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THE HARVEST TIME

Fields are white and hands are idle
And the laborers. Oh how few.
Jesus calls us to the harvest,
There is much for us to do.

He is looking o'er the wheat-fields
For the day is nearly done,
When the reapers cannot gather,
When forever sets the sun.

While we tarry by the wayside
Making sure we hear His voice,
Grain is spoiling for the sickle
While with blessing we rejoice.

By and by the grain be gathered;
In the garner of the King;
Will we find a sheaf we've gathered
When the harvest bells shall ring?

Not unless we quickly gather,
Ere the barn be closed for aye.
We'll come up to find ours missing,
At the great last harvest day.

ETHEL M. BOOTHBY.

CHRISTMAS

The following is from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White, and published in the last number of the *Southern Union Worker*. The counsel here given will, if heeded, bring happiness to many a home.

"Christmas is coming," is the note that is sounding through our world from East to West and from North to South. With youth, those of mature age, and even the aged, it is a period of general rejoicing, of great gladness. But what is Christmas, that it should receive so much attention? This day has been made much of for centuries. It is accepted by the unbelieving world, and by the Christian world generally, as the day on which Christ was born. When the world at large celebrate the day, they show no honor to Christ. They refuse to acknowledge him as their Saviour, to honor him by willing obedience to his service. They show preference to the day, but none to the one for whom the day is celebrated, Jesus Christ.

"The twenty-fifth of December is supposed to be the day of the birth of Jesus Christ, and its observance has become customary and popular. But yet there is no certainty that we are keeping the veritable day of our Saviour's birth. History gives us no certain assurance of this. The Bible does not give us the precise time. Had the Lord deemed this knowledge essential to our salvation, he would have spoken through his prophets and apostles that we might know all about the matter. But the silence of the Scriptures upon

this point evidences to us that it is hidden from us for the wisest purposes. In his wisdom, the Lord concealed the place where he buried Moses. God buried him, and God resurrected him, and took him to heaven. This secrecy was to prevent idolatry. He against whom they rebelled while he was in active service, whom they provoked almost beyond human endurance, was almost worshipped as God after his separation from them by death. For the very same purpose he has concealed the precise day of Christ's birth; that the day should not receive the honor that should be given to Christ as the Redeemer of the world,—one to be received, to be trusted, to be relied on as he who could save to the uttermost all who come unto him. The soul's adoration should be given to Jesus as the Son of the infinite God.

"There is no divine sanctity resting upon the twenty-fifth of December; and it is not pleasing to God that anything that concerns the salvation of man through the infinite sacrifice made for them, should be so sadly perverted from its professed design. Christ should be the supreme object; but as Christmas has been observed, the glory is turned from him to mortal man, whose sinful, defective character made it necessary for him to come to our world. Jesus, the majesty of heaven, the royal King of heaven, laid aside his royalty, left his throne of glory, his high command, and came into our world to bring to fallen man, weakened in moral power, and corrupted by sin, aid divine. He clothed his divinity with humanity, that he might reach to the very depths of human woe and misery, to lift up fallen man. By taking upon himself man's nature, he raised humanity in the scale of moral value with God. These great themes are almost too high, too deep, too infinite, for the comprehension of finite minds.

"Parents should keep these things before their children, and instruct them, line upon line, precept upon precept, in their obligation to God,—not their obligation to each other, to honor and glorify one another by gifts and offerings. But they should be taught that Jesus is the world's Redeemer, the object of thought, of painstaking effort; that his work is the grand theme which should engage their attention; that they should bring to him their gifts and offerings. Thus did the wise men and the shepherds.

"As the twenty-fifth day of December is observed to commemorate the birth of Christ, as the children have been instructed by precept and example that this was indeed a day of gladness and rejoicing, you will find it a difficult matter to pass over this period without giving it some attention. It can be made to serve a

very good purpose. The youth should be treated very carefully. They should not be left on Christmas to find their own amusement in vanity and pleasure-seeking, in amusements which will be detrimental to their spirituality. Parents can control this matter by turning the minds and the offerings of their children to God and his cause and the salvation of souls. The desire for amusement, instead of being quenched and arbitrarily ruled down, should be controlled and directed by painstaking effort upon the part of the parents. Their desire to make gifts may be turned into pure and holy channels, and made to result in good to our fellow men by supplying the treasury in the great, grand work for which Christ came into our world. Self-denial and self-sacrifice marked his course of action. Let it mark ours who profess to love Jesus, because in him is centered our hope of eternal life.

