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THE LAST HOUR

The sunset burns across the sky;
Upon the air its warning cry
The curfew tolls from tower to tower,
O children, 'tis the last, last hour!

The work that centuries might have done
Must crowd the hour of setting sun;
And through all lands the saving Name
We must, in fervent haste, proclaim.

The fields are white to harvest. Weep,
O tardy workers, as ye reap,
For wasted hours that might have won
Rich harvests ere the set of sun.

We hear His footsteps on the way!
O, work, while it is called today,
Constrained by love, endued with power,
O children, in this last, last hour!

—Clara Thwaites.

OUR DUTY

Since the birth of this denomination there has been no crisis which compares with the one we are now facing. War is the cry everywhere. The spirit of war seems to have taken possession of the nations of the earth. Germany is in it; Great Britain and France are in it; Austria, Russia, Servia, Roumania and Japan are all in it, and it is feared that the other nations of the world will soon be drawn into it.

Already more than half of the world's population are engaged in the present war, and it is said that a quarter of a million men are already numbered among the slain and wounded.

Men fight on land, on the sea and in the air. A whole army is literally mowed down in a moment, as a strong reaper could strike down a sheaf of grain with a single swing of the old time cradle. The seas are being strewn with deadly mines, which so menace the watery highways that many neutral merchant vessels, on missions of mercy, have been destroyed within the past few days. The air is filled with deadly flying



MANSON ACADEMY, PITT MEADOWS, B.C. (See page 4.)

machines, which day or night, can surprise a city and reduce it to ruins from overhead, within a few moments of time.

"I am pained at my heart," says the prophet. . . . "because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled; suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment." Jer. 4:19, 20. "Prepare war," says Joel, "wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears: let the weak say I am strong. . . . Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." Joel 3:9-14.

It seems as one dreaming, that in so short a period of time since July 28, such an untellable condition could have developed.

The Duty of the Hour

The people are now enquiring for the meaning of these things. Never in the history of this cause has there been so great a cry for an explanation of the world's happenings. Everywhere the people are impressed that something great and decisive is about to take place in the world, and many believe that we as a people have something for them on this great situation, that is reliable.

We have special literature which has been prepared to meet this demand, dealing with the crisis which has so suddenly broken upon the world. We ought to place a paper or special tract in every home in Western Canada immediately.

The Lord has certainly allowed this condition to come about thus suddenly that has caused many people to turn their thoughts toward the prophecies of our time. A great home missionary campaign has been planned for this Fall and Winter, before it was known that the war would come so soon, and now more than ever, it becomes apparent that the time is ripe for every follower of the Lord to make the effort of his life to save souls. Shall we do it?

Our Personal Relationship In This Crisis

Will we have yet a little time left us to do our duty? Will the angels hold the winds a little longer? Are we ready now personally, to see the work close up and all opportunity cut off to labor for our friends and neighbors? "Behold the days come saith the Lord, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: and they shall wander from sea to sea, and from north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it."—Amos 8:11-12.

Referring to this time, the Spirit of Prophecy further says:

"I was pointed down to the time when the third angel's message was closing. . . . The last great warning had sounded everywhere. . . . An angel with a writer's inkhorn. . . . reported to Jesus that his work was done, and the saints were numbered and sealed. Then I saw Jesus. . . . throw down his censor. He raised his hands, and with a loud voice said, "It is done." And all the angelic host laid down their crowns as Jesus made the solemn declaration, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still."

"Every case had been decided for life or death. . . . Some were denouncing God and cursing him. Others rushed to the people of God and begged to be taught how they might escape his judgments, but the saints had nothing for them. . . . The sweet voice of mercy was no longer to invite them. . . . with terrible distinctness they heard the words, "Too late! too late! "Those who had not prized God's word were hurrying to and fro. . . . to seek the word of the Lord. Said the angel, "They shall not find it." There is a famine in the land; not a famine for bread, nor a thirst for water, but for hearing the word of the Lord."

"It was a scene of fearful agony."—*Early Writings*, pp 279-282.

A spirit of solemnity is settling down upon the people of God. Many are crying to the Lord to hold the winds a few days longer till they have one more opportunity to fulfill neglected duties, which for months and perhaps years they have left undone. Never have I seen such a determination on the part of many to hasten to their neighbors and friends, with the message of our time.

