

NORTHERN UNION READER

A G Daniells

"The HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW"

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ANOTHER CHANCE TO HELP

We have the pleasure this week of showing our readers a picture of the sort of "ox-mobiles" in use down in far India, where Brother J. S. James is located. He has written a very interesting letter about the work in that country, and has appealed to his friends in the home field, especially to those of the union where he last labored, with the hope that someone would respond to an urgent need.

It is often such definite, specific enterprises that appeal most forcibly to our young people. To try to raise a portion of some big fund that goes into a common "hopper" is not often so inspiring as to aid in the development or purchase of some concrete thing, in which the end of the effort is soon reached, and the attention may be turned to new fields and new enterprises.

It occurred to our union president, Brother Underwood, that it would be a good idea to place this picture and a portion of Brother James' letter before our young people and others who might be interested, and give an opportunity for the Lord to impress hearts to respond to the call for assistance. Brother James says:—

"The people have given us two acres of good land for a building and a garden. They have also given us the use of their school building to carry on our dispensary work until we are able to put up one of our own. We must equip a good dispensary,

as that is the big end of our work in a field like this. It requires some means to do this, and I feel that many of our young people, as well as others, would be glad to help us establish this line of work. One hundred dollars would give us a fairly good equipment and supply the initial stock of necessary medicines. We do not have in mind anything like an elaborate hospital or sanitarium. Our furniture will be made from jungle lumber and by native labor. Only the absolute necessities will

be furnished. I wish you could step in here and see the conditions under which we are trying to carry the message of God's grace to these people. It would make a stone cry, and I am sure you would not sleep until you had put forth a vigorous effort to supply the need. Dear brother, can you not interest some society or church or individual in raising the means to supply this need?



"Then our next great need is something to haul us back and forth to our work among the different villages, and go to the railway station when we have to bring goods to the mission. We do not ask for an automobile, nor a three-seated carriage, nor a covered express-wagon. All we want, and all that is required, is a pair of Indian bullocks and a two-wheeled covered cart, sufficient to protect us from the sun and weather. This simple and modest outfit will cost us about \$100. We are twenty-three miles from the railroad, and almost everything we eat must be hauled this distance.

When we wish to go on the train we have to ride all night in one of these carts to get to the station. Passing the night in a box six by two and a half feet, roughly drawn over the stones by bullocks that seldom exceed three miles an hour, is not very restful."

Now the plan is for all isolated young people who feel inclined to help, to send their offerings direct to their local conference treasurer, telling him that it is for the \$200 fund for Brother James. That all regular societies set apart a special meeting, ten days or two weeks ahead, at which a special offering will be taken from the young people and as many other church members as will assist; this also to be sent to the conference treasurer, and by the conference treasurers forwarded as soon as possible to Brother Everest, our union treasurer, who will see that it reaches its intended place.

Our success in raising this fund will depend upon the loyalty and friendship of those whose hearts are touched by the call, and we hope and pray that many will respond. J. G. LAMSON.

MINISTERS' READING COURSE

PART I—RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

LESSON V

Readings:—

Test. Vol. V., pp. 711-720. Religious Liberty Leaflet No. 5, "Civil Government and the Church," by W. A. Colcord. Religious Liberty Leaflet No. 9, "Limits of Civil Authority," by L. A. Smith. 1 Peter 2:12-14, 16, 19; 3:15, 16; 4:15, 16.

37. What is conscience? May it be educated?

38. Prove that if a man has a conscience toward anything *that thing* is an object of worship to him, i. e., *his God*.

39. Should I obey a state law, a magistrate, a police officer, because of conscience? Conscience toward whom?

40. If a police officer should order you to "move on" when you had an apparent right to remain, would you obey "for wrath," i. e., fear of punishment; or "for conscience sake"? Rom. 13:15.

41. How far should this obedience to the civil arm extend? Read Test. "The Southern Work," p. 131, last paragraph, note third sentence. Also 1 Cor. 6:1—Matt. 5:25, 40.

