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"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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NOBLE SERVICE

"We cannot all be preachers and sway with voice and pen.
As strong winds sway the forest, the minds and hearts of men;
But we can be evangels to souls within our reach;
There is always love's own gospel for loving hearts to preach.

"We cannot all be heroes, and thrill a hemisphere
With some great daring venture, some deed that mocks at fear;
But we can fill a lifetime with kindly acts and true;
There's always noble service for noble souls to do."

THE MISSION OFFERINGS

The first six months of the year 1915 have come and gone. The remittances from all the conferences in the Western Canadian Union are now in hand, and naturally the question arises whether we have done our part in raising money for missions.

We have no discouraging report to bring. The Lord has blessed in the various departments of the work in this field, and while providing for the needs at home, our brethren and sisters have not forgotten the foreign work, and as a result our receipts for the first half of the year show a gain over the same period

in 1914. This is truly encouraging, in view of the conditions with which we have had to contend.

Today God is doing a marvelous work through our faithful missionaries in all the mission fields, and it would be a grievous breach on our part to fail to provide the necessary funds to continue the work so well begun. In nearly all parts of Europe the war demon has made aggressive work almost impossible, and the storm is fast gathering in all parts of the world. It is therefore necessary that we use all possible haste in finishing the work committed to us. This cannot be done without funds, and they must come from our dear people.

In order that all may know exactly how we are succeeding in raising our share of the 20-cent-a-week fund, we are giving below a statement for the first six months of the year:

Conference	Memb.	Quota for six m'ths.	Amount Received.	Amount Short.	Amount Over.
Alberta	606	\$3,151.20	\$2,057.27	\$1,093.93	
Brit. Columbia.	426	2,215.20	1,651.91	563.29	
Manitoba	228	1,185.60	810.96	374.64	
Saskatchewan .	405	2,106.00	2,488.75		\$382.75
	1,665	\$8,658.00	\$7,008.89	\$2,031.86	\$382.75
				382.75	
Net amount short.....				\$1,649.11	



AT THE SASKATCHEWAN CAMP MEETING, SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN.

From the above it will be seen that we are short of our goal, over \$1,600.00. Although we have actually raised \$440.15 more money than for the same period last year, our membership has increased, and our responsibility is proportionately greater. Until this year we have led every Union in North America in the amount per capita for missions, and it is hoped that before the year closes we may be able to make a better showing for the present year.

Some may be planning to make a special effort to raise their share during the closing months of the year. In some cases this may be necessary, but are we sure that these months will find us better prepared to give than we are at present? It appears that we should be more systematic in our giving, and instead of waiting for special calls, we should give regularly, week by week, a regular amount for missions. The Foreign Mission Board is asking every member to send for the support of our missionaries in foreign lands an amount equal to twenty cents a week. Perhaps every one cannot give this amount for his income may not be sufficient. Therefore the burden is laid upon those who do have means, to make up the deficiency, in order that the laborers may be supported as they finish the work.

Few of us realize the awful strain brought to bear upon the Mission Board in trying to meet the needs abroad. The urgent calls come faster and faster as time goes on, and then when the expected funds do not arrive, it is often necessary to deprive the workers from their regular support until further money is received. For the first five months of this year, the Mission Board shows a shortage of \$116,775.77, and this shortage increases from month to month. If all our people everywhere would give the amount called for, this deficit would be wiped out and there would be money in the treasury with which to carry on the work.

On Sabbath, July 24, the Midsummer Offering will be taken, and we hope that this will materially reduce the deficit appearing against us. Also the pledges made at the camp meetings will greatly assist as soon as they are met. Now I do not want to sound one discouraging note, for our people in Western Canada have been, and are doing most excellent service in the way of mission offerings, as well as in supporting the home work. But can we afford to allow this deficit to stand against us, when a very small amount from each member would entirely eliminate it, and at the same time greatly help the cause of God. We are well acquainted with the special needs at this time, and shall we not answer the call by giving of our means, as the Lord has prospered. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

A. H. BRIGHAM.

Most of our people are acquainted with the new book, "In the Shadow of the Bottle," and a large number have had a part already in circulating it. It is full of splendid articles, some of the best ever written on the evils of intemperance, and will do much to mold the sentiment of the people in favor of temperance. Those who do not already have it will want to secure a copy, and perhaps circulate a number among their friends. Cloth, 50 cents; paper, 25 cents.

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.

CAMP MEETING INFORMATION

The outlook for our coming camp meeting is decidedly encouraging. All indications point to the largest and best meeting which has been held in the province. From nearly every church word has come that they expect to be well represented. Many have written to the office stating that they are longing for a deeper consecration, and want the blessings of the meetings. The Lord will not disappoint those who are hungering for a fuller work of grace in their lives. God has richly blessed the labors of his servants at the other camp meetings in the Union and we shall have the benefit of their added experience.

We have endeavored to reach all believers in a personal way, giving such information as will help them in reaching the camp. To those who might have been missed we wish to say all persons coming by train should buy a one way ticket, at the same time asking the ticket agent for a Standard Form Certificate. A Certificate should be secured from each road traveled over. The certificate should then be turned over to the writer upon reaching the camp ground. If one hundred certificates are secured the delegates will be returned home free. Those who do not get the certificate from their agent will have to pay their return fare.

The camp is pitched on Barrett Ave., about seven minutes' walk from the station. As the conference is not in a position to provide bedding and other comforts of like nature, it is earnestly desired that each person provide for their own needs. Those desiring special accommodations should make their wants known to Elder C. K. Reiswig. Meals will be served on the cafeteria plan.

F. L. HOMMEL.

PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH

This statement has met my ears many times in the past year.

I believe the time has come when every Seventh-day Adventist must be an example of the doctrines we profess. There can be no pretense in the lives of those having so sacred and solemn a message as we have for the world. The world is watching Seventh-day Adventists, because it knows something of their profession of faith, and the high standard to which we are inviting them. And when it sees those, in high standing, or low standing, who do not live up to their profession, it points at them with scorn and contempt.

Behold thou art called a Seventh-day Adventist and resteth in the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus; and thou makest a profession that thou lovest God, and knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed, especially on the law of God and the sure Word of prophecy; and thou has such confidence in thyself and the doctrines

of the Word, that thou art posing as a guide to those who have less light, or "who are blind," a light to those who are in darkness, an instructor of the less wise, a teacher of the weak. Thou hast the form of Godliness, and a knowledge of the true relation of the law and the gospel.

Thou therefore which teachest another, oughtest thou not to teach thyself also? Thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou look upon other men's wives with lust? Thou that teachest others to keep holy the Sabbath, art thou a mark for the world to point at with the finger of scorn? Thou that professest to abhor idols, hast thou something or somebody in thy life that comes before God?

Thou that makest a profession of keeping the law of God, art thou breaking it, and dishonorest thou God? The name of God and his holy truth is blasphemed, and brought into reproach too often among ministers of other churches, and others, through our carelessness and indifference.

Conversion profiteth, truly, if you keep the commandments; but if thou breakest the least of them, and teachest men that thou hast a right to do so, thy conversion is made null and void. Thy conversion is become unconversion. He is not a Christian which is one in appearance and by profession; but he is a Christian which is one inwardly. He is a Christian who has a new heart; who has been born from above, and who serves God in spirit and truth.

Our own young people often look with wonder and mistrust upon some of the things that are done by us older ones, in authority. Brethren, and beloved, we cannot be too careful in our lives and examples, for we are watched.

I have been called upon to give an account for our ministers, habitually riding on the train on the Sabbath, repeatedly. What can I say? What excuse shall I make?

We are liable to feel that when we are once out among strangers that we are not known; but be not deceived, there is some one that knows you.

I am not setting a standard for my brethren, nor am I judging or criticizing; but I am praying that God will help me to walk in the spirit and live in the spirit, that no act of my life shall bring reproach upon the cause of truth.

J. L. BEANE.

ALCOHOL AND PUBLIC HEALTH

The above is the heading of an article appearing in the "Morning Albertan" Calgary, July 6, and is a statement issued by Dr. C. S. Mahood, Medical Health Officer of the City of Calgary. Knowing it will be of interest to our readers, in view of the election to be held July 21, we are quoting in full. Dr. Mahood says:—

"Of the various habit-forming drugs, the one in most common use is alcohol in its numerous forms. With the advance of medical science, alcohol, which once occupied a permanent place in *Maieria Medica* and *Therapeutics*, is becoming more and more discredited every year. The role played by this drug in the lowering of the resisting powers of man to disease, in the lowering of efficiency and in the production of organic

disease—of the liver, kidneys, heart, arteries and nervous system—is such as to demand immediate action by all right minded, thinking people.

