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Third Quarter, 1913.

ANOTHER quarter has rolled by and the next one will be nearing its end by the time this paper reaches our readers. The third quarter has been a successful one in many respects, and God has blessed His work in the European Division in a remarkable way. But we ought to be able to report better results, and it is the duty of everyone in our Division, be he worker or lay-member, to put his shoulder to the wheel and help bear the burden. Lifting makes the burden lighter, and if everyone lifts, it can easily be carried onward to the goal, where all burdens shall depart for ever, and where the reward will be allotted to every man according as his fruits shall have been. The reports this year on the whole have not been quite so encouraging as in the past year, when we take the extra expense and number of workers into consideration. Yet we must not complain, nor lose our courage, for it is God's work, and His work can never fail. Chiefly on account of the war, to say nothing of inward political and labour troubles, which all prove hindrances to the work to a more or less degree, we have not been able to do as much as would perhaps otherwise have been done. Every country in Europe has been affected by these difficulties, and it is needless to state that they have been a great drawback to the advancement of the work.

For this reason we are doubly thankful that God has so blessed the efforts of His servants, that our membership has been increased during the first three quarters of this year by 2,779 souls. In the same time last year the increase was 2,687 members. Our gain in tithe this year has not been so good as was the gain in the first three quarters of last year. The gain in the second and third quarters was a loss (!) of \$2,202.49 against the first quarter. In 1912 the gain of the second and third quarters over the first was \$701.74, so we have cause to pull hard during the fourth quarter to keep up our good name.

But the Lord has been very good to us and above all things we are thankful that we can now press on with our work down in the Balkan States. Peace has been signed at last, and we can continue our work as usual. One of our workers in Dalmatia was arrested as a spy, on account of his having spoken in broken Italian to some soldiers on a train, and conducted to the dungeon, where he was confined sixty-nine days. His position as a minister and his papers being in order did not help him to clear his name before that time. The experiences of another minister during the war will be of interest which we quote on another page. Two of our dear co-workers have been laid to sleep, one in England and one in Scandinavia, and it pains us deeply to report their deaths. But God's ways are not our ways, and although we cannot understand why this should be allowed to take place, yet we feel that God's hand is in our work, and He will also provide for the furtherance of the cause.

Good and blessed general meetings were held in Scandinavia, England, Switzerland, France, Spain, and Russia, during the quarter. We are sure that those of our people who attended these meetings returned to their homes greatly strengthened and refreshed.

Conference meetings in different parts of Europe are convening almost every day in the year, and we would especially emphasize the necessity of praying for the success of these gatherings. By the time this paper reaches our readers the Week of Prayer will have commenced. Let us at this time not only remember these meetings, but also think and earnestly pray for the work and the workers throughout the field, especially those labouring for the heathen.

As this year draws to its close, let us all make renewed efforts to further the message, for only a "few more years shall roll," and the Master will come to call home those who have laboured faithfully for Him.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Name of Conference or Mission.	Obtained Ministers.	Licensed Ministers.	Licensed Miss'aries	Other Workers.	Total Workers.	No. of Churches.	Member-ship.	No. of Companies.	Member-ship.	Isolated.	Total Sabbath-keepers.	Baptized.	Received by Vote.	Dropped to America.	Net Gain over previous quarter.
1. East German Union.	1		1	5	7										
2. East German Union District.	6	3	9		18	24	1624				1624	46	3	4	3
3. East Prussian Conference...	5	5	2		12	46	1114				1114	25	2		5
4. Oder Conference.....	3	2	2		13	19	549				549	24	1		4
5. Saxon Conference.....	4	3	3		18	36	1109				1109	29	3		10
6. Silesian ".....	3	5	11		16	29	907				907	39			17
7. Vistula ".....	3		7		10	25	505				505	30	10		29
8. Warta ".....	3	5	1		9	26	550				550	22		1	-1
9. East Galician Mission.....	1	2	8		11	5	47				47				4
10. West ".....	1		2		3	2	11				11				
Totals.	30	25	57	5	117	212	6416				6416	215	19	12	67
11. West German Union.	3	1	1	2	5										
12. West German Union Dis.....	1	1	6		10	4	532	14	275	6	813	31	1		28
13. Hessian Conference.....	1		7		8	3	291	10	180	4	475	12	3		4
14. Lower Rhenish Conference.	4	1	11		16	7	317	19	798		1115	40	3		-45
15. Middle German ".....	6	4	7		17	8	323	33	557	20	905	44	5		34
16. North German ".....	5	2	6		13	10	486	15	256	4	646	24	1		14
17. Upper Rhenish ".....	3	1	5		9	7	374	7	65	1	440	21	3		13
18. Westphalian ".....	4	2	4		10	6	231	16	333		564	17	1		33
19. Belgian Mission.....	3	4			7	3	56	3	93		149	5	1		-1
20. Holland ".....	2	2	5	2	11	1	43	8	218	26	287	8			9
Totals.	32	18	52	4	106	49	2608	125	2775	61	5444	202	18		89
21. Russian Union.	1			3	4										
22. Russian Union District.....	1		2	3	6	3	392				392	10	1		-6
23. Azov Conference.....	5		3	2	10	20	472				472	18	1		9
24. Baltic ".....	1		8		9	11	419				419	30			29
25. Little Russian Conference.	3	2	2		6	20	550				550	11		1	-21
26. Newa Conference.....	3	3	4	1	11	15	649				649	38	2	2	29
27. North Caucasian Con.....	2	2	3	1	8	30	811				811	10			5
28. Black Sea Mission.....	2	2	4	1	9	21	384				384	9	4	5	14
29. Middle Russian Mission.....	2		3	2	7	6	103				103	2			9
30. Polish Mission.....	1		4	2	7	3	107				107				-3
31. Trans-Caucasian Mission...	1		5		6	17	358				358	51	1		55
32. West Russian Mission.....	2		2		4	12	200				200	3	2		4
33. White Sea Mission.....	1		2		3	4	49				49	6			7
Totals.	24	9	42	15	90	162	4494				4494	188	11	8	131
34. Scandinavian Union.	1			3	4										
35. Scandinavian Union Dist...	2		4		6	3	494				494	7	5	4	58
36. Danish Conference.....	2	2	7	1	12	21	622				622	8	5	1	14
37. East Norwegian Con.....	3	2	4		9	22	754				754	27	18	1	37
38. Finnish Conference.....	2	2	7	1	12	9	288	4	42	17	347	19			10
39. Swedish Conference.....	4	2	3		9	25	796				796	10			8
40. West Norwegian Con.....	2	1	2		5	9	391				391	34	5		28
41. Iceland Mission.....	2		1		3	1	42				42				
42. North Swedish Mission.....	1				1	2	36			14	50				
43. South ".....	1		1		2	4	115			47	162	8	1	1	12
Totals.	18	11	29	5	63	96	3538	4	42	78	3658	113	34	7	162
44. Central Europ. Union.	2	1		2	5										
45. Bavarian Conference.....	4	6	4		14	4	289	11	309	15	613	21	2		21
46. German-Swiss Conference...	4	1	5		10	4	345	17	307	46	698	22		4	14
47. South German ".....	6		6		12	5	280	20	375	11	666	24			19
48. Wurtemberg ".....	3	1	4		8	5	226	17	277	4	507	16			14
49. Austrian Mission.....	4	4	8	2	18	2	66	14	166	20	252	12			10
50. Bohemian Mission.....	2	1	4		7	1	25	9	134	30	189	14			9
51. Moravian-Silesian Mission.	2	1	3		6	2	64	15	277	14	355	29			21
Totals.	27	15	34	4	80	23	1295	103	1845	140	3280	138	2	4	108
52. British Union.	3		1	1	5										
53. British Union District.....	3	1	1	3	8	9	429	1	15		444	15	3		7
54. North England Conference.	3	4	8	3	18	23	771	3	22		793	10	2		
55. South ".....	3	2	4	2	11	13	582				582	16		3	5
56. Scotch Conference.....	1	2	4		7	6	186				186	4	2		4
57. Welsh ".....	2	1	2	2	7	8	235	3	51		286	8			1
58. Irish Mission.....	2	1	3	1	7	6	129	2	11		140	2			
Totals	17	11	23	12	63	65	2332	9	99		2431	55	7	3	17

THIRD QUARTER, 1913.

