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WORK

Let me but do my work from day to day,
In field or forest, at the desk or loom,
In roaring market-place or tranquil room;
Let me but find it in my heart to say,
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,
"This is my work; my blessing, not my doom;
Of all who live, I am the one by whom
This work can best be done in the right way."

Then shall I see it not too great, nor small,
To suit my spirit and prove my powers;
Then shall I cheerful greet the laboring hours
And cheerful turn, when the long shadows fall
At eventide, to play and love and rest,
Because I know for me my work is best.
—Henry VanDyke.

AMONG THE BEST CLASSES

The Lord by a parable showed how the last invitation to the marriage supper of the King's Son would be sent out into the highways, as well as the byways, that the wedding should be supplied with guests. The Scripture reads:—

"Then saith He to His servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests." Matt. 22: 8-10.

"And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper." Luke 14: 23, 24.

The highways in the parable, we understand, mean the best classes of society, men of influence in places of authority. These need the saving word of the gospel the same as those in the humbler walks of life.

We were reminded of this scripture by a report given by Brother G. H. Clark, printed in the *South African Missionary*, of his work with the Harvest Ingathering number of the *Review*, following their recent union conference meeting in the city of Durban. Believing his experience with the officials of that city contains a valuable suggestion as to what may be accomplished in many other places this autumn, with the Ingathering *Signs*, we quote the principal part of his report:—

"It was voted by the union conference committee that at the close of the camp meeting the writer should present one hundred copies of the Harvest Ingathering *Review* to the highest officials of the city of Durban.

These gentlemen received me with universal courtesy and respect, especially when I mentioned the words, 'Seventh-day Adventists.' I am sure that the influence of the camp meeting was very good indeed.

"When the city cashier learned that I was from the camp he said, 'I live near the grounds, and my wife subscribed for one of your papers the other day. It contains some articles that make one think. I believe that you people are right in teaching that the end is not far off.'

"The postmaster said, 'I shall read and highly appreciate this paper. I have read the *Sentinel*, in fact, I subscribed for it a short time ago.' I knew that Pastor Shone had secured his subscription on field day.

"The chief of police, who is a Romanist, asked if we differed from other denominations on any other point than the Sabbath. I told him that others believe that the righteous will spend eternity in heaven, while we believe that they will inherit and live upon this earth after its purification by fire. He said, 'I believe that the righteous dead are already living here, but we cannot see them.' He said also, 'The laxity of Sabbath (meaning Sunday) observance is to be greatly deplored, and it ought to be prevented; but, after all, it takes more than an act of parliament to make men Christians.'

"A medical officer asked me if we, as a people, have much tuberculosis among us. I replied that our manner of living tends strongly to prevent diseases of every description. He showed considerable interest in our health principles.

"The manager of a bank was the most interesting case I met. He was very busy, but as soon as he learned that I represented the Seventh-day Adventist Conference, he threw off his official manners and began to ask about the Sabbath, the reasons for the apostacy in the churches today, and how one can find and live a life of peace with God. Oh, brethren and sisters, if ever I was glad that I knew Jesus, the great burden-bearer and peacemaker, it was at that moment. I knew that I had met a hungry, burdened soul, and I pointed him to our blessed Saviour as the only one who can bring forgiveness, rest and salvation to the troubled heart. He said, 'Mr. Clark, if ministers would do more of this kind of work that you are doing, it would help us in our daily struggles in life. I am glad that you called upon me, and may you be prospered in your good work.' If the distribution of these papers yields nothing more, I am repaid by having this privilege of lifting up the Saviour to a weary and needy soul. Please join me in praying that the Lord will still draw him and save him.

"These and many other experiences with men of this class, confirm the following statements found in 'Ministry of Healing,' under the subject, 'Ministry to the Rich,' pages 209, 210:—

"Today God is seeking for souls among the high as well as the low. There are many like Cornelius, men whom he desires to connect with his church. Their sympathies are with the Lord's people. But the ties that bind them to the world hold firmly. . . . Many long for something that will bring to an end the monotony of their aimless lives. Many in official life feel their need of something which they have not. Shall we make no personal appeal to them?"

