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Winter Council of the Division Committee.

The Division committee met in council for its winter session January 15 to 22 at the Skodsborg Sanitarium. The spacious hall in what is known as "Villa Rex" was at our disposal which, in years gone by served as the dining room of a former Danish king, when spending the summer months at the sea-side.

All members of the committee were present, except W. E. Read, who is absent on an arduous journey across the African continent visiting our mission fields at those out-posts of our Division territory. O. Fasnacht of the Rumanian Union and A. Minck, president of the Hungarian Conference were in attendance. Aside from local visitors who took part in the deliberations, we were glad to welcome brother O. J. Olsen, superintendent of the Iceland mission, who was returning to his field of labour from a well-earned furlough. Then, also, we were pleased to meet brother and sister J. C. Klose from Korea, and G. R. Fatic, educational secretary of the South African Division en route to his new field.

The daily work of the council was preceded by a Bible study following which the business programme was considered in three sessions during the day, with meetings of smaller committees in between.

From the reports on the growth of our membership presented in the first session it was encouraging to learn that, during the first nine months of 1924 for which the figures were available, 8826 new members had been received into church fellowship. This is the largest increase thus far experienced. By the end of September 1924, our membership had reached 74,585 and will doubtless be considerably in excess by the close of the year.

We certainly have abundant reason to thank God for this rich harvest of souls that has been reaped by the combined efforts of our workers, our lay-members and the enthusiastic co-operation of our young people. The winning of souls for the kingdom of God being the great objective in all our endeavours, plans were considered with a view to strengthening the spiritual shepherding of the flock and of increasing the efficiency of our ministry so that we might cope with the needs of conserving the church within while slackening in no wise our aggressive work on behalf of those without.

The financial statement of the treasurer showed an expense for the year of Swiss Fr. 3,636.123 with an income for eleven months of Fr. 3,247.814, leaving a deficit of Fr. 388, 309 which, it is hoped, will be materially diminished by further receipts.

In this connection the Division committee would express its gratitude and appreciation to

the rank and file of our faithful brethren who have so nobly contributed to our funds in their mission offerings and by entering so whole-heartedly into the Harvest Ingathering campaign, in spite, no doubt, of their own needs in these trying times. Without this loyal support the maintenance and further development of our great missions enterprise would be inconceivable. No doubt, God will certainly bless all these efforts with an abundant fruitage.

One of the principal problems of the winter council is, of necessity, the study of our financial situation, as on this naturally hinges the question of the appropriations called for in the carefully prepared budget for the following year. It is here decided what urgent needs can be met and what calls must be cut down or entirely eliminated in order to keep within the bounds set by our prospective resources. Unfortunately, not a few had to be disappointed.

Trusting that God will prosper our people so that the estimated income is realized, some \$ 510,000 could be voted in appropriations for the various fields. \$ 180,000 of this amount is for the needs of our mission fields in Africa (East and West), for the Arabic territory, Persia, Asia Minor etc. The Publishing and Educational Funds supply means for the establishment of new printing houses and depositories and schools in different countries, and to strengthen needy establishments already provided in other fields. For Iceland, Italy, Bulgaria, Turkey and Jugoslavia for instance, to mention but a few, mission property and church buildings are to be erected.

A special item on our budget for 1925 and the following years is the inauguration of philanthropic medical work in the Volga Republic in Russia where, it will be remembered, much suffering has often been caused by periodic crop failures. The committee thought best to refrain from making a special appeal to meet this extra expense and felt confident that our people took such interest in this new opening that they would gladly keep it in mind in their contributions for our mission work. We certainly rejoice at this opportunity of lending a helping hand to our brethren in Russia in their self-abnegating toil to foster the cause of the Lord.

Considerable thought was given to the work of our various departments. The resolutions touching them will be communicated separately. Suffice it to make these brief remarks: There are 10 676 members in our young people's societies to which some 2000 should be added for Russia. Plans were enacted to enlist the abilities and interest of this youthful army for evangelistic efforts and to support their aspirations for better training by well-

conducted reading courses, and the improvement of their libraries. A bi-lingual Division paper for our young people is contemplated (German and English) and is probably feasible.

The Sabbath schools are revealing encouraging features. The lessons are now being provided in 28 languages so far as has been ascertained. The educational department reported 29 schools and new ones are being planned for. Especially encouraging is the circulation of our literature. Brother Bôx stated that at the end of 1924 the corps of our colporteurs had reached almost 1500 and their sales over \$ 800,000, which was really more than \$ 100,000 beyond the goal. Many new recruits were ready to join this band of faithful workers so that it seemed justified to work towards a goal of 2000 canvassers during 1925 with literature sales amounting to \$ 1,000,000, and there is every prospect, under God, to reach this goal.

Special days were appointed as follows:

Big Week May 2 to 9.

Sabbath School Rally Day June 13.

Week of Self-Denial July 5 to 11.

Educational Rally Day August 8.

Young People's Rally Day November 14.

Hungary is to be organized into a Union conference, and Jugoslavia into a Union mission in view of the growing work in these fields.

We greatly appreciated the kind hospitality afforded us by the Scandinavian union and the Skodsborg Sanitarium in particular. Under the able leadership of Dr. Ottosen and his associates this institution enjoys a splendid patronage and has been able to celebrate its 25th anniversary last year. Dr. Ottosen is a great advocate of healthful living and has a wide reputation as chairman of the largest temperance society in Denmark numbering some 60,000 members. He did not miss the opportunity of impressing upon the council by an address and practical demonstration the necessity of healthful living and simple daily physical exercise and their influence on the increase of our working capacity. A great strength would be added to our work, he urged, by well-trained self-supporting medical evangelists in large numbers.

It was decided that the summer council convene at Hamburg July 19 to 22, preceded by a convention of the Home Missionary and Sabbath School departments July 13 to 18. It is hoped that several brethren from Russia can be present at these meetings.

Berne.

W. K. Ising,
Division Secretary.



Annual Report.

The year 1924 will ever stand as one of the notable years of history. In the beginning weeks Europe seemed on the verge of a catastrophe. Only those who saw the restless surging elements can appreciate those conditions, but about early

spring there came a marked change. The press called it: "a new spirit", "a will to peace", etc. We know the angels of God held the winds. At no time have we as a church seen a more exact fulfilment of Rev. 7:1-4. The Spirit of Prophecy calls this "a little time of peace" and indicates that "once more the inhabitants of the earth were in the utmost confusion. Strife, war and bloodshed with famine and pestilence raged everywhere." In such a time as this how important it is that the Lord stir our hearts to greater things for Him.

On behalf of the European Division we desire to extend to our union presidents, conference officers and members our most hearty gratitude for their kind co-operation and earnest work during the past year. Some have laboured under persecution and other great difficulties, but all have been loyal to the truth. The reports this time are certainly heartening. We hope that everyone will study them with great care. Our conferences and departments will find in all these reports, worked out with painstaking care, a wealth of information. It is encouraging to see the good increase in book sales and number of colporteurs. It is cheering to know that the attendance at our schools is much larger than in former years. The financial report is the best we have ever had. The total tithe for the Division in 1924 was \$ 837,990.23. The unusual increase over 1923 is of course largely due to better money in Germany and other lands. In reality we are not much better off than last year as our bills must now be paid in good currencies and not in cheap paper money. Our tithe would appear much larger in dollars if the money in Great Britain, France and Scandinavia, and other countries was at par. We hope, however, for an actual increase so that the tithe may reach a million dollars this year.

May we ask all to study the increase in membership. It is not so encouraging. It is true that it is much larger than in former years with the exception of 1923, but we are deeply disappointed to find that our net increase this year of 6116 is almost 500 less than that of the year before. The number of baptisms is only 100 lower but the losses are much too large. We think the remedy for this sad loss lies largely in the local church — in having faithful elders and also in the work that can be done by deacons and deaconesses. The reports coming from Russia are surely good and those from the foreign missions fill our hearts with joy. In the Moslem world people seem much more willing to listen to the gospel. In Egypt twenty new members have been gained. In Beirut they have recently baptised nine. Over in Persia Brother Oster is having large results. In the Ethiopian Union we have had our first baptisms — nine in Abyssinia proper and twelve in the North colony. In the heathen missions of West and East Africa the year has been especially fruitful.

What this present year will bring forth only the Lord knows. Opposition is increasing. The power of Rome is very active against Christ. But if we are true to Him we will see great things. There is everywhere a longing after God. As stated by the Spirit of Prophecy: "In the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. . . While the powers of earth marshal their forces for the last great battle" and bring on "such a scene of strife as no man can picture" with a "sorrow in the world that no human balm can heal," we must lift up the living Christ as the hope and salvation for all.

At our Division Winter Council in Skodsborg the brethren planned for a stronger forward move. The publishing department has set a goal of 2000 colporteurs and a million dollars worth of sales for 1925. The Home Missionary Department has set out to raise at least \$ 150,000 in Harvest Ingathering, as well as much more in the Self-Denial Week and the Big Week. The young people are working for China and Brother Rasmussen is finding a good response. We must love our youth for they will never disappoint us. The Sabbath school and Educational work is getting stronger. Look at the Sabbath school offerings. However, the largest and chief work of all is that of soul-winning. Brother Conradi and the other field secretaries presented at the Skodsborg Council the need of greatly increasing our membership and we are all agreed to pray the Lord to give us in 1925 at least a net gain of 10,000 new members. Courage, zeal and faith are what we need in this the day of God's power.

L. H. Christian.

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The Sabbath School Work in Europe.

The Sabbath school work in the European Division presents one of the most interesting problems in the world-wide work of Seventh-Day Adventists. It is no small task for our publishing houses to supply the field with Sabbath school lessons in the many languages in which our work is now being conducted. We print lessons pamphlets in 16 languages, and import pamphlets in six others. The lessons are brought out on the typewriter in still six others. One of these last six, however, is the Russian, which is typewritten for use in Russia; for Russian speaking believers outside of Russia we can get the pamphlets printed at Brookfield. It was interesting to me to see a copy of those Russian Sabbath school lessons that are used in Russia. Our brethren there had gotten hold of a German lesson pamphlet of 1908, translated it into Russian, typewritten it, and thus supplied their field as far as possible. Let us pray that better times may come for our Sabbath school work in that interesting field.

