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(Pres. F. Griggs)

"I haven't much faith in the man who complains
Of the work he has chosen to do;
He's lazy, or else he's deficient in brains,
And maybe, a hypocrite, too;
He's likely to cheat and he's likely to rob—
Away with the man who finds fault with his job!

"But give me the man with the sun in his face
And the shadows all dancing behind;
Who can meet his reverses with calmness and grace
And never forgets to be kind;
And whether he's wielding a scepter or swab,
I have faith in the man who's in love with his job."

THE WEEK OF PRAYER

Another year with its trials and its victories is about to close. For years in the past it has been the custom of Seventh-day Adventists to set apart a week near the close of the year for special prayer and consecration. This year the time appointed for this annual season is December 11-18.

It has been my privilege to pass through and enjoy the blessings and benefit of many of these occasions. The Lord's people have been refreshed and strengthened to meet the conditions which have arisen from year to year in connection with this rapidly growing message which is being heralded to the ends of the earth.

Each year is more real and seems more important than the year before, because of the new conditions we are called to face in the ever eventful happenings of the world, and the rapid development of the work of the Third Angel's Message.

This time, however, is doubtless the most strenuous and important of any prayer season we have ever seen in the history of this people. I need not mention the reasons, as every person knows more or less of the conditions which now exist in the world, and their meaning to us as a people.

If it has ever been important that we meet together for special prayer and heart searching, it is more so now. There can be no intelligent doubt that we are facing the closing scenes of this great controversy between truth and error, and while the world is reaching its climax in the spirit of war and destruction, the servants of God must be clothed with power from on high, to deliver the great life-saving message committed to our trust.

Each local conference in this union has already made its arrangements for every church and company within its borders to be visited by some laborer during the

week of prayer, and each church and company doubtless has been planning its meetings for the week.

Is it expecting too much that each brother and sister make plans as far as possible, to attend these meetings every day during the prayer season, thus getting the blessings the Lord has for us individually? Surely, brethren, we must know and realize that we have reached a time in the history of this cause, when we have but little time left to do what we must do to be ready for probation to close.

If we plan our regular work to employ our time the same as in any ordinary week of our business affairs, we are in danger of missing the very blessing that might help us to gain the victory for which we have been hoping hitherto.

The Lord has promised to be with His people when they are gathered together to pray and seek God, and He will be with those who meet in this week of prayer.

My heart is thrilled as I see in my thought, our people gathered together in companies all over this country, as well as all over the whole world, in every land and clime, reading and talking about God and His great work, and consecrating themselves to His service in this final struggle.

Eternity alone may reveal the great meaning of this week of consecration and prayer to this generation, not only to us as individuals who know the Lord's message, but to honest souls who are waiting for the truth both in our own land and in the fields afar.

The Lord offers great blessings, because we need great blessings at this time. Let us not disappoint Him.

H. S. SHAW.

TOO LATE

The importance of seizing the opportunity to surrender one's life to God in this special week of prayer is vividly portrayed in the following little incidents which are published in the hope that they may help someone to realize the great danger there is in "putting it off till tomorrow."

"At a prayer meeting in a country neighborhood in western Washington, a young man appeared to be much convicted. An earnest worker in the meeting went to him and lovingly plead with him to go forward and seek salvation. He hesitated, but finally said, 'No, I will go when I am done hauling logs, I have one month to work yet.' Four weeks from that day he and a young friend went bathing in Lake Lacoma. He was using profane language while undressing. Plunging into the lake he swam into the

deep, cold water, was taken with a cramp, screamed wildly for help, then sank to the bottom. He was one month too late."

"One night at a revival meeting, a young lady was urged to repent. She said, 'I will seek God tomorrow night.' The next evening her mother found that she intended to go to a ball, and she begged her not to go. She replied, 'I will go if I die,' and went upstairs to dress. A young man called to take her to the ball-room. She was called but did not answer. Her mother went to her room, and found her sitting before the glass, putting a ribbon in her hair, but she was a corpse! She waited one night, lost her dance, lost her soul!"

"A young lady in New York attended a revival meeting with her parents. A pious aunt became greatly burdened and distressed for the young lady, who was unconverted. At last she went to her and earnestly plead with her to come at once and seek God; but she refused. At the close of the meeting she started home with her parents. A few rods from church the team became frightened and overthrew the sleigh. The young lady was violently thrown against a telephone pole and instantly killed. She was one hour too late."

T. S. BOWETT.

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WEEK OF PRAYER APPOINTMENTS

It is hoped that all our brethren and sisters in Saskatchewan have received the letters that have been sent out concerning the Week of Prayer, Dec. 11 to 18, and a list of appointments for those who have been asked to assist us during this time.