And never before have I seen such a desire on the part of the people of the world to read and hear the meaning of the things that are happening in the world. In many cases, so intense is the interest that business men in the busy hours of the day will turn from the desk, and warmly thank our workers for the literature on the prophecies, and stop then and there to read the tract or paper from cover to cover.

Brethren, I beg of you to be stirred about this matter. For Christ's sake, for the sake of needy humanity, and for our own future, let us tear ourselves loose from home cares for at least time enough to fulfill our obligations to the people about us while a little space of time may be left us to do it.

Seed thus sown by our sacrifice in a time critical as this, will bear fruit as sure as the Lord is in this movement. Some soul will be in the kingdom on account of it, and your soul will be clear when the Lord shall rise and say "It is done." May the Lord greatly bless his people as they rise up as one man to finish the work.

H. S. SHAW.

SCHOOL! WHY NOT GO!

Doth not wisdom cry and understanding put forth her voice? She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths. She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors.

Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man. O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart. Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things.

All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. They are plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not compared to it.

Now therefore hearken to me, O ye children; for blessed are they that keep my ways. Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting

thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord. But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own souls all they that hate me love death. Wisdom is the principal get understanding. Hear, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many.—Solomon.

Solomon was offered either riches or wisdom. He chose the latter, and received both. You say, "How fortunate," and long to be like Solomon; but his opportunities were no greater than yours. In fact his temptations were greater, for responsibility always brings temptations. After reading the above from his pen, and knowing what we do of his experience and life success, need we doubt the value of his admonition to seek wisdom?

Even the world agrees with that portion of the Bible, and places a premium on knowledge and understanding—the only premium she knows—honor and wealth. This we know to be of but temporary endurance; but God offers length of days as a reward for the wisdom given by him.

For years Germany has been training her young men for war, and stringent laws have been enacted to the end that every native German should be trained in this supposedly glorious art, until she has been known as the greatest military nation on this earth, and this training was not in vain. Even at this stage of the conflict the allies are praising the bravery and strategy of this nation of soldiers.

King Emmanuel is training an army this year. He is calling for volunteers to enlist for training. He wants young men and women, whose habits and plans are not so iron clad that they cannot be molded to obey his every command. He promises everything, even insuring the volunteer against poisonous serpents and drugs, and endowing the faithful soldier with an eternal inheritance in this world that so many of us love so dearly, with all its wickedness; but he is going to clean it all up before he gives it to his faithful veterans.

As I read of the terrible scenes enacted on European battlefields I wish that I might flee to another world where such things could never happen. Imagine those long heaps of dead men five and six feet deep, with wounded interspersed. Can you hear the wounded cry in anguish, and call for water, and you unable to give it to them? Can you hear that dying blue-eyed boy, spoken of by one writer this last week, call "Mother, O my mother!" Can you see the wounded crushed by the feet of flying horsemen and by the wheels of monstrous cannon as they rush to and fro over the contested field? None but a demon could glory in such scenes, and no doubt Satan himself is on those fields with legions to inspire men to do their worst. O Lord, how long?

My brother, my sister, the Lord wants you, and he wants you now, to prepare for work under his banner. A little while from now and you will realize that nothing else is worth while. Will it be too late in your case? It will be in the case of some, I fear, who read these lines. Doubtless these terrible times that we are now in are given to us here a little while before the close of probation as an incentive to urge us to prepare for the final time of great distress, when proba-

tion will be ended. Your education means everything to you and your future. It is worth your greatest effort and sacrifice.

Some have written regarding their lack of funds. True, times are hard, and money scarce, but we have no assurance that they will be any better. During the past week the writer has met four individuals in this vicinity who are anxiously seeking purchasers for real estate in different parts of this dominion, and offering their property at greatly reduced prices, but no one will listen. One thing we do have though—the promises of God to supply us with everything that we need, and if we really are in earnest about getting an education, God will open the way, and we will be willing to follow in any way that he may open.

Have you gotten to the place where you can pray, earnestly and continuously, and work unremittingly, for an opportunity to go to school? If you have, I feel sure that God will be as good as his promise and provide you the way. "How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!" J. I. BEARDSLEY.