T. E. BOWEN

OUR FOREIGN NEIGHBORS

During the past ten years, the time of our greatest foreign missionary activity abroad, more than twelve millions of foreigners have come and settled by our sides in Canada and the United States. Truly our foreign missionary work may begin at home. The subject on immigration is an intensely interesting one when studied in the light of the promise, "And I, if I be lifted up, shall draw *all* men unto me." More than forty races are represented in the past ten years' immigration. Among them are over two million Polish people. Poland was one of the greatest powers of Central Europe three hundred years ago. As a people they are thrifty and industrious. More than a hundred thousand Bohemians have come during the past ten years. They are an intelligent, liberty-loving people. Only a fraction of a percent. of the Bohemians are illiterates. Their University of Prague, founded in 1348—a half century earlier than the great Universities—had an enrollment of more than seven thousand students. But through the terrible persecutions which followed the burning of John Huss, when the Bohemians—nobles and common people—swore that to their latest breath they would uphold the religious freedom for which he had given his life, this splendid people numbering four millions were reduced to eight hundred thousand. Says one writer, "Not only were life, property, and religious freedom destroyed by the unrelenting persecutors of Protestant Bohemians, but their priceless literature instinct for two hundred years, with a spirit of freedom and patriotism, was condemned to the flames." Ought we not to make more than an ordinary effort in this country to reach such a people with the truth?

Although of late the heavy tide of immigration has been shifting from the north to the south of Europe, yet the past decade has brought us almost eighty thousand Germans, more than one hundred and sixty-five thousand Finns, five hundred thousand Scandinavians, and two hundred thousand French. From Southern Italy have come during the same period over one million seven hundred and forty-eight thousand people; and from Northern Italy more than three hundred and seventy-three thousand.

Among the other peoples strongly represented in this immigration are the Slovaks, Slovenians, Croatians, Bulgarians, Russians and Ruthenians. These belong to the Slavic races, as do also the Polish and Bohemians. They come largely from Austria-Hungary. Of

the non-Slavic races we are getting hundreds of thousands of Magyars, Rumanians, and Lithuanians.

Truly, we have a vast foreign missionary field at our door. Every church should have an active committee studying these foreigners and how to reach them. One of the best ways to work for them is with our literature. Fortunately there is a splendid variety of tracts for each of these nationalities. These can be secured by titles from your Tract Society, or in the 25c packages containing assortments. In some languages there are small books. The English catalogue under the various languages gives lists of publications obtainable.

Just as this is written, an order comes from one of our Western Societies for 21 copies of "Steps to Christ," and 72 twenty-five cent packages of tracts in the Armenian, Dutch, Finnish, Hungarian, Japanese, Korean, Lettish, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Rumanian, Russian, Servian, Slovakian, Welch, Wendish, and Yiddish languages. One of our colporteurs in a Wyoming mining town calls for foreign literature. "I hear there are forty-two languages spoken here," he writes. How interesting to know that we have literature for most of them. Surely the time is ripe for a great forward movement to reach these millions of foreign neighbors with a knowledge of the love of God, and His message for today.

J. R. FERREN.

REACHING THE GOAL

A Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary wrote a paragraph to the society leaders of that conference which is worth passing on to all our leaders everywhere.

"Do you know, I am very grateful that we have good, dependable leaders in our local societies. I would feel powerless to accomplish much without your help. It takes a person who is on the spot to push our missionary volunteer work as it should be pushed. I should feel that our 1915 goal were simply unattainable were it not that you are all helping. Did you see that little verse in the *Worker* this month? Here it is:

"It takes a little courage,
And a little self-control,
And some grim determination,
If you want to reach the goal."

"Isn't that good for our missionary volunteer societies? I know we can succeed if we have these qualities."

M. E. KERN.

WHY HE LIKED HIS WORK

When some one asked a missionary if he liked his work in Africa, he replied: "Do I like this work? No: my wife and I do not like dirt. We have reasonably refined sensibilities. We do not like crawling into vile huts through goat refuse. We do not like association with ignorant, filthy, brutish people. But is a man to do nothing for Christ he does not like. God pity him, if not. Liking or disliking has nothing to do with it. We have orders to 'go' and we go. Love constrains us." Such a love begets the strength to do the "all things."

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 and Home Missionary Secretary, O. Ziprick.

OUR SCHOOL

All will be happy to know that the Saskatchewan Conference has secured a place for a school. We have waited anxiously for this matter to assume definite form, so that we could write our brethren and sisters something real in regard to such an important question as a conference school.

A letter has been sent out to our people in Saskatchewan fully describing the property that has been secured. We fully believe that God has had His hand in the arrangements that have been undertaken to establish a school to which our young people may go to receive a Christian education.

At this school consecrated young people will be prepared for the work of the Lord. Therefore how earnestly should we support this institution by our prayers and means. To pray and pay in behalf of our schools everywhere is just as important and necessary as to do so in behalf of any other department of God's great cause.

We are glad to know that God will have the co-operation of all His children in Saskatchewan in making this school a strong educational centre.

We expect to have everything in readiness for school next fall. We hope all our young people will look to Battleford, Saskatchewan, with greater interest than ever before, and trust that the parents will begin now to lay plans for their children's education in this school.

Much more will be said and written about this school in the future. We want all our people to know the details of this enterprise. Be free to write and ask for the information you would like to have in regard to *your* school.

