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UNFORGOTTEN

Marianne Farningham

I cannot tell why there should come to me
A thought of some one miles and years away
In swift insistence on the memory,
Unless there be a need that I should pray.

Old friends are far away; we seldom meet
To talk of Jesus or changes day by day,
Of pain, pleasure, triumph, or defeat,
Or special reasons why 'tis time to pray.

We are too busy even to spend thought
For days together of some friends away;
Perhaps God does it for us, and we ought
To read His signal as a call to pray.

Perhaps my friend just then has fiercer fight,
A more appalling weakness or decay
Of courage, darkness, some lost sense of right;
And so in case you need my prayer, I pray.

Friend, do the same for me. If I intrude
Unasked upon you on some crowded day,
Give me a moment's prayer as interlude;
Be sure I need it, therefore pray.

—Selected.

WESTERN CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE SESSION

The Western Canadian Union Conference will hold its fourth biennial session at Calgary, February 24 to March 2, 1916, as announced in the last issue of the *Tidings*.

The usual arrangements have been made with the various railroads for the procuring of reduced rates on the return trip for those who attend the meeting. In order to receive the benefit of these rates, it will be necessary to observe the following suggestions:

When purchasing your ticket from your home to Calgary, be sure to call for a standard certificate from the agent from whom you purchase the ticket.

In case the agent should tell you he has no certificate blanks on hand, be sure to have him give you a written receipt showing that you have purchased a ticket from him to a certain point, giving date the ticket was purchased and the amount paid.

If it is necessary for you to change railroads on your way to Calgary from your home, you of course must purchase another ticket, in which case, be sure to take another certificate. In other words, every time you purchase a ticket on your way to this meeting, be sure

to take a standard certificate from the agent who sells you the ticket.

These certificates are to be kept by you and presented to our Conference Secretary when you arrive at Calgary, and he will look after the matter of your return trip. If you should fail to present these certificates to our Secretary, we will not be able to secure any favors for you on your return passage.

We are speaking thus definitely of this matter, to impress the importance of every person remembering to secure a certificate, who expects reduced rates on the return trip.

Arrangements are being made for rooms and board at as reasonable rates as possible for those who attend the meeting. It is important that any who are planning to come, should write to F. L. Hommel, at 502 Seventeenth Ave. West, Calgary, Alberta, stating when you expect to arrive and over which railroad you expect to come, whether Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern or Grand Trunk Pacific, and the kind of accommodation you would like to have.

This will be a very important meeting. There will be, in connection with the Conference, a ministerial institute for the benefit of our ministers and workers who are present. It is urgently requested that all our ministers and workers avail themselves of this opportunity.

There will also be instruction in other lines of the work which will be very beneficial to all our brethren and sisters who may be able to attend the meeting.

Elder I. H. Evans, President of the North American Division Conference; Elder G. B. Thompson, Secretary of the North American Division Conference; and Elder Meade McGuire, Secretary of the Western Division of the Young People's Work in the North American Division Conference, will all be present to give instruction in the different lines to be taken up at the convention.

The conditions which surround us everywhere in the world at the present time and the relation we, as a people, sustain to the events that are transpiring all over the earth, make this meeting one of the most important ever held by Seventh-Day Adventists in Western Canada. We expect many of our brethren will attend and we expect one of the best meetings we have ever seen of this kind in this field.

Let every Seventh-Day Adventist in Western Canada pray that God will make this gathering one which will bring such help to the field that its influence will be felt in every home and neighborhood in this country.

H. S. SHAW.

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REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT For Quarter Ending December 31, 1915

Name.	Member- ship	Offerings		Total
		Regular	13th Sab.	
Beaver Creek.....	8	\$ 19.45	.....	\$ 19.45
Carlton	35	36.17	12.00	48.17
Dundurn	25	31.00	13.00	44.00
East Regina.....	38	64.32	44.97	109.29
Fenwood*	14	24.75	7.50	32.25
Fox Valley	74	24.65	2.30	26.95
Hanley	21	58.35	30.10	88.45
Happyland (no report).....	..	.....	.....	.....
Hillesden	15	10.95	6.75	17.70
Langham	17	9.16	12.00	21.16
Macrorie	28	54.90	39.20	94.10
McGee	6	4.00	2.00	6.00
McLean	18	30.10	10.55	40.65
Prince	11	44.65	10.85	55.50
Queen Centre	29	5.90	41.05	46.95
Regina	55	49.51	10.75	60.26
Rouleau	28	28.12	7.65	35.77
Rosthern	27	19.45	11.00	30.45
Saskatoon	11	26.67	11.48	38.15
Sonningdale	24	41.68	12.50	54.18
Sunset	17	31.20	33.20	64.40
Surbiton	18	15.80	4.50	20.30
Swift Current	19	30.55	6.50	37.05
Tugaske	15	13.95	8.70	22.65
Waldheim	50	14.65	15.70	30.35
Provincial Home Dept.....	159	216.87	118.90	335.77
Wesley View .....	..	15.20	.....	15.20

