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THE COLPORTEUR'S REWARD

When I enter that beautiful city above,
Far removed from earth's sorrow and fear;
I hope that somebody will whisper in love,
It was you first invited me here.

When I stand by the side of the river of life,
'Twill be with joy to hear somebody say:
"I was drunk with the world and its maddening strife
Till the colporteur happened my way."

From his books, his tracts and his papers galore,
I first learned of this blessed abode,
Then I turned me about and set out for the shore,
'Twas the canvasser showed me the road.

When at home in these mansions eternally grand,
Many dear ones with joy I behold;
I hope that somebody beside me will stand
Saved, because of the books that I sold.

—Selected.

FURTHER NEWS FROM MRS. E. G. WHITE

Sanitarium, Cal.,
April 9, 1915.

Editor, *Western Canadian Tidings*:

Tomorrow will complete eight weeks since mother's accident. During this time she has been uniformly cheerful and patient, and wholly resigned to the will of God in her behalf.

March 17, at the time of the annual meeting of the St. Helena Sanitarium Board, several of our brethren attending the meeting called to see mother. Among them were: J. N. Loughborough, I. H. Evans, J. O. Corliss, H. W. Cottrell, E. E. Andross, H. S. Shaw, and E. W. Farnsworth. Mother was pleased to meet these old friends, and spoke words of cheer and courage regarding the goodness and mercy of God to her, and the abundant blessings and grace bestowed upon his people.

For a few days after this, she seemed much weaker. Then during the week of the Loma Linda meeting, March 24-30, she rallied and seemed much better.

March 31, when I reached home after the Loma Linda meeting, and asked mother how she was feeling, she said, "I am getting along pretty well—in rather a hard way." In the afternoon she seemed to be in deep thought, and slowly said, "I do not know just what we should do for our young people; but we must keep close to them, that we may know what is right and wrong."

Sabbath afternoon, April 3, while talking with my children, she said, "The Lord is very good to us, and if we follow on to know the Lord, we shall know that his going forth is prepared as the morning. If there is any question in your minds in regard to what is right, look to the Lord and he will guide you. We should bring every plan to the Lord to see if he approves it.

"Remember that the Lord will carry us through. I am guarding every moment so that nothing may come between me and the Lord. I hope there will not. God grant that we may all prove faithful. There will be a glorious meeting soon.

"I am glad that you have come to see me. May the Lord bless you. Amen."

During the week just closing there has been a marked decline in strength. She is able to eat but little—not enough to sustain strength and give promise of recovery. In a very cheerful way she says repeatedly that her work is done, and she will soon be at rest.

We are thankful that in response to many prayers God has given her so large a degree of assurance and peace.

W. C. WHITE.

PROSPECTS IN WESTERN CANADA

From letters received, and visits made in different parts of this field, I have been encouraged with the prospects that are in sight this season.

In Manitoba two or three companies have been raised up thus far this year, besides a number of other people in different parts of the province who have identified themselves with us. Brother Guldbranson is now located in Winnipeg, and is laboring among the Icelandic people there, with encouraging prospects of success.

In Saskatchewan I hear of persons in different places taking hold of the truth; twelve in one place, twenty in another, fifteen in another, twenty or more in another, and scattered ones are taking hold in other places in the province.

In Alberta it is much the same. Companies are springing up in different parts, ten, twenty, twelve, and so on. In one place ten families who have been for years estranged from the truth, through influences which led them away, are now returning and are greatly in earnest. Also as in other provinces, there are in different places, scattered ones who are receiv-

ing the message, and new interests are springing up all over the province.

British Columbia, like her sister provinces, is seeing souls converted to the truth. In Vancouver a good work has been done and many are rejoicing in the message, who have lately come to the faith. Something like thirty or forty are now awaiting baptism, and many others are studying seriously. Quite a large number have already been baptized recently and have united with us there. Victoria has some new Sabbath-keepers and some who are interested in the study of the message. Many throughout the province are reading our literature with interest.

The outlook for finances is such that it will take faith on the part of our people to face what we will have to face, but there seems to be a determination taking hold of our people, such as I have not seen at any time before in my experience in this cause.

Our book work is receiving earnest attention by those who are directly engaged in this part of the work. I think we have never had a better class of colporteurs who are planning to enter the field at the close of the schools. Our people in the churches seem to feel a great responsibility for carrying the truth to their neighbors and friends.

Looking from almost every angle, the prospect seems encouraging. Our ministers are working hard in every conference in the union. The spirit of devotion seems to be prevalent all along the line.

Now is the time to press together and lift, to help each other. Certainly the serious conditions that now exist in the world show that we are nearing the crisis when the souls of men will be tried to the limit, and the value of Christian fellowship, brotherly sympathy, and unswerving loyalty will become more and more apparent as it is acted out in the lives of men and women in the realities which are but a step ahead.

