

# Western Canadian Tidings

"BEHOLD I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS"

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## MY NEW YEAR AIM

Not yet attained! But still my feet are pressing  
Toward those heights which lie outstretched before;  
That which the past has held of heavenly blessing  
Will not suffice; I hunger still for more.  
And now as dawns for me one more new year,  
So grant, O Lord, 'twill bring me yet more near.

More near to Thee! Yea, Lord, and ever nearer,  
Forgetting all the things now left behind;  
My aim is higher ground, with vision clearer,  
To see Thee close, though steep, the path may wind.  
Forgive, O Lord, the blindness of the past;  
Be still my Guide, I pray, and hold me fast!

"One thing I do!" My time can not be squandered  
In grieving o'er mistakes of years now gone;  
Though in side paths my feet have oftentimes wandered,  
Yet reach I forward still—Lord, help me on!  
And grant this year, in mercy given me,  
May lead to untrod heights, close, close to Thee.

PEARL WAGGONER.

## THE BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

The twelfth annual session of the British Columbia Conference convened at Pitt Meadows, according to appointment, December 25-29, 1913, in the beautiful house of worship, known as the Manson church.

Nineteen churches, including three new churches admitted into the conference at this meeting, were represented by practically a complete delegation, the representation being one delegate for each church for the organization, and one additional delegate for each ten of its membership.

A few items from the president's address will be of interest in this connection:

At the last conference held in Kamloops, in 1912, there were sixteen churches reported, with a total membership of 364. Now there are nineteen churches and a total membership of 426, and twenty or more persons are awaiting baptism in Vancouver, thus showing a gain in actual membership of over eighty.

There are eighteen Sabbath-schools with a total membership of 427, and besides there are a number of family schools in the home department. The Sab-

bath-school offerings for missions for the year 1912 amounted to \$1,597, and in 1913 the amount was \$2,013.

There are five Missionary Volunteer societies in the conference, having a total membership of eighty. Thirty of these are taking the reading course for the young people. The president remarked that the problem connected with the young people's work is difficult to solve. Something must be done to direct the young people to the object of organization. There should be a larger number planning for the ministry and the Bible work.

The Manson Academy has been having a financial struggle for the past few years, but is now put onto a better basis, and we are confident that the condition will be materially improved another year. Their enrolment is now thirty-three. The policy proposed by the Board and Faculty is a sensible and workable policy, which cannot well fail, if carried into effect, to bring better days in the school work in British Columbia.

Prof. H. E. Giddings has been chosen as principal of the school again next year. Our prayer is that the Lord will greatly bless the brethren there in their efforts to better conditions in the school work.

There are five church schools and three family schools in the conference, with a total enrolment of 121. These are all doing good work and accomplishing a great deal of good.

The evangelical efforts in the conference have met with a good degree of success during the past year. Through the labors of Elder J. L. Wilson and others, a substantial church has been raised up in Penticton, and a house of worship has been built.

The Vancouver effort under the labors of Elders Luther Warren and A. O. Burrill and their co-workers, has borne fruit in the conversion of souls. They are in the midst of the work there, but already a number have been added to the church, and about twenty others are awaiting baptism.

The subscription book sales in British Columbia in 1912 amounted to \$6,754.94, and in 1913 \$2,979.16, thus showing a large loss. In other sales, such

as forty-per-cent. books, trade books, magazines, tracts, etc., their sales do not show as large a percentage of loss. All the sales of the Tract Society in the year 1912 amounted to \$9,291.95, and in 1913 \$7,389.79.

The mission funds in the conference will reach the quota for 1913, for which we thank the Lord. First, because the funds are greatly needed in the fields across the seas, and secondly, because it indicates the attitude of the people of the British Columbia Conference toward the work of missions.

The tithe received in the conference during the year 1912 was \$10,226.51, and in 1913, \$9,889.23. This shortage for 1913 is due to the short crop of potatoes and the low prices received in the market. This condition has caused much disappointment and loss to our farmers in the province. The brethren have tried to make the best of the situation, and are to be congratulated that they have done so well under the adverse circumstances. Our brethren mean to be true to the Lord in the payment of their tithe, and although they are much pressed for means from the experience of the past summer yet it is hoped that another year will be more productive and their difficulties will be met. Whatever happens, brethren, do not withhold the Lord's tithe.

