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Manual for Ministers.

The Licensed Minister.

In the gospel plan, every believer is called to be a worker for Christ. Mark. 13:34. The requirements of the work of God, call for some to devote their entire time and effort to teaching and preaching the word. In a case where it seems that a brother has evangelistic gifts indicating a possible call to the ministry, the conference may issue to him a ministerial license. This authorizes the receiver to engage in evangelistic effort as a representative of the conference. The soulwinning fruitage of the evangelistic work of the licensed minister, and the development of his gifts in building up the churches and believers, make clear to the conference in process of time whether or not he is manifestly called to give himself fully to the work of the ministry. The licensed minister is not authorized to administer baptism or the Lord's Supper (unless as ordained elder of a local church), or to organize churches, ordain elders, or officiate in the marriage service.

ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY.

From among those who were helpers and workers with Jesus, after a time of proving, the Master chose certain ones and "ordained" them, "that He might send them forth to preach." Mark 3:14. After Barnabas and Saul had laboured in the ministry for some time, the Lord having set the seal of success upon their work as soul-winning evangelists, the Spirit spoke to the church at Antioch, saying: "Separate Me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." Acts 13:2, 3.

Note. — "God had abundantly blessed the labours of Paul and Barnabas during the year they remained with the believers in Antioch. But neither had as yet been formally ordained to the gospel ministry... Before being sent forth as missionaries to the heathen world, those apostles were solemnly dedicated to God by fasting and prayer and the laying on of hands. Thus they were authorized by the church, not only to teach the truth, but to perform the rite of baptism, and to organize churches, being invested with full ecclesiastical authority... Both Paul and Barnabas had already received their commission from God Himself, and the ceremony of the laying on of hands added no new grace or virtual qualification. It was an acknowledged form of designation to an appointed office, and a recognition of one's authority in that office. By it the seal of the church was set upon the work of God... God has made His church on the earth a channel of light, and through it He communicates His purposes and His will. He does not give to one of His servants an experience independent of and contrary to the experience of the church itself." — "The Acts of the Apostles," pp. 160—163.

THE ORDINATION SERVICE.

It is fitting that the body of believers among whom the worker has laboured should have a part in approving the decision that he should be set apart to the full ministry. This may appropriately be arranged by having the matter presented at a regular conference session, on recommendation of the usual committee on licenses and credentials. However, the time and occasion may require action by the conference committee between sessions. The local conference should have counsel from the union in recommending workers for ordination.

The ordination service should be preceded by remarks or a brief sermon on the calling and work of the ministry and the mutual relationship of minister and church as workers together with God. For this service all ordained ministers present should be on the platform or grouped about it. Three brethren are asked to take special part in the service, (1) to offer the ordination prayer, (2) to give the charge, (3) to welcome the candidate. The congregation is usually asked to sit with bowed heads, rather than kneel, during the ordination prayer, as this ordinarily causes less confusion and interruption of the service. The order of service is as follows:

1. *The Ordination Prayer and the Laying on of Hands.* — The ministers kneel, the candidate kneeling in the center, those taking the special part and such others as may conveniently do so kneeling closely about the candidate so as to join in the laying on of hands. The ordination prayer recognizes God's call of the brother to the sacred work, and the helplessness of human strength in such a calling, and asks that as now the hands of the ministers are laid upon the candidate in recognition by the church of the divine call, the Lord may bestow in yet larger measure the Holy Spirit's unction and power in the brother's labours. As in the prayer the minister speaks of the laying on of hands, those kneeling closely about lay their right hands upon the candidate's head, continuing thus to the close of the prayer. When the candidate is a married man, it is fitting that his wife and family be remembered in the prayer. (The wife may very appropriately be seated in front next to the platform, in recognition of the very important part that the godly wife acts in strengthening the work of her husband in the ministry.)

2. *The Charge.* — Rising from prayer, all the ministers stand while the charge is being given. The one giving the charge faces the candidate, but in such a way as to be partially turned toward the congregation so that all may hear. The charge

declares to the candidate the sacredness and responsibility of the work to which the minister is called as watchman and soldier for Christ and shepherd of the flock, appropriately including the inspired charge which the apostle Paul gave to Timothy. 2 Timothy 4.

3. *The Welcome.* — The minister appointed to speak the words of welcome, gives the right hand of fellowship and welcome to the ministry, in behalf of all the ministers and of the believers. As hands are clasped, he speaks appropriate words welcoming the newly ordained minister to the blessings and joys and toils of the sacred calling, and closes usually by greeting the candidate with the brotherly kiss. Thereupon, the ministers present also extend the hand of fellowship with the kiss of brotherly affection and a word of greeting.

CREENTIALS.

The conference gives to the minister ordained a certificate of ordination, signed by the three brethren taking special part in the service. The forms for this purpose are to be kept on hand in every conference office.