The keeping of the "commandments of God, and the Faith of Jesus" will have much meaning from this time forward to the close of the conflict.

H. S. SHAW.

LET US REMEMBER THE JEWS IN OUR LABORS

There are many omens which indicate that our brethren and sisters are becoming more interested in bringing the precious third angel's message to the Jewish people. Many questions have arisen in the minds of our people as to how to overcome the deep-seated prejudices of the Jews, and some are coming to learn that there is a way we can reach the Jewish heart, and draw it towards the message, so that he will come to see that this truth is unlike what he has known as Christianity.

Some time ago while walking along with one of our ministering brethren, we met a Jew; and this brother said to the son of Abraham, "Shalom Alechem," which means "Peace be to thee." The Jew immediately smiled, and responded "Alechem Shalom," "To thee be also peace." At once there was a kindly feeling aroused, and the Jew felt that in this man he had a friend.

The Jewish people are naturally afraid of the Gentiles, for there have been so many things done to them in the name of Christianity which were so cruel that they almost fear to go near a Christian. Since the

European war broke out, the Russians have treated the Jews horribly, even though the Czar did promise the Jewish people reforms, and a larger measure of freedom.

Just a short time ago one of our brethren received a letter from his father in Russian Poland, in reply to a letter telling his parent of his new-found faith. His father replied with bitter sarcasm, and told him that one Russian officer since the war had begun had already commanded nearly forty Jews to be put to death, and the officer prayed to God that there would be still more to follow.

Roman and Russian Christianity is a terrible thing to the Jews, but many have come to believe that there is a difference here in America to what the people teach and believe in Russia. However, when the Jews come to learn about Seventh-day Adventists, their belief in the Sabbath, their views on the pork question, and their faith in the Bible as a whole, they feel very friendly towards our people, and seem willing to read more of what we believe, and are inclined somewhat to attend our services.

Recently in conversation with Jews they have been surprised to know that such a people as Seventh-day Christians exist in America. It often puts the Jews to shame when they learn that Gentiles have faith in the God of Abraham, while the Jews have lost this faith. They are interested to know that there is a people in the world who are still waving the torch of truth, and who believe in the law of God as it was given on Mount Sinai.

The interesting part is when we can connect the teaching of Moses with that of the Messiah. The Jew feels delighted often to learn that the Sabbath is part of the Christian religion.

While riding on the train a short time ago I entered into conversation with a Jew. He had given up all hope in God, and said that he did not believe anything about religion. After telling him of thousands of Gentiles who observe the Sabbath of the Lord, he was surprised to learn of the existence of such a people. We then opened up to his mind the teachings of the prophets, and connected them with the Sabbath, the Law, the Messiah, and the return of the Lord. For nearly an hour and a half the man listened with eagerness. Then he said that I was the first man who had tried to bring faith to his heart.

When you meet the Jew, do not say anything to him about missionary work; this kind of effort means differently to him from what it does to us. But when you come in contact with one of the literal seed of Abraham, tell him that you observe the Sabbath of the Lord, the seventh day of the week. Tell him that you love the law, and the writings of Moses. Tell him that you abstain from the use of swine flesh. Tell him that you believe in the Holy Messiah, and that you have every reason to believe from Moses and the prophets that the Messiah of Israel has already come. Do not talk to him as though you were trying to proselyte him, but give him information. Tell him who you are and what you believe; then ask him if he still keeps the Sabbath; if he believes the law of Moses; if he has faith in the prophets. You will find that he will want to know something more about you and your belief, and then he will ask you if you have any literature on any of these topics.

In the Western Canadian Union Conference there are more than fifteen thousand Jews, and they are coming into this country at the rate of thousands every year. The poor people seem to feel as though there was not much for them in these days in the way of religion; and if they could only know that the Lord has raised up a people who believe in fact what the Jews claim to believe in theory, there would be a feeling arise in their hearts that will make them long for a knowledge of this truth.

The Jewish Department will be glad to furnish any of our people with further information how to come in contact with the Jewish people; and there is a work which our dear brethren and sisters can do in breaking down the prejudice of the Jews, and this will help us to reach these people more effectively.

For literature send to your Tract Society, or to the Jewish Department, F. C. Gilbert, Sec., South Lancaster, Mass. We will be pleased to furnish you with any information we can render, that these poor lost sheep of Israel may be remembered at this time when the Lord is pouring out his Spirit to finish his work.

F. C. GILBERT.

South Lancaster, Mass.

