

# Western Canadian Tidings

"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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## THE PLACE

(Adelaide Addison Pollard)

There is a place where thou canst touch the eyes  
Of blinded men to instant, perfect sight;  
There is a place where thou canst say, "Arise!"  
To dying captives, bound in chains of night;  
There is a place where thou canst reach the store  
Of hoarded gold and free it for the Lord;  
There is a place—upon some distant shore—  
Where thou canst send the worker and the Word.  
Where is that blessed place—dost thou ask "Where?"  
O, soul, it is the secret place of prayer!

—Sel.

## THE NEW YEAR AND THE NEW CONSECRATION

There is something about the New Year that brings in new inspiration. Everywhere people are saying, "Happy New Year." The Old Year has passed, and while many tender memories linger in the mind, yet the present realities of the New Year eclipse all else. Its duties and problems claim the undivided attention.

At the close of the year, in business life, inventory is taken. Firms examine their affairs and take their bearings. All bad or doubtful accounts are written off, and only items are carried into the New Year's business which will add strength, stability and certainty.

And so it may be said of the experience of the Christian. The end of the Old Year seems to have a decided influence on our meditations.

During the year we plunged into life, desiring to do our duty. We prayed on and toiled on. Burdens increased, and responsibilities multiplied, till it seemed that our time was too short for us to do what seemed our duty. Perhaps we gradually began to read our Bibles less, and to find less time to pray. Of course, we did not intend it so, but somehow it was so, and we found ourselves weakened.

The year rushed on, and we rushed on with it, trying to do our duty. Thus weary and baffled by the perplexities of life, many parents and children have struggled against the tide.

At last the time for the Week of Prayer came, and the Lord's people all over the world set themselves to seek His blessing, and their prayers were heard. During this week of prayer the Spirit of God pointed out certain duties, and revealed certain things in which we had grown careless, and as we confessed these failures, light came in, and many said, "This has been the best week of prayer season we have ever experienced."

Thus with many, the Old Year closed, leaving us with a new vision, and a brighter hope. What a bless-

ing was this Week of Prayer to bring us to the New Year.

"Where we may have grown impatient in the family, or neglectful of prayer, or careless in speech or actions, we have put it all away and the Lord has forgiven. If Satan had tempted us to rob God of His holy tithes, and thus the curse of God has been hanging over us, we have restored the tithe, and the Lord has forgiven us; or whatever the failure may have been, we have confessed it to the Lord and the Lord has forgiven and healed our backslidings." Thus many of the Lord's people have expressed themselves during the week of prayer season, and since that time.

And now we enter upon the New Year, and again I say, What a blessing has been this week of prayer as we have passed from the Old, to the New Year. Think of it, a *New Year* begun, with a *New Consecration*, and who can imagine what this may mean before this year passes away.

Let us be watchful. It is not so likely that some *great sin* will come into our lives and cause us to fall, as that some *little things* may be allowed to come into our experience, and thus separate us from the blessing of God. It is the "Little Foxes that spoil the vines." Let us keep the fires of consecration burning "*continually*."

The old year just closed has been an eventful one. No other year has meant so much in connection with the closing of the message, as has the year 1915. Surely Beloved, the times now demand that we "lay aside every weight" and RUN FOR THE KINGDOM.

H. S. SHAW.

## THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH GUARDIANS

The above title is the name given by one of the leading Jewish newspapers of this country to Seventh-day Adventists. Soon after Sister White passed away some of the Jewish newspapers and magazines wrote editorials and comments on the life of the servant of the Lord. In connection with these comments we find the following with reference to Seventh-day Adventists, and the life and work of Sister White:—

"We refer to the well-known Sabbath-Christian, Mrs. Ellen G. White. We call her the well-known Sabbath-Christian, for she really was the founder of the well-known sect who are called Seventh-day Adventists. To make it more simple and plain to the Jews, for brevity, we would say, 'The Christian Sabbath Guardians.'

"The Seventh-day Adventists believe, as do the Jews, that the true Sabbath is Saturday, and not Sunday. Jesus Christ Himself, they say, observed the

seventh day as the Sabbath. They observe the Sabbath very strictly, closing their business houses during the entire day. They do no kind of work on the Sabbath, and guard it from desecration as does the most pious Jew.

"This sect of Sabbath-Christians is spread all over the land. There is scarcely a city in America but what can be found these Seventh-day Adventists."—New York *Warheit* (Truth).