The conference issues to each ordained minister under its jurisdiction ministerial credentials, showing that the bearer is authorized by the conference to represent it in ministerial service during the conference term. The acceptance of such credentials means that the worker declares himself in full harmony with the body of believers. In case any worker holding credentials comes to be, for any reason, no longer in harmony with the body, it follows in honour that the credentials should be at once surrendered to the conference.

THE MORAL STANDARD OF THE MINISTRY.

One separated to this work of the ministry, is ever to remember that he is called to be in personal life a "man of God" (1 Tim. 6:11), an example "to the flock" (1 Peter 5:3), "giving no offense in anything, that the ministry be not blamed" (2 Cor. 6:3). In an age of lowered moral standards, the minister, above all men, must heed the injunction laid by the word of prophecy upon workers for God in the last days, "Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord." Isa. 52:11. In this matter of purity of life, he is not only to shun evil, but to "abstain from all appearance of evil." 1 Thess. 5:22. In case of moral fall by any minister, it is to be recognized that automatically the ministry ceases. While one so offending has access to the mercy and pardoning grace of God, and in reformation of life is assured of the love and good will of the brethren, it is clearly indicated that, for the sake of the church and the maintenance of moral standards, the labourer should plan henceforth to give his life to some other calling or business than that of the ministry.

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The Cost of Missionary Advance.

It is with deep regret that we record the sad death of Sister Helbig, the wife of missionary Helbig our pioneer worker in Liberia on the West Coast of Africa.

It was only last February that Brother and Sister Helbig set sail from Hamburg in the bloom of youth looking forward to a happy term of service in this hitherto unentered field. Sister Helbig remained in Monrovia, the capital, with friends while Brother Helbig, together with Brethren Langford and Flammer went inland to locate the station and erect the missionary dwelling. While away on this trip an epidemic of yellow fever swept over the coast towns and several people, amongst them some Europeans, died after a very short period of sickness.

Sister Helbig was taken ill with a severe attack of malaria which set up other complications and she was ordered home by the doctor. Acting on this counsel she left Liberia and reached Hamburg in the closing days of June. There she was cared for by the brethren and sisters but notwithstanding all that medical skill could do she passed peacefully away on Sabbath afternoon the 2nd of July.

The West Coast of Africa has certainly taken a heavy toll of our faithful missionary forces during the last two years. In fact within a period of eighteen months there have been laid to rest four of our missionary workers: Sister Oster in Sierra Leone, Brother Borgeaud in Nigeria, Sister Boyce in the Gold Coast and now Sister Helbig in Liberia. Each of the fields in which we are working on the West Coast of Africa has had its baptism.

We remember Brother Helbig away off in the great Dark Continent all alone at his station in the interior at this time. We pray God to sustain His servant in this special time of need and minister to him His own grace and comfort in this time of bereavement. We tender also to the parents and other relatives our deepest sympathy in this hour of sorrow.

W. E. Read.

Church Anniversaries.

Forty years ago, Elder James Erzberger and the writer conducted successful efforts in Switzerland, first in Basel, which led to the organization of a German church there. In the spring of 1887 meetings were then commenced in Zürich, where also quite a company took their stand for the Truth, so that a church could be organized also at this place.

In commemoration of the founding of these two churches, the writer was invited to be present Sabbath, August 20, in Zürich. The spacious chancel was filled with an attentive audience, the text being taken from Philippians 1:4—6. Elder E. Frauchiger,

who, as Bible-worker and canvasser, assisted forty years ago, led out in the social meeting in the afternoon. Afterwards, several of the old sisters who had become members forty years ago spoke followed by the writer, who gave his experience on the growth of the work during recent years.

The Sabbath meetings in Basel were held by missionaries H. Zimmermann and Peter Drinhaus, who are home on furlough from the East Indies. Brother Zimmermann spoke in the forenoon, and Brother Drinhaus gave a stereopticon lecture on the work in the Dutch East Indies in the evening. On Sunday evening the writer spoke to a large audience in Basel on the wonderful fulfilment of the prophetic word so evidently seen in the large growth of our work. While but few of the old members are left, yet we have every reason to rejoice that the Basel church numbers nearly 200, and the Zürich church nearly 250 members. Thus the Lord has put His signal blessing on the small beginning of forty years ago. We rejoiced to meet with our dear people in both of these places, to enjoy with them the blessings of God, and to have in this commemoration a foretaste of the larger meeting of all God's people in His eternal Kingdom. L. R. Conradi.

In the Baltic Union.

From May 31 to June 19 the writer with Brother P. Drinhaus and Elder D. N. Wall, the union president, visited the annual meetings of the Baltic Union, which comprises the conferences of Latvia, Esthonia, and the Lithuanian Mission Field. The first general meeting was held for Latvia at Riga. Our brethren had secured the large meeting hall of the "Latvian League". The churches of the field were well represented, and as in Riga alone we have some 800 members all meetings were well attended. Some thousand outside visitors attended the evening lectures. Elder K. Sutta was again elected president of the conference. Our brethren rejoiced at the prospect of soon having their own chapel at Riga, which is now under construction. If we think of how long the truth has already been established in this city and the number of the members it certainly is high time to provide adequate facilities to preserve our work and to give it a better standing.