REPORT OF THE FIRESIDE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL FOR NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN

The Fireside Correspondence School sends greetings to its many friends and patrons throughout the world, and hopes they will be interested in the following report of its work for the year ending December 31, 1914, in comparison with former years:

Enrollment.—The number of new students enrolled for 1910 was 175; for 1911, 162; for 1912, 125; for 1913, 229; for 1914, 215. Total, 906.

Field.—Our field is the world. Besides the United States and Canada, we have students in Africa, Argentine, Brazil, Central America, China, England, Egypt, Friendly Islands, Hawaii, Java, Korea, and Scotland.

Finances.—The receipts and expenditures year by year since the school began are given below:

	Receipts.	Expenditures.
1910	\$ 1,860.10	\$ 2,124.76
1911	2,149.29	2,688.79
1912	1,668.27	1,852.86
1913	1,896.80	2,141.18
1914	3,257.75	2,815.20
Total.....	\$10,832.21	\$11,622.79

Excess of expenditures over receipts during the five years of the school's existence, \$790.58.

Excess of receipts over expenditures for 1914, \$442.55.

Lessons Corrected.—During the year 3,473 lessons were corrected, of which 720 were in Bible Doctrines, 336 in Grammar, 312 in Literature, 234 in Composition-Rhetoric, 194 in Church History, 155 in Algebra, 149 in New Testament Greek, 136 in Public Speaking, 119 in College Rhetoric, 123 in General History, 126 in Latin I., and 139 in Bookkeeping. Lower numbers not enumerated. We have no records for comparison with previous years.

Certificates Issued.—It takes considerable grit and perseverance to push steadily through to the end of a course of forty, or even twenty, lessons. So it does to make a success of anything. Where is the army of students who enter our academic grades as compared with the few who finish a college course? They have fallen out by the way. So with many who begin work in the Correspondence School. The majority do not complete the subjects they begin; but we are glad to note a steady increase in the numbers of the faithful few, as shown by the following record of certificates issued for subjects satisfactorily completed: For 1910, 3; 1911, 24; 1912, 34; 1913, 46; 1914, 52. Total, 159, or about seventeen and one-half per cent. of the total enrollment.

Satisfied Patrons.—Out of the scores of testimonials from satisfied students we select only a few statements. "Deep breathing has been very beneficial; this exercise alone has kept me free from colds all winter, the first time in my life I have put in a winter without one. Chest measurement has increased two inches. The tone drills have helped me to get rid of embarrassment, and have given me a freedom of speech that I believe could not be secured in any other way." "My associates have frequently spoken of my improvement in expression in both reading and speaking." "I have enjoyed the reading (in Academic Literature) which I have done very much. And I feel, too, that I have derived more benefit from it than I am able to tell of." "This winter has been the time of my life in writing themes. It has been a great experience to me." "I appreciate the benefits which I have derived from the course more than I can tell you."

Purpose.—To "fill the chinks" in our educational system; to accommodate those who have work to make up or studies to review, or who wish to make credits during vacation; to help those who have finished their school days but want to keep their minds fresh and vigorous by private study; to aid teachers in preparing for certificate examinations; to inspire missionaries cut off from the cultural advantages of the home land; to bless mothers in the early training and education of their children; to help ministers striving to become workmen that need not to be ashamed.

The reader is invited to send for our booklet entitled "The Fireside Correspondence School in a Nutshell."
C. C. LEWIS,
Takoma Park, D.C. Principal.

The martyrs to vice far exceed the martyrs to virtue, both in endurance and in number. So blinded are we to our passions that we suffer more to insure perdition than salvation. Religion does not forbid the rational enjoyments of life as sternly as avarice forbids them. She does not require such sacrifices of ease or renunciations of quiet as does pride. She does not murder sleep like dissipation; nor health like intemperance; nor scatter wealth like extravagance or gambling. She does not embitter life like discord; nor shorten it like dueling; nor harrow it like revenge. She does not impose more vigilance than suspicion; more anxiety than selfishness; nor half as many mortifications as vanity. —Hannah More.

British Columbia Conference

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VICTORIA AND NANAIMO

March 24th, Elder Shaw and I took the boat at Vancouver to visit the church at Victoria. Some time before this the church elder, Brother Freeman, had sent an urgent request for me to come over. The evening we arrived a meeting was held. It was prayer meeting night, and quite a number were present. Elder Shaw spoke that evening, and received good attention.

A meeting was appointed for the following night and the next day was spent visiting. The service was held by Elder Shaw again and following that we had a testimony meeting. The spirit of God came in and a great work was done among the people present. Confessions were made to each other, and things were made right as far as possible. We left the city with the brethren and sisters feeling much encouraged. The meeting the following Sabbath, according to the testimony of one of the sisters, was the best they had experienced for a long time.