Let us seek the Lord for His special blessing during this solemn season of prayer. The nearness of the end, the consequent responsibilities that must be shouldered by us as a people, should cause us to seek for strength to bear our part well in the closing struggles of the Third Angel's Message.

Should any not have a copy of the Week of Prayer Readings, please send to the office for a copy. Study them carefully and prayerfully, and you will be abundantly blessed.

The following is the list of appointments for the Week of Prayer as advised by the Conference Committee:—

Waldheim and Rosthern, Pastor C. Sulzle; Prussia and Fox Valley, Pastor O. Ziprick; the Macrorie company, Pastor J. V. Maas; Dundurn and Hanley, Pastor W. A. Clemensen; Loreburn and Queen Centre, Bro. D. D. Neufeld; Prince and Titanic, Brother W. G. Forshaw; Sunset and Saskatoon, Brother Oscar Meilicke; Hillesden and McLean, Brother G. F. Ross; Stockholm, O. E. Lindgren; Langham and Fenwood, Brother U. Wissner; Sonningdale, O. O. Farnsworth; Regina, Pastor A. C. Gilbert; Swift Current and Rouleau, Pastor M. Mackintosh.

Let each pray that these brethren who are sent to these different places may be richly blessed as they lead in the work required of them

A. C. GILBERT.

"WHEN THE OFFERING IS TAKEN I'LL BE THERE."

What offering? Why the 13th Sabbath Offering to be taken in our Sabbath schools, December 25. This 13th Sabbath plan seems to have come to stay and it is really inspiring to notice what has been given in this way alone since it was first started.

The first one, as you may remember, was for the cities of India, being taken March 30, 1912, and amounted to \$7,674.00. But listen: From the first 13th Sabbath Offering of 1912 up to and including the second one of 1915, this people gave \$217,208.16 in this way alone. Think of it! \$217,000.00 in 14 Sabbaths to missions. Is it not wonderful? Does it not speak courage to you and make you happy for the part you have in it too?

But there is another thing I wish to notice. I do enjoy watching the gains. As we stated before, the first 13th Sabbath offering amounted to \$7,674.00. The last one of which we have a full report was \$22,443.43. Notice the gain. Almost three times larger. This is not due to increase in membership alone, no, not by any means. But we do feel that the increasing liberality which is taking hold of our people in view of the shortness of time and the great work yet to be done has much to do with it.

Eternity alone will reveal what has been accomplished in the salvation of souls through the agency of our Sabbath school offerings. But past liberality, good deeds of yesterday, or sacrifices made in other days cannot suffice for the present.

Every setting sun brings us one day nearer the end of all things. December 25 will be the most important 13th Sabbath which has ever come to us for we have three months less in which to preach this gospel of the kingdom. It is easily seen then that the offering should be larger than ever before.

The fields which have been benefitted by the 13th Sabbath offerings of the past, have always been very needy and we find Manchuria, East China and West China no exception. But in the words of another, "the needs of this field are appalling."

I am sure you will agree to this also when you have carefully and prayerfully read the leaflet which gives a little glimpse of things as they are.

Beloved, shall we not arise to the need of the hour and by our united efforts make the last Sabbath school offering of this year the largest ever yet sent from Saskatchewan?

This giving of our means to the cause of God is a blessed opportunity. It is an investment which yields large dividends. The first great blessing is felt in the giver's heart and life and then it passes on to other lands where it is the means of gaining many an honest heart for the kingdom. And how they do love the truth and gladly do they sacrifice for it.

We were privileged a short time ago to see Brother C. E. Weaks, who has spent some time in foreign lands. He told of one lady in Korea who had never been converted to the truth and walked over three hundred miles to attend a general meeting. The brethren felt sorry for her and wanted to take up a collection and send her back on the train. But she would not accept it. She said she had passed through many villages on her way down where the people knew nothing

of the "good news" and she wanted to leave literature with them on her return.

Are you not happy that you have been privileged to help with your means in the past and that you still have opportunity to help reach other honest hearts in those lands by sending along your offerings?

May the Lord bless you as you begin *now* to make the words of that dear old 13th Sabbath song a part of your life and determination, that when December 25 shall arrive, whether you are a member of an organized school or of the Home Department, you may "be there with your offering for needy Manchuria, East and West China."

"For a liberal Thirteenth Offering, I shall work and save and pray,

And shall set apart the money I can spare—
That darkened souls in heathen lands may see the light of day—

When the 'dollars' are collected, I'll be there.