The general meeting for the Esthonian Conference was held at Reval, where we have

quite a spacious chapel of our own which served for the conference sessions and the meetings during the day. For several nights the large German Theatre had been secured which seated over 1500. We always had a full house. Elder Ehrhardt was again elected president. Shortly before he had met with considerable opposition by the Protestant clergy in connection with his public effort, and it almost seemed as though pressure was being brought to bear to have him expelled. We had very profitable meetings and an excellent spirit prevailed. Especially notable is the large number of our young people in both conferences, who, on the whole, have a good education. In Riga alone some thirteen are studying at the university. This



Annual Meeting at Riga.

host of developing youth should be turned into a mighty power for the good of the cause. A novelty at these annual meetings was the holding for a few days of a special young people's conference in which all their problems were freely discussed in a spirit of loyalty to the Message and of brotherly co-operation, with a view to promoting the common needs of our youth. The interest shown also by the adults was an evidence of a growing understanding of our obligations towards the young people committed to our care.

The meeting for the Lithuanian field was held at Memel in the little hall of our church there. The attendance was comparatively small as our membership numbers only 160. In spite of their small numbers the brethren in the field have been fortunate in securing the recognition as a private religious society entitling them to corporation rights. Nine persons were received into church-

fellowship by baptism during the conference. At present Lithuania is without any canvassers, a situation that must be remedied without delay. Elder Gnedinas is superintendent of this field.

During 1926 354 new members were added in the Baltic Union and with the 188 received during the first six months of 1927 their membership increased up to the end of June to 3633. This year also the first graduates from their school at Suschenhof have been sent into the field to take up evangelistical work. Our brethren and workers generally were of good courage and determined with the help of God to speed on the work. May God bless them in their efforts.

W. K. Ising.

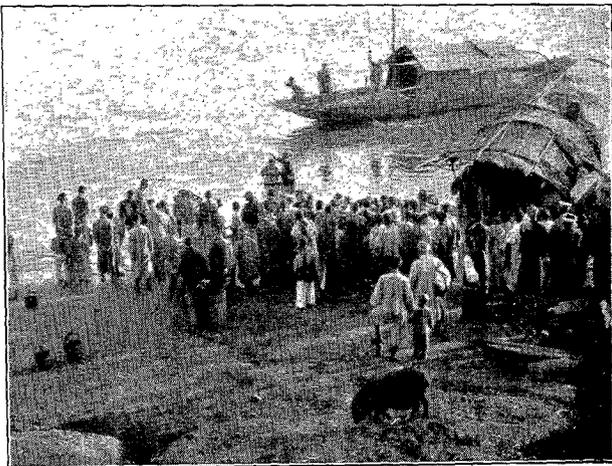
From West China.

For some time we had been without news from Elder J. Effenberg, superintendent of the East Szechwan Mission, and we feared lest in the general confusion and trouble of civil war he might have been forced to abandon his work. We were greatly relieved on receiving a letter from him at the Division Office at Berne under date of June 14, which we pass on to our readers because of the thrilling story it tells of God's providence in their work. This is what he writes: —

Chungking, June 14, 1927.

Dear Brother, I am much obliged to you for your kind letter of March 20 which I have duly received. It is now always a special feast for us when we receive mail because most of it is lost or held up somewhere so that the enjoyment of such a feast day is becoming rather rare. Our friends "Der Adventbote", "Herold der Wahrheit",

"Review and Herald" and other papers which have been the connecting link with the homeland and the world-wide missions have failed to make their appearance for the last three months. Whether they are waylaid or destroyed we know not. We have also had no communication with our Division Office at Shanghai for the last three months. Even my last effort to reach them by telegram has failed. Nevertheless we keep on writing in the hope that



Br. Effenberg baptizes in the river Jangtsekiang.

a letter may find its way through to the homeland as now and then a stray letter makes its arrival here. Although our communications on all sides seem to be cut off, yet our connection above still remains.

I will pass on a few experiences of the trying times we have had which will show the real conditions here. Our American brethren have all been withdrawn from their stations (we confidently hope, however, that they may soon return but when, we know not). It was desired at first that we also should leave, though being of German nationality it appeared to me that this was not imperative in view of the fact also that some other of my countrymen and the German Consul remained. So I stayed "as the last man on the station." In view of the terrible things that had happened it was thought that at least my wife should be brought, for safety, to Shanghai. However, her mind was made up that she would not leave without me and she said, "Where you stay, there will I stay and where you die there will I be buried." So both of us are still here and we are convinced that it was the will of God. We have a heap of work — and fortunately we can continue to work.



Br. Effenberg and his Bible Class in Chungking, West China.