"While alcoholics have much less resistance to all communicable diseases and the mortality rate is much higher, this is especially true in the case of pneumonia and blood poisoning, which in the great majority of cases prove fatal. In fact, every function of the body is rendered more or less defective by the continual use of alcoholic liquors even in moderation. The *toxaemiae* or poisons thus produced through the circulatory system, bring about organic changes in the nervous system and predispose to vice and crime.

"The so-called criminal, therefore, is for the most part abnormal physically and mentally, and like the alcoholic, requires the aid of medical science, rather than the courts and prisons. Investigations made in the state of Massachusetts by the Bureau of Statistics, demonstrated that alcohol is responsible for 40 per cent. of the poverty and 35 per cent. of the insanity. We are told on the most reliable authority that alcohol is responsible directly and indirectly for over 40 per cent. of the insanity in this province, and for upward of the same percentage of the poverty.

"Investigations which have been made by a commission of fifty under Professor H. W. Farnum, indicate that 25 to 30 per cent. of all poverty was directly or indirectly due to alcohol, and of those in the almshouses 37 per cent., and the liquor was the prime cause of 31 per cent. of crime and was the determined factor of at least 50 per cent.

"The influence of alcohol on muscular and mental efficiency has been well demonstrated by observations of such keen observers as Lord Roberts, Lord Kitchener, Grenfell, and by Thomas Barlow, M.D., F.R., S.K.C.V.O., physician to his majesty the king; Sir Frederick Treves, F.R.C.S., G.C.V.O.; Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.C.S., F.R.S., and others.

"Their reports show that abstainers from alcohol can endure much more hardship and accomplish much more than even the moderate drinkers. These are some of the reasons why Russia's minister of finance is prepared to face \$500,000,000 of an annual deficit through prohibiting the sale of vodka and is thereby setting an example to all the nations of the world. However, it is questionable if the enormous imaginary loss will not be transformed into a national asset, when Russia's minister of finance discovers—if he has not already done so—that alcohol is responsible for 84.41 per cent. of their crime; 38 per cent. of their indigents; 35 per cent. of their insanity; that their mortality will be reduced from 25 to 35 per cent.; that the loss of time of the laborer will be reduced one-half; that the physical and moral fitness of Russia's people will be increased 30 per cent.; and that the nation will have only one-half the burden maintaining prisoners, hospitals, asylums and alms-houses—together with all the other advantages that follow.

"Can the control of the liquor traffic, therefore, be longer disregarded by the people of this province?"

C.S. MAHOOD, M.H.O.

BALANCE SHEET
Alberta Industrial Academy, June 30, 1915

RESOURCES		
Cash in bank.....	\$	323.66
Accounts receivable.....	\$	1,163.68
Notes receivable.....		96.61
		1,260.29
Real Estate—		
Farm		3,700.00
Bossard lots.....		200.00
		3,900.00
Buildings—		
Academy		8,600.00
East Hall.....		4,700.00
West Hall.....		4,500.00
Adam's Cottage.....		630.00
Principal's Cottage.....		650.00
Church School building...		350.00
Outbuildings (12).....		1,161.05
		\$20,591.05
Dep. reserve, 1914..	\$	484.05
Dep. reserve, 1915..		617.73
		1,101.78
		19,489.27
Personal Property		
Inventories—		
Bookstore		524.99
Calendar		30.00
Church school.....		65.00
Inside equipment.....		3,256.82
Outside equipment.....		1,643.04
Farm and live stock.....		3,488.00
Fuel and light.....		175.00
Kitchen		250.00
Library		294.26
Office supplies.....		52.00
		9,779.11
Total resources		\$34,752.33

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable—		
Teachers	\$	378.35
Students		537.74
Merchants' accounts.....		502.67
		1,418.76
Notes payable.....		2,000.00
		3,418.76
Present worth		\$31,333.57

STOCK

Present worth, July 1, 1914	\$27,839.10
Net operating gain for year	613.43
Donations received.....	2,726.36
Transfer from Sanitarium.	154.68
Present worth, June 30, 1915	\$31,333.57

LOSS AND GAIN

—Gains—		
Tuition and room.....	\$	5,302.73
Refund salary (Bible teacher)		612.00
		\$ 5,914.73
Bookstore		82.08
Breakage fees.....		70.80
Calendar		7.36
Church school.....		276.05
Farm and live stock.....		263.26
German department.....		198.75
Kitchen		1,268.37
Library fees		70.50
Music department.....		77.80
Rent (cottages and chapel)		272.50
Real estate.....		193.07
Tailoring department.....		30.60
		2,811.14

Donations	\$1,443.37
Less refund to donors	593.51
	849.86
Surplus offerings (N.A.D. Conf.)	1,876.50
	2,726.36
Total gains.....	\$11,452.23
—Losses—	
Salary	4,689.76
Less charges direct to departments	1,197.88
	3,491.88
Travelling expenses.....	166.45
Doubtful accounts.....	354.13
Discount	241.28
Expense	199.42
Entertainment	37.20
Fuel and light.....	680.13
Interest	421.52
Laundry	143.15
Medical department.....	98.00
Repairs	328.41
Taxes and insurance.....	81.66
Telephone and telegraph..	40.75
	2,625.65
Depreciation—	
Buildings	617.73
Inside equipment.....	739.94
Outside equipment.....	410.76
Library	42.03
Office furniture.....	18.00
	1,828.46
Total losses.....	8,112.44
Net gain for year—operating.....	613.43
" " " " donations	2,726.36
Net Gain.....	\$ 3,339.79

T. L. HOMMEL, Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

To whom it may concern:

I have examined the accounts of the Alberta Industrial Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915. The balance sheet rendered by the treasurer, which shows a present worth of \$31,333.57, is correct.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. BRIGHAM,

W.C.U.C. Auditor.

Calgary, Canada, June 30, 1915.

ELDER DANIELS HOME AGAIN

After a tour of Australasia and the Orient, covering a period of more than a year's time, Elder and Sister Daniels arrived at San Francisco on the 7th. The following evening he spoke impressively of his observations to a large audience in Mountain View. During his stay at that place he counselled with the brethren at the publishing house regarding the forthcoming harvest in gathering number of the Signs.

It is a source of gratification to the publishers of the "Signs of the Times" to announce that arrangements have been made with Elder Daniels for a series of illustrated articles based on his recent travels. He will tell especially of conditions in the Orient—the doors that are providentially opening, and of doors that are already closing to the message. This series of articles appearing week by week will aid greatly to the interest of the "Signs" for the next three months.

WALSH

After the organization of the Irvine church of twenty-five members on June 6. Satan tried hard to discourage some of God's children, but thank the Lord, on Sabbath, June 12, they all obtained a new hold on the Lord, except one, for whom we are still praying and working. Others are deeply interested. One dear father called upon the name of God for the first time and earnestly pleaded for forgiveness.

Monday we had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller and his sister, Mrs. Miner, who came from Strether, N.D., to visit their sister, Mrs. Jacob Rueb.

Wednesday, June 16, I joined Brother S. Leiske at Walsh. Six dear souls were buried with their Lord in the watery grave, by Brother Leiske, after which they expressed their willingness to join the Beiseker church. This makes 25 members at Walsh. They will soon be ready to be organized into a church at this place.

I expect to remain here till Monday, to finish the work after which I will return to Irvine. Brother Leiske left for his home after celebrating the ordinances with us here. The brethren are of good courage at this place, and have decided to build a church, which is badly needed.

Sunday, June 20, another family took a stand with this people, and six children of our brethren yielded for the first time to the Spirit's workings. It was a happy day.

As I leave for Irvine to follow up the interest there, may the Lord help these dear brethren and sisters to follow up the work here, which is so promising at present.

C. C. NEUFELD.

ALBERTA NOTES.

Elder Humann arrived home June 29th from his trip to the Manitoba camp meeting, and is now assisting with the work on the camp ground at Lacombe.

Professor Dick left Lacombe for Saskatoon, June 23rd, where he attended the Saskatchewan Camp Meeting.

Miss Mabel Campbell spent a few days at Lacombe last week while on her way to Innisfail, where she is now engaged in nursing.

Brother Bowett, who had to leave the office this spring on account of his eyes, reports that his physician advises complete rest from office work for sometime.

The meetings being held here in Lacombe are in full progress. Besides several who are interested, some have declared their intention to obey the law of God.

Miss H. A. Beardsley, who is attending Summer school in California, writes that she is having a good vacation. Besides spending two days at the exhibition, she was also able to make Mountain View a call and visited some of our old conference laborers:—Brother and Sister Sampie and Brother and Sister Stansbury.

The canvasser's letters are full of courage in spite of the difficulties they are meeting. Here are a few quotations:—"Will enclose my report for the week. It is not large but my experiences are. The Testimonies say the work is a good one, and so do I." "Things look pretty blue this morning, but that is the way Satan would have it look. I will not let him get the best of me for I am going out to do my best to-day." "Met a lady looking for a book like Daniel and Revelation. Been reading about the man whose number was 666 in Rev. 13. She thought it must be the Kaiser of Germany." "I can say that just as sure as the mud sticks to my heels and clothes, I am sticking to the work with the hope that it will soon dry off and give me a chance to travel around. Have had some splendid experiences in my work." "There is one thing sure, if we cannot come through these things strong, we will never be worth anything in this message."