"Youth cannot be made as sedate and grave as old age, the child as sober as the sire. While sinful amusements are condemned, as they should be, let parents, teachers, and guardians of youth provide in their stead innocent pleasures, which shall not taint or corrupt the morals. Do not bind down the young to rigid rules and restraints that will lead them to feel themselves oppressed and to break over and rush into paths of folly and destruction. With a firm, kindly, considerate hand, hold all the lines of government, guiding and controlling their minds and purposes, yet so gently, so wisely, so lovingly, that they still will know that you have their best good in view. How many parents are lamenting the fact that they cannot keep their children at home, that they have no love for home. At an early age they have a desire for the company of strangers; and as soon as they are old enough, they break away from that which appears to be bondage and unreasonable restraint, and will neither heed a mother's prayers nor a father's counsels. Investigation would generally reveal that the sin lay at the door of the parents. They have not made home what it ought to be,—attractive, pleasant, radiant with the sunshine of kind words, pleasant looks, and true love.

"The secret of saving your children lies in making your home lovely and attractive. Indulgence in parents will not bind the children to God nor to home; but a firm, godly influence to properly train and educate the mind would save many children from ruin."

WHAT SOME PEOPLE HAVE DONE

"Your letter of some days ago asking us to try to double our subscription to the *Signs* weekly was taken up in our missionary meeting last Sabbath afternoon.

"We had indeed a very enthusiastic meeting. I read portions of your letter and asked them if we could not give you a little surprise and multiply it by four instead of two, making a club of twenty. They all fell into line and instead of twenty I am sending to the tract society for a club of twenty-two. Besides this I took names for seven *Reviews* and five *Watchman*."

This is evidently an active little church. I like the words, "they all fell into line," for they make me think of a well-organized army of workers, all working together in a strong way. Would that in all our churches, the members would all fall into line. We could then soon finish the work.

"I am taking advantage of your offer as mentioned in the last *Signs* to renew my subscription. Times are

terrible, work scarce and money more so, but my papers are read by several people, so I do not like to stop them."

Here is one who realizes the value of the *Signs* enough to make sacrifices in order that others may read it.

"Having received your letter and leaflet, The *Signs* on Trial, the Cherry Grove Church has decided to take a club of twenty-two copies for six months and pay for them in monthly instalments."

This is a good response which shows this church has a mind to work.

"A friend who receives the *Signs of the Times*, presented me with a copy, with which I was well pleased as it contained much information. You know the truth in regard to what immortality means and to whom it will be given.

"I am a 'Disciple of Christ' and believe that under the new dispensation all days are alike. Do Christ or the Apostles command the disciples to keep any particular day of the week to worship God? The Israelites were commanded by Moses to keep the seventh day. 'Truth never changes.'"

This individual is evidently a sincere seeker after truth and the *Signs* is being used by the Lord to lead him into the light.

"A friend of mine handed me a copy of the *Signs* for December, 1913. Now I want you to send me this magazine for one year and to my four friends listed below, if your clubbing offer still holds good. I am enclosing check for \$3.00."

In this case the good seed sown by some unknown worker multiplied sixty-fold, for it led to the sending in of five yearly subscriptions. I trust it may have further results in souls saved.

"We have had some good results from our club. Through having the paper sent to her brother, one sister is abundantly rewarded by seeing him living out and spreading a knowledge of the truths of this glorious message.

"Another had it sent to a relative in the old home town. As a result, a little company of believers has been raised up.

"One sister had it sent to a worldly sister in the East who at last became so much interested in the good paper that she lent it to all the neighbors who came into the home."

The *Signs* does save souls, does it not?

"I have often thought I would like to relate an experience we had at the time we were coming into the truth. I was a glass blower at that time. My mother, brother, and sister were Adventists and had become such after I was married and in a home of my own. During July and August we always made a visit home as the factory never ran in these two months. My mother always talked to me about the message, but for three or four years I did not become interested.

"Finally at one time I was there they asked if we would not like to have a Bible reading and asked in a brother living near. We enjoyed the reading very much, but returned home and almost forgot the experience. One day an old lady came to the door selling the *Signs*. She also gave an invitation to the meeting in their little church. Well, we went to church, although we had not been in the habit of going. After

we had gone a few evenings we asked a brother-in-law and family to go, and before long we were all taken into the church. Now if it had not been for that old sister and the bundle of *Signs* she carried, perhaps I would never have been a Seventh-day Adventist."

This brother and his brother-in-law went into the colporteur work, and now the brother is a conference colporteur agent. The faithful sowing of the good seed without doubt brings results. How many intend to sow liberally during 1916 and reap a rich harvest? Send in your order for a good club of *Signs*.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

British Columbia Conference

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VISITING

After our good council at Loma Linda I spent a few days at Mountain View, the home of the Pacific Press. This visit was very much enjoyed. On my return journey I spent one day at the Fair, and then went to St. Helena, where I visited with my brother for a week, at the same time taking an almost complete rest, which proved to be profitable indeed.