Totals: 25 schools..... 762 \$922.00 \$473.15 \$1,395.15

* Report for six months.

I am most happy to be able to pass on to you a report like this. To say it is a good one would not express my feeling regarding it, for it is indeed a splendid one and should bring encouragement and cheer to our hearts as we see how richly the Lord has blessed His work.

Thirty-six baptisms are reported for the last quarter of 1915. Truly we should thank the Lord for this and press on with greater zeal.

And look at that splendid offering. The largest ever reported in the history of the work in this province. I like to look at those figures and think of the loyalty and liberality of this people, who have made such a report possible. Over \$450.00 was the 13th Sabbath offering in our own conference. Are you not happy to know that those needy China and Manchurian fields are to have a good Christmas present from Saskatchewan, which will help swell the amount from all other conferences? Notice too the amount for the quarter, almost \$1400.00. Thus the last quarter in the year gives the best record in many respects. We are glad this is so.

We understand there is a school being carried on at Wesley View. Our treasurer (Brother Wissner) received \$15.20 from them this last quarter, which is reported, as you will notice. We hope to get in closer touch with this school in the near future, and be able to receive a full report at the close of this quarter, so

that they may be included in our next report. Thus we can add another school to our list.

I am sure you will also be interested in the annual report which is given below, as compared with that of 1914:

	1914	1915
Number of schools	21	25
Baptisms reported	39	86
Total offerings for first quarter...\$	752.27	\$1009.52
" " " second " ...	808.17	1093.39
" " " third " ...	1052.95	1212.36
" " " fourth " ...	1104.49	1395.15
" " " year	\$3717.88	\$4710.42
Gain over 1914	\$992.54	

Surely this report should make us feel as did the Psalmist when he said: "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

We have now left the old year behind and as we take a backward look and see how mercifully and tenderly the Lord has blessed His children, truly we should say with David of old: "O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: . . . for His merciful kindness is great toward us." The blessings and success of the past should only spur us on to greater things.

So may we enter upon the journey thru the new year with a stronger faith and courage in God and a greater determination to do well our part in everything and be faithful unto the end.

Perhaps you remember that our financial goal for 1915 was a little different than we usually have and if put in words would read something like this: "We pledge ourselves to see that we do not go below the amount given in 1914, which was \$3717.00." You are happy, I am sure, to see that we not only reached the goal but passed it by almost \$1000.00.

In that day not far distant when the redeemed from every nation meet on the sea of glass there will be those rejoicing in the beauties of heaven because you gave of your means to help carry them the news of the soon-coming Saviour. "Oh what joy will it be when His face I behold, *Living* gems at His feet to lay down."

A word too in this connection for our loyal Home Department members who are also having a part in the blessings which come from giving. During the year 1915 about \$1000.00 was received in Sabbath-school offerings from our isolated members. May the Lord richly bless these lonely ones as they stand as lights for Him in their several neighborhoods and also continue to help what they can to send the light to those who are in darkness in other lands.

Brethren and sisters, the work is onward. The demand for men and means becomes greater as the years pass. Greater responsibilities rest upon us now than one year ago. If we have gained victories the past year we should gain more this year; if we have done well in the matter of giving in 1915, we should do even better in 1916. The seriousness of the times demand our best in every way.

May we put forth greater effort than ever before to learn well our splendid Sabbath-school lessons. Not forgetting that Daily Study is an excellent means.

In closing I would express my sincere appreciation of the hearty co-operation and faithfulness of this dear

people. The efforts of our superintendents and secretaries have been a source of encouragement to me also. May the Lord richly bless you all as you bind on the armor of service more firmly from day to day.

