



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

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A LESSON IN LIBERALITY

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To the church in Corinth Paul wrote:—"Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia, how that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; praying us with much entreaty that we should receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord and unto us by the will of God."

At the time of this writing, the apostle was on a journey, one object of which was to collect means for the relief of the poor saints at Jerusalem. He had established in the Corinthian church, as also in Galatia, a system of weekly offerings, and had enjoined upon Titus, in his visits to the churches to give special attention to the forwarding of this benevolent enterprise.

The brethren in Macedonia were very poor. In receiving the gospel, they had placed themselves under persecution and

oppression. With some, every advantage was denied them because of their faith. Because of their poverty and their trials they knew how to sympathize with those who were in need. In their poverty they gave so liberally that the brethren were surprised at the amount raised.

The reason for their liberality was that they had in their hearts the love of the truth. They themselves had tasted of suffering. Trusting in the Lord, they had been comforted, and their hearts went out in sympathy to their brethren in need. They were willing to deprive themselves of goods and of money, that they might relieve the suffering saints in the church at Jerusalem.

Not only was Paul actuated by a desire to relieve the sufferings of his Jewish brethren, but also by the hope that the tangible expression of the love and sympathy of the Gentile converts would soften the bitter feelings cherished toward them by many of the believers in Judea. Notwithstanding the poverty of the brethren in Macedonia, they joined readily in the apostle's plan, and urged him to accept their bounty for the needy Christians at Jerusalem. They had the utmost confidence in his in-

tegrity and judgment, and considered him the proper person to take charge of their gifts.

The brethren in Macedonia experienced the truth of the words of Christ, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." They felt that the cause of Christ was one everywhere. They therefore, in their poverty, felt called out to help other churches more needy than themselves. This spirit of unsectional liberality should characterize the churches of today. They should continually keep the burden on their souls for the advancement of the cause of God in any and every place.

Titus had visited the churches in Macedonia. So successful had he been in calling forth the liberality of the brethren there, that Paul desired, as he wrote to the Corinthians, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in them the same grace also.

"Therefore," he continues, "as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also."

Here benevolence is placed by the side of faith, love, and Christian diligence. Those who think that they can be good Christians, and yet close their ears and hearts to the calls of God for

their liberalities, are in a fearful deception. There are those who abound in professions of great love for the truth, and, so far as words are concerned, have an interest to see the truth advance, but who do nothing for its advancement. The faith of such is dead; not being made perfect by works. The Lord never made such a mistake as to convert a soul, and leave it under the power of covetousness.

In appealing to the brethren at Corinth to give liberally, Paul reminds them of the great sacrifice made in their behalf by the Lord Jesus Christ:—

“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that we through his poverty might be rich.

“And herein I give my advice,” Paul continues, “for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago. Now therefore perform the doings of it, that as there was a readiness to will, so also there may be a performance of that which ye have. For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.”

Paul had brought to the attention of the church in Corinth the liberal example of the brethren in Macedonia, where, though they were exceedingly poor, they had with thankfulness and willingness contributed in response to the appeals for help. In this, however, he did not desire to lay an unduly heavy burden upon them.

“For I mean not that other men be eased and ye burdened,” he declares, “but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also

may be a supply for your want: that there may be an equality: as it is written, he that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.

In his journey to Corinth Titus was accompanied by another of the brethren who was highly esteemed among all the churches. Still another who had labored diligently with the apostle was sent to accompany these brethren. Concerning these laborers the apostle wrote:—

“Thanks be to God which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you. For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you. And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches; and not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind: avoiding this that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us; providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.”

“And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, upon the great confidence which I have in you.”

In the following words Paul commends to the Corinthian church these brethren who had so willingly undertaken a difficult task:—

“Whether any do inquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellow helper concerning you; or our brethren be inquired of, they are the messengers of the churches and the glory of Christ. Where-

fore show ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf.”

MISSIONARY WORK FOR MISSIONS

All our people in North America ought fully to understand that just now they have an unusual opportunity to render the cause of God excellent service. This particular opportunity will last for only a short time. In a few months it will be gone. A similar one may not come again for a number of years if ever.

I refer to the circulation of the “World Missions Special” of the *Signs of the Times*. This important, valuable, and timely special number has been prepared at great expense and by the untiring energy of the publishers and editors. When the matter was nearly ready to go to press one year ago the manuscripts and illustrations were all destroyed in the Pacific Press fire. During the past year new articles and illustrations have been secured from all parts of the world, and fresh up-to-date facts and figures relative to missions have been gathered.