A. C. GILBERT.

CANORA AND RAMA

During the past month it has been my privilege to visit the believers in the Canora and Rama districts. Because they were very busy threshing and gathering in their crops, it was impossible to accomplish all that we desired. However, I enjoyed visiting with the brethren and doing what I could to encourage them, and they certainly showed their appreciation of the effort.

What is needed in both these places is a few weeks' meetings, at a more opportune time. I really believe that a short effort at Canora would richly repay the laborer.

From Canora I went to Ochre River, Manitoba, to visit my brother, whom I had not seen for twenty-eight years. He lives on a farm at the foot of the Riding Mountains, and has a wife and five children. Needless to say, I enjoyed my stay with them, especially when I tell the readers of the *Tidings* that I believe they will accept the truth.

I am now in Regina again, where all is well and the outlook for the future is good.

M. MACKINTOSH.

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONARY WORK OF

SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE

For Quarter Ending September 30, 1915

Number of churches and companies.....	17
Membership of churches.....	531
Number of persons reporting work or donations, members or not, all ages.....	32
Number of churches holding missionary meetings during week.....	1
Number of churches holding Fourth Sabbath Missionary service.....	4
Number of conference church and isolated members reporting, including Missionary Volunteer isolated members	3
Letters written.....	75
Letters received.....	18
Missionary visits (personal work).....	61
Bible readings or cottage meetings held.....	20
Subscriptions taken for periodicals.....	9
Papers sold.....	82
Papers lent, mailed or given away.....	751
Books sold.....	92
Books lent or given away.....	69
Tracts sold.....	3
Tracts lent or given away.....	1,126
Hours of Christian Help work.....	8
Articles of clothing given away.....	45
Numbers of meals provided.....	19
Offerings for Home Missionary work.....	\$5.65
Number of conversions.....	16

O. ZIPRICK.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

Elder O. Ziprick called at the office last week on his way to the southeastern part of the province, where he will visit some of our isolated members.

Elder M. Mackintosh has returned to Regina after an absence of about four weeks. The members of the church are glad to have him back again. There is a good interest at Regina, and Brother Mackintosh informs us that he is planning to have baptism again soon. About seven families have become interested in the truth as a result of the tent effort held in the northeastern part of the city.

Elder W.A. Clemensen is at Freemont at present, visiting Sister G. Gates, one of our many isolated members in this province.

We are glad to report that Sister Lizzie Buhler, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is feeling strong again, and is now able to deliver her books. She has successfully canvassed for "Practical Guide" around her home this summer, and intends to join the academy family at Lacombe in the near future.

Sister Anna Neufeld, who canvassed for Bible Readings this summer, called at the office on her way to Lacombe. She is glad to go to school for another winter.

Brother Perry Finkle, who passed through Saskatoon last week en route to Battleford, was joined a few days later by Brother H. L. English from Regina, who also stopped here between trains. These brethren will begin repairs at the school.

Brother and Sister Luther Long, and Sister Etta, report that the Lord is greatly blessing them in their delivery. They are all planning to attend the Alberta academy this winter. We are glad that so many of our young people are determined to reach a higher standard of education in order to be better qualified to labor in God's cause.

Elder Gilbert arrived at San Francisco on Nov. 1st, on his way to Loma Linda. The gathering of our leading brethren at this place will be of the utmost importance, and we would ask all to remember this meeting in their prayers.

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DAUPHIN

It is now nine weeks since we pitched our tent and began public meetings in this place.

We have had many evidences of God's hand in the work for which we feel profoundly grateful, and have been led to praise His holy name for blessings bestowed as we have tried to present the blessedness of the truths applicable to our time.

Seven have signed the covenant to keep the Sabbath of the Lord and the other commandments, and walk in all the light that may shine on their pathway. Others, we hope will take the same step in the near future. The interest continues to grow and before the work is done, we expect a good solid company of believers will be organized into a working force for God. We have some splendid talent which, if trained, can be used to win souls to God. People in the country are planning to attend our services as soon as the "hurry" season is over.

As the weather became too cold for us to continue in the tent, and there was no suitable hall available, we secured a large dwelling house in which to hold our meetings, the owner freely granting us the use of it without charges. Not knowing the gentleman, and he, as far as we knew, being unacquainted with our work, we felt that God's smile was resting upon us and His helping hand was leading us in time of need, so with Paul we "thanked God and took courage."

We are now holding four public meetings a week and conducting cottage meetings and Bible readings in the homes of the people. It seems that the ominous times in which we are living have kindled in the minds of many the desire to look into "these things." As a result, we have more calls than we can fill. "Truly the harvest is white for the reaping."

May God breathe upon all our dear people the spirit of service and devotion to His cause that the precious sheaves may soon be gathered into the garner above.