"Oh it is a precious privilege to be allowed to give—

It affords me a joy beyond compare;

So whenever God permits me, on the Thirteenth Sabbath day
When the offering is collected, I'll be there."

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

TUGASKE

Having seen in the Saskatchewan notes the brief announcement of two baptismal services at Tugaske recently, the readers of the *Tidings* would doubtless like to hear particulars of the work done there.

The opening for the way of truth was first made by the faithful efforts of Brother William Brown in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Foulston. Literature and Bible readings were given these dear people. Different conference workers passing through that neighborhood made their acquaintance and added testimony to the truthfulness of the message.

In October of last year the persuasive impressions of the Holy Spirit became too powerful for further resistance or delay and they surrendered in humble obedience.

They at once became missionaries and began to interest their neighbors in the true Sabbath. Desiring to know every point of truth clearly, and believing others of their friends were interested, they appealed to the conference for a worker to be sent them. In response, the writer was sent to their help in the early spring of the present year.

After a short series of meetings the number of Sabbath keepers was increased from two to eight adults, who later became firmly established on all points of faith. Six of these were baptized by Elder Gilbert a few weeks ago.

These believers represent four complete families, and in each case husband and wife were buried in baptism together. Fifteen children are thus brought under the direct and undivided influence of the truth in their homes, and about half this number are enjoying church school privileges this winter with Sister Louise Bissegger as teacher.

About eight miles distant in another direction from Tugaske, Mr. Miller, having previously become interested, heard that a S.D.A. minister was around the neighborhood, and consequently could not rest until meetings were in full swing in the Wesley View school house, near his home. As a result of these services eight more adults, besides children, are rejoicing in

obedience to the truth. Elder Ziprick baptized four two weeks ago, and others will follow in the spring when the weather gets warmer.

The determination of these dear brethren and sisters is to preach Christ not only with their voices, but by showing their undivided love for Him by lives of consecration and loyalty to every principle of truth. Let us all press together in unity of soul and purpose, and more earnestly proclaim to the perishing world by voice and life, "the blood of Jesus Christ . . . cleanseth us from all sin."
W. G. FORSHAW.

HOLIDAY GIFTS

What a year of the richest blessings has been the lot of the colporteur! What a privilege to have been connected with such an important branch of the message as the colporteur work! What a marvelous change has been wrought in the condition of the world during the past year, and what a wonderful growth of the third angel's message during the same time!

Someone has well said that it is evident that "the Lord's finger pointed out the plan of colporting His holy word and His blessing has never for a moment forsaken it."

Colportage and the press are necessary to each other, so far as the publication of the gospel is concerned. The press must multiply copies of the Word, and the colporteur must urge it upon the people. Unless we are prepared to throw away "the million-tongued press," as a means of saving souls, we must continue to support the colporteur work. The question is not whether we shall distribute literature through the common channels of trade or by means of colporteurs; but the question is whether the work shall be done by colporteurs or not be done at all."

Everyone can be a colporteur—that is, a distributor of gospel literature.

Do you think, dear reader, you could make a more appropriate holiday gift than a good book? If "Steps to Christ" were the means of drawing a person to the Saviour—and it often is—would you not rejoice? If the book "Ministry of Healing" were to lead a sufferer to ask divine aid, as is often the case, how thankful you would be for the help you had been able to render.

You have friends who are hard to reach. It seems impossible to have a heart to heart talk with them. Why not present them with "Christ's Object Lessons" or "In Touch with God?" There are other good books too, but there are known instances where these silent messengers of truth have won bitter, resenting hearts. They will be a help to your own life. When we are inclined to doubt the goodness and the purpose of the Lord, one good thought gained from another buoys up our spirits.

Not until we realize the power of the printed page will we be able to realize the power of this last message of salvation. You may not think the part you bear in distributing literature means much, but it will be like the pebble thrown in the water—its circle has an ever-widening influence.

Your Tract Society can supply these gifts. Do not fail to order now.

ROBERT KITTO.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

Elder Gilbert, who attended the council meeting at Loma Linda, Cal., is to arrive in Saskatoon about the 7th of this month. He has been absent from this field since the middle of October and will be glad, soon to be in Saskatchewan again.

Elder Oscar Ziprick passed through Saskatoon on his way to Rosthern, where after a short stay he will leave for Queen Center and Fox Valley.

