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

NORTHERN UNION CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

The third biennial session of the Northern Union Conference convened Thursday evening, March 5, 1908. A large number of delegates and visitors were present at the opening meeting, and each one seemed imbued with the thought that they were about to take part in an important meeting. After a song service conducted by J. M. Comer, and prayer by Elder M. N. Campbell, of Michigan, Elder S. E. Jackson, of the Minnesota conference, made an address of welcome to the delegates, and this was responded to by Elder L. F. Starr, of the Iowa conference.

After a short intermission Elder Starr delivered a very interesting sermon on the necessity of preparation for service; the importance of being directed by the Spirit of God.

At 8:45 Friday morning Elder Underwood conducted a Bible study on "The Law and the Covenants." At 11 o'clock the first conference session was called. Elder Underwood presiding.

The conference directed that the executive committee name the regular committees, and the following names were presented:

Committee on Plans:—M. N. Campbell, M. E. Kern, S. E. Jackson, W. L. Manfull, N. W.

Lawrence, H. A. Habenicht, Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas, N. P. Neilsen, C. J. Kunkel, I. H. Evans, T. D. Gibson.

Committee on Nominations:—John G. Walker, Chris. Juhl, C. M. Everest, C. M. Clark, A. G. Daniells.

Committee on Distribution of Labor:—J. W. Christian, N. C. Bergerson, E. M. Chapman, Lars Neilsen, J. F. Anderson, Valentine Leer, L. F. Starr.

Committee on Licenses and Credentials:—Fred Johnson, J. C. Clemens, E. G. Hayes.

At this point the biennial address of the president of the Northern Union Conference was delivered, which is here given in full:

To the Northern Union Conference, March 6, 1908

Beloved brethren and sisters: We extend a hearty welcome to you all, and trust that the few days we are assembled together in this biennial conference may be a season of refreshing. Since we last met here, so quickly have the days, months and years borne us down the stream of time toward the vast ocean of eternal rewards, that it seems but a dream in the night. This is but a reminder of life's passing moments. The angel has kept an unerring record of the motive prompting each individual act,

which has resulted in success or failure in all our efforts. We rejoice that a loving God sends us the comforting message, "Christ looks at the spirit; and when he sees us carrying our burdens with faith, his perfect holiness atones for our short comings."

Notwithstanding we are constantly reminded of the brevity and uncertainty of the present life, we are glad to report that God has graciously spared the lives and given a good degree of health to all the laborers in the various conferences in the Northern Union during the past two years, for which we are very thankful to God. We are glad to report that our beloved Elder C. W. Flaiz, president of this union conference during its first biennial term, who broke down in health and was unable to labor for nearly four years, is again in good health, and engaged in active labor in Portland, Oregon.

EVIDENCES OF PROGRESS

During the biennial period just closed, evidences of marked progress, showing the onward march of the Third Angel's Message to all nations, kindreds, tongues and peoples, are seen in fields abroad as well as at home. During the period of two years there have been organized in North America four union conferences—the North Pacific, the

Western Canadian, the Columbia, and the Southeastern. One union conference has been organized in Central America, and, I think, two in Europe; and besides, mission fields have been greatly strengthened and more perfectly organized in their operations in various parts of the world. The changes effecting the Northern Union, in the organization of the four western provinces of Canada into the Western Canadian Union Conference, we were glad to see accomplished, not because we did not enjoy laboring with and for the dear people in Canada, but because we were glad to know that the cause had grown to that extent in this new and prospering field that the responsibilities of directing and largely maintaining the work could be placed upon men residing in the Canadian field. However, this does not relieve us from assisting our sister union conference while she may need our aid.

TERRITORIAL LINES

As a result of organizing the new union conferences during the last two years, readjustments of former territorial lines have been a necessity and considered wise in every union conference in North America, except eastern Canada. These changes have all been brought about with the advice of the General Conference, and the united co-operation of the union and local conferences affected.