"THE LAST HOUR"

It is not whether Germany and her allies win, or England, France, and Russia triumph, that should engage the attention of Seventh-day Adventists just now, so much as the question: Am I ready for what is coming? and I am doing what God expects of me in making known to my neighbors and friends that soon, at best, the sun of gospel opportunity will set, never to rise again, and earth's terrible night settle down upon a lost world?

"As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the son of man!" Mercy still lingers. The door of salvation is yet open. Opportunity is still given us for inviting souls to go in.

On the last page of the *Harvest Ingathering Review* is a view of the setting sun, with the poem "The Last Hour." This was chosen and designed before the outbreak in Europe. How appropriate to place in the hands of your friends, using this as a means to call attention to the fact that the sun of gospel opportunity is fast setting, and soon earth's terrible night will settle down upon a lost world. Jesus' work as priest is about finished. A few will be found whose hearts are yet true to God. It may be your personal heart-to-heart talk with such as you visit their homes will be that God will use to balance them in favor of this saving truth. Suppose you would find *one* such, and meet that soul in the kingdom of God. Think of the joy it will then bring you.

Added to the missions dependent upon the Mission Board the sub-division in Europe, supporting missions in Africa, because of the war must look to the main treasury to sustain the missionaries they have sent out. We can help out by greatly increasing our *Harvest Ingathering* effort this year.

Early in September is the time to order your supply of *Ingathering Reviews* from your conference office. Be sure and do it, and make this the very best one yet, in laboring for those about you. As a people, we have had experience in this work for several years, so we know how to do it.

God is permitting the world to see that what this

people has been teaching these many years is not a cunningly devised fable. It is quite probable that we shall have no more favorable time to do our work than the present year in our Harvest Ingathering work. Let us go forth with the love of Christ and perishing souls as the impelling motive, and our labor will not be "in vain in the Lord."

T. E. BOWEN.

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ANOTHER REPORT

I have not reported to the Tidings for some time, but nevertheless my time has been occupied. Since my last report I have visited the four churches in Vancouver, the churches at Victoria, Armstrong, Glenema, Vernon, Penticton and the English and German churches at Lumen, near Armstrong. These visits with my correspondence and other items of business that needed attention have quite fully occupied my time.

About August 12, I received a message from Bro. Potter saying that Elder Rottacker who had been ill for some time was much worse, and asking me to come to Armstrong if possible. Accordingly I went to the Okanagan for the purpose of giving whatever assistance I could in Brother Rottacker's case and to see Elder Shaw, who had promised to meet me there August 14th.

After earnest prayer at the bedside of Elder Rottacker, it was thought best for him to go to the Sanitarium. On August 19 in company with Mrs. Geo. Reiswig and Brother and Sister Rottacker, I started for Portland. We came by way of Vancouver and took the Great Northern at that point, arriving at Portland Friday morning August 21. Brother Rottacker has suffered a great deal and is in a critical condition. We hope, however, that with the course of treatment he will get at the Sanitarium, and with the Lord's healing power applied, he may be restored to his family, and the cause again. Let us pray earnestly for his recovery.

Everywhere I go I find our brethren and sisters deeply stirred over the situation in Europe, and so we should be. It is grave indeed, and men and women of the world consider it so. They are asking what it all means, and what the end will be. They are ready to listen to any solution that may be offered. They will come to hear the Message presented, and will read the printed page. Surely now is the time to get among the people, brethren. Every blacksmith knows that when the iron is hot he should strike. We should know that now is the time to get the truth before the people.

The people of Vancouver are planning to put the *Review and Herald* "War Extra" in every home in the city. Also, they plan to do a large work with the tract "Is it Armageddon?" written by L. A. Smith, and also the latest tract on the same subject by Elder Wilcox. We have ordered a large number of the

former and expect it will be widely circulated throughout the Conference. Also our magazines, such as the *Watchman* and *Signs of the Times*, will be brimful of the truth on the present trouble and will sell readily. In fact they are already having increased sales, and a great work will be done. We hope our brethren and sisters in the Conference will not let this opportunity slip, and thus, we believe, souls be lost. Let us all do our best. Someone has truthfully said "The Lord cannot say to us 'Well done' unless we have done our best."

J. G. WALKER.

MANSON ACADEMY

The conference school closed an interesting year May 25th, graduating a nice class. The exercises closed with an address by Elder J. G. Walker. The Principal, presented diplomas to three academic students, and certificates to three intermediate students. These earnest young people all have the work of the message in view and some have already begun work in giving the last message of mercy to this lost world.