Among the recent visitors to this office were: Miss May Mooney, from McLean; John Bodrug, from MacRorie; P. O'Brien, Aylesbury; Oscar Meillicke, Dundurn; Miss Strader, Cando; Mrs. Luther Long and Etta Long, Sunset; Ruby Rowse and Bellah Rowe, Hanley; and Bro. and Sister E. A. Light, from Hanley.

Orders for the Harvest Ingathering number are still coming in. We have supplied now for our campaign the same amount of periodicals in English as we used last year altogether, viz., 3300 copies, besides this we mailed 1360 papers in foreign languages. The proceeds are not coming in as fast as last year, which we believe is due to the late threshing, etc. However, we would be pleased to receive all money thus far collected during December.

On November 1 we were about \$300.00 behind the amount received last year for the Harvest Ingathering. Since this time \$96.95 was remitted to this fund, but we hope to see our collections exceed those of last year.

We hope our schools are not forgetting to order their Memory Verse Cards and Picture Rolls so they will be sure to have them at the beginning of the year. Word from Washington says: "We are going to have some extra nice pictures next year." All of our schools should have these valuable helps.

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MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WORK

Just a few lines to remind our young people that we are nearing the time when our yearly report will be made up, and it will be decided whether or not we have reached our goal for the year. Our aim is:

Five Standard Attainment Certificates.

Fifteen Reading Course Certificates.

Ten to read the Bible through.

\$192.50 for missions.

The great object for this is to have all our youth give themselves to the Lord's service.

Will all who read this please try and finish up any work which has been undertaken, and send in a full report at the close of the year, so that those who have the planning of the work may know they can depend on the Manitoba young people to reach the goal. "Do your bit," and be ready on December 1st to say "It is all done, and here is the account of it."

Our offerings go to help the educational work in the Emmanuel Mission, Basutoland, Africa. All camp meeting pledges made to foreign missions, all money raised by the young people on the Harvest Ingathering fund, and annual offerings apply on the financial goal.

We need to use all our energies in order to accomplish what we have set out to do; but with God's help we can do it; can we not?

MRS. BARBARA COWAN.

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NELSON

Since our last letter to the "Tidings" many interesting and varied experiences have come to us in our work in this city. As the Sabbath truth was presented we found that it produced the usual results, and a spirit of opposition soon became manifest.

A union meeting of the leading Protestant churches of the city was called to devise ways and means to suppress the truth. It was decided that the best means to accomplish this would be to secure one of the latest productions of the Lord's Day Alliance in the form of a leaflet entitled "Seventh Day Adventism," in which misrepresentation is made prominent, and proof for the observance of the counterfeit Sunday is entirely lacking. These were industriously distributed throughout the city, and in their zeal an agent was stationed at the exit of our hall, so that each attendant at our meetings might be supplied with this important document.

Notwithstanding all this opposition, seven have decided to keep the "commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." The Daily News, although a Catholic paper, very liberally gave us from five to seven inches of space in a synopsis of each subject presented, which has created an interest in many of the towns in the surrounding country. At our last meeting, a man was present who became interested by reading the newspaper reports, and came about forty miles to the meeting.

C. E. Wood.

EDGEWOOD

In harmony with Elder Walker's request, Mrs. Wood and I went to Edgewood, Nov. 10th, to hold a short series of meetings. We spent two days in calling on the people, using the "World's Crisis" as an introduction. Twelve lectures were delivered, and seven souls have decided to keep the Sabbath, while about the same number are under deep conviction.

Never before have I seen the Spirit send home such strong conviction to the individual heart. Truly, brethren and sisters, we are coming very soon to the time when Rev. 18:1 will be fulfilled. There is a power attending this message today such as was not manifest a year ago. God is going "to finish the work and cut it short in righteousness."

Here we met for the first time Brother and Sister Pasmore, who have been faithfully scattering the printed page, and this harvest of souls will surely prove to be the result of the seed thus sown beside all waters. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit at their most hospitable home, and will long remember the daily two-mile journey over the beautiful lake to the place of meeting and labor; and also how the Lord answered our every prayer as we unitedly sought His power and guidance in the presentation of the message