Thus we have the lessons for adults in 27 languages. As far as we have been able to learn nothing has been done to put the lessons in the

35 or 40 other languages in which we are working in this Division. The children's lessons we have in only 14 languages. Thus much remains to be done for the children.

The Sabbath school membership stood at 78098 at the close of the third quarter. This is 3513 more than the church membership, which was 74585 at the close of the same quarter. If however we add to the church membership the number of children in the Sabbath school and compare this total with the Sabbath school membership, there are only 19 fields in the whole division that have reached or exceeded the goal. These are all fields outside of Europe proper, except the following two conferences and four missions: Transylvanian Conference, Silesian-Galician Conference, Warsaw Mission, Slovakian Mission, Yugoslovian Mission, and Greek Mission. Thus much remains to be done in an effort to get all our church members to share with us in the blessings of the Sabbath school.

The Sabbath school offerings continue to grow, showing an increase of \$ 1004.63 for the third quarter over the second. This is the more remarkable in view of the fact that the Week of Sacrifice, the Jubilee Sabbath, and other occasions of special offerings fell in the third quarter in many fields. Some progress is being made on reaching the goal of an amount in the Sabbath school offerings equaling 25 per cent of the tithe. Taking the average quarterly tithe for the first three quarters of 1924 and comparing this with the Sabbath school offerings, we find that only six fields have reached and exceeded this goal: Posanian Conference, Silesian-Galician Conference, Swedish Conference, Thuringian Conference, South France Conference, and the Spanish Mission. I count it a special honour to have had the privilege of spending two weeks recently in the only field to reach both the membership and the financial goals.

The Polish Union as a whole is deserving of special mention. It is the only Union to reach, as a union, the financial goal, and it lacked only 19 of reaching the membership goal. Yet Poland is not an easy field nor are our members there rich in this world's goods. Brother Isaac writes: "The local authorities are beginning to cause our people more and more trouble in Volhynia and in the north east section of the old Russian territory. They are forbidding religious meetings of every kind, unless there are 50 signatures to a petition for such meetings." Again he writes: "Sometimes when I visit our people and see their poverty in earthly things, my heart bleeds. Some of them are sometimes giving more than they are able, but their love for this movement enables them to do what is almost impossible. A sister, sending in her tithe and Sabbath school offerings, made the following statement: 'We are sending the tithe and Sabbath school offerings, but we are sorry that we cannot send in a donation for the church extension fund, which you mention in the circular

to the churches, but we are not able. Some days we do not have our daily bread, but we trust in God, knowing that He will not forsake us." Of their poverty our dear brethren and sisters in Poland are giving as much in proportion to their tithe as do our members in America. Pray for the believers in Poland as well as for other difficult fields in this great European Division.

L. L. Caviness.



Good Tidings From Iceland.

(From an address given at the Skodsborg Council.)

As you know, people in many countries have very peculiar ideas about Iceland and its inhabitants. They think it is a land full of ice and snow, populated by Eskimos. It is true that, in Iceland, we have some of the largest glaciers of the world, that the winter is long, and the summer short, that the country is very barren and without a tree worthy of the name. But it is also true that in that lonely island of the North Atlantic we have one of the finest tribes in the world, a well-educated people of the Scandinavian type. They have their own colleges and university, where they educate their own doctors, lawyers, priests etc. Their public schools are of a high standard. The church is the Lutheran State Church, but the Icelanders are not religious as a rule, and the reason for this may be found in the formality of their church.

But what interests us most is the work that is being done there. How is this carried on? To be as brief as possible, I shall divide it into five different headings as follows:

The canvassing work is difficult, but at the same time easy in a certain sense. How is that? Icelanders are great readers, and when our canvassers go out they find it an easy task to sign orders for the books. There are homes where our canvassers have signed as many as 10 orders in one family. In one case a colporteur stood at the same spot and secured no less than 44 orders. That part of the work, therefore, is not hard, but when it comes to the delivery of the books, this is another question. This does not mean that the Icelanders are not loyal to their agreements, for as a rule we generally deliver more books than have been taken orders for; but the trouble is to reach them in their homes.

Think of a country 108,000 square kilometers in size with a population of a little over 90,000 scattered over that wide surface and then you can understand why we often need 5 hours on foot to get from one farmhouse to another. At an average a canvasser can visit about seven homes in a day. We have no railway system of any kind and but very few roads. Hence our canvassers must climb hills, wade through rivers, cross marshes or lava streams with a load of books on the back in a water-proof bag. May the Lord bless these faithful workers.

When I first came to Iceland and planned on publishing books, I asked myself: How many shall I print? Will 2500 be too many? I endeavoured to have it that way, but I soon had to hurry to get out another edition of 4500, and a few months later another 3000, or 10,000 in all to a population of 90,000. That is certainly a record. Since then we have sold similar editions of other books. Our hope of getting the message to the interior of Iceland rests with the faithful canvasser.

Our Sabbath school work is onward. I cannot give exact figures here, but our aim is to have all our church members in the Sabbath schools. Our collections reach 21 per cent of the tithe.

We have a fine company of young people. Some 40 to 50 per cent of our believers are members of the young people's society. It would mean a great blessing to us if we could have a school of our own before very long.

Also the home missionary work is progressing and all the members take part in it. I have been thirteen years in Iceland thus far and never had a Bible worker. The church members have been a great help to me all the time, and it will not be far from the actual facts when I say that they have the credit for half the souls won in Iceland. You may better understand this statement when I tell you, that one of our old sisters, who has now reached 60 years, made a trip some time ago along the south western coast walking 150 kilometers and selling 890 copies of our monthly paper. Others have accomplished similar feats. May this be an example for somebody in other countries where you are blessed with all kinds of facilities of communication.

The evangelistic work is difficult and easy at the same time as has been said of the canvassing line. The easy part is the getting of people into your meetings. I have had as many as 70 per cent of the inhabitants of a village come together and when you are able to speak to them in their own language they are willing listeners. The bad part is the travelling question. It is not very comfortable to travel for hours on the deck of a little motor boat in high seas, with your teeth chattering and your whole body shivering from the cold. But hitherto hath the Lord helped us and we depend on Him for the future.

Icelanders do not accept the message immediately, just as most other people, but once they do embrace it they usually hold to it. At present we are the strongest evangelical force outside the state church though some other denominations have some members here. If the Lord continues to prosper us as during the last two years, we soon hope to be self-supporting, that is we shall be paying into the mission treasury an amount equal to the appropriation granted us. Remember our work here in your prayers.

O. J. Olsen, Reykjavik.

Statistical Report of the European Division of the General

Name of Conference or Mission	No. of Churches	Previous Membership	By baptism	By vote	By letter	Total gains	By apostasy	By death	By letter	Total losses	Net gain	Present Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Lic. Missionaries	Other Workers	No. Colporteurs	Total Workers
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
European Division .....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	12	..	..	10	..	22
Baltic Union .....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	3	1	..	..	..	4
Latvian Conference	35	1866	45	2	18	65	26	7	5	38	-27	1893	4	2	5	5	28	47
Esthonian "	18	1198	37	4	7	48	65	2	21	88	-40	1158	4	3	..	4	29	40
Lithuanian Mission	10	187	12	5	—	17	—	2	2	4	13	150	3	—	1	1	4	9
Total	63	3201	94	11	25	130	91	11	28	130	—	3201	17	6	6	10	61	100
British Union Conference .....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	4	3	..	2	..	9
South England Conference	30	1868	28	6	14	48	27	4	21	52	-4	1864	11	2	12	6	21	52
North England "	25	1391	32	12	10	54	29	6	10	45	9	1400	3	1	12	1	22	44
Welsh "	11	336	14	10	4	28	1	—	9	10	18	354	3	—	7	—	5	15
Scottish "	5	230	30	1	—	31	6	—	1	7	24	254	1	2	5	—	5	13
Irish Mission	4	178	4	2	—	6	—	—	2	2	4	184	3	—	3	—	10	16
Total	75	4003	108	31	28	167	63	10	43	116	51	4054	30	8	39	9	63	149
Central European Union .....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	3	..	..	4	1	8
German Swiss Conference	30	1068	8	2	53	63	31	1	54	86	-23	1045	5	1	6	—	20	32
Austrian "	19	766	27	2	47	76	9	1	45	55	21	787	8	—	5	1	24	38
Wurtemberg "	42	1405	39	4	37	80	8	2	48	58	22	1427	5	1	9	1	37	53
Baden "	18	840	30	1	18	49	8	1	20	29	20	860	4	—	5	1	25	35
North Bavarian "	21	1168	25	6	14	45	16	3	25	44	1	1169	5	1	6	1	21	34
South Bavarian "	30	1675	39	—	36	75	40	3	60	103	-28	1647	5	2	7	1	22	37
Main-Neckar "	19	1289	48	1	25	74	63	17	34	114	-40	1249	3	1	5	1	28	38
Aibling School Church	1	130	1	—	81	82	—	1	30	31	51	181	2	2	—	7	—	11
Total	180	8341	217	16	311	544	175	29	316	520	24	8365	40	8	43	17	178	286
Czechoslovakian Union .....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	1	..	..	1	1	3
Moravian-Silesian Conference	24	863	12	5	20	37	28	3	42	73	-36	827	3	..	4	1	17	25
North Bohemian "	22	499	16	—	14	30	6	—	10	16	14	513	5	2	1	—	13	21
Central Bohemian "	9	183	12	—	2	14	1	—	5	6	8	191	2	2	—	2	17	23
Slovakian Mission	16	310	15	3	9	27	4	—	4	8	19	329	2	1	1	3	21	28
Total	71	1855	55	8	45	108	39	3	61	103	5	1860	13	5	6	7	69	100
East German Union .....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	2	..	..	4	1	7
Berlin Conference	27	1979	52	9	60	121	38	4	34	76	45	2024	8	6	8	3	42	67
Brandenburg "	45	1816	48	6	59	113	26	14	45	85	28	1844	10	3	5	1	43	62
N. E. Saxonian "	41	1897	44	2	18	64	44	4	15	63	1	1898	8	4	10	1	42	65
East Prussian "	63	2017	13	7	11	31	38	5	20	63	-32	1985	8	2	5	1	33	49
Pomeranian "	47	1520	42	8	20	70	30	4	36	70	—	1520	8	3	5	2	47	65
West Saxonian "	56	2108	49	—	8	57	13	3	14	30	27	2135	8	3	8	1	48	68
Silesian "	67	2317	58	6	13	77	39	4	26	69	8	2325	9	2	9	2	61	83
Total	346	13654	306	33	189	533	228	38	190	456	77	13731	61	23	50	15	317	466
Latin Union .....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	9	1	2	..	1	13
Leman Conference	16	877	30	—	18	48	19	7	25	51	-3	874	3	1	6	1	11	22
South French "	15	467	8	—	3	11	19	2	1	22	-11	456	5	1	3	1	7	17
Belgian "	6	365	5	—	9	14	20	—	3	23	-9	356	6	—	5	1	6	18
East French "	11	338	14	2	13	29	5	2	16	23	6	344	4	1	4	—	9	18
North French "	8	233	5	1	9	15	1	1	11	18	2	235	3	—	5	2	1	11
Italian Mission	10	273	4	4	9	17	2	2	6	10	7	280	4	5	3	2	11	25
Spanish "	5	215	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	216	4	4	5	1	9	23
Portuguese "	4	137	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	2	6	133	2	4	1	—	3	10
Algerian Mission	4	78	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	78	1	1	3	—	5	
Total	79	3033	68	9	61	138	69	15	65	149	-11	3022	41	18	37	8	58	162