	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Total Tithe Receipts.	Average Tithe per Member.	Total S.S. Offerings to Foreign Missions.	Total Weekly Offerings.	Total Annual Offerings.	Total Miscellaneous Offerings.	Total Offerings.	Ave. Offer. per Mem. e for Quarter.	Canvassers.	Retail Value of Book & Per. Sales.	No. Sabbath Schools.	Member-ship.	Average Attendance
1.	5450 95	3 86	999 07	312 17	329 93		1640 47	1 01	22	811 39	24	1559	1090
2.	2007	1 80	230 48	96 51	611 50		988 49	89	25	153 33	45	1166	810
3.	1807 64	3 29	145 21	62 68	50 66		258 55	47 21	21	1765 30	19	548	308
4.	9697 53	3 21	837 72	248 41	90 63		676 76	61 32	32	2305 39	35	1254	901
5.	2635 09	2 88	233 43	144 30	63 77		441 50	48 29	28	1548 92	28	787	529
6.	1771 60	3 51	143 71	67 92	30 08		241 71	48 18	18	1386 65	23	524	415
7.	1739 06	3 17	188 67	85 16	65 45		239 28	53 19	19	1476 74	25	550	413
8.	156 07	3 32	13 42	7 21	1 36		21 99	1 59	1	7 40	2	47	36
9.	85 92	3 23	5 83	11 68			17 51				5	11	11
10.	19280 86	3	2297 54	1036 04	1242 68		4576 26	71	168	10951 62	206	6426	4453
11.													
12.	2806 58	3 45	233 56	112 26	180 49		526 31	64	26	1172	18	774	585
13.	1739 55	3 65	127 80	108 43	57 08		293 31	62 19	19	1061 46	13	488	327
14.	3343 71	3	263 87	135 42	150 43		532 72	48 42	42	1912 02	26	1134	660
15.	4265 33	4 68	272 79	182 05	126 75		531 53	64 42	42	1971 85	41	936	732
16.	1771 88	4 56	174 63	94 86	118 02		387 56	56 30	30	2441 76	25	600	420
17.	1024	2 33	66 82	35 37	25 90		128 09	29 11	11	998 33	14	379	263
18.	2019 13	3 58	166 95	70 04	147 20		384 19	68 22	22	1643 34	22	660	426
19.	434 93	2 92	49 05	18 51	53 05		120 61	31	24	1635 58	6	140	98
20.	648 89	2 26	48 68	9 29	9 50		67 47	24	23		9	321	255
	19455	3 57	1404 20	766 23	848 42		3018 85	55	215	12898 47	174	5482	3716
21.													
22.	1610 78	4 11	135 96	120 78			256 74	66	5	201 63	3	335	300
23.	869 79	1 84	81 30	48 08			123 38	28 3	3	366 63	20	492	450
24.	894 65	2 14	107 39	165 11			123 90	30 4	4	157	11	349	300
25.	392 67	71	40 91	31 10	46		72 47	13			20	542	500
26.	1527 64	2 85	193 49	62 59			262 08	40 11	11	544 09	15	556	500
27.	1133 47	1 40	90	51 61			141 61	17			30	1077	1000
28.	628 50	1 64	49 99	36 93			86 92	22 12			21	450	400
29.	192 34	1 86	16 82	3 76			20 58	2 1	1	21 35	6	112	100
30.	296 94	2 77	33 47	23 85	1 03		64 35	60 3	3	53 94	3	122	100
31.	511 51	1 43	36 94				36 94	10			17	508	450
32.	155 60	78	30 96	21 79	51		53 25	27 2	2	68 61	12	251	200
33.	89 70	1 83	6 85				6 85	14			4	50	40
	8303 69	1 85	830 08	423	2		1255 08	28	29	1413 30	162	4844	4340
34.													
35.	1981 63	4 01	146 37	65 31			211 68	43			5	287	205
36.	1781 46	2 86	217 45	60 84			273 29	45	42	11927 62	39	620	223
37.	1576 42	2 09	165 79	84 26			250 05	33 24	34	5322 09	32	613	465
38.	969 74	2 79	134 34	38 93			173 27	50 35	35	4327 90	20	249	177
39.	995 31	1 25	144 28	58			202 28	25 35	35	7142 19	46	544	460
40.	1082 81	2 77	80 86	12 11			92 97	24			11	311	213
41.	60 62	1 44	6 06				6 06	14	4	459 73	1	18	15
42.	106 44	2 13	18 46	6 08			24 54	63			4	40	30
43.	408 94	2 52	46 63	3 77			50 40	31			17	125	100
	8963 42	2 48	960 24	323 30			1289 54	35	140	29179 53	175	2807	1888
44.													
45.	3325 61	5 42	164 42	94 31	106 29		365 02	60	22	1746 47	15	654	475
46.	1949 62	2 80	288 87	111 66	430 02		830 55	1 20	23	2366 79	21	599	426
47.	2169 80	3 26	135 29	135 17	149 93		470 39	71 27	27	2947 63	25	752	560
48.	2014 51	3 97	187 54	147 72	81 90		416 86	82 22	22	2747 97	22	574	427
49.	1349 03	5 95	131 69	68 26	119 55		319 50	1 27	8	868 82	16	242	207
50.	585 15	3 10	67 85	21 37	209 70		298 93	1 58			10	163	105
51.	833 09	2 35	171 99	82 60	230 12		484 71	1 37	14	1068 43	17	381	345
	12226 81	3 73	1197 66	661 09	1327 21		3188 96	97	116	11746 11	126	3365	2545
52.	92 04			11 02			11 02		1	*			
53.	1910 72	4 30	244 58	23 89		62 52	330 99	74	12		9	390	303
54.	2307 30	2 91	249 92	84 41		178 39	512 72	65	65		33	710	545
55.	1986 34	3 41	276 18	72 62		192 77	481 47	83	32		17	569	404
56.	667 42	3 59	58 14	46 52		21 23	125 89	67	25		14	146	108
57.	1030 29	3 60	74 95	67 08		10 26	152 29	53	24		10	319	227
58.	432 04	3 08	43 92	18 21		12 85	74 98	58	6		8	83	62
	8426 15	3 47	947 69	323 35		418 02	1689 35	70	165		91	2217	1649

*The B.U.C. is unable to give its Book Sales this quarter, and will report them with the fourth quarter's sales.

