

# Western Canadian Tidings

"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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## KINDNESS

A little word in kindness spoken,  
A motion, or a tear,  
Has often healed the heart that's broken,  
And made a friend sincere.

A word, a look, has crushed to earth  
Full many a budding flower,  
Which had a smile but owned its birth,  
Would bless life's darkest hour.

Then deem it not an idle thing,  
A pleasant word to speak;  
The face you wear, the thoughts you bring,  
A heart may heal or break.

—Selected.

## WHY SHOULD EVERY CHURCH GIVE TO MISSIONS

*First.* Because the Master commands. He said "Go," and every church must participate in the going or fail in its loyalty to Him.

*Second.* Because the money is greatly needed. The work is enlarging, the unentered fields are calling, the missionaries plead for funds for their work, and the decisive hour for Christianity in foreign fields has come.

*Third.* Because the churches need the partnership. The churches need to be saved as well as the heathen. Only the church that goes is promised the blessing of the presence of Christ. A worthy part in world missions will save the churches from littleness, worldliness, and sectarianism.

*Fourth.* Bearing the Gospel is adequate to save. One needs but to see the transformations worked by the Gospel in mission lands to have his faith greatly strengthened.

*Fifth.* Because only through the churches and their giving will the lost world be reached. A native chief in Central Africa recently said to one of our missionaries: "White man, if you do not come and tell us the words of God, we have no opportunity."

*Sixth.* Because the large work of world redemption includes all Christian work in its blest circle. Get a church deeply interested in the work of Christ in distant lands, and you will have no trouble in interesting it in every good work everywhere.—*Missionary Intelligencer.*

## 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. Clemenson.

## FAREWELL

Having been called to make the Upper Columbia Conference my field of labor, I left Lacombe on Thursday, June 10th, and arrived the next day in Spokane, Wash., where the annual conference and camp meeting was in session. Mrs. Burman followed one week later, arriving in time to attend the latter part of the meeting.

The past nine years of our labors, spent in Alberta, will always be looked back upon as very pleasant ones. Your loyalty to the message will never be forgotten. Your kindness shown to us will always be appreciated. While writing, my mind goes back to the many visits and meetings held in private homes which have brought hope to discouraged souls. As a testimony of your liberality, there stands in your midst a \$32,000 institution, which, in the hands of God, is turning out scores of faithful laborers in the cause. While erecting this institution you have contributed liberally to the work in foreign fields. I cannot refrain from mentioning the pleasant associations with the workers and conference committee. Our committee meetings were like social services, in which each member was planning and praying for the advancement of God's work.

The earnestness shown by our young people in their efforts to secure an education has been a constant encouragement to us, and we look forward to the time when many of those young men and women will occupy positions of trust.

As we now take up work in this conference, we desire to be remembered at the throne of our heavenly Father. Our address is: College Place, Wash.

C. A. BURMAN.

## SOME ITEMS REGARDING THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT

At the April Local Option voting in Michigan, of the sixteen counties that voted, thirteen voted dry, by large majorities. This closes 325 saloons.

Illinois closed 80 saloons by vote, in April. Even in Chicago, where beer abounds, a brewery agent said



of the trade: "The saloon situation is serious. It would not surprise me if Chicago went dry before many years."

Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota and Indiana also rejoice in great Local Option victories.

The whole legislature of Prince Edward Island recently signed the pledge to abstain from liquor during the war.

In Manitoba the new Liberal government is pledged to pass an act abolishing the bar, if the people so vote by a referendum.

The Swedish Lutheran Church of Canada in Conference at Wetaskiwin, Alberta, in April, pronounced themselves as in favor of the total abolition of the liquor traffic.

Reports continue to come from Russia, showing the great change that Prohibition has made there. Crime has diminished even 50 per cent. in the cities. Homes are happier; accidents are decreased. Millions of dollars are saved; all branches of industry and commerce have gained enormously in efficiency.

The French government, it is reported, is about to prohibit the manufacture, sale and transport of all alcoholic liquors during the war."

How cheering to get these tidings of steady victory from the various countries, all over a common foe. The eyes of the world are upon us here. It is going to be a hard battle and will be decided July 21, only four weeks from now. Let us pray for the success of this movement, and help all we can to agitate the question by circulating our literature in town and country, and by using our voice and influence in this cause.