What a beautiful term to use with reference to Sabbath-keepers, "Christian Sabbath Guardians." It is really surprising to have such statements come from a Jew, and an orthodox one at that. Who would have dreamed a few years ago of an orthodox Jewish paper saying that "Jesus Christ Himself . . . also observed the seventh day as the Sabbath." It was not long since that a paper of that character would not have even mentioned the name of the Saviour. What has brought about such a change? What has given the Jews such a view of Seventh-day Adventists? Why do the Jews feel so towards our people? We believe that it is because in the past few years the Jewish people have come to know Seventh-day Adventists. The Jews are as bitter today as ever towards popular or professed Christianity. Repeatedly are the Jews proclaiming in these days that Christianity is a failure; for the children of Abraham still believe that England, France, Germany, Russia and other European countries involved in this wholesale murder are all Christian peoples. Hence they claim that so-called Christianity is a failure.

As our people have come in touch with the Jews and have made manifest to them true Christianity is not what these Jews have been taught, a different feeling has developed among them towards one class professing Christianity; and many of these children of Israel have been investigating Christianity as it is recognized by Seventh-day Adventists.

Has not the effort been worth something? Has not this work of publicity brought forth some good results? Has not this literature which for several years has been placed in the hands of our Jewish neighbors, friends and citizens, been productive of some good? Has not this educational campaign given the Jews a different idea of the gospel from what they have been accustomed to believe? We believe that it has. We believe, dear brethren and sisters, that the seed of truth which you have sown these years has been planted in some honest hearts; we believe that some of this seed has taken root, and we are confident that more will take root.

Let us therefore keep on with this good work. Do not forget to place in the hands of our Jewish friends some of the literature especially adapted for these children of Abraham. The Spirit of God will convince them that there is truth in the gospel of the Son of God, and that Seventh-day Adventists are the people who are making manifest the message of God for this time.

It has been encouraging to watch the interest which has developed among our people in placing in the hands of Jews the new Yiddish magazine, "The Old Candle on a New Candlestick." We have already put out over eight thousand copies. Have you brought the attention of your Jewish friends to this magazine? Get a supply right away before the edition is

exhausted. It is a thirty-two page magazine, and sells to our people for three cents. Order at once a supply from your Tract Society, or from the Good Tidings Press, So. Lancaster, Mass.

F. C. GILBERT.

### THE PRINTED PAGE

Luther said, "Printing is the latest and greatest gift by which God enables us to advance the things of the gospel." Speaking of the extent of Luther's writings, D'Aubigne, the historian, says:

"The impulse which the Reformation gave to popular literature, in Germany, was prodigious. Whilst the year 1513 saw only thirty-five publications, and 1517 but thirty-seven, the number of books increased with astonishing rapidity after the appearance of Luther's theses. We find, in 1518, seventy-one various publications recorded; in 1519, one hundred and eleven; in 1520, two hundred and eight; in 1521, two hundred and forty-seven; in 1523, four hundred and ninety-eight. And where were all these books published? Almost invariably at Wittenberg. And who was the author of them? For the most part, Luther. The year 1522 saw one hundred and thirty publications from the reformer alone; and the following year, one hundred and eighty-three; whilst in this latter year, the total number of Roman Catholic publications amounted to but twenty."

In the library of the University of California there are thirty-six large, closely printed volumes of 700 to 800 pages each, all written by Luther.

Not only in Germany were these writings of Luther scattered, but they were carried to other countries as well. We quote again:

"If we except Switzerland, and even France, where the gospel had already been preached, the arrival of the Wittenberg doctor's writings everywhere forms the first page in the history of the Reformation. A printer at Basle scattered the first germs of truth. At the very moment when the Roman pontiff thought to stifle the work in Germany, it began in France, the Low Countries, Italy, Spain, England, and Switzerland. What matters it, even should Rome cut down the parent stem? . . . The seeds are already scattered over every land."—D'Aubigne's *History of the Reformation*. Vol. 2, pages 25-27.

Speaking of the way in which the message was carried to distant lands and its effect the historian continues:

"If he," Luther, "did not find missionaries to bear his instructions to distant lands, God had provided a missionary of a new kind. The printing press was the successor of the evangelist. This was the breaching battery employed against the Roman fortress. Luther had prepared a mine, the explosion of which shook the edifice of Rome to its lowest foundations. This was the publication of his famous book on the *Babylonish Captivity of the Church*, which appeared on the 6th of October, 1520."—Id., page 130.

In the light of these experiences from history giving us the effect of the printed page let us notice how the publishing work has increased in the history of this message. Sixty years ago we had one publishing house employing seven people printing two periodicals in one language and the total literature sales amounted to about \$2,000. At the close of 1914 there were thirty-eight publishing houses whose entire output was

denominational literature. These institutions employed a total of seven hundred and thirty-five people, published one hundred and thirty-four periodicals, and printed literature in eighty-eight languages. The total sales for that year amounted to \$2,109,834.60.