The farm has been conducted by the school this summer, for the first time in several years, and the results are quite satisfactory. It has produced feed enough for the stock, both hay and grain; vegetables enough for the use of the home; and a margin for the market. Our pantries contain nearly 1,200 quarts of newly canned fruit and over one-half ton of flour. The wood shed is being filled with nice, dry wood.

While the outlook does not promise a large attendance, we expect to have the Lord with us and with his help excellent work can be done in preparing messengers to go out quickly and give the message to this dark world in this generation which is nearly passed.

If our people realized how their salvation and the hope of their children for everlasting life depended on their having a part in the closing, they would bestir themselves to devise means to send the youth to the school, and the capacity of our school would be taxed to its utmost. Time is short and it is wise that we give more attention to the preparation of ourselves and our children for active service in the cause of God than to the gaining of land and money.

The angels will be sent to the help of the earnest, praying ones while those who are careless and indifferent will be left to grope in darkness and be lost. What mighty interests are now hanging in the balance. Seek God for wisdom. Pray for our school.

H. E. GIDDINGS.

A SPECIAL SACRIFICE NECESSARY

Quite a number have asked me about our school and its attendance this year and I have had to answer "We have 150 young people in our field of conference school age, many of whom are very desirous of getting an education. I cannot tell how many will come. We hope for at least as many as usual and should have more." As I have visited among our people I have been pleased to note on the whole the loyalty that exists toward our home school, and believe that with the spirit of sacrifice that exists among our brethren and sisters, a strong effort will be made to increase the attendance, notwithstanding the hard times. This seems now to be the drawback. I have been pained as I have learned of the earnest desire

on the part of the young folk to get an education, that lack of means stands in their way.

There are many that would appreciate help and such should be helped. There are many that are willing to work and should be given a chance. The question should be "What can we do to send our boy or our girl to school? Can a horse be sold? Can a cow be dispensed with? Can we deny ourselves on some point? Is there a contract I can take? Can I send my child to school and earn a scholarship selling books or magazines while it attends? There are many ways to help. Also others besides parents should feel a burden along this line. Human flesh that can bear labor in this message is a safe investment. Persons, or groups of persons can unite and help students to earn their scholarships. This can be done while the student is at school. We will no doubt see much of this done in the near future, as God's people are getting awakened.

It seems to me that the times demand a more complete sacrifice on the part of parents and friends in behalf of our boys and girls. The present crisis in the world shows the end to be near. No matter whether immediate peace is accomplished, or the war continues, the situation is alarming. This must seem so to those who have a full understanding of this message.

What we want now is a stronger and better trained class of young people to push the work to a successful finish. Soon it will be more difficult to labor than even now, and trained minds will be needed to meet the issues. It must be so or otherwise, God, in his providence, would never have provided schools among us. "One great object of our schools is the training of youth to engage in service in our institutions and in different lines of gospel work. The people everywhere are to have the Bible opened to them. The time has come, the important time when through God's messengers the scroll is being unrolled to the world." Vol. 6, page 133. The energies of our life might well be expended in helping to carry out this purpose. It may take special sacrifices on our part but it must be done. May the Lord help us each to do our part.

J. G. WALKER.

CHURCH SCHOOLS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

We expect to have six in operation this coming year and arrangements have been made for teachers for three of them. At Grandview, near Armstrong we expect to have a school in operation with two teachers. Brother Henry Berg will teach the German department and Sister Bertha Lofstad will likely teach the English. For the Glenema school a teacher has been secured from Alberta. Bella Coola will have Sister Lydia Stickle again, the Lord willing. Vancouver, Nanaimo and Penticton are not yet provided for, though arrangements are well under way. Besides these there will be three home church schools, one at Naden Harbor, Pitt Meadows and Mission City.

Other brethren have seen the good of our church schools and have no desire to give them up, even though it is very difficult to find teachers who are trained for this work.

We have adopted a plan to assist the needy schools and our brethren have assented to it. It is to pay into a Conference Church School Fund an amount equal to

a tenth of our tithe. That is if we pay \$10.00 as tithe we add another dollar and apply it on the school fund held by the Conference treasury. This has been of some assistance already and will be more so as our brethren see the real need. Some are paying in to this fund right along.