R. E. ROBINSON.

### THE GERMAN WORK

It has been my privilege during the past few weeks to receive great blessings from God. The spirit of the Lord is at work and there are some souls to be found that will accept this last message gladly.

The 23rd of April I went to Didsbury and while there five souls were buried in the watery grave.

I then left for Calgary, where we had some wonderful experiences. Satan tried in every way to hinder the blessings of God and his work, but the victory was with the children of God.

My next stop was at Loyalist. The Lord came into our meetings there, and everything turned out for the good, and here also seven were baptized. Two of these were Galician. These are the first of this nationality to accept the truth as far as we know.

From here I went to Hanna, where I organized a church last March, with 15 members. Here I also baptized seven. The church is of good courage. From here I am going to Michel Wagner's, out in the hills. I ask all the believers to remember the work in their prayers.

The work is almost finished,  
The rest is nigh at hand,  
We are almost on the hill-top,  
Yes, almost to the end.  
Help, Brother, Sister, help.

C. K. REISWIG.

### IRVINE

We have had meetings, averaging five a week, and many attentive listeners have been present. It has been a splendid experience for me.

Sabbath, June 5, Elder Humann arrived and addressed the people twice in his forceful manner. Sunday he baptized twelve dear souls and then we organized a new church of twenty-five members, of which only six were old members. The church officers are: Elder, Karl Otto; Deacon, Fred Neumann; Clerk-Treas., George Chneider; Librarian, David Renke.

There are nine more who will follow very soon, that is, join the church. They are already keeping the Sabbath, but are questioning whether they ought to be re-baptized.

I expect to stay a little longer, and ask the prayers of God's people that I may prove faithful to my trust.

C. C. NEUFELD.

### ACADEMY NOTES

The closing of the eighth year of school in the Alberta Industrial Academy marks another milestone in its juvenile history. In spite of seemingly adverse conditions, this has been the most prosperous year yet experienced. With an enrollment of 181 students, the school has enjoyed a development of scholastic and financial strength.

The graduating class is ten in number—seven from Academic course and three from the Organ course. Those graduating are:

Academy—William McCreedy, William Landeen, Elmer Clark, Gertrude McCulloch, Bertha Gilbank, Alma Anderson, May Knutson.

Organ—Phyllis Sargeant, Robina Adams, Ellen Randlett Clark.

The graduates have all been employed and shall directly take up positions in denominational work.

The closing exercises of the class were a credit to the school and deserving of mention.

The organ recital by the organ class was rendered Tuesday, June 1, and was attended by a full house. Each part was skillfully rendered, and bespoke trying, painstaking and accomplished effort on the part of their teacher, Mrs. P. P. Adams.

Wednesday evening the persistent and original efforts of the "junior class" was demonstrated on the shore of Barnett's Lake, despite the torrential storm. A tent was pitched and comfortable quarters prepared, and there the faculty and seniors were convinced of the entertaining abilities of the "loyal juniors."

The following night was senior night. A creditable program, in which all took part, was rendered.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Elder H. S. Shaw, of Calgary. "Not What We Have (Education), But How We Use It," was the subject of his very practical talk to the graduating class and friends.

The graduating services were conducted by Elder P. P. Adams, whose parting words to the graduating class were beautifully couched about the well-chosen subject, "The Call of the Hour."

—With the close of this year the principal, Elder C. A. Burman, leaves to take up ministerial work in the State



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of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Burman are old friends among us, having been here nine years. We regret to see him go, but in his going we wish him continued prosperity. He will be succeeded in his work at this place by Prof. E. D. Dick, from Lincoln, Nebraska, where he has previously had charge of the Agricultural Department of Union College.

The management of the school wish to thank its constituency, together with the local public, who have contributed to make the school a success this year, and bespeak a continued kindly attitude.—*Western Globe*, Lacombe.

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## Saskatchewan Conference

Office Address: 1930 Angus St., Regina, Saskatchewan.

President, A. C. Gilbert; Secretary-Treasurer, U. Wissner; Religious Liberty Secretary, O. O. Farnsworth; Tract Society Secretary, U. Wissner; Field and Missionary Secretary, L. A. Philpott; Missionary Volunteer Secretary, J. V. Maas; Sabbath-school Secretary, Mrs. A. C. Gilbert; Educational Secretary, A. C. Gilbert.