V. W. ROBB.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WORK

From away in the far west came a little letter to me lately, part of which read as follows:

"I am writing to ask you to order for me the three books for the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course, Junior, No. 8. As you may not know me by name, I will try to explain. I was the two-and-a-half year old girl who used to bother you so much when you come to study the Bible with my mother in Winnipeg."

This girl's letter came as a result of her reading my last article in the *Tidings*, and so I have to thank our good little paper for bringing us in touch with each other again.

There are difficulties in the missionary volunteer work, but God is blessing the young people. We have twenty-two who are taking the Reading Courses. Sixteen are reading the Bible through, and eight are

studying for the Standard of Attainment examinations.

There will be a Standard of Attainment examination this year in December. Will any who wish to write for the same at that time kindly send in their names and book reviews as soon as they are ready?

MRS. BARBARA COWAN.

MANITOBA NEWS NOTES

Brother D. McNaughton, of California, was a recent caller at the office.

Elder E. M. Chapman left on the 24th of October for the Council at Loma Linda.

At a meeting recently held in the Winnipeg church, Brother Hogg had the privilege of baptizing three precious souls.

Brother George Belleau, who has been engaged this past summer in the colporteur work, has finished his delivery, and is now attending the Lacombe academy.

We were very glad to greet Elder Shaw in Winnipeg a few days ago, while on his way to the North American Fall Council to be held at Loma Linda, California.

Elder Chapman recently baptized five adults as a result of the meetings held at Rivers. The effort at that place is being continued and it is expected that others will be ready for baptism in the near future.

Orders for the Harvest Ingathering papers are coming in nicely. Those who have not ordered papers yet are requested to do so at an early date. We want all our people to take hold of this good work.

Word has been received of the safe arrival of Elder H. J. Dirksen in Portland. We are sorry to learn that Sister Dirksen's health is very poor. Brother Dirksen still cherishes fond recollections of his labors in Manitoba.

The following persons have requested papers for free distribution: Johnston Neithercut, 337 Dennis St., Brandon, Man.; Mrs. Forest VanDusen, Shoal Lake, Man. If you have any papers to spare, these persons will be glad to receive them for use in missionary work.

Our colporteurs are having success in the delivery of their books. Brother Henkes has completed his delivery and returned to his home at Canora, Sask. Brethren Hoehn and Ojala are still engaged in this work. Brother McGee also has a delivery soon. Remember these workers at the throne of grace.

THE INVITATION TO COME

A little boy who saw for the first time the sign "Common," in Boston, at the entrance of the great park known as Boston Common, called out joyfully: "It doesn't say, 'Keep off the Grass'; it says, 'Come on!'" And this is the gospel invitation. Not "Keep off," but "Come on!" An interested listener said to Mr. Moody, "One might think that the word 'Come' was your pet text." "I have two; one is 'Come,' and the other is 'Go,'" was his answer. "Come for cleansing and acceptance. Go into service; go and get others to come."—*Mary E. Watson.*

SHE COULD "GO WITHOUT A MEAL OR TWO"

A lady in writing concerning her subscription to the *Sabbath School Worker* says: "Times are hard, but I could go without a meal or two in order to have the *Worker*. I should certainly not try to teach without it if it were possible to get it. I always take it in a club when I can, and when I can not, I subscribe personally."

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MISSIONARY EXPERIENCES

Some encouraging letters have come in with the church missionary reports, and I thought a few paragraphs from a letter just received from one of our Vancouver Missionary Secretaries would be of interest to all. It has the true missionary ring.

"Your letter to hand and contents noted with interest. . . . Yes, I'll get the record book for reports you mention and am sure it will help me.

"We had good success in getting subscribers for the *Review and Herald*—fourteen in all, thirteen for six months and one for a year. Not too bad.

"We have only had our Harvest Ingathering papers for a week, but have commenced work and hope to report good results. Last Thursday evening after school, about 4.30, I took out eight children from our church and we worked with the papers until about 6, and had a splendid time. Three of the boys received forty cents each, others twenty cents and some ten. There wasn't a discordant note during the time we were at the work. We are going again shortly and hope to improve each time. Yes, you may depend on it, I'll do my best to make the Ingathering work a success.

"I went to the General Hospital this afternoon and had a fine time, as usual. Only had twenty-seven bouquets today and 120 papers, and lent *Christ's Object Lessons*. Must close now and work at that report for you."

The plan of work followed by this missionary secretary is so good that I thought it would be helpful to others. Let the children have a part in the Ingathering work and keep up the work and the interest until the goal is reached. We are thankful for the reports that are coming in. Let us do faithfully our part.

BERTHA LOFSTAD.

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 Liberty Secretary, J. L. Wilson.

FROM ACROSS THE SEA

As requested, I will now try to give a short account of our trip to Honolulu, T.H.