And now this special is ready for distribution. It is ready to tell its splendid message to the world. Its message is intensely interesting. It is instructive, thrilling, uplifting. It will tell the world that God has decreed that the gospel of his coming kingdom is to be given to all the world in this generation, and that when this is done the end will come. It will tell of God’s wonderful providences during the last century which have been preparing the way for the gospel to be preached in all the world in this generation. It will tell of the open doors in all lands for God’s messengers to enter. And

for the first time it will tell the Christian churches in this country of the world-wide missionary work now being carried on by Seventh-day Adventists. This is information the people ought to know. It will impress many minds as nothing else will that we can tell them. The paper is ready for circulation. This is the opportunity for our people. In a few months it will be gone. What we fail to do now cannot be done in six months from now. Surely our people will be wise and prompt in this matter. People who have confidence in this cause, and love it as we do will not let this opening for service go by default.

The good news has recently come to us that one of our young people's societies has subscribed for over two thousand copies of this Missions number, and has dedicated the profits to the ever needy and interesting cause of foreign missions. This donation of profits amounts to \$131. Such a liberal consecration of both time and money for the home and foreign missionary work affords a beautiful example for others to follow. May the Holy Spirit move all to great earnestness.

A. G. DANIELLS.

THE NEW UNION CONFERENCE

According to the call of the General Conference Committee, delegates representing British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta met at Leduc, Alberta, October 18-22, for the purpose of organizing a Western Canadian Union Conference. Elder G. A. Irwin, vice-president of the General Conference, acted as chairman of the meeting. Stella B. Lowry was selected as secretary pro tem.

There were present, as dele-

gates who were authorized to vote in the assembly, Elders W. M. Adams and C. J. Kunkle, of Manitoba; Elders H. S. Shaw, F. J. Conway, C. Sulzle, and Paul Curtis, from Saskatchewan; Elders E. L. Stewart and W. C. Young, from British Columbia; and Elders C. A. Burman, J. W. Boynton, B. Block, A. C. Anderson, C. L. Holdeman, W. O. James, H. E. Shelstad, H. Bonde, F. L. Hommel, O. H. Edwards, F. J. Nichols, and George Hanson, from Alberta. Delegates at large were G. A. Irwin, R. A. Underwood, A. J. Breed, and H. H. Hall.

The ratio of representation in this conference was agreed to on a basis of one delegate to every twenty-five of the membership in the various provinces. The delegates from British Columbia and Manitoba were authorized, if they so desired, to cast a number of votes equal to their representation of membership at home on this basis.

A constitution was adopted similar to those of other union conferences, with slight changes adapted to the field. It was moved that the chair appoint such committees as were necessary to complete the organization. For the committee on nominations were named: R. A. Underwood, W. C. Young, C. J. Kunkle, A. C. Anderson, and Paul Curtis. The committee on plans was Elders E. L. Stewart, C. A. Burman, H. S. Shaw, R. A. Underwood, J. W. Boynton, C. J. Kunkle, and H. H. Hall.

The committee on plans presented the following recommendations:—

1. Whereas, steps are being taken to unite the four western provinces of Canada,

Therefore, we hereby express our gratitude to God for his prospering hand, which has

made this action possible, and unite in reconsecrating ourselves to him for the finishing of his work in this generation.

2. And, further, we wish also to thank the General Conference, the union conferences, the local conferences, and the brethren who have so generously helped us by their means, their laborers, and their prayers.

3. Whereas, the educational work is a most important factor in the carrying forward of the Third Angel's Message, and,

Whereas, there are already three intermediate schools and academies in this conference; therefore,

We heartily approve of the establishing of these schools, and recommend the conference committee to unify and grade their work.

4. Whereas, the work among the Indians in this union conference seems imperative; therefore,

We recommend the establishment of missions and schools for this people.

5. Whereas, as we have no means to carry on this work, we request the General Conference to appropriate annually, until the work can be supported by local means, a sum equal to the Sabbath school donations from this union conference for this purpose.

6. Whereas, we recognize the many difficulties the Pacific Press has encountered in establishing a branch office in Western Canada, and,

Whereas, in the face of these difficulties they have supplied this field with books far better than ever before; therefore,

We express appreciation for their efforts, and extend to them a hearty welcome to this field. We pledge ourselves to co-operate with them in giving our publications the widest possible circulation.

7. Whereas, it will be to our mutual advantage to have a Canadian imprint upon our subscription books; therefore,

We request the Pacific Press to place such imprint upon the title and advertising pages of such books.