Conference of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending December 31, 1924.

Title	Tithe per Capita	Offerings to Mission (except Sabbath Sch. Off.)	Sabbath School Offerings (12 Sabbaths)	13th Sabbath School Offerings	Mission Offerings per Capita	Special Offerings (Big Week)	Contributions for Local Church Work	Books and Periodical Sales	No. of Sabbath-Schools	Membership	Average Attendance
20	21	22	23	23a	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
12051.88	.....	645.17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ls. 22185.38	11.71	14289.64	2469.79	558.93	9.12	.....	.....	12148.76	58	1964	1492
Emk. 560151.50	488.-	400212.50	109694.50	22845.-	460.-	.....	.....	457762.-	24	979	665
Lit. 2945.33	19.64	2605.62	502.08	88.23	21.80	.....	.....	1604.25	10	108	82
\$ 6012.50	1.88	4030.71	808.61	175.46	1.57	— —	— —	3623.80	92	3051	2239
£ 2862. 2. 6	1.17. 8	301. 5. 0	.....	165. 0. 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" 1888. 8. 7	1. 7. 7	2289.14. 4	454.13. 1	265.14. 9	1.18. 7	.....	.....	1603.13. 8	48	1970	1428
" 492.13. 3	1. 5.10	1489. 6.11	277. 2.10	95.15. 6	1. 7. 8	.....	.....	1717.17. 6	48	1525	1219
" 602.17. 0	2.19. 5	420. 9. 2	81. 0. 4	28.19. 4	1. 7.10	.....	.....	387. 8.11	20	423	318
" 197. 8. 7	1. 1. 1	422. 3. 8	68. 9. 7	80.10.10	2.11. 4	.....	.....	341. 1. 3	9	296	236
£ 6038. 9.11	1. 9. 9	5067.16. 4	909.11.11	601. 8.11	1. 12. 5	.....	.....	4461. 0. 4	126	4394	3332
\$ 28166.70	6.95	23536.60	4250.42	2839.84	7.55	.....	.....	20074.60	.....	.....	.....
SFr. 31196.49	29.85	25791.01	3556.46	986.20	29.-	.....	4361.15	26274.-	29	945	557
Kr. 187494200.-	238238.-	102054700.-	16789600.-	2990700.-	154808.-	.....	19320200.-	286409000.-	19	727	507
Rmk. 22129.19	15.50	7133.26	3164.74	693.80	7.70	.....	2818.41	35672.55	41	1393	996
" 13366.76	15.54	4584.83	1858.46	409.41	8.-	.....	4064.85	18239.90	19	953	638
" 17331.24	14.33	5121.08	2452.45	368.88	7.-	.....	3290.74	18939.75	24	1340	937
" 26384.69	16.02	7791.67	4044.98	866.77	7.70	.....	4999.73	20775.55	29	1786	1310
" 18308.80	15.06	5853.58	2341.04	527.46	7.-	.....	4020.24	30235.25	19	1249	684
Rmk. 1555.24	8.59	523.79	335.66	25.72	4.90	.....	98.53	.....	1	155	150
\$ 32114.30	3.84	13658.97	4266.45	908.34	2.25	— —	5708.13	38647.30	181	8548	5779
Kč. 76670.39	92.71	28968.89	9037.83	2137.20	48.54	.....	6245.25	49330.-	23	927	738
" 56854.18	110.83	32842.90	6452.56	2105.84	80.70	.....	4441.30	48235.-	21	460	434
" 26959.75	141.20	9058.34	2036.14	654.60	62.04	.....	985.-	59633.51	9	185	131
" 20159.75	61.-	3080.94	2267.07	526.20	33.05	.....	1898.55	70298.30	20	459	421
Kč. 180648.87	97.12	78951.07	19793.60	5423.84	56.-	.....	13520.10	227556.81	73	2031	1724
\$ 5375.80	2.89	2349.58	589.06	161.41	1.66	.....	409.70	7001.71	.....	.....	.....
Rmk. 44190.33	21.83	15876.52	4325.77	965.07	10.45	.....	9714.09 ¹	28357.30	27	2178	1573
" 27778.55	15.06	10474.61	3634.07	655.93	8.06	.....	6565.89 ¹	32911.80	45	1844	1744
" 31235.74	16.46	14469.25	5230.45	1489.78	11.18	.....	13331.78 ¹	33943.80	41	1994	1558
" 19854.42	10.-	7427.96	2848.47	533.96	5.46	.....	5031.03 ¹	19736.90	63	1803	1254
" 23614.83	15.54	7854.34	2641.38	1107.53	7.67	.....	5291.44 ¹	26632.25	47	1608	1244
" 41509.44	19.44	14755.95	6711.95	1643.56	10.79	.....	16850.09 ¹	34355.55	56	2418	2160
" 33189.48	14.28	13467.67	5115.29	1078.54	8.45	.....	12729.19 ¹	35703.30	67	2462	1935
Rmk. 221371.79	16.12	84326.30	30607.33	7474.37	3.90	.....	69563.48 ¹	210924.30	346	14307	11468
\$ 52280.20	3.80	19842.66	7214.96	1753.98	2.10	.....	16562.78 ¹	50220.-	.....	.....	.....
SFr. 34541.77	39.52	31043.64	4205.48	2332.87	43.-	.....	.....	8754.10	24	630	500
FFr. 27914.30	61.21	45967.30	3935.45	997.90	111.50	.....	.....	15830.35	18	338	440
BFr. 35464.38	99.62	37303.41	2806.45	1150.45	117.32	.....	.....	19134.-	7	374	309
FFr. 30078.05	87.43	28961.05	4006.80	2634.10	103.49	.....	.....	10797.90	13	336	261
" 30865.15	131.34	36016.05	2593.70	994.20	168.12	.....	.....	2604.30	9	154	151
Lire 12148.00	43.87	13252.30	1560.90	441.50	72.34	.....	.....	16588.-	20	235	215
Pesetas 6041.65	27.97	3450.90	872.78	220.35	21.03	.....	.....	13909.60	10	215	199
Escud. 10207.30	55.77	12112.90	1241.68	212.22	74.02	.....	.....	2709.-	4	123	103
FFr. 10677.45	136.89	13174.50	776.-	237.25	182.54	.....	.....	.....	9	96	86
\$ 15249.60	5.05	16063.32	1761.28	326.04	6.17	— —	— —	6847.17	114	3541	2264

¹ Includes third and fourth quarters.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Polish Union	1	1	1	3
Posanian Conference	18	317	4	—	9	13	3	2	13	18	-5	312	2	..	3	1	10	16
Silesian "	14	584	9	3	28	40	2	2	29	33	7	541	1	3	2	1	14	21
Warsaw Mission	24	505	20	—	13	33	9	2	10	21	12	517	3	2	4	1	13	23
Total	56	1356	33	3	50	86	14	6	52	72	14	1370	7	5	9	4	38	63
Rumanian Union .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	3	..	6
Muntema Conference	44	1662	70	5	80	155	9	3	74	86	69	1731	2	7	7	4	16	36
Moldavian "	46	1539	34	—	25	59	7	3	23	38	21	1560	3	3	11	3	24	44
Transylvanian "	70	1807	49	7	44	100	19	5	38	62	38	1645	5	3	8	1	30	47
Banat Mission	17	444	1	—	10	11	5	—	17	22	-11	433	1	2	3	1	22	29
Total	177	5252	154	12	159	325	40	11	157	208	117	5369	12	16	29	13	92	162
Scandinavian Union .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	1	6
Danish Conference	42	2472	22	4	8	34	15	13	12	40	-6	2466	6	6	9	1	17	39
Norwegian "	50	2163	23	20	4	47	38	8	8	54	-7	2156	9	5	7	1	21	43
Swedish "	44	1433	19	5	2	26	13	4	5	22	4	1487	5	6	6	1	16	34
Finnish Conference	22	1147	19	4	—	23	1	3	—	4	19	1166	5	1	7	3	27	43
Total	158	7265	83	33	14	130	67	23	25	120	10	7275	27	18	29	9	82	165
West German Union .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Hanover Conference	48	1915	56	10	14	80	21	6	37	64	16	1931	11	2	1	3	57	74
Hansa "	40	1824	66	9	22	97	20	3	31	54	43	1867	6	1	3	10	63	88
Hessia-Westph. "	51	1830	30	6	19	55	37	4	24	65	-10	1820	6	3	—	4	69	82
Rhenish "	46	2800	67	8	79	154	75	14	27	116	38	2838	6	—	2	12	63	83
Thuringian "	58	2211	40	5	23	68	42	5	33	80	-12	2099	8	—	3	6	56	73
Holland Conference	24	656	10	6	2	18	3	1	16	20	-2	654	5	3	1	1	31	41
Union-School .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	25	27
Total	273	11136	269	44	159	472	198	33	168	399	73	11209	44	9	10	36	370	469
Unattached Fields .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bulgarian Mission	9	191	18	—	8	26	3	—	9	12	14	205	3	—	2	1	9	15
Hungarian Conference	42	1039	40	3	3	46	7	3	12	22	24	1063	4	5	7	3	61	80
Jugoslavian Mission	57	729	24	5	1	30	1	—	4	5	25	754	3	1	7	1	39	51

The word of the Lord comes to us all, and it is a message of light and of salvation. If we wait for louder calls or better opportunities, the light may be withdrawn and our path left to us in darkness. No man can tell how much he may lose by once neglecting to comply with the call of God's Spirit and word commanding him to perform some great and sacred duty. Many would give everything they have in the world only to be put back for a moment to hear again the call which they

once heard and neglected. The argument which almost convinces to-day, if rejected, may have less force tomorrow. To have better opportunities in the future we must improve the opportunities of the present with prompt and willing hearts.