Elder J. G. Walker was unanimously re-elected as President of the conference again, and Brother C. O. Smith was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer of the conference and tract society. A few changes were made in the membership of the executive committee, and among the department secretaries.

Elder J. L. Wilson, who has labored in British Columbia ever since the beginning of the work there, having lately received a call to the Alberta Conference, was convicted that he should answer the call, and the delegates voted to release him for the work in Alberta. The prayers of the Lord's people in the British Columbia Conference will follow Brother Wilson and his family to their new field of labor.

During the last meeting of the conference, Brother Jacob Rottacker was ordained to the gospel ministry. The presence of the Lord was manifested in a large measure, and it was evident that his seal was set to the step taken. May the Lord bless Brother and Sister Rottacker and help them to fulfill the mission to which the Lord has called them by this new experience.

The entire conference was remarkable for the quiet and gentle spirit which seemed to have possession of every heart. During the entire time there was no unpleasantness manifested, and it was restful to labor under such conditions.

This conference was one long to be remembered by those present, and as the time for the adjourn-

ment drew near the people were reluctant to separate. It seemed a foretaste of the glorious time when the children of the Lord shall come from the East and from the West, from the North and from the South, and sit down together in the kingdom of God.

"Shall one be missing, when we meet there,  
Beyond our wishing, beyond our care?  
No farewell sadness can ever come,  
But only gladness in that sweet home.

"Be this our token in parting hour,  
Of faith unbroken, in Keeping Power,  
That none be missing Immortal Love  
When warm hands pressing shall clasp above.

"Shall one be missing, when warm hands pressing,  
And songs of blessing our joy declare?  
Sweet home eternal, beyond earth's care:  
Shall one be missing when we meet there?"

H. S. SHAW.

## Saskatchewan Conference

Office Address, Box 244, Regina, Saskatchewan.

President, A. C. Gilbert; Secretary-Treasurer, E. R. Allen; Religious Liberty Secretary, O. O. Farnsworth; Tract Society Secretary, E. R. Allen; Field and Missionary Secretary, R. P. Mooney; Missionary Volunteer Secretary, G. F. Ross; Sabbath-school Secretary, Mrs. A. C. Gilbert; Educational Secretary, A. C. Gilbert.

### WINNING SOULS IN 1914

While visiting one of our churches a few weeks ago, I was impressed with the determination of the members to do some definite missionary work for the Lord during the New Year. Each one in this company is going to try to bring one person into the truth. What a worthy object they have before them for the year upon which we have just entered.

Now, I am wondering why ALL our faithful brethren and sisters in Saskatchewan should not have this for their aim in missionary work in 1914. It can be done, and done easily too.

Souls to be saved are about us on every side. We have the message that will save. God has the power which makes this message a "live wire," and which will vitalize the heart who is dead in sin. But there is something lacking. God has wisely ordained that man shall co-operate with him in the plan of salvation.

What and where is the lack? The soul to be saved is waiting; the saving message is waiting; the power which electrifies the message is waiting; Jesus is waiting to superintend the work. Why this waiting? Why this lack? The plan that is laid for the salvation of that soul is waiting for you and me. That soul needs the human touch. It is this human touch, our personality, that makes the contact between the dynamo of heaven and the heart that is dead in trespasses and sin. If we will

go and work for the saving of that friend or neighbor who knows not the way to life, the Saviour will send the current of His Spirit's power through the message we bear, and through us to the soul whom we are touching by our words of warning and admonition, and presenting to the throne of grace in humble prayer.

So we see, dear brethren and sisters, that everything is ready for us to bring at least one person to the Lord this coming year. Our success depends upon our consecration to the will of our Master so that he can trust us with his mighty power.