Leaving Lacombe on Friday, September 24th, we spent Sabbath and Sunday with Brother and Sister Hommel in Calgary. From there, early on Monday, we left for Vancouver, B.C., where we arrived in the morning of the next day. We all enjoyed the trip through the mountains very much, the scenery being grand. As our boat did not leave until Wednesday noon, we also had the privilege of visiting different places in Vancouver.

On Wednesday evening our ship arrived at Victoria, stopping there for about two hours. The trip across from Vancouver was lovely, the water being quite smooth. When we reached the ocean proper, however,

it was a different story. The first two days out the sea was very rough; very few of the passengers were seen on deck, most of them remaining in their cabins. The remaining part of the journey was very pleasant.

We reached Honolulu on Wednesday morning, October 6th, after being on the water for nearly seven days. Brother and Sister Conway, also Sister Robinson, were at the docks awaiting our arrival, and gave us a real Hawaiian welcome by entwining long strings of beautiful flowers about our necks.

The greater part of that day was spent in visiting places of interest in the city. Honolulu has a population of about sixty-five thousand, and, in many ways, is the most beautiful city I ever saw. Its many different kinds of flowers and great variety of trees make it a sight which is worth going a long way to see. The inhabitants are made up of many different races of people, though the English language is the one principally spoken in the islands. Generally speaking, the people are intelligent and show great hospitality.

It would be an inspiration to you to visit our Sabbath-school and Young People's meetings and note the interest taken by the children in these services. Many of these Hawaiian and Chinese children are very bright and put many of us to shame.

Our church in Honolulu has a membership of about seventy. Of this number, about ten or twelve of the brightest young people are attending our schools on the coast.

We are very glad to be here and cast in our lot with these dear people. There is great need of more workers in these beautiful islands, eight of which are inhabited, and six of which are without a representative of the truth. We feel that there is a great work to be accomplished here for the Master, and desire to be remembered by all of our friends in Alberta at the throne of Grace, that we may be instruments in God's hand in winning precious souls for Him.

Our address is: 1415 Alapai Street, Honolulu, T.H.

L. T. HEATON.

EDMONTON

Since I last wrote to the *Tidings* I have visited the company at Sedgewick, and have also held a number of meetings in Edmonton.

The meetings in Edmonton have not been so well attended as was expected. We have rented a very fine church in the centre of the city. We hoped to have an attendance of at least three hundred, but up to the present not more than one hundred persons have attended at any one time. The interest is good and there are many openings for Bible work. During the past week we sold over \$5.00 worth of literature at the meetings. We have a table covered with pamphlets and tracts to which we call the attention of the people at the close of each service. Our donations have not quite met the expenses. To carry on work in the cities is expensive, but they must be warned of the dangers that are coming upon them.

I find our brethren and sisters in Edmonton to be very earnest and willing to do all they can to help the work forward. We must try to save the "Lots" and their families who are yet in Sodom before the destroying angel visits the cities. We are hoping and praying for great things in Edmonton. Brethren, pray for us.

J. L. WILSON.

CALGARY

By invitation of the conference, Mrs. Hansen and I arrived in Calgary October 25th to take up work for the fall and winter. We have been well impressed with the city and its people, and already a burden has fastened itself upon us to open an evangelistic effort in one of the opera houses, where the people will be free to come and where they are accustomed to going.

We are in need of money and literature to execute this work. Some of our brethren may have clean copies of the *Signs*, both monthly and weekly, which they would like to send for use in this effort. Tracts could be used by the thousands. All of these should be sent post-paid to the writer at 502 Seventeenth Avenue West, Calgary.

Perhaps some of our brethren have friends here in the city on whom they would like to have the workers call. If so, kindly write us, giving name and address and any other particulars that might prove helpful.

We have been instructed by the Spirit of God that the work in our large cities, which are centres of trade, is the work of the hour, and that now, while the doors are open, we must press in with the truth. The German brethren will co-operate with the English work in this effort.

Pray that God will bless the work in Calgary and that souls may be won as a result of this effort.

C. A. HANSEN.

CALKINS VALLEY

On Sunday, October 17th, the effort which Brother Cal Smith and the writer conducted in Calkins Valley, twenty-eight miles west of Lacombe, was brought to a close. From the first the attendance was good, and at our last service forty-three were present.

We are glad to report that, as a result of our labors, eight adults took their stand for the Sabbath of the Lord. On the Sabbath previous to the close of the effort, we organized a Sabbath-school of twenty-two members. These were divided into an adult's class, an intermediate class and a children's class.

Our friends in Calkins Valley enjoyed our work among them and did everything in their power to help us in every way. We feel that there is still a great work to be done there, as many of the farmers were so busy with their work that they did not attend the meetings, and others who were attending left to join threshing crews.