"Onward, onward, ever onward,
Be our watchword in the fray,
Bear the banner bravely forward,
Let there be no more delay.

"Then with strength and courage ever,
Gird the gospel armor on;
Faithfully we'll press the battle
Till the victory is won."

MRS. A. C. GILBERT,
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KELOWNA

It often happens with the nurse on a critical case, when she is busiest and most anxious, that she does not feel like reporting anything. I am in that position. Have just come to the testing time with souls who are making their decisions, and about all I can say is, "Pray for the work here."

One precious soul who attended our last Sabbath meeting said she had made up her mind to "step right out into the light." Another one who has been attending Sabbath meetings for a few weeks, said we could count on her as a regular member of our Sabbath School. There are ten others in, or very near, the "Valley of decision," and we ask again, pray for the work here

E. R. POTTER.

OUR BURDEN

While listening recently to a lecture given by Dr. Matthews, of Seattle, a minister perhaps as well known as any minister on the Pacific Coast. I was almost startled to hear this statement: "I could not think of taking part in any entertainment whose object is frivolity. No, we are too near the coming of the Second Person of the Godhead, Christ Jesus, to have any time for frivolity. Momentous times are before us; the world is facing the impending judgment of God. I believe there is not a minister upon which a great burden does not rest; I know the burden rests heavily upon me."

I was astonished at his words, for he is the pastor of a very fashionable church. I thought at once of our work, of the definite message God has given us, of the burden that should rest heavily upon each of us, of the light that we have, and our knowledge of the nearness of the end, and then I thought surely if the burden for souls is resting so heavily upon those who know not the last Message, how should we feel and act who have been entrusted with so great a responsibility.

Shall we not as Home Missionary Workers, and that means every church member and the children are to have a part to carry this burden for souls through this

new year, saving no time for the light and trifling things of earth, but doing more definite work for the Master.

The Home Missionary reports that have come in for last quarter are good indeed, but more should be in. Have you given a report of your work to your church missionary secretary, so it can be sent in? Let us begin our Home Missionary work for the new year by a faithful report of what we have already done and then keep on working and reporting. Thus the work will go on till all is finished and the faithful receive their reward.

BERTHA LOFSTAD.

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DOCTRINE OF THE APOSTLES

Acts 2:42. "And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship." This is speaking of the three thousand that were converted on the first day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came as promised by Jesus. They were like the Apostles in their doctrine, faith and courage. Verse 46 says: "They continued daily with one accord"; they were of one heart and one purpose, and the fifth chapter tells of wonderful signs and wonders wrought by the Apostles.

Paul warned the leaders of the churches, of false brethren that would arise speaking things to draw away disciples after themselves (Chap. 20:28-30), and exhorted them to feed the flock over which they had been made overseers, so they would be prepared to discern these false teachers. Some were even among them then.

These men have some petty idea or hobby; something new or different from the doctrine of the apostles, the object of which is to draw followers. Many poor sin-sick souls who had found the light and been saved by starting out right were side-tracked and will go to destruction as a result of listening to some new idea which may not belong to the gospel at all.

We as a people are in great danger along this line. We have been told to "Walk in the Light," and many of us have changed our views as the light has come to us, and expect that we may have still more light as we near the end. But we should be careful and study to know for ourselves whether a thing is backed by the Word of God and whether it harmonizes with the pillars of the faith already tested and established by the Word. The Devil well knows our position and he is not going to rest and let us get free from his grip without a great protest. The cardinal points of the message are so clearly taught in the Word and accepted by all that he has not much chance to make us give up. So from among Adventists, men arise as they did of old and get disciples. They come with so-called new light and what makes it worse, many times these teachers are fine appearing men with many versions of the Bible. They also understand Greek, or claim to, and are very active in getting disciples. Their great burden is to preach their new idea, and they are ever at it. If they hear of a new convert they immediately get busy with their great light and often have stories

to tell of some ill treatment they have received from Adventist leaders. This has its effect and sad to say, many are thus deceived today and turned from the message to believe in some new idea which is only a deception. They are known by their fruits. I have seen persons soundly converted and happy in this message, attending every meeting possible, faithful in all points and rejoicing in the Lord; after a few visits with the "New Light" man, seldom attend church, ready to argue, stop taking our papers and paying tithe, discontinue family worship, etc. This did not all happen at once, of course.