The next Sabbath was spent in Vancouver, where Elder Shaw spoke in the union meeting. Sunday evening we came to Pitt Meadows, where we had a meeting for the students, Elder Shaw taking that also.

The next Friday, April 2, I went to Nanaimo, where I had not been for about a year. On Sabbath we had two services. One of these was a baptismal service, three being baptized; and the other the ordinances. These were solemn meetings and the Lord came very near. The company at Nanaimo are working hard to spread the truth and it is having its influence. Soon we expect that others will be ready for baptism.

On the Sunday following we had a church business meeting in the day, and in the evening a company of us went over to East Wellington, where I spoke to a little gathering on the Turkish problem. Meetings were being held at this place by Brother John Lowther, who is giving valuable help to the church while teaching the church school.

The following Sabbath I was with the Vancouver people and helped in the educational meeting arranged for that day by the elder of the East Side church, Brother C. A. Cole. The church was full with many of the company new Sabbath-keepers, who listened to the readings presented by different ones apparently with keenest interest. Baptism has been appointed for the 9th of May, and we expect then to see a large number of the new Sabbath-keepers in Vancouver follow their Lord into a watery grave.

At this writing I am planning for a baptismal service at Vernon, where Brother and Sister Potter are laboring.

J. G. WALKER.

REPORT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS RECEIVED First Three Months, 1915

Church	Tithe	20c. Week Funds	Home Funds
Armstrong	\$ 44.85	\$ 8.25	\$
Conference	109.15	126.77	3.70
Firvale	101.20	30.10	.75
Grandview	191.55	167.50	
Lumen	28.00	49.20	
Manson (Pitt Meadows)	192.39	84.92	5.36
Mission City	1.05	15.10	
Nanaimo	142.05	69.20	2.70
Penticton	73.08	33.30	
Silver Creek	56.10	57.30	
South Vancouver	80.65	57.75	2.90
Vancouver (Union St. Church)....	140.76	67.91	14.50
Vancouver (1708 Maple St. Church)	448.65	88.53	68.60
Vernon	127.40	38.50	3.80
Victoria	53.55	56.10	1.55
Isolated and Miscellaneous.....	425.75	130.13	30.15
Vancouver (42nd Avenue)	126.75	49.24	29.75

Total Receipts First

Three Months, 1915.....\$2342.93 \$1129.80 \$163.76

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Three Months 1914.....\$2232.05 \$963.39 \$87.42

J. B. GIDDINGS,
Treasurer.

CHURCH SCHOOLS

We have pledged ourselves to devote 3% of our income to educational work, for the support of church schools, where our children can be trained for God. Let us not **forget** that all are responsible to help in this good work.

Send the allowance to B. C. Conference of S. D. A.,
1708 Maple St., Vancouver, B.C.

J. G. WALKER.

MANSON ACADEMY NOTES

Mr. Max LeMarquand was among the recent visitors at the academy.

Miss Sadie Crane recently spent a few days at her home in New Westminster.

Mrs. H. E. Giddings was in Vancouver for the week-end, visiting her son, Mr. J. B. Giddings.

Miss Esther Walker is spending a few days visiting Brother Nicholson's family at Mission City.

Mr. Harold Newton and Mr. Robt. Swan, of Vancouver, are attending the Colporteurs' Institute being held at the academy.

Brother A. E. Shantz, of Vancouver, attended the early part of the Institute, but was called home on account of the illness of his wife.

Mr. J. B. Giddings was a visitor at the academy on his return from the Bookmen's Convention in Mountain View, California. He reported a very profitable trip.

Since returning from the Bookmen's Convention, Brother E. S. Horsman has been conducting a Colporteurs' Institute at the academy. Others assisting in the Institute are: Elder J. G. Walker, Elder A. O. Burrill and Brother C. A. Cole.

A Temperance Rally will be held at the academy on the evening of April 24th. Some temperance workers in the village are assisting. The plan is to distribute temperance literature and bring this subject forcibly before the minds of the people.

"When you hear of good in people—tell it,
When you hear a tale of evil—quell it.
Let the goodness have the light,
Put the evil out of sight,
Make the world we live in bright
Like to heaven above."

Manitoba Conference

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MANITOBA NOTES

Elder E. M. Chapman is conducting meetings at Minnetonka, with a good attendance and a good interest.

The workers at Carberry report that they have a membership of twenty in their Sabbath-school. This is indeed good.

Elder H. J. Dirksen has recently returned from Russell, and will spend a little time in Winnipeg. He will then go to Beausejour to hold meetings there for a time.

Brother O. Sigurdson, one of our Icelandic brethren in the city, is planning to take up the canvassing work this summer, among his own people in the northern part of the province.