Name of Conference or Mission.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Ordained Ministers.	Licensed Ministers.	Licensed Missionaries.	Other Workers.	Total Workers.	No. of Churches.	Members.	No. of Companies.	Members.	Isolated.	Total Sabbath-keepers.	Baptized.	Received by Vote.	Dropped to American.	Net Gain over previous quarter.
59. Danube Union.	1			2	3										
60. Central Hungarian Con.....	1	5	4	1	11	4	149	18	344	3	496	20	5	2	25
61. Transylvanian Conference.	3		5	1	9	3	178	27	522	3	703	57			33
62. Adriatic Mission.....	1	1	1		3			3	20		20	1			1
63. North Hungarian Mission...	1	2	5	1	9			7	94	2	96	3		1	
64. Rumanian Mission.....	3	3	1	1	8	2	90	8	306		396	25	1		23
65. Theiss-Save Mission.....	2	2	2	1	7			12	140		170	14	1		13
66. West Hungarian Mission....	1	2	2		5			2	32	11	43	12	3		14
Totals.	18	15	20	7	55	9	417	77	1458	49	1924	132	15	3	109
75. Siberian Union Mission	1		1	1	3										
76. East Siberian Mission.....	1	1	1	2	5	1	70				70	2	1		6
77. Turkestan ".....	1	3	3		7	10	173	6	77		250	13			16
78. Ural Mission.....	4	3	1	13	17	17	740	2	13		753	15	2		2
79. Volga Mission.....	1	2	3	6	8	3	56	4	42		98	3			3
80. West Siberian Mission.....	2	2	4	8	8	2	66	4	29		29	4			1
71. Italian Mission.....	2	2	1	1	4	2	49	5	77		66	4			2
72. North French Mission.....	1	5	1	1	7	1					126	12			10
73. Portuguese Mission.....															
74. Spanish Mission.....															
Totals.	18	11	23	6	53	34	1154	21	238		1392	58	3		46
81. Levant Union Mission.	2		3		5	9	144				144	10		4	10
82. Armenian Mission.....	2		1		3	5	113				113				
83. Bulgarian ".....	2		5		7	15	263				263	4	1		7
84. Central Turkish Mission...	2		3		5	15	287				287	6	2	4	
85. Cilician Mission.....	2	1	2		5	25	433				433	52	12	1	58
86. Grecian ".....															
Totals.	10	1	14		25	69	1240				1240	72	15	9	75
87. Division Con. Missions.	1	1	1		3			3	24	8	32	1	1		2
88. Abyssinian Mission.....	1	2	2		5	1	11	3	25	11	47				2
89. British E. African Mission.	2	3	3	3	11	3	120	9	95	4	219	28	2		31
90. Egyptian Mission.....	1		3	1	5	1	18	9	63	6	87	2			4
91. German Pare Mission.....	1	1		1	3			2	8	3	11				
92. Germ. Victoria Nyanza Mis.															
93. North African Mission.....	3	8	5		16	3	72			2	72	22			23
94. Persian Mission.....	2	1	3		6	3	39				41				2
95. Syrian-Arabian Mission.....	1	1			2	1	4				4				2
96. West African Mission.....	2		4		6	2	28				30				
Totals.	17	13	21	2	53	17	466			4	470	49			46

RECAPITULATION.

97. East German Union.....	30	25	57	5	117	212	6416				6416	215	19	12	67
98. West ".....	92	18	52	4	160	49	2608	125	2775	61	5444	202	13		89
99. Russian Union.....	24	9	42	15	90	162	4494				4494	188	11	8	131
100. Scandinavian Union.....	18	11	29	5	63	96	3538	4	42	78	3658	113	34	7	162
101. Central European Union...	27	15	34	4	80	23	1295	103	1845	140	3230	138	2	4	108
102. British Union.....	17	11	23	12	63	65	2332	9	99		2431	55	7	3	17
103. Danube Union.....	13	15	20	7	55	9	417	77	1458	49	1924	132	15	3	109
104. Latin Union.....	13	11	23	6	53	34	1154	21	238		1392	58	3		46
105. Siberian Union Mission.....	10	1	14		25	69	1240				1240	72	15	9	75
106. Levant ".....	6	7	9	5	27	5	149	26	215	32	396	31	3		39
107. Division Con. Missions.....	17	13	21	2	53	17	466			4	470	49			46
108. European Div. Con. Office.	2		2	3	7										
Grand Totals, 3rd quarter, 1913.	209	136	326	68	739	743	24109	345	6672	364	31145	1252	127	46	889
Grand Totals, 3rd quarter, 1912.	176	140	295	65	676	531	19383	454	7814	438	27635	1232	113	11	837
Grand Totals, 3rd quarter, 1911.	150	122	272	55	599	495	17337	377	6151	243	24189	885	123	8	523

	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Total The Receipts.	Average Title per Member.	Total S.S. Offerings to Foreign Missions.	Total Weekly Offerings.	Total Annual Offerings.	Total Miscellaneous Offerings.	Total Offerings.	Ave. Offer. per Member for Quarter.	Canvassers.	Retail Value of Book & Per Sales.	No. Sabbath Schools.	Member-ship.	Average Attendance
59.	871 38	1 76	35 13	29 27			114 40	33	15	1234 29	22	483	418
60.	850 72	1 21	37 88	27 16			141 31	21	4	141 41	30	705	645
61.	78 68	3 94	7 25	5 39		26 27	12 64	63			3	20	13
62.	160 77	1 67	24 32	12 72			37 04	39	2	46 24	7	99	78
63.	1206 96	3 05	129 56	70 66		90 53	220 75	56	1	9 55	10	427	346
64.	495 33	2 91	44 43	20 49	12	12	77 04	46	6	407 38	12	190	161
65.	89 92	2 09	7 67	2 93			10 60	25	6	642 94	2	82	21
	3753 76	1 95	386 24	168 62	12	58 80	613 78	32	34	2481 81	86	1956	1682
67.	303 03	4 33	18 35	4 75			23 60	33			1	30	25
68.	834 24	3 33	186 37	34 37		9 70	230 94	92	3	114 36	19	187	139
69.	2497 02	3 31	491 32	136 32		42 48	670 12	89	6	1494 28	22	563	406
70.	65 11	68	10 60				10 60	11			5	55	40
71.	62 58	2 15	18 87	1 33			20 20	20			5	58	49
72.	89 83	1 33	19 38				19 38	73			2	59	52
73.	201 96	1 61	54 57	3 13		17 61	75 31	60	6	562 90	7	81	65
	4053 77	2 92	800 46	179 90		69 79	1050 15	75	15	2171 54	61	1033	766
75.	268 79	1 87	36 68	15 18			51 86	36	2	79 95	9	156	150
76.	103 59	32	27 39	3 10			30 49	27			5	117	100
77.	310 87	1 18	18 46	20 44			38 90	15	2	51 45	15	310	250
78.	389 42	1 36	25 92	4 92	1 58		32 42	11			15	371	350
79.	26 77	60	41 82	5 39	1 80		49 67	11	2	40 27	25	542	500
	1333 44	1 08	150 33	49 63	3 38		203 34	17	6	171 67	69	1496	1350
81.													
82.	2 67	08	1 10	10			1 20	04		3	3	32	30
83.	95 46	2 03	6 48	2 50			8 98	19			5	47	40
84.	163 75	75	17 26	6 08			23 34	10	2	78 04	11	219	200
85.	16 15	19	3 97	81			4 78	06		11 83	9	87	80
86.	33 23	3 2	5 91	1 05			6 96	63	1		2	11	10
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1 East German Union Con.....	37	702	464	164	922	1035	784	4964	713
2 West " " ".....	33	477	155	99	384	404	99	9472	1478
3 Russian Union Conference.....	4	20	6	2	3	13		76	21
4 Scandinavian Conference.....	15	313	67	34	135	59	5	478	201
5 Central European Con.....	26	323	101	54	569	326	1803	3185	232
6 British Union Conference.....	11	197	171	71	386	62	5	3655	1109
7 Danube " " ".....	17	514	28	25	67	94	13	500	57
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Items of Interest from All Parts of the European Division.

The Work in Russia Since 1907.

AT the General Conference in Washington, changes were made which affected our Union. Since 1907 it has been my privilege to serve this field, and I may say that these have been blessed years for me. I would never have believed it possible to get used to strange customs and peoples so soon, but the truth unites all nations under one head.