British Columbia Conference

Office Address, 1798 Maple Street, Vancouver, B.C.
President, J. G. Walker; Secretary-Treasurer, J. B. Giddings;
Sabbath-school and Missionary Secretary, Bertha Lofstad;
Tract Society Secretary, J. B. Giddings. Missionary Vol-
unteer Secretary, Lydia Stickle; Field Secretary, E. S.
Horsman; Educational Secretary, H. E. Giddings.

THE VERNON MEETING

A very successful camp meeting has just closed at Vernon, B.C. The attendance was the best we have ever had at a meeting of this kind, and the evening meetings were well attended by the people of the city. A great deal of the outside interest was due to the faithful labors of Brother and Sister Potter in Vernon during the past year.

Elder G. F. Enoch, from India, gave some very interesting lectures on foreign missions, and their needs, and our hearts responded to the call and over four hundred dollars in cash and pledges and some jewelry was given for the work in these benighted lands.

Evening after the Sabbath, Elder Enoch gave a stereoptican lecture on the religions of India. How our hearts were saddened as we beheld the results of the awful superstition in the religions of this land—a superstition that leads to sin and sorrow too awful to be told. Let us work and pray that the light of the third angel's message may quickly reach those dying in darkness.

Elder Luther Warren gave some valuable instruction, not only for the older members, but also the young people and children. The last preaching service of the meeting was a sermon by Elder Warren, his subject being "The Power of Love and the Love of Power."

A series of sermons by Elder Shaw on "The Christian Life," were practical indeed. Among the subjects given were "Forgiveness," "Love for Enemies," and "Christian Business."

Elder Humann was also present, and while no German meetings were held, morning worship was conducted in German, and Elder Humann had special talks with the German brethren, who felt that they had received many blessings at the meeting.

Special meetings were held for the young people and children twice each day. About sixty little folks attended the children's meetings, and their hearts seemed touched as they learned the lessons that would draw them nearer to the Saviour.

Sabbath morning the attendance at the Sabbath-school was 213, and the offerings, \$44.27. Sabbath was indeed a day of special blessing on the camp ground. Hearts were turned to the Lord and victories gained. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt throughout the camp as the Lord drew near to his people.

Sunday morning in a quiet spot by a beautiful stream all assembled to witness the baptism of seven precious souls.

To be permitted to enjoy the blessings of God in quietness and peace in this time of strife in which we now live, was indeed an evidence of God's protecting care, and our hearts responded in grateful praise at the last meeting, and those who had the privilege of enjoying this spiritual feast returned to their homes with new courage and strength for the battles of life.

We can truly say that this camp meeting has meant much to our work and to our people in British Columbia,

BERTHA LOFSTAD,

PENTICTON

By request of the Conference committee, I spent one week with the church here. Brother C. E. Wood took me to the homes of both the old and new believers in this place. In visiting from house to house with him, we labored to call the attention of all to the nearness of the coming of our Lord, and the necessity of a preparation for the event.

Brother Wood has closed up his business in the town. While attending to this he and his wife have labored faithfully to spread the good tidings of the coming kingdom. Eleven new members united with the church. These are the fruits of their labors. The baptismal occasion was very impressive. Brother and Sister Wood are greatly loved by this church and it is only because they are going to Nelson, which is a new field, to plant the standard, that the church was willing to consent for them to move away.

The places made vacant in the church officers by their absence were filled by other members. We very much enjoyed the week's labor with this church. Brother and Sister Wood left for their new field at Nelson, June 30.

A. O. BURRILL.

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**REPORT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS RECEIVED
FIRST SIX MONTHS, 1915**

Church	Tithe.	20c. Week Funds.	Home Funds.
Armstrong	\$ 66.65	\$ 17.25	\$ 14.65
Conference	168.10	186.89	17.90
Flrvale	129.82	40.36	2.61
Grandview	366.55	231.10	.....
Lumen	53.15	74.22	1.50
Manson	234.81	102.69	16.80
Mission City	5.35	20.80	.....
Nanaimo	286.00	105.31	9.55
Penticton	250.05	56.76	15.00
Silver Creek	116.95	80.20	13.35
Vancouver—Forty-second Ave...	240.28	79.74	65.25
Vancouver—Union Street	303.30	121.78	25.50
Vancouver—South	156.05	105.95	2.90
Vancouver—West	654.50	135.80	79.38
Vernon	163.35	55.60	5.80
Victoria	128.85	80.35	5.00
Isolated and Miscellaneous.....	604.54	157.11	123.51
Total receipts 1st 6 m'ths, 1915..	\$3,928.30	\$1,651.91	\$398.70
Total receipts 1st 6 m'ths, 1914..	3,960.48	1,519.48	417.44

J. B. GIDDINGS.

Saskatchewan Conference

Office Address, 1930 Angus Street, Regina, Saskatchewan.
President, A. C. Gilbert; Secretary-Treasurer, U. Wissner;
Field Secretary, L. A. Philpott; Tract Society Secretary,
U. Wissner; Educational Secretary, A. C. Gilbert; Sab-
bath-school Secretary, Mrs. A. C. Gilbert; Religious
Liberty Secretary, M. Mackintosh; Missionary Volunteer
and Home Missionary Secretary, O. Ziprick.

THE SASKATCHEWAN CAMP MEETING

"Truly God is good to Israel," was the expressed sentiments of our people of Saskatchewan in the camp at their annual meeting held at Saskatoon from June 24 to July 4. The people encamped enjoyed the presence of the Lord and his workings was manifest in all the meetings.

As many of our people were not permitted to be present at this meeting, we should like to tell them

of the good things shared at this time, the review of the past year, together with the plans for the future.

The committee on location was very fortunate to secure a high location in South Saskatoon with street car accommodation. The camp was far enough out of the city to avoid disturbance, yet was conveniently accessible to the city people who attended the meetings.

The appearance of the camp presented an orderly and well-arranged plan which was maintained throughout the meeting. The nice white tents as they were pitched, reminded one of an encampment of the children of Israel of old. Certainly this must be pleasing to God.

In the central part of the camp was the reception tent, together with the large tent in which the general meetings were held. Close by was also the children's tent and the dining tent.

At either end of the camp was the Young People's tent and the German tent. The attendance at the meeting was good. At the afternoon and evening meetings, the attendance was largely increased by those from the city, and often the tent was crowded to its capacity.

At all meetings, the pacific and quiet influence of the Holy Spirit was present and blessed us in great measure. Our minds were led to think of those of our numbers not present, and pray that God may so open the way and convict us in another year to be present to receive the blessings which God has for us in these seasons of refreshing. Truly he is willing and anxious that we should press the battle to the gates that he may crown us as his faithful children.

The spirit of co-operation was pleasingly noticeable and all the conference workers are resigned to do the will of God only, and have unitedly consecrated their lives to the finishing of the work in this province.

Our visiting help was of great service in the meetings and all were cheered by the words of truth and the promises of God which they brought to us.

Elder H. S. Shaw, our Union Conference president, was with us to bring words of courage and lend his good counsel in all the deliberations.

Elder George F. Enoch, one of our missionaries to India (now on furlough) has presented the needs of his field of labor.

Elder Luther Warren, of Vancouver, was of great help in the young people's work together with the general services from day to day.

Elder G. F. Haffner was of great assistance in the German work in the conference.

Besides these Brother J. M. Rowse, of the Pacific Press Branch, represented the publishing work. Prof. E. D. Dick of the Alberta Industrial Academy represented the educational work. And Brother W. L. Manfull, our Union book man, was here to encourage the strong band of colporteurs.

The work of the conference passed off very smoothly and harmoniously. The first session was convened Monday morning, when we listened with much interest to the president's report (published in this issue), which showed a splendid year's work both in the tithes and offerings, and the growth in church members. This report was adopted by the suspension of the rules and all uniting in the strains of "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

The business affairs of the conference received care-

ful consideration and the plans laid bespeak the message, "Go forward." The following resolutions and recommendations were presented to the conference and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father has been gracious to his people, especially in preserving the lives of our workers, and in giving them fruit for their labor; in bringing our conference work safely and prosperously through the adversities of the past year:

1. *Resolved*, That we express our gratitude to God for all these and other blessings by rendering to him a deeper consecration, a broader spiritual experience, and a fuller life of soul-winning service.