On December 1st I started homeward, leaving my wife and little girl to follow on a little later. Mrs. Walker went south to visit her brother, Lyman D. Randall, manager of the Southern Publishing Association's branch in Atlanta, who also had been called to attend the council at Loma Linda. She had not seen him for many years and appreciated this opportunity. This was also a splendid chance for much needed rest and change which she very much enjoyed.

Sabbath, December 4th, I spent in Seattle and stayed at the home of Brother Lofstad, whose daughter Bertha is our Sabbath School secretary. I spoke in the morning to the brethren in the Green Lake church, of which Brother Rittenhouse is Pastor, and in the afternoon to those in the Rainor church.

Sunday was spent with Sister Lofstad, who is visiting at her home, making some plans in connection with the Workers' and Church Institute to be held in East Side Church, February 4-13, 1916, and a Church Institute following at Grandview (near Armstrong), February 14-20, 1916.

I arrived in Vancouver Sunday at 10 p.m., and found some accumulated work awaiting me. At this writing I am in Vancouver attending as many of the week of prayer meetings as could be arranged for me. Thus far the meetings have been quite faithfully attended and characterized by earnest and sincere devotion. They are better than heretofore and we hope for great results. We are praying for the Latter Rain to fit us for service.

J. G. WALKER.

GRAND VIEW SCHOOL

Our school opened October 18th with an enrollment of twenty-two students. This number has now increased to sixty. More students are expected to arrive in a few days; also some Indian children. Instruction is given up to the ninth grade. We also have an

English-German class doing eleventh grade work outside the regular daily recitation hours. This class has a membership of five.

This year, so far, the school has proved a great satisfaction to all connected with it. We look forward with great confidence in God, expecting great blessings in the future.

HENRY BERG.

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONARY WORK

Quarter Ending September 30, 1915

Number of churches and companies.....	18
Membership of churches	452
Number of persons reporting work.....	123
How many churches hold missionary meetings during the week?	2
How many churches hold missionary meetings each Sabbath?	2
How many churches hold the Fourth Sabbath Missionary Service?	4
Membership of Conference church and isolated members	70
Number of Conference church and isolated members reporting	7
Letters written	598
Letters received	38
Missionary visits (personal work).....	1,600
Bible readings or cottage meetings held.....	325
Subscriptions taken for periodicals.....	61
Papers sold	2,296
Papers mailed, lent or given away.....	2,317
Books sold	250
Books lent or given away.....	270
Tracts sold	10
Tracts lent or given away.....	1,362
Hours of Christian Help work.....	286
Articles of clothing given away.....	205
Number of meals provided.....	147
Treatments given	50
Invitation to meetings given out.....	2,065
Offerings for home missionary work.....	\$27.31
Number of conversions	2
Other work done—2 rigs and teams lent; 12 qts. milk, 200 lbs. apples, 1 hen and 11 chicks, 50 lbs. corn and 9 crates plums given away.	
100 Japanese papers sold each month.	
Special efforts put forth in Harvest Ingathering.	
Old People's Home and hospitals visited weekly, with flowers and literature.	
Boats visited and racks filled.	
Remarks—One church reports each member as having a definite part in home missionary work.	
22 new subscriptions to the "Review" reported.	
3 new subscriptions to the "Gazette" reported.	

BERTHA LOFSTAD.

NANAIMO CHURCH SCHOOL

After the close of the summer school at Lacombe, I came to this place to take up my work in the church school. I have a humble little school in North Nanaimo with an enrollment of thirteen. Believing that the Lord has called me to this work, I can say that I am greatly enjoying it.

Each week we have our Junior Young People's Society meetings, and though the members are quite young, they show great enthusiasm in studying foreign missions as well as in taking part in home missionary work. On appointed days school is dismissed early in the afternoon and we spend the remainder of the time in distributing literature from house to house.

Our Harvest Ingathering day was well spent. Before leaving the school we knelt together while each one asked God's blessing as we went forth to do His work. Next morning we realized direct answers to our prayers as each child related his experiences. Hard times are sorely felt in this little mining town, but the

children succeeded in collecting \$2.05, and were blessed in speaking the message.

From *Counsels to Parents and Teachers*, page 15, we read: "When the Word of God is laid aside for books that lead away from God, and that confuse the understanding regarding the principles of the kingdom of heaven, the education is a perversion of the name." Of late my attention has been repeatedly called to the fact that much of today's teaching leads away from the Creator. To drill the evolution theory into young minds day after day is more than criminal, and it accounts for the world being filled with skeptics and infidels.