The week of prayer just passed has brought many blessings to the believers in Saskatchewan, and therefore ought not every one to give his best effort this year for the saving of the lost? Shall we not arouse more fully to the tremendous responsibility that rests upon us because of our knowledge of the truth? God has told us that the work of salvation will never be finished unless every church member engages with the ministry in helping to proclaim the "good tidings of great joy."

The motto for the home missionary workers is, "Every Sabbath-keeper to bring at least one soul to Christ during 1914." Let us enter heartily into the work outlined for home missionaries. May the Lord help us in Saskatchewan to practice the motto, and reach the aim.

A. C. GILBERT.

### WESTERN CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE

We are hoping that it will be convenient for many of our brethren and sisters in Saskatchewan to avail themselves of the opportunity to attend the biennial session of this Union Conference. Those who are planning for this meeting are expecting a large outpouring of the blessing of God, and so we are anxious that many of our people in this province will be able to go and share the refreshing from on high.

Details in connection with this meeting are fully presented elsewhere in this paper. Please study them carefully, and then pray for the Lord to provide a way for you to be there.

A. C. GILBERT.

### ROSS-MOONEY

On the afternoon of December 30, 1913, the home of Sister E. J. Mooney, at McLean, was the scene of a pleasant association of relatives and friends who gathered to honor the wedding of Sister Mooney's daughter, Emma, and Brother Andrew Ross.

After the nuptial service, which was conducted by the writer, all were informally entertained, and refreshments were served. Brother and Sister Ross will take up residence at McLean. May the Lord ever be the guide and counsellor of these young people as they unitedly thread their way through the untried channels of life's uncharted stream.

A. C. GILBERT.



THE EDITOR AND SASKATCHEWAN STUDENTS AT ALBERTA ACADEMY

## SASKATCHEWAN NOTES

Elder Rider reports some new Sabbath-keepers at Amelia, where he has been working the past few weeks. Mrs. Rider is now in Lacombe, Alta.

Our tithe for 1913 was about \$3,000 more than in 1912, reaching a total of \$11,842.41.

All will be glad to know that our Sabbath-school donations for the year 1913 reached the sum of \$2,754.68. What shall be our aim for this year? Can we make it \$3,500?

Elder Mackintosh has spent the last three Sabbaths at Edenwold. He reports a number of conversions. A number of the young people there have accepted Christ. The Sabbath-school donations from there the past quarter was \$37.00.

The Moose Hall, corner 11th avenue and Cornwall Street, Regina, has been engaged for Sabbath and Sunday night meetings. The Sabbath meetings will be held at 2 p.m. for a time at least. We trust that any of our people who may be in the city will meet with us.

Some encouraging omens are seen in the work at Regina. One family who at one time kept the Sabbath, but became discouraged, have renewed their covenant with the Lord. Elder Mackintosh is kept very busy distributing literature and holding Bible readings.

We have been receiving at the office quite a large number of orders for tracts the last few days. This indicates to us that our brethren and sisters are awakening to the fact that upon them depends the finishing of the work, and that one of the best means of conveying the truth to others is by the use of tracts. We have a good assortment of tracts at the office and are prepared to fill orders promptly.

We are receiving good reports from the meetings held during the week of prayer. Sinners have given themselves to God, backsliders have been reclaimed, and old difficulties have been removed. We hope to see good results through the whole year from the reconsecration which has taken hold of our people.

The February Signs Magazine is an exceptionally good one. The first article on the industrial unrest and what it means is only one of the many good things which this issue contains. Conditions everywhere indicate that this paper should have a wide circulation. Five or more copies to one address, five cents each.

Word received from Prince Albert states that Brother H. L. English is in the hospital very ill with pleuro-pneumonia. He has been very low, but we understand he is slightly better. We trust that he will soon be able to be out again. Brother English has been doing good work in the distribution of literature.

The new paper for church officers, "The Church Officers' Gazette," has made its appearance. This is what we have needed for many years, and there will no longer be any excuse for our church officers not knowing the duties that devolve upon them. We trust that every church officer who is not getting the paper will subscribe at once. The price is fifty cents per year, or thirty-five cents when two or more copies are sent to one address.