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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	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	..	..	15	..	27
Baltic Union .....	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	4	1	1	..	..	6
Latvian Conference	40	2048	72	8	—	80	23	4	2	29	51	2099	6	4	6	1	14	31
Estonian " "	17	1321	59	7	—	66	11	2	—	13	53	1374	5	3	2	2	16	28
Lithuanian Mission	10	155	12	1	—	13	1	2	5	8	5	160	2	—	3	—	—	5
Total	67	3524	143	16	—	159	35	8	7	50	109	3633	17	8	12	3	30	70
British Union Conference .....	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	4	3	..	2	..	9
South British Conference	36	2652	41	9	11	61	47	15	23	85	24	2628	14	3	26	5	59	107
North British " "	28	1784	45	5	10	60	12	12	6	30	30	1814	11	6	12	1	60	90
Total	64	4436	86	14	21	121	59	27	29	115	6	4442	29	12	38	8	119	206
Central European Union .....	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
German Swiss Conference	29	1072	19	—	9	28	3	1	11	15	13	1085	4	3	4	2	20	33
Wurtemberg " "	45	1569	22	4	—	26	28	1	12	41	—15	1554	7	9	9	1	24	41
Baden " "	21	943	10	2	5	17	7	2	1	10	7	950	3	4	3	2	16	28
North Bavarian " "	23	1213	17	1	1	19	3	—	5	8	11	1224	6	2	3	2	18	31
South Bavarian " "	33	1805	55	5	5	65	34	3	7	44	21	1826	7	1	7	3	22	40
Main-Neckar " "	22	1427	29	1	6	36	11	4	6	21	15	1442	4	1	8	2	25	40
Austrian " "	23	911	68	8	1	72	13	1	8	22	50	961	8	1	4	1	23	37
School Church	1	175	8	—	4	12	2	1	13	16	—4	171	2	1	—	13	2	18
Total	197	9115	228	16	31	275	101	13	63	177	98	9213	44	13	38	30	150	275
Czechoslovakian Union .....	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	1	..	1	3	..	5
Moravia-Silesian Conference	28	871	27	3	5	35	6	5	7	13	17	888	3	2	1	1	15	22
North Bohemian " "	26	581	23	1	4	28	5	4	2	11	17	598	5	1	1	—	11	18
Central Bohemian Mission	12	285	10	1	3	14	1	1	2	4	10	295	1	—	1	2	19	23
Slovakian Mission	14	395	6	—	1	7	20	—	1	21	—14	381	2	1	1	1	15	20
Total	80	2132	66	5	13	84	32	10	12	54	30	2162	12	4	5	7	60	88
East German Union .....	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	3	..	..	7	..	10
Berlin Conference	29	2284	61	9	76	146	14	5	60	79	67	2351	11	7	6	2	30	56
Brandenburg " "	53	2010	37	4	25	66	10	8	60	78	—12	1998	12	9	2	2	29	54
Lower Silesian " "	38	1196	26	2	37	65	13	2	30	45	20	1216	6	9	—	2	21	38
North E. Saxonian " "	42	2071	30	3	31	64	18	5	32	55	9	2080	11	7	5	3	28	54
Upper Silesian " "	32	1290	23	2	11	36	38	5	17	60	—24	1266	6	5	1	2	23	37
East Prussian " "	65	2029	27	4	43	74	14	4	46	64	10	2039	10	6	—	2	30	48
Pomeranian " "	49	1551	33	1	17	51	13	3	26	42	9	1560	9	5	3	3	27	47
West Saxonian " "	65	2326	44	—	36	80	41	9	31	81	—1	2325	10	3	7	4	26	50
Total	373	14757	281	25	276	582	161	41	302	504	78	14835	78	51	24	27	214	394
Hungarian Union .....	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	2	1	..	3	..	6
East Hungarian Conference	26	698	43	2	2	47	12	2	1	15	32	730	3	1	6	1	22	33
Central Hungarian " "	20	585	46	1	5	52	10	1	4	15	37	622	2	—	6	1	29	38
West Hungarian Mission	14	152	4	—	2	6	—	—	2	2	4	156	1	1	2	1	19	24
Total	60	1435	93	3	9	105	22	3	7	32	73	1508	8	3	14	6	70	101
Latin Union .....	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	11	1	2	..	..	14
Leman Conference	19	914	4	2	7	13	6	4	2	12	1	915	3	2	8	3	13	29
South France " "	18	464	19	1	1	21	—	2	1	3	18	42	5	1	8	—	3	17
Belgian " "	10	391	10	—	2	12	2	—	1	3	9	400	5	3	3	—	6	17
East France " "	11	366	4	—	4	8	3	—	2	5	3	369	3	2	6	1	10	22
North France " "	10	283	7	2	6	15	—	1	5	6	9	292	5	3	7	—	6	21
Italian Mission	12	369	15	—	2	17	6	2	—	8	9	378	7	3	12	1	8	31
Algerian " "	5	113	12	—	—	12	—	—	2	2	10	123	1	—	4	—	1	6
Total	85	2900	71	5	22	98	17	9	13	39	59	2959	40	15	50	5	47	157

Conference of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1927.

Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Offerings to Mission (except Sabbath Sch. Off.)	Sabbath School Offerings (12 Sabbaths)	13th Sabbath School Offerings	Mission Offerings per Capita and per Week	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
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Ls. 19914.32	9.72	1802.21	1948.18	400.47	0.20	1735.91	— —	9225.00	68	2173	1267
Emk. 599376.00	455.00	11848.00	117684.00	21454.00	12.61	66086.00	— —	312468.00	24	1335	948
Lt. 2334.63	15.06	193.65	408.21	69.05	0.43	207.63	— —	202.20	10	183	130
Ls. 29876.32	8.84	1564.50	3775.43	781.75	0.19	2753.79	— —	1216.74	102	8691	2345
\$ 5669.70	1.60	301.95	728.66	141.22	0.04	581.49	— —	2614.11			
£ 8481.3.5	1.5.11	65.5.3	512.8.11	202.10.7	0.0.7	26.2.6	447.16.3	3122.7.5	59	2645	1992
" 2049.17.9	1.1.6	47.18.1	336.18.0	102.5.11	0.0.7	259.11.7	170.18.5	2530.18.11	58	1762	1415
£ 5481.1.2	1.4.8	113.3.4	849.6.11	304.16.6	0.0.7	435.9.0	618.9.8	5653.6.4	117	4407	3407
\$ 26673.60	6.01	570.63	4133.40	1482.55	0.14	2101.50	3005.83	27514.22			
SFr. 26110.34	25.44	1605.65	3787.10	1043.36	0.75	4128.11	3557.30	27298.00	29	921	661
Rmk. 25669.48	16.36	2482.13	3797.86	861.66	0.52	3563.70	4162.67	22534.00	45	1757	1287
" 16103.98	17.07	1479.67	2423.43	452.88	0.54	2330.96	3412.17	9331.00	21	1018	730
" 18729.33	15.31	914.56	2511.05	462.99	0.36	1921.87	4638.51	17164.00	23	1252	855
" 29275.56	16.22	1747.33	3963.74	1067.47	0.43	3223.27	5307.91	16837.00	33	1958	1396
" 20943.24	14.68	1481.39	2942.08	281.84	0.36	2045.66	4620.60	22038.00	22	1444	911
Sh. 22767.17	23.00	1061.04	2285.09	474.05	0.49	2327.81	1867.99	23937.00	23	873	630
Rmk. 1807.61	10.32	15.00	147.63	11.20	0.07	5.00	45.20	1630.00	1.	107	63
Rmk. 147111.21	16.13	10046.08	20211.53	4262.84	0.44	17310.64	26115.58	126507.78	197	9230	6533
\$ 34992.40	3.84	2389.91	4807.52	1014.42	0.10	4235.36	6218.00	30120.90			
Kc. 63127.02	72.48	6658.53	9425.05	2433.40	2.01	4209.00	3292.00	45410.20	28	891	717
" 69737.39	120.03	5122.96	7623.88	2036.55	2.62	4982.20	7932.43	33854.00	26	617	534
" 23839.70	33.65	862.80	2338.29	955.00	2.10	4111.65	2037.26	66710.20	33	294	204
" 12939.30	32.89	1202.20	2196.33	501.20	1.05	1480.60	1785.10	45053.30	19	332	335
Kc. 169693.61	79.59	13346.54	21588.55	5976.15	2.01	14783.45	15046.79	191027.70	106	2134	1790
\$ 5043.60	2.36	396.68	641.66	177.62	0.06	439.40	447.82	5702.31			
Rmk. 47607.06	20.84	2377.61	3950.26	732.33	0.36	3095.75	10003.21	20724.00	29	2436	1323
" 30737.61	15.32	2375.74	3593.20	519.99	0.29	1134.55	3543.49	18437.00	53	2002	1571
" 15113.82	12.64	1043.52	2337.61	452.50	0.36	1644.34	1804.90	10041.00	38	1395	997
" 38757.16	18.71	2977.29	5553.26	929.28	0.45	2497.63	5679.96	17206.00	42	2295	1574
" 18113.11	14.04	1131.74	2454.19	345.72	0.34	1311.12	2443.94	11504.00	32	1461	1168
" 19332.08	9.52	1141.69	2379.44	543.15	0.22	1334.07	1553.49	12424.00	65	2243	1350
" 20216.86	13.03	1035.12	2313.88	423.72	0.25	1272.09	2651.32	13839.00	49	1620	1181
" 39939.66	17.19	2500.59	5472.95	960.40	0.37	2420.53	7174.68	14923.50	65	2906	2231
Rmk. 229917.36	15.58	15133.30	23564.79	4967.14	0.33	15260.58	34360.49	110093.50	373	16408	12100
\$ 54690.30	3.71	3599.91	6795.17	1181.97	0.08	3630.30	8300.12	23356.76			
Pengö 7016.60	10.05	332.98	969.65	223.99	0.24	668.09	1194.28	13263.05	26	756	714
" 9585.30	16.39	535.62	1421.37	364.79	0.44	1002.54	2261.12	13308.37	20	620	526
" 1978.10	13.01	153.12	433.58	150.35	0.50	268.67	286.55	11426.22	14	154	127
Pengö 13580.50	12.94	1021.72	2324.60	739.13	0.35	1939.30	3741.95	39993.14	60	1530	1367
\$ 3245.00	2.26	178.58	493.60	129.10	0.06	340.25	649.64	7019.74			
SFr. 36086.35	39.48	226.95	3750.07	1376.30	0.71	2941.47	— —	23393.93	23	573	566
FFr. 36010.75	77.61	3.00	5971.95	1933.70	2.65	3045.45	— —	19637.25	23	422	359
BFr. 54269.45	133.30	192.55	5812.47	1932.25	2.56	5020.60	— —	26537.45	11	376	334
FFr. 40140.95	109.67	333.45	4815.70	2340.10	2.93	5975.35	— —	39640.30	12	342	275
" 45615.50	161.19	331.00	3300.75	1331.60	3.03	5141.05	— —	22333.00	10	272	211
Lire 21457.70	58.15	1262.50	2361.80	739.95	2.16	5440.90	— —	33115.30	24	333	315
FFr. 5537.15	49.00	— —	1397.10	487.75	2.80	2231.10	89.15	4052.50	13	136	115
SFr. 75093.60	25.39	733.35	3551.51	3510.74	0.59	9405.58	7.33	56455.19	116	2459	2175
\$ 14493.00	5.00	141.54	1650.45	677.37	0.11	1315.23	1.31	10791.15			