Let us see that the church school work is established, brethren. We can make it a means of saving our children.

J. G. WALKER.

REPORT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SABBATH SCHOOLS
Quarter Ending June 30, 1914

	Mem.	Offerings		
		Regular.	13th Sab.	Total.
Armstrong	11	\$ 5.30	\$.75	\$ 6.05
Cumberland	13	10.70	2.50	13.20
Cumberland Home Dept... 15*				
Firvale	27	4.25	3.55	7.80
Glen Emma	19	7.45		7.45
Grandview	92	42.50	10.85	53.35
Little River Home Dept.... 5		3.40	1.00	4.40
Lumen	21	9.75	4.35	14.10
Manson	17*			
Mission City	12	10.05	3.75	13.80
Molly Gibson	6	2.60	.75	3.35
Midway	8	10.00	3.25	13.25
Nanaimo	39	30.66	3.60	34.26
Penticton	29	18.00	7.65	25.65
Silver Creek	13	2.20	1.05	3.25
South Vancouver	18	28.35	5.10	33.45
Straiton	4	4.60	3.00	7.60
Vancouver	60	44.14	10.55	54.69
Vancouver, 42nd Ave..... 26		13.25	9.40	22.65
Vernon	34	13.70	3.35	17.05
Van Anda	9	3.00	3.35	6.35
Victoria	25	14.59		14.59
West Vancouver	58	34.94		34.94
Woden River	27	4.90	1.60	6.50
Home Department	9	2.85	20.50	23.35
Camp Meeting, Coquitlam..				29.16
Camp Meeting, Vernon.....				34.56
Totals: 24 schools.....	597	\$321.18	\$99.90	\$484.80

* No offering reported.

You will notice a small increase over last quarter's report in both membership and donations, but still we are only doing two-thirds of what we must do if we reach our goal—fifteen cents a week per church member in the Sabbath school. How I hope we can make up the other third this quarter. Now in the midst of troublous times the Lord wants us to do a quick work. Our Sabbath-schools have been given a great responsibility in the support of foreign missions; so let us pray while we give and give while we pray, that the work in foreign lands may not be hindered by lack of means.

I think you will be interested in hearing about one of our smallest sabbath schools—a family school of only a few members. This family has seen deep sorrow and trouble during the past year, and yet it is wonderful how faithful they have proved. Though through an accident they were left almost destitute, still their Sabbath-school offerings have not decreased; and when I wrote to the schools in general regarding the mission clock, they wrote right back to send one to them; and when I arranged the figures on the clock for their school, I found that they had already given more than their quota on the fifteen-cents-a-week basis per member through the Sabbath-school.

In the same letter the *Sabbath School Worker* was ordered and all other supplies needed to make their school a progressive one. Truly the Lord is blessing

them; for I know that every advance step they have taken has meant sacrifice: but when the mother can write of the interest the children are taking in their Sabbath-school lessons and of others about them who are being interested—I ask does it pay?

Is it worth while to make sacrifices that will keep the children interested in the study of God's word; that will arouse in our neighbors an interest in this work; and that will carry this Message quickly to the lands beyond? For that is what a faithful Sabbath-school accomplishes—saves the children, interests our neighbors in the truth, furnishes the means for carrying the truth to foreign lands. Is your Sabbath-school a faithful one? Do you have every help available to make it just what it should be? BERTHA LOFSTAD.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NOTES

Brother E. R. Potter was a welcome visitor at the office, September 4th.

Elder and Mrs. H. E. Giddings made a pleasant visit to the office last week.

Elder H. S. Shaw spent Sabbath, August 22nd, and the 29th, with the Vancouver churches, meeting in the Grandview church. His counsel and words of cheer were very much appreciated.

Our last report from Brother Chas. Smith was that he intends to have some experience selling our literature. Surely he takes this work up at an opportune time, and will be instrumental in conveying many blessings into the homes he visits.

We have just received a good supply of the tract by L. A. Smith, editor of the Watchman, entitled "Is It Armageddon?" It is fine. One dollar per hundred, or one cent each. Order from the Tract Society.