While we have lost the larger part of the Northern Union territory in square miles, and the intimate and pleasant association with the dear brethren and sisters in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, we are glad to receive into the Northern Union Conference the good state and conference of Iowa. We extend anew to the

Iowa conference and to her delegates a hearty welcome to this union. We trust that the new relation may prove to be a source of strength and helpfulness to all persons concerned in the one purpose of our existence as a people, viz., to give the gospel in its purity and power to all the world in this generation.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Owing to the readjustment of territorial lines and the consequent changes in the reports, we are unable to give a complete report in the figures we present. Each conference president will make a report of the work in his conference, and the departmental secretaries will give reports in their lines. However I will give a few general facts concerning the four conferences which now form the Northern Union Conference, viz., Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Number ministers in the union, 34; number licentiates, 29; number bearing missionary license, 36; total number of union laborers, 106. Of this number there are several aged ministers unable to do full work, and fifteen persons who are employed in conference offices. Twenty-five laborers have gone to other fields from this union during the past two years.

Membership of conferences: Iowa, 2,906; Minnesota, 2,043; North Dakota, 846; South Dakota, 972; total in the union as reported, 6,767.

There has been a loss in membership during the past two years in Iowa and Minnesota, owing to large emigrations of Sabbath-keepers to other parts of the United States and to Canada. The year book for 1906 gives the membership of the Iowa conference as 3,821. The present report shows that during

the past two years 561 members have been added to the conference. However, the present report gives only 2,906 members. This shows that with the 561 Sabbath-keepers added since the report of 1906, Iowa has lost by death, removals, or otherwise, 1,476 of her membership, as reported two years ago; an actual loss of members above all gains of 909 Sabbath-keepers. The secretary's report states that probably the present reported membership is 400 more than can be found as resident members of the conference.

The Minnesota conference has added several hundred Sabbath-keepers during the past two years; yet her report shows seven members less than the reported membership two years ago. It may appear strange that the two largest conferences in the union should present no better showing in actual growth. If you had been with me, on my recent visit to the North Pacific Union Conference, at Walla Walla, Wash., you would have found a partial solution, at least. I found that a sufficient number of Sabbath-keepers had emigrated from Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin into that union conference during the past two years to make a good conference, with a sufficient number of ministers to man it, if they were organized into a conference by themselves.

No doubt some of those who have gone from these conferences to other fields have acted wisely in making the change. However, many are going to seek worldly gain, or moved by the spirit of restlessness which has taken possession of so many. This spirit should be discouraged.

I have lived on the Pacific coast two years. I have lived in the South, in the East, and in the central states. All things

considered, I have never found a nicer climate than we have in the Northern Union Conference, and I see no reason why our brethren should pull up and go hither and yon for the sake of making a change.

The conferences of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota have all raised more than their quota on the \$150,000 fund. Minnesota and North Dakota have each exceeded their assessment over five hundred dollars on this fund up to March 1, 1908. The three conferences have a surplus above their quotas of \$1,511.33, on the basis of membership reported in the year book of 1906.

At the time the apportionment was made by the General Conference they took as a basis of membership the report as given in the *Review and Herald*. On the basis of the year book of 1906, Iowa is something over two thousand dollars behind; and we are, as a union, \$893.67 behind. If we were assessed on our present membership in the union, as now reported, we would be out with \$712.33 to our credit. Or, if Iowa were assessed on her present membership, she would be lacking only \$110.82 of her quota.

These figures show that Iowa stands at a disadvantage. However, we are confident that this good state will pull into harbor before some other conferences adjoining this territory, unless they are very active in meeting their obligations. Iowa was a little unfortunate in getting a late start in the race of raising this fund.

The total of the funds that have passed through the union office is \$86,456.50. These are largely trust funds, which are passed on through the union office to the General Conference.

The funds raised in Iowa, until a recent date, passed through the Central Union office instead of ours, which makes quite a difference between the amounts raised in the four conferences for general work and what has passed through our union.

	Total tithes and offerings received in the two years except offerings to local churches	Am't sent out of conference	Per cent
Iowa	\$102,501 90	\$48,101 49	47
Minnesota	74,516 75	29,877 39	40
North Dakota	38,315 09	18,020 70	44
South Dakota	56,698 46	26,580 67	47
Totals	\$266,032 18	\$122,580 25	

Out of this \$122,580.25, \$6,575.86 was paid for labor and expense to the union conference laborers. This includes the time and expense of general laborers in the present union, the laborers visiting Canada during the two years, and my trip to Europe. This leaves a balance of \$116,021.39 to be forwarded to fields outside of the union, or more than forty-three per cent of all moneys raised.