C. E. Wood.

REPORT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SABBATH SCHOOLS

Quarter Ending September 30, 1915

Honor Roll.	Mem.	Offerings		
		Reg.	13th Sab.	Total.
West Vancouver	29	\$ 29.56	\$ 14.65	\$ 44.21
Midway	8	16.50	4.60	21.10
Princeton	6	4.74	.88	5.62
Silver Creek	17	4.47	1.52	5.99
Grandview	95	61.30	20.55	81.85
Mission City	10	5.15	1.25	6.40
Nelson	19	12.69	3.86	16.55
Penticton	23	10.29	7.85	18.14
South Vancouver	24	28.86	15.97	44.83
Enderby	8	2.30	.50	2.80
Cumberland	12	3.02	1.66	4.68
Straiton	6	9.65	3.00	12.65
Van Anda	15	6.00	3.00	9.00
Armstrong	12	5.80	2.35	8.15
Mountain View	23	9.54	6.67	16.21
Lumen	47	31.23	5.55	36.78
Vernon	55	33.01	9.37	42.38
42nd Ave., Vancouver.....	28	18.56	8.20	26.76
Firvale	24	2.15	3.10	5.25
Kelowna	7	4.80	2.00	6.80
Naden Harbor	7	5.10	9.00	14.10
Aldergrove	10	4.50	.63	5.13
Home Department	12	1.00	.50	1.50
Victoria	21	9.33	1.41	10.74
Union St., Vancouver	66	36.93	10.00	46.93
Manson	16	8.00	6.88	14.88
Molly Gibson	6	.80	.25	1.05
Nanaimo	33	24.28	10.77	35.05
* Little River	4	.....	.....	.....
* Woden River	10	.....	.....	.....
Totals	653	\$389.56	\$155.97	\$545.53

* No offerings reported.

We are glad to report three new Sabbath-schools this quarter, Kelowna, Princeton and Aldergrove. We are sorry indeed that we must drop one of our oldest Sabbath-schools, the one at Clayburn. The faithful reports that have come from this Sabbath-school for so long will surely be missed; but most of the members of this school have moved to Washington, and while we shall miss them, we know that they are faithfully working in their new field.

This quarter our report shows an increase in the 13th Sabbath offering. We are thankful for this and trust that the coming 13th Sabbath offering, which comes on Christmas Day, will be indeed a thank offering to the Lord to be used in the needy field of China. Urgent calls are coming now. Soon it will be too late to save those in the lands of darkness. Let us each do our part to answer the call.

BERTHA LOFSTAD.

THE VATICAN AND THE WAR

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A SAD TRAGEDY

Sabbath morning, November 20, will long be remembered by the people of Granum as the day when one of her best hearted boys, Peter Anderson, was badly mangled in the wheel of a large engine. Both limbs, arms and hands were instantly broken; also a large hole was seen in the skull and his neck was broken.

Immediately his elder brother, Victor, came to his rescue, but too late. The unfortunate boy was informed that he only had a few moments in which to prepare to meet God and judgment. The older brother, at this time, though not a Christian, began at once to direct the dying brother to Jesus. Both prayed earnestly for pardon, and amidst the crowd that gathered, these brothers parted with the hope of meeting again in a better world. One closing his eyes in death, the other to bear a firm witness for God in a Christian life.

The parents of these young men were faithful Sabbath keepers. Peter had been a student at the Alberta Academy. All believed the Sabbath truth and had felt for some time that they should turn and obey. The Sabbath before, while threshing, the engine was broken and one of the brothers had a narrow escape, but yet they kept on until the Sabbath following, (Nov. 20), when, as expressed by one of them, God stopped them.

The writer was impressed with the frank and open confession of these dear boys that it was because of disobedience to God's command that it all happened, and a profound impression was made on the whole community.

The public school of the village was closed for the funeral, and the whole community gathered to show their respect and sympathy. Words of comfort were spoken from 2 Cor. 5:15, special emphasis being placed on the thought that "they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but Him which died for them."

These are solemn times. God is speaking to His people. He longs to have us cleansed from every spot and stain of sin. Today is the best time. Tomorrow may be too late. C. A. HANSEN.

DELIVERING

The most interesting time in the colporteur's work is the delivery. Then he looks forward to meeting once again the friends with whom he has labored. How will they greet him? Will they be true to their word? These are some of the questions which arise in his mind. To meet all the needs he has recourse to constant prayer.

I am thankful for the experiences that have been mine in delivering. To tell them all would fill a book. I called at one home twice. The man was out thresh-

ing and the woman did not promise to take it. I made an appointment for Sunday, walked over and found the man at home and the book was delivered. While there I gave them a little talk which interested them. It pays to call three times if necessary.

Some have been looking forward to the book and kept the money for some separate, refusing to spend it on anything else. One such, a German woman, came running down in the cold to me with the money. Her children had not ceased to look forward to this book. One neighbor said of her: I am surprised at Mrs.—— getting such a book; she is not generally interested in religion. Parents are longing to help their children.