Brother William Ramsay and Sister Vinna McNaughton were recently married at the home of the bride's parents at San Fernando, California. They will make their home at Bradwardine, Manitoba. We wish them the choicest blessings as they journey through life together.

Brother Meikle, our faithful colporteur in Winnipeg, reports good success in the sale of magazines and books. Despite the hard times, Brother Meikle says he has found an easier sale for the magazines during some of the winter months than any time since he started in the work. Thus we see that the work of God marches onward, whether the times are hard or good. Are there not others who could use a few of our truth-filled magazines each month?

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TO THE WORKERS' BAND

Dear Children:—

It seems, now that spring has opened, it is time for us to lay plans for our work this year. Perhaps many of you have already made your plans and know what you expect to do. And, too, possibly some have started in their work. Some may have set hens, others plan to have a garden, while others expect to—well, there are so many different things that can be done. And indeed it is very interesting to notice the many different lines which are taken up among the members of our Band, in their efforts to raise money for Missions.

I wonder if you have all sent in your money for last year. We received some just the other day, so you see it is not too late, if you still have some coming from your work last season.

It has not been decided what we will work for this year, but we will wait and talk it over together at the camp meeting. We expect to have some more good meetings when we come together. So between now and that time, talk your plans over with your parents, and perhaps they can help you get started in some good enterprise.

But now as we begin another season's work, there are three things we should not forget.

First, we belong to Jesus and should give our hearts and lives wholly to him and ask him to help us to do

just right and be "sunbeams" for him, and also ask him to bless our efforts in trying to make some money to help in his work.

Second, do not forget to study our Bibles every day and always learn our Sabbath school lessons well by giving them a little study each day.

Third, ever remember to pray for the work and workers in our own field, and also in the foreign fields.

And now may Jesus keep you until we meet again.

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT Quarter Ending March 31, 1915

Name	Mem.	Regular	Donations	
			13th Sab.	Total
Beaver Creek	10	\$ 3.00		\$ 3.00
Carlton	34	36.90	\$23.60	60.50
Dundurn	24	22.61	7.10	29.71
East Regina	46	23.41	26.13	49.54
Edenwold	91	53.51	35.56	89.07
Penwood	25	22.26	4.05	26.31
Fox Valley	56	18.75	5.25	24.00
Hanley	20	60.10	28.80	88.90
Happyland	26	6.60	2.05	8.65
Hillesden	18	12.20	10.55	22.75
McGee	6	2.25	1.50	3.75
McLean	32	23.91	15.75	39.66
Queen Center*	40	15.30		15.30
Red Deer Lake	18	12.80	3.55	16.35
Regina	38	36.53	17.95	54.48
Rouleau	38	28.41	4.55	32.96
Rosthern	25	21.45	14.00	35.45
Sonningdale	32	37.35	17.15	54.50
Sunset	21	23.25	24.20	47.45
Swift Current	25	19.90	2.75	22.65
Waldheim	50	24.72	20.80	45.52
Prov. Home Dept.	141	163.37	75.65	239.02
Totals: 21 Schools..	816	\$668.58	\$340.94	\$1009.52

*No report, membership taken from last quarter and offerings from Conference Treasurer's Books.

Offerings for first quarter, 1914.....	\$ 752.27
Offerings for first quarter, 1915.....	1009.52
Gain	257.25

I am happy for the privilege of presenting to you this good report for the first quarter of 1915. It contains much to encourage us. We now have a membership of 816, the largest ever reported.

While the offering is not quite as large as for the quarter previous, still it is very good indeed when we consider conditions, and compares most favorably with the offering for the first quarter of last year, showing a gain of \$275.25.

Truly this is a good beginning, and if we keep up this rate of gain during the succeeding quarters we need not fear for the findings at the close of the year.

Our hearts have been cheered as the good reports have come in from the different schools. We were much interested in the report from the Carlton School, which said that the children there gathered over \$13.00 for the 13th Sabbath by soliciting from neighbors and friends. Perhaps some other schools could do likewise. You will notice that some of the schools succeeded in making the 13th Sabbath a Dollar Day. All may not be able to do this, but we want to aim high if we expect to reach a high mark.

Another point we would like to mention is concerning the average attendance. The smallest school on the list, stands at the head of the "honor roll" in this

line. Its average attendance being 100 per cent. All our schools would do well to aim at this very good record, for we are sorry to see that the average attendance in some cases was very poor. In one school it was below 50 per cent.

So let all our schools take up this matter and pledge themselves to do all in their power to help make this part of the record as near 100 per cent. as possible.

If all goes well, our next report will bear the names of some three or four new schools. This should cheer our hearts, for it shows that the truth is advancing.

Do not fail to notice, too, that our Home Department members, though isolated, are remembering our mission work. And now may the Lord's blessing be with every Sabbath school member, whether isolated or with an organized body.

