a soul be ever so unpromising, if we hold on, the Lord will work miracles.

Besides these efforts, two young people, the first fruits at Medicine Hat, are the result of seed-sowing, and the following up of the leadings of the Lord. They have moved away to where they had work provided with one of our brethren. What is our loss is others' gain.

I have also had a visit from a man at Redcliffe, who expressed a longing desire to keep the Sabbath. He came for a confidential talk and advice. Because of strong opposition in his home, he has kept from following his convictions.

The work is onward. This is a fruitful part of the province of Alberta. The Lord is going ahead, and reveals his leadings in marvellous ways. We are nearing the end of our journey. Soon we will arrive at the goal. The command is to press into every opening. The power of God is awaiting our demands. There are joys untold in His service. Taste, and see that the Lord is good, and ready to lead you.

Pray for the workers. They need your prayers. They are daily in peril. H. A. NIERGARTH.

ACADEMY NOTES

M. Kotano, from Castor, is the latest to enroll.

Max Popow has had one of his friends from Castor visiting him for a few days.

Mabel Campbell, the nurse, is busy nursing for Dr. Sharpe, in Clive.

The delegates to the Bookmen's Convention at Mountain View, California, have returned home.

William McCready, who has been living across the lake in the Clonger house, is again a resident of West Hall.

Mrs. George Johnson, who was formerly a student at the academy, has been visiting her sister during the past week.

E'd. J. L. Wilson has returned to Calgary after spending a few days at home. He has been conducting a series of meetings at Claresholm.

The academy sale conducted by Messrs. Damron and Fraser, on March 29th, was well attended, and the management feel well satisfied with the results.

Sister Alpha Scoggins, of Manville, who has been visiting relatives here for a few weeks, returned to her home on Tuesday.

Sister F. L. Hommel left for Manville on Monday to attend the funeral of a nephew. She was accompanied by Brother J. K. Fish and Sister Rose Unruh.

Rev. Thos. C. Duncan, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Manville, has been visiting at the academy for the past few days.

Fred Steeves recently spent a week-end with his parents, near Millet.

O. Ekland, of Ponoka, and Mrs. Pearson, of Red Deer, spent a few hours at the academy, attending the sale.

Last Sabbath being the thirteenth in the quarter, a special program was carried out. A collection was taken for the work in the Malay missions, amounting to \$36.95.

Brother L. A. Philpott, one of the delegates to the recent Convention held in California, gave an interesting chapel talk one morning last week, in which he described the work of the Convention and his visit to the Panama Exposition in San Francisco.

Chester Rick, of Claresholm, has been hired as farm manager for the coming summer. He is now busily engaged in ploughing.

The class in advanced English has finished its course and passed the final examination last week. The subject of rhetoric is now being studied.

A Co'porteurs' Institute is now being conducted by W. L. Manfull, field agent for the Western Canadian Union Conference, assisted by Brother Mooney, provincial agent.

A class in hydrotherapy, consisting of sixteen members, has been organized this semester. Instruction in the treatment of simple diseases according to sanitarium methods is given. The academy bath and treatment rooms equipped last year are used for practice work.

Leonard Belchian, Cecil Forester, Tallak Sather, Ed. Scott, Donald McDonnell, Robert Pearson and Mike Philbrick, of Alberta, and John Wiens, of Saskatchewan, have gone to their homes for the spring work. We hope to see them all return next fall.

Brother F. L. Hommel, who has just returned from the Convention, gave the students an interesting account of his trip through California. After visiting Mountain View and San Francisco, he spent a day at St. Helena, where he visited the Sanitarium and the Pacific Union College. This college is situated on the mountain side, in the midst of a sixteen-hundred-acre farm. The surroundings are ideal for a college, and the institution, like the academy here, is at present crowded, there being about three hundred students.

A very interesting and instructive program was given in the chapel on the evening of April 4th by the public speaking class, assisted by the orchestra and male chorus. The numbers were as follows:—

Orchestra.

A biography of Mrs. E. G. White—Gertrude McCulloch.

Song, "He Leadeth Me"—Male Chorus.