As we think of the conflict upon which we are entering, shall we not, parents and teachers, work together to guard with more tender care the lambs of the flock? A childlike trust in the Creator's power is the only thing that will carry us through the struggle.

MABEL HALLBERG.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES

G. Burkman is spending some time in the Bella Coo'la Valley on business.

Robert Swan is visiting his parents for a short time. They reside on Denman Island.

George Toombs and Albert Bellchamber are planning to hold some meetings in the Salmon River Valley.

Mrs. S. McN. Jemson, of Nanaimo, accompanied by her mother, is visiting her sister in Seattle, Washington.

Mrs. J. G. Walker is expected home the first of next week. Misses Esther, Lois and Margaret Walker have been visiting friends in Vancouver during the absence of their parents in California.

W. T. Hicklin, of Van Anda, Texada Island, who has not had the privilege of meeting with those of the same faith and hope, is enjoying meeting with his brethren during the week of prayer, here in Vancouver.

It is certainly encouraging to hear of how the message is going forward in the dark mission fields. We must not slacken our efforts in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Reports from all over the world tell of the needs of the work of telling of the soon coming of our King. Let us do our part in supplying these calls for additional funds and thus hasten that glad day.

Our offerings to missions for the first 11 months of 1915 amounted to \$2,986.51, while for the same period of 1914 they were \$2,558.89. This gives us an increase of \$427.62. We thank the Lord for this, but we have not yet reached our goal on the twenty-cent-a-week fund for the 11 months ending Nov. 30, 1915. Let us take courage and all lift together, and then it will be much easier to raise our quota for missions.

Elder Walker returned last week from the Fall Council, which was held in Loma Linda, California, and brought encouraging reports from this large gathering of the leading men of the denomination. Plans for the strengthening of the work in foreign fields as well as in the home-land were considered. Surely everything in the world is prepared for the fulfillment of Romans 9: 28,—"For He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth."

The amount of tithe received for the eleven months ending Nov. 30, 1915, was \$7,377.13, as against \$9,301.83 for the same period of last year. This is a decrease of \$1,924.70, and can be accounted for mostly by the hard times and the unsettled condition caused by the terrible war now raging in Europe. We trust all our people will be faithful in paying their tithes, because the Lord has promised a blessing to those who are faithful. He says: "I will open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it"

W. B. Bennett, Mrs. Bennett and their four children have just arrived in Vancouver from India. Brother Bennett and his wife have recently accepted the truths of the Third Angel's Message and they come to this country to fit and prepare themselves for more efficient service in the Master's vineyard. They have been engaged in missionary work in India for the past nine years and therefore have a splendid

knowledge of the language. Altogether, Brother Bennett has been preaching and engaged in missionary work for 22 years. We are glad to welcome them in our midst and wish them the special blessing of the Lord as they prepare for labor for those whom Christ came to save.

During the week of prayer the following workers were assisting in the churches mentioned: Elder J. G. Walker with the Vancouver churches; Elder A. O. Burrill with the churches of Victoria and Nanaimo; Brother E. R. Patter at Kelowna and Penticton; Brother C. E. Wood at Nelson, and Brother George Toombs at Vernon. We are sure that it is the prayer of all of God's children that we may learn more concerning the will of God in our relation to Him and to the work He has given us to do, so that we may accomplish the salvation of those who are perishing in the darkness of idolatry and heathenism.

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GRANUM

It was a running fight at Granum during the week of prayer. The outside effort was not much of a success as far as a crowd was concerned, but our dear brethren were bent on securing a blessing, and accordingly we met each day to send our petitions to the Throne. We felt that if we persevered God would not pass us by. It was on Thursday night that the blessing came and all hearts were watered. We continued the services until Friday evening and on Sabbath we had quarterly services, the scattered members from Stavely and Claresholm partaking.

New officers were elected, Brother Walshie taking the Eldership previously held by Brother Rick who is leaving the province.

Just how much good has been accomplished by the week of prayer for the church and friendly outsiders, we are not able to say, but judging from the full standing votes for a better life, and the hearty response to the needs of the cause, I am free to say that we look for better days at Granum.

May God protect and bless his little flock at this point and deliver them from the hand of the destroyer.

C. A. HANSEN.

ALBERTA ACADEMY

We are sure that the friends of our school throughout the conference are interested in our school work here at the academy, and it is a pleasure that we write a few lines to them through the columns of the *Tidings*. We are pleased to say that thus far in our school, everything is progressing very nicely. God has been very good to us in giving us a satisfactory enrollment of earnest consecrated students who are here to obtain a preparation in the Master's service. We are sure that it would be interesting to tell you that we have 176 students to date, a large majority of whom have already consecrated themselves in the Lord's work.