The man who has worked hardest and done most in the service of God is the one who finds it hardest to be laid aside by age or sickness or the diversion of public attention to others.

Conference of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending December 31, 1924.

Title	Tithe per Capita	Offerings to Mission (except Sabbath Sch. Off.)	Sabbath School Offerings (12 Sabbaths)	13th Sabbath School Offerings	Mission Offerings per Capita	Special Offerings	Contributions for Local Church Work	Books and Periodical Sales	No. of Sabbath Schools	Membership	Average Attendance
20	21	22	23	23 a	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Zl.	6394.82	20.30	3080.15	1267.82	374.87	15.46	422.66	7010.11	18	350	298
"	7861.91	14.58	3307.42	2324.40	391.81	11.13	1065.54	4628.76	14	638	510
"	7642.22	14.78	5824.31	1880.67	480.27	13.80	525.08	5560.52	24	571	419
Zl.	21838.95	15.94	11711.88	4972.89	1196.45	13.05	2013.28	17199.39	56	1559	1227
\$	4192.80	3.06	2251.14	954.79	229.72	2.50	387.17	3356.80			
Lei	579549.75	334.80	222128.90	20836.—	30932.55	196.24	848006.58	115437.50	76	2152	1762
"	295724.50	189.29	47683.70	71848.10	7685.—	56.60	78889.40	112176.—	57	1411	1102
"	378247.06	229.93	43554.69	29308.45	6915.15	50.15	—	103903.—	85	2436	2151
"	92162.35	212.82	28591.94	32038.—	5189.50	96.19	11349.53	11100.—	17	428	291
Lei	1345677.66	250.56	341959.23	161500.32	50722.20	104.75	933245.51	342616.50	235	6427	5306
\$	6733.10	1.25	1701.18	804.55	253.03	0.51	4510.80	1851.98			
D. Kr.	65787.79	26.68	38141.66	9397.66	4371.73	21.05	—	39574.30	72	2113	1378
N. Kr.	51281.—	23.05	30867.48	7332.68	3131.40	19.—	6364.70	61644.—	56	1496	982
S. Kr.	22095.96	14.85	18316.80	3360.45	1338.78	15.88	—	30659.50	80	1189	846
F. Mk.	123916.22	106.27	90418.05	11316.96	6236.45	92.60	—	177133.—	40	792	636
\$	28184.50	3.87	13332.12	4061.21	1751.90	3.32	—	34523.63	248	5590	3842
Rm.	35821.11	18.55	10510.35	4888.63	927.69	8.45	3682.17	42203.95	48	1866	1526
"	36343.55	19.46	14627.52	4376.16	1119.98	10.78	2500.87	48126.75	46	1749	1248
"	25199.02	18.84	10781.66	4202.96	869.84	8.71	4304.68	50231.05	51	1688	1065
"	48285.30	17.90	20400.68	6474.89	1226.15	9.90	3870.93	48994.95	46	2505	1735
"	32673.18	15.56	12533.56	5079.28	1179.10	8.95	4210.80	41483.85	57	1863	1322
fl	9081.07	13.88	4200.96	821.18	126.66	7.87	—	9229.91	38	792	561
\$	45806.30	4.08	17893.42	6242.85	1299.61	2.26	4540.35	62569.88	286	10463	7457
Lewa	48087.45	234.57	29274.55	5920.35	3876.70	190.59	7150.—	70722.—	9	179	156
\$	346.20	1.69	211.38	42.63	27.91	1.37	55.—	544.03			
HKr.	196966224.—	185217.—	381054215.—	\$ 306.—	\$ 80.—	385673.—	\$4830167.—	426310000.—	42	1147	883
\$	2620.40	2.46	2453.43	306.—	80.—	2.60	464.40	5587.57			
Dinar	111044.30	147.27	51403.25	5181.25	1720.25	77.32	8750.—	206681.60	87	946	786
\$	1676.20	2.22	834.42	78.25	28.07	1.25	134.61	2952.59			

We must make up our minds to this, that the world can go on without us, and that God's work will prosper better when we are out of the way than it ever did in our hands. However much His cause may lose by the removal of one and another, it is destined to wax stronger and stronger. The little vacancy made in the ranks of the living by our departure will be filled before it is felt. But as long as God keeps us in the world, it is for a great and a good purpose, and He will always

give us something to do. We have never done enough so long as there remains anything to be done. God has work for the aged, the afflicted, the suffering, the disappointed, the helpless, the poor. The greatest work ever done in this world was done by One who was called a Man of Sorrows, and who had not where to lay His head. The greatest success ever gained in this world was called a failure at the time, and the greatest victory was thought by men to be an utter defeat.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
* MISSIONS																			
Ethiopian Union Mission
Central Abyss. Mission ..	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	2	—	—	—	—	3
Gallaland " ..	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Eritrean Mission	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	2	—	—	3	—	—	5
East African Missions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kenya Mission	6	402	50	—	—	50	—	—	—	—	50	452	2	4	2	1	—	—	9
Mwanza " ..	3	123	12	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	12	135	2	2	1	—	—	—	5
Pare " ..	4	226	26	—	—	26	3	—	—	3	23	249	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
West African Missions.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gold Coast Mission	4	255	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	255	2	3	8	16	—	—	29
Sierra Leone " ..	3	139	—	1	1	2	4	—	—	4	-2	137	2	4	17	7	—	—	30
Nigeria Mission	10	314	14	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	14	328	2	2	10	1	—	—	15
Miscellaneous Missions.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Egypto-Syrian Mission	7	145	4	—	2	6	2	27	5	34	-28	117	2	2	4	—	—	2	10
Faroe Islands Mission	1	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	-2	18	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Greek " ..	2	91	—	—	4	4	—	—	7	7	-3	88	1	1	1	—	—	6	9
Iceland " ..	3	205	5	—	1	6	—	—	—	—	6	211	1	1	1	—	—	1	4
Mauritius " ..	7	170	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	2	-1	169	2	—	3	3	1	9	9
Mesopotamian " ..	1	9	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	11	1	—	1	—	—	—	2
Persian " ..	2	62	7	—	2	9	1	—	—	1	8	70	1	2	4	10	—	—	17
Ruanda Mission	1	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	2	—	1	—	—	—	3
Turkish Mission	1	57	—	1	—	1	—	13	—	13	-12	45	1	—	1	1	1	1	4
Totals for Missions	59	2245	118	2	13	133	10	42	14	66	67	2312	28	24	54	42	11	—	159
* ALLRUSSIAN UNION																			
North Russian Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	2
Middle Russian Conference	4	222	17	—	2	19	5	—	1	6	13	235	1	3	1	—	—	—	5
Neva Conference	17	371	30	—	30	—	—	—	—	—	30	401	1	2	4	—	—	—	7
North West Russ. Conf.	19	291	39	1	—	40	—	—	5	5	35	326	4	—	1	—	—	—	5
White Sea Mission	9	169	10	2	4	21	9	—	—	9	12	181	1	—	1	—	—	—	2
Total	49	1053	101	3	6	110	14	—	6	20	90	1143	8	5	7	4	—	—	24
West Ukrainian Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Black Sea Conference	23	440	38	13	3	54	3	1	1	5	49	489	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Dnjep Conference	36	1176	50	8	1	59	12	6	—	18	41	1217	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Podol Conference	44	1153	24	5	2	31	—	17	—	17	14	1167	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Wolhynian Conference	28	436	24	5	2	31	6	—	1	7	24	460	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Kiew Union District	10	208	21	2	5	28	4	—	—	4	24	232	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Total	141	3413	157	33	13	203	25	24	2	51	152	3565	—	—	—	—	—	—	27
South Russian Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	3
Asow Conference	31	622	34	5	8	47	39	2	7	48	-1	621	1	1	2	—	—	—	4
East Ukrainian Conference ..	18	466	17	2	1	20	14	1	3	18	2	468	2	1	2	—	—	—	5
Don Mission	8	248	32	—	3	35	2	3	1	6	29	277	1	1	1	—	—	—	3
Crimean Mission	8	179	—	—	5	5	—	—	2	2	3	182	1	—	1	—	—	—	2
Woronesch Mission	7	100	23	—	—	23	1	1	—	2	21	121	1	—	1	—	—	—	2
Total	72	1615	106	7	17	130	56	7	13	76	54	1669	7	3	7	2	—	—	19
Caspian Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	2
North Caucasian Confer.	45	1339	45	20	8	73	10	4	18	32	41	1380	5	—	2	—	—	—	7
Middle Caucasian Confer.	11	272	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	-2	270	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
Transcaucasian Confer.	10	239	1	1	1	3	3	4	3	10	-7	232	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
Turkestan Mission	12	192	19	—	2	21	2	—	—	2	19	211	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
Total	78	2042	65	21	11	97	17	8	21	46	51	2093	9	3	2	1	—	—	15