In 1907 the Russian Union was divided from the German Union. At that time we had but five fields in all Russia, and eleven ordained ministers with 2,500 members. The tithe amounted to 14,738 Roubles in that year. The few workers that we had, had to be supported from outside. Since that time the Russian Union has been divided into twelve fields, having twenty ordained ministers, and Siberia has five fields, and ten ordained ministers. Altogether the number of workers has risen from 31 to 113, i. e. in the Russian Union there are eighty-eight, and in Siberia twenty-five; for Siberia used to belong to the Russian Union. The tithe amounted to 50,381 Roubles in 1912, and Siberia had 8,153 Roubles or together 58,534 Roubles, making just four times as much as we had five years ago. The membership has grown to 5,528.

We have had to struggle with many

difficulties this year. First of all it seemed as though the doors in Russia would never open for the futherance of the message, but gradually a great reaction was noticeable and at present, endeavours are being made to withdraw all reforms. However, we believe that the time has come, when God is to work among all peoples with His Holy Spirit. The hindrances are only used as steps of blessing by our Lord. It is just as difficult to suppress the truth as to cover light.

The greatest blessing in the work consisted in our having, as workers, one general goal, namely, the saving of souls. We were united in this aim, and one upheld the other with loving arms. It has been just this co-operation that has led us to overcome both inward and outward difficulties.

Now that I am leaving the Russian Union to Brother O. E. Reinke [this was written before the last session of the Division Conference, see page 53] yet we will nevertheless endeavour to co-operate together in the work. The field itself is not an easy one, and it does not only need a strong spirit but a healthy body. May the Lord grant Brother Reinke both. He finds everywhere willing hearts, and the workers will also

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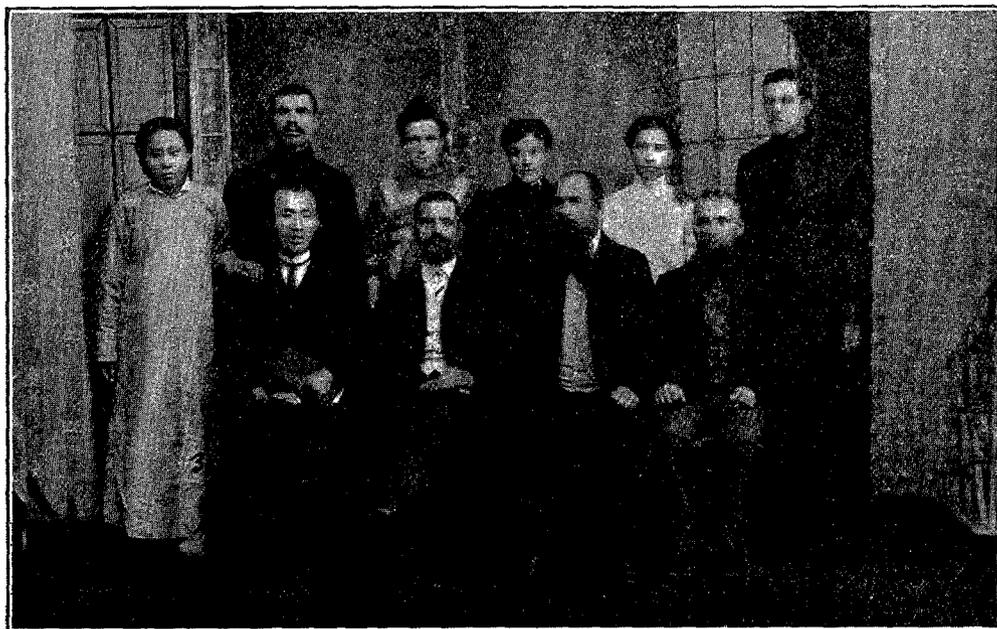
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help him bear the message to the millions of Russia, as in the past. The 150 churches need good advice, for their condition is quite different from that in other fields of Europe.

We give God all the honour and glory that the canvassing work and book business has improved from year to year. Often the enemy has sought to hinder us and we could not find a way out of the difficulties. But God always helped us when we needed it most. At

present we are in a very critical position, but we see the dawn breaking already. Our people work with greater sacrifice and love than ever before, for they know that the Lord will complete His work in a short time.

In leaving Russia as Union president, I nevertheless feel united to the work there and pray the Lord that His holy angels may assist all the dear workers as ministering spirits, comforting and encouraging them in hours of peril and



NEW MEMBERS IN EAST SIBERIAN MISSION.

tribulation. Soon the work will be finished on the whole earth and then every one will reap that which he has sown for the Lord.

J. T. BÖTTCHER.

Among the Slovaks and Croatians.

ANOTHER instance of how the truth gained an entrance among the peoples of southeastern Europe is the following: A young man who had become disloyal to the truth soon after our work began in Hungary, thought it was his duty to preach the Sabbath among his Slovakian friends, for he himself spoke that language. He was not willing to accept the tithing system and our health principles, but thought it was sufficient if we only preach the Sabbath. A number of earnest Nazarine Christians invited him, and they attentively listened to his words. However, by some means, these people learned that this young man was not the only one that kept the Sabbath. They heard of us, and invited me to visit them. I accepted their invitations, and found a large company gathered, but the young man was there, ready to oppose me. He being master of the language, was perfectly able to control his hearers, while I could not practically reach them, save through a very poor interpreter, as the young man would not interpret for me. However, the Lord gave me confidence and patience, so that I had time to await the development of the spirit of the enemy. After spending half a day with them, they told me kindly but definitely that I could go, and they would call me when they found it necessary. In about six months they again invited me to come among them. By that time they had already found that this young man who was teaching them was not honest, and so they had broken off all connection with him. While they were not in sympathy with him, they were so thoroughly prejudiced against the truth of health principles and the tithing system, that they told me it would be unnecessary to argue on these questions further, but that they were willing to become

members of our church on condition that we would make an exception in these things in their case. I replied that I was very sorry to be unable to comply with their request, as these were not principles which were arbitrarily invented by us, but that they are eternal principles of the Word of God. I said that I would, for their own good, be obliged to honestly stand by these principles, but do all in my power, and even patiently wait as long as necessary, until they also could heartily accept the whole truth. They again told me to go, and they would call me when it would be necessary. This experience was repeated several times more, and finally at the end of three years' hard and prayerful labour they asked for pardon, with tears in their eyes, for having caused me so much trouble, and requested that they might be received into church fellowship. Thus was founded the first Slovakian company in Hungary, which has since fully developed into a very intelligent, industrious, and hard-working missionary church. Every one of these brethren is really in earnest, faithfully paying the tithe, and even a number of workers have gone out from there.

I first visited Agram, Croatia, in 1906. A young friend of the truth invited me to a wedding in a small village near the city of Agram. This young man's fiancée was the daughter of a Servian priest. I heartily accepted the invitation, hoping that the Lord would give me opportunity to testify to our message. A very fine company of lawyers, doctors, and even priests assembled. I had accepted the invitation on the condition that worldly entertainment such as dancing and so on would be discarded. Naturally, as might be expected, I thus made myself the centre of attraction, and when we came to the table everyone wondered why I did not partake of their wines and their pork. This gave me a very fine opportunity to intelligently explain the evil effects of liquor and other unhealthful practices. It was not long until they had a practical illustration of their "good" Hungarian wine. Even the good old priests joined in the loose

conversation that had been caused by the freely flowing wine. One Protestant minister, who believed in the moderate use of wine, was at last obliged to acknowledge the great blessing of total abstinence. While the company was perfectly satisfied with my declaration that I was an anti-alcoholist, and so allowed me my glass of water, the poor Protestant minister, after he had drunk several glasses of wine and found that he had enough, was obliged to decline all further hospitality in this direction. This, however, was looked upon as an insult to the host, and so he got into a very critical situation. He was at last compelled to acknowledge to me that the only reasonable way to deal with the alcohol question was total abstinence in theory and in practice. On this occasion I received a number of very good addresses from the city of Agram, and a year or two later, when one of our workers was sent down there, they began their work among the people whose addresses I was able to furnish. Thus it was that we found our first entrance among the Croatsians. Companies of believers have been organized, especially in the eastern part of this country, as at least an indirect result of this first visit among this nationality.