42. How far did it extend in the case of Joseph? Daniel? Peter? Paul?

43. Did their conduct "conform to the customs of the times," as long as those customs did not bring them into conflict with the expressed will of God?

44. May I appeal to Caesar (the state) or other authority of government for any cause or

under any circumstances? Have you Bible authority for your answer? J. G. LAMSON.

WHAT IS THE RECORD FOR 1908?

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTHERN UNION CONFERENCE:—

DEAR BRETHREN:—I have noted with great pleasure the hearty response to the request of the General Conference that each conference raise an amount equaling at least ten cents a week for each church member. This has been voted by each conference without any opposing voice.

You may be glad to know the exact amounts raised by the various conferences in the Northern Union during 1908. North Dakota stands in the lead in the union. According to her church membership, which is reported to be 917, she has given \$8.55 per capita. This is a little over 16 cents per capita a week. South Dakota stands next in the list, having given \$6.63 per capita. This is a fraction over 12 cents a week for each member. Minnesota ranks third. She has given \$4.96 per capita, which is 9½ cents a week per capita. Iowa stands fourth, having given only \$3.34 for each member, or a fraction over 6 cents a week per capita. The total average for the entire union is 9.6 cents a week, or a little less than 10 cents a week. This does not include the tithe that the different conferences voted to give to distant lands. If this tithe should be included it would raise the total amount to about 14 cents a week per capita for the entire membership. But this is not designed to be included. This shows that Iowa will have to nearly double her efforts to reach the quota. This may be because her actual membership is not correctly reported. If Iowa's membership is correct as reported, then she has fallen behind largely in reaching the amount she has pledged to give.

The elders of the churches should take this matter up and do their best to have the members come up fully to the standard. No one should feel satisfied until this is reached or excelled. The demands upon our mission funds are increasing every day, and surely our good brethren will desire to respond by giving of their means to send the gospel message to earth's remotest bounds.

The above figures were worked out by Brother Larson, the union conference auditor, and myself, and I feel that they represent the various conferences correctly. Two and a half months have already passed of the present year, and I wish to urge each church officer to be faithful in seeing that the membership is contributing weekly to missions, including Sabbath school offerings, an amount equal to ten cents a week.

I understand that Minnesota has given about

\$300 more than the ten cents a week during the last half of the year. The Iowa conference may be in the same position. These conferences as conferences did not vote to raise this amount till the year 1908 was about half gone. However we hope that each conference will more than raise this amount during 1909.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

A READING ON THE CANVASSING WORK

21. What should be the character of the workers?

"No one should have any part in the work of the canvasser or colporter whose hand is defiled with sin, or whose heart is not right with God; for such persons will surely dishonor the cause of God."—Test. 32, p. 155; Ex. 59:1-3; John 9:31; Prov. 28:13; John 15:5. "The canvasser should be chaste like Joseph, meek like Moses, and temperate like Daniel; then a power will attend him wherever he goes."—Ib., p. 152. See Gospel Workers, p. 434. "The love of Jesus abiding in his heart will enable him to devise means to gain access to individuals and families."—Ib., p. 152. "The love of Jesus in the soul will lead the canvasser to feel it a privilege to labor to diffuse light. He will plan, pray and study over the matter."—Ib., p. 159.

22. Do persons need any preparation for this work?

"Young men who desire to enter the work as ministers, colporters or canvassers, should first receive a suitable mental training, as well as a special preparation for their calling. Those who are uneducated, untrained, and unrefined are unprepared to enter a field in which the powerful influences of talent and education combat the truths of God's word."—Gospel Workers, p. 292; 2 Tim. 2:15. "He should make thorough preparation, but should not be content with a set form of words."—Test. 32, p. 152. "The third angel is represented as flying through the midst of heaven, showing that the message is to go throughout the length and breadth of the earth. It is the most solemn message given to mortals, and all who propose to connect themselves with the work should first feel their need of an education and a most thorough training. Plans should be made and efforts put forth for the improvement of all who anticipate entering any branch of the work."—Gospel Workers, p. 290. "Those who desire to give themselves to the work of God, should receive an education and training for the work, that they may be prepared to engage in it intelligently."—Ib., p. 282.