Whereas, the Lord has told us that we are redeemed for service; that every soul should take an active part in advancing the cause of God by working for others; and that all heaven is waiting to co-operate with us in the efforts to save our fellow-men:

2. *Resolved*, That we re-dedicate our lives to the giving of the third angel's message; and that we unitedly pledge ourselves before God that we will labor with greater earnestness to improve the greatest opportunity ever offered to us to extend the knowledge of the truth to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, and to search out the honest in heart who are seeking to know the meaning of the terrible events that are transpiring in the earth, until the voice of God sounds forth the words, "It is done."

Whereas, The time has come when all our people everywhere should with courage and faith put on the armor of truth and go forward to give the light of truth to those who sit in darkness, and

Whereas, Our great home missionary work is destined to bring results of the greatest magnitude, be it

3. *Resolved*, (1) That we urge upon every worker and church officer in the Saskatchewan Conference the necessity and importance of doing everything possible to arouse our people to engage in personal soul winning service, and to carefully report all work done.

(2) That every church in the Saskatchewan Conference hold regularly a missionary meeting and plan carefully so as to work every home in its territory with our truth filled literature.

(3) That a systematic distribution of our tracts be entered into by every member of the conference; that we use the tracts put up in the regular envelopes and packages at 25 cents, \$1.00 and \$5.00 a set.

(4) That we encourage earnest and consecrated men and women to engage in the sales and distribution of our forty per cent. books and of our truth laden magazines.

(5) That we seek in every possible way to place the Berean Library in the hands of our friends and neighbors.

Whereas, The providence of God has brought within the borders of our conference a large number of people speaking many different languages, thus laying upon us the solemn duty of giving the truths of the third angel's message, thus affording a unique opportunity of having a large part in the fulfillment of Rev. 14: 7-12:

4. *We Recommend*, That all our people everywhere ascertain by careful inquiry the languages spoken in their vicinity and that they provide themselves with

books, tracts and papers in those languages to be used in aggressive missionary work.

5. *We Recommend*, That home missionary institutes be held this year in all our churches somewhat according to the plan followed last year.

Whereas, The *Review and Herald* is our denominational family paper, and represents the work and policies of the denomination, and

Whereas, Its pages are filled each week with articles by our leading men, and most experienced and capable writers, and with interesting and stirring reports from our various departments, and from our mission fields throughout the world, and

Whereas, This weekly periodical is our most able minister, tending to establish our people in the great fundamental truths of the third angel's message, and leading those who read its pages to a higher spiritual life, therefore:

6. *We Recommend* (1) That we urge every Seventh-day Adventist family to become a subscriber to this periodical.

(2) That the workers in this field lend their influence both in speaking and writing to attain this object.

Whereas, The publishers of the *Signs of the Times* (Weekly), in order to assist our people in taking their two copies of said paper, as recommended last year, have reduced the rate for two or more copies to one address to \$1.20 a year each, or 60c for six months each, and

Whereas, This periodical, our missionary paper, has proven to be a strong agency in bringing people into the truth, therefore:

7. *We Recommend*, That we faithfully take our part in subscribing and circulating of the *Signs of the Times*, and that churches subscribe for clubs, the number of which to depend on the church membership.

Whereas, The Government of Saskatchewan has passed an Act abolishing the bar from this province, the Act to come into force July 1:

8. *Resolved*, (1) That we re-affirm the position of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination on the temperance question.

(2) That we do hereby pledge ourselves to use every honorable and lawful means by which the manufacture, transportation and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverages shall forever be prohibited; and be it further

Resolved, That we shall continue with even greater zeal, by voice and pen and vote, by precept and example, and by the judicious circulation of specially prepared temperance literature, the campaign of education along health and temperance lines which has characterized this denomination since its organization.

Whereas, The Sabbath-school is recognized as one of the most important spiritual and financial recruiting agencies in connection with the advancement of the work of God, and

Whereas, The life and power of the Sabbath-school depends upon a thorough knowledge of the Sabbath-school lessons, and a full consecration of every talent in the winning of souls, therefore

9. *We Recommend*, That our people continue to co-operate with the Sabbath-school Department of the General Conference in reaching the three-fold goal, namely, the Daily Study of the Sabbath-school lessons; Personal Work for Every Pupil; and One Million Dollars to Missions as Soon as Possible.

Whereas, The *Sabbath School Worker* is one of the greatest factors we have to give help and instruction to officers and teachers and also contains many helpful notes and comments on the lessons, therefore:

10. *We Recommend*, That Sabbath-school officers and teachers as well as our isolated brethren and sisters, subscribe for this valuable paper.

Whereas, It is very essential that our teachers get thoroughly acquainted with the best methods of imparting knowledge, therefore

11. *We Recommend*, That the Sabbath-school teachers in our conference, whether in the organized or Home Department schools avail themselves of the instruction provided in the Training Course, which is being outlined in the *Sabbath School Worker*.

Whereas, In the constituency of our conference are nationalities who are unable to read our English missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times*:

12. *We Recommend*, That our people also remember the following foreign missionary papers in their work: German—*Christlicher Hausfreund* and *Zeichen der Zeit*; Danish-Norwegian—*Evangeliets Sendebud* and *Lys over Landet*; Swedish—*Tidens Tecken*.

Whereas, The providence of God clearly indicates that he has opened wide the door into all the world, and is making the hearts of men ready to hear the message of the Kingdom, and has provided facilities for the speedy finishing of his work in the world,

13. *Therefore*, We humbly consecrate ourselves to God for the doing of this work and hereby pledge ourselves to co-operate with the General Conference in carrying out the plans to accomplish this purpose.

Whereas, The carrying of the third angel's message to the world demands a greater corps of consecrated workers with high educational attainments, and

Whereas, The education offered in public schools is not conducive to the development of such workers, either in training or doctrine,

14. *We Recommend*, That our young people be urged to attend our own schools, and further

Recommend, That any having sufficient means be invited to offer support to worthy yet needy young people for the obtaining of the necessary training in our schools for missionary service.

Whereas, Our finances at the present time are rather low in order to carry on the work this summer, and

Whereas, There is great danger that our people in time of financial stringency may not be faithful in rendering to God a tenth of all their increase, therefore:

15. *Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves to beware of covetousness in every form, not giving Satan any opportunity to deprive us of the blessings which are promised those who keep the commandments and have the testimony of Jesus.

Whereas, We are instructed "that in all our churches there should be schools" and as it is recognized that the education of the children along right lines is the best way to establish the youth in the truth:

16. *We Recommend*, (1) That in so far as possible, church schools be established and all members co-operate in the support of the same.

(2) That a church school fund be established to receive any donations for encouraging the church school work, which fund shall be at the disposal of the Conference Committee or their designated board.

Whereas, There is a great need of systematization among our young people in this conference:

17. *We Recommend*, That all the churches labor most earnestly for the salvation of their young people and organize them into societies for active work for which we would suggest the programs for our Missionary Volunteers as published in the *Church Officers' Gazette*; the reading of the Scriptures annually and the adoption of the Morning Watch Calendar for daily use. We further

Recommend, That a conference Young People's Society be formed, the membership of which shall be the isolated young people who are members of the denomination in this conference.

18. *We Recommend*, That the following changes be made in the Constitution of the Saskatchewan Conference:

(1) Article 5, Sec. 1.—That the words "and all departmental secretaries" be inserted after the words "all ministers holding credentials from the conference."

(2) Art. 5, Sec. 2.—Instead of "every five of its members," read, "for every seven of its members."

(3) Art. 6, Sec. 1.—That the word "five" in the expression "Executive Committee of five members," be changed to "seven."

18. *We Recommend*, That the School Locating and Building Committee be authorized to close the negotiations now pending with reference to the school project at present under consideration.

19. *Resolved*, That we express by a vote of thanks, our appreciation of the kindness shown us by the citizens of Saskatoon, the newspapers for the advertising and reporting of meetings; and to the C.P.R., C.N.R. and G.T.P. Railways, and the Saskatoon Electric Railway, for the courtesies they have extended to us in view of this gathering.

The spirit and determination of this people was manifest in the book sales during the meeting. The book tent was conveniently located, and was frequented by many between the meetings. At one meeting of the conference at which resolutions were adopted, over \$200.00 worth of books and tracts were sold. The entire book sales during the encampment amounted to about \$500.00. This is encouraging and we believe that it is the determination of those present to "Come up onto higher ground."

The Sabbath-schools of the camp were also a thermometer of the spirit existing in the conference. Truly this was encouraging, and it must have been pleasing to God to behold the camp in study these two Sabbaths. The offerings amounted to over \$300.00.

Besides the Sabbath offerings the total gathered for missions in cash and pledges amounted to over \$3,000.00, which shows the sacrificing spirit of those present. May God work upon the hearts of all those who were not present that their means may also flow into the Lord's treasury in these last days, that all may receive the blessings the Lord has for us.

The accommodations offered in the dining service was very pleasing indeed. About 175 meals were served quite regularly.