The week of prayer among us has been very encouraging. God has been very near to us. Through the efforts of Elder Shaw we have been pleased to see all but a very few of our school, step out on the promises of the Lord and consecrate themselves to the

Master's service. We are sure that this is what the parents, and the constituency as a whole are wishing to hear from the school, and we are sure that these are the sentiments of our students and faculty.

We have every reason to thank God for the quiet manifestation of His Spirit among us, and though we have enjoyed rich blessings at this season, we know that He stands ready to bless us yet more richly in the future. We trust that the constituency of this school will join with students and faculty in prayer that we may draw near to God and that He may come in and richly bless us in the future for the salvation of our children.

E. D. DICK.

CALGARY

After an absence of six months I had the privilege of visiting the German brethren in Calgary. We had some real spiritual meetings lasting nearly one week. The brethren had just finished painting their chapel, so we met in the home of Brother Meissner. A few outsiders also attended.

Our dear old couple, Brother and Sister Earnst, who are near the mark of three score and ten, love this truth dearly. They have a large family, none of whom had given their hearts to God. As a result of the godly example set by these parents, they rejoiced to see two daughters earnestly seek the Lord for mercy during one of the meetings. May God help these dear souls to take a solid stand for the truth. The writer enjoyed many private visits with nearly every family and found such to be very profitable.

Irvine is my present field of labor. We have a large district here and I need much wisdom from above. Pray for me, brethren and sisters. C. C. NEUFELD.

OUR WORK IN CALGARY

Our people seem much better satisfied in our new meeting place—the Penley Hall, in the Hickman Block. This is a light airy place with pretty lights and seated with pews.

The La Grippe has been our worst enemy this week, many of our people being confined to bed, but still we had a nice company of interested people at both of our Sunday services.

We spoke on the "Beast" of Rev. 13, and a number expressed themselves as desirous of hearing more on that topic. Others lingered a few moments after the lecture to ask questions. Our Bible workers are quite busy with a nice class of people, which will no doubt be successful in bringing some of them into the truth.

We are planning to hold smaller meetings in the outskirts of the city to get in touch with the people. We are thankful for the literature sent us and will be glad to receive more. One way in which you can help us is to mark or underscore the best articles in your papers. People can't help but read anything that is underscored. This is good work for our missionary societies.

C. A. HANSEN AND WORKERS.

FAREWELL

Although the TIDINGS reported us as having left for Washington, D.C., about October 1, circumstances prevented us from leaving until November 19. For a time one obstacle after another arose. From the time that we settled to leave I have been endangered three

times. But, thank the Lord, we arrived here safely on November 23.

On the evening of our arrival we providentially met a family with whom we are staying for a short time. The way has opened for us to give them Bible readings and they are very much interested. The Lord's ways are wonderful.

I have started in classes and am enjoying the work, although I have to make up two and one-half months of back work.

We enjoyed our experiences in the work while in Alberta and appreciate the kindness of the conference for assisting us when we were in need. We regretted to leave the many kind friends with whom we became acquainted and learned to love. This war has changed many things. We believe the Lord directed us here and we trust He will continue to lead.

Should we never meet on this side of eternity again, we hope to meet on the other side, where there will be no more partings. While here the command to the Christian is, "Go." Over there there will be no more "Going out." Pray for us.

H. A. NIERGARTH.

MRS. H. A. NIERGARTH.

BROOKS AND BISMARK

Another week of prayer has passed, and the Lord has surely been with us and given us the blessing that we were in most need of. As the brethren at Brooks, where I have been laboring, all became sick with la grippe, we could not have any meetings, so I came over to the Bismark church, where I spent most of the week of prayer. This week was a great source of blessing, both to the writer and also to the little company here. All made a new covenant that they, by the help of God, were going to be faithful to Him and henceforth do all they can to hasten the work.

Brother Pond, from Lacombe, conducted the last two meetings, and the Lord came near to us all. On Sunday he held a meeting in the Bismark school-house, speaking on the subject of the "Prophetic History of the World." A good impression was made.

As we read in the Spirit of Prophecy, "That prayer is the key in the hand of faith that unlocks heaven's store-house." Pray for the work, brethren and sisters, in this part of the field, that the Lord will open His abundant store-house and pour us out the blessing that we most need, as we labor to win souls for His kingdom.

ENOCH R. WILSON.