## FOR SALE

THIS YEAR'S SANITARIUM COOKING OIL—Free from animal fats. Shipped in 37½-pound five-gallon cans at 15½ cents per pound f.o.b. In barrel lots of 375 pounds each f.o.b. Winnipeg, or 404 pounds each f.o.b. Vancouver, 12½ cents per pound. Address Mrs. L. J. Burrill, Janes Road P. O., S. Vancouver, B. C.

## Alberta Conference

Office Address, Lacombe, Alberta.

President, C. A. Burman; Secretary-Treasurer, U. Wissner; Educational Secretary, J. I. Beardsley; Missionary Volunteer Secretary, A. Pond; Field and Missionary Secretary, L. T. Heaton; Sabbath-school Secretary, Miss H. G. McCulloch; Tract Society Secretary, U. Wissner; Religious Liberty Secretary, W. A. Clemenson.

## ROSEBUD

On Tuesday, December 16, Elder Humann and the writer arrived at Beiseker to spend the remaining part of the week of prayer. We found that the church school had been closed for the week, and arrangements made for two meetings a day. As the readings were read each day, and appropriate remarks given, the truth went home to hearts that had become cold and indifferent by many worldly cares. The reading for Wednesday, and the importance of all becoming workers for God, made a very deep impression. All present saw that they had been feeding without exercise, and were in a spiritually dyspeptic condition. Many resolved to begin anew to labor for the Master.

Following the reading on Sabbath, a collection of \$78.50 was taken. Then we proceeded to carry out the instruction found in John thirteen. The Spirit of God was very near as we partook of the ordinances. On Sunday a business meeting was called. The treasurer's report showed a great increase in tithes and offerings over the previous year. Altogether he had received about \$3,000, of which about \$1,800 was tithe.

The librarian's report showed several thousand pages of tracts distributed, and other work done. Several expressed themselves as displeased with it and said that the next report would appear different. Sixty-seven subscriptions for the German "Signs of the Times" were ordered, and arrangements made to get them into the hands of neighbors and friends.

The following officers were elected with but one dissenting vote: Elder, A. A. Roth; Deacon, Fred Suelzle; Treasurer, John Dais; Clerk, Henry Kindopp; Missionary Secretary, Samuel Leiske.

An excellent spirit was shown during the whole week, and with few exceptions the whole church was awakened to a realization of the times in which we live. Brighter days are in store for the members of this church.

C. A. BURMAN.

## CALGARY

By request, the writer attended the services of the English and German companies here. The Lord came near with his Spirit, and hearts melted under its influence.

Elder Burman visited us the week following, and brought "meat in due season." He also conducted

the ordinances. Sunday following, we had the church business meeting in the morning and election of officers for the coming year. Financially the church made a favorable showing, demonstrating that the Lord has set his hand to close the work quickly, bringing in a spirit of giving, that is very encouraging.

In the evening, Elder Burman spoke from the text—"This generation shall not pass, till all be fulfilled." A goodly number were present. At the close, the new church Elder was ordained.

Pray that this city may yet see a goodly number gathered out to meet their Lord.

H. A. NIERGARTH.

### ROLL OF HONOR

The following children, members in the primary division of the Botha Sabbath-school, were successful in reciting their memory verses for the fourth quarter 1913; Russell McCarty, Adelia McCarty, Zella McCarty, Wilma McCarty and Dorothy Ernston.

We are therefore glad to give them a place on the Roll of Honor, and trust that this will be an encouragement to other children who have not yet formed the habit of committing to memory their weekly verses.

H. G. McCULLOCH.

### WINNIFRED

The writer was requested to visit the above church the latter part of the Week of Prayer. The first meeting, Friday night, was well attended, and also every meeting held. Six meetings were held, and the Spirit of God was present. Although the members had poor crops, they are of good courage, looking for the coming of Jesus.

Soon, very soon, we will have fought the last battle—soon we will all go home. Then we will no longer have to contend with crop failures. We will forget all about adversities. Jesus will be our "All in All." His wonderful love will be the theme. Pray for the Winnifred church.

R. A. NIERGARTH.

### ACADEMY NOTES

Dr. Mary Heleson of Harmattan is a visitor in Rosedale.