At this time we would like to mention the kindness of the local papers in publishing the reports of our meetings. As a result of these reports we feel that the influence of the meetings has been extended to many parts of the province.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: President, A. C. Gilbert; secretary-treasurer, U. Wissner; field secretary, L. A. Philpott; Tract Society secretary, U. Wissner; educational secretary, A. C. Gilbert; Sabbath-school secretary, Mrs. A. C. Gilbert; religious liberty secretary, M. Mackintosh; Home Missionary and Young People's secretary, O. Ziprick; Executive Committee—A. C. Gilbert, U. Wissner, T. M. Krainean, W. A. Clemensen, D. D. Neufeld, O. E. Lindgren and O. Ziprick.

Credentials and Licenses were granted as follows: Credentials—A. C. Gilbert, M. Mackintosh, C. Sulzle, J. V. Maas, O. O. Farnsworth. Ordination and Credentials—O. Ziprick, W. A. Clemensen. Ministerial License—W. G. Forshaw. Missionary Licenses—U. Wissner, L. A. Philpott, Mrs. A. C. Gilbert.

Sabbath afternoon, July 3, Brethren O. Ziprick and W. A. Clemensen were ordained to the gospel ministry. These brethren have been laboring for some years in this field and neighboring conferences, and have the fullest respect and co-operation of all as they continue in the Lord's service. Sunday, the closing day of the meeting, a service was held in the First Baptist Church, at which time fifteen were buried with their Lord in a watery grave, and rose to walk in newness of life.

Let us all dedicate ourselves to this truth, soon to come off victorious.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Brethren and Sisters, Friends and Fellow Workers:—

"Truly God is good to Israel, and to such as are clean of heart."

While the world is writhing in the awful agonies of war; while civilization stands horrified, dumb before the unexpected calamity and ruin which has razed to the dust the mighty structure of progress and prosperity, reared in confidence and pride; while the demon, war, is marching ruthlessly through the fairest portions of the earth, leaving behind wrecked homes, ruined hopes, broken hearts, slaughtered men and women; while the dove of peace seems to have taken her flight, and never return again, we, in the midst of such scenes, are still preserved as a memorial of God's overshadowing care, and as monuments of his unmerited favor. Surely God is good to Israel, and praise is due unto his holy name.

Though these tales of woe bring sorrow to every heart, and cloud the prospects of the immediate future, yet from out the darkness shines the radiant hope of a better day, whose morning is eternal, and whose sun will never set. These bitter scenes should impel us to deeper consecration of all that we are and have to the finishing of the work of God in the earth.

During the past year (1914) Saskatchewan shared largely the adversity which overtook Western Canada due to "wild speculation," poor crops, and the war. Though the experience was severe in many ways, yet it has proven a blessing in disguise. The cause of God seemed to move forward with increasing vigor, and the tithes and offerings were larger proportionately than they were in the preceding year.

The whole aspect of the work of God for the year 1914, and during the six months past, shows that

material reverses need not become serious hindrances to the progress of the gospel when devotion and consecration are the motive power in soul-winning service. The outlook at the present time is very encouraging. A spirit of labor for souls is seizing the hearts of many of our people.

During the year 1914 twelve laborers were engaged by the conference in the extension of the gospel to those under our care. There were five ministers, three licentiates, three missionary licentiates, and one other worker.

Several of our workers were transferred from this conference to other conferences last year. Elder and Sister Rider are now in the Vermont conference, Brother and Sister T. T. Babienco in Southern California, and Brother and Sister R. P. Mooney in Alberta. Brother L. A. Philpott now has charge of the book work formerly under the supervision of Brother Mooney; and by arrangement with the Alberta Conference Brother and Sister Clemenson are now making Saskatchewan their field of labor. Thus we are somewhat compensated for the loss of those who have gone from us to other fields. Elder Milan Ostoich and family are now in the United States, leaving us the 19th of April of this year. Elder Ostoich, being a Servian, found his sphere of labor very limited in this conference, and therefore in counsel with the officers of the North American Division Conference, it was considered advisable for him to locate in some point in the Central States where he might come into immediate contact with many thousands of people of his nationality.

Last fall and mid-winter a three- to four-day home missionary institute was held in each church in the province. We feel that this effort has proved of immense value to our people and to the work in general. We endeavored to show each member how to carry forward systematic, aggressive, and practical home missionary labor for the salvation of souls.

As a result of these institutes and the consequent missionary activity on the part of the lay brethren and sisters, the year 1915 bids fair to give the most bountiful harvest of souls that this conference has ever enjoyed. Our ministers have had more than they could handle. Over 100 persons have accepted the truth since the beginning of the present year.

The burden that should rest heavily on every breast today is to see that the flame of missionary zeal burns more and more until the earth is lightened with the glory of God, and the shout of triumph goes up from the camp of Israel.

We are on the eve of the glorious consummation of the gospel. The spiritual awakening of God's people everywhere at this time, is the most significant event in the experience of this denomination. It is the beginning of that final, joyful scene that has been long foretold would precede and accompany the closing of the work of God.

Associated with this missionary movement is the work of our young people. This department is assuming more definite form. Several Young People's Volunteer Missionary Societies have been in operation during the past year, and have been doing good work. We hope that each church will arise to its full responsibility for the care and training of its young people; and will co-operate carefully and heartily with the

secretary of this department. At present there are six societies with an aggregate membership of about 100.

From year to year our Sabbath Schools report increasing membership, and advancement along spiritual lines. The cause of foreign missions lies close to the heart of each school as will be seen by the full report of the work of the Sabbath School Department presented to you by the secretary.

During the current year seven church- and home-schools have been in operation. It is a pleasure to report that longer school terms, and better qualified teachers have obtained in our educational work this past year, and as a result a good class of work has been done.

The Alberta Industrial Academy, and the Maple Wood Academy in the State of Minnesota, have divided honors this year in providing opportunities for the advanced education of some of our young people.

The Saskatchewan Conference School project is fairly well under way at the present time. Of this interesting enterprise we will tell you more fully later on. We feel that the Lord has opened the way for us in this important matter, and has allowed "the wealth of the Gentiles to come unto" us, so that it will be possible for us to carry forward our educational work in spite of the financial depression all over the world.

Among the most potent agencies in the evangelizing of the world in this generation, is the strong, unconquerable army of colporteurs. Their work in our field has been much appreciated.

Despite the material reverses which came in the path of our colporteurs last year, they did very well indeed. The outlook in the book work this year is encouraging. There are at present 22 colporteurs in the field. It appeals to us that there never was a better time than now to sell our literature. These stirring times have started serious questions in the minds of many people, and we have, in our books and papers, the very answer that is needed.

Year.	Colporteurs.	Sales.
1913	22	\$11,368.00
1914	20	10,981.00

The year 1914 shows a fair advance in the sale of our magazines and other periodicals:

	No.	Value.
Temperance Instructor...	4973	\$ 497.30
Harvest Ingathering (Review).....	3299	\$ 581.35
Signs (Magazine).....	4055	405.50
Signs (Weekly).....		251.70
Life and Health.....	2355	235.50
Watchman	1445	144.50
War Extras.....	16670	83.35
Protestant Magazine.....	660	66.00
Other papers.....		535.25
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Total.....		\$2,800.45

It is quite appropriate that we urge upon our people the necessity of taking the *Review and Herald* and

the *Signs of the Times* (Weekly). The *Review and Herald* provides information on the general progress of the cause, and the *Weekly Signs of the Times* furnishes us the best kind of material for home missionary work. Those who are unable to read the English language should take the papers in their respective languages that correspond with the *Review* and the *Signs*.

The amount of sales by the Tract Society last year is favorable according to the following figures:

Year.	Colporteur.	Office.	Total.
1913.....	\$11,368.00	\$3,945.78	\$15,313.78
1914.....	10,981.00	2,044.75	13,025.75

FINANCE.

It has been a cause for rejoicing to know that God has blessed our brethren and sisters in Saskatchewan with so many temporal blessings that they have been able to return a liberal amount of tithe to the Lord, and to give a large amount in offerings for both home and foreign missions.

To every loyal believer in the message it is a source of pleasure to know that the cause of God is becoming so large, and is extending so rapidly that it takes all the means that can be secured to meet its growing needs. Hard times do not stop or retard the cause of the gospel. All that is required is greater devotion to truth, fuller consecration of all upon the altar of sacrifice, and God does the rest. The following figures are interesting:

Year.	Tithe.	Offerings (all kinds).	Total.
1913.....	\$11,842.41	\$7,591.22	\$19,433.63
1914.....	144,607.17	8,112.94	22,720.11
Gain.....	\$ 2,764.76	\$ 521.72	\$ 3,286.48
Total per capita tithe and offerings,	\$52.81.		

The amount received this year up to June 1, on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund is \$2,153.87. This is \$398.87 above our quota for the first five months of this year, and represents a per capita of 24c.