Let us not forget to pray for these new Sabbath-keepers, that the efforts of the enemy to win them back may not be successful, but that they may become strong in the truth and win others to the Lord.

A. P. POND.

WEDDING BELLS

On Friday, October 15th, a quiet wedding took place at the home of Elder P. P. Adams, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Georgia E. Middleton to Mr. Thomas R. Nunn, both of Lacombe. Elder P. P. Adams officiated at the wedding. Miss Madge Smith acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Lindley Beane as best man. A few relatives and friends were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Nunn will make their home on their farm, two miles east of Lacombe. Mrs. Nunn is a former student of the Alberta Academy, and her old

class-mates and acquaintances join with her many other friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.

VERA ALCOCK.

HE WILL DELIVER

The following experience brings to view one of the many ways which God employs to protect the welfare of those who trust Him in the midst of difficulty.

On Wednesday night, October 20th, the threshing-machine came to the place which I had rented, and started work the next morning so that everything would be finished before sundown on Friday. For some reason, however, the men did not seem to give their usual attention to the work. They wasted much time and it became evident that the work would not be finished by Sabbath. To help matters I built granaries out in the field to save the time occupied by hauling my share of the grain home. This, of course, meant extra expense in purchasing lumber, besides hauling it for six miles.

The owner of the land was present and he was anxious that the work continue into the Sabbath. The threshers also refused my request to stop the machine at sundown. They stated that they would thresh on Saturday, though I had told them that I should not be there to assist. However, at about seven o'clock on Friday evening the machine broke down. The men came along saying: "Guess we will have to keep your Sabbath, as we can do no more until Monday morning."

Truly can I testify that there was One who saw the plight into which I was thrown, and when it seemed impossible for me to do any more to help the situation, He became my Helper in this time of need.

EDWARD EVERSON.

ALBERTA NOTES

Brother Sam Leiske, Sr., visited the office recently while in the city.

Brother Enoch Wilson has been visiting the believers at Ponoka and Bismark.

A card from Elder Humann stated that he and Sister Humann had arrived safely at San Francisco. Since then word has been received that they had reached Lodi and were on the way to Loma Linda.

Brother C. C. Neufeld is at present engaged in following up the interest created by the labors of Brethren Pond and Cal Smith, west of Lacombe.

Sisters Susie and Rosie Wagner, of Trochu, were welcome visitors at the office recently. After spending a day or two in Calgary with their sister Sophie, they left for the school at Lacombe.

Mr. J. Roderick, late treasurer of the Edmonton church, has left Alberta for California. Brother Roderick spent Sabbath, the 6th, with the Calgary Church.

Brethren Cal Smith and Wm. McCready called at the office recently while on their way to the Medicine Hat district, where they will labor together in evangelistic work.

After spending the summer in the colporteur work and completing the delivery of their books, Brethren Fred W. Steeves and George Shankle called at the office a few days ago on the way to their homes. We were glad to greet these faithful workers again, both of whom are planning to spend another school year at the academy.

Brother Elmer Clark, who spent last summer in the colporteur work in Saskatchewan, called at the office recently, on his way to Beiseker, where he will teach one of the church schools there. His wife, Sister Ellen Clark, who is at present visiting relatives in Lacombe, will join Brother Clark in this line of work at Beiseker in the near future.

Mr. Harry Casey visited the office last Tuesday in company with Clarence Hafner, of Stavely. Both left the next morning for Lacombe, where they will attend the academy. Brother Casey has done a good work this past season in

canvassing for "Bible Readings" in the foothills west of Claresholm. He reports all orders delivered with the exception of one.

A letter recently received from Brother H. E. Shelstad states that he has collected \$20.00 for the Harvest ingathering Fund. The letter also contains a hurried call for more papers. This is encouraging. A request for more papers has also come to hand from Brother Joseph Merry, of Irma, who states that success is attending his efforts in this work. Brother A. W. Steeves, of Millet, recently sent in \$8.00, which he collected the other day. Thus the work goes on. We are very anxious that all our people fall into line and spend some time in this good work. Remember that the people need the papers, the mission fields need the money and you need the experience gained from such a worthy effort.

ACADEMY NOTES

Blanche Hippach, one of our old students recently paid a short visit to the school.

Brother Fred Carpenter and family, of Mannville, have been visiting their son Ralph, who is in school this year.

Amongst other duties recently assigned to the boys was the hauling of the potatoes from pits on the school farm into the new cellar east of the academy building.

The enrollment up to October 29th was one hundred and two. Many more expect to be here in the course of a few days.

Prayer bands are now meeting daily from 10 to 10.15 in the morning. There are six bands of students besides that of the faculty. These are well attended and are proving a blessing to all.