8. Whereas, the annual receipts in this union conference are \$14,166, and the running expenses are \$23,351, leaving a deficit of \$9,185.

And, whereas, the adjoining conferences have donated liberally of their funds to make up this deficit, and

Whereas, if the fairly aggressive policy, which these donations have enabled us to pursue, is continued, it will be necessary for a continuation of these donations; therefore,

We most earnestly request the General Conference to make a yearly appropriation of \$6,000 (this was afterwards changed to \$7,600 at the suggestion of Elder Irwin and motion of W. C. Young) for this newly organized union conference.

The committee also presented the following names for credentials: E. L. Stewart, H. S. Shaw, F. H. Conway, C. Sulzle, A. C. Gilbert; for ministerial license, Paul Curtis; for missionary license, Mrs. H. S. Shaw. This entire report was unanimously adopted.

A vote of thanks was extended to the brethren and sisters of the Leduc church for their hospitality, to the citizens of the place, to the members of the Methodist church for the use of their building during the assembly, and to the local press.

Plans were laid for extending the work, not only in evangelistic lines, but in more fully establishing the Pacific Press depository at Regina. Brother Cottrell has been selected by the Pacific

Press to take charge of the depository, where they will carry in stock an amount of books, representing something like ten thousand dollars, to supply the field.

The brethren were much encouraged by the outlook before the new union conference. Elder E. L. Stewart was elected as president of the union; H. S. Shaw, vice-president; Mrs. H. S. Shaw, secretary and treasurer. Some changes were suggested in laborers. Elder Conway and wife were invited to labor in Victoria, British Columbia. Elder Boynton was also invited to labor in British Columbia. J. L. Wilson, from British Columbia, was invited to labor in Alberta.

The new union enters upon its work with prospects of soon developing into a strong union conference. By this action the Northern Union surrenders this territory, and will hereafter be connected with that field only as we may render them assistance in a financial way. Personally I have enjoyed my labors in connection with our brethren in the Canadian field, and experience feelings similar to those which naturally come to all when separations are made from those intimately associated in labor. We believe this step is in harmony with the advancing work of God, and we can only wish our brethren across the line success and much of the blessings of God in all their labors.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

A TRIPLE BLESSING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

A little girl was heard to say at the close of her evening prayer, "And I saw a poor little girl on the street to-day, cold and hungry, but it's none of our business, is it, God?" None of

us would pray like that, but many people act that way.

Surely our Missionary Volunteers will not withhold God's saving truth for this time from the world which is soon to perish. Paul said, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel."

Our young people can do much in the great campaign with our periodicals. The great Missions number of the *Signs*, just out, and the Bible Reading Series, to follow, will do a mighty work if taken to the people. "Our Truth" number of the *Instructor*, will soon follow, filled with present truth, written especially for young people. This furnishes an extraordinary opportunity for our young people to work. We are living in strenuous times, which demand strenuous work. If we appreciated the anxiety of Jesus to finish the work, we would do more with these papers than most of us have had any idea of doing.

Dear young people, if you do not carry the truth to the thousands of young people in your town, county, and state, who will? "Who of the youth will give themselves to God for the purpose of laboring for the salvation of their fellow youth?"

These papers ought to be in the hands of the leaders and members of other young people's societies, in all libraries, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. reading rooms, hospitals, orphan homes, reform schools, prisons, and public waiting rooms. Let the truth shine out. Who will share in this triple blessing?

1. A knowledge of the truth by the people to whom the papers are sold or given.

2. An increasing spirit of service for those who work with the papers.

3. A knowledge of the truth gained in preparing to do this

work, thus helping us to reach the "Standard of Attainment?"

M. E. KERN.

NOTICE

A general meeting will be held in our church, located five miles south and two miles east of Grantsburg, Wis., November 15-17, and we gladly invite our Minnesota brethren to attend this meeting. Those who come should let me know in advance, in order that places may be secured, and that teams may be at Grantsburg November 15 to take them home. Please bring some bedding.

The preaching will be in both Swedish and English, as Elders S. Mortenson and C. McReynolds will be present.

JOHN HOFFMAN,

R. D. 3, Box 95, Grantsburg, Wis.

A SOLEMN ADMONITION

The following extract is from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White, as it appeared in the *Review and Herald* of October 13, 1896:

"The work of God, which should be going forward with tenfold its present strength and efficiency, is kept back, like a spring season held back by the chilling blasts of winter, because God's people are appropriating to themselves means that should be dedicated to his service. Because Christ's self-sacrificing love is not interwoven in the life practices, the church is weak where it should be strong. By its own course, it has put out its light, and robbed millions of the gospel of Christ.