MRS. A. C. GILBERT.

OBITUARY

DIED—Mrs. Jane Dale Burgess, of Warmley, Saskatchewan, April 12, 1915, of apoplexy, at the age of 51 years and 4 months. Sister Burgess was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, and came to this country in its early days.

The death of Sister Burgess is particularly sad, for she was stricken suddenly while in apparently usual health, Sunday afternoon of the 11th, and died the following morning without regaining consciousness. Her husband and five children are left to mourn the loss of this kind companion and loving mother.

Sister Burgess was a true Christian. She had a burden for souls that impelled her to do what she could for those who needed the light of the truth for this time. We laid her to rest for a little while in the grave, earnestly assured that soon the Lifegiver will come and awaken her to immortal health, and invite her to share with him the eternal joys of an unending future.

Let us pray for those who were so suddenly bereaved, that their faith fail not, but that this sad experience will draw them still nearer the side of their Elder Brother, whose heart of sympathy feels the wound that Death has made, and bears the griefs and sorrows of all who cast their care upon him.

A. C. GILBERT.

FOX VALLEY AND PRUSSIA

During the latter part of January I was requested by the elder of the Fox Valley church to come and help with an interest that was in their neighborhood. The Lord blessed them in their efforts with tracts and family visits, and some took their stand for the truth.

I was much impressed to visit the brethren at Prussia, where I labored last summer. The interest was good, and after a few meetings we held, the Lord came near, and the young people and children gave their hearts to God; then the older people followed until over twenty are rejoicing in the salvation of the Saviour. The most of them have taken a firm stand, while the others are at the point of decision. If the Lord wills we expect to have baptism for those who are ready, the 2nd of May. Pray for us, and these dear souls, that they may be a light in this neighborhood.

At this place, as in many other places, the call is to "come over and help us." There are many more calls than we can fill. Truly we can join in saying, "Blessing, and honor, and glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever." The Lord is at work, and let us do our part in this closing message.

C. SULZLE.

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DIDSBURY

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works."—*Heb.* 10:24. This is one of the objects of our reporting and reading reports from the various parts of the Lord's vineyard and its workers. Great is the power of example. This is seen even in the little town of Didsbury.

Brother and Sister Cornford came up from the States last fall, and while Brother Cornford has been employed in the flour mill here, they have been constantly at work talking to and having readings and prayer with such as gave them an opportunity. A brother remarked to me one day: "I believe Brother Cornford is scouting all the time; he seems to be after them continually."

This has had its effect on both members, and those not of our faith. All the members are following the good example, and it makes them a lively little church, with new Sabbath-keepers, and interested ones attending their good meetings. As for myself, although away from the public work in the message for more than five years and living about twenty miles from here, at Harmattan, it affords me no small pleasure to assist these brethren of our neighbor church in their noble effort to save souls; especially when, because of scarcity of them, conference laborers are well nigh unobtainable.

I went to Didsbury for a few days to help a brother build his house. While Brother Thompson, the church elder, and I were working there one day. Brethren Cornford and Stauffer came over and wanted to know if I did not think I could hold a few evening meetings. With fearfulness I consented.

I had spoken on the Sabbath usually at home at Harmattan, and at Didsbury a few times, but evening meetings—that was different,—too much like my old way of doing—working night and day. However, when I found there was no disturbance of either my sleep or nerves, I continued a few times, and have since held meetings with them occasionally on Sabbath and Sunday.

The last time I was there, Brother Torgerson, elder of the Didsbury church, came after me, and if he comes again next Friday, I shall go once more. At the close of our last meeting on Sunday night, a man arose and said he and his family had decided to take their stand with us, and added, "Pray for us; we certainly

need it." Heretofore this brother has made no profession of religion. This is the third family, together with one or two more persons who, through the grace of God, our combined efforts and the visits of Brethren Wilson and Adams, have come to a saving knowledge of the truth. The Lord is good; it is the day of his strength, and of the latter rain.

I am still carpentering and working on the farm, as I receive strength. Yesterday I conducted another funeral at our church, a neighboring family having lost a child. Three girls of this family have recently become members of our Sabbath-school, and we hope that soon the whole family will step out in the light. Lay brethren are to help finish this great work that God has given us to do in this generation, and may this little report be a means of encouraging them to do so, and minister comfort to the dear brethren who for years have prayed so earnestly for my recovery.

When, years ago, at Viola, Idaho, I was in terrible agony and almost despair, I cried to God from the depth of my soul, and the assurance seemed to be given me: "You shall yet preach the gospel you love." Hoping for a little part in the work till the end, with praise in my heart and prayer on my lips, I lay down the pen.