Iowa's average tithe per year per capita for the two years was \$10.98. Less than one-fourth of the members are reported as paying tithe. Probably at least one-half of the actual membership in Iowa do not pay a full tithe.

Minnesota's average tithe per capita for the two years was \$12.37. The conference officers report that about one-half of the membership, as near as can be ascertained, is paying tithe. Take the church at Minneapolis, which stands better than the average church in the conference, as an illustration. Out of a church membership of 175 only 101 members pay tithe, and this includes all the members of families where the head of the family pays tithe. The tithe per capita of the whole membership of the Minneapolis church, including those who do not pay

tithe is \$16.42. The tithe per capita of those who pay tithe, including all the children of families where the head or husband pays tithe, is \$28.56.

North Dakota's average tithe per capita is \$14.09. The president of the conference writes that in one of the largest German churches he found that only twenty per cent of the membership paid tithes at all. He adds that this is about as the other German churches will average—and the German churches represent two-thirds of the membership of the conference.

South Dakota's average per capita is \$20.05. The German members average \$39 per capita. The secretary of the conference reports that not one-half of the membership is paying tithe, according to the best reports that he can get. North and South Dakota have both gained in membership.

These facts and figures show clearly that, should our brethren in the Northern Union Conference pay an honest tithe, the tithe would be doubled in the union. This means that we should inaugurate in each of our conferences a most thorough aggressive movement to instruct our brethren, and teach them the way of the Lord, and to continue this work in love and kindness until all are brought to see the importance of rendering to God his own.

In the last two years the Iowa conference has sold \$18,261.85 worth of books; Minnesota, \$8,840.60; North Dakota, \$8,374.96; and South Dakota, \$14,044.31; making a total of \$40,520.72. This is not one-half of what might have been sold had we been awake to the importance of placing the truth in the homes of the people by means of the printed page.

INSTITUTIONS

We are not blessed nor burdened with a large number of institutions in the Northern Union. However, we have four academies, one in each conference, doing good work. Their work and standing will be reported by those in charge, and by the union conference educational secretary.

We have only one sanitarium conducted under conference management—the sanitarium at Des Moines, Iowa, which is doing excellent work under the medical superintendency of Dr. Habenicht. We trust that this institution will give a full report of its work to the conference.

We have, however, several sanitariums and treatment rooms in the union conducted under private management. Among these I might mention the sanitarium of Dr. Hawkins at Montrose, Minn., and a sanitarium at St. Peter, Minn., conducted by Brother Kloss. Treatment rooms are conducted at Winona, and at other points.

South Dakota has a very creditable sanitarium at Chamberlain, which is capable of accommodating something like forty patients. This is a private institution, under the management of Drs. Farnsworth and Lindsay. I think there are treatment rooms at Mitchell, and other points in the state.

The sanitarium at Des Moines, Iowa, and the one at Chamberlain, S. D., conduct courses of training for nurses.

A full report of the medical work will doubtless be given by Dr. Hawkins, chairman of the medical department of the conference.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS

1. Since the last session of the union conference the necessity

for each union or local conference to make proper provision for orphans and the needy aged persons in their midst has been emphasized; therefore, I suggest to the committee on plans that some general recommendation should be brought before this union, suggesting a plan of action to provide for this class of worthy persons.

2. That each conference employ a suitable person in the interest of the missionary work in the churches; that said person make it a part of his work to audit the church treasurers' and librarians' books, and to do all he can to secure correct reports of the standing of each church in the conference.

3. That we give more careful consideration to planning for our camp meetings, in locating, advertising, and conducting the same so as to reach a larger number of people outside of our faith.

4. I call the attention of the local conferences to the importance of keeping in close touch with the young people attending our academies and Union College, and recommend that these persons be given proper encouragement to enter the various lines of work.

5. I would recommend the holding of a sufficient number of general meetings in the various conferences to embrace all the churches, at such time in the year as will be best adapted to secure an attendance of from two to four churches at each meeting, where the various lines of missionary work, Sabbath-school work, the study of tithing, church school work, and other subjects affecting the advancement of the cause, may be given special attention.