Mr. Robert VanBuskirk has improved the appearance of his house in Rosedale by a recent coat of paint.

Mrs. J. I. Beardsley returned home last Monday evening after spending a few days at High River and Nanton.

Prof. Carruthers, principal of the Lacombe High School, and Mr. W. Morrison, accompanied by their families, were visitors at the Academy last Sunday.

In a letter recently received from Mary Goerlitz, she asks to be remembered to her friends here and regrets that her health does not permit of her returning to school this year.

Sister H. D. Middleton, who recently underwent an operation in the Lacombe Hospital, has returned to her home in Rosedale. We are pleased to report that she is making rapid recovery.

Mr. H. L. Briggs of Salem, Ore., was a guest of Prof. Beardsley on December 22. Mr. Briggs has supplied the school with dried fruits for several years, and a large order has again been placed with him this winter.

The patrons of the Academy are kindly requested not to send personal checks but rather post office, bank or express money orders, as we frequently have trouble in cashing out of town checks.

A local hardware firm recently presented the school with four suitably framed pictures. These, we are certain, will add much to the attractiveness of the public rooms.

Sister Wm. Tall and children arrived some two weeks ago and Brother Tall immediately celebrated by enrolling for full school work for the remainder of the year.

Sisters Lillian Hagman of Fairview and F. J. Hippach of Lacombe were visitors at the services last Sabbath. Sister Patterson and family of Gull Lake also attended.

Mr. F. Duckett, one of our neighbors who lives north of the Academy, recently visited the school. We are always glad of the opportunity of welcoming visitors to all the school exercises as well as to inspect the buildings.

Brother A. H. Brigham of Regina, Sask., has been with us for a few days auditing the Conference and Academy books to date. He returned to Regina on the 6th inst.

Word has been received from Edward Scott of Mannville, who was recently called from school by telegram, that circumstances will not permit of his returning to the Academy this winter.

New Sabbath-school officers were elected December 27 as follows: Senior Division Superintendent, A. C. Patterson; assistant, L. A. Philpott; secretary, Vera Alcock; assistant, Lewis Liske; organist, Eva Haynal; chorister, Wm. Landeen. Primary Department Superintendent, Sister Della Burroway; secretary, Clara Gibson.

Chas. Sample writes from his old home at Gaston, Ore., that since his parents and Maybelle have moved to Mountain View, Cal., where his father is connected with the Pacific Press, he is in charge of the home farm. He asks to be remembered to his old schoolmates and teachers.

Several of the students spent the holidays with friends and relatives among whom were: George and Nellie Shankel, Sam Shafer, John Thom, Sadie Fayne, Herbert Deutchmann, Edwin Oldham, Howard Hanson, W. G. McCready, Phyllis and George Sargeant, Ruby and Elwin Rick and Earl Carle. Several others were invited to Rosedale and Lacombe. The remaining students enjoyed themselves at the Academy, keeping up their regular work. They had for a diversion the public entertainment on Christmas eve, and a prolonged play hour Christmas afternoon which was spent in skating.

During the holidays the following were visitors at the Academy: Francis Baker of Nanton, who came to see her sister Edith; Sister Peter Repp of Midnapore, accompanied by her son, to visit her daughter, and Brother C. Pearson and Miss Schilling from Red Deer called on Fred Pearson, and Brother J. J. Trefz of Hanna visited his three children in the school. We were also glad to see Brother Daniel Armeneau of Gull Lake, Sask., who was a student last year, who spent a day or two renewing old acquaintances in the Academy.

"The Right and the Wrong Way" is the title of a program that was carried out in the dining-room of the Acad-

emy on Wednesday evening, December 24. The right and the wrong way to shovel, sweep, dust, build fires, wash, iron, mop, wash dishes, prepare vegetables, care for one's private room and to carry on a class recitation, were all demonstrated by students of the Academy. The scenes were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music and a selected reading. All were highly entertaining. It is hoped that the lessons in order, cleanliness and economy of time, taught that evening, may never be erased from the minds of those present. At the close of the program, Elder P. P. Adams was presented with a beautiful silver baton by the chorus class. The same evening Mrs. A. J. Beardsley, matron, and Miss H. A. Beardsley, preceptress, were presented with a suitably framed picture and a fountain pen by the girls of East Hall. After observing the exhibits of the domestic science, normal and sewing classes, all retired to their homes feeling that they had spent a pleasant and profitable evening.