ALBERTA NOTES

Elder C. A. Hansen left on the 13th for Granum to spend part of the week of prayer with the church at that place.

Brother W. J. Palmer, who has been working in the harvest, has returned to Calgary with his family.

Brother W. O. Bates, Missionary Secretary of the Didsbury church, was in the city recently and made a pleasant little visit to the office.

Nurse Campbell has arrived in Calgary from Stettler and is visiting with Brother and Sister Hommel.

Sister Odell, of Acme, visited the office on the 15th. She plans to remain in Calgary for some time.

Elder Humann and Brother Hommel returned to the office from Lacombe, where they were attending committee meetings, on the 9th inst. Elder Humann left the same day for Beiseker to spend Sabbath with the members of the Rosebud church.

Brother L. B. Losey, of Winnifred, was a visitor to the office last week, while spending a few hours in the city.

Professor L. W. Cobb, of the academy, met with the

Didsbury church on the first Sabbath and Sunday of the week of prayer. Elder P. P. Adams planned to be there for the following Sabbath.

Brother Berna Workes, of Whitla, was a welcome visitor at the office on the 13th. The following morning he left for the Lacombe academy.

Brother R. P. Mooney spent the week of prayer with the members of the Vermillion Lakes church. It has been planned for him to visit the believers in the Boyne Lake district in the near future.

Brother J. M. LeMarquand, bookkeeper at the Alberta academy, visited the office on the 17th, staying over Sabbath in the city. Brother LeMarquand is making a short visit with his parents in Vancouver, B.C. after which he will return to Lacombe.

An order was lately received at the office for over 200 copies of the Harvest Ingathering "Signs" from Brother E. S. Stanley, to be sent to him at Craigmyle. In a letter to the Tract Society, Brother E. S. Stanley stated that, on completion of his delivery for "Great Controversy" in that district, he planned to walk over 100 miles in company with Brother H. I. Rookstool, to Lacombe, and solicit for the Harvest Ingathering en route. This kind of sacrifice for the needs of the cause is well pleasing to the Lord, and it is right in line with the wishes of our leading brethren who, in a recent letter written at the Loma Linda Council, said: "We appeal to you personally, individually, to push the Harvest Ingathering Campaign right up to the end of the year"

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PRINCE, FREEMONT AND PARKSIDE

During the month of November it was my privilege to visit the above-named places and spend from two days to a week at each.

At Prince, there is a small company who are faithfully upholding the light of the Third Angel's Message in that vicinity. During my stay there everyone was busy loading cars with grain, so that the services held were not very well attended by outsiders. However, there are two or three there who are deeply interested in the truth, and one man, to show that his heart was with us, gave me five dollars the day I left. My prayer is that he may not only lay his means on the altar, but his heart as well. The company at Prince is of good courage. The members are earnestly working and praying that those who are interested may soon unite with them.

From Prince I went to Freemont to visit Sister Gates. This sister has lived in isolation there for many years. As my visit was the first one made by any of our laborers, she greatly appreciated it. I spent one week at this place, holding meetings in a school-house and in homes. The Spirit of God came very near and revived those attending. At this place I believe that an interest can be worked up at any time and some souls garnered for the kingdom. The tracts and periodicals that have been scattered in this vicinity have paved the way, and as a result souls are eagerly enquiring for the meaning of the things that are taking place in the world. Two souls at this place resolved to follow the Lord in all His leading from now on until He shall come.

Parkside is a small village on the C.N.R., between North Battleford and Prince Albert. Brother Holman

met me at the station and he had made arrangements for a meeting that night in a hall. The people listened eagerly, as it was the first time they had ever attended any Seventh-day Adventist meeting. Nearly every belief that we have in this province was represented. At the close of the last meeting, as the people left, they expressed themselves as being sorry that they could not hear more of the truths at that time, but hoped that we could return some time in the near future. One man, who had been a very attentive listener (an atheist), as he shook my hand and said good-bye, could hardly speak, he seemed so deeply moved. With his eyes full of tears he said: "I wish the truth was always upheld in that light."

At this place I also met a young lady who is acquainted with every phase of our message. She has spent considerable time in circulating our literature among her friends and neighbors. She believes the whole truth and told me that she always plans to finish the heaviest work on Friday, so that there will be as little as possible to do on Sabbaths. It seems that if a short series of meetings could be conducted at this place, some definite results would follow.

My heart has been cheered as I have seen the active part our lay brethren, though isolated, are taking in the finishing of the work. The above named vicinities have all had literature scattered in them, and now with a few meetings it seems evident that the honest in heart would step out.

May the dear Lord bless his children, and everywhere may they scatter the truth laden pages, so that the work may soon be finished and the final note of triumph struck and sounded throughout the land.