"Why is it that there are not more missionaries in the field today? Why are the calls that come in from every land for men to spread the knowledge of the truth passed by unheeded? It is because there are none to send.

The laymen, though they have the precious light of truth, excuse themselves on the plea that they cannot preach; but this excuse will not avail. Laymen can minister. It is their privilege to lay hold of divine power with one hand, and with the other to reach forth to save humanity.

"To defraud God is the greatest crime of which man can be guilty, and yet this sin is deep and widespread. Through the prophet Malachi, God says: 'Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.'

"These are the words of God who speaks and it is. Shall we not hear his voice? Shall we not change the order of things, and co-operate with Christ?"

While the above was penned about eleven years ago, no doubt in a measure it applies to many to-day. The calls are multiplying for help in many lands, and where there is anyone professing to believe the Third Angel's Message who is not rendering unto God his own in a faithful payment of tithes, he becomes guilty to that extent of holding back the work of God like the chilling blasts of winter.

God's spirit is ready to co-operate with his children and his ministering servants whenever they fall in line with the specific instruction of God's word, as given by the spirit of truth. I would to God that everyone pro-

fessing present truth in the Northern Union Conference stood where the Lord could pour out his blessing upon him, as promised in the above quotation. Let us, as ministers, church officers, and believers, do all we can to properly encourage everyone to be faithful and true to God, not only in tithe, but in making appropriate offerings, in living the truth in our homes, and extending the light as far as lies in our power to those who are in perishing need of the truth for this time. A large field lies before us, and many opportunities are offered by which to accomplish this work. May God help us to seize upon every opportunity to give the truth through the printed page, or by kindly acts, revealing the spirit of the Master in every way.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

From the Field

South Dakota

OUR ACADEMY

At the recent meeting of the conference committee and the Elk Point academy board many things of special interest both to the work in the conference and in the academy were considered. These we shall give from time to time. One of the items, which was of special interest to us, was the heating plant, which it was voted at our last conference session to install. We were glad to see the work so well under way, and before these lines reaches our brethren in the conference it is expected that the heater will be in operation. It was surely needed, as all who have been to the academy will testify.

It was not only voted at the conference to install this plant,

but it was suggested that we pay for it by asking every member of the different churches and companies, as well as the scattered people of the conference, to give toward this expense at the rate of fifty cents per member. This was duly considered at the board meeting, and it was decided to adopt this plan for raising the means needed. Letters are being sent out to our churches and companies, and we would be glad to send a letter to all of our isolated members, but time forbids this being done, so we are writing these words to all of our dear people. While some may not be able to give this amount, I am sure that many will be able to give far more, and we trust that the full amount will be made up in this way. It has been decided to set apart Sabbath, November 9, as the day for the ingathering of this money for our academy. Let us pray that this branch of the Lord's work shall not be hindered for lack of means. When the donation has been received it should be sent to our office at Sioux Falls, S. D., Box 686, as soon as possible, as the bill must be paid.

If all of our brethren could see the earnest work being done at the academy by the students, as they prepare for their part in this great closing work, I am sure we would all bestir ourselves and make the very best of this privilege.

Let the elders and leaders of our churches bring this matter prominently before our people, and let us each do our part as we would like to have had it done when we meet it in the judgment.

J. W. CHRISTIAN.

AN OPPORTUNE TIME

All who have noticed the efforts put forth by the various

THE BOOK WORK							
SOUTH DAKOTA—WEEK ENDING OCT. 26							
Name	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
C. D. Terwillegar	G. C.	45	1	2 50	2 00	4 50	83 75
Ole Tronson	C. K.	2	2	2 00		2 00	2 00
Mrs. M. Roderick	M. of N.						6 25
W. H. Twining	H. M.	46	8	14 00	7 20	21 20	
Totals,	4 agents	93	11	\$18 50	\$9 20	\$27 70	\$92 00
MINNESOTA—WEEK ENDING OCT. 26							
Eddie Grimstad	H. M.	50					89 50
M. Ruskjer	G. C.	30					64 45
Totals,	2 agent	80					\$150 95
U. C. Totals	6 agents	173	11	\$18 50	\$9 20	\$27 70	\$242 95

foreign papers, as well as the *Signs* and *Watchman*, will agree that we have a right to expect that these papers shall be the very best ever published. I have just received a copy of the special *Signs*, and, after looking it over, can freely say that never was such a paper offered to the public. It is brimful of matter which, in these stirring times, will be meat in due season to the reading public. All the way through the articles a "certain sound" is given. It is gotten up in a most effective style and the workmanship is first-class.