One of our conference treasurers, writing in response to an inquiry as to whether they had

been holding any general meetings, and what the effect had been, said: "Our conference tried the plan of holding general meetings this year. The result was that we received a large order for periodicals and books, and some splendid donations. It aided in placing fresh courage and hope in the hearts of the brethren, and stirring their hearts and hands to greater consecration and more active service."

I am confident that these meetings can be made more effectual in helping the churches in spiritual and financial lines than our camp meetings possibly can, because of the larger number thus reached.

6. I trust that the results of a study of the fields and of plans laid at this union conference meeting will give us a broader view of the vast fields beyond our own territory in distant lands, and will lead to more than doubling our efforts to meet these demands in quickly supplying them with men and funds.

7. We deplore the fact that so few strong, stable men and women have entered the canvassing work. We are glad to note that the conferences are in full sympathy with the effort to enlist proper persons to enter this line of the work. I trust that this encouragement will be continued, and that every voice, especially those of laborers and church officers, will be lifted in securing a larger number of persons to enter this noble calling.

8. I have recently received from Elder O. A. Burrill, and from other sources in the South, urgent requests that the Northern Union Conference assist the work in that field by furnishing men and means. Doubtless this matter will come up for consideration by the committee on distribution of labor. I would recommend

that this union consider these calls favorably, and that, as far as consistent, we select men from different conferences, requesting the conferences sending the men to support them in the South for at least two years for tent and other labor.

It will be remembered that at the last biennial session of the union conference it was voted to establish the NORTHERN UNION REAPER. A committee was selected to secure a printer and proper printing outfit. The committee thus appointed was successful in securing the labors of Brother William Maxson as our printer. Elder C. L. Emmerson acted as editor for the first year. Owing to the need of ministerial labor in Minnesota, Brother Emmerson offered his resignation, and entered the work in ministerial lines, and Brother Thomas D. Gibson was secured to fill his place.

I am sure that the editor of the REAPER would be glad for any suggestions from the laborers in the field as to the make-up of the paper. Its one object is to be a medium through which the union laborers, embracing each and all of the workers in the local conferences, can reach the laity in this union with communications of encouragement, instruction, and mutual intercourse in carrying forward the work in this union. In order to accomplish this purpose, it should reach every family of Seventh-day Adventists in each conference that is able to read the English language. To this end we hope that plans will be laid to secure a larger subscription list than we now have.

Sun, moon, and stars across the sky
Upon the air their warning cry;
The watchman calls from tower to tower
O, sons of men, the last, last hour.

Luke 21:25; Joel 2:1.

Earth's powers now together cling

The man of sin to exalt as king;
His sign of power to legislate
The remnant church repudiate.
Isa. 8:12-16; 2 Thess. 2:2-4; Rev. 14:12.

The sign that God from sin doth save,
The seal that to his law he gave—
The Sabbath now is kept by few,
Rejected by Gentile and Jew.
Eze. 20:12; 22:26.

The gospel remedy for sin,
God's mystery, which works within,
Will soon be finished, and no more
May sinful man for grace implore.
Rev. 10:7; Amos 8:11, 12.

The work that centuries might have done
Must crowd the hours of setting sun,
And through all lands the saving name
Ye must in fervent haste proclaim.
John 4:35, 36; Micah 5:7.

From house to house the message went
By faithful messengers Jesus sent,
Upheld by angels, word was given,
All who believe shall meet in heaven.
Rev. 14:6-15; 15:2,3.

The ripening harvest fields beseech;
Weep, tardy workers as ye reap,
For wasted hours that might have won
Rich harvests, ere the day was done.
Ps. 126:5, 6; Dan. 12:3.

The tithes and offerings we should pay
Will cause no want, no evil day;
But gold and silver hoarded here
The rich will cast away in fear.
Mal. 3:10; Isa. 2:20, 21; Zeph. 1:18.

Ye sons redeemed, no more proclaim
The days prolonged—delay, delay!
This proverb shall no longer stand,
Because the days are right at hand.
Eze. 12:22, 23.