24. Has the church any duty in this matter?

"There are many who ought to become missionaries, but who never enter the field, because those who are united with them in church capacity

or in colleges do not feel the burden to labor with them, to open before them the claims of God upon all their powers, and do not pray with them and for them; the eventful period which decides the course of their life passes, their convictions are stifled, other influences and inducements attract them, and temptations to seek positions which will, they think, bring them financial gain, take them into the worldly current. These might have been saved to the cause. If the churches do their duty, God will work with their efforts by his spirit, and will supply faithful laborers for the ministry and missionary field."—Ib., p. 291.

W. L. MANFULL.

[To be continued]

THE OFFERING OF APRIL 3

This annual offering for orphans and dependent aged comes on the first Sabbath in April, April 3. Will not all the brethren and sisters and young people and children pray and work to make this offering a liberal one. There are orphans and aged among us to be looked after as sheep and lambs of the Good Shepherd's flock. Let us all lift in this matter just as though our own dear ones were in need; for these needy ones are our own by the tenderest ties of fellowship in "the whole family in heaven and earth." We invite those who cannot attend the service on that day to send in their offering also.

The General Conference Committee are recommending a special effort this year in all the union and local conferences, in order that the fund coming into the treasury may, if possible, admit of sharing with the orphanage for colored children which the Testimonies earnestly urge to be established at Huntsville, Ala., in connection with the colored school and sanitarium.

Sister White and her helpers have been working for this on the Pacific Coast, and Northern California has voted to appropriate one-fourth of the amount received this year from this fund, beside helping otherwise. The suggestion has come from Sister White's helpers that all the conferences join in this enterprise. The General Conference Committee concurs in this, and is urging such a response as will enable the conferences to appropriate a fourth of the amount received, to this needy southern enterprise. It is a cause that will appeal to all hearts. Let us all work for it.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

WHEN parents cease to take care of their children, the Devil will take care of them, for he is interested in the youth.

To know God and make him known is our business here.—*Thoburn*.

✿ From the Field ✿

Iowa Conference

THE SUNDAY LAW HEARING AT DES MOINES

The brethren and sisters of Iowa will naturally be interested in learning of the hearings that were given before the House and Senate Judiciary Committees March 10 and 11, respectively. At the hearing granted before the House committee Wednesday, the 10th inst., there were considerably over a hundred people present, a large per cent of whom were Seventh-day Adventists. Most of the Stuart Academy students and the sanitarium employes, besides brethren and sisters of Des Moines, were in attendance. Those in favor of the Sunday bill had been given a hearing the week previous and the opponents of the bill were to have the time on this occasion. However, several preachers who favored the bill were present and forced themselves upon the committee a second time, in spite of the protest of the chairman. This is in keeping with the usual tactics of Sunday law advocates. It is force and aggression from start to finish.

The first three speakers were representatives of the labor organizations of the state and of vested interests. Each made a decided protest against the Sunday bill, and pled for their natural rights as American citizens. The president of the State Federation of Labor, Mr. Urich, made a dignified speech in the name of labor. Mr. Weaver, an editorial writer on the *Des Moines Capital*, and president of the Musicians' Union, of Des Moines, made a very eloquent speech against the proposed legislation. Elder J. S. Wightman next presented the question from the constitutional standpoint. His arguments were carefully presented and made an impression upon the committee. Elder W. D. Parkhurst, our religious liberty secretary, next spoke against the bill showing it to be a direct violation of the Iowa State Bill of Rights. The writer next took the floor and showed by numerous quotations from the writings of various Sunday law advocates that their purpose in the enactment of such laws was to encourage church attendance—that they understood that the movement, if successful, meant persecution for dissenters, and that they purposed to use the political guillotine on those legislators who refused to line up with them. The following are some of the quotations used:—

"Give us good Sunday laws, well enforced by men in local authority, and our churches will be full of worshippers."
—Rev. S. V. Leech, D. D.