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Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Offerings to Mission (except Sabbath-Sch. Off.)	Sabbath School Offerings (12 Sabbaths)	13th Sabbath School Offerings	Mission Offerings per Capita	Special Offerings (Big Week)	Contributions for Local Church Work	Books and Periodical Sales	No. of Sabbath Schools	Membership	Average Attendance
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
\$ 219.10	36.50	97.95	82.96	13.59	32.40	—	—	—	2	80	76
167.40	41.85	109.82	33.43	8.39	37.90	—	—	—	1	11	9
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	25	22
603.60	1.34	—	186.24	—	0.41	—	—	—	37	2625	1520
247.90	1.00	227.83	191.77	—	1.68	—	—	—	20	519	1085
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	510	695
425.30	3.10	30.97	113.82	—	1.05	—	—	—	15	798	676
211.60	6.45	2.59	83.94	13.44	0.30	—	—	—	13	349	197
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	642	451
310.70	2.65	45.42	59.98	—	0.90	—	—	—	6	101	91
415.20	23.06	215.97	14.63	6.07	13.14	—	—	—	3	31	27
245.00	2.78	36.63	20.14	—	0.64	—	—	141.04	2	135	130
517.40	2.45	—	61.54	10.91	0.34	—	—	430.74	3	90	85
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	504	284
705.60	64.14	448.80	70.25	—	47.18	—	—	—	1	21	18
138.20	1.97	—	22.02	—	0.31	—	—	—	5	171	145
99.50	11.05	—	27.44	22.50	5.55	—	—	—	13	277	271
114.50	2.54	17.29	12.82	—	0.67	—	—	—	1	49	43
\$ 4421.00	1.91	1233.27	980.98	74.90	1.00	—	—	571.78	179	6938	5825
Rbl. 1831.78	7.79	74.13	226.34	8.76	1.32	—	12.18	—	—	—	—
1264.52	3.15	70.41	220.34	9.16	0.75	—	1.27	—	—	—	—
865.65	1.08	16.04	67.85	7.83	0.27	—	4.07	—	—	—	—
277.62	1.53	9.32	40.72	6.45	0.31	—	2.52	—	—	—	—
Rbl. 3739.57	3.24	169.90	554.65	32.20	0.66	—	20.04	—	—	—	—
\$ 1917.72	1.68	87.15	284.43	16.51	0.34	—	10.28	—	—	—	—
Rbl. 1320.41	2.70	49.17	188.52	18.72	0.52	—	19.33	—	—	—	—
1157.78	0.95	45.53	191.97	1.34	0.19	—	4.94	—	—	—	—
1083.62	0.93	63.17	158.40	10.31	0.20	—	14.80	—	—	—	—
568.19	1.24	18.75	90.57	7.25	0.25	—	3.17	—	—	—	—
718.07	3.09	24.69	129.03	12.46	0.72	—	3.31	—	—	—	—
Rbl. 4848.07	1.36	201.31	758.49	50.08	0.28	—	45.55	—	—	—	—
\$ 2486.19	0.70	103.24	888.97	25.68	0.15	—	23.35	—	—	—	—
Rbl. 1418.47	2.37	119.25	271.90	20.20	0.67	—	23.27	—	—	—	—
803.83	1.71	38.11	131.55	—	0.36	—	4.77	—	—	—	—
726.62	2.63	27.18	109.32	4.00	0.51	—	4.18	—	—	—	—
962.36	4.94	54.68	152.32	17.35	1.10	—	2.96	—	—	—	—
156.60	1.27	23.89	249.52	—	0.52	—	2.50	—	—	—	—
Rbl. 4067.88	2.42	263.11	714.61	41.55	0.59	—	37.68	—	—	—	—
\$ 2086.09	1.25	134.93	366.47	21.31	0.31	—	19.32	—	—	—	—
Rbl. 1361.61	1.03	40.49	198.23	—	0.18	—	5.11	—	—	—	—
1297.84	4.86	29.89	94.09	—	0.43	—	0.30	—	—	—	—
491.09	2.02	16.43	93.66	10. —	0.49	—	5.47	—	—	—	—
226.29	1.02	29.26	50.48	—	0.33	—	1.00	—	—	—	—
Rbl. 3376.83	1.65	562.53	436.46	10. —	0.27	—	11.88	—	—	—	—
\$ 1731.71	0.83	59.53	223.83	5.13	0.14	—	5.08	—	—	—	—

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
East Russian Union	Corr.	18	18	18	
Saratow Conference.....	30	—	1	—	1	2	1	2	16	19	-17	684	2	—	1	—	—	3	
Samara Conference.....	6	—	4	3	—	7	—	1	11	12	-5	188	1	—	—	—	—	1	
Samra-Ural Mission.....	3	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	3	5	-4	73	2	—	—	1	—	3	
Total	39	958	6	3	19	28	3	3	30	36	-8	945	5	—	1	1	—	7	
Siberian Union	1
Irtysch Conference.....	20	627	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	627	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Central Siberian Confer. . .	23	536	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	536	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
North Siberian Mission....	5	178	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	178	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
East Siberian Conference....	3	101	3	—	4	7	—	—	—	—	7	108	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
West Siberian Conference....	15	438	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	438	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Amur Mission.....	14	329	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	329	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Total	80	2209	3	—	4	7	—	—	—	—	7	2216	—	—	—	—	—	—	22
Grand Totals for Russia	459	11285	438	67	70	575	115	42	72	229	346	11631	43	15	45	13	—	116	

Recapitulation for Quarter

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
1. European Division	22
2. Baltic Union	63	3201	94	11	25	130	91	11	28	130	—	3201	17	6	6	10	61	100	
3. British Union Conference	75	4003	108	31	28	167	63	10	43	116	51	4054	30	8	39	9	63	149	
4. Central European Union .	180	8341	217	16	311	544	175	29	316	520	24	8365	40	8	43	17	178	286	
5. Czechoslovakian Union . .	71	1855	55	8	45	108	39	3	61	103	6	1860	13	5	6	7	69	100	
6. East German Union	346	13654	306	38	189	533	228	38	190	456	77	13731	61	23	50	15	317	466	
7. Latin Union Conference . .	79	3033	68	9	61	133	69	15	65	149	-11	3022	41	18	37	8	58	162	
8. Polish Union Conference . .	56	1856	33	3	50	86	14	6	52	72	14	1370	7	5	9	4	38	63	
9. Rumanian Union Conf. . . .	177	5252	154	12	159	325	40	11	157	208	117	5369	12	16	29	13	92	162	
10. Scandinavian Union	158	7265	83	33	14	130	67	28	25	120	10	7275	27	18	29	9	82	165	
11. West German Union	273	11136	269	44	159	472	198	33	168	399	73	11209	44	9	10	36	370	469	
12. Bulgarian Mission	9	191	18	—	8	26	3	—	9	12	14	205	3	—	2	1	9	15	
13. Hungarian Conference . . .	42	1039	40	3	3	46	7	3	12	22	24	1063	4	5	7	3	6	30	
14. Jugoslavian Mission	57	729	24	5	1	30	1	—	4	5	25	754	3	1	7	1	59	51	
15. Missions ²	59	2245	118	2	13	133	10	42	14	66	67	2312	28	24	54	42	11	159	
16. Russian Unions ¹	459	11285	438	67	70	575	115	42	72	229	346	11631	43	15	45	13	—	116	
Grand To's 4th Q. 1924	2104	74585	2025	282	1136	3443	1120	271	1216	2607	386	75421	385	161	373	198	1443	2565	
Grand To's 3rd Q. 1924	2063	72602	2841	333	739	3913	632	146	362	1930	1983	74585	387	176	307	237	1266	2373	
Grand To's 2nd Q. 1924	2015	70880	2574	235	545	3304	611	161	549	1532	1772	72602	332	151	274	216	1287	2375	
Grand To's 1st Q. 1924	1975	69305	2545	343	571	3464	630	179	698	1933	1525	70880	330	150	230	221	1162	2031	
Grand To's 4th Q. 1923	1927	67542	2464	333	1057	3854	698	205	1040	2091	1763	69305	321	153	270	211	913	1974	

¹ Report for third quarter 1924.

The great loss which we have most need to deplore is the loss of earnestness to do right, the loss of strength to resist temptation, the loss of faith in the everlasting principles of truth and duty. The poorest man in the world has something to live and to die for so long as he preserves the

integrity of his own conscience. The most successful man in the world is the man who gives himself most earnestly to the cause of God and truth, and who never bates one jot of heart or hope in his good work whatever difficulties and delays he may have to meet.

Conference of S. D. A. for the Quarter, Ending December 31, 1924.

Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Offerings to Mission (except Sabbath Sch. Off.)	Sabbath School Offerings (12 Sabbaths)	13th Sabbath School Offerings	Mission Offerings per Capita	Special Offerings (Big Week)	Contributions for Local Church Work	Books and Periodical Sales	No. of Sabbath-Schools	Membership	Average Attendance
20	21	22	23	23a	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Rbl. 315.23	0.46	15.48	45.01	6.60	0.10	—	1.08	—	—	—	—
" 103.03	0.55	1.55	20.80	2.06	0.13	—	0.05	—	—	—	—
" 296.90	4.07	7.33	40.—	3.52	0.70	—	2.19	—	—	—	—
Rbl. 715.16	0.76	24.36	105.81	12.18	0.15	—	3.32	—	—	—	—
\$ 366.76	0.39	12.46	54.26	6.25	0.08	—	1.70	—	—	—	—
Rbl. —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" 277.34	2.57	3.05	38.14	—	0.88	—	—	—	—	—	—
" —	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rbl. 277.34	2.57	3.05	38.14	—	0.88	—	—	—	—	—	—
\$ 142.23	0.07	1.56	19.56	—	0.10	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rbl. 17024.85	1.46	777.80	2608.16	146.01	0.30	—	118.47	—	459	12000	10300
\$ 8730.70	0.75	398.87	1337.52	74.88	0.16	—	59.73	—	—	—	—

Ending December 31, 1924.