Brother C. E. Wood has been holding meetings on Sunday evenings in the little church in Penticton. His last report stated "a full house and some turned away." This is encouraging. The Lord has said that our churches would yet be crowded with people anxious to hear the message. We will no doubt hear of other church elders doing the same with the like results.

Our magazines filled with the message for these last days, are being placed in the hands of many people in this province. During the month of August the sales of the different magazines were as follows: Life and Health, 156; Protestant Magazine, 25; Signs of the Times Monthly, 1,500; Review and Herald War Extra, 12,250; Watchman, 3,050. Look for the report at the close of September and see if there has been any increase. Who will help scatter our literature like the leaves of autumn?

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THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION

To become a profitable member of any society, church or association, the individual must of necessity understand the rules and regulations governing the same, and be able to intelligently explain why such rules are a necessity.

Growth is the result of life and activity. The growth of any church or society depends upon the activity of its members. Every one must be a live wire, a living factor in the great machine, otherwise he is a burden rather than a help.

The reason why there is not more accomplished in the proclamation of this message is because the im-

portance does not appear as great to its advocates as does something else. Of the many duties that come to each of us day by day, we select and perform those that seem to be the most important. Whether they are the most important or not God can better judge. With most people the affairs nearest home appear the most important; hence they come first.

If every member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church could be brought to the place where he would realize that the proclamation of this message far exceeds everything else in importance, we should soon see our hopes fulfilled. Young people would flock to our schools to obtain the needed preparation to enter at once some line of the work. Parents would see to it that their children were engaged in some line of the work or in training for the same. We should then see the same untiring efforts put forth for the purpose of winning souls, that we now see in gaining a livelihood. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," says Jehovah. Not knowing the conditions as they exist in the world today, they do not realize the importance of the work at hand. This knowledge may be obtained by a study of the Bible and "Testimonies" compared with events transpiring about us.

C. A. BURMAN.

REPORT, ALBERTA SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT Quarter Ending June 30, 1914

School.	Mem.	13th Sab.	Total Off.
Academy	210	\$1.20	\$103.09
Botha	20	2.60	14.40
Castor	9	1.60	13.10
Calgary	22		45.60
Clareholm	16	1.90	14.75
Comrey	12	2.25	3.00
Clive	20	2.85	17.28
Didsbury	22	1.10	12.90
Dakota	13	.35	3.00
Edmonton	44	7.00	49.65
Granum	20	3.00	13.95
Harmattan	32		15.25
Hawksdale	15	1.65	7.55
Hazelwood	18	3.65	9.20
Neapolis	21	4.80	12.10
Olds	13		8.75
Leduc	15	1.35	5.80
Steveville	6	.65	4.25
Stavelly	6	5.00	20.00
Sunnyhill	20	1.30	19.75
Sheerness	12		2.05
Vermilion	30	6.35	19.90
Wainwright	5		7.80
Winnifred	18	1.65	5.80
Lacombe			2.35
Markerville	12		1.98
Beiseker	30		9.35
Josephsburg	12		7.60
Leduc	26	5.30	21.30
Thelma	17	5.50	18.00
Trochu	8	2.75	9.95
Midnapore	23	13.00	44.05
Calgary	32	6.30	25.75
Carbon	26	1.10	7.90
Rosebud	65		32.62
Lewisville	32	1.25	6.80
Manville	4	1.00	5.60
Burnt Lake	11	.10	8.63
Edmonton	17		13.24
Coronation	50		7.05
Loyalist	34		8.75
Camp Meeting		117.70	148.83
Home Department	114	21.65	64.80
	1132	\$225.90	\$873.47

GERTRUDE McCULLOCH.

ALBERTA NOTES

Brother James Schee, of College View, Nebraska, is spending a few days visiting with Elder and Mrs. Burman. Dr. R. Reimche and family, formerly of the Chamberlain, S.D., Sanitarium, recently spent a few days visiting friends in Rosedale.

Since returning from British Columbia, Elder Humann has visited the Rosebud Church and tent companies in Calgary.

Brother Jalmar Johnson, who has been canvassing for "Patriarchs and Prophets" in the Sedgewick district, was a welcome visitor at the office last week. He reports many interesting and profitable experiences in connection with his work in the field. Brother Johnson's delivery will begin October 1st.