I was guided to some places that I missed when canvassing. In one such I gave a canvass to the farmer and was surprised when the hired man, whom I had not addressed, said he would take one and paid for it there. Others, whom I had missed when canvassing, were recommended to me as wanting the book, and I obtained their orders.

One poor man gave me an order away from home. His wife blamed him for spending money so, but when she heard what a good book it was she was glad and I found her all ready and waiting for the book.

Delivering is not all easy work. Often a colporteur has to rekindle the interest in the book. One man told me he had me all sized up. He seemed unwilling to take the book, but after a talk with him about our message, and some of my own experiences, he said that he could not "make me out," and took the book. Two poor souls, who lost their Saviour and who ordered the book to know more of His word were deceived by their minister about it. He told them that it would place them so that they did not know where they were. Others had also set them against the book. I showed them what the book said, had prayer with them, and though they had not the money then, yet they will send the money to obtain a copy.

It means a sacrifice with many to take the book. Neighbors said of one man: "That man will not take it." But, though living in a sod house, he was ready and glad for it, and asked me to come again. Many have said that and have asked for prayer. Doors are open. Can we leave them unentered?

I have left books with two ministers of the English church. Both are very friendly. One said the book would be a great help to him and he wanted to study the prophecies. He appreciated the work I was doing.

The Lord has helped me very much. He has made the appointments and I have tried to keep them. To do this I have had to keep going, often being on the road until late at night and calling people from their beds. There are many disappointments of which I have not told you, but one interesting experience is worth all of these. I thank you for all your prayers and interest. I have another week's orders yet to deliver.

R. E. ROBINSON.

DINA

Last August when I was out here, a woman who had become interested in the truth, asked me to return some time this fall and conduct Bible studies in a new school-house which was to be erected by that time.

To accept this invitation, I lately returned but found

that the people had such a large harvest to care for that the school-house had not been built. However, I have been trying to improve the time by working a few days in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

I have visited most of the Scandinavian people and found them quite willing to give something to our missions. One night I stayed with one of the leading men of their church. Here the district school teacher was staying. While endeavoring to obtain a donation from her she asked the direct question: "What denomination do you represent?" "The Seventh Day Adventist," I replied. She then refused to contribute stating that she was a Presbyterian and did not know very much about the Seventh Day Adventists. I told her that we believed in the soon coming of Christ and in many other teachings of her church. She said she knew that the Adventists practiced health reform, which she commended. To enlighten her a little more I offered some tracts which were refused on the grounds that she had no time to read.

At this juncture the head of the house, who had been intently listening, came up and said. "I am not a Seventh-day Adventist, but I am going to give fifty cents as I see from this paper that these people are doing a wonderful work."

I am thankful to have a little part in calling on the people for donations for God's cause, and feel sure that the paper will give the people a definite idea of our work. May God inspire all to do some work along this line.

"He who marshals the stars in order in the heavens, whose words control the waves of the great deep, . . . the same infinite Creator will work in behalf of His people, if they call upon Him in faith. He will restrain the forces of darkness until the warning is given to the world, and all who will heed it are prepared for the conflict."

H. E. SHELSTAD.

EDUCATIONAL WORK AT ROSEBUD

After due consideration we brethren and sisters came to the conclusion not to have school in the church building, in view of the fact that it is not adapted for this purpose. Instead of this, we now have two separate schools. We are fully convinced that this is the Lord's will, for we can already see good results. Both parents and children are receiving blessings therefrom.

One of these schools has been in progress for but a month, and it is astonishing to note the results. This is encouraging to the brethren and sisters, especially those in the southern part, who have done all they could to raise funds with which to erect the school building in their district, in order that their children might receive the necessary education. We hope that the other building will soon be ready to receive students. Sister Clark, the teacher for this school, is now here ready to take charge.

We hope that the blessing of God will rest upon these two schools and upon the teachers. The object in sending our children to school is that they may become acquainted with God's plan, thus making them efficient to fill their part in the last message before probation closes. May the Lord through His Spirit give us all strength to do our share.

SAM LEISKE.

ALBERTA NOTES

Elder Humann spent Sabbath, Dec. 4, with the German believers in Calgary.

Mr. Alex. Hermann, a member of the Irvine church, called at the office recently on his way to Lacombe, where he will attend school.

Some improvements are being made at Beiseker. The church there is receiving a new coat of paint and two new church school buildings are being erected.

Brother C. C. Neufeld was recently in Calgary for a few days, spending a Sabbath and Sunday with the German brethren. Later he left for his field of labor in the Irvine district.

Mr. Robert Kitto arrived from Lacombe a few days ago to assist in making arrangements for the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Ada Sparrow, who was buried on the 3rd inst. Brother Kitto has since returned to the academy.