20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
\$ 12051.88	—	645.17	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" 6012.50	1.88	4030.71	808.61	175.46	1.57	—	—	3623.30	92	3051	2239
" 28166.70	6.95	23536.60	4250.42	2339.84	7.55	—	—	20074.60	126	4394	3332
" 32114.30	3.84	13659.57	4266.45	908.84	2.25	—	5708.13	38647.30	181	8548	5779
" 5375.80	2.89	2349.98	589.06	161.41	1.66	—	409.70	7001.71	73	2031	1724
" 52280.20	3.80	19842.68	7214.96	1753.98	2.10	—	16562.73 ^o	50220.00	346	14307	11468
" 15249.60	5.05	16063.32	1761.28	826.04	6.17	—	—	6847.17	114	2541	2264
" 4192.80	3.06	2251.14	954.79	229.72	2.50	—	387.17	3356.30	56	1559	1227
" 6733.10	1.25	1701.18	804.55	253.03	0.51	73.78	4510.80	1351.98	235	6427	5306
" 23184.50	3.87	18382.12	4061.21	1751.90	3.32	994.21	—	34328.68	248	5590	3842
" 45806.30	4.08	17893.42	6242.85	1299.61	2.26	—	8540.35	62569.38	286	10463	7457
" 346.20	1.69	211.38	42.63	27.91	1.37	—	55.00	544.03	9	179	156
" 2620.40	2.46	2453.43	306.00	80.00	2.60	—	464.40	5587.57	42	1147	833
" 1676.20	2.22	384.42	78.25	28.07	1.25	—	134.61	2952.59	87	946	786
" 4421.00	1.91	1233.27	980.96	74.90	1.00	—	—	571.78	179	6933	5825
" 8730.70	0.75	398.87	1337.52	74.88	0.16	—	—	—	459	12000	10300
\$ 253962.18	3.37	125436.24	33699.56	10485.09	2.24	1067.99	33832.62	238372.39	2533	80121	62538
\$ 213531.10	2.87	112327.01	33900.72	7082.70	2.05	4984.32	7319.46	244637.24	2468	78093	59990
\$ 201315.85	2.77	20048.21	31864.54	3113.23	0.33	15340.37	11960.80	181604.21	2359	76233	59606
\$ 169131.10	2.40	20847.62	24302.54	6763.07	0.90	11243.48	11051.51	150187.76	2335	74193	59343
\$ 153662.01	2.20	92943.36	21813.44	—	1.65	116.01	6052.86	126611.23	2366	72163	56914

^o Includes third and fourth quarters.

There is something worse for individuals and nations than drouth and famine. It is a worse thing to lose faith in God, in truth, in duty. It is a worse thing to be given up to the love of money, and the indulgence of ease and a life of pleasure. It is a worse thing never to possess those treasures which

can be given only to the benevolent, the self-denying, and the pure in heart. If only our consciences are clean and our hearts right before God, earthly calamity will prove a blessing, trial and suffering will make us strong.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT OF THE EUROPEAN DIVISION.
Report of Colporteur Work for the Year 1924.

	Book Sales including Helps				Sale of Magazines and Missionary Papers				Total Colport.	Average No. hours per Week	Souls Won	Grand Total Value of Sales	1924 Grand Total in Dollars	1923 Grand Total in Dollars
	No. of Colp.	No. of Hours	No. of Orders	Value of Books	No. of Colp.	No. of Hours	No. of Copies	Value of Periodicals						
Baltic Union														
Latvian Conference	28	37588	11424	Ls. 65000.46	5	3760	18699	Ls. 11271.14	33	24	—	Ls. 76271.60	\$ 14790.76	\$ 29451.28
Esthonian Conference	82	32562	7167	EM. 2022071.08	2	577	1704	EM. 314555.44	34	19.8	—	EM. 2330626.52	" 6386.75	" 7890.57
Lithuanian Mission	—	—	—	Lts. 548.—	—	—	—	Lts. 1056.25	—	—	—	Lts. 1604.25	" 160.42	" —
Total	60	70150	18591	\$ 18094.88	7	4337	15403	\$ 3183.05	67	21.4	—	—	\$ 21277.93	\$ 37841.85
British Union Conference														
North England Conf.	25	33258	3801	£ 4647.14. 3	..	....	410775	£ 4040.15. 8	25	26	—	£ 8688.9.11	\$ 38281.81	\$ 44019.89
South England Conf.	18	22154	3255	" 3334.0. 3	..	....	292042	" 2772.16. 1	18	24	—	" 6106.16. 4	" 26949.39	" 29800.44
Welsh Conference	6	6568	1757	" 1528.19. 8	..	....	98669	" 835.10. 1	6	21	—	" 2364.9.9	" 10418.66	" 11803.63
Irish Mission	9	8562	8170	" 1995.13. 2	..	....	31108	" 305.10. 0	9	18.2	—	" 2301.3.2	" 10184.93	" 7023.82
Scottish Conference	5	6385	1043	" 1298.6. 1	..	....	46061	" 409.17. 9	5	25	—	" 1708.3.10	" 7534.25	" 10909.26
Total	63	76957	13026	£ 12804.13. 5	..	....	873855	£ 3864.9. 7	63	23.4	—	\$ 21169.3. 0	\$ 93369.04	\$ 102557.04
Central European Union														
German Swiss Confer.	17	26550	9171	Sw. Frcs. 99781.15	4	2835	22579	Sw. Frcs. 3410.15	21	27	10	Sw. Frcs. 103191.30	\$ 18838.99	\$ 19211.54
Wurtemberg Confer.	19	31892	13163	M 37235.20	6	5793	38654	M 5976.55	25	29	16	M 33211.75	" 22193.26	" 2761.98
Baden Conference	16	23736	6664	" 50746.20	4	2142	16358	" 2064.08	20	25	24	" 52528.28	" 12506.72	" 2564.23
North Bavarian Conf.	18	28227	8411	" 59266.80	4	3185	19438	" 2530.05	22	27.4	6	" 62256.85	" 14823.05	" 3311.42
South Bavarian Conf.	21	33332	9413	" 61683.45	2	1987	14414	" 1782.20	23	29	32	" 63465.65	" 15110.84	" 2599.88
Main-Neckar Confer.	17	29132	8755	" 79847.55	6	4602	39158	" 4357.10	23	28.2	12	" 84204.65	" 20048.70	" 3023.58
Austrian Conference	17	24371	10565	Kr. 787181200.—	6	3643	24840	Kr. 63745600.—	23	23.4	9	Kr. 850926800.—	" 12156.07	" 8505.12
Total	125	196290	66142	\$ 96151.48 M 388975.20	32	24187	175441	\$ 4565.87 M 16709.98	157	27	109	M 355667.18	\$ 115677.63	\$ 42982.75
Czechoslovakian Union														
Moravian Silesian Conf.	12	15059	2502	Kč. 80577.80	..	....	20991	Kč. 46105.35	12	24	—	Kč. 126683.15	\$ 3768.49	\$ 4170.96
North Bohemian Conf.	12	14722	3320	" 109129.—	..	....	14538	" 52600.90	12	23.5	—	" 161729.90	" 4733.85	" 4221.04
Central Bohem. Conf.	15	18766	3383	" 91308.90	..	....	37248	" 62626.76	15	24	—	" 173935.66	" 5161.78	" 3355.60
Slovakian Mission	15	20491	6166	" 162311.10	..	....	10538	" 58557.45	15	26.2	—	" 220868.55	" 6538.65	" 3283.08
Total	54	69038	15821	Kč. 443326.80	..	....	83345	Kč. 239890.46	54	24.5	—	Kč. 683217.26	\$ 20252.77	\$ 15530.68
East German Union Conf.														
Berlin Conference	39	54643	10572	M 53137.92	6	9906	176819	M 36666.30	45	28	—	M 39804.22	\$ 21381.91	\$ 4141.35
Brandenburg Confer	31	39727	15632	" 66587.20	10	13860	170461	" 39385.80	41	25	29	" 105973.00	" 25231.67	" 3912.69
East Saxon Confer.	28	39634	12099	" 57009.45	12	18685	266636	" 46930.15	40	28	8	" 104839.60	" 24961.80	" 2684.10
East Prussian Confer.	29	34002	11771	" 45952.20	5	6717	23840	" 26006.50	34	23	17	" 71958.70	" 24961.80	" 6714.51
Pomeranian Confer.	26	33331	9749	" 33781.93	7	9558	163061	" 33137.88	33	25	72	" 71919.31	" 17132.99	" 2283.98
West Saxon Confer.	36	50097	23724	" 94460.90	8	11053	121732	" 23248.55	44	27	12	" 117709.45	" 28026.04	" 4765.37
Silesian Conference	45	68872	12721	" 60290.55	11	15449	327240	" 58542.43	56	26	26	" 118332.98	" 28293.54	" 6864.87
Friedensau School	—	352	100	" 622.—	..	329	1667	" 1095.20	—	—	—	" 1717.20	" 408.86	" —
Total	234	310708	95368	M 417742.15	59	85557	1251636	M 265012.81	293	26	164	M 682754.96	\$ 162560.54	\$ 31379.62

Recapitulation for Year

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
1. European Division	63	2988	366	68	36	470	185	31	41	257	213	3201	17	6	6	10	10	22	
2. Baltic Union	75	3815	351	106	78	535	145	45	106	296	239	4054	30	8	39	9	63	100	
3. British Union	180	7805	1079	66	698	1843	490	92	701	1283	560	3365	40	8	48	17	178	286	
4. Central European Union	71	1711	259	24	161	444	96	13	186	295	149	1860	13	5	6	7	69	100	
5. Czechoslovakian Union	346	12751	1718	141	558	2412	662	147	623	1432	980	18731	61	23	50	15	317	466	
6. East German Union	79	2847	300	43	150	493	132	42	144	318	175	3022	41	18	37	8	58	162	
7. Latin Union Conference	56	1192	226	37	172	485	58	16	183	257	178	1370	7	5	9	4	38	63	
8. Polish Union Conference	177	4584	1005	58	538	1591	192	43	521	756	835	5869	12	16	29	18	92	162	
9. Rumanian Union	158	6913	599	82	70	751	204	94	91	389	362	7275	27	18	29	9	82	165	
10. Scandinavian Union	273	10461	1529	157	380	2066	639	125	554	1318	748	11209	44	9	10	36	370	469	
11. West German Union	9	161	49	—	16	65	3	1	17	21	44	205	3	—	2	1	9	15	
12. Bugarian Mission	42	927	187	8	11	206	39	11	20	70	186	1063	4	5	7	3	61	80	
13. Hungarian Conference	57	572	165	36	1	202	9	6	5	20	182	754	3	1	7	1	39	51	
14. Jugoslavian Mission	59	2109	259	16	62	337	24	49	61	184	203	2312	23	24	54	42	11	159	
15. Missions*	459	10519	1843	361	70	2274	115	42	72	1162	1112	11631	43	15	45	13	—	116	
16. Russian Unions*																			
*) Includes 4th quarter 1923 and the first three quarters for 1924.																			
Grand To'ls for Year 1924	2104	69805	9985	1198	2991	14124	2998	757	3325	8008	6116	75421	385	161	373	198	1448	2565	
Grand To'ls for Year 1923	1927	62706	10038	1331	3322	14691	2400	687	3618	8092	6599	69305	321	153	270	211	913	1974	
Grand To'ls for Year 1922	1755	58635	7401	874	2637	10912	2726	714	2867	6716	4196	62831	306	160	210	232	1012	2018	

The Fourth Quarter S. S. Report.