The latest students to enrol are Sister C. J. Rider and Etta Long of Sunset, Sask.; Max Popow, John Surkan and John Slusarenko of Coronation, and E. W. Baker of Calgary. This brings our enrolment up to 166, which is the highest in the history of the school. Of this number 125 are from Alberta, 28 from Saskatchewan, nine from Manitoba, two from British Columbia, and one each from Quebec, Wisconsin and California.

An instructive program was given in the Sabbath-school December 27, in connection with the thirteenth Sabbath offering. We were fortunate in having with us Sister Della Burroway, a missionary on furlough from India. After nine years of service among the people of Bengal, Miss Burroway is well qualified to relate practical experiences. All were impressed with the magnitude of the work to be done among the Bengali people, who number about 65,000,000, all speaking the same language. The language can be mastered in a year, at the end of which period the missionaries pass their examination. The mode of travelling there is not always the best, but the servant of Christ in a foreign field is contented, if need be, to ride in an ox cart. Miss Burroway in her work among the children, tells of laboring in five different Sabbath-schools each Sabbath. This is a clear instance of India's growing need of consecrated laborers. The collection last Sabbath was to aid missionaries during their study of the language.

## Manitoba Conference

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### THE WEEK OF PRAYER

One more week of prayer is in the past. I trust we have all received a refreshing from the Lord to encourage us on our way. The keynote of our readings seemed to be the nearness of Christ's coming and our preparation for that event.

One thing that impressed me much was the exhortation to labor for the unconverted of our own household. Whether young or old, they should be in the fold. Who is better qualified to labor for them than those who know them best and naturally should be most interested in them.

Doubtless we have all realized our shortcomings in one way or another, and resolved by the help of God to overcome. Let us be careful to hold fast that which we have gained lest our blessing leak away through some neglect to watch and pray and daily study the Word.

I spent the first part of the week with the Winnipeg church. Services were held each evening with fair attendance. The Lord came near to bless. Quite a few are actively engaged in missionary effort in one way or another for their neighbors and friends, and the Lord is blessing their efforts.

Children's meetings were held by Mrs. Chapman, and the good Spirit continued after I left, and others took charge of the meetings. The last one was reported as a real praise service.

We are cheered at the office as the tithes and offerings come in from the brethren through the province. Although this year is a little harder in some ways than last, we believe the different funds will be somewhat larger, showing that we are not going backward. The present outlook is encouraging. Our Conference is now self-supporting, for which we praise the Lord.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

### RADCLIFFE-BLABEY

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. A. M. Blabey, near Lothair, Manitoba, Wednesday, December 31, by Elder V. W. Robb, when Miss Ethel Florence Blabey and Mr. John Radcliffe, formerly of London, England, were united in matrimony. They were attended by Mr. Roy Nesbitt and Miss Ruby Leffler.

After the ceremony and usual congratulations, the guests sat down to the sumptuous dinner that had been prepared. The high esteem in which the young couple are held by their many friends was shown by the beautiful gifts received. Their acquaintances will be glad to learn that they contemplate making Manitoba their home for some time, and will unite in wishing them much happiness as they travel life's pathway together.

### MANITOBA NOTES

Elder Chapman recently met with the workers at Brandon, counselling with them about the work in that city.

The Annual Offering of the Winnipeg English church was over \$21.

We have received a supply of the Morning Watch Calendar, and we trust that each member in the conference will secure a copy of this excellent little booklet.

Brother George Soper, of Brandon, secured \$11 from the distribution of the Harvest Ingathering number of the Review and Herald in that city.

Sister Julia Lidgren, who has for some time lived at Emerson, has now moved to Lancaster, Minnesota. While at Emerson, Sister Lidgren did all she could in scattering tracts, selling books and periodicals.