The amount of tithes and offerings sent to other fields during 1913 was \$7,868.83. The amount sent away during the year 1914 was \$9,992.18, or a gain of \$2,123.35 above that of 1913. Over 21 per cent. of our tithe is sent outside of our own borders. Thus we see the need of each member being faithful in returning to God that which is his—the sacred tithe—and in giving liberally in offerings that we may be better able to advance the work in our home field, and pass on still larger sums to needy fields afar.

CONCLUSION.

This people is entering upon a new era. Unprecedented possibilities await us. The loud voice of the third angel is sounding in our ears. Soon the earth will be lightened with the glory of God, and the work will be done.

Our greatest concern today should be to consult our hearts to see if there be any secret sin within, that is hindering the arm of faith from reaching forth to lay hold upon the boundless blessings offered in the gift of the Holy Spirit. We need to be inspired with power from on high in order that we may do quickly the work that yet remains unfinished.

The time for the "latter rain," the "refreshing" from

the Lord, is here. This is the key-note of every gathering in our denomination today. May there come to every person in this encampment such a spirit of consecration and seeking after God that faith can do its perfect work, and lay hold upon the fulness and power for the humble service that God requires.

A. C. GILBERT, President.

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**SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
REPORT**

To the Delegates in Conference Assembled:—
Greeting:—

The Sabbath-school, what is it? It has often been called the nursery of the Church, and every school should be this. Such words as fountain, grindstone, gospel armory, recruiting station, magnet and diamond mine have been applied to the Sabbath-school, and we are sure that each school should fully represent every one of these activities.

From "Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work," we read:—"There is a broad field in the Sabbath-school work that needs to be diligently cultivated." And again: "The Sabbath-school is a missionary field." The importance of this branch of the work is more clearly brought to our minds in the following statements: "The Sabbath-school if rightly conducted, is one of God's greatest instrumentalities to bring souls to the knowledge of the truth and should be one of the greatest instrumentalities and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ."

When we realize that the Sabbath-school is to be the means of imparting a knowledge of the truth which will result in souls accepting the blessings of salvation, surely the burden which rests upon us is no light one, and should inspire in us a deeper interest, and bring from us even stronger efforts in behalf of this line of work which is so important.

We are glad to know that our people are interested in this work, and we are pleased to present this report, of progress during the past year, in this conference. The Lord has bestowed his blessing in great measure, and praise is due him from each of us for all his benefits.

As a conference we have been working toward our three-fold goal, which has come to be memorized by many, and which you see before you today. As we read each item we can not help but know that they are very important.

What does daily study of the Sabbath-school lesson mean to the members of our schools? Personal work for every pupil, has a twofold benefit connected with its accomplishment. Then the last, One Million Dollars to Missions as soon as possible. This too has more than a single importance. But all of these will receive more attention later.

We are glad to say that advancement has been made in the line of Daily Study. A recent letter from one of our superintendents contained the following encouraging words: "There seems to be a good interest in studying the Sabbath-school lesson. I think the majority are studying the lesson daily."

The last part of the goal brings us to the financial side of the Sabbath-school work. It is wonderfully encouraging to notice what has been, and what is being

done in this line. The foreign mission work has come to depend very largely on the Sabbath-school offerings for its support.

Is this people interested in foreign missions? Does the gospel commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," mean anything to them? Perhaps these questions could not receive more striking answers than by a few figures.

After the Sabbath-schools began giving to missions, it took twenty-five years to raise a little over one million dollars for the foreign work. This twenty-five years ended in 1911, and we began on the second million the first quarter of 1912. At the close of 1914, only \$54,532.89 was lacking to complete it. At the rate the offerings were given the latter part of last year, this has long since been received.

Think of it, \$1,000,000.00 to missions in Sabbath-school offerings in less than three and one-half years. Brethren and sisters, does this not bring courage to your hearts? And does it not say that the believers of this great truth have set their hands to finish the work and thus hasten the ushering in of that kingdom of peace?

But what part has our own conference had in making some of these figures? Perhaps you remember that the goal for last year was \$3,000.00 to missions in Sabbath-school offerings. You will also remember that very soon after the close of our Convention, one year ago, a war began, the like of which history furnishes no parallel. A financial crisis resulted, of course. Drought and hail added to the seriousness of the situation and naturally we waited with some interest to see how near we would come to our goal.

But "man's necessity is God's opportunity," and we could still pray. Our loyal people still remembered the cause. The members of at least one school were helped by the government last winter, but even then they reported some offerings. When the report was finally made up at the close of the year, it showed \$3,717.00 in Sabbath-school offerings for 1914 which brought us over \$700.00 past our goal.

Surely this report should make us feel as Paul did when his friends met him outside the city of Rome. The record says, "He thanked God and took courage." Truly if there ever was a time when we should thank God for his benefits and renew our courage and determination, it is at this time. Today, yes, this hour.

But I wish to present to you a few more figures for your encouragement. Going back seven years to the first year's record of the Sabbath-school work in Saskatchewan, we read:

	Schools	Membership	Offerings
1907	8	121	\$227.61
1914	21	743	\$3717.88

Here we find the increase in offerings not due entirely to the increase in membership. The membership for 1914 was over six times as large as for 1907, and the offerings were over 16 times as large. Thus, for our encouragement, we have the knowledge that the spirit of loyalty to the cause, and a desire to help finish the work is within the borders of our conference.

In this connection your secretary would not forget the Home Department members. They are the isolated who have not the privilege of meeting with those of

like precious faith, but who greatly enjoy the lesson study and the privilege of giving for the progress of the work. Last year the Home Department members in this Conference gave over \$800.00 in Sabbath-school offerings. May the Lord richly bless these faithful ones, and give them courage to live for him in their different localities.

Though we should feel greatly encouraged for what has been accomplished, we must not be satisfied with that. We must plan for greater things this year. The seriousness of the times demands our best in every way.

We are glad to tell you that since the close of the last year, four or five schools have been added to our list. Therefore, as our membership increases, our obligations increase accordingly. So let us plan for greater results mentally, spiritually and financially during 1915.

We humbly and earnestly request you who are here today to continue to support by precept and example the worthy objects set forth in our threefold goal, first, by a daily study of the Sabbath-school lesson; second, a personal soul winning effort; and third, the giving of your means for the advancement of the gospel message in foreign lands.

In closing, your secretary would express her thankful appreciation for the hearty co-operation which has been given this department by our people in this conference. The words of the prophet is my message to you: "Take courage and do, and the Lord shall be with the good."

MRS. A. C. GILBERT,
Sec'y S. S. Department.

Manitoba Conference

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THE MANITOBA MEETING

According to appointment our Camp Meeting and Conference convened at Brandon, June 18. The attendance was very good. About fifty tents were pitched on the ground, and a number had rooms in town.

A spirit of earnestness and consecration was manifested from the start. The Lord surely answered our prayers for this gathering. Unity and harmony prevailed in every business session, and the spirit of determination to do God's will in all things was good to see.

The burden of the preaching was carried by Elders Warren, Enoch and Shaw, who gave timely instruction. God's Holy Spirit witnessed to the word spoken in deep heart-searching and confessions. At the last Sabbath meeting the entire congregation came forward in consecration, many for the first time,

The Lord came very near in the Young People's and Children's meetings, which were well attended.

Daily services were held in the German language by Elder Humann, who was joined by Elder Dirksen near the close of the meeting.

Nine persons were baptized. Others expect to take the step at the first opportunity in their home churches. It was good to see the willingness to give up all for the Master. Gold rings and other outward signs of worldliness were removed. The King's highway is being cleared. Where Jesus is crowned King in every heart, a work will be done that will astonish the world.

The other workers from abroad, besides those mentioned above, were Brethren Manfull and Rowse. All took active part and rendered good help during the meetings.

The committees did thorough work and the report of the business transacted will appear in another place. \$1952.00 were donated in cash and pledges, for missionary work, and \$230.00 for a church school fund.

The officers chosen for the coming year are about the same as before, with slight changes. Plans for the summer's work are as follows: Elder V. W. Robb and wife, and Brother Frank Finch to assist, to labor at Swan River. Brother George Soper and wife at Minitonas. Elder Chapman, assisted by Brother Delbert Henkes who expects to canvass in the neighborhood, will labor at Rivers. Elder Dirksen will work in connection with the churches, and Brother Gulbrandson will continue his work in Winnipeg for the Icelandic people.

We hope all our brethren will remember the work in their prayers.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we look back over the work of our conference the past year, we are impressed with the rapid changes that have taken place in the world about us. One year ago the world was in a condition of comparative peace. It was supposed that we had reached such a high state of civilization that all differences that might arise would be settled by arbitration.

Ministers preached that the nations would not learn war any more. With such a degree of intelligence and Christianization, we were above war, but there was a sudden crash as it were, and we were awakened by the crash of arms and one nation after another is being drawn into the awful struggle until it appears as though the whole world will soon be involved.