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Name of Conference or Mission	No. of Churches	Previous Membership	By baptism	By vote	By letter	Total gain	By apostasy	By death	By letter	Total losses	Net gain	Present Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Lic. Missionaries	Other Workers	Colporteurs	Total Workers
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Polish Union	15	330	28	1	8	37	3	—	5	8	29	359	1	—	4	3	—	4
Posanian Conference	19	678	48	2	22	72	2	1	19	22	50	728	1	3	6	1	10	21
Silesian " "	39	759	69	3	—	72	1	—	15	16	56	815	5	3	7	1	16	32
Warsaw Mission																		
Total	73	1767	145	6	30	181	6	1	39	46	135	1902	11	7	17	6	38	79
Rumanian Union	77	2602	214	5	60	279	27	11	58	96	183	2785	8	2	3	4	—	12
Muntenian Conference	48	1733	55	—	4	59	40	3	1	44	15	1748	4	2	11	1	3	26
Moldavian " "	85	1920	80	15	83	178	15	6	82	108	75	1995	6	1	8	2	13	30
Transylvanian " "	35	888	36	9	1	46	10	1	7	18	28	916	4	1	6	2	8	21
Banat-Crisana " "																		
Total	245	7143	385	29	148	562	92	21	148	261	301	7444	26	10	48	11	37	127
Scandinavian Union	44	2538	61	1	7	69	5	10	5	20	49	2587	4	—	—	2	—	6
Danish Conference	48	2252	39	3	3	45	21	8	3	32	13	2265	7	4	9	2	13	40
Norwegian " "	45	1761	63	3	1	72	8	12	5	25	47	1808	7	2	6	1	20	39
Swedish " "	25	1299	29	1	2	32	15	2	1	18	14	1313	4	2	8	2	35	51
Finnish " "																		
Total	162	7850	192	13	13	218	49	32	14	95	123	7973	31	9	31	8	100	179
West German Union	56	2142	46	3	24	73	30	3	11	44	29	2171	10	4	6	1	38	59
Hanover Conference	51	2263	66	3	10	79	43	3	12	58	21	2284	6	3	13	1	35	58
Hansa " "	54	1812	20	3	8	31	52	3	12	67	-36	1776	5	1	7	1	38	52
Hess. Westphal. " "	56	2846	46	2	11	59	58	10	24	92	-33	2813	7	2	12	1	45	67
Rhenish " "	60	2217	32	7	11	50	35	7	19	61	-11	2206	7	1	10	1	43	62
Thuringian " "	26	791	21	2	2	25	4	1	11	16	9	800	3	3	6	—	22	34
Holland " "																		
Total	308	12071	231	20	66	317	222	27	39	338	-21	12050	40	14	54	30	221	359
Iberian Union Mission	3	80	6	2	5	13	4	1	10	15	-2	78	2	1	2	—	6	13
West Spanish Mission	4	133	15	—	13	28	19	—	6	25	3	186	3	1	3	—	3	10
East Spanish " "	4	184	7	—	1	8	2	1	8	11	-3	181	2	4	—	—	10	16
Portuguese " "																		
Total	11	447	28	2	19	49	25	2	24	51	-2	445	7	6	5	2	20	40
Jugoslavian Union Mission	22	367	18	—	5	23	8	1	1	10	13	380	1	—	3	—	14	18
Adriatic Conference	36	427	64	3	—	67	3	1	7	11	56	483	2	—	2	—	29	33
Voivodina " "	8	169	10	—	1	11	—	—	—	11	—	180	2	—	1	—	12	15
Sava " "																		
Total	66	963	92	3	6	101	11	2	8	21	80	1043	5	—	6	—	55	66
Bulgarian Mission	15	242	23	—	—	23	—	—	1	1	22	264	2	4	3	2	13	24