God has wonderfully blessed the literature work in our own union conference. During 1907 the total sales of the Canadian branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Association amounted to \$12,125.03. During 1915 our sales were \$32,436.60. This expresses what has been done in dollars and cents. We also find that twenty thousand six hundred and twenty-five books have been shipped from this office during the past year and over seventy-six thousand pages of tracts. Six thousand four hundred and forty-four copies of our large subscription books have been placed in the homes of the people of these western provinces during the year. Of this number nearly three thousand copies were "Bible Readings for the Home Circle." Of the smaller books, *World's Crisis* is leader, there having been over seven thousand copies distributed.

If God so wonderfully blessed the distribution of the printed page in helping to bring about the great reformation of Luther's time, surely He can do the same today. These silent messengers of truth placed in the homes of the people will all be searched out and read some day and only the records of eternity will reveal what has been accomplished by them. Many instances might be given where books have been bought and laid on the shelf for many years and finally sought out and read; God has said that His word will not return to him void. Our duty is to sow the seed and He has promised to give the increase.

J. M. ROWSE.

#### RESOLUTION REGARDING THE TESTIMONIES

Among the many resolutions of far-reaching influence considered and adopted at the Fall Council, the following was not the least in importance:

"Whereas, When the study of the Testimonies is taken up by the members of a church, there is manifested by them a fuller consecration to the Lord, and a deeper personal spiritual experience which leads to active labor in the winning of souls,

"We Recommend, that in every conference an effort be made to place the Testimonies, especially Vols. VI. to IX., in the home of every Sabbath-keeping family."

Many of our people already have one or more volumes of the Testimonies in their homes, and they know the value of them. But there are many who do not have them. We greatly desire to see all our people enjoying the spiritual help and blessing that this gift has brought within our reach. Of this people it is spoken, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ (or the Spirit of Prophecy)." Rev. 12:17; Rev. 14:12; 19:10. This must mean more than simply an acknowledgment of their right in the church. Yes, we have and keep them. We trust this shall be true of every family of Seventh-day Adventists.

In urging that our people provide themselves "especially" with Vols. VI. to IX., we do not wish to underrate the importance of the other volumes. But we do want to *emphasize the value*, right at this time,

of our reading these four volumes.

You will find God's plan for the finishing of the work in the individual heart, in the church, and in the world, clearly set forth in these blessed volumes.

The home missionary department will be glad to hear from any and all who will join in this most worthy undertaking of procuring and reading carefully the counsel of our great Leader to his people, who are soon to be gathered home. It is our privilege to know the purposes and plans of God. It is imperative that we do understand these, and that we keep abreast with that which is being speedily accomplished in all the earth.

We know of nothing, apart from God's Holy Word, more worthy of our careful consideration at such a time as this. Who, throughout the entire field, will respond? Who? Will you?

F. W. PAAP.

#### MISSIONARY WRAPPING PAPER

It is related that a Bible colporteur in Spain one day entered a village and offered his Bible for sale. Among others, he sold a large family Bible. The village priest heard of his presence in the village and ran to him and tore the book out of the buyer's hand and angrily exclaimed: "These books shall never enter my parish." He roused the women and especially the pious women, to anger, and they took up stones and cast them at the poor colporteur.

Six weeks later he was again on the road leading to the self-same village. Gladly would he have avoided it had he been able to find a roundabout way.

Approaching the village at dusk he hoped the inhabitants would fail to recognize him, but to his astonishment, the very first man he met at the city gate detained him with the question: "Are you not the man who sold the Bible?"

"Yes, I am the man," he confessed.

"Then welcome to our village; everyone of us desires to purchase your books," was the amazing reply. In his utmost astonishment, the man inquired: "Are you not the people who a few weeks ago cast stones at me?"

"Most certainly," answered the man, "but a great change has come over us, so that every man in the village desires one of your books." A merchant of the village had picked up the book in the market place, concluding that the paper might be used. Leaf after leaf was torn out to serve as wrappers for salt, sugar, rice and other groceries, thus entering every hut in the village. Through this means the people became acquainted with the gospel and were longing to hear more of the wondrous message which had been conveyed to them by a leaf of the Bible, which the priest thought he had destroyed. This village afterward became the centre of Christian activity.—Sel.

A copy of the April *Signs Magazine*, a tract, and a talk on world conditions and the Sabbath, were the means of inducing a lady in Illinois to keep the Sabbath. She interested her husband after a short time, and both are now devoted circulators of our literature. The February *Signs Magazine*, now ready, is a splendid bit of missionary ammunition.