J. F. HUENERGARDT.

Our Youngest Union in Europe.

GOD is working everywhere in the wide world, and with Him His devoted servants, who are gathering in the harvest of the earth. This is also the case in the youngest union of the European Division, the Central European Union. The third quarter also shows progress in the growth of the young child which, faithfully guarded by paternal blessings, is taking the first steps, and it seems as if it will grow quickly and soon be self-supporting. In the first year of its life the surplus in the three quarters amounted to 29,547.94 Mk., which, however, is chiefly due to 23,000 Mk. having been donated as extra tithe, with which one cannot always reckon, and when

the young workers that we get from the school next year, about twenty in number, join our ranks in the various fields, special exertions will be necessary on our part in order to keep the field self-supporting. The third quarter brought us a gain in souls of 139 against 182 in the past quarter, with a net gain of 108 souls. The tithe rose from 48,024.76 Mk. to 51,352.61 Mk. The average tithe went up from 15.14 Mk. per person to 15.66 Mk. The Sabbath-school offerings amounted to 790.84 Mk. more, and the weekly offerings to 107.66 Mk., while the gain in miscellaneous offerings amounted to 3,276.37 Mk. The total offerings in the third quarter amounted to 14,135.35 Mk., in which 5,088.77 Mk. alone which were donated to the national jubilee offering for missions, are included. Without this special offering the gifts in the third quarter amounted to 13,381.01 Mk. The average offering per member amounts to 4.08 Mk., and we hope that if the Week of Prayer offerings flow freely the Union will reach its full quota of 20 Mk. (\$5) per member for the year.

During the last quarter the Swiss Conference had its annual meeting at Brugg, at which Elder Daniells was present. Brother Prieser was elected president of the Conference in place of Brother Reinke, who was transferred to Russia.

Then followed the conference in Vienna, where Elder Daniells was also in attendance; later the Bohemian meeting at Reichenberg and the Moravian-Silesian meeting at Teschen were held. The latter field was organized as a conference with Elder Muth as its president. In Vienna Brethren Werner and Bischoff and in Teschen Brother Niedoba were ordained to the ministry. Elder Conradi was present at all these meetings.

The headquarters of the Union was transferred from Basel to Munich, and the office is located there in the Bauerstrasse 38. As Brother Prieser, the former president of the Bavarian Conference, now takes the Swiss Conference, the writer was elected as president of Bavaria.

G. W. SCHUBERT.

God Still Works Miracles!

MANY people are of the opinion that God has stopped working miracles, but the following incident will prove that this is not the case. The Lord God of Israel is still just as powerful to-day as He ever was. Elder H. Steiner writes us from Asmara, on the borders of Abyssinia, as follows:—

"This year we have been troubled greatly by drought and locusts. A few days ago I saw something I had never before seen in my life—clouds of locusts. Like a snowstorm they settled on the fields for miles around. What a sight it was! I was right in the middle of the cloud and the insects buzzed loudly. We tried to protect our fields as far as possible. Like a dense cloud they gathered yesterday on our station. A general panic follows when the locusts are sighted. I cried inwardly to the Lord to help us, and He heard my prayer. Soon after, thousands of birds, storks, vultures, etc., gathered on our land.

Where they came from we have no idea. We were all impressed with the fact that the Lord had sent them. Even the natives believed this. I called all our men back out of the fields so as not to frighten the birds away. Still the locusts kept coming, but the storks walked up and down in our fields and kept them away, protecting our crops, where we had tried in vain. Birds were to be seen everywhere; I have never seen such flocks before—thousands, everything was white and black with storks. Soon after the locusts disappeared, without our crops having been spoilt; whereas all around us everything eatable was devoured by the insects. Zech. ii. 2. It was a miracle before our eyes. May our faithfulness to God only be increased by this wonderful incident! We thank and praise the Lord for His goodness."

We trust that this incident will also lead the natives to see the hand of God in our work, and help them in deciding to obey the truth.

Our Needs and Our Means.

BY L. R. CONRADI.

GOD's cause must ever be onward, enlarged and expanded until its sphere of action takes in every nation, tribe, tongue, and people within our boundaries. Every advance step means a step nearer toward completion of the great work, and with it a step nearer to the realization of our blessed hope, the second advent of our Lord and Saviour. Only with the power of God will the Advent people be able to complete the task allotted to them. But whilst God has pledged the fullness of His power, His people must be willing to consecrate all the strength and means at their disposal to His service.

It is only twenty-five years ago that our Mission Board in America began to give its attention to the great mission fields beyond, and for quite a while Europe was one of the chief objects of their missionary gifts. But as the membership and finances in Europe

increased, we felt that in view of the tremendous calls for China, India, Japan, Korea, South America, South Africa, etc., we should, in Europe, not only support our home work, but become sharers in the great mission fields beyond. Thus twelve years ago our mission work in Africa was opened, and one field after another was added in Africa and Asia, until at the present time we are occupying the northern and western part of Asia and nearly the whole of the African continent, including Madagascar. Only a few years ago our mission budget was \$50,000, then last year it rose to \$85,000. This year, as is seen from the following figures, it has run up to \$129,000. But when we look carefully over the appropriations, we will find that we are just beginning in some fields, while other important fields have not been touched at all yet. From New Year, 1914, we have taken

over from the American Mission Board, British West Africa and the health station at the Canary Islands, calling for an outlay of \$12,000. Their demands are larger, but that was all we are able to grant at the present time. But here is Persia, where we are just beginning to work with two labourers, which surely ought to have more than \$1,250. Here are the islands of Mauritius and Madagascar, where a worker is ready to enter, and \$1,500 will simply pay the trip and the wage without any buildings. Here is the great Congo State we ought to and must enter. There is German Cameroon, Portuguese Angola, where we have three Sabbath-keepers, who are loudly calling for a worker; on the other hand we are spending only a little over \$2,000 in Abyssinia. But the moment Abyssinia proper opens up in God's providence, we ought to immediately spend more than twice that amount in opening up that field. The work is also developing in a wonderful manner in the Amur territory, Siberia, and Turkestan, and the calls for that immense territory are so urgent, that we must strengthen the forces.

But one may ask: Can we raise our contributions? Yes, we can if we, as a Division, would come fully up to the mark of ten cents a week. Our average membership for 1913 is about 30,000; counting \$5.20 per member, this would give us \$156,000. Adding to this the second tithe we receive from the three German Unions, and the surplus tithe, it would easily spring our income from \$129,000 to \$180,000. So the remedy is a very obvious one. But the year is not fully closed. The annual offerings give each member of our Division an excellent opportunity to review the blessings of this year, also the amount he has contributed to the missions, and then with a grateful heart he can make up the deficit. There are undoubtedly many among us, men and women of means, who do not want only to give their share, but who, realizing that many of the brethren and sisters are poor, and earn but little, desire to step in with larger sums, and give from \$5

to \$500 or more. The call is urgent, the means are needed. God is anxious to give us His blessings. Young men and women are offering themselves for service. May God help us as a people to respond in this hour of need, that during the year 1914, all these fields may be provided with the necessary help and the new fields be opened. A little while longer of patient toiling, faithful giving, and the Lord will come, bringing His reward with Him, awarding every man as his works shall have been.

European Division Council.