I am always afraid of the man who is not satisfied with the present version of the Scriptures, but must have the Greek and many other versions to bring out his great light. The Lord has made His Word so plain that the wayfaring man, tho' a fool, may not 'cer therein; so, dear reader, let us stick to the main line which is the doctrine of the Apostles and also of the Seventh-day Adventist body. This foundation is sure, being built on the Apostles, and Jesus the chief corner stone.

We know that Satan is to deceive if possible the very elect. Each one will be severely tested, so let us be careful what we accept as truth.

E. M. CHAPMAN

DAUPHIN

Since my last report I have visited the companies of believers at Brandon, Carberry and Hazel Ridge. I enjoyed my visit with these soldiers of the cross very much, and it was a source of encouragement to find that nearly all were unitedly working toward the finishing of God's work. It was a great pleasure to find so many young people who less than a year ago had given their hearts to God and pledged their lives to help in the closing work, remaining true to their calling. May God grant that these dear young people may continue steadfast in their faith, and may the way be opened for them to be trained for the Master's use.

While attending the Conference Committee meeting held in Winnipeg, Dec. 21 and 22, 1915, I had the opportunity of meeting with our dear people there, where Mrs. Robb and I had labored and with whom we had stood shoulder to shoulder in building up God's work in that great city of the Northwest. It was a pleasure to me to hear the old members with some new ones, testify to their fidelity and devotion to the cause they had espoused. Especially was I pleased to meet Bro. Wallace, who had recently returned to his first love, and talk with him concerning the great truths that we had so often conversed about before. My daily prayer is that this talented brother may be used of God to bring his little flock and many others as precious sheaves to the heavenly garner.

I enjoyed my trip very well. The Lord came graciously near to us in many meetings. Hearts were made tender, faith was revived, hopes made buoyant, and love for God and this precious truth was increased by the Holy Spirit, which was pleased to meet with us to act as a comforter as well as a reprover. May God imbue all our hearts with a true sense of the tragic hour in which we are permitted to live, and may all our dear people in Manitoba rise to the solemnity of the situation in which we find ourselves, and buckle on the

harness a little tighter and throw our whole being into the "finishing work."

I arrived home Dec. 24th, to pick up the interest where I had dropped it two weeks before. At present our hands are full, attending to the calls for Bible readings. The severe cold weather and the "grip" which has been so prevalent this year has hindered our public services, but not to any degree has it hindered our house to house work. The company here is taking hold of missionary work in a very commendable manner. This is helping us to gain access to the homes and hearts of the people. We are not discouraged, though the conflict is severe, for we have perfect confidence in our Leader, and "Where He Leads We Will Follow."

V. W. ROBB.

REPORT OF THE MANITOBA SABBATH SCHOOL WORK

I am sure that I have something to report to you this quarter that will be a pleasure for you to read. You will see by looking over the report that we have made some gain this year over last. This means more help to the "faraway lands," and yet I wonder if we have reached our limit, or can we not do still better? Are there not some in our province who do not attend Sabbath School regularly, who would see to it that you send in, some time during the quarter at least, 15 cents per Sabbath, and prove the Lord, and see if He will not pour out a spiritual blessing that you have never felt before, and in turn it will help some poor heathen who is groping in darkness, to obtain the light?

Quarter Ending December 31, 1915

	Member-	13th Offerings		
		ship	Sab.	Total
Austin	13	\$ 2.90	\$ 10.95	
Beausejour	37	3.03	8.61	
Bergland	7	.....	.....
Bradwardine	33	12.65	59.90	
Brandon	6	4.00	10.00	
Carberry	22	1.90	7.30	
Dauphin	18	3.70	18.60	
Hazel Ridge	16	7.83	15.15	
Icelandic	7	2.12	6.12	
Katrimie	4	7.00	23.15	
Killarney	11	1.45	3.85	
Morden	30	1.30	19.18	
Russell	32	14.25	40.10	
Scandinavia	12	.....	.....
Swan River	7	2.00	8.30	
Winnipeg, English	41	10.80	39.79	
Winnipeg, German	20	6.19	28.72	
Home Department	45	12.00	23.49	
Totals	361	\$93.12	\$323.21	

Total offerings for 1914.....\$1,039.46
Total offerings for 1915.....1,118.36

Total Gain for 1915.....\$ 78.90

MRS. V. W. ROBB,
Secretary.