Dr. Paulson, in the February *Signs Magazine*, tells why 110 of the Kronprinz Wilhelm's crew became afflicted with beri-beri, notwithstanding they had the

very best food that England's captured ships were compelled to give them. The doctor gives some advice in this article that will be appreciated even by Seventh-day Adventists, who are well informed generally on health topics.

## Manitoba Conference

Office Address, 418 Lansdowne Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba. President, E. M. Chapman; Secretary-Treasurer, B. L. Grundset; Sabbath-school Secretary, Mrs. V. W. Robb; Educational Secretary, Geo. R. Soper; Missionary Volunteer Secretary, Mrs. Barbara Cowan; Tract Society and Home Missionary Secretary, B. L. Grundset; Religious Liberty Secretary, E. M. Chapman.

### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER ITEMS

A lad recently called at a public library in Winnipeg and from the great number of books on widely different subjects selected one entitled "Missionary Heroism." This choice was at least partly the result of his being a Missionary Volunteer and having had his attention called especially to the work of missionaries by reading one of the books belonging to the Junior Missionary Volunteer Reading Course Number 6. This incident illustrates the fruit sought for by the brethren who planned the Reading Courses. The books are such as to create and foster in the minds of the young a desire for literature which will refine and enoble their ambitions. Shall we not all encourage the taking of the Reading Courses?

While it is more satisfactory to begin a course early in the fall, still a start may be made at any time and any of the past courses may be taken. The books may be secured of the Tract Society, and the review questions from the writer. Now that the long evenings are here, are there not others who wish to take one of the courses?

Some of our Missionary Volunteers are having good experiences. One young girl wrote of her Harvest Ingathering work, saying that some people had treated her kindly and gave donations, but one woman gave her a "lecture" saying that we should recall our missionaries and "quit begging." Our young Missionary Volunteer is not at all daunted, but says that God knows best what experience she needs to keep her from "clinging to the world."

We wish to hear from many more of the young people; in fact a "Letter Shower" during the first week in January would be a capital idea. Will not all the young people and children in Manitoba write their secretary a letter? Speak of your interest in some branch of the Missionary Volunteer work, ask questions, send reports and let the shower be a good heavy one, not just a sprinkle. May all who read this enjoy a really happy New Year.

MRS. BARBARA COWAN.

### MANITOBA NEWS NOTES

Elder E. M. Chapman reports profitable meetings at Rivers and Winnipeg during the week of prayer.

Brother David Gulbrandson spent the week of prayer at Erickson. Two meetings were held each day, with several outsiders in attendance at the meetings.

The Manitoba Auditing Committee met at the office, December the 21st. It was the first meeting of the committee since camp-meeting, and there were many items of business to attend to, but the work was finished harmoniously. Elder Shaw met with the committee, and his services were appreciated.

Elder V. W. Robb visited Carberry and Hazelridge during the week of prayer, and reports good meetings at these places.

Delegates for the Union Conference were elected at the committee meeting as follows: E. M. Chapman, V. W. Robb, B. L. Grundset, David Gulbrandson.

Brother L. F. Gretzinger met with the Morden church during the week of prayer and reports very good meetings with the church there.

At present Brother George R. Soper is teaching the church school at the home of Brother Ben Johnstone at Rivers. Good reports are coming from this school.

Brother and Sister J. M. Hogg, of Winnipeg, suffered the loss of an infant child, which died December 26, 1915. Our sympathies go out to Brother and Sister Hogg in their bereavement.

## Saskatchewan Conference

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### RESOLVE AND DO

It has become quite customary to make resolutions as the New Year is ushered in, and to me this is a most appropriate plan. The sad part of it is, however, that the resolutions seem to fade away so often with the twilight or vanish as time speeds on. Of course this should not be.

We need the benefits which come as the result of carrying out our resolutions in mid-summer as much as we do on January One. RESOLVE and DO should be our watchword.

It seemed to me that the lesson recited in our Sabbath-schools on New Year's Day was a most appropriate one. Shall we not resolve, that: "By the Lord's grace and strength we will wear the wedding garment, Christ's righteousness shall be ours that we may better represent Him here and stand justified when the King comes in to see the guests. May God bless each of us to this end.

But while we are making resolutions let us not forget the Sabbath-school work. The past year has seen progress in this important branch of the work, but the year we are now entering should witness greater advancement.

When we remember that "the Sabbath-school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities and most effectual in bringing souls to Christ" and "the Sabbath-school, when rightly managed, possesses marvelous power, and is adapted to doing a great work," we are assured that it is worthy of our best resolutions.