AS this paper was being prepared for the press, the European Division Conference president called in the members of the committee who were not too far away, to a minority session in Budapest, as there were many important questions that had to be considered at once and could not be left over until the spring meeting of the committee. Brethren Conradi, Böttcher, Dail, Schuberth, Schubert, Obländer, Huenergardt, and Hartkop were present at the meetings, which lasted from October 30th to November 3rd.

Perhaps the most important decision that was made was concerning the great Russian Empire. As our readers know, until now Russia was organized into two unions, one being the Russian Union in European Russia, and the other the Siberian Union Mission, consisting of part of European Russia and Asiatic Russia, as well as Turkestan. Elder Böttcher was in charge of the Russian Union, and Elder G. Perk the Siberian. As Elder Böttcher, as vice-president of the Division Conference, must now be absent from his field for long periods at a time, and considering the enormity of the territory he had to manage, it was decided to divide European Russia into two unions, the East and West Russian Unions. Then Siberia had to be cared for, as Elder G. Perk, upon his own wish, was returned to West Germany. It was therefore voted that the Siberian Union Mission be temporarily dissolved, the

two of its missions which were in European Russia to be included in the East Russian Union, while the other missions are to be placed under the immediate direction of the European Division. This will go into effect January 1, 1914. The East Russian Union, with Elder O. E. Reinke as president—who is located in St. Petersburg—consists of the Union District, the Baltic and Little Russian Conferences, and the Polish, West Russian, and Black Sea Missions. The West Russian Union will be looked after by Elder Böttcher—who remains in Riga—and is composed of the Newa, Azof, and North Caucasian Conferences, and the Middle Russian, Ural, Volga, and White Sea Missions.

Then the great East Siberian Mission was divided—the Amur Mission being cut off from it, with Elder H. Göbel in charge. This brings the number of European Division Missions up to sixteen.

It will be noticed also from the list of appropriations that the Turkestan and Trans-Caucasian Missions have been added to the European Division Missions. It was further planned that Madagascar be entered in the early part of next year; Brother P. Badaut, of Algeria, who is intended for that field, will, however, first visit Mauritius.

Various transfers were made in the workers in the different fields. The appropriations or rather the estimated needs of the fields for 1914 were settled as follows:—

Latin Union	\$15,700
Danube Union	13,150
Division Missions	
Abyssinian Mission	\$2,200
Amur Mission	750
B. E. African Mission	12,500
Canary Island Mission	1,000
East Siberian Mission	750
Egyptian Mission	3,000
German Pare Mission	5,000
G. Vict. Nyanza Mission	16,000
Madagascar Mission	1,500
North African Mission	2,000
Persian Mission	1,250
Syrian-Arabian Mission	3,000
Trans-Caucasian Mission	1,550
Turkestan Mission	1,750
West African Mission	11,000
West Siberian Mission	2,000
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Russian Unions	5,500
Levant Union Mission	
Central Turkish Mission	3,500
Grecian Mission	1,400
Armenian Mission	1,800
Bulgarian Mission	2,000
Cilician Mission	800
	<hr/> 9,000
Miscellaneous	700
Emergencies	10,500
Division Conference Office	9,200
	<hr/> \$129,000

It is expected that these appropriations will be covered by an income, which will consist of the following sums, approximately:—

Surplus of Sustentation Fund	\$17,000
Surplus Tithe of German Unions	8,000
First and Second Tithe, Ger. Unions	23,000
Offerings and Mission Gifts	81,000
	<hr/> \$129,000

The winter, spring and summer appointments were fixed, so that it is possible for us to announce them here:—

West German Union

Lower Rhenish	Duisburg	Dec. 31-Jan. 4
Upper Rhenish	Cologne	Jan. 7-11
Wesphalian	Hamm	" 14-18
Hessian	Wiesbaden	" 21-25
Middle German	Halberstadt	" 28-
		Feb. 1
North German	Bremen	" 4-8
Union District	Hamburg	" 11-15

East German Union

East Prussian	Tilsit	Jan. 7-11
Vistula	Elbing	" 14-18
Warta	Landsberg a/W	" 21-25
Silesia	Breslau	" 28-
		Feb. 1
Saxony	Dresden	" 4-8
Oder	Stettin	" 11-15
Union Com'tee	Berlin	" 16, 17
Union District	Berlin	" 18-21

Central European Union

South German	Karlsruhe	Jan. 14-18
German-Swiss	Basel	" 19, 20
Wurtemberg	Reutlingen	" 21-25
Bavaria	Munich	" 28-
		Feb. 1
Union Com'tee	Munich	" 2, 3

Union Committee Meetings

Central Hungarian and Danube Union Committee	Feb. 26-
	Mar. 1
	" 3-8
Latin Union, with Institute	" 10-12
British Union Committee	
Scandinavian Union Committee and District	" 19-22
Russian Union Committee	Apr. 8-12
Division Committee	" 16-26
Levant Union Committee	May 4-6

***British Union**

Wales	Cardiff	Mar. 13-16
S. England Audit	Bristol	" 17, 18
Ireland	Belfast	" 20-22
Scotland	Glasgow	" 27-29
North England	Liverpool	Apr. 3-5
Midland	Kettering	" 10-13
Union District and S. England	London	July 31- Aug. 4

Scandinavian Union

Denmark	Aarhus	May 13-17
West Norway	Halsersund	" 20-24
East Norway	Drammen	" 27-31
Scandinavian Union and Sweden	Stockholm	June 3-7
Finland	Helsingfors	" 10-14
N. France Mission		July 1-5
Latin Union		" 7-12
Central European Union		" 13-19
W. German Union		" 21-26
Holland		Aug. 5-9
Belgium		" 12-16
Danube Union		" 19-23

Further important steps were taken at the meeting: it was recommended that Rumania be organized into a conference, being the first in the Balkan field. Elder E. Kotz was also put in full charge of the German Pare Mission, East Africa.

We hope and pray that these resolutions and changes may be sanctioned by our divine Leader and that His blessing may rest upon our work in the future as in the past.

**The Blessings of Our
Temperance Work.**

PERHAPS no one can more fully appreciate the blessings of the principles of temperance than those who are working among the peoples of southeastern Europe. One poor but honest slave to alcohol seemed to wake up to the realization of his wretched condition. This man had so completely lost all strength of self-control that he made himself and family very unhappy. He heard of a people, however, who gather together for Bible study, and teach people the better way. Before concluding to visit them he decided not to drink another drop of intoxicants. He was so earnest about it that he really held fast to his resolution for nearly one year. He then came in

contact with these people, attended their meetings, and gradually accepted their views. He at last asked to be admitted to their church. These people examined him before receiving him. Among the questions asked was this: "Do you use intoxicants?" He answered: "No, sir, I have not used a drop of intoxicating liquor for a whole year." "But why do you take such an extreme stand against alcohol," was the query. "Because I was a slave to drink for many years, and if I taste another drop, I will surely be conquered again." "Well," the reply was, "we take the position that one may use wine moderately. The Christian must be able to control himself. In fact, we do not feel free to accept you as a member if you do not accept our position on this matter." At length the man saw no other way than to comply to their wishes, notwithstanding his own convictions about the matter must be overcome. But they moved him to agree to their custom on the ground that he could not be accepted on any other conditions. Quite a time passed after this, and they found their brother in a drunken condition. He was at once summoned before the church, and made to give an account of himself. He answered that he had fallen because they had obliged him to take a liberal view as to the use of alcoholic drinks, and that this was why he had been defeated. He was excommunicated. He told them, however, to be merciful, because they in reality were at fault for his having fallen. When this man heard of the present truth, and became acquainted with our temperance principles, he manifested great joy. He at once accepted the whole truth, and now rejoices in the Third Angel's Message. Many of the people know of us as the church which does not use intoxicants, and we are proud of this name.