The latest arrivals of students are: Luther and Marie Hansen; Bert Philpott, Robert Kitto, Martha, Ida, John and Fred Braunberger; Pearl Pangman, Ida Neufeld, Rachel Miller, George Shankel, Fred Steeves and Susie and Rosie Wagner.

The officers of both the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society and Sabbath School were elected on Sabbath, October 23rd. Those elected for the Sabbath school are as follows: Superintendent, B. C. Clark; first assistant, Sister Margaret Johnson; second assistant, Sister A. C. Harder; secretary, Herman Hansen; assistant secretary, Clara Gibson; secretary for Junior department, M. E. Wallace; chorister, B. Philpott; organist, A. Bernhard.

The following are the names of the officers of the Young People's Society: Leader, M. Milne; first assistant, Nellie Shankel; second assistant, S. M. Ryan; secretary, Susie Haynal; assistant secretary, T. Unruh; chorister, A. C. Harder; organist, Ruth A. Wallace.

GIVING OR RELINQUISHING

"So Mr. Jones gave \$5,000 to missions at his death, did he?" was asked of a minister the other day. The answer was: "I did not say he gave it, but he left it; perhaps I should more explicitly have said that he relinquished it, because he could no longer hold it." The distinction needs to be kept in mind: one only "gives" when living; he "relinquishes" at death.--Selected.

REACHES A DIFFICULT CLASS

A conference official writes as follows of Dr. Magan's new book:

"I have just finished reading 'The Vatican and the War,' and I must say it has been some time since I have read anything so interesting and profitable (except God's own Word) as this little book, I believe it will be a good seller and will reach a class of people that our other works have failed to reach. I shall do what I can to aid in its circulation."

In lots of ten or more, the price of the book in paper covers is but 12½ cents; cloth, 25 cents, plus the transportation. Order of your tract society.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

Saskatchewan—Two Weeks Ending October 8

	Book	Hrs.	Ord.	Mag.	Helps	Total
L. A. Philpott	P.G.	86	55	....	\$1.50	\$262.40
Ida Coles	Mag.	21	213	\$21.30	\$1.40	\$262.40
		107	268	\$21.30	\$1.40	\$283.70

Manitoba—Four Weeks Ending October 9

	Book	Hrs.	Ord.	Mag.	Helps	Total
O. Sigurdsson	C.O.S.	137	163	....	....	\$114.10
A. E. McGee	B.R.	140	39	....	\$11.90	165.80
		277	202	....	\$11.90	\$279.90

Alberta—Two Weeks Ending October 16

	Book	Hrs.	Ord.	Mag.	Helps	Total
Wm. T. Tall	G.C.	33	12	....	\$2.35	\$53.35
R. E. Robinson	B.R.	69	17	....	....	66.50
Fred W. Steeves	D.R.	14	3	....	7.50	18.00
		116	132	....	\$9.85	\$137.85
Seven Agents		600	502	....	\$23.15	\$701.45
Previously reported						\$28,107.80
Total reported to date this year						\$28,809.25

REPORT OF SALES—CANADIAN BRANCH

Pacific Press Publishing Association

October, 1915

	Sub'n.	40%	Trade.	Educ.	Tracts.	Totals.
Alberta	\$2,260.45	\$ 27.00	\$27.85	\$56.85	\$16.40	\$2,388.55
Brit. Columbia	122.00	2.30	8.90	11.95	.40	145.55
Manitoba	364.00	7.70	9.45	....	6.05	387.20
Saskatchewan	3,751.50	105.70	29.70	4.60	1.40	3,892.90
	\$6,497.95	\$142.70	\$75.90	\$73.40	\$24.25	\$6,814.20
Total sales for October, 1915						\$6,814.20
Total sales for October, 1914						5,735.13
Gain for October						\$1,079.07
Gain for ten months						3,981.40

J. M. ROWSE.

A Sabbath-keeping man would like to correspond with someone of like faith with a view of obtaining employment for winter and a comfortable home. Can manage small farm, store, and do carpentry. High wages not expected. References. Address: Thos Treasure, Rivers, Daly, Man.

LOST—At the Lacombe camp-meeting, one copy of "Christ in Song"; half-morocco binding, containing the name of Myrtle McCarty. If found, please send to Mrs. Myrtle McCarty, Red Willow, Alberta.

FOR SALE

SANITARIUM COOKING OIL—In 40-lb. cans, \$5.15. In barrels of 390 lbs., 10½c. Address, Cotton Seed Oil Co., P.O. Box 1832, Winnipeg, Man., with cash.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—The Burman property, near the Alberta Academy. The house has eight rooms and is heated with a furnace. Anyone interested in this will please address, Box 418, Lacombe.