As a result of the meetings held by Brother J. K. Fish at the Gadsby school-house, a number of persons have become interested in the truth. Elder Adams is now there assisting in the work. Let us pray for those who are now in the valley of decision that they may be won to the side of truth.

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PLAN NOW FOR A CHURCH SCHOOL

It is sincerely hoped that there will be many church and home schools in Saskatchewan this coming school year. The value of this kind of schools can not be over-estimated when we think of the times in which we are living. A Christian education in these days is a powerful asset in assisting its possessor in combating successfully the evil tendencies threatening to destroy his character.

I hope that it will be convenient for the churches and families who contemplate a school for the coming winter to send in their plans to me at an early date. This is necessary in order that proper arrangements can be made as to teachers, books, and other matters pertaining to this line of work.

It is a source of encouragement to me to receive so many requests for teachers for schools, and from teachers who desire schools. We believe that we will be able to satisfy the needs of all. Let us all seek the Lord in behalf of this very important part of God's work, that we may know just how to push it forward for the salvation of our children and young people.

A. C. GILBERT, *Educational Sec'y.*

THE THIRTEENTH SABBATH

"Sell that ye have, and give alms; Provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not...." Another version of this Scripture reads as follows: "...Make yourselves purses that will not wear out....an inexhaustible treasure in the Heaven...."

The Lord knew how easy it would be for his children to get their minds off from him and his work, and also the beauties of the New Earth. Therefore he tells us to GIVE, for in so doing we lay up treasure in heaven, and "where your treasure is there will your

heart be also." What a privilege then to give for the support of the Lord's work.

As a result of this terrible war which has been in progress for some weeks in Europe, our work there has been greatly hindered and in fact brought to quite a standstill. Our people there are now unable to care for the work financially. It seems that we who are in America must come to their assistance and give liberally, that the workers in those fields may be sustained and their work which is suffering, assisted.

This means that our Sabbath-school offerings should increase from Sabbath to Sabbath and that while we have peace, we should do well our part to aid the General Conference in meeting their heavy obligations at this time.

We are nearing the time of another thirteenth Sabbath offering. This time our people are called upon to help the work in the South American Inca Union Mission. Fifteen thousand dollars is needed.

The leaflets and envelopes have been sent to the schools and isolated members and we sincerely trust that Saskatchewan may have a liberal Sabbath-school offering, Sabbath, September 26.

Think of how some of those poor souls are pleading for a teacher to come and tell them of Jesus and his Word. This thirteenth Sabbath offering will mean much to them. What can you give to be credited to your account in the books of Heaven?

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

PRUSSIA

After camp-meeting the writer held blessed meetings at the Queen Centre Church, where he was privileged to bury three souls with the Lord in baptism.

From there I accepted an invitation to come to Prussia. There is a small company of Germans here. The interest for God and his truth is good. We held meetings every other evening including Sunday in the schoolhouse. The attendance was good and regular. Close attention was given by those who were not acquainted with our doctrines.

It seems hard for these dear souls to decide for the right on account of the influences of some professed Adventists. The dear brethren who are here have a good testimony for the Lord and his truth.

The people felt quite at home in the meetings. They appreciated and diligently studied the tracts handed them. Although no one has yet taken a decided stand for the truth, some have taken part in prayer, and heartily invited me to come again. They seem to be sincere and I hope to see several take their stand. I ask an interest in your prayers for these dear souls and for Brother and Sister Weis as well as myself, as there is a great work yet to be done. It is the Lord's work and he will help to win the victory. Let us each do our share, for the end of all things is at hand. May we all unite in special efforts to carry this message is the prayer of your brother. C. SULZLE.

RADISSON

I am sure you will be much interested to hear of the work among the Russians. The Lord is blessing me very much as I speak of his coming to this people. We are not having many meetings, but have had many

house-to-house Bible studies. We have spent many nights in searching the Scriptures, at times not retiring until the morning.

The whole country is stirred up, but the Devil is angry and is doing all he can to put the fire out. The Mennonites especially are very much opposed to my preaching here. It seems they have decided to ask me for my license to preach, and if I do not produce it they will not allow me to speak any more and will send me away. I am of good courage, however, and hope to see some souls take their stand for the truth soon. I am very glad that this fight is going on, and I am sure the victory will be the Lord's.