We hear his footsteps on the way!
O, Christian, work while yet 'tis day,
Constrained by love, endued with power,
In this probation's last, last hour.
Rev. 18:1; Matt. 20:12.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

THE ORPHANS AND AGED PERSONS

The day set by the General Conference for taking a collection to provide food and shelter for the aged poor and orphans in our midst will soon be here. We all very much regret that the institutions, built by this people at so great a cost and sacrifice, have been lost to this denomination.

Arrangements have been made thus far to care for these needy ones in the homes of our own people. This requires a fund, as those who are doing the work are unable to provide for them free of charge. This work needs only a suggestion to arouse our sympathy. Will each Sabbath school superintendent and church elder announce the collection on March 28, that all may come prepared to make a liberal offering on April 4?

S. E. JACKSON.

COLLECTION FOR AGED AND ORPHANS APRIL 4

In accordance with a recommendation of the General Conference, a collection for the orphans and aged will be taken in all our churches April 4. No duty is more clearly defined in the Bible than our duty to the helpless and dependent. The council at Jerusalem closed its important work with a resolution to "remember the poor," and Paul adds "the same which I was also forward to do." Gal. 2:9, 10. We trust that the churches of believers in Iowa will manifest the same forwardness by a liberal contribution from their bounties for the care of the homeless among us. M. N. CAMPBELL,
President Iowa conference.

SABBATH, APRIL 4

There is always a chance to do good, and many times we are confronted with cases that perplex us because of our inability to cope with that particular case. The poor ye have always with you, says the Master, and for these reasons the above date has been fixed by the General Conference to take up a collection for the poor and orphans in our field. Let us remember the needy among us, and see to it that on

NORTHERN UNION CONFERENCE RECEIPTS

	Iowa	Minnesota	North Dakota	South Dakota
Tithe.....	\$776 66	\$5,222 73	\$1,758 04	\$3,416 18
Second tithe.....		4,422 72		3,073 66
Foreign Missions.....	331 50	7,097 62	2,970 74	1,489 00
Sabbath school donations.....	750 95	1,589 16	1,630 61	2,229 76
Annual offerings.....	60	643 28	629 86	1,422 88
Southern field.....	714 96	896 61	470 16	534 51
Africa.....	258 22	139 74	181 32	84 00
Christian Record.....	14 50	166 70	243 42	208 53
Spain.....	6 75			
Washington (D. C.) Seminary.....	5 00			
Greenland.....	12 47			
Jamaica.....	6 80	20 84	6 00	9 50
Paul Curtis.....	834 60			
\$150,000 fund.....	640 97	5,385 83	1,912 44	2,580 20
China.....		158 98	171 52	1,176 10
India.....		325 84	1,487 71	1,676 13
Japan.....		87 65	13 15	
Central America.....		10 00		
South America.....		35 00	855 64	1,993 03
Scandinavian Mission, Chicago.....		32 00		86 00
W. A. Sweaney.....		16 79		
Fiji.....		1 92		
Swedish Mission.....		21 00		
Swedish Song Book and Literature fund.....				5 00
International Publishing Association.....		151 10	285 51	97 06
Medical Missionary Acre fund.....		49 73		9 06
Russia.....		3 00	62 85	
Jewish work.....		3 67	50	25 00
Children's Mission fund.....		192 62		
German Mission fund.....		2 00		23 15
Saskatchewan.....		500 00		
General Conference tent fund.....				2 00
General Conference donation.....			520 00	
Washington (D. C.) fund.....			3 72	102 75
General Conference (\$100,000) fund.....				53 82
Frontier work.....		500 00		
Alberta conference (Burman).....				272 00
J. C. Christensen (Manitoba, Alberta).....		765 25		
Pacific Press donation.....		387 45	218 87	224 90
Ministry of Healing.....		90 00	42 75	63 75
Printing Office.....		580 49	94 02	257 53
Religious Liberty Work.....		203 69	95 12	75 81
Orphans and Aged.....		173 98	146 26	194 90
Elder Meyers (Pennsylvania).....			1,327 64	
New York German church.....			50 00	
N. W. Allee fund.....			44 00	
Malay Archipelago.....				2 62
Chas. Scholl (Pennsylvania).....				1,109 39
New York Immigrant Mission.....				21 60
West Indies.....				4 88
Manitoba conference.....				500 00
Total.....	\$4,353 98	\$29,877 39	\$15,222 85	\$23,024 70

April 4 all remember the poor fund with a liberal donation. Send all money to Mrs. Alice H. Robinson, and state that it is for the poor fund.