A pleasant little party was recently given by Sister Jahnke, at her home near Dalroy. A number of her neighbors and friends were invited to dinner, at the close of which Brother J. K. Fish gave an interesting talk on the signs of the times. A deep interest was manifested by those present.

The farm in North Dakota generously donated by Brother S. Huther at the Lacombe camp-meeting has been sold for cash. The proceeds derived from the sale are being applied as follows: To Foreign Missions, \$1,140.00; Clinton Seminary, \$460.00; Alberta, \$780.58.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Drew, members of the Sedgewick church, were recent visitors to the office on their way to Oregon, where they will make their permanent home. Some days later Brother Everson, of the same church, called at the office on his way to Walla Walla, where it is probable that he will attend our college there.

The meetings conducted by Elder C. A. Hansen in the Monarch Theatre have been nicely progressing and as a result some persons are deeply interested in the truth. Beginning on Sunday the 12th, these lectures will be continued at Penley's Hall, 334- Eighth Ave. West.

We much regret to state that, on account of ill health, Miss Rose Unruh, who has been assisting in the office for the past fifteen months, has found it necessary to lay down the burdens she has been so faithfully carrying and return to her home at Rosthern, Sask. Our prayers go with her that her health may be restored.

Mrs. A. C. Gilbert gave an interesting talk to the members of the Calgary Sabbath School on the 4th inst., on the 13th Sabbath plan. By figures and other interesting data Sister Gilbert proved that this enterprise had become a wonderful success towards increasing the amount of offerings for needy fields beyond.

TAKE NOTICE.—Will those of our isolated brethren and sisters who will have Sabbath-school and other offerings on hand towards the close of the year, kindly plan to send them in to the office so as to reach us by the 31st inst.? The office books will be closed for the year 1915 at the end of this month and it is important that all tithes and offerings reach us in ample time to be included in the 1915 records.

On Friday morning, Dec. 3rd, a quiet little wedding was solemnized in the chapel at the office building, when Miss Emma Renschler, of Beiseker, was united in marriage to Mr. Huldreich Leiske in the presence of parents, relatives and friends. The ceremony, which was performed by Elder H. S. Shaw, was an impressive one. The young couple left the same day for Beiseker, their home district.

Mr. Fred Renschler, one of the young people of the Beiseker church, underwent an operation for appendicitis on Sunday, Dec. 5th, in Calgary. Word has reached the office that this has been successfully performed.

The undersigned would like to correspond with any of our brethren who are located near a church school, with a view to obtaining employment, and school privileges for two children.

Address: MRS. ALMA MOYER, Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

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.

CLUB RATES

The following special club prices on our periodicals will be made this year from December 1 to February 1.

Review	\$1.80
Instructor	1.00
Sabbath School Worker .....	.35
Christian Educator80
Life and Health80
Liberty25
Signs (Weekly)	1.50
Signs (Monthly)80

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This year the Tract Societies are the club-makers. All orders, therefore, must be sent through them. They will promptly order the papers desired direct from the house issuing them.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

Manitoba—Three Weeks Ending November 13

	Book	Hrs.	Ord.	Mag.	Helps	Total
A. E. McGee	B.R.	135	42	....	\$19.85	\$190.85
G. Sigurdsson ..	C.O.S.	12	12	....	....	8.50
		147	54	....	\$19.85	\$199.35

Alberta—Two Weeks Ending November 27

	Book	Hrs.	Ord.	Mag.	Helps	Total
Wm. T. Tall	G.C.	27	4	....	\$ 1.70	\$ 15.70
E. S. Stanley	G.C.	32	4	....	....	15.00
		59	8	....	\$ 1.70	\$ 30.70
Four Agents		206	62	....	\$21.55	\$230.05

Previously reported \$29,281.40

Total reported to date this year \$29,511.45

REPORT OF SALES, CANADIAN BRANCH PACIFIC PRESS PUB. ASSOCIATION

November, 1915

	Sub.	40%	Trade.	Educ.	Tracts.	Totals.
Alberta ..	\$ 440.40	\$28.00	\$ 69.25	\$47.10	\$ 4.20	\$ 588.95
B. C.	10.50	3.30	8.15	23.05	.25	45.24
Man.	908.20	6.10	13.65	....	13.75	941.70
Sask.	685.90	9.85	34.70	12.90	2.00	745.35
	\$2045.00	\$47.25	\$125.75	\$83.05	\$20.20	\$2321.25
Total sales for November, 1914					\$ 696.26	
Total sales for November, 1915					2321.25	

Gain for November	\$1624.99
Gain for eleven months	\$5542.78

SALES FOR ELEVEN MONTHS BY CONFERENCES

	1914	1915	Gain
Alberta	\$ 6,125.44	\$ 7,997.30	\$1,871.86
British Columbia	2,030.02	3,014.45	1,084.43
Manitoba	3,534.41	4,998.95	1,464.54
Saskatchewan	13,129.60	14,102.95	973.35

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Elders H. S. Shaw and H. H. Humann returned to Calgary on December 1st from Loma Linda. They were accompanied by Elder A. C. Gilbert, who has been spending a few days in the city previous to returning to Saskatchewan.