March 31 stands out as a black and red day in the history of Chungking. It will also be a memorial to us for on this day the adversary had sought to put a stop to our work and to extinguish the light of our lives. We knew that it was a difficult day but we did not fully realise our danger. We prayed very much on that very day and the Lord answered our prayers as well as those of our brethren in the homeland. The communists had planned to fight a great battle in Chungking on this day and they felt sure of success for three thousand soldiers and the city police had been bribed and took sides with them, ready to share in the robbing, murdering and plundering. The city

Commandant Wong and General-in-Chief Liu Tupan had decided during the night of the 31st how they would relate themselves to this attack planned for the next morning and in the night sent representatives to the British and American gun boats (which had made ready for action and had even notified the authorities that they would bombard the city in case disorder should break out) requesting them by no means to interfere however things turned as they (the city authorities) would maintain order in the city. Upon this the gun boats took their departure from Chungking early in the morning. Apart from the German Consul and his secretary we were the only

General Conference of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1927.

Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Offerings to Mission (except Sabbath Sch. Off.)	Sabbath School Offerings (12 Sabbaths)	13th Sabbath School Offerings	Mission Offerings per Capita and per Week	Special Offerings	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
Zl. 7229.02	21.91	355.33	1352.43	280.47	0.70	202.90	796.77	4751.08	25	359	284
" 10954.77	15.27	695.87	1815.21	304.66	0.48	1457.84	1553.26	3118.48	42	841	682
" 7782.40	10.25	399.18	1815.88	418.06	0.38	1107.32	14.81	5486.18	49	840	638
Zl. 25866.19	14.86	1988.88	4983.52	1003.19	0.49	3787.40	2864.84	13355.74	116	2040	1599
\$ 2889.40	1.61	154.92	557.86	112.24	0.05	423.96	262.76	1512.42			
Lei 972985.25	378.98	88380.75	145414.25	42432.25	8.11	—	131227.50	156725.00	147	4082	3073
" 817049.03	182.71	10349.25	46579.50	13300.50	3.39	7177.00	26342.00	108239.00	97	1840	1633
" 349833.50	182.20	9057.50	41223.50	11125.75	2.58	3149.00	18468.50	102617.00	152	2513	1858
" 156613.80	176.61	5913.02	18929.50	10172.50	3.92	9990.00	25260.50	89944.00	34	955	673
Lei 1796481.08	251.50	118650.52	251146.75	77031.00	4.97	20316.00	201298.50	457525.00	480	9890	7237
\$ 10717.20	1.50	676.90	1498.55	460.95	0.08	121.52	1205.38	2910.40			
D. Kr. 41738.00	16.45	6305.99	7741.75	2765.40	0.52	389.63	1986.09	27950.40	68	2891	1692
N. Kr. 31977.66	14.20	4265.70	6388.90	1405.50	0.48	218.37	5069.30	45785.90	55	1855	1400
Sw. Kr. 21682.16	12.81	5934.53	4146.69	1203.33	0.51	181.35	1857.50	37912.59	55	1485	1286
F. Mk. 119755.50	92.19	27425.15	16089.66	10286.85	3.77	9865.95	15520.95	198944.00	45	1130	1095
Sw. Kr. 105638.00	18.46	18949.71	19539.10	6296.08	0.45	1709.80	9811.82	130470.96	223	6861	5478
\$ 28339.50	3.61	5083.64	5241.75	1689.05	0.13	458.72	2630.51	34978.81			
Rmk. 34659.90	16.18	1824.18	5230.50	770.18	0.42	3963.48	4513.78	28672.00	56	2568	1802
" 41624.00	18.39	2211.18	5813.42	1040.94	0.45	4291.14	5109.76	21719.00	51	2476	1704
" 25529.10	14.09	1858.96	3779.78	667.46	0.35	2241.73	3719.03	31966.00	53	1905	1657
" 43426.78	15.26	2874.67	5132.04	953.49	0.32	3425.40	6886.45	26414.00	56	3026	2136
" 84763.00	15.68	2371.46	4608.61	962.57	0.37	2313.53	5236.36	26407.00	60	2676	1977
" fl 8416.30	10.64	121.59	896.69	136.28	0.16	560.41	—	8105.00	21	835	634
Rmk. 194142.18	16.08	11344.72	26070.78	4623.59	0.38	17676.78	26465.38	148966.00	297	13489	9910
\$ 46178.90	8.82	2693.71	6201.30	1100.25	0.09	4204.69	6063.18	35440.22			
Pes. 2574.92	31.08	48.25	368.60	198.75	0.71	128.35	77.57	374.00			
" 3669.65	20.05	586.65	1025.85	407.00	1.03	439.05	650.00	9049.80	6	60	68
" Esc. 9114.20	49.53	4576.15	1726.55	371.10	2.94	2478.50	—	5171.30	9	155	177
Pes. 9069.92	20.29	2053.50	1929.68	730.79	1.04	1335.74	727.57	Pes 8949.80	6	161	120
\$ 1568.10	3.51	109.48	333.89	171.41	0.14	229.44	134.73	28544.60	21	376	365
								4174.71			
Dinar 49325.37	134.40	1892.80	2986.00	886.50	1.59	1857.50	—	47998.00	30	428	349
" 43513.10	101.90	4418.90	5062.10	1140.00	2.60	3825.75	—	77489.00	41	597	461
" 27433.10	162.32	1128.00	1521.80	377.75	1.70	729.00	—	34232.20	16	195	180
Dinar 120271.57	124.89	7439.70	9569.90	2404.25	2.06	6412.25	—	159719.20	87	1220	990
\$ 1890.80	1.96	129.91	166.07	37.10	0.03	112.62	—	2852.13			
Leva 56970.65	235.41	1597.65	11017.10	5063.60	8.38	8701.90	—	60077.00	21	288	230
\$ 406.80	1.68	11.41	78.67	36.16	0.06	62.14	—	432.22			