A. C. ANDERSON.

THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WORK

Alberta's Missionary Volunteer goal for 1914:
Three Standard of Attainment certificates.

Six Reading Course certificates.

Nine young people added to church and society.

\$145.00 as a special gift to foreign missions.

What we accomplished:

Seventeen Standard of Attainment certificates.

Eight Reading Course certificates.

Thirty-five young people added to church and society.

\$227.60 given and collected by Alberta's young people for foreign missions.

These figures show that the heads of this department did not overestimate our ability. We are very glad that we succeeded in reaching the goal set by them, and we appreciate the way in which our young people have rallied to carry out the work apportioned them. Our success with last year's goal gives us courage as we face the one set for us for 1915. It is larger than that of 1914, in proportion to our growth in numbers. We have more to do, but we have a larger band of workers to do it. This is the Goal for 1915:

Fifteen Standard of Attainment Certificates.

Forty-five Reading Course certificates.

Thirty Young People added to church and society.

\$562.50 special offering for foreign missions.

Thirty young people to read the Bible through.

Already a number of the certificates have been sent for, so we may feel confident that this part of the goal will be reached in good time. A new phase has been added to the goal—the Bible Course. Several have enrolled their names for this effort, and are now engaged in trying to read a definite portion of God's Word daily, so as to read the whole by December 31st.

Goal cards have been sent to all the companies throughout the conference, and we hope that our young people will enter upon this effort with their whole hearts, for there is a great blessing in each

phase of the goal for those who undertake it in the right spirit. If there are any who have not received their copy of the goal, or who wish some explanation of any of the points in it, I shall be very glad to hear from them, and to send them information and literature.

A. P. POND.

ACADEMY NOTES

John Reith spent Sabbath, April 17, at the academy.

A shed 16x48 is being erected to accommodate the school machinery. The work is being done by the students.

Mrs. Watterson, of Wetaskiwin, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clark, who live near the academy.

J. M. Rowse, manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, of Calgary, spent the week-end at the academy.

William Kershaw and family, of Bawlf, are moving to Rosedale. They will occupy the house owned by D. A. Dobbs.

After an illness of ten days, Henry Humann is now well on the road to recovery. We hope to welcome him among us again soon.

John Forman, of Castor, who was a student here last year, arrived on Monday, and will work for the academy for a few weeks.

The Colporteurs' Institute closed on the 18th. Mr. Rowse spent the last two days with the colporteurs to interest them in the make and quality of the books.

Pastor J. L. Beane spent Sabbath and Sunday with the church in Didsbury. He reports the church there as doing excellent work, as a result of which new members are being added week by week.

A picnic was recently enjoyed by the academy family and the patrons of the school. A splendid repast was served in the dining hall, where the tables had been arranged so as to form a continuous one, seating over two hundred guests. A number of after-dinner speeches were made and special music was rendered. The afternoon was spent in healthful enjoyment, many games being played. The gathering will long be remembered by all who participated.

—"Western Globe," Lacombe, April 21, 1915.

ALBERTA NOTES

Elder Humann spent last Sabbath with the believers of the Edmonton church.

The believers in the Provost district are being visited by Brother H. E. Shelstad.

Brother Roscoe Hippach has entered the Bible work and is assisting Elder J. L. Wilson with the work in Calgary.

Brother C. C. Neufeld left on the 2nd inst. to spend some time in the Josephburg and Walsh districts, where a number of German-speaking people have become interested. It is expected that Brother Neufeld will labor in that part of the province until camp-meeting time.

It is rejoicing to see so many orders coming in for the Temperance Instructor from all parts of the province. Many of our people know that THIS IS THE DAY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR DEFINITE WORK IN THE TEMPERANCE CAMPAIGN. That they are awake to the situation is proved by the energetic efforts they are putting forth to circulate the Instructor. Those who have not yet joined the ranks of Instructor warriors should enlist at once. The services of everyone are needed as the crisis draws on. This work is the demand of the hour. Who can fail to respond to the call for real service?

OBITUARY

SIMANTON—Died at Medicine Hat General Hospital, April 15th, William Henry Simanton, husband of Sister Laura Simanton, nee Workes. He was born at Ashland, Ohio, March 25, 1878. The funeral was conducted by the writer at Winnifred. Words of admonition and warning were spoken from Eccl. 8:8.

H. A. NIERGARTH.

CAMP MEETING DATES

British Columbia, Vernon June 7-13
Manitoba, Brandon June 18-27
Saskatchewan, Saskatoon June 25-July 4
Alberta, Lacombe July 8-18

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A. H. BRIGHAM - - - - - Editor

SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

We have discontinued our box 244 and ask our brethren to address all mail in future to our office address, 1930 Angus Street.