WORKERS AT THE BRANDON MEETING

Millions of the best men of the nations are crushing the lives of each other, and destroying the product of years of labor, and what is it all for? Who can tell? "The nations are angry," says the prophet and this, too, while the judgment is going on. Surely Satan is working hard and rapidly as he knows he has but a short time. I hope that we may all realize the shortness of time, and also give ourselves unreservedly as good soldiers of Christ to save instead of to destroy.

The reason that we are in this beautiful park today is to seek the salvation of souls for God's everlasting kingdom. This is the reason for this conference and the reason we have workers. So let us hasten to be about our Father's business. "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come."

Brethren, the end is surely right upon us and are we ready? Are we helping others to get ready? As you have laid aside your worldly cares and expended your means to attend this conference, I trust you have come with the one desire and purpose, namely, to seek God for a closer walk with him, and wisdom to do his will. Surely God will not disappoint us, for we have his promise that "Where two or three are met together in my name, there am I in the midst and that to bless," and again we are admonished to "gather yourselves together, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." We are here gathered in the name of the Lord, and it is God's order that we have these annual meetings. Let us claim his promise.

The conditions around us in the world today, the shortness of time and the importance of the message intrusted to us, causes us to feel that this should be the greatest meeting ever held in the province, both in numbers and in spiritual blessings. I rejoice today as I look into many faces who were not in this message one year ago. You should rejoice that you have found something you can anchor to in these perilous times. Last year we could say that death had not visited any of our numbers. This year although we are obliged to report the loss of three of our dear young people, we rejoice in the fact that they all died with a bright hope, and the influence of their Christian example is left for the encouragement of others.

Evangelistic efforts have been conducted at Brandon, Carberry, Winnipeg, Minitonas, Beausejour, Morden and vicinity, besides many visits made to the believers by the president. Through the labors of one of our canvassers, Brother A. E. McGee, a family at Gilbert Plains have taken their stand with us and I found them well instructed on points of present truth. At Manitou a brother who had become discouraged has reconsecrated himself to the Lord and his wife who was formerly a Roman Catholic now takes her stand with him.

Some years ago in far-off Australia a certain mother and son accepted the truth, soon the mother was called away by death leaving the boy of twelve years to the care of worldly relatives, whose efforts to destroy the boy's religious faith were apparently successful. He came to America and grew to manhood and with his family recently took his stand for the truth, and is here today waiting for baptism. He feels that his mother's prayers have followed him as her last work was to commit her boy to God's care.

The past year has witnessed the baptism of 38 persons—more than double the number of last year. Two churches have been organized, one at Brandon, and the other at Carberry. Besides the conference officers, we have but two ordained ministers who work full time, and two licensed ministers, who have worked a part of the time. With this small force of workers we have done the best we could, but we are not satisfied and hope to see still more accomplished.

We were very glad to welcome Brother David Gulbrandson last winter. He has been sent to labor for the Icelanders in our midst. We are also very grateful for the support of the General Conference in paying his wage for one year.

There has been much faithful missionary effort on the part of our lay members, which is not without results. This is as it should be. We greatly desire that all our lay members seek to act their part in the great soul saving campaign which is now going on. A few have given their entire time to the selling of literature and holding Bible readings the past year, with good results. The seed sown will spring forth some time into the harvest.



THE MANITOBA CAMP MEETING

Financial conditions, caused by the war perhaps, may have affected our tithes and offerings to some degree, however, we find that we have fallen off somewhat since last year. We can report \$4,573.56 in tithe receipts, which is \$1,160.04 less than one year ago or nearly as much as was paid in 1912. We have averaged 18c a week per capita on the 20-cent-a-week fund for missions. Last year we raised over 25 cents a week. Taking the two years together we have averaged over 21 cents. We had hoped to raise the amount for missions above last year and fell sorry we were unable to do so.

We are pleased with the faithful efforts of some of our brethren and sisters in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. If every one could be impressed with this call of God to gather funds for his work, and would do what they could, we would certainly see a great increase, and there would be plenty of means and all would receive a blessing. The amount raised last year was \$177.71.

Eight colporteurs have been in the field during the year, some only a part of the time. Their sales together with those of the office amounted to \$5,868.36. Last year we sold twice as many books with double the number of agents. By this we conclude that we might have reached as many sales this year with the same number of workers. Manitoba is a good canvassing field, and we hope to include more of our young people and perhaps other suitable persons to take up this line of work. A few have taken up the sale of the Home Workers' books, chiefly at holiday time, with good success. This is a work in which our sisters may engage during spare time in their own neighborhood. It opens the homes and hearts of the people to us and paves the way for other work of various kinds.

Sister Nickel, feeling that she could not carry the Sabbath-school work and give it the attention it demands, resigned her position as Sabbath-school secretary. Accordingly Sister V. W. Robb was elected by the committee to supply the vacancy. We have reason to believe that this important work is on the increase. Sister Robb will give her report later, and I will not take the time.

Two church schools, one family school, and one night school have been conducted in the province during a portion of the year. When we view the large number of children and youth among us we are deeply impressed with the great need of building up the educational work in our midst. We are all made to realize that here is a great work we should not neglect. May God help us to do more for this needy branch of his cause.

We are extremely anxious over the young people's work in the province. Mrs. Chapman is in touch with 130 young people, and many are not in the truth, and yet belong to the families of our people. If these young people were rightly directed, many of them would make workers in the cause, but it is clear to me that we need a school where these our young people can get a training. A few attend the school at Lacombe. The young people's secretary will render a report.

In closing let us at this meeting reconsecrate our hearts to God and each one pray earnestly for the outpouring of his Holy Spirit. At this time begin to work for Him by trying to be a help to others.

E. M. CHAPMAN, President.

THE OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected at the conference, to serve during the coming year:

President, E. M. Chapman.

Secretary-Treasurer and Tract Society Secretary, B. L. Grundset.

Sabbath-school Secretary, Mrs. V. W. Robb.

Educational Secretary, Geo. R. Soper.

Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Mrs. Barbara Cowan.

Home Missionary Secretary, B. L. Grundset.

Religious Liberty Secretary, E. M. Chapman.

Executive Committee: E. M. Chapman, H. J. Dirksen, V. W. Robb, John McKelvy, D. H. Carmichael, Evan Roberts and L. F. Cretzinger.

Credentials and Licenses were granted as follows:

Credentials: E. M. Chapman, H. J. Dirksen, V. W. Robb.

Honorary Credential: Neil McGill.

Ministerial Licenses: George Soper, David Gulbrandson.

Missionary Licenses: B. L. Grundset, Mrs. V. W. Robb, Mrs. Barbara Cowan.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WORK

"Thus saith the Lord, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children." Isa. 49: 25.

Doubtless all present have heard more or less of the purpose and work of the Young People's Organization as it exists in our denomination today. You are acquainted with the fact of its rise and rapid progress in the past twenty years, until now it has encircled the globe as it were.

The spirit of God through his prophet has said that "With such an army of workers as our youth rightly trained would furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon coming Saviour might be given to the world. The salvation of our youth depends largely upon their enlistment in the work of God. To the Missionary Volunteer Department has been assigned the leadership of an effort to enlist the young people, where they are, in the army of the Lord, and give them this elementary training in his service.

Manitoba has something over 125 young people between the ages of ten years and thirty. Less than half of these are Christians.

The societies at Winnipeg and Russell have carried on their regular meetings throughout the year. The Morden society has been broken up on account of many moving away. A society of several members was started at Brandon, but was necessarily discontinued on account of removals. A new society of juniors was organized at Carberry. We are glad to welcome these new ones in our midst.

Outside of the work done by these societies I have tried to correspond with as many as I could, espeeci-

ally the isolated ones. I have received some very encouraging letters. It has done my soul good to read these, and although some of them were very brief they meant much to me. We have a small conference society who are reporting to me quite regularly, and we are quite anxious to increase our membership and will accept any isolated young person who loves the Lord and is willing to work and report.

Two Standard of Attainment Certificates were secured and eleven others passed the examination in Bible Doctrines. Quite a number started the reading course. Five or six have sent in reviews of the first two books. We are expecting that they will soon finish the course and receive their certificates. We would be glad to enlist any and all in these reading courses for the encouragement of the department. We can assure you that it will be time well spent for both young and old.

The Morning Watch must not be forgotten either. Those who have observed it faithfully testify to the benefits derived from this daily habit of meditation and prayer. Surely in these days of hurry and bustle we need to form such habits. It takes some effort but it pays.

This year there has also been added the new feature of reading the Bible through. There are thirteen enrolled thus far in this effort. One girl has completed it and has read as far as Deuteronomy the second time.