Recitation, "A Leak in the Dyke"—Opa! Fauver.

Essay, "Easter"—Hazel Knutson.

Organ Solo, "Overture Voluntary"—Phyllis Sargeant.

Recitation, "James Douglas"—Alma Anderson.

Solo, "Dream of Paradise"—William Landeen.

Oration, "Liberty"—William McCready.

Solo, "Heavenly Song"—John Haynal.

Recitation, "O Thou Eternal One"—William Landeen.

Piano Solo, "Angel's Serenade"—Harriet Beardsley.

Pre'lude to Tableau—Pennie C. Clark.

Tableau, "The Ten Virgins."

Orchestra.

"Oh, it is excellent

To have a giant's strength; but it is tyrannous

To use it like a giant."

Let us have the courage, character, and wisdom to be both strong and just.

BALANCE SHEET — WESTERN CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE

Year Ended December 31, 1914

RESOURCES			
Current Accounts:			
Cash in Bank	\$1,043.86		
Accounts Receivable	359.87		
Notes Receivable	1,500.00	\$2,903.73	
Inventories:			
Expense	19.50		
Furniture	419.10		
Postage and Stationery.....	8.62	447.22	
Total		\$3,350.95	
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$ 85.50		
Local Trust Funds	1,726.55		
Total		1,812.05	
PRESENT WORTH STATEMENT			
Total Resources as above	\$3,350.95		
Total Liabilities as above	1,812.05		
Present Worth, December 31, 1914 ..		\$1,538.90	

REVENUE STATEMENT

EXPENSES			
Administrative:			
Labor	\$4,157.37		
Salaries	\$2,821.81		
Traveling Expense	1,259.71		
General Expense	75.85		
Special	205.86		
Union Conference Session..	173.06		
Moving Expense	32.80		
Office	611.00	\$4,974.23	
Rent	221.00		
Postage and Stationery.....	176.61		
General Expense	124.57		
Telephone and Telegraph..	50.22		
Exchange	38.60		
Union Tithe to N.A.D. Conf..	499.88		
Union Sustentation to N.A.D. Conf.	249.95	749.83	
Furniture Depreciation		95.17	
Total		\$5,819.23	
INCOME			
Tithe	\$4,666.49		
Alberta Conference	\$1,604.05		
B.C. Conference	1,035.15		
Manitoba	458.19		
Saskatchewan	1,569.10		
Refund Tithe	987.27		
Interest	88.75		
Total		\$5,742.51	
SUMMARY STATEMENT			
Total Expenses for Year	\$5,819.23		
Total Income for Year	5,742.51		
Deficit on Operating, 1914		\$ 76.72	
Present Worth, January 1, 1914	\$1,615.62		
Deficit for Year	76.72		
Present Worth, December 31, 1914.....		\$1,538.90	

STATEMENT OF 20c. A WEEK AND SPECIFIC FUNDS RAISED IN THE WESTERN CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE

For Year Ended December 31, 1914

Twenty Cent a Week Funds		\$16,667.10
Alberta	1,458.07	
British Columbia	2,932.49	
Manitoba	1,947.46	
Saskatchewan	5,885.43	
Specific Funds:		
Surplus Tithe from Conferences.....		3,067.50
Alberta	1,458.07	
British Columbia	509.19	
Manitoba	222.80	
Saskatchewan	877.44	
Sustentation Fund		2,775.85
Alberta	972.05	
British Columbia	610.99	
Manitoba	267.35	
Saskatchewan	877.44	
Tract Societies	48.02	
Foreign Work in North America.....		91.70
Religious Liberty		35.97
Colored Work		44.66
Jewish Work		1.56
Loma Linda		210.00
German Seminary		100.00
Miscellaneous Funds		170.75
Total Receipts for Year.....		\$23,165.09
Total Disbursed for Year.....		23,165.09

EXPENSE STATEMENT OF WESTERN CANADIAN TIDINGS

Year Ended December 31, 1914

Printing	\$843.75
Engravings	38.45
Address Stencils	21.90
Subscriptions to other papers	6.50
Wrapping material	29.35
Postage	37.83
Miscellaneous	16.12
Total charged to Conferences.....	\$993.90

A. H. BRIGHAM,
Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

To The Western Canadian Union Conference Committee,
H. S. Shaw, President:

This is to certify that I have made a careful examination of the Western Canadian Union Conference books, and find everything properly entered and accounted for. The cash on the day of audit, April 6, 1915, satisfied the demands of the cash book. The books have been neatly and accurately kept.