Now, while the winds of strife are being controlled by God, is our time to work for our neighbors. Advertising material has been forwarded to all of our churches and companies, both from the office in Mountain View and from our own local office. We should use thousands of copies of the specials, and take subscriptions for the coming six months, during which time a special series of articles will appear in each of these papers. All can do something. These precious truths are to be given in many languages this fall and winter, and many who have the long winter evenings before them will be glad to have some good solid reading matter placed in their hands.

The Elk Point society has sent in an order for 500 copies of the special, and other societies are forwarding their orders. Do not let this golden opportunity pass by, and we be found without having a hand in this glorious work. All orders for any of these papers should be sent to the tract society at Sioux Falls, Box 686.

May the Lord bless us each as we seek in his name to do something for the furtherance of this blessed message.

J. W. CHRISTIAN.

GERMAN MEETING

It has been arranged to hold a general meeting for our German brethren of the northern part of the state at Bowdle, November 7-11. Notice of this meeting has been duly given through the German paper. Services will be held in both the English and German languages.

We have received definite promise that Elders R. A. Underwood and G. F. Haffner and Professor P. T. Magan will be with us. It has also been arranged for Elders Leer, Reising, and the writer to be present. This will be an important meeting for all of our people. Let us plan to attend, and come praying the Lord to richly bless us with his Holy Spirit.

J. W. CHRISTIAN.

Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS

Since taking down the tent our meetings have been held in the church in South Minneapolis. Only three meetings a week have been held, and there is a fair attendance. From this date Sunday night meetings only will be held by Brother Steen, while the writer goes to visit a few places in the northern part of the state. Two more persons have been baptized, since our last report, making seven in all.

Sunday night, October 27, a successful Harvest Ingathering, with a well arranged program, was held. The church was nicely decorated with flowers, branches of trees and fruits from the field. The attendance was large and the collection amounted to over fifteen dollars.

FRED JOHNSON.

MINNESOTA NOTES

A general meeting will be held just over the Minnesota line, near Grantsburg, Wis., November 15-17, to which all Minnesota people interested are invited. Our Wisconsin brethren will do everything possible to make their visiting friends comfortable and to help them to enjoy the meetings.

Brother Walter Flaiz passed through Minneapolis last week enroute to College View, Neb. After laboring in Dakota during the summer Brother Flaiz has now entered Union College for the school year.

Elder S. E. Jackson left Minneapolis for Duluth Sunday morning. While in that city he will consult with Elder Babcock, and together they will work in the interest of the new church building.

Elder S. Mortensen, who is in charge of the Swedish work in

the United States, passed through Minneapolis Sunday enroute to Grantsburg, Wis.

Elder C. L. Emmerson returned to Minnesota on Thursday last from a visit to his father and mother in Oregon.

Elder C. W. Flaiz left this city on Thursday last for his new field of labor at Portland, Oregon.

A SUGGESTION TO THINK ABOUT

Not long ago, or in recent years, at least, the Spirit of God gave this people instruction that solved the great problem of Sunday labor, arrests, trials, fines and imprisonments. Does the reader remember it? Forgotten it? Well, this is only to refresh your minds, and to set you to thinking; but it is very suggestive and far-reaching. The thought was something like this: It would be well for our people to spend Sunday in missionary work. When I read it, my mind was impressed with the idea that the persecution of this people, under the Sunday laws for Sunday work, was solved to a large extent. And every time I read of the arrest of a brother for Sunday work, I think: Oh, if that brother had only been doing missionary work, there would have been different court records, both on earth and in heaven.

Can't afford to spend one-sixth of your time in the most precious cause on earth? Can you afford the expense of prosecution? There is a better way, Do missionary work. There is a better way than to be accounted a criminal, than to manifest defiance of civil authority through disobedience of civil law—spend the day in doing missionary work. There is a better way than to demand the right—and a right it is—of the use of one-sixth of our

time in labor that we may make our ends meet, and fail so many times. Do work for the Lord who knows all about our needs.

Can't afford it? You can't afford not to do it. Is it well to follow the counsel of the Spirit of God? So the Spirit of God has told us. Read Deut. 6:25. Thus we see it is our "righteousness"—right doing—to spend the day doing missionary work. And, logically it is our unrighteousness not to do it.