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### THE CAMP MEETING

From the reports and letters received lately, we believe that there is going to be a large camp meeting this year. We know that every one would like to come, but some will be prevented from doing so for various good reasons. The Lord has promised that those who are compelled to remain away from the gatherings on account of important duties, will be as richly blessed as those who are permitted to go. But this depends upon the attitude of those who remain at home. They must seek the Lord earnestly for his special blessing for themselves at such times. So, brethren and sisters, let us all, those who have to stay at home as well as those who come to the camp meetings, pray for the outpouring of heaven's choicest blessings upon us at this time.

Some of the workers are now on the grounds, getting things ready for the entertainment of those who will attend. Let all who desire a tent send in their orders at once, so that we may know how best to plan for the gathering. If we do not have enough tents, we shall have to make some arrangements for rooms. We hope that every church has elected its delegates, and that their names are already on the way to the office. Do not forget to get a Standard Certificate from the station agent when purchasing your ticket to the camp meeting.

A. C. GILBERT.

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### LITTLE THINGS

Little moments make an hour;  
 Little thoughts, a book;  
 Little seeds, a tree or flower;  
 Water-drops, a brook;  
 Little deeds of faith and love  
 Make a home for you above.

This is the date of the next Thirteenth Sabbath offering to be taken in our Sabbath Schools. The Northern Spanish-American Fields are to be benefitted at that time. Included in this are Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Salvador, Cuba, Haiti, Santo Domingo, and Porto Rico.

With a population of 25,000,000 people who have been adherents for these many years of the prevailing religion of these countries, we know at once the field is a needy one. As we read the leaflet prepared for this occasion, a more vivid picture is presented to us.

They are in great need of means for erecting houses of worship in different places. Also schools where the young may be taught in connection with the Message. Mission homes where those who have left the homeland may have a better opportunity to preserve their health, as they labor for the salvation of the inhabitants of these different countries, is another necessity.

These people greatly appreciate this truth when they have once learned its beauties. And, too, they delight to give from their meagre earnings for the advancement of the "good news" that brought such blessing and peace to them.

But many of them are very poor in this world's goods and cannot give the needed amount to prosecute the work there. They are asking for \$19,000.00. May the answer from Saskatchewan bear record that we are interested in this needy field.

The Thirteenth Sabbath Leaflets have been sent to the schools and isolated members, and we feel sure that as they are carefully read, the conditions will appeal to many hearts.

So let us rally to the call and do our best.

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

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### A RECIPE

A smile, and then two merry eyes,  
 To make the pleasantest of skies;  
 A laugh—or many, if you please—  
 To make the sweetest summer breeze;  
 All these, if used well and aright,  
 Will even make a dark day bright.

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### SPECIAL NOTICE

CONFERENCE OFFICERS, MINISTERS, BIBLE WORKERS,  
 AND OTHERS.

The *Tidings* only has four pages this week. If you want our little paper to dwindle down, gasp for breath, and finally die an ignominious death, just lay down your pen, put away the ink, soothe the throbbings of your guilty conscience, and put forth your best endeavors to, now and forevermore, forget that it is your duty to report to the conference paper.

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### SCRIPTURE POST CARDS

Why send Picture Post Cards to your friends? You can just as well send Scripture Post Cards. Cards now ready as follows: "Mortality," "Christ is Coming Again," "Sabbath," "Baptism," "A Thousand Years," "Gold Tried in the Fire," and "Process of Conversion." Sample of each, 10c.; 25 cards, 25c.; 125 cards, \$1.00. S. H. Logan, 214 Underwood Block, Calgary, Alberta.



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Elder Louis Halsvick, who was recently appointed to take charge of the Danish work in Chicago, is now with us, and is planning for the summer's campaign. We are glad to welcome him to the work here.—*Lake Union Herald*.

Elder and Mrs. C. A. Burman recently passed through Calgary en route to Spokane, Washington, where they attended the Upper Columbia camp meeting. They will make their future home at College Place, Washington, having taken up work in that field. They will be greatly missed in this conference, having labored here during the past nine years.