Let those who will, remember the Sabbath to keep it holy

from motives of law and obedience, the remnant must be made to do so through fear of law. We have no option.—Christian Nation.

"We purpose to organize a Sunday Rest League and to erect a guillotine in the United States, in view of which every politician will recognize the fact that he is destined to political beheadal if he does not give us the legislation we demand."
—Rev. W. F. Ireland.

The hearing lasted about two hours. At its close the committee voted to indefinitely postpone consideration of the bill, which is a polite way of killing it.

On Thursday at 4:30 the Senate Judiciary Committee gave the Sunday bill a hearing. The first thirty-five minutes were given to the friends of the bill, the next forty-five minutes to the opponents, then the friends had ten minutes in which to close. The Sunday law advocates came to this hearing thoroughly organized, and they put up a hard fight in favor of the bill. They had several lawyers, educators and business men from various parts of the state to plead their cause. One of the surprises of this hearing was the speech of Father Dougherty, of Mason City, against the bill. He took a square stand in opposition to it as a violation of personal liberty, and declared that he represented the Roman Catholic church of the state in his attitude. It seemed very remarkable to see Protestant ministers urging legal protection for the sanctity of a Catholic institution while the Catholics themselves were asking the government to keep its hands off.

Dean Evans, of the Drake University Law School, arose to explain the difference between the civil and religious Sabbath. In introducing his remarks he used the following language:—

"The American Sabbath is here; it has come to stay and we who believe in it are going to keep it, and by the grace of God and the laws of the legislature we are going to make all the rest keep it."

At this hearing the bill was opposed by Father Dougherty, Mr. Weaver, Elder Parkhurst, Mr. Urich and the writer. Some of the speakers in favor of the bill showed a fury that would have put Nebuchadnezzar to shame, when their purposes and schemes were exposed before the assembled senators. Most of the senators were present, and took a very deep interest in the conflict waged between the principles of religious liberty and religious oppression. The secretary of the State Reform Bureau told the committee that most of the opposition to the bill came from the small sect of Seventh-day Adventists who constitute, said he, but seven-tenths of one per cent of the population. He entirely forgot that government is established to protect the weak. The strong can take care of themselves. He seemed to think the minority has no rights which the majority are bound to respect. However the golden rule has

no part in the plans of the Sunday law advocate. One of the senators reproached Elder Parkhurst with being a representative of a class who were greatly in the minority. He replied that Christ was in the small minority in his day. After the hearing closed one of the ministers present told Elder Rosenwold that if we did not like their way of doing things we had better get out of the country. "This is our country," he added. The spirit of deadly intolerance manifested at these hearings, particularly at the second one, bodes ill for dissenters when the church and state advocates have things their own way.

What the Senate will do with the bill is still an open question. Every effort will be made to resurrect it in the House by means of letters, telegrams and petitions. On our part, let us continue the work with the petitions and do our best by handing out literature and by personal conversations to educate public sentiment along the line of religious liberty. M. N. CAMPBELL.

IOWA NOTES

Professor M. M. Hare, for the past year principal of the academy at Stuart has been asked to take the educational work of the conference after June 1. Though elected to the secretaryship of the educational department of the Northern Union, Professor J. G. Lamson has continued the work in the local conference during the year, giving the state such of his time as he could in connection with other duties. The election of Brother Hare to the local field will permit Brother Lamson to give more of his time to the whole union. The principalship of the faculty at Stuart for the next year will be filled by Brother H. B. Allen, of Michigan, a member of this year's graduating class of Emmanuel Missionary College, and, we understand, a very efficient teacher.