Will not every officer and teacher with every member of our schools and Home Department, join most heartily in the following resolution:

That: (1) Since God's Word is the Christian's guide, I will spend some time each day in Bible study, not forgetting the Sabbath-school lessons.

(2) I will put forth greater effort in behalf of souls by prayer and personal effort.

(3) I will pray more faithfully and give more liberally for the carrying forward of the work of the message in foreign lands.

So may the Lord add His blessing in a rich measure to the efforts of His people as they try to fill their place more completely.

Let us say, like Paul of old: "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark."

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

## STOCKHOLM—HILLESDEN—HANLEY— DUNDURN

"Thy People shall be willing in the day of thy power . . ." Ps. 110:3. The spirit manifested on the part of many that it has been my privilege to visit during the past month has shown that the power of the Lord is felt in their midst and that the above passage is applicable to the present time.

The greater part of the first week of the month was spent with the believers at Stockholm, where a few public services and house to house visits were made in behalf of those that seemed to be interested. The Spirit of God came in and granted great freedom in presenting the truth. In this locality is a family that are under strong conviction, and long for the peace that only the Lord can give when we obey Him. But they fear that they will not be able to get along financially if they should obey the Lord. The brethren there are making this case a special subject of prayer that their faith may be increased in the assurance given that He will provide for those that walk in His statutes.

The next place visited was the Hillesden church. The brethren there are all of good courage and are striving to know the Lord more fully day by day. The quarterly service and the annual business meeting of the church was held, all the members were present at both of these important meetings, except one or two that could not come on account of the season of the year and the great distance to travel. Those that were present took an active part in the services, each one renewing their covenant relationship with the Lord and placing themselves upon the altar for service for the coming year. These brethren fear a special burden for their unconverted children and neighbors, desiring to have a closer walk with the Lord that those that live around them may find the Saviour.

The Week of Prayer was spent at Hanley and Dundurn. It was a season of great refreshing from the Lord to every soul that was determined to have a new and different experience. It was manifested that those who were in earnest and prevailed with God in prayer received definite victories. The last day the Spirit of the Lord visited us in a special manner. Victories over sin had been gained, and all with one accord raised their voices in praise for the benefits they had received. They also brought their free will offerings and claimed the blessings.

One great truth that has been impressed upon my mind is, that we have entered a time when the Lord is going to work wonders in behalf of His cause in the earth. A great burden for souls seems to be settling down upon the scattered believers, and they are stimulated to live the truth, talk the truth, and spread the truth the coming year in a greater measure than ever.

We have entered the sifting time, those that will not permit the burden of souls to be placed upon them and point sinners to Lamb of God, will be sifted out. The Spirit of God is willing, and if each one will permit the spirit to use them in warning those in their respective communities the work will soon be finished and the final meeting in the air take place. May each one stand in his lot.

W. A. CLEMENSON.

## SWIFT CURRENT, GULL LAKE AND ROULEAU

I am glad to be able to render a good report from the churches visited by me during the "Week of Prayer." At each place the brethren were hungry for a feast on spiritual things. All seemed to realize that God is rapidly finishing His work in the earth. A young man and his wife who live nearly thirty miles southeast of Swift Current have accepted the truth through reading. The young man came in on his bicycle to hear his first sermon by an Adventist minister, arriving just as we were preparing to leave for Gull Lake, where Sister Carlson had obtained the Methodist church for our services that night. Through the faithful labors of Sister Carlson two women have accepted the faith and others are interested.

Our next stop was Rouleau, and here also we found three men who drove thirty miles to meet with God's people for the first time. The members of this church are mostly Roumanians and Servians, however, we found a good interpreter in Brother Diminyatz and enjoyed our visit with them very much. From the first it was evident that the good Lord was present; sins were confessed and put away, backsliders were re-claimed, among them a Greek Catholic priest who gives promise of being a good worker. In conclusion all re-consecrated themselves to God and united in the ordinances of the Lord's house. M. MACKINTOSH.

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### A CHURCH ORGANIZED

I am now on a boat on Arrowhead Lake returning from Nelson, where we have just organized a church of twelve members. To this number will be added four from the Conference and five from the Penticton churches when the letters are received, making a total of twenty-one members.

I arrived in Nelson Tuesday evening December 21. The next afternoon we had a meeting at the home of Brother Bellis and ten individuals presented themselves for baptism. As no baptistry was available it was thought best to baptize in the lake the following day. It being necessary for two of the candidates, Brother and Sister Bellis, Sr., to leave next morning at nine o'clock we were obliged to hold the baptism early. Two tents pitched by the waterside, with stoves, matting, etc., provided for the comfort of the candidates. Accordingly at 7.30 a.m. we all assembled for the service. Ten souls followed the Lord into a watery grave, three of whom were above sixty years of age. It took lots of determination to carry the plan into effect, as the morning was chilly and the water very cold. But everyone bravely acted their part and seemed happy they had done so. In all my experience I have never yet seen any ill effects physically from

a baptism, no matter how uncomfortable the situation.