Only see what an army of workers for the Lord! Only see what an enormous seed-sowing! And then, a little further on, we shall see the fruit of souls saved in the kingdom of God as the result. Will we be sorry that we gave the day to missionary work? Never, no never. We shall be satisfied then, and know for a surety that it was indeed our right doing to spend the day in doing missionary work.

H. F. PHELPS.

OBITUARY

LAWRENCE—Died at the Academy home, Harvey, N. D., October 19, 1907, Delmar, the infant son of Professor N. W. and Mrs. Lawrence, aged 16 months. His illness was of short duration, only about twenty-four hours, and violent convulsions caused his death. The funeral services were conducted in the Academy chapel, and afterward the casket was carried by its bearers to the cemetery, a little distance from the school, and the body buried to remain till the lifegiver comes. The service was a fitting occasion for a talk on the mystery of life that only the Bible can solve with certainty, and those present seemed impressed by the Spirit of God. Services were conducted by the writer. J. G. WALKER.

WANTED—To rent my 25-horse-power traction engine. Engineer furnished at reasonable wages. Also work for man in sawmill or any place where he can earn reasonable wages for winter months. Address, A. Bengtson, Chokio, Minn.

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BROTHER A. J. S. BORDEAU, secretary of the California conference, called on the president of the Leland Stanford University and showed him a copy of the Missions Number of the *Signs* fresh from the press. He was pleased with it, and, when solicited, gave the following recommendation:

Leland Stanford Junior University.
Office of the President.

Stanford University, Cal.,
October 17, 1907.

The recent issue of the "Signs of the Times," devoted to Foreign Missions, is a very interesting one, and especially from the series of portraits of leaders in the work of foreign missions from John Eliot to William Duncan.

DAVID STARR JORDAN.

The manager of the University Book Store immediately had the recommendation copied and hung up in a large display window, under a copy of the *Signs*, opened up to the two inside pages of statistics.

It has been suggested by those directing the Sabbath school work that the United States and Canada undertake the task of raising \$1,000 a week for mis-

sions. This suggestion is meeting a hearty response everywhere, and the Sabbath school department is encouraged to believe, from the response of the quarter ending June 30, 1907, that the task will be fully met by the end of the year. A number of states are giving their entire Sabbath school donations to missions, and report that they have been blessed in the giving. What a blessed missionary work it would be if all of the schools in all of the conferences would adopt the plan of giving all of the donations, furnishing the necessary supplies for the schools by specially donating for them!

A RECENT writer has said: "The problem is no longer 'the open door.' The doors are wide open in every land. With the exception of Tibet, Afghanistan, and the Belgian Congo State, there is not a country in which the delivery of the gospel message is not merely feasible, but a constant fact. It is not the securing of an audience. It is indeed no more true to-day than it has ever been, that the great masses of Asia and Africa are hungry and thirsting for Christianity. Yet nowhere is it difficult to gather a company of those willing to hear, while many, everywhere, are eager to know of Christ. The great problem of to-day is the securing of the funds needed to enter these open doors.

THE "Rome and the United States" number of *Liberty*, for the fourth quarter of 1907, comes out with sixteen strong editorials showing that religious legislation ever leads to persecution; that the present attitude of the ministry, the ever-recurring school matter, the demand for Sunday legislation, the making of and

enforcing Sunday laws, the inconsistency of enforced religious observances, and the present tendency to make Christ the king of this world, are subverting the principles of good government and destroying genuine religious experience. The general articles of this number are unusually strong and should be read by everyone.

COPIES of the World's Mission Number of the *Signs of the Times* have been received at the office, and we take pleasure in saying that this issue has come fully up to the expectations of those who have been anticipating the good things to be presented. It is the best issue of the *Signs* yet printed, and should be circulated in every community by the thousands of copies.

BROTHER H. H. HALL, manager of the book department of the Pacific Press Pub. Co., passed through Minneapolis on Friday enroute to Fargo, N. D., and other cities on to California. By appointment Brother Hall met Brother James Cochran, manager of the Kansas City branch of the Pacific Press, in this city.

THE British Bible Society has nine hundred and thirty agents in all the world. Besides these the great number of missionaries are scattering the Bible in the highways and byways.

IN 1906 the sales of our literature reached the sum of \$824,000. This is \$5,000 more than the sales ever amounted to before in a single year.

ELDER R. A. UNDERWOOD will go on Wednesday to Bowdle, S. D., to attend the German meeting at that place November 7-11.