T. T. BABIENCO.

WE SHOULD WORK NOW

We have been greatly encouraged in seeing the orders come in for the *Review and Herald* "War Extra." Just keep the good work going, brethren and sisters, for it is proving a strong influence in behalf of the truth. Thousands of people are asking, "What do these things mean?" The literature that our denomination publishes in regard to the war conditions in the East answers the question.

A tract of especial value just now is the one published by the Southern Publishing Association. It is entitled, "Is It Armageddon?" It is one cent a copy. Special rates in quantities. Let us put forth our best and strongest efforts at this time, and scatter this timely literature "like the leaves of autumn."

The burden for souls should rest heavily upon our hearts. We should realize as never before that we are responsible for the knowledge that we have of the truth, to those who have not been made aware of its blessings. Let us be often found in prayer, seeking for a complete victory over sin. Now is the time for us to ascertain our standing with Heaven; for the striking events that are shaking the pillars of modern civilization, are a sign to us that our Master is coming soon.

A. C. GILBERT.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

Elder M. Mackintosh is planning to hold a series of meetings in Regina on Sunday nights, in the Parry-Sturrock Hall on Scarth Street. He will speak on the present conflict in the light of prophetic scripture.

Our supply of Sabbath school quarterlies for the fourth quarter has been received, and we would ask our brethren and sisters who have not already received their pamphlets, to send in their orders at an early date.

Brother A. E. Iverson, who did faithful work in the Conference office for about a year, was married at Minneapolis, Minn., the evening of August 31st. He is now employed in the General Conference office at Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.

We are glad to report that our people in Saskatchewan are taking an active interest in the distribution of the *Review* war extra. Orders received at this office up to this date amount to about 10,000 copies.

Elder C. Sulzle, who has been holding meetings at Prussia for some time, is planning to spend a few days with his family at Fenwood, after which he will meet with the other members of the Conference committee at Regina on the 22nd and 23rd of this month, to discuss the question of the location of the school for our province.

We trust that our brethren and sisters will enter heartily into the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, in view of the additional burdens we are obliged to carry since the outbreak of war in the old country. This has been explained in our recent circular letter.

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CHURCH SCHOOL NOTICE

Those desiring to have a church school this year should apply to the proper official in their conference at once, as teachers are becoming scarce, and calls are coming from various places asking for help. It will be a great convenience to all concerned if the number of openings in each conference can be known now, and plans made to accommodate each. J. I. BEARDSLEY.

NOTICE

We have about four hundred B.S.L. No. 144, entitled "The Eastern Question, What Its Solution Means To All The World." A sixteen page tract, written by A. T. Jones several years ago. This tract is now out of print and when the present stock is sold no more will be available. It contains just the truth that your neighbor ought to have at this time. Postpaid, while they last, 1 cent each. Order of your Tract Society today.

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COLPORTEUR'S REPORT

Manitoba—Three Weeks Ending September 4						
Name	Book	Hrs.	Ord.	Mag.	Helps.	Total
Carl Anderson	P.G.	106	31			\$138.00
Carl Jensen	P.G.	45	44			247.00
A. E. McGee	G.C.	45	15		\$4.25	59.15
George Belleau	P.P.	18	4			14.00
Pasha Burley	M.U. & P.G.	46	7		1.50	26.50
Solomon Meikle	Mag.		455	\$45.50		45.50
Edna Chapman	Mag.		230	23.00		23.00
		260	786	\$68.50	\$ 5.75	\$553.15
Alberta—Three Weeks Ending August 23						
Bertha Gilbank	P.P.	26	8			\$ 31.00
H. W. Hornfeck	P.P.	257	14			62.00
J. R. Johnson	P.P.	209	41		\$.85	163.35
Robert R. Kitto	P.G.	173	39			182.00
R. M. Milne	P.P.	136	24		1.20	103.25
Robina Adams	P.P.	20	6		1.00	24.00
Maggie Burgess	P.P.	44	3		5.60	16.10
Mrs. L. Hayward	P.P.	4	1			5.50
Martha Huther	P.P.	63	2		.60	7.60
Isabel Reppe	P.P.	24	4			15.00
		956	142		\$9.25	\$609.80
Seventeen Agents		1216	928	\$68.50	\$15.00	\$1162.95

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Subscription Books	\$14,593.91
Magazines	1,654.75
Home Workers' Books	145.60
Total	\$16,394.26