Brother Carl Weaks, Field Secretary of the Northern Union Conference, called at the office on his way home from the Loma Linda Fall Council. By request, Brother Weaks conducted the mid-week prayer-meeting of the Calgary church, at which he gave an interesting talk on the progress of the message.

Professor Frederick Griggs, Educational Secretary of the North American Division Conference, recently passed through Calgary en route to Lacombe. After visiting the academy at that place, Professor Griggs will proceed to Saskatchewan to look over the new school location at Battleford.

On Dec. 18th, the last day of the week of prayer, the annual offering for foreign missions will be taken.

God has opened wide the windows of heaven this past season and poured out wonderful blessings upon His people in this fair land. And now, at this hour, He is giving us a picture of thousands of souls in foreign lands, hungry for a knowledge of the power of Jesus to cleanse and save from sin. With hearts touched by this pitiful sight, and cleansed from all selfishness, shall we not plan to make the 1915 offering the largest one of its kind ever contributed by this union to the fields afar?

In looking over a recent issue of the *Asiatic Division Mission News* we were interested to learn, among other things, that Elder R. C. Porter lately visited one of our Filipino brethren who was baptized last July in the 136th year of his age. In telling of his visit with this aged brother, Elder Porter writes: "The life of this brother reaches back to 1779, which covers the fulfillment of most of the last-day signs that were immediately to precede the second coming of Christ. He is cheered by the thought that this generation shall not pass until all be fulfilled."

With reference to the influence of the foreign press of the United States, a recent editorial in one of Chicago's leading daily papers makes the following comment: "At no other time in the history of the country has been so manifest the very considerable influence of the foreign language press in the United States as since the war began. The foreign language newspaper goes into the recesses of the city and country, where the currents of American thought expressed in English are seldom felt. It is almost wholly relied upon for information of events."

Mr. Casson, for years secretary of the American Advertising Association, after a thorough study of how to reach the foreigners in this country, said: "There are at least twenty million people in this country who read foreign languages and more than six millions of these can read foreign languages and nothing else. Out of every fifteen families in the United States, there is one family that cannot read the English language. Fully seven per cent. of the American nation is not yet American. There are enough people in the United States, in fact, to make three Chicagos, who cannot be reached by any of the advertising in our English-speaking newspapers and magazines."

What is said of the United States in this respect could with equal force be said of Canada, for we have fully as large a proportion of foreign speaking peoples. These facts, given for the consideration of advertisers, are not less interesting nor significant to an organization commissioned to reach all nations with the gospel. The giving of the last message to these peoples is of vastly more importance than reaching them with the news of ordinary information. And in this work it seems that we shall have to depend largely upon our literature. It can go, as does the foreign newspaper, into the recesses of our cities and country, where the thoughts as expressed in the English language are unknown. Think what this means in the distribution of the foreign periodicals we now have, and others likely to be issued, as well as tracts, pamphlets and books.

Business men of all kinds are studying how best to reach foreign speaking peoples. Truly, we who have a message to give must study how to reach our great foreign home field and unite in a mighty forward movement in behalf of those about us who must receive a knowledge of the third angel's message in their own languages.

J. M. R.

Have you seen the attractive January number of *The Watchman*? It is now off the press and full of interesting articles dealing with the message. Why not start the new year with a club of *Watchman* and plan to do some aggressive missionary work with it every month? It will help to break down prejudice, will interest people in the truth, and the profits will enable you to buy cheaper literature for free distribution. Order a supply of the January *Watchman* now and watch the results as the months go by.

OBITUARY

SPARROW—Ada Belle Sparrow, daughter of Brother H. R. Kitto, fell asleep at Calgary, Dec. 1st, 1915. She was born in Liverpool, England, but spent most of her days in Canada. She attended our school at Leduc and Lacombe. Her last days were marked with intense suffering, but she fell asleep with a bright hope of the future.

C. A. HANSEN.