C. J. KUNKEL.

PREVIOUS to the regular conference session the educational workers of the union and presidents of conferences held an educational institute. Prof. C. L. Benson presided, and was ably

assisted in the work of the institute by Professors M. E. Kern and N. W. Lawrence. Special topics were presented, which were discussed with much profit by the educators present. Recom-

RECEIPTS

	Alberta	Sask.	Manitoba
Tithe.....	\$2,010 52	\$486 96	\$476 63
Foreign Missions.....	101 46	143 63	433 88
Annual Offerings.....	425 40	81 52	196 53
Sabbath school donations.....	473 57	77 70	
Southern Field.....	109 15	8 00	18 80
South America.....	96 35		20 20
International Publishing Association.....	10 00	7 50	22 65
German Mission Fund.....	25 00		
General Conference—\$100,000 fund.....	10 00		
Christian Record.....	4 75		
Pacific Press donation.....	13 60		17 52
International Publishing Association.....	31 65		
\$150,000 fund.....	189 15	36 00	240 30
Orphans and Aged.....	25 60	10 00	
India.....		20 00	24 86
China.....		10 00	
Africa.....			60 00
Alberta tent fund.....			75 00
Totals.....	\$3,526 20	\$881 31	\$1,585 87

FROM OTHER SOURCES

Central Union Conference for Saskatchewan.....	\$1,000 00
Lake Union Conference for frontier work.....	1,750 00
Central Union Conference for frontier work.....	3,000 00
Central Union Conference for Calgary.....	500 00
Nebraska conference for O. A. Hall.....	648 57
Oklahoma conference for F. H. Conway.....	383 1
Pacific Press Publishing Co., Kansas City, for one-half wage and expense of Northern Union Field Secretary.....	612 11
Scattered tithe.....	90 39
Total.....	\$7,984 20

TOTAL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF TITHE AND MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS

	Dr.	Cr.
North Dakota conference.....	\$15,222 85	
South Dakota conference.....	23,024 70	
Minnesota conference.....	29,877 39	
Iowa conference.....	4,353 98	
Manitoba conference.....	1,585 87	
Alberta conference.....	3,526 20	
Saskatchewan.....	881 31	
Other sources.....	7,984 20	
Tithe to General Conference treasurer.....		\$1,511 69
Tent for Belgium to General Conference treasurer.....		206 58
Expense.....		250 84
Laborers' wage and expense.....		6,575 86
Miscellaneous Offerings to General Conference treasurer.....		60,361 07
Appropriated to other sources.....		13,648 95
Balance per statement—Tithe.....		3,247 89
“ “ “ —Printing Office.....		29 51
“ “ “ —Ministry of Healing.....		132 75
“ “ “ —Orphans and Aged.....		185 62
“ “ “ —Frontier Work.....		305 74
Totals.....	\$86,456 50	\$86,456 50

mentations were made for the church schools. These plans advancement of the work in our academies, intermediate and were presented to the conference and received hearty approval.

The proceedings of the educational institute will probably be printed later.

BRETHREN J. F. Piper, A. V. Rhoads, A. V. Cotton and C. L. Benson were ordained to the gospel ministry on Sabbath. The first three are workers in the Iowa conference, and Brother Benson is the educational and young people's secretary of the Northern Union Conference.

ELDER M. N. CAMPBELL, of Battle Creek, Mich., has been chosen to take the presidency of the Iowa conference, to succeed Elder L. F. Starr, who has been called to take the presidency of the Chesapeake conference.

ELDERS J. F. Piper and A. V. Cotton, of the Iowa conference, will accompany Elder Starr from Iowa to labor in the Chesapeake conference.

A GERMAN brother named Lippe, a soldier, has been sentenced to six years' imprisonment because he would not work on Sunday.

MRS. E. D. CHAPMAN, of Alexandria, presided over the culinary department of the lunch room, assisted by other capable help.

WANTED—A good broom-maker; will pay good wages. John Bloedow, Winona, Minn.