On Thursday afternoon we organized the church, with the following officers appointed: Brother C. E. Wood, Elder; A. W. Hawes, Treasurer and Deacon; Sister Hawes, Deaconess; Sister Wood, Missionary Secretary; Sister Bellis, Clerk; Sister S. Giles, Sabbath-school Superintendent; Brother Bellis, Sabbath-school Secretary; Sister G. Meunch, leader for the Missionary Volunteer Society, with Brother Fletcher, Secretary. This will be known as the Nelson church.

There are others deeply interested, and we hope to see this church grow to be much larger. There is some prejudice, of course, but this will not hinder those who really desire to obey the Lord. We are glad for this monument of the truth in the Kootenay district.

J. G. WALKER.

### THE BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

The British Columbia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene in the Union Street Seventh-day Adventist Church, Vancouver, B.C., at 10 o'clock a.m., Tuesday, February 1-14, 1916, for the election of officers and the transaction of other business that should come before the meeting. The ratio of representation is one delegate for the church organization and an additional delegate for every ten members. All delegates are requested to be present at the first meeting.

J. G. WALKER, President.  
J. B. GIDDINGS, Secretary.

### THE BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

The British Columbia Association of Seventh-day Adventists is hereby called to convene in the Union Street Seventh-day Adventist Church, Vancouver, B.C., at 11 o'clock a.m., Friday, February 11, 1916, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The ratio of representation is one delegate for the church organization and an additional delegate for every ten members.

J. G. WALKER, President.  
J. B. GIDDINGS, Secretary.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES

Elder J. G. Walker returned from Nelson Tuesday, December 28th, where he organized a church of twenty-one members.

Mrs. William Carlson of Gull Lake, Saskatchewan, was a welcome visitor at the office last week.

The four churches in Vancouver are planning on uniting in giving a Harvest Ingathering program January 2, 1916. At this time it is hoped that the collection which will be taken, will, when distributed among the different churches, enable them to complete their share of the Harvest Ingathering Goal.

Mrs. J. G. Walker and daughter, Beryl, returned safely from California, arriving in Vancouver, December 28, 1915. They spent Sabbath in Seattle with Miss B. Lofstad.

Cecil Mayor, who has been assisting Brother H. W. Dutton on the school farm at Pitt Meadows, has returned to his home in Victoria.

C. E. Wood has returned to Edgewood for a few days, following up those who are interested in the Third Angel's Message.

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### OUR PLEDGES

At this time of the year when many are reaping the fruits of an abundant harvest, men rejoice at the prospect of paying their debts. It would be well at the same time to remember our vows to the Lord. No one is out of debt who has unpaid pledges to God. These vows or pledges made for the furtherance of God's cause were not promises to man but solemn vows to God. Men are only witnesses of the fact that the vows were made. No honest man would seek to evade the payment of a promissory note made in favor of his neighbor.

Money promised to God thereby becomes holy and as soon as possible His own should be placed in the treasury. When, under the powerful influence of the Holy Spirit, the needs of God's cause are forcibly presented, the world loses its hold on the soul and solemn vows are made. The excuse one's self from the payment of a pledge simply because he does not feel just as he did when he made it, is folly. "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for He hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldst not vow than that thou shouldst vow and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error. Wherefore should not God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thy hands." Eccl. 5: 4-7. Unfulfilled obligations to fellowmen frequently bring the delinquent before earthly courts. Angels record every obligation to God and the one who will not pay his pledge, if it is at all possible for him to do so, will stand condemned at the court of the supreme judge.

Worldly inducement too frequently divert sacred means into common use. To use for our own purposes means which might as well be used to pay our vows to God is not better than sacrilege. "It is a snare to the man who devoureth that which is holy and after vows to make inquiry." Prov. 20: 25.

After the lapse of a certain number of years payment of worldly debts cannot be compelled. Unfulfilled pledges to God's cause never become void because of age, but they will be binding till the day of judgment. Only utter inability will excuse the full payment of such a pledge. "When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it; for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin unto thee. That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; even a freewill offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the Lord thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth." Deut. 23: 21, 23. God has given to his church plain instructions relative to this matter. "One of the greatest sins in the Christian world today, is dissembling and covetousness in dealing with God. There is an increasing carelessness on the part of many in regard to their meeting their pledges to the various

institutions and religious enterprises. Many look upon the act of pledging as though it imposed no obligation to pay. If they think their money will bring them considerable profit by being invested in bank stock or in merchandise, or if there are individuals connected with the institution which they have pledged to help to whom they take exceptions, they feel perfectly free to use their means as they please. This lack of integrity is prevailing to quite an extent among those who profess to be keeping the commandments of God, and looking for the soon appearing of their Lord and Saviour. . . .