W. A. CLEMENSEN.

A WORD OF WARNING

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand." For many years we have looked forward to the time when a powerful religious despotism should appear in Europe and America that would undertake to make us all observe Sunday as the Sabbath, and in other ways compel all men to recognize the authority of a church and state combination in religious matters.

It is already very evident that whatever else may come as a result of this war one thing is certain, and that is, the voice of the church will be listened to by the law-makers of the world as it has not been for many years. In every land during this awful struggle in Europe, the church is forcing herself on to the state, and when the war is over, she will be in a position to say: "We have helped you, now you must listen to us." In the fourth century Constantine, as a matter of policy, recognized the church, and even so in this day political expediency, recognized the church, will cause the state to recognize her. The result will be the "Beast" and the "Image" that will make God's people feel their wrath.

The reason for writing this article is because I have just learned in a very remarkable way that the enemy is busy now, drafting Sunday laws which the Saskatchewan government will be asked to pass, thus giving power to every court in the province to enforce, in the most drastic way, the observance of Sunday.

The following important questions are passing through my mind! Are we ready to face the issue? What have we done to warn those about us that they

may act intelligently in this matter? How many of us have studied this question of religious liberty until we can make the evils of Sunday legislation apparent to others?

Brethren, there is one thing we can all do, namely, obtain from this week of prayer the blessings that God is so anxious to give. Let us do this and we shall be better able to wrestle with the many problems that confront the people of God.

M. MACKINTOSH.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

Elders Sulzle and Clemensen stopped in Saskatoon on their way to fill their respective appointments for the Week of Prayer. We look for some interesting reports of the meetings held during this time.

Elder Gilbert returned to Saskatchewan last week after an absence of about six weeks. He is spending the week of Prayer with the church at Regina.

Sister M. F. Clark, of Gray, is leaving for Iowa this week, where she will spend part of the winter. She plans to go to California later on in the season.

A quiet wedding was recently solemnized at Rosthern, when Miss May Gibbs, from Washington, D.C., was united in marriage to Mr. George A. Brown, one of our faithful canvassers. The ceremony was performed by Elder Ziprick in the presence of a few friends. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will make their home at Wingard this winter.

Miss Mary Unruh, of Rosthern, spent a few days in Saskatoon last week in the interest of Harvest Ingathering work. She met with fair success.

Among the visitors to Saskatoon this week were Brother John Ross from Mclean, and Brother and Sister H. W. Rowse from Hanley. The latter were guests of Sister Forshaw for a few days.

We trust that all our people will remember to order their Sabbath-school supplies for the first quarter of 1916 in good time. Most of the supplies are in and your orders will be given prompt attention. We also have a good stock of Morning Watch Calendars in both the English and German languages. Those who are not observing the Morning Watch should make it a New Year's resolution to do so, and the blessings they will receive will insure their faithful adherence to their resolution.

Brother John D. Neufeld, of Waldheim, has met with very good success in soliciting donations to the Harvest Ingathering fund. He writes that some of the other members are engaged in this campaign, and no doubt this church will make a good record.

The donations that are coming in to the Workers' Band Fund testify to the children's interest in missionary work. Whether the gift be large or small, we know that their young hearts go with them. May the Lord tenderly bless these little lambs of the flock as they save their pennies for so noble a cause.

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THY FIRST LOVE

"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." Rev. 2:4. In the family relation nothing can be more sad than to see a husband and wife who once had the deepest love for each other, drift apart and not only lose their first love, but, as is sometimes the case, leave the one they once loved so dearly, while the one left may be heart-broken over his loss.

The Lord uses this very familiar illustration to teach

us our danger in spiritual lines. Doubtless you can well remember when you first accepted the truth which made you one with your Lord. I believe we all can recall the joy and the peace of our first experience—walking with our Lord—and how our hearts burned within us, and how we loved to tell others of it. In many instances we wrote to our relatives and friends of our new found faith; we were so anxious to bring this joy to others that we sent them tracts and papers also. In meeting a new face the first thought was to sow some gospel seed by word or by the printed page—never resting, ever praying and full of joy. Jesus seemed so near and so dear; we loved Him so and we loved everybody else. This is the first love and the experience of all who truly accept Christ and His precious truth.

The question now is: Is this my experience still? If not, our text will apply. We often look upon a man who deserts the one he has loved and promised to cherish as a bad person. What shall we say of ourselves if we become guilty of the same offence in a spiritual sense?