WANT work on a farm or for a Seventh-day Adventist contractor by the month. Would like to get near some good lake or river. Write particulars and state wages. Address Leonard Wood, Bruno, Minn.

FREE one year, the "South Dakota Health Journal," a new up to date health journal of twenty pages, published monthly, embodying principles of treatment, healthful dress, cookery, and helpful hints to busy housekeepers for the children and sick. Will be sent free for one year to those who will send twelve cents in stamps to the Sanitarium, Chamberlain, S. D. This offer will be held open but for one month. The regular subscription of 50 cents will be charged afterwards.

VEGETARIAN MEAT, Nut cheese, and Nut Seasoned Baked Beans are all made to take the place of flesh foods. They contain the elements to make blood and muscle, and by their use flesh can be readily discontinued. We also make over twenty other health foods, and sell direct to consumers at wholesale prices. Send for prices. Samples prepaid for fifty cents. Five gallons vegetable cooking oil for \$3.75. Iowa Sanitarium Food Co., Des Moines, Iowa.

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Sun sets Friday, March 20, at 6:12

ORPHANS AND AGED

I wish to call attention to the recommendation of the General Conference to all our people in the United States that twice each year we should take up collections in churches for the support and relief of the orphans and aged persons, or other infirm, worthy persons who may need our care. The time set for the next collection is Sabbath, April 4.

The Bible is full of precious promises to those who give to the poor and needy. We are told that in doing this, we lend to the Lord. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." Prov. 19:17. Many such promises are brought to view in the scriptures.

A resolution was passed at the session of the Northern Union Conference which has just

STATEMENT OF NORTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For year ending December 31, 1907

	Dr.	Cr.	Res.	Liabil.	Gains	Losses
Interest.....		61 43			\$61 43	
Alberta Tract soc.	\$11 30	10 80	50			
S. D. Tract soc.....	39 75	35 00	4 75			
N. D. tract soc.....	2 00		2 00			
Printing Office.....	267 31	296 88		29 51		
Ministry of Healing	63 75	196 50		132 75		
Orphans and Aged..		185 62		185 62		
R and H Pub Assoc	2,769 35		2,769 35			
Frontier Work.....	1,608 40	1,914 14		305 74		
J. S. James.....	75	25 00		24 25		
Tithe	8,544 97	11,792 86		3,247 89		
Cash.....	53,339 66	52,104 36	1,285 30			
N. U. REAPER.....	410 54	485 25			74 71	
Stock.....		701 67				
Property.....	701 67		701 67			
Net Gain.....						136 14
Present Worth.....				837 81		
Total	\$87,609 51	\$87,609 51	\$4,763 57	\$4,763 57	\$136 14	\$136 14

closed, recommending that all our conferences should do all in their power to provide homes among our people for these worthy objects of our charity. So long as we live in this world, where death and sin reign to a greater or less degree, there will be constant opportunities for our benevolence, in the many cases that will appeal to our sympathies, in relieving the needy. These opportunities are to us blessings in disguise, and are to test our characters.

I trust the various conference presidents will write something briefly upon this topic, and that all the churches in the union conference will heartily respond on April 4 with a liberal collection, which should be forwarded to the state conference treasurer. Provision may possibly be made, if it becomes necessary, by the union to establish a home for the aged persons who may be needy. If so, these persons will have to be supported in such a home with the funds collected in the various conferences, and it would be a blessed thing for each conference to have a fund on hand to meet the needs as they may arise. I

trust that all will liberally and gladly contribute to this worthy object at the time designated, April 4. R. A. UNDERWOOD.

WORD recently received from Africa brings the sad news of the death of Sister Anderson, wife of Elder W. H. Anderson, of the Kalomo Mission, North-west Rhodesia, South Africa. Sister Anderson had spent eleven years in faithful mission service in the African field. She leaves a husband and daughter to mourn their loss.

A HEARING was given the advocates and opponents of the Sunday bills now before Congress Friday, March 13. The hearing was held before the commissioners of the District of Columbia, who will now make a recommendation to Congress upon the matter.

It is reported that the police raided a synogogue in Winnipeg recently, during the strenuous enforcement of the Lord's Day Act, and stopped a wedding being performed there, on the ground that the act said that no work must be done on the Sabbath.