This quarter's report shows a good increase over the third quarter in almost every item. For this quarter there were 2533 Sabbath schools, with 80,121 members, as against 2488 Sabbath schools with 77,098 members in the third quarter. The total donations passed from \$ 40,983.42 in the third quarter to \$ 44,184.65 in the fourth quarter. The total Sabbath school offerings for the year 1924 were \$ 156,211.50 as against \$ 77,432.77 in 1923. This means they were more than twice as much in 1924 as in 1923. This is very encouraging in view of the great need for mission funds for the support of the rapidly growing work in our mission fields. Shall we not earnestly try to reach a goal of 90,000 members in our Sabbath schools and \$ 200,000.00 in donations by the end of the year 1925? An earnest campaign to see that all our church members have the blessing of the study of these excellent Sabbath school lessons on the Life of Christ will easily make it possible for us to reach both of these goals.

There are a number of items of interest on the Sabbath school report which do not appear in the statistical table. These are as follows:

Miscellaneous Items.

- Number perfect in attendance and daily study 694
- Number perfect in attendance only 935
- Number perfect in daily study only 436
- Number having a perfect record for one year 52
- Number of schools taking the Sabbath School Worker (52 "Moniteur") 146
- Number of persons taking the Training Course 68
- Number of baptisms reported 371
- Number of Home Department members 1708
- Home Department offerings \$ 703.47
- Per capita given by Home Departm. memb. \$ 0.31
- Birthday Offerings \$ 76.68

These figures are not complete as not all fields in the Division have reported on these items. By "perfect in attendance" we mean those reported present and on time for every Sabbath during the quarter. We hope to see all the figures in these items increase quarter by quarter, especially the number of Sabbath school members baptised during the quarter. May God richly bless every adult, youth, and children among us in the study of the Sabbath school lessons day by day, and week by week in the mutual interchange of ideas gained in this daily study of God's Word.



L. L. Caviness.

The Advent Message Stirring Mosul.

A long and unusually interesting letter has been received at the Division Office from brother James McGeachy written just at the close of the last year. Brother McGeachy, it will be remembered, was released by the Egyptian mission, where he had laboured some four years, to proceed to Mosul in order to follow up the opening made in the Mesopotamian field.

Since his arrival there early last year he has been busy spreading the seed of truth in different ways. Every Sabbath quite a large company of visitors would attend the Sabbath school and the regular services so that there were prospects of some taking their stand for the message. We shall here cull a few paragraphs from the letter that set forth the situation:

"I am in the midst of presenting the Sabbath to the people and hope to see some results shortly. The whole Christian community is being stirred so that Sabbath has become a topic even in the market place. This has aroused active opposition as some of the most influential of the Protestant community are inclining towards us . . .

Ending December 1924.

20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
\$ 12051.88	.....	645.17									
" 20632.20	6.45	6746.96	8050.16	698.81	3.28	1122.26	— —	21277.93	92	3051	2239
" 101710.40	25.08	88901.29	15882.81	6379.63	15.08	5881.65	— —	93869.04	126	4394	3332
" 114988.80	13.74	36863.71	16365.60	3334.15	6.76	3928.44	15817.50	115677.63	181	8548	5779
" 19018.60	10.22	5323.41	2274.74	577.33	4.40	627.44	1138.52	20252.77	73	2031	1724
" 171006.00	12.45	63577.75	27097.70	4994.66	6.97	5094.80	25974.17	162560.54	346	14307	11468
" 52413.70	17.34	24235.06	7109.86	2983.52	11.36	2284.57	— —	83864.28	114	2541	2264
" 12178.30	8.89	3979.52	2584.73	541.87	5.18	841.34	893.44	9478.17	56	1559	1227
" 23303.40	4.34	4704.29	2412.86	629.47	1.44	675.68	4510.80	5206.27	235	6427	5306
" 98369.90	13.58	26936.17	15260.34	7026.63	6.77	7331.68	— —	137244.37	248	5590	3842
" 158810.00	13.72	54572.30	23311.22	4281.89	7.33	5131.06	12770.14	187501.99	286	10463	7457
" 1242.30	6.06	434.63	168.51	86.33	3.34	112.34	141.15	1541.08	9	179	156
" 6830.00	6.47	2770.22	679.39	190.35	4.36	276.11	1148.62	12509.69	42	1147	833
" 5530.30	7.40	1162.83	310.39	78.19	2.06	103.00	588.36	3338.39	87	946	786
" 15745.00	6.81	4611.64	3956.91	406.17	3.88	231.20	— —	1429.45	179	6933	5825
" 29069.45	2.50	2244.13	3306.55	235.59	0.41	— —	131.69	— —	459	12000	10300
\$ 387990.23	11.11	278709.08	123767.36	32444.14	5.77	33141.57	63164.39	814801.60	2533	80121	62588
\$ 471254.56	6.79	153492.47	63793.96	13638.81	3.67	3395.57	10223.42	477639.15	2466	72163	56914
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"Other items of interest are as follows: When I preached on Daniel 2, having made a chart, I had 3 Mohammedans in the meeting. One of them was the Imam of the neighbouring mosque Nebi Sheet. At the end he complimented me on my Arabic grammar and pronunciation. From all the comments I hear, I believe God has blessed me wonderfully in giving me a good knowledge of this difficult language in a very short time so that I can now hold the attention of the people for an hour on end week after week and speak directly to them in their own language. All the sisters here are getting a firmer grasp of the truth. With brother Bashir as a help we could give to the others every word of the Week of Prayer readings in Arabic.

"Another item: I have been conducting a written discussion in Arabic with the Moslem headmaster of the secondary school here on the truth of Christianity, the Bible and the Koran and dealt specifically with their denial of the actual crucifixion of Christ as the vital point for the proving of the truth of our rival religions. He is not a fanatic and so we can speak freely.

"I have also been canvassing. At the end of my second lecture on Daniel I sold 14 copies of "Sure Word" to various members of the audience at a rupee each (abt. Sw. Fr. 1.75), so that was £ 1 worth in a few minutes. I have also sold by ordinary canvassing from shop to shop over £ 4 worth. I entered the municipality building and sold six copies to the clerks, one to the chief architect of the city, who is a Mohammedan. He got me permission to go round the office from the chief who is an old Moslem sheikh in flowing robes. This has caused some comment among the Moslems on my daring to go "preaching" in the municipality.

"The lecture on the Little Horn aroused the Catholics; some of them seemed a bit offended although I did my best to say nothing unnecessarily hard, simply pointing out the specifications and telling what history said about the Papacy. Some of them secured copy of "Daniel" in Arabic I had sold to Dr. S. and have taken it to a priest who is said to be answering it . . . Our annual offering here amounted to £ 40. Pray for the advance of the work in this field. The East is slow to move . . . In my last letter to you I spoke of the terrific heat, in this letter my complaint is just the opposite - terrific cold. It has been freezing for the last few days and the people say it has not been so cold for many years. There is snow on the hilltops. Anyway it is an excellent tonic after the hot summer. It reminds me of my native Scotland which I left for Egypt's sunshine five years ago . . ."

The letter gives a most interesting account of a public discussion that had been going on for about two weeks every evening between brother McGeachy and some prominent religious leaders, foreign missionaries and native pastors on the principal points of the message, which turned out in its favour. Brother McGeachy solicits our prayers for the success of the work that a rich harvest of souls may follow these efforts.

From Great Lebanon.

We are very happy to be here in this country and we are getting along nicely. Many things are gradually changing in Syria. Good houses are being built and the streets are beginning to be better paved than they were when we arrived here.

The connection with Mesopotamia is now splendid. A number of fine large automobiles are

Specification of Mission Offerings for the Year 1924.

	Sabb. Sch. Off. 12 Sabbaths	13th Sabb. Sch. Off.	Weekly Off.	Miscell. Off.	Harvest Ingath.	Annual Off.	Week of Sacrifice	Jubilee Sabbath	European Relief	"Big Week"	Total Off. for Foreign Missions (incl. 1-8)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Baltic Union	3050.16	698.81	1440.15	—	2261.55	1569.29	1167.68	308.29	199.81	922.95	10495.43
British	15382.81	6379.63	—	2797.84	29942.42	4399.01	—	1762.52	3508.89	1877.76	61163.73
Central Europ. Union	16365.60	3334.15	6199.05	2176.82	10695.12	6847.88	9084.86	1859.98	791.69	3136.75	56563.46
Czechoslovakian	2274.74	577.33	877.60	170.85	1426.37	904.31	1773.66	170.62	260.04	367.40	8175.48
East German Union	27097.70	4994.66	11446.03	4455.34	22055.86	11836.03	11818.67	2465.82	983.69	4111.11	95670.11
Latin	7109.86	2983.52	4416.22	.69	14894.09	4745.32	—	238.74	829.50	1455.07	34328.44
Polish	2584.73	541.87	803.89	70.24	1233.93	691.85	761.25	418.86	82.07	759.27	7106.12
Rumanian	2412.86	629.47	903.75	49.58	1132.73	859.05	1433.53	325.70	402.52	273.16	7746.62
Scand.navian	15260.34	7026.63	723.43	507.15	13059.76	6216.81	5667.59	761.43	3663.33	3669.32	49223.14
West German	23311.22	4281.89	8209.38	3927.47	21729.15	10593.85	8629.69	1483.26	633.63	4497.43	32165.41
Bulgarian Mission	163.51	86.38	44.75	24.98	119.94	76.14	137.35	31.47	58.44	53.90	684.52
Hungarian Confer.	679.39	190.35	188.02	153.20	2179.83	461.08	660.87	127.22	57.66	218.45	4639.96
Jugoslavian Mission	310.93	78.19	106.41	—	697.59	104.66	186.31	67.86	38.23	64.77	1532. —
Missions	3956.91	406.17	299.58	1024.79	1906.25	992.48	362.93	25.62	44.09	187.11	8974.73
Russian Unions	3306.55	235.59	—	2244.13	—	—	—	—	—	—	5786.27
Div.	—	—	—	645.17	—	—	—	—	—	—	645.17
Totals for 1924 \$	123767.36	32444.14	35638.26	18247.70	123274.59	50296.76	41184.39	10047.39	11548.09	21594.45	434920.59
Totals for 1923	63793.96	13638.81	10724.57	3860.58	77781.35	38660.94	13059.16	—	38.50	8127.82	226019.37

going and coming all the time. You can now leave Damascus early in the morning and within 19 hours, that is before the following midnight you are in Bagdad. When brother McGeachy passed through here hardly a year ago, the fare was 30 Egyptian pounds, and now it is only five pounds.