The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man who is a householder, which went out early in the morning to hire laborers to work in his vineyard. He agreed with them for a penny a day. Later he found others and bade them work also, and then still others about the sixth hour and also the ninth hour; finally he goes out at the eleventh hour and finds still others who are not engaged and calls them to work, saying, "Why stand ye all the day idle?" "Go ye also into the vineyard and whatsoever is right I will give thee."

The King whom we serve does not wish any to be idle; wasting time is a sin. There is something all can do and those whose hearts are burning with this message of truth will find something to do. May God stir our hearts as never before, lest He come and find one of us sleeping.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

ELDER J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH

One of the oldest pioneers in this message, now living, writes as follows of Dr. Magan's new book, "The Vatican and the War":

"I have just completed a careful reading of the book, and trust it may receive the wide circulation which it deserves. I was especially interested in the many quotations from Catholic authors, predicting the very things which Bible students declare will take place, thus showing forth their determination that, out of the dreadful struggle of nations, they will again have their power over them, even as the Scriptures reveal, but which so few see. This volume is destined to open the eyes of many to the real situation."

In quantities of ten or more, the price of the paper cover is 12½ cents each; cloth, 55 cents, plus the transportation. Order of your tract society.

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.

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Elder H. S. Shaw left Calgary on the 19th for Winnipeg, where he will attend the Manitoba Conference Committee meeting. On his return he will visit the Saskatchewan Conference office at Saskatoon.

The Week of Prayer throughout the Union was a most profitable season. Many precious victories were won and a deeper consecration on the part of hundreds of believers is the result. The donations have been most generous and will be a mighty factor in proclaiming the message in fields afar. There is a new spirit taking hold of the hearts of all, which is another indication of the nearness of the end.

A new quarterly magazine will soon be published in the Russian language. It will be issued at College View, and will contain live missionary matter. It is the plan to bring out magazines in the other languages just as soon as there is a sufficient demand for them.

In spite of the unsettled conditions of the country, due to the war in Europe, the literature sales in our Union have held up remarkably well. An army of some half-hundred young people has spent a large share of the year visiting the homes of the country with our truth-filled literature. This little army putting forth the energy and faithfulness that has been shown this year, would, in years of prosperity, have far surpassed any record we have made. Even in these strenuous times we have done well, and it will be but the natural outcome that much more good will have been accomplished than could possibly have been done had people been enjoying prosperity as they were not many months ago. Actual figures will soon be published showing as well as cold figures can show just what has been done.

A new chart—The Law of God as Changed by the Papacy—has just been issued by the *Review and Herald* Publishing Association. The chart contains valuable quotations, all taken from authentic papal publications, which show how that power has thought to

change God's law. Every minister should have this chart. Price \$1.00.

Those who are in possession of the old chart of the law as changed will by forwarding it direct to the *Review and Herald* Publishing Association, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C., receive a copy of the new chart in exchange.

Attention is called to one of the actions taken at the recent council at Loma Linda, which reads as follows:

"Whereas, The editor of the *Protestant Magazine*, W. W. Prescott, has been chosen as field secretary of the General Conference, with the understanding that he will spend a considerable portion of his time abroad; therefore,—

"Resolved, That the publication of the *Protestant Magazine* be suspended for the present, with the understanding that at some future time either the publication of this magazine may be resumed or the general subject may be dealt with in some other special way."

The *Review and Herald* Publishing Association has notified us that satisfactory consideration will be given to all unexpired subscriptions, the value in each case being made good to subscribers, either in cash or in literature, as each may choose. The publishing-house is taking up the matter direct with the subscribers by sending to each one a personal letter and offering them equivalent value by substituting *Liberty* and other literature on Romanism.

AFTER SIX YEARS

"Some six years ago a friend gave me your little book, *Signs of the Times*. I have just read it after all that time, and will you kindly mail me a copy?"

This is an experience that is often seen with our good pioneer missionary paper. It convinces us that old copies of the *signs* will still accomplish that whereunto they have been sent if we are only faithful in passing them on. Let us collect all the old copies we have and get them into someone's hands. The articles and studies they may contain, while possibly old to us, are living, vital, current truth to the one unacquainted with this great movement; and will be duly appreciated, as indicated by this experience.

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Perhaps one of the most interesting and striking features of the *Watchman* for January is a full-page cartoon picturing the recent Turkish massacres of Armenians. This is one of a series of illustrated scripture texts now running in *The Watchman*, and significantly illustrates Daniel 11:44. Look for it on the frontispiece.

Beginning January, 1916, the denominational health magazine will be issued under its old and popular name—*Life and Health*.

This change is in response to the expressed preference of many of our subscribers, and to the statements of our agents that they have not been able to make the large sales that they formerly made with *Life and Health*.