Since our last camp meeting at Morden, there have been 22 young persons added to the church by baptism. This of course includes those baptized at the camp meeting. Of the pledges and collections made on the camp ground last year for the Korean school, \$34.50 has been forwarded, leaving \$21.50 unpaid. We hope that those whose pledges are not paid, will make them good. This is the Lord's work and we cannot afford to neglect our vows to him. Other offerings to foreign missions have amounted to \$13.15; home missions, \$2.50; and to foreign missions through the Sabbath-school, \$1.00.

The missionary report is as follows: Letters written, 142; letters received, 50; Cottage Meetings, 30; Papers mailed, lent and given away, 385; Books loaned, 130; Books sold, 7; Tracts distributed, 2766; Treatments given 5; Meals provided, 3; Articles of clothing given away, 15; Bouquets given, 3.

Although this report is very small when compared with some others where the work is more thoroughly organized, it is encouraging to us. It is an indication of faithfulness on the part of a few in the Lord's work that will surely have their reward.

This work needs your co-operation and encouragement, brethren, and if this report reveals to you some of the possibilities of it, then my efforts, humble and meager as they have been, are not in vain. May God stir our hearts to every possible effort to save and enlist our children in this saving message.

MRS. E. M. CHAPMAN.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT.

Alberta—Three Weeks Ending June 26.

Name	Book	Hrs.	Ord.	Mag.	Helps	Total's		
Max Popow	B.R.	157	27	.....	\$ 1.00	\$104.90	
George Shankel	D.R.	79	33	.....	.....	120.00
J. B. Wagner	D.R.	91	28	.....	.....	117.00
Wm. T. Tall	D.R.	58	10	.....	5.25	42.25	
Geo. Polinkas	D.R.	41	12	.....	.....	46.00
Fred Steeves	D.R.	82	23	.....	7.00	90.00	
S. M. Ryan	B.R.	86	33	.....	7.65	116.15	
Lyle Sutherland	B.R.	45	8	.....	.....	31.00
L. D. Sutherland	B.R.	102	14	.....	.....	52.00
Harry Hansen	B.R.	22	5	.....	.....	22.50
Harry Casey	B.R.	36	12	.....	.....	52.00
Martha Huther	B.R.	47	6	.....	.....	23.00
Sarah Sulzle	B.R.	47	7	.....	.....	29.50
					893	218	\$20.90	\$846.30

British Columbia—Up to Week Ending June 19

C. O. Smith	H.M.	96	59	.....	\$15.50	\$198.00	
A. J. Carpenter	D.R.	7	6	.....	.....	21.00
R. M. Milne	B.R.	64	20	.....	16.45	93.45	
Jas. H. Lawson	B.R.	25	9	.....	2.00	43.50	
John Stickle	B.R.	36	11	.....	.25	42.75
					218	105	\$34.20	\$398.70

Saskatchewan—Week Ending June 12

Norman Brown	P.P.	34	12	\$...	\$....	\$ 51.00			
S. A. Crooks	P.P.	52	17	.....	.....	61.50	
Hulda Hoehn	B.R.	40	25	.....	.....	88.50	
Edward Hoehn	D.R.	37	11	.....	.....	47.50	
G. F. Knowlton	P.P.	51	35	.....	.....	130.50	
E. A. Light	D.R.	50	11	.....	.....	41.50	
Mrs. L. & E. Long	B.R.	56	20	.....	1.45	75.45		
Luther Long	B.R.	52	14	.....	.....	49.00	
J. D. Neufeld	D.R.	51	23	.....	.....	82.50	
Ida Coles	Mag.	10	77	\$7.70	.....	7.70		
					433	245	\$7.70	\$1.45	\$635.15

Manitoba—Week Ending June 19

Chas. Hoehn	B.R.	75	16	.....	\$ .50	\$ 60.50	
Fred Kingston	P.G.	37	6	.....	1.45	29.45	
Clinton Lefler	B.R.	13	4	.....	.....	14.00
G. F. Ojala	P.P.	42	21	.....	.25	79.25
O. Sigurdsson	C.O.S.	80	65	.....	4.25	49.75	
					247	112	\$ 6.45	\$233.45
Thirty-three agents	.....	1801	680	\$ 7.70	\$63.00	\$2113.60	
Previously Reported	.....					5517.40	
Total Reported to date	.....					\$7631.00	

OBITUARY

DIED—Cora Fitzsimmons, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fitzsimmons, Carberry, Manitoba, of bronchial pneumonia. She was sick eight weeks, and was taken to the Brandon Hospital, where she died June 25, at the age of 4 years, 9 months and 4 days. She was laid to rest in the Carberry cemetery, and words of comfort were spoken by Brother George R. Soper.

JESSIE McNAUGHTON.

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We wish to extend to our people in Western Canada a special invitation to contribute liberally for foreign missions on Sabbath, July 24, that being the day set apart by the General Conference for receiving the Midsummer Offering. Read about "The Mission Offerings" elsewhere in this issue.

Brother Fred Vester writes from Dunblane, Saskatchewan, that there are still homesteads to be had in his neighborhood. He is anxious that some of our people shall locate near him, and will gladly assist with information any who may be interested.

Elder H. S. Shaw, A. H. Brigham and J. M. Rowse returned to Calgary this week from Saskatoon, Sask., where they attended the Saskatchewan camp meeting. W. L. Manfull is spending a few days with the colporteurs in Saskatchewan before returning west for the Alberta camp meeting.

A new song book soon to be published will be called "Songs of Zion." This book is not intended to replace "Christ in Song," but rather for the use of our workers in tent meetings, etc. This new book contains 128 pages, 192 songs, new and old. The old ones are songs that every one loves to sing. Issued in two styles of binding, flexible Manila tag, and full cloth. Order of the tract society.

All about us are seen sure signs that the work of the Lord is being rapidly drawn to a close. Perhaps nowhere is this more noticeable than in our own work. The Lord has promised that just before the end his work will go much more rapidly than ever before, and we see many evidences that his promise is being fulfilled. Nearly every mail brings the glad news that still others are accepting the news of salvation, and our workers are reporting baptisms in large numbers in all parts of the field. Truly the Spirit of God is working on the hearts of men and women everywhere. May we not pray that the Lord will use, for his honor and glory, every Seventh-day Adventist in Western Canada, while the day of opportunity still lingers.

It will be noticed by the Colporteurs' Report in this issue that that branch of the work is growing. Owing to the great expanse of territory it is impossible to bring these reports entirely up to date. This has been especially difficult at this time owing to the camp meetings that have taken the time of the secretaries, as well as many of the agents. However, we trust that the reports will be of interest to a large number of our readers, and with the co-operation of the colporteurs and Tract Society secretaries we will endeavor to keep them as nearly up to date of publication as

possible, during the busy summer season. Brother Manfull reports that there are now about fifty agents in the field. This is the largest number ever engaged at one time in our Union. The largest number reported at any one time through the *Tidings*, was for the two weeks ending June 7, 1913, the sales for the two weeks amounting to \$5,162.70. Owing to the conditions at present extant we must expect that the sales this year will be smaller than formerly, in money value, but an encouraging feature is that today the books are being read, the people being eager to obtain the information they contain, and eternity alone will reveal the good that will be accomplished by the summer's campaign.

The camp meeting season in this Union has drawn nearly to a close. The last meeting of the four will be held at Lacombe, Alberta, and begins today. These meetings have been a great blessing to all who had the privilege of attending, and will be remembered as a time when the cause of God began to move forward with renewed impetus. At these times we are led to realize anew the serious times in which we are living, and our people have rallied as a faithful army to the calls for deeper consecration and greater activity in the Lord's cause. Those who were compelled by circumstances to remain away from the meetings, will appreciate the reports contained in this issue of the *Tidings*. At these meetings plans have been formulated for more determined work during the year. Would it not be well to preserve a copy of these plans and resolutions for reference during the coming months, to guide us in doing our share towards transforming these good *resolutions* into *acts*.

We have received a number of inquiries regarding the health of Sister White. Our last communication is dated June 18, in which Elder White states that there had not been much change for better or worse. She seems to be slowly failing in strength, and peacefully nearing the end of her life. She says from time to time that she has no desire to live except for service, and she feels that her life-work is done. June 10, Elder and Mrs. Daniells visited her, and although she recognized them and said she was very glad to see them, she was not able to visit with them. As Elder Daniells told her in a few words how richly the blessing of God was resting upon the workers in foreign fields, she nodded and smiled her gratitude, but did not try to speak. A few days later she prayed, saying: "Lord, I thank Thee that it is as well with us as it is. I will serve Thee to the best of my ability. Amen."

Since writing the above, we have received a letter from Elder White, bearing date of July 2. He says: "There has been no decided change in mother's condition. She gradually grows weaker, and for five or six days has seldom spoken above a whisper. Today she said to me that she was thankful that the Lord continues his mercies; and a little later, in broken sentences, she expressed her confidence and trust.

"After I had prayed with her, and spoken of the glad day when Christ will make all things new and we shall meet our dear ones around his throne, she expressed her hope that the time would not be long."