FOR SALE

Suburban Home Bargain—Spokane tract at Orchard Ave. Handy to good 12th grade church school and electric line 7-room modern house; bath, sleeping porch, full basement 20 minutes' ride from center of city. Price \$2150. Must be sold at once. This is a snap! Write S. J. Abegg, R. No. 8, Spokane, Wash.

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Eight souls were baptized in Manitoba recently.

The work of gathering funds for foreign missions with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* is progressing nicely. One hundred thirty-two dollars and sixty cents has been sent to the Union office up to the present time.

Brother and Sister Owen, late of Pacific Union College, spent a few hours in Calgary while on their way to Caley and Granum, where they will be engaged in Church school work.

W. L. Manfull was a recent welcome caller at the office. After a prolonged absence, Brother Manfull is returning home to spend a few weeks with his family at Salmon Arm, B.C.

J. R. Ferren's appeal in this issue for our foreign neighbors is but another invitation from God to carry the message to those less favored than ourselves. This is a work in which we can all engage during the winter months. Let us respond to this appeal.

Here is an item of interest that was gleaned from the sales report of one of our publishing houses for the single month of September. The total number of "Testimonies" sold was 2,704 copies. A single order called for 1,125 copies of leather. Compare this with sales of 700 leather for the entire year of 1914. Sister White's works are enjoying good sales. The memorial book, "Life Sketches of Mrs. E. G. White" and the revised "Gospel Workers" are in particularly strong demand.

The following interesting data is gleaned from the Statistical Report for the year 1914: "The amount raised for the three general classes of funds were as follows: Tithe, \$1,818,436.08, 58.84 per cent.; foreign mission offerings, \$772,248.39, or 24.99 per cent.; home and local offerings, \$499,800.33, or 16.17 per cent. The

per capita for the membership in North America was \$32.33, for all the members outside North America, \$14.15, an average of \$24.56.

"During the fifty-two years since this work has been organized, there has been contributed for evangelistic work alone, \$31,675,894.76."

Before the German and Bulgarian invasion of Servia began, effective mission work was done in the Balkans. Notable financial success was reported by several Mission Boards, and it was felt that new life was entering these missionary centres. The extension of the war-zone, however, is having a blighting effect upon all aggressive effort, and it is apparent that if we ever bring the message to those countries not ravaged by war, we shall have to make haste.

We are told that the massacres which happened in Eastern and Central Turkey in years past, are as a drop in the bucket to what has recently transpired in sections of Asia Minor. The disaster is unprecedented, and the work of years in important centres has been practically wiped out. It is further stated that "certain bright spots are to be found in this dark picture. The missionaries are safe. Not a hand has been lifted against them."

Let us press into these mission fields before they are forever closed. Our sons, our daughters and our means are needed to finish the work. Are we willing to make the sacrifice?

OBITUARY

Died at Firvale, B.C., after a long illness, Harriet Amelia Lunney, wife of Thos. R. Astleford, aged forty-eight years. Sister Astleford saw much of pioneer life in Ontario, North Dakota, Alberta and British Columbia. Her parents were Church of England people from the North of Ireland, who settled in the County of Grey, Ontario, near Durham, shortly before Sister Astleford's birth. It was there that, as a result of attending meetings at a nearby Baptist church, Harriet and three younger members of the family of thirteen followed the Lord in baptism. In the fall of 1891 she was united in marriage with Thomas R. Astleford and later they moved to Winnipeg. After residing a year in that city, both joined the S.D.A. church organized by Elder W. H. Falconer in the spring of 1895. Later they became members of the first church organized by Elder Dirksen in Alberta seventeen years ago. After moving to British Columbia they united with the churches at Hammond and Bella Coola.

Sister Astleford passed through some severe trials and disappointments in her life, but her faith was strong and she died with bright hopes of hearing the voice of the life-giver. She was a faithful wife, and mother of four daughters and two sons. Rev. 21: 3 was the text of the funeral service.

THOMAS A. ASTLEFORD.

Minnie Essa Johnson was born in Blue Earth County, Minnesota, November 1, 1876, and died at her home, Ponoka, Alberta, October 29, 1915. She had believed in the Third Angel's Message from her childhood: At the time of her death her faith was strong in the Lord. She is survived by a husband, six sons, one daughter, a father and mother, two sisters and two brothers, who keenly feel their loss. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder J. L. Wilson. The funeral took place October 30, interment being in Forest Home cemetery, Ponoka.

ENOCH R. WILSON.

Rholena, Rhodena and Rhobena, infant daughters of Brother and Sister J. K. Fish, were buried recently at Lacombe. They were born on October 6th, but being in a very weak condition, their young lives one by one ebbed away. Rholena lived only sixteen hours after birth. Rhodena died October 25th and Rhobena passed away three days later. We extend to Brother and Sister Fish our deep sympathy in the loss of these young children. Elder P. P. Adams officiated at the funeral services.