J. F. HUENERGARDT.

Balkan War Experiences.

THE following stirring experiences of one of our ministers during the recent war in the Balkan States will without

*See note on page 59.

fail be of intense interest to all our readers. God still protects His children as of old, and we are sure that these experiences will serve as an encouragement to those of us who have the privilege of living under peaceful conditions. The president of the Danube Union sends us quotations from a letter received from Brother P—— (a Rumanian) and we translate freely, as follows:—

“The sixty days that I spent in the war with Bulgaria was for me a period of special impressions and experiences. I was enabled to see what it means to prepare for war, and what it means for one who desires to serve God. I will endeavour to describe the chief items of interest in my experiences.

“When the blasts of the trumpet, declaring the mobilization of the troops in Rumania, pierced the stillness of the night, the last hope of peace died out, and as early as the following morning thousands and thousands of regular and voluntary soldiers wended their way to the stations in order to reach their garrisons as quickly as possible. The call to arms was greeted with great joy throughout the whole land. The poor wives and children bade a hasty good-bye with tears and sobs. Many touching scenes could be witnessed. Our farewell from the church was also sad, and many asked: ‘Shall we meet again?’ We had to go, and so we commended ourselves and our loved ones to the care of God.

“Many merchants, labourers, officials, and private people did not even have time to settle their affairs. Misery came over the people. Before the war was declared, the price of food was raised to such an extent that it was hardly possible for the people to keep themselves from starving. The tramcar service and all trains except the expresses did not run; the post offices were closed, because all the officials and employees were called to serve. All public meetings and gatherings were forbidden. No foreigner was allowed to remain, without permission, in the cities. But in spite of these severe measures, our people were not disturbed in their meetings. Only the canvassing work came to a standstill.

One sister who had dared to try to sell some papers at a railway-station was maltreated by the crowd and could only just be saved by the police. She was taken for a Bulgarian spy. How much worse it will be when the whole world takes up arms for the great battle of Armageddon!

“Never did the thought of the war strike me so heavily as when I considered the matter of keeping the commandments. From the standpoint of a human being there was hardly a way out of the difficulty other than to let this part of the truth go and obey man, or on the other hand, to keep true to God and be ready to die for the truth. Who never in his life has stood before such a decision as this cannot imagine the terrible struggle it means—but also the greatness of the blessing which comes to the one who conquers. The question troubled me greatly until the Lord showed me the way I should go. I inquired of the military doctor in the hospital whether I could not serve as a doctor or nurse since I once obtained a certificate as a student of medicine, and believed that I could thus render much more effective service at the front. As a position happened to be free, my request was granted. Thus I was able to go through the whole campaign without carrying arms. During the week I helped nurse the wounded and sick and on Sabbath I retired to the mountains or in my tent in order to be with the Lord a short time alone.

“In less than five days nearly five hundred thousand Rumanian troops poured into Bulgaria from different directions. In the heat of a tropical sun and covered with dust my regiment arrived at a city on the Danube named Bechet. The next day we were ferried over the river and went on over mountains and through deserted villages as far as Vratze, a larger city in Bulgaria. We marched about 350 kilometres altogether. Other troops marched within twenty-five kilometres of Sofia, and would have entered the town, but were suddenly ordered to halt. Shortly after peace was signed. A little longer and I would have been able to greet our

brethren in Sofia. Another brother who went in a different direction with his regiment really had the privilege of meeting with our Bulgarian people in Tutrakan two Sabbaths. This city now belongs, with others in the vicinity, to Rumania, so that our mission thus gets a new company of believers. It is a good thing that nearly all the members who live there speak Rumanian.

"My mode of living and missionary work made a good impression on my surroundings. Already during our long march my chiefs watched me. They noticed that I not only kept up my strength but was able to help in the evening with the medical work. I can only thank God for thus being able to hold out, and it no doubt helped me greatly because I lived on simple food, eating mostly almonds, figs, nuts, etc., but not touching the fatty foods of the officers. While most of the other men had lost greatly in weight during the campaign, I gained four pounds! Often we arrived in villages where the Bulgarians absolutely would not sell nor give us anything to eat, and so we had to go without. But the Lord helped me then, also. Once, for instance, I went into a house and asked for some eggs, milk, or cheese, but the people refused. As I was about to go away the woman asked me if I were a doctor, as I wore the red cross, and on answering to the affirmative she led me to her sick child and I was able to show her by signs how she should treat him. In the same house I bandaged the leg of

a wounded man, thus being able also to help my enemies besides being loaded with food on leaving.

"It soon spread abroad in the army that I was an Adventist, and officers, under-officers, and men came to me and asked me questions about the truth; I could even speak with the captain of our battalion about it. Before I left for home I obtained a number of

subscriptions for our Rumanian paper.

"The results of intemperance and lawlessness in the Rumanian army made themselves especially noticeable by the outbreak of the cholera. Although only a dozen men were killed by bullets, over two thousand men never saw their home again, being wiped out by this terrible plague. I was able to nurse these sick. The illness appears quite suddenly; the day before a man is taken down he seems quite healthy, but all at once terrible pains torment the sufferer and he is badly disfigured. Some die a few hours



OUR RUMANIAN SOLDIER BROTHER.

later, others overcome the epidemic, thanks to their strong constitution. It needs a good deal of self-sacrifice to nurse these sick. Many bring the disease upon themselves. The long-expected return home came at last. The sixty days were very monotonous because we received no intelligence from home whatever; the moment when we could cast off the military uniform was therefore all the more joyful. The privilege of being at liberty and able to breathe freely is one that I shall esteem more highly in the future.

"Not one of our brethren was hurt in

this campaign, either by illness or bullets, each one being able to return home well. Those who remained true to the Sabbath had to suffer blows and prison confinement. Many were badly tormented. One brother came from the school in Friedensau, and is now ready to return again.

"During the war little could be done for the truth. But when everything is in order again we will push on, for the prospects are better than ever. Food, rent, and fuel are all much dearer. Living in the Orient is altogether much dearer than before, and prices rise every day. But we are trusting in God, from Him comes all help and He will care for His children."

Let us remember our brethren in these afflicted lands before the throne of grace, and not disregard the high privileges we are allowed to enjoy, being able to worship God without disturbance and hold firm to the truth without such trials as many of our dear people must suffer. But we do not know how long we will be permitted to work without disturbance, therefore let us strive for God while we can, and He will bless our efforts.

The German Emperor's Jubilee Donation.

AS we remarked on pages 8 and 9 of Vol. II, No. 1, a special collection was taken up in the German Empire on the last Sabbath in May among our people for a general donation to mission purposes. It was our original intention to apply this collection, which amounted to 26,000 Mk. over the usual Sabbath collections, to our work in Africa; five jubilee stations were to be built in the Victoria Nyanza Mission from this money. But when the general committee heard that we as Adventists had a collection among ourselves, they requested that we send in our sum if we expected to be considered in the division of the large collection. As we had hardly expected to be reckoned with we did not take the fact into consideration that we might also be granted a portion of the general collection. But upon receiving

the above invitation, it was decided that we send the 26,000 Mk. in to the general donation, and await the results. Believing that the providence of God was in this invitation and hoping it might turn out for the furtherance of the cause in the home as well as foreign fields, we willingly complied with this request and forwarded the money to the distributing committee in Berlin. After the merits of our missionary operations in German East Africa had been considered by the committee, whose work was laid before His Majesty, Emperor William, we received the very welcome news that we as a missionary society have been allotted 50,000 Mk. from the large sum that was collected. We are indeed very thankful for this, but it is not only the money that comes in very useful, but the fact that we have been taken into consideration in the division of the money, and accorded 24,000 Mk. more than we sent in, shows that we are recognized by the authorities and our work appreciated. The moral value of this is much greater than the monetary value.