Miss Bernice Walker, of the Stuart Academy, has opened the church school at Sharpsburg for a spring term. The members there have just completed a roomy addition to their church and as everything is new it is a splendid opportunity to have a first class school.

Brother C. E. Waters, superintendent of the farm at Stuart, was called to Michigan last week by the serious illness of his mother. He was followed later by Mrs. Waters. We have not heard since as to the condition of the mother. Her home is near Morley, Mich.

Attendance at the academy has materially decreased since spring approaches, as many have been called home for various reasons. Those remaining are of good courage and are endeavoring to finish the year's work with credit to themselves and to their teachers.

Even the laborers on the sanitarium have the missionary spirit to such an extent that when they can get a day off they go to nearby towns with papers. Brother W. C. Keel is one of these and reports a good time at Ames.

Several members of nearby churches desired to attend the hearing at Des Moines, but could not reach there in time on account of the storms which delayed the trains.

The church school at Decatur is now closed for the year and the teacher, Miss Minnie Wolford, is at her home at Pilot Mound.

Brother J. C. Barcus, who has for some time conducted

treatment rooms at Sioux City, was a visitor at Nevada last week.

Brother P. E. Jensen, superintendent of construction on the new sanitarium, is advertising for a first-class plumber.

Prof. M. M. Hare reports the frost out of the ground, "Iowa mud" in evidence, and spring work opening rapidly.

Minnesota Conference

MINNESOTA NOTES

Brother Benson, an aged man, and a pioneer in the cause of the message in Minnesota has been very ill at his home in Litchfield for some time. This dear brother's courage is good, and he is looking forward in glad anticipation to the time of his meeting with the Saviour.

The members of the church at Fergus Falls have a nice little chapel. It has been newly papered and is a credit to the work in that place. Brother Johansen and his assistants have rented a house in Gotland, a suburb, and will commence meetings in it soon.

Brother C. C. Neufeld writes that he and Brother Reising are about to begin meetings at Bingham Lake. There are a number of German families in that neighborhood, and they hope to be able to reach some of them.

Brother Eugene Christensen, who was compelled to give up the church school at Brainerd because of an attack of typhoid fever, and who has been at his home at Dodge Center, is reported to be slowly recovering.

Misses Etta and Martha Cornish, who have been working in St. Paul and Minneapolis with "Life and Health," have just placed another order for one thousand copies of the March number.

More than seventy persons are taking the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course in Minnesota. This should insure a good study of "Great Controversy."

C. W. Larson, the Northern Union Conference auditor, has completed the audit of the academy books, and has returned to his home in Nevada, Iowa.

Marius Christenson, the farm manager, has moved his family to Maplewood.

MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY NOTES

While our total enrolment is not equal to that of last year, our school family has been considerably larger from the first than in 1907-1908. There are less than half as many outside the home as last year.

The family appreciate the abundance of good milk supplied by the herd, even if it is "scared," as students say, by the Sharpless. We are getting about twenty gallons a day now.

Through the courtesy of Brother Louis Anderson we now possess a Wheeler and Wilson tailor's sewing machine, without cost. It is especially useful in our tent manufacture.

Three students have been called home, and a few others will go later, on account of the work at home; but we expect a larger school during the spring term than a year ago.

We can supply a limited number with settings of full-blood Toulouse goose eggs. Write us if interested.

The tent flies ordered by the conference are completed, and we are ready for more work.

The last student to join us was Mattie Anderson, of Fergus Falls.

Brother Nels Gunderson stopped for a few hours to visit his son Peter.

NOTICE

Doubtless many have been thinking of the collection for the orphans and aged. For a long time the first Sabbath in April has been the date for taking this offering. Let us follow the custom and in all churches and companies, and each isolated member by himself, on Sabbath, April 3, contribute to this worthy cause, of which our Saviour spoke in such emphatic terms. Will all kindly take notice and be prepared.