"God calls upon those who believe the truth, to render to Him the things that are his. Those who have thought that to withhold from God is gain, will eventually experience His curse as the result of their robbery of the Lord. Nothing but utter inability to pay can excuse one in neglecting to meet promptly his obligations to the Lord. Indifference in this matter shows that you are in blindness and deception and are unworthy of the Christian name. . . .

"Let everyone review his past life and see if any unpaid, unredeemed pledges have been neglected, and then make extra exertions to pay the "uttermost farthing"; for we must all meet and abide the final issue of a tribunal where nothing will stand the test but integrity and veracity." *Testimonies for the Church*, Volume 4, pp. 475, 476.

P. P. ADAMS.

#### HERE AND THERE

Since my last report I have been with the following companies: Leduc, Sedgewick, Ponoka, Didsbury and Harmattan, and in each place I found an earnest determination to see the work of giving the "Third Angel's Message" finished in this generation. I spent the Week of Prayer with the churches at Edmonton, Didsbury and Harmattan. The Lord is surely blessing His people which was especially manifested during this special season in the determination on the part of all to bring every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Our work in Edmonton is onward. We hold two meetings each Sunday in the "Dreamland Theatre." Our attendance ranges from fifty in the afternoon to about one hundred twenty-five in the evening. There are many openings for Bible work. Some have taken their stand for the truth, among which are two soldiers. It is quite encouraging to see the flowers and feathers drop from the hats of the sisters and when they give their hearts to Jesus they also find that they can get along without a ring to prove that they are married. It makes us thankful to see these tokens of conversion. We expect to have baptism at our quarterly meeting which will be held January 8th, if the Lord be willing.

I expect to visit the companies at Clemens and Hawksdale. Brethren, pray for us.

J. L. WILSON.

#### CALGARY—ACME

The work is progressing about as usual. La grippe is passing, and a few more visitors were seen at our last services. There was a fair sized audience present when the Sabbath question was presented. Although the question had not been fully presented there were a few hands raised showing willingness to obey God.

Our last lecture was on the work reformation.

Luther's work came in for a review and an attempt was made to show that Luther had only begun the movement and that it was left for us to finish.

By invitation of Elder Humann I visited the Acme company of new Sabbath-keepers. They all seemed wide awake and in the three meetings we had together the Spirit came in and all seemed to be encouraged, to press on to know the fulness of the truth. It is quite encouraging to see the "first love" as spoken of by the Revelator, and to those who follow on to know the Lord this good experience may grow brighter and their faith stronger.

We had quarterly meeting in which all took part, after which a short business meeting was held and officers were elected for the coming year.

May the Saviour hold these dear hearts in His strong arm and present them faultless in the day of God.

C. A. HANSEN.

#### MIDNAPORE

On account of bad weather and poor health the writer instead of going to Walsh and Hilda as had been planned, was advised to visit the German brethren at Calgary and Midnapore during the week of prayer. Brother Gimble and wife accompanied me to Midnapore, where we arrived Friday evening, December 10th. On Sunday afternoon, we together with most of the brethren living at Midnapore, attended the church services held in the town and so swelled their congregation that the room was well filled. We were also given the privilege of presenting the Mid-night Cry to all. This created an interest and from this time on we were pleased to see some of these people attending our services.

Brother and Sister Gimble left Monday. I remained until Wednesday evening. Good meetings were enjoyed all the time I was present and some not of our faith were convinced of the truth. The brethren pressed closer together, sins were confessed and put away and the spirit of the Lord came in rich measure. At our last meeting held Wednesday evening a lady not of our faith prayed earnestly that the Lord should give her more light on the Word of God. So everywhere we find souls are longing for the right and Present Truth. Are we willing to give it to them is a personal question for each one.

On returning to Beiseker I found that the school conducted by Sister Clark was running nicely. I also found that the brethren were of good courage and enjoying the good readings and prayer meetings. Elder Humann had been called away to conduct a funeral and Brother Sam Leiske had been called to Calgary by the sickness of his son. A. A. ROTH.

#### ALBERTA NOTES

Brother Jensen, of Standard, was a recent caller at the office.