MANITOBA NEWS NOTES

Elder E. M. Chapman spent a few days in Winnipeg last week.

We were pleased to greet in Winnipeg last week Brother Hommel, the Western Canadian Union auditor. The business for the last year was audited.

Brother Gulbrandson has rented a hall in the Icelandic district, and commenced his meetings last Saturday evening.

Brother McGee, despite the cold weather and storms, is going from home to home selling our publications. Good reports are coming from him.

Nice orders are coming for the Temperance Instructor, but we hope to receive many more. Let these be scattered freely that it may have a telling effect at the polls in March. Have you ordered the Temperance Instructors yet? They are going. Step in while the work is on.

Elder Chapman visited Carberry over Sabbath and Sunday recently. He reports them holding their regular meetings and of good courage, also ordering a good supply of "Temperance Instructors" for work.

Our people will be glad to know that we have passed our quota on the twenty-cent-a-week funds. The funds for Foreign Missions received during the year are as follows:

Sabbath School offerings.....	\$1,213.46
Foreign Missions.....	780.36
Harvest Ingathering.....	299.44
Annual offerings.....	108.85
Midsummer offerings.....	36.31
Miscellaneous offerings.....	121.60
	\$2,560.02

MANITOBA CONFERENCE REPORT OF HOME MISSIONARY WORK

For Quarter Ending December, 1915

Number of churches and companies.....	10
Membership of churches.....	273
Number of persons reporting work or donations, members or not, all ages.....	35
Membership of conference church and isolated members, including Missionary Volunteer isolated members.....	42
Number churches holding missionary meetings during week.....	1
Number of Conference church and isolated members reporting.....	13
Letters written.....	163
Letters received.....	97
Missionary visits (personal work).....	592
Bible readings or cottage meetings held.....	30
Subscriptions taken for periodicals.....	9
Papers sold.....	3,559
Papers mailed, lent or given away.....	1,151
Books sold.....	31
Books lent or given away.....	169
Tracts sold.....	15
Tracts lent or given away.....	3,029
Hours of Christian Help work.....	261
Articles of clothing given away.....	60
Number of meals provided.....	29
Treatments given.....	3
Offerings for home missionary work.....	\$79.75

B. L. GRUNDSET,
Secretary.

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PLANS FOR THE FINISHING OF THE WORK

All over the great Dominion of Canada men are rallying to the call of the Empire for volunteers to aid in finishing the greatest struggle ever witnessed by the inhabitants of this earth. How quickly do these men obey the command to "Fall in" as they take the places in the ranks provided for them!

A greater task than the above has been committed to God's people. A work of vastly more importance must be finished in this generation. If this is going to be done, and it must be, then every Seventh-day Adventist in Alberta must obey the Lord's command

to "Fall in" and step immediately into the place awaiting him. I believe that everyone of our people are anxious and willing to do their part and feel that all will co-operate in any plans which we may make to assist them.

The work is moving along slowly, but surely, in this field. Elder Reiswig reports ten or twelve new Sabbath-keepers at Leduc and Edmonton. Elder Wilson has also had the privilege of baptizing eight persons in Edmonton. Brother Neufeld reports encouraging progress in the southern part of the province among the German-speaking people. The other laborers are enjoying splendid experiences in proclaiming this great message.

This news is exceedingly good, but no matter how hard our ministers and laborers may toil, they will never be able to even begin to finish the work in this generation in Alberta until everyone of our church members and scattered believers obeys the summons to "Fall in" and unitedly work for the triumph of the cause of God.

There is no reason that I can see why every believer who has church privileges is not actively engaged in some line of missionary effort. A church must be so filled with the spirit of God that it becomes a source of the power which should flow into the life of every individual member, creating within him a zeal for the salvation of precious souls. With proper organization behind them the members of every church in Alberta should be workers for God.

Our isolated brethren and sisters, however, who do not enjoy the privileges of church organization are in a different position. Many of these who belong to the Conference church are doing a good work with our literature, and others who have no membership are doing what they can to hold up the light. Others are willing to work if they can receive some help and inspiration.