In our work we have not had the success that might have been wished for but then we are getting settled and praise the Lord for the good souls and friends we have gained. Here at Beirut we have received into church-fellowship seven new brethren and two sisters.

I hope that it is a good omen that the first Arabian we have had the joy of baptizing and welcoming among us is a descendant of Mohammed. But four years ago he was a bigotted Mo-

ammedan. He then in some way got hold of a Bible and read it. From the study of the Scriptures he learned to realize himself a sinner and in need of a better Saviour than the prophet he had followed so long. He learned to know Christ and to love Him but, as a result of this change of mind was obliged to give up his position, and as his stay among his relatives became dangerous he had to flee for his life leaving his wife and children behind whom he has not seen again.

Some months ago he began to study the Third Angel's message with brother Shukry who has helped him much, and he is now a member of our church and, with brother Shukry, teacher in a high school on Mt. Lebanon. When he began to keep the Sabbath of the Lord, those in authority tried to prevent him from doing so. But he packed up his things and told them: "If I cannot keep the Sabbath here I must leave immediately. I have given up my wife, my children, my friends and my property for Christ, and now I am willing, if need be, to give up myself as well." When he was about to leave, the Lord intervened and he was granted permission to remain and to live up to the convictions of his conscience.

Brother Shukry, the head-master of that school, is one of our very best members here and, no doubt, his wife will soon follow him in the truth. Brother Khalil (formerly also a Mohammedan) has done very well in the harvest ingathering this year. Altogether we have collected about £ 40. While this is not a very large amount, yet some had no success at all and we are grateful for the result, this being the first effort here in this field. We have learned a lesson for the next



Brother Nils Zerne with his wife and two children, and some Armenian boys, whom he has taken into his home; to the left Brother Paronag.

time and with better plans that will be more fitting to the circumstances we hope to see greater things in the future.

Our tithe has also increased. During the last quarter of 1924 we have had some £ 23, which is very encouraging considering the fact that quite a few of our brethren are from the Armenian refugees who have come to Syria from Asia Minor where they have lost every bit of their property. At the present time we are spreading tracts all over the city of Beirut and we are looking forward to a good harvest.

We are thankful to our brethren in the homelands for the liberal help they are giving us and we are happy in the expectation of the new workers that will be coming to these fields.

Nils Zerne.

Jugoslavia.

At present I am again working at Zagreb (Agram) where there is a large interest. More room must be provided for our meetings. Many souls are searching for the truth and are about to embrace it. We are laying plans to supply more evangelistic help for this city. We expect a great harvest of souls in the coming year. Over one hundred are now preparing for baptism. The enemy naturally is hard at work trying to thwart our plans but the Lord stands by us in the cause.

The canvassing work advances as never before. We now have some 50 young colporteurs in the field. In the south our brethren have had to suffer much hardship. They were severely beaten and cast into prison where they were left without food. Others were persecuted and driven away from their locations, also some of the workers. The Lord, however, is our help. If we are persecuted in one place we find another one with more liberty. This is a difficult time for us. We are all of good courage and it is our great joy to see how new souls are being added to the cause of truth every day and how the shipments of our literature into the field continue to grow larger.

R. S.

Persia.

Writing from Tabriz under date of January 23, F. F. Oster, superintendent of the Persian mission has this good word to pass on to us:

"The work in this field is onward, thank the Lord. Last year we about doubled our numbers and the prospects for a good harvest of souls this year is good. Quite a number in different parts of the country are waiting for baptism as soon as the weather permits and I can get around to them.

We are having an unusually severe winter this year. We have never seen anything like it. The thermometer has been below zero as much as

20 C. for days at a time. The winter started in so early and with such severity that it has taken most of the people unawares and unprepared. There is a great deal of suffering especially among the poor, who can not afford to buy wood and must be satisfied with a pan of coals which they place under a blanket and then try to keep warm."

Brother Oster then goes on to say how glad they are to know that the brethren in Europe and in America are putting forth such great efforts in behalf of the mission fields.

Miscellaneous.

We extend a most hearty welcome to brother C. E. Weaks and his family who have recently arrived at Berne to connect with the Division office. Brother Weaks has spent many years in the Far East where he has had charge of the publishing work. He has been appointed secretary of the publishing department of the Division by the General Conference, and with the able help of brother H. Böx, his associate, we look forward to still greater things under the blessing of God in the near future.

The news published in the articles *Great Lebanon* and *The Advent Message Stirring Mosul* will be found extremely interesting. We congratulate brother Zerne on his first Moslem convert. He is not only a Mohammedan but really a descendant from the Prophet who, in the East, are distinguished from other Moslems by the green band around their headdress, the turban. Surely, the gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation to all that believe. The gospel knows no distinction of race or clime. God is beginning to raise up men who will be used as His instruments to carry the message into the very strongholds hitherto barred to other representatives.

It is encouraging to read brother McGeachy's letter from which only a few points could be gleaned. His presentation of the message has naturally aroused great interest among the people while at the same time the enemy has been stirred to opposition, so that severe attacks are made against us on Sundays from the pulpit. Brother McGeachy is holding nightly discussions with inquirers and there is a good attendance at these meetings.

Encouraging news continues to come in from Soviet Russia. Word has been received from brother H. J. Löbsack, that they have been granted permission by the authorities to publish a German periodical, the "Adventbote" and also a Russian paper called "Golos Istiny" i. e. The Voice of Truth. This will be a great help to our brethren in Russia after a break in their publications for

some 8 years. This will supply our church at the same time with the printed Sabbath school lessons.

A request has also been filed with the government for the import of 500 German hymn books with tunes, 2000 Russian Bibles and 1000 German Bibles which they believe will be granted. Negotiations are being had with the Baptists and Evangelicals for the printing in Russia of 50,000 Russian pocket Bibles. Our share will make about 30,000 rubles.

This certainly is refreshing news of progress coming after the all-Russian congress our brethren held at Moscow last August which made such a good impression. With the prospect of soon starting our medical mission in the Volga republic and the publication of health literature in connection with this work, we are persuaded that the Lord is planning for an advance move in this great country.

Here is a word from brother W. Pudewell written December 24 and sent via Russia so that it reached us in just one month. Brother Pudewell, it will be remembered, left for the Far East in February of this year. Among other news he says: "This evening I returned from a little canvassing tour with a native colporteur. We have had good success in selling 15 copies of our new health book which equals in size Ministry of Healing. These cost 5 yen a piece which is about ten gold marks and represents a considerable amount for the Korean who, generally speaking, is so poor that he can hardly afford to buy our small tracts. Hence we take a supply of these along for free distribution to the poor. My present knowledge of the Korean proved a good help to me. I am glad that I have made sufficient progress in the study of this difficult language that I can hold a meeting every fortnight in our church. In another year I hope to be able to handle it fairly well in my public work."

Brother J. C. Klose, field missionary and home missionary secretary for the Chosen (Korea) Union Mission, who was with us at the Skodsborg Council told us that brother Pudewell preached his first little sermon at their church after having studied the Korean language but six months. In the meantime he has been instrumental in bringing a Japanese student into the truth through his meagre knowledge of the English.

Our Statistical Report.

On the pages of this issue is presented the report for the fourth quarter and also for the year of 1924.

Comparing the net gain in membership for the last quarter (836) with the corresponding quarter for 1923 (1763) we see that the increase is considerably less. During the year 1924, 9935 souls were added by baptism and 1198 by vote. A comparison, however, of the last three years reveals the fact that the net gain during this time amounts to 22.4% of our present membership.

In 1924 the net gain was	6116
" 1923 " " " "	6599
" 1922 " " " "	4196

making a total of 16911

while the membership to-day is 75421.

The statistical report from Russia being more complete this time than formerly it is now set out in the same way as the other fields. In the next report we hope also to be able to give the items for the Sabbath schools in Russia which are now lacking.

If compared with the previous year the financial report for 1924 is very encouraging. The amount per capita for all funds has increased from \$ 10.00 in 1923 to \$ 17.00 in 1924 as the following table will show:

	1924	per Cap.	1923	per Cap.
Tithe	\$ 837,990.23	11.11	471,254.56	6.79
Total Off. to				
Foreign Miss.	434,920.58	5.77	230,925.24	3.67
Spec. Offer.	63,164.39	0.84	10,223.42	0.15
	\$ 1,336,075.20	17.00	712,403.22	10.00

In 1923 the Offerings for Foreign Missions were 49% of the tithe. Since the conditions in Europe are comparatively normal, however, and our faithful members are able to pay a better tithe, the Mission Offerings represent 52% of the tithe for 1924. The difference is still greater if we include the Special Offerings — for 1923, 51% of tithe and for 1924, 60%.

At the end of the year we had 1117 evangelical workers or 56 more than a year ago. The number of colporteurs has increased from 913 in 1923 to 1448 in December 1924, i. e. 535. On an average there is one evangelical worker to every 67 members in the European Division, and one colporteur to each 52 members.

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A Greeting from Brother Pudewell giving his Name and Adress.