Desiring to have a part in actual missionary work, Sister Pangman recently made a visit among her friends, and sold six copies of Ministry of Healing, and several copies of the little book "Those Bible Readings."

While at Bradwardine during the Week of Prayer, Elder Chapman organized a Young People's Society with fourteen members. We now have three societies in the conference.

Sisters Carmichael and McAlpine have had very good success with the home workers' books, and in a few weeks time before Christmas, have taken about sixty-five orders for these books. The people are anxious to get them, and some have remarked that they have been looking through the bookstores for just such books.

The Harvest Ingathering returns are coming to the office in each mail, and it is cheering to see how the Lord has blessed in this work. Already we have a large gain over our ingathering last year. One sister in sending her offering says: "I have almost finished with the Harvest Ingathering work. Had a good experience, and never enjoyed it better than I did this year. The Lord helped me wonderfully." May this good work continue till our quota is reached.

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### \*THE CONFERENCE SABBATH-SCHOOL

Our opening hymn was announced by the organ's prelude, and the congregation rose and sang (without using the hymn book) "O, Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness," then all bowed in prayer led by Elder Giddings.

Not having the minutes of the last conference Sabbath-school, items were given from the records of a number of Sabbath-schools throughout the conference. Then the primary division passed out, singing as they marched "Tis Love That Makes Us Happy."

The lesson for the day was conducted in a most interesting way. It was a review of the first five chapters of Romans, and these chapters were assigned respectively to Brethren C. E. Wood, of Penticton; E. S. Horsman, of Vancouver; George Freeman, of Victoria; Henry Berg, of Grandview; and W. C. White, of Cumberland. At the close of each chapter all Bibles were closed, and a verse from that chapter was recited in unison.

The children then returned from their room and answered very readily to a review of the lessons on the "Plagues of Egypt." Then they repeated in concert, the memory verses for the quarter. The Ten Commandments were also repeated. An exhibition of some of the idols worshipped in the world today was then given, and we were shown by the

\*From Secretary's Report.

children a great many things that we sometimes forget are really idols, for often they come between us and God.

Elder Shaw spoke of the wonderful way in which God prepared Bibles and sent them all over the world, and then prepared the means of swift transportation, and said "Go, and give the message and finish it in one generation." He read a beautiful little story of the year 1800, of a little girl's longing for a Bible, and her great efforts to get one, and how this led finally to the establishment of the first Bible Society. And now the Bible is in the farthest heathen lands where it is treasured, and we should prize God's holy Word.

While the offering was being taken, Brother Manfull spoke of the advancement in the Sabbath-school work and the wonderful increase in donations; also of the training which the Sabbath-school gives the young people.

The record was taken showing a membership in the senior and junior divisions of 70, with 19 in the primary division, making a total of 89. Donations for the senior and junior divisions amounted to \$14.40, and for the primary division, 78 cents, making a total of \$15.18.

No hymn books were used during the service, and special emphasis was placed on the importance of learning the hymns so that the books would not always be necessary in our singing.

The minutes for the day were read and accepted, and all repeated the Lord's Prayer in closing.

E. R. POTTER, Supt.

BERTHA LOFSTAD, Secretary.

### WORKERS' INSTITUTE AT PITT MEADOWS

Time is short. Our people may secure a quick preparation for the work by attending an institute to be held at Pitt Meadows, January 23 to February 3. While this institute will be conducted especially for those who wish to canvass, all our people should get the valuable instructions. Elders Warren, Walker and Giddings, Brethren Manfull, Potter and others, will be present to help make the instructions interesting and beneficial. For full particulars write to the undersigned, at 1708 Maple Street, Vancouver, B.C.

E. S. HORSMAN.

### NOTICE

Reports and communications in regard to Sabbath-school work should now be sent to Miss Bertha Lofstad, 1708 Maple Street, Vancouver, B.C. At our recent Conference she was appointed Sabbath-school Secretary. Superintendents and secretaries please note the change, without delay. All reports and correspondence about the Young People's work should be sent to Miss Lydia Stickle, Firvale, B.C., as she still remains in charge of that work.