At the close of the British Columbia camp meeting, Elder Luther Warren, Elder George F. Enoch, Elder H. H. Humann, Brother W. L. Manfull, and Elder H. S. Shaw passed through Calgary on their way to Manitoba. They are now at the Manitoba camp meeting at Brandon, Manitoba, and will also attend the Saskatchewan and Alberta meetings, with the exception of Elder Humann, who will return to Alberta at the close of the Manitoba meeting. Elder G. F. Haffner is expected to attend the Saskatchewan camp meeting, also Prof. E. D. Dick, of the Alberta Industrial Academy. It will be seen that excellent help for these meetings is being provided.

From the Statistical Report of the North American Division Conference for the first quarter of 1915, we glean the following:

"The steady progress which this cause is making is clearly revealed in the figures presented. It will be observed that two new organizations are included for the first time, namely the Northwestern California Conference and the Southeastern California Conference, these organizations occupying territory formerly comprised in other conferences in that state. This change makes the total number of organizations in the Division eighty-three, of which eighty-one are conferences, and two mission fields.

"The net increase in membership during the first quarter was 1,546, thus bringing the total membership up to 73,605. For the quarter ending March 31, 1914, the membership was registered as 69,016, thus consti-

tuting a net gain for the year of 4,589. The increase in the membership of Sabbath-schools since March 31, 1914, has been 8,602. This increase is among the best this cause has ever made in its history.

"The total number of baptisms for the first quarter of 1915 is 1,555. The number of evangelistic laborers in the Division stands at 1,407. The total amount of tithes paid during the quarter was \$314,035.55. This was \$54,779.50 more than the amount received for the corresponding quarter of the preceding year, and is an increase of 51 cents per capita for a similar comparison.

"The amount paid on all classes of funds during the quarter was \$499,747.15; a per capita of \$6.79. The total funds received for the first quarter of 1914 were \$405,744.91; an increase this year of \$94,002.24, or a gain of 23.17 per cent. The total contributions received from this Division for the first quarter of 1915 were greater than the amount received from the same territory for any year from 1863 down to as late as 1900. The amount received for foreign missions averaged over \$9,000.00 per week."

### COLPORTEURS' REPORT

Alberta—Week Ending June 12

Name	Book	Hrs.	Ord.	Mag.	Helps	Totals
Samuel Leiske.....	D.R.	8	4			\$ 14.00
George Polinkas.....	D.R.	34	4			18.00
Harry Hanson.....	B.R.	25	3			12.50
Georgia Heaton....	Mag.			129	\$12.90	12.90
		67	140	\$12.90		\$ 57.40

Manitoba—Two Weeks Ending June 12

A. E. McGee.....	G.C.	94	11		\$13.85	\$ 52.25
Fred Kingston.....	P.G.	20	6		2.15	28.15
G. F. Ojala.....	P.P.	102	31		5.25	138.25
C. Hoehn.....	B.R.	131	37		2.25	137.75
O. Sigurdsson.....	C.O.S.	25	11		2.50	19.20
D. Gulbrandson....	C.O.S.	30	36		2.00	27.20
		402	132		\$28.00	\$ 402.80

Saskatchewan—Week Ending June 5

Hulda Hoehn.....	B.R.	61	33			\$ 136.00
G. F. Knowlton.....	P.P.	30	15			58.50
E. A. Light.....	D.R.	48	13		\$ 1.00	49.00
Luther Long.....	B.R.	49	11			42.50
Mrs. L. & E. Long..	B.R.	39	23		.25	84.75
Oscar Meilicke.....	P.P.	54	36			133.00
John D. Neufeld....	D.R.	59	17			
John D. Neufeld....	M.U.		18			99.50
Chas. Sissons.....	B.R.	47	20		2.20	82.20
		387	191		\$ 3.45	\$ 685.45

Eighteen Agents.....	856	463	\$12.90	\$31.45	\$1145.65
Previously reported.....					4371.75

Total sales reported to date..... \$5517.40

### FOR SALE

My home, consisting of nearly seven acres of land, four-room cottage, barn, coal and wood shed, all new. Good well of water with pump. Only three minutes' walk from Alberta Industrial Academy. Address, L. T. Heaton, Box 291, Lacombe, Alberta.

### CAMP MEETING DATES

Manitoba, Brandon.....	June 18 - 27
Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.....	June 24 - July 4
Alberta, Lacombe.....	July 8 - 18