We are very anxious to get into immediate touch with every scattered believer in this field, whether members of churches or not. I want every one of this class of our brethren and sisters to write me a letter as soon as possible. I am anxious to hear from all of you before the close of February. Many of our isolated believers have no church membership and I invite such to make application immediately to join the Alberta Conference church, and through this organization receive blessings and privileges which will fit them to become more efficient in lines of missionary work. Who will be the first to write? Address your letters to me at 502 Seventeenth Ave. West, Calgary.

The fact that our young people hold in their hands the key that will unlock the doors for the finishing of the work in foreign fields weighs heavily upon me when I think of our Alberta young people and their needs. A good work has been done for them in our churches, especially where Young People's societies have been organized and set in operation. At the same time there are scores of our youth among churches as well as isolated in this field who are not attached to any such organization, and as a result they are robbed of the great benefits and education which a Young People's Society would give to them. Such we plan to help. Now, dear young people, if you are scattered or attached to a church and have no active connection with a society, please write a letter at once to Sister

H. A. Beardsley, of Lacombe. Miss Beardsley will be glad to write you immediately, telling you in full of the plans that are now being laid to organize a Conference Young People's Society. I do not mind whether you are a Christian or not, or what nationality you represent. I want you to take up correspondence with Sister Beardsley before the close of this month.

Another branch of our work that needs support is the Home Department of our Sabbath School work. I believe I am right in stating that there can be found in Alberta amongst our scattered believers, family upon family who study their Sabbath School lessons without the benefits which would come to them were they members of our Home Department Sabbath School. By uniting with this branch of the Sabbath School, every isolated member in the province is kept in constant touch with our Conference Sabbath School Secretary. This is another class we want to hear from within the next four weeks. Will every one of these believers kindly correspond immediately with Mrs. Gertrude Rick, our Conference Sabbath School Secretary? Sister Rick will be glad to receive word from you in the near future and give you full information concerning the Home Department Sabbath School.

I trust that all will co-operate with us as far as possible in the carrying out of these plans for the finishing of the work. Brethren and sisters, the time for us to labor together in ceaseless activity has come. May God bless us as we plan to unite for the triumph of the message in this generation. H. H. HUMANN.

EDMONTON

We have closed the meetings here in the theatre. The cold weather cut down the attendance till we felt that we were not justified in continuing at such an expense. We have gathered in a few souls and are working with a number of others. The church here has been very much strengthened and the individual members are determined to carry forward the work that has been begun. In our studies together we have found that there is no neutral ground in the church of God. The Lord says, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." And as we are all desirous of being workers together with God and (being gatherers) and not scatterers, it is making us very careful to see that we have on the whole armour of God, so that the enemy may not break our ranks.

One thing for which I must commend the Edmonton church is the firm stand it is taking against fault-finding, back-biting and tale-bearing, believing that those that do such work can not be gatherers but are scatterers. I wish to add that those who encourage the above by listening to them are furnishing the soil in which they can plant their seed. The Devil will see that the seed is well watered and the result will be a bountiful harvest of dissatisfaction, and the fault-finders, back-biters and tale-bearers and listeners will have no part in the gathering of the precious fruit of the earth. Brethren, let us all be whole-hearted soldiers for God, not spies and messenger carriers for Satan.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

J. L. WILSON.

DEBATE IN CALGARY

We have been having some new experiences here in Calgary. It happened that on Sunday night, Jan. 23rd, I attended a lecture given against us by a certain individual named McGregor, who makes it his business to debate and stir up things generally. At the close of the service, during which he derided the law of God and tried to belittle our people, he threw out a "Goliath" challenge, which it seemed that no man could sit still and take. I openly accepted the same. We then signed an agreement in which he undertook to pay all expenses of the theatre and that of the advertising. The writer's part was to defend the Sabbath.

The following Sunday evening, before three hundred and fifty people, who gave splendid attention, we threshed it out with great vigor for two hours and thirty minutes. We received a great deal of cheering and all went to show that even though we are unpopular, yet people can see that those who abolish God's law are on dangerous ground.

The main contention of the writer was that Christ was Lord of the Sabbath, thus proving that all such arguments as "lost time," "Sabbath-bondage," etc., were futile, and that to be a Christian according to the Bible was to observe the seventh-day Sabbath. To this my opponent could only throw sarcasm and spite, and we received a fair baptism of that kind. The people were very favorable to us and we fully believe it will do our cause much good. God helped in the meeting. We received very kind treatment from the newspaper reporters, for which we are thankful.