A Report from Africa.

THE only report that I can send today is of the wonderful grace of God, and I wish to extol His goodness and greatness. Our mission here was opened in the territory of the Catholic mission, and we had great difficulty in getting children into our school. But the Lord heard our prayers and solved this problem for us. In the Victoria Nyanza there are many islands, which are more or less inhabited. To visit all these, and erect schools on them, would have been next to impossible. The government is now depopulating these islands and taking the people over to the mainland, in order to remove them from the territory of many bad diseases. One of these homeless Sultans with his people came here to the district of Iramba, and the government intends to separate this part from the Catholic territory. We can see the leading hand of God in this. Two hundred children attend the school now, and on Sabbath the people are called in to

hear the Word of God in their own language. Ten of our pupils who have already learned to read and write now gather regularly for Bible study, and we pray that these may all decide to follow their Lord in baptism in order to be saved.

We thank the Lord for having kept us in health and strength—here nearly under the Equator—for these are two factors that are necessary for effectual work.

R. STEIN.

It will be noticed that in some instances the dates published for the British Union meetings differ slightly from those of the European Division minutes. We follow here the list sent us later by the B.U.C. secretary.

Obituaries.

SHAFFER.—Elder William Allen Shafer, son of Matthias and Elizabeth Shafer, was born Feb. 7, 1883, in the State of Indiana, U.S.A., and died of typhoid fever in the City Hospital, North Liverpool, England, on Sabbath, Sept. 20, 1913, age thirty years. He received his early education in Burdett, Pawnee County, and obtained his first knowledge of our message through an older brother, who was a schoolmaster. When 15 years of age he gave his heart to the Lord, and definitely decided to obey the truth and to devote his life to the proclamation of the advent message. At the age of 17 he decided to enter the canvassing work, so it was arranged for him to join a canvasser in Osborne County in the northern part of the State. At the next annual meeting of the Kansas Conference, he was granted a ministerial licence and sent out with Brother B. W. Brown, then a young man, now the president of the Kentucky Conference, to engage in tent work. The Lord signally blessed their united efforts, and a company of believers was raised up that season as the result. In 1902 Brother Shafer responded to an invitation to go to England, and spent four years in taking the College course in London. In 1906 our brother went to Scotland, and in the autumn of the same year he was transferred to the Welsh field, where he laboured for two years. Souls were brought into the truth in all the places where he laboured. In 1908, Brother Shafer was ordained to the ministry, and Oct. 21 of the same year was united in marriage to Sister E. Howarth. Our brother and his wife then went to Sheffield, where they laboured a considerable time. Later they removed to Birmingham and in 1911 located at

Bristol, where, with the co-operation of other workers, more than forty souls came into the truth as a result of their efforts. He attended the late General Conference as a delegate, and on the boat returning to England was taken sick with typhoid fever. Upon arriving at Liverpool, he was taken to the hospital, where he peacefully fell asleep Sept. 20, 1913—the first minister of the denomination to lay down his life in the British Isles.

NELSEN.—Elder N. P. Nelsen was born at Langeland, Denmark, Sept. 29, 1860. At an early age he, like many others have done, went to America in search of earthly fortune. But the Lord who guides the steps of man, led him in entirely different paths. In a very providential way He brought the young man in contact with Elder and Mrs. White and our people where he found the most precious of all treasures, the present truth. In 1890, after having acquired some education, he returned to Scandinavia to work either in Norway or in Denmark. In Christiania, Norway, he received some more education, and with the exception of about two years, he spent nearly all his time working in Norway, for a short while as a church-school teacher, and after that as a minister of the Gospel. In the autumn of 1910 he was connected with the Scandinavian Union Mission School at Skodsborg, Denmark. In May, 1911, he was suddenly taken ill with bleeding from the lungs. By August the same year he had recovered sufficient strength to return, with his family, to Norway, locating at that time at the city of Hamar. But he never regained his physical strength to such an extent that he could carry out his great and constant desire of entering once more the work he loved so dearly. During the recent annual meeting of the East Norway Conference in Christiania, having moved to that city about a year ago, he was greatly delighted to be able to attend a few of the meetings, and on two different occasions he could even stand before the congregation and testify of his joyful hope in the Lord and his faith in the message. But very soon after that he had a new attack of his ailment, and the last residue of his strength seemed to be ebbing out, and on the last day of July, in the afternoon, this dear servant of the Lord passed off, quietly and trustfully, as his life had been. We all greatly deplore the departure of our brother whose work in the ministry was highly appreciated. He was a man of peace and humility who understood how to interest the large audiences that gathered to hear him present the message in the various places where he has been labouring during these many years, and he has brought a number of souls to a knowledge of the truth. Truly, the cause in our field has suffered a heavy loss. We also deeply sympathize with his family of wife and three children in their bereavement. The two oldest children, Peter and Line, both hold licence as Bible workers in the East Norway Conference.

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BROTHER A. MATTER, of Friedensau, is at present in Hamburg, studying at the Colonial Institute, preparatory to leaving for the Victoria Nyanza Mission.

RETURNING from their furloughs, Elder A. A. Carscallen and family, of British East Africa, and Brother L. Krug and wife, of Jerusalem, returned from Southampton October 2nd and Venice September 28th respectively, to their fields of labour. Sister M. Hansen, the fiancée of Brother Toppenberg, of the Victoria Nyanza Mission, accompanied Elder Carscallen on the "Feldmarschall."

At the last meeting of the European Division, it was decided that Brother O. Bücklers, who was suggested for Africa and was already studying in the Colonial Institute, remain in Hamburg. He had proved himself so adapted to the difficult work of attending to the export department of the Division for our African missions, that it was felt he could do us valuable service by remaining here.

OUR readers will be glad to hear that Elder O. Staubert, wife, and child, who left Hamburg with Brother Oster and wife September 25th for Persia, were saved by the providence of God from being hurt by a railway accident. They intended to leave Hamburg two days earlier than they did, but were delayed as Brother Oster's papers had not arrived. Had they left when they intended, they would have been on the train that was wrecked, forty-five people being killed and many injured.

ELDER J. ERZBERGER and wife left Brindisi, Italy, September 16th for the Syrian Mission, after having visited their relatives in Austria and Switzerland.

WITH Elder Reinke, Elder J. T. Böttcher has been attending general meetings in Russia, and is also assisting in the Hungarian and other Danube Union meetings.

THE district of Aleppo, which until now belonged to the Cilician Mission, was added to the Syrian Mission at the last meeting of the Division Committee, and Elder Ising will labour there.

IN order to fill the position as manager of the Constantinople branch of the Hamburg publishing house, made vacant by Brother Voigt's resignation, Brother Paul Bridde left Hamburg August 7th for Turkey.

ELDER DAIL returned from his visit to the Levant at the commencement of October, and attended meetings in Holland and Belgium, and will also be at the meetings in the Danube Union during November.

ELDER CONRADI will spend the last two months of this year in a visit to our mission in West Africa. This field has not yet been visited by a general worker, and will no doubt benefit greatly by Elder Conradi's counsel.

AFTER this quarter the columns "Companies," "Membership," and "Isolated" disappear from our statistical report. All companies are to be counted as churches now, and the isolated members as a conference church. Secretaries, please notice!

ON September 14th Brother L. Aberle, of Germany, left Hamburg on the "Windhuk" for German East Africa. In Rotterdam September 17th he met Brother D. Delhove, who is going out to British East Africa. The latter had spent some time in England and Belgium as a worker, and is intended as a future labourer for the Congo Mission.