Elder Humann, who spent Sabbath, January 1st, with the believers of the Irvine church, left the city for Lacombe on the 3rd.

Brother and Sister Cal Thompson, of Acme, have left Alberta for a trip to Minnesota. While passing through Calgary they called at the office.

During the week of prayer, Brother R. C. Cordis, of Edmonton, visited the brethren at Woodbend. Brother W. B. Easton of the latter place met with the members of the Edmonton church.

Brother and Sister Braunberger, of Beiseker, called at the office the other day on their return journey from the States, where they have been visiting friends.

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We were pleased to greet Professor E. D. Dick, of the Alberta Academy, at the office on January 4th. Professor Dick spent a day or two in the city transacting business for the school.

Rev. R. A. Torrey, on the cars, handed a tract to a minister's daughter. While she read he prayed, and when he spoke to her, she almost burst into tears, and in a few moments decided for Christ, and left the train rejoicing in the Saviour.

In the last issue of the *Tidings* an error occurred in the notice of announcement of the discontinuance of the *Protestant Magazine*. The action quoted in that notice was taken by the *Review and Herald* Board, and not by the late council at Loma Linda, as stated.

Three pretty songs entitled "The Paradise Home," "A Light in the Window up There," and "When the Shades of Eve are Falling" have been received from the Publisher, Brother Charles P. Whitford. These songs and many others may be secured from Brother Whitford, whose address is Orlando, Fla.

To be at work, to do things for the world, to turn the currents of the things about us at our will, to make our existence a positive element, even though it be no bigger than a grain of sand, in this great system where we live,—that is a new joy of which the idle man knows no more than the mole knows of the sunshine, or the serpent of the eagle's triumphant flight into the upper air. The man who knows indeed what it is to act, to work, cries out, "This, this alone is to live!"—Phillips Brooks.

It is Time To Re-Tire Those Old New Year Resolutions with the Non-Skid Determination—

That with God's Help

I will not Speak a Lie

I will not Act a Lie

I will Be Square with All Mankind

I will Be Square with Myself  
 I will Be Square with my God:  
 In the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

Our readers will be pleased to know that the 1916 Temperance Instructor will be ready to mail January 1. The publishers assure us that this new Temperance number gives evidence of eight years' experience in getting out temperance issues, it being by far the most practical temperance issue ever published. We solicit the earnest efforts of our readers in the generous circulation of this new temperance number. The special elections will soon be on. In many places there will be local option elections. Our people ought to do all they can in getting the *Temperance Instructor* in the homes of the people just before these elections.

## SPECIAL DISCOUNT ON THE "TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH"

The following decision rendered at the Missionary and Bookmen's Convention, Mountain View, California, March 15, 1915, will be of special interest to our people everywhere.

"That the full sets of the Testimonies be furnished as follows:—

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Now is the time to provide yourself with these valuable works. The study of the Testimonies is calculated to make men spiritually strong. We feel confident that a careful study of these precious volumes would make active missionary soul winners of all our people. Send direct to your tract society, and make any sacrifice necessary to thus equip yourself for the conflict.

F. W. PAAP.

## REPORT OF SALES, CANADIAN BRANCH, PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION

December, 1915.

	Sub'n	40%	Trade	Educ.	Tracts	Totals
Alberta .....	\$311.10	\$ 14.50	\$ 46.55	\$ 61.45	\$ 7.25	\$ 440.85
Brit. Columbia .....	12.55	104.90	31.45	16.75	2.80	168.45
Manitoba .....	.60	40.95	7.20	8.85	.80	58.40
Saskatchewan .....	83.90	157.00	136.05	17.35	7.65	401.95
Others .....		3.40		1.10		4.50
	\$408.15	\$320.75	\$221.25	\$105.50	\$18.50	\$1074.15
Total sales for December, 1915.....						\$1,074.15
Total sales for December, 1914.....						603.73
Gain for December, 1915.....						\$470.42

## Comparative Statement

	1914	1915	Gain
Alberta .....	\$ 6,317.59	\$ 8,438.45	\$2,120.86
British Columbia.....	2,098.89	2,282.89	1,184.00
Manitoba .....	3,724.31	5,057.35	1,333.04
Saskatchewan .....	13,282.35	14,504.91	1,222.56
Others .....		153.00	153.00
Totals.....	\$25,423.14	\$31,436.60	\$6,013.46

FOR SALE—Sanitarium cooking oil; 40-lb. cans, \$6.15; 80 lbs., \$10.00. In barrels of 390 lbs., 13% c. F.O.B. Winnipeg, Man., with cash. Address: Cotton Seed Oil Co., P.O. Box 1832, Winnipeg, Man.