Yours truly,

S. E. McNEILL,

Auditor.

Calgary, Alberta, April 6, 1915.

In addition to the postal war tax, a tax has also been levied on all bank checks, bills of exchange, promissory notes, express money orders, proprietary or patent medicines, perfumery, wines or champagne, etc. For the convenience of those who are unable to procure regular war tax stamps, regular postage stamps may be affixed. The tax on bank checks, bills of exchange, notes, etc., is two cents each. A heavy fine is provided for those who fail to pay the tax.

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Elder M. M. Hare, formerly president of the Maritime Conference, has been elected secretary, treasurer and auditor of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference; also editor of the *Messenger* and manager of the Canadian Publishing Association.

Brother W. L. Manfull passed through Calgary last week on his way to Lacombe, Alberta, where he is assisting in a Colporteurs' Institute which is being conducted at the academy. From there he will go to Saskatchewan for a similar institute.

Brother S. E. McNeill, accountant and assistant auditor of the General Conference, spent a little time at the office in Calgary last week. While here he audited the accounts of the Union Conference, for the year ended December 31, 1914. The balance sheet and financial statements appear in this issue.

Elder H. Humann, president of the Alberta Conference, was called to his home this week by telegram on account of the serious illness of his son, Henry, with pneumonia. We are glad to report that at the time of going to press, Henry is gradually improving.

"The Drive on the Dardanelles" is the title of a most interesting article in the May *Watchman*, and is effectively illustrated by a striking cover design in colors. Another thing in this issue which our people will appreciate is a full-page relief map showing the Dardanelles, Sea of Marmora and Constantinople. This will be particularly helpful to those who have been keeping up with the newspaper reports of the attack being made on the Dardanelles.

THE POSTAL WAR TAX

A war tax of one cent has been imposed on each letter and postcard mailed in Canada for delivery in Canada, the United States or Mexico, and on each letter mailed in Canada for delivery in the United Kingdom and British possessions generally, and wherever the two-cent rate applies, to become effective on and from the 15th of April, 1915.

This war tax is to be prepaid by the senders by means of a war stamp for sale by postmasters and other postage stamp vendors.

Wherever possible, stamps on which the word "War Tax" have been printed should be used for prepayment of the war tax, but should ordinary postage stamps be used for this purpose, they will be accepted.

This war stamp or additional stamp for war purposes should be affixed to the upper right hand portion of the address side of the envelope or postcard, close to the regular postage, so that it may be readily cancelled at the same time as the postage.

In the event of failure on the part of the sender through oversight or negligence to prepay the war tax on each letter or postcard above specified, such a letter or postcard will be sent immediately to the nearest branch dead letter office.

It is essential that postage on all classes of mail matter should be prepaid by means of ordinary postage stamps. The war tax stamp will not be accepted in any case for the prepayment of postage.

REPORT OF SALES CANADIAN BRANCH PACIFIC PRESS March, 1915

	Sub..	40%	Trade	Educ.	Tracts	Totals
Alberta	\$413.15	\$227.25	\$150.30		\$97.65	\$888.35
British Col...	8.75	110.90	30.00	\$2.25	10.00	161.90
Manitoba ...	24.50	10.50	34.35		1.25	70.60
Sask.....	18.00	77.25	51.75	4.55	10.15	161.70

\$464.40 \$425.90 \$266.40 \$6.80 \$119.05 \$1282.55
Total Sales, March, 1915..... \$1,282.55
Total Sales, March, 1914..... 726.20

Gain for March \$556.35
Total Gain, Three Months, 1915.. \$808.06



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