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### Western Canadian Union Conference Directory

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### THE STEADY SUBSCRIBER

How dear to our heart is the steady subscriber

Who pays in advance at the birth of each year,—  
 Who lays down the money, and does it quite gladly,  
 And casts 'round the office a halo of cheer.

He never says, "Stop it; I cannot afford it,  
 I'm getting more papers than now I can read;"  
 But always says, "Send it; our people all like it;

In fact, we all think it a help and a need."  
 How welcome his check when it reaches our sanctum!  
 How it makes our pulse throb! How it makes our  
 hearts dance!

We outwardly thank him; we inwardly bless him—  
 The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

—Inland Printer.

The Tidings extends to its readers the new year's greetings, with the wish that happiness and prosperity may attend each of you. "May the new year have in store for you good things in good measure—a richer, fuller, better year than any that have gone before." Let us bring into our lives the practice of those pure and holy principles which will help and bless those with whom we come in contact, and the joy and sunshine that we may be able to shed upon other lives will react upon our own.

By the time this paper reaches its readers less than three weeks will remain before the opening date of the coming Union Conference session at Lacombe, Alberta. It is therefore time to complete definite arrangements for attending.

At this season of the year it will be no small task to provide entertainment for the large number who will attend. The Alberta Conference has kindly offered to provide lodging and meals for all who are present, which will be possible through the courtesy of the Lacombe church and the Alberta Academy management, who will do everything possible for our comfort and convenience. Rooms will be free, but it will be necessary to bring the needed bedding. Meals will be served at the academy, and tickets will

be sold at twenty-five cents each or five for one dollar.

There is one thing which must receive attention at once. All who desire accommodation during the conference must write immediately to F. L. Hommel, Lacombe, Alberta. An entertainment committee has been appointed who will do their utmost to provide for those who arrive late, but they cannot promise anything to those who do not apply before the first of February. Kindly remember this and write at once. The church has been thoroughly canvassed, and every vacancy ascertained, and these will be filled as the letters arrive.

The officials of the three connecting railways have extended to us the regular convention rates on the certificate plan, with which all our people are well acquainted. Without doubt more than one hundred will be in attendance, and return tickets will be free. When purchasing your ticket DO NOT fail to secure a STANDARD CONVENTION CERTIFICATE from each road over which you travel. Without these, it will be impossible to secure for you the benefit of the reduced rates. Tickets may be secured any time after February 4, and will be good for return trip until February 25.

If these instructions are remembered and carried out it will save disappointment and confusion when you arrive at the conference, and will materially aid in making the meeting a successful one.

### WESTERN CANADIAN UNION CONFERENCE

The third biennial session of the Western Canadian Union Conference has been appointed to meet at Lacombe, Alberta, February 11-22, 1914, to elect officers for the next union conference term, and to transact such other business as may properly be considered by the delegates at that time.

In connection with this meeting, there will be held a ministerial institute and a colporteurs' convention. Instruction will be given in Sabbath-school, home missionary and young people's work, also for the help of church officers.

This will doubtless be the most important meeting ever called by this people in this field since the organization of our work here. It is hoped that our people will attend as far as reasonable at this time of year.

H. S. SHAW, President.

A. H. BRIGHAM, Secretary.

### REPORT OF SALES

#### Canadian Branch Office, December, 1913

	Sub'n.	40%	Trade	Educ.	Tracts	Bibles
Man.	\$ 47.35	\$ 7.35	\$ 17.90	\$ .70	\$ 2.26	\$ . . . .
Sask.	47.30	39.45	25.90	20.65	7.74	. . . .
Alberta	62.45	79.55	97.70	10.95	12.25	5.00
B.C.	106.50	95.05	14.75	20.49	11.25	6.50
	\$263.60	\$221.40	\$156.25	\$52.79	\$33.90	\$11.50
Total Sales for December						\$ 739.44
Total Sales for Twelve Months, 1913						35,863.69
Total Sales for Twelve Months, 1912						29,836.78

Gain in 1913 over 1912 . . . . . \$ 6,026.91