S. E. JACKSON.

DULUTH

We have been somewhat delinquent about reporting the work here, but will write a little now to let our brethren and sisters know that we are still in the battle. We are not discouraged, although at times the battle goes hard. We have been working in a quiet way this winter. The most of our work has been done in the homes of the people, visiting and giving Bible readings. Both Miss Burghart and myself have our hands more than full with this and other work we have to do.

Beside the regular Sabbath service we are holding a Bible class in the church on Sunday afternoon which is quite well attended by our own people and outsiders.

As a result of our work some fruit has already been gathered, and we are expecting more. On Sabbath, March 6, three candidates were baptized and received into the church. We hope soon to see others taking this step.

Much excellent work has been done in the past by the church members in the scattering of literature, but our need has been better organization. At the beginning of this year we reorganized the work with the purpose of finding something for each one to do. The Lord has blessed the effort, and a commendable beginning has been made. During the months of January and February 195 missionary visits were made, 89 Bible readings held, 5,824 pages of tracts distributed, and 1,127 periodicals were sold and given away, besides subscriptions obtained, missionary letters written and received, and a considerable Christian help work done. One sister who has a special burden for foreign missions, has taken in \$10.75 on the Thanksgiving offering since the first of the year. This makes a total of \$95 that has been received on this fund.

In glancing over the figures of our paper work for the year beginning April 1, 1908, I find there have been about 5,000 periodicals sold and given

away. While not all has been done in any line that we could wish to see, we feel that a good beginning has been made, and we are in hopes that the present year may see a marked growth in all lines.

Owing to the condition of her health Miss Burghart, our Bible worker, feels compelled to take a rest for a short time at least. Sister Burghart has rendered valuable assistance since coming here last fall, and it is with the deepest regret that we see her leave the work. We trust however that with a short rest she may soon regain her health and be ready to again actively engage in the work. Pray for us and our work. C. M. BABCOCK.

South Dakota Conference

COMMITTEE MEETING AT ELK POINT

The conference committee and school board held its spring council at Elk Point, March 8-12, to lay plans for the school work and to counsel regarding the work in the conference. We were pleased to have Elder Underwood with us in our council. Brethren P. H. Christensen, of La Delle, N. C. Kier, from Swan Lake, and A. P. Petersen were also with us as members of the large school committee appointed last year to locate the state academy. Some members of this committee were hindered from being present, owing to sickness and other circumstances.

The spirit of God was felt in our councils as we sought him for wisdom to lay right plans for the carrying forward of the work. Union and harmony prevailed.

We had expected to receive final word regarding the disposition of the Chamberlain school property before the close of our council; but for some cause we did not, and this leaves the matter of the removal of Elk Point Academy somewhat indefinite at present. However, we hope to receive final word within a few days, and the result will then be given to our people. It was decided to continue the school at Elk Point another year, in case we do not secure the Chamberlain property, as it will be impossible to locate the school at some other place and put up the necessary buildings in time for the school work next fall. The school faculty was selected for another year, and Profetsoor Clymer was asked to continue to act as principal of the school, if it remained at Elk Point.

It was decided to invite Elders J. T. Boettcher and Haffner to attend our campmeeting in the interest of the German work; Elders L. Johnson and S. Mortensen in the interest of the Swedish work; Elder A. G. Daniells "and such other help as may be thought necessary and may be available" for the English work.

A committee was appointed to decide upon the location of our campmeeting. It was the mind of the committee to hold it at Chamberlain should we secure the Chamberlain school property. Committees were appointed to look after the different lines of work at our campmeeting and these will doubtless be published in the REAPER in due time.

Elder J. W. Christian, Elder R. E. Harter and Prof. J. B. Clymer were selected to act as delegates to the General Conference.

According to previous arrangements made with the Iowa conference, it was voted and carried "that we extend a hearty welcome to Elder O. M. Kittle, of Iowa, to come to our conference and connect with our work, and that we grant him ministerial credentials."