C. A. HANSEN.

HEALTHFUL BREAD

God has wonderfully blessed our country this past season with an abundant harvest of grains. As I have looked into the granaries of the country filled with the golden wheat and have seen it being hauled to the market or being ground for the home, I feel like praising the Giver.

The earth has truly obeyed the Lord's command in bringing forth grain after its kind (Gen. 1:11), but many of us do not use God's gifts aright. We cling to the white bread, whereas, the Spirit of Prophecy says that "fine flour bread is lacking in nutritive elements to be found in bread made from the whole wheat. It is a frequent cause of constipation and other unhealthful conditions."

Did you read that article on page 23 in January *Life and Health*, on the mineral food elements and their importance? It shows how we can get the many needed mineral elements in various foods instead of taking drugs.

In using white flour we are depriving our systems of much needed minerals, such as phosphorus, which builds up the bone, brain and nerves; and calcium, which is necessary for the bones and teeth, and other minerals.

The effects of this course can be seen in us and our children today. God knows what is best for us and will bless us in obeying Him.

Get this number and others of *Life and Health*.

**MISSIONARY REPORT OF LACOMBE CHURCH
For Year 1915**

Number of Missionary visits made.....	676
Hours spent in Christian Help work.....	585
Number of treatments given.....	61
Number of meals provided.....	47
Articles of clothing given away.....	107
Signatures obtained to the temperance pledge.....	102
Number of tracts lent or given away.....	\$,114
Tracts sold.....	660
Number of papers lent, mailed or given away.....	8,093
Number of books lent or given away.....	156
Number of reading-racks.....	1
Times filled.....	52
Number of missionary letters written.....	579
Number of letters received.....	155
Number of periodicals sold.....	2,350
Number of periodical subscriptions taken.....	270
Number of all other books sold.....	582
Bible readings or cottage meetings held.....	103
Amount collected for foreign missions.....	\$128.00
Total amount received for home missionary work...	126.25
Harvest Ingathering.....	87.45
Temperance work.....	119.70
Religious liberty work.....	17.00
Young People—Tithe paid.....	476.10
" " Offerings local society work.....	6.40
" " taking reading course.....	16
" " observing Morning Watch.....	10
" " members of attainment.....	28
" " Boquets given away.....	19

HENRY D. MIDDLETON.

ACADEMY NEWS NOTES

Brother Polycheck and Brother Kotenko, two of our Russian brethren from Loyalist, spent last Sabbath and Sunday visiting two of our students, Max Popow and John Furman.

Brother R. P. Mooney has recently returned from a trip to the northern part of the province around Beaver River district. He reports that he found several of our brethren in those parts who are clinging to the precious truth although very few workers have ever visited there. He states that it was 72 below zero while he was in that district.

The fifth floor of the Academy building, commonly known as the attic, has lately been divided into students' rooms. Five more rooms have been completed, thus giving comfortable quarters for several more students. This relieves our somewhat crowded conditions in West Hall and makes us all very comfortable.

The school has been very fortunate in being able thus far to avoid any suffering on account of the coal famine which has been felt throughout the community, and perhaps quite widely extended. We did face a critical situation last week, but relief came just as our coal bin was empty. We now have a good supply of coal on hand and are able to obtain more.

Considerable inconvenience has been experienced about the institution on account of the severity of the weather. The water pipes have been freezing, so that it has been hard to carry on the work of the kitchen and laundry in the best manner. We try to keep the fires going, however, and lanterns in critical places, so as to avoid as much of this as possible. We feel that we have been quite successful thus far in avoiding any serious accidents.

The old church school building has served us very advantageously during the last few weeks as a drying house for our laundry. Lines have been put up in the building and a good stove placed in this building, so that we will be able to get the laundry out in quite satisfactory manner in spite of the cold.

The enrollment up to January 26 was 204. This is certainly very satisfactory to the management, and though we expect only a very few others, we are rather pleased with this phase of our school work.

The Young People's meetings conducted on Sabbath afternoons are proving to be interesting and helpful. Active work is being done in Missionary lines chiefly through the visiting and correspondence bands. A good spirit of co-

operation exists in the society and much good is being done. To meet expenses of the society an offering was taken up which amounted to \$5.00. Next Sabbath the goal for Alberta will be announced.