Miss Bertha Unruh paid a visit to her folks in Rosthern during the last week. This was a surprise to the friends there, who were all glad to have her in their midst again for a few days.

Our annual colporteurs' institute will open on the 22nd of April at Bro. Wm. Rowse's home at Hanley. We expect a good number of our last year's colporteurs present and ask the interest in our people's prayers for the success of this gathering.

Elder A. C. Gilbert spent last week in Saskatoon and North Battleford. In Saskatoon he was looking for a suitable location for our campmeeting; nothing definite, however, can be said as yet. At the latter place he was counseling with Bro. Clemensen regarding the work in that city.

That splendid aid in the Sabbath School work, the Sabbath School Worker, has been enlarged to 24 pages. Every officer and teacher should have access to the instruction which it contains. Price 50c. a year, or club of two or more copies to one address, 35c. each. Order through the tract society.

Bro. W. A. Clemensen, who has been asked to labor in this field among the English-speaking people, has arrived, and is located with his family in North Battleford. We bid him a hearty welcome in Saskatchewan and pray that his labor may be a success in God's cause. Brother Clemensen comes from Alberta, where he has been engaged in ministerial work.

Elder Milan Ostoich and family left our field last Tuesday in answer to a call to work among the Servians in St. Paul, Minnesota. Brother Ostoich has worked faithfully in Saskatchewan for the last few years. He was ordained here and is the only ordained Servian minister in our denomination. Bro. Ostoich felt a burden for his countrymen, and we believe that the Lord will bless his work among the Servian nationality.

THE CAMP MEETING SEASON

We are reminded that within a few weeks we will again be in the midst of another camp meeting season. Another year, with its toils and joys, its perplexities and trials, has come, and almost gone, since our people last met in annual meeting. During this time the world's events have been such as to cause the stoutest hearts to quail. But to Seventh-day Adventists, these events are simply another sure sign of the times in which we are living.

The Lord commanded ancient Israel to assemble three times a year for his worship. "They met to recount God's mercies, to make known his wonderful works, and to offer praise and thanksgiving. If the children of Israel needed the benefits of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict;

and if the people of the world then needed the light God had committed to his church, how much more do they need it now!" *Testimonies for the Church*, pp. 39, 40.

The first meeting in our Union Conference this year will be held at Vernon, B.C., June 7-13 inclusive. Application has been made for the usual reduced railroad rates, which will doubtless be granted. A workers' meeting will be held prior to the regular meeting, and if rates are granted by the railway and steamship companies, tickets may be secured beginning May 28, good to return until June 16. It will be necessary to secure a regular Convention Certificate at the time you purchase your ticket. If you fail to do this, positively no favors can be secured for you. More definite information will doubtless be given later.

CHRISTIAN ZEAL

There is a noisy zeal, without aim or purpose, which is not according to knowledge, which is blind in its operations and destructive in its results. This is not Christian zeal. Christian zeal is controlled by principle and is not spasmodic. It is earnest, deep, and strong, engaging the whole soul, and arousing to exercise the moral sensibilities. The salvation of souls and the interests of the kingdom of God are matters of the highest importance. *What object is there that calls for greater earnestness than the salvation of souls and the glory of God?* There are considerations here which can not be lightly regarded. They are as weighty as eternity. Eternal destinies are at stake. Men and women are deciding for weal or woe.

Christian zeal will not exhaust itself in talk, but will feel and act with vigor and efficiency. Yet Christian zeal will not act for sake of being seen. Humility will characterize every effort, and be seen in every work. Christian zeal will lead to earnest prayer, and to faithfulness in home duties.—Mrs. E. G. White.

NOTICE

The Southern Publishing Association has a few thousand copies of the "Turkey War Extra of THE WATCHMAN" on hand, which they are offering, as long as they last, at the reduced price of \$3.00 per thousand.

While the newspapers are filled with stories of the war in Europe, why not use this opportunity to give the people something that will tell the meaning of these things? Place your order early with your tract society for a thousand or more of these "Extras" and hand them to your friends and neighbors.

REPORT OF SALES CANADIAN BRANCH PACIFIC PRESS

	April, 1915					
	Sub.	40%	Trade	Educ.	Tracts	Totals
Alberta	\$ 3.50	\$ 88.15	\$ 69.00		\$ 6.20	\$166.85
British Col.	4.50		1.60		.10	6.20
Manitoba	118.00	31.35	32.10		.20	181.65
Sask.	14.35	99.80	17.55	\$0.70	29.20	161.60
	\$140.35	\$219.30	\$120.25	\$0.70	\$35.70	\$516.30
Total sales, April, 1915	\$516.30					
Total sales, April, 1914	\$282.04					
Gain for April	\$234.26					
Total gain for four months, 1915	\$1,042.32					