Among other actions taken were some regarding the canvassing work, and our educational work, and the result of these actions will doubtless be given in the REAPER in due time as far as they are of interest and will concern our people in general.

We thank God for the good council meeting and for the sweet spirit of harmony that prevailed. May the Lord add his blessing to the work and may his cause be advanced in our state.

N. P. NEILSEN, Conf. Com. Sec'y.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

A class of competent nurses will be graduated from the Chamberlain sanitarium this fall. A new class will be started as soon as it is filled. Consecrated young men and women of good physique, who have the necessary literary qualifications, are desired.

A meeting of the conference committee and the school board was held at Elk Point March 8-12. Business of importance to the conference and the school was considered.

Elder O. M. Kittle met with the conference committee at Elk Point, and he will remain at this place for a time and hold some meetings with the church and with the school.

Elder N. P. Nielsen met with the Sioux Falls church last Sabbath (March 13) on his way from the Elk Point meeting to his field of labor west of the Missouri River.

Elders J. W. Christian, R. E. Harter and Prof. J. B. Clymer were chosen to represent the South Dakota Conference at the General Conference.

Have you subscribed for the "General Conference Bulletin"? If not, send in your orders at once. Only fifty cents.

Elder R. E. Harter has been holding some meetings at Madison. The work is onward at that place.

North Dakota Conference

GLENAVON

Sabbath, March 13, I spent with the Glenavon church. There is but a small company there, but we had a pleasant sitting together. The Lord came very near to us, and the little company feel

much encouraged because of his presence. We also celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house, and the former officers were re-elected. It is a treat to meet with a company who dwell in peace with one another, and as we listen to them pleading with God for a closer walk with him, we can only see a bright future before them if they keep humble.

ELDER WAGNER'S CONDITION

Monday night I came to Oakes, and the following morning I visited Brother Wagner in the hospital. He has been here two weeks now, and is still suffering intense pain. I was there when the doctors dressed his wounds, which is done every day and takes two doctors two hours. The doctors say that Brother Wagner is still in a critical condition, and only his strong constitution and healthful habits have saved his life. I will not describe his condition only to say that both his hands, his face, his feet and left thigh are badly burned. He will never be able to have his former use of his hands, but will be practically crippled for life. Let us remember him as we talk with God.

C. J. KUNKEL.

IMPORTANT

Resolved, That we recommend to the union and local conferences that they make special effort in behalf of the offering for orphans and dependent aged the first Sabbath in April, with the view, if the committee can see their way clear to do so, of appropriating one-fourth of the amount received to the home for colored orphans which the Testimonies have said should be established at Huntsville, Ala., in connection with the colored school and sanitarium; and we recommend that in public announcements our people be urged to give liberally, with a view of enabling the conference committees to make this appropriation.

From the minutes of the California conference we learn that at a recent meeting that conference appropriated to the colored orphanage one-half of the orphanage funds then on hand, and one-fourth of the collection to be taken in April.

From a telegram just received we learn that Sister White's helpers have matter ready to send out to aid in securing a good collection, and we have telegraphed them of our decision.

We do not wish to assume authority over the local conferences regarding the funds placed in their hands by the General Conference, but we earnestly hope all will grant the request. We will do all we can to aid in making the coming collection a large one. We believe that many of our people will be glad to know that a portion of this collection will go to the colored orphans.

A. G. DANIELLS.

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WE who are interested in foreign mission work need not go beyond our own boundary lines in search of a field for our personal efforts. We may give our means for the support of those who go to the far-away fields, but we can do an excellent foreign missionary work with our literature here in our own field. The following statement, furnished by Brother Adolf Boettcher, corresponding secretary of the North American Foreign Department of the General Conference, gives the number of persons of nationalities other than English in the Northern Union territory:

| | Minn. | N. Dak. | S. Dak. | Iowa Un. | Total |
|----------------|-----------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Armenian..... | 19 | | 1 | 5 | 25 |
| Austrian..... | 16,533 | 1,929 | 1,697 | 4,715 | 24,874 |
| Bohemian..... | 29,787 | 3,920 | 6,680 | 30,606 | 70,993 |
| Bulgarian..... | 978 | 14 | 153 | 99 | 1,244 |
| Chinese..... | 181 | 32 | 154 | 105 | 472 |
| Croatian..... | 7,106 | 70 | 214 | 23,836 | 31,226 |
| Dalmatian..... | 407 | 11 | 229 | 9 | 656 |
| Dutch..... | 4,873 | 673 | 2,256 | 12,666 | 20,468 |
| Finnish..... | 25,727 | 1,014 | 1,898 | 131 | 28,770 |
| French..... | 38,361 | 7,563 | 4,684 | 13,978 | 64,586 |
| German..... | 371,498 | 46,272 | 64,503 | 401,411 | 883,684 |
| Greek..... | 342 | 55 | 7 | 406 | 810 |
| Hungarian..... | 4,648 | 1,992 | 918 | 960 | 8,518 |
| Italian..... | 8,494 | 824 | 971 | 3,715 | 14,004 |
| Japanese..... | 76 | 153 | 1 | 24 | 254 |
| Lithuan..... | 75 | 60 | 23 | 174 | 332 |
| Poles..... | 29,673 | 2,810 | 1,258 | 1,817 | 35,558 |
| Portugese..... | 9 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 18 |
| Roumanian..... | 631 | 511 | 40 | 117 | 1,299 |
| Russian..... | 10,988 | 25,659 | 27,620 | 3,465 | 67,132 |
| Ruthen..... | 285 | 243 | 5 | 15 | 548 |
| Scandinavian.. | 568,776 | 111,337 | 88,685 | 188,475 | 957,273 |
| Slovak..... | 1,249 | 78 | 48 | 163 | 1,538 |
| Spanish..... | 203 | 9 | 12 | 67 | 291 |
| Syrian..... | 216 | 95 | 132 | 377 | 920 |
| Turkish..... | 161 | 107 | 51 | 95 | 414 |
| Total..... | 1,121,396 | 205,433 | 201,644 | 687,434 | 2,215,907 |

It is the privilege of every believer first to talk with God in his closet, and then, as God's mouth-piece, to talk with others. In order that we may have something to impart, we must daily receive light and blessing. Men and women who commune with God, who have an abiding Christ, who, because they co-operate with holy angels, are surrounded with holy influences, are needed at this time. The cause needs those who have power to draw with Christ, power to express the love of God in words of encouragement and sympathy.—Sel.

ELDER M. N. CAMPBELL's report of the hearing before the legislative committee at Des Moines, Iowa, is very interesting reading, and shows to a degree just what conditions would be if those who are advocating the passage of the Sunday laws could have a free hand in shaping legislation. It is very evident that the shower of petitions presented to the members of the legislature have had the effect of enlightening them as to the sentiments of many of their constituents.

THE *Gospel Herald* is more truly representative of the work for the colored people than any other paper published in the denomination. It cannot fail to interest those who read it. It tells of the present progress of the work among these people, and of the plans for the future, giving information regarding the work in the South which can be obtained from no other source. It is well worth the price charged for it—ten cents a year.

FRIENDS of Elder J. S. James will be interested in the article telling of his experiences and presenting some of his pressing needs. A number of persons may be impressed to give a sum sufficient to enable Brother James to purchase the bullock team and cart and to fit up a dispensary. This will be a very practical missionary work, and will be a blessing to Elder James and to those to whom he and his wife are ministering.

REMEMBER that charity thinketh no evil, much less repeats it. There are two good rules which ought to be written on every heart: Never believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know that it is true; never tell even that, unless you feel that it is absolutely necessary, and that God is listening while you tell it.—Sel.

THIS is a last call to teachers to apply for eighth grade question lists, provided they have pupils who are completing any of the subjects named in last week's REAPER.