As the first semester of the school year draws to a close, February 9, the students are looking forward with pleasure to the time when they will have completed the work of one-half of the school year. As we begin a new semester, however, we are faithfully planning that we shall have plenty of work to do for the last half.

In order to check up the students the faculty have seen fit to take action with regard to the unexcused absences which are to be considered an offence. The student is to make up the unexcused absences by completing the work which has been missed at the time of the absence with a charge of 50c. All absences that are legitimate will, of course, be willingly excused.

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Brother J. J. Ireland, auditor of the General Conference, accompanied by Brother Barrows, who is under appointment as auditor for the new Asiatic Division Conference, spent some time in our office recently auditing the accounts of the union and local conferences.

Elder H. S. Shaw left Calgary Sunday, January 30, for Vancouver, B.C., to attend the British Columbia Conference session at that place. Following the conference there will be conducted a Church and Missionary Institute for the churches in that part of the conference. Later another Institute will be held for the churches in the Okanagan district.

Brother F. L. Hommel left Calgary Sunday, January 23, for Winnipeg, to audit the books of the Manitoba Conference and Tract Society. On his return trip he will stop at Saskatoon to audit the accounts of the Saskatchewan Conference. He is expected in Calgary again about the first of February, but will leave immediately for Vancouver to audit the books of the British Columbia Conference.

Colombia, South America, has finally been entered as a mission field, and another great country with millions of people has been added to those in which the advent message is being given. Our literature is being used to pioneer the way and open up the work in this field.

Great progress is being made in all our mission fields. Even in this time of the great war we hear of no retrenchments, but instead, new workers are being sent to needy fields. Anyone who reads the *Review* cannot but be encouraged by the reports coming from the world-wide field. We cannot get along well without the *Review*.

Just a few months ago our Sabbath-schools were asked to devote their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering to open the work in Salvador and other Central American

countries. Now comes the report from Brother John L. Brown, San Salvador, that a Sabbath-school of twelve members (besides children) has been organized. Brother Brown was sent to this field to pioneer the way with our books.

Out of three hundred and ninety-two students who engaged in the canvassing work during 1915, two hundred and eighty-five earned whole and half scholarships and are now in school preparing for better work in the Lord's vineyard. Not only are these students enjoying the result of their work, but most encouraging reports are continually coming to us, showing that literature that has been distributed in the past is beginning to bear fruit in souls embracing the message.

Our old earth is certainly beginning to show signs of decay and turmoil. The headlines of the papers reveal this more and more from day to day. Among the recent things have been floods in California and Illinois, terrific storms at sea, and right here in our own country we have unprecedented cold weather, seventy degrees and more below zero being reported from different places. As these things are taking place among the elements warning the world of things to come, are we as a people doing our part in telling what they mean? Remember literature is not only obtainable in the English language, but in over eighty other languages. Find out the language that foreign neighbor of yours reads and send to your tract society for some literature for him. Do it NOW.

OBITUARY

BURCH—Sister Thurza Mary Burch, nee Bartley, was born in Woodstock, Ont., Oct. 1, 1887. She was united in wedlock with Albert Burch, Dec. 22, 1909, and died in Regina, Sask., Jan. 15, 1916, at the age of 29 years, 3 months and 15 days. She leaves a husband, two little daughters, aged 4 years, and 10 months, respectively, her aged mother, two brothers, one sister, and a great many friends and neighbors who loved and respected her. Just about three years ago our sister and her husband accepted present truth under the labors of Elder Chas. Rider. She was a very earnest and consistent christian and her absence will be keenly felt by the church. Words of comfort were spoken by the undersigned from John 11, and our sister was laid to rest at Findlater, Sask., until the Life-giver's voice shall call her in the first resurrection.

JOHN V. MAAS.

BERGEY—Henry A. Bergey fell asleep in Jesus at Manville, Alta., leaving a wife, one son and four daughters. He had been suffering with a lingering disease for about two years. Brother Bergey was born in the year 1849, in Ohio. He accepted present truth in Dakota twenty years ago, and was one of the pioneer Sabbath-keepers to this province. Words of comfort were spoken to the family by the writer from Rev. 14: 13.

J. L. WILSON.

A man, 50 years of age, two bright boys, 12 and 14 years old, would like to find employment for the summer of 1916 with Sabbath-keepers. Can furnish one team if required. Would like to begin about March 15th. Address T. E. Reynolds, Didsbury, Alberta.