foreigners in this city and its vicinity. When the mob was about to storm and plunder the consulates, the troops still remaining loyal to the city commandant opened up a murderous fire upon the communists and the mob. A tremendous panic followed; over two hundred were killed and some four hundred wounded remained on the field of action. Women and children were trodden to death. Soldiers were seen to cut off with their long knives, the breasts of the lady students who had been fighting on the side of the communists. Upon this the communists scattered in wild confusion. The communist school which was situated about 200 meters from our dwelling was demolished and all

the material was confiscated. This, by the providence of God brought about a turn of events. Three days later we realised the danger from which we had escaped and how the Lord had answered our prayers and watched over His children. Among the confiscated material were found plans of operation for the battle on March 31st and included the following programme: —

1. The burning of all consulates, which were named.
2. The destruction of all missions, their schools, chapels and homes, all of which were named, among them also ours.
3. The destruction and plundering of all foreign business places, which were named.

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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	Colporteurs	Total Workers	
*ALLRUSSIAN UNION													2	—	—	11	—	—	13
Allrussian Union District	5	308	—	1	3	4	1	—	6	7	-3	305	2	—	5	1	—	—	8
North Russian Union .....	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	1	1	..	1	..	..	3
Neva Conference	21	416	—	1	19	20	17	1	15	33	-13	403	1	3	..	—	—	—	6
North West Russ. Conf.	15	281	—	—	2	2	4	1	19	24	-22	259	2	1	..	—	—	—	3
Upper Volga Conference	18	268	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	-1	267	2	—	3	—	—	—	5
White Sea Mission	4	19	—	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	4	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	58	984	—	1	25	26	22	2	34	58	-32	952	6	5	5	1	—	—	17
All Ukrainian Union .....	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	1	..	..	4	..	..	5
Black Sea Conference	31	546	—	3	24	27	2	1	7	10	17	563	2	3	2	—	—	—	7
Central Dniepr Conference	51	1300	—	11	26	37	29	7	99	135	-98	1202	3	3	3	—	—	—	9
Podol Conference	55	1249	—	12	36	48	11	6	84	51	-3	1246	3	1	3	—	—	—	7
Volhynian Conference	31	505	—	3	9	12	8	3	84	45	-33	472	1	2	1	—	—	—	3
Asov Conference	32	556	—	5	17	22	28	—	14	42	-20	536	3	2	1	—	—	—	6
Lower Dniepr Mission	11	363	—	—	—	—	8	1	87	46	-46	317	1	1	2	—	—	—	4
Upper Dniepr Mission	10	163	—	—	9	9	—	—	50	50	-41	122	1	3	1	—	—	—	5
Kiev District Miss.	15	194	—	2	150	152	3	2	—	5	147	341	1	1	2	—	—	—	4
Total	236	4376	—	36	271	307	89	20	275	384	-77	4799	16	14	16	4	—	—	50
South East Russian Union ...	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	1	..	..	3	..	..	4
Cuban Black Sea Conference	27	524	2	5	8	15	7	—	8	15	—	524	2	1	—	—	—	—	3
Central Caucasian Confer.	31	712	—	15	7	22	30	—	7	37	-15	697	1	2	—	—	—	—	3
Transcaucasian Mission	12	306	2	3	—	5	7	—	—	2	-2	304	1	1	4	—	—	—	6
Don Mission	24	587	5	13	22	40	10	—	20	30	10	597	4	1	5	—	—	—	10
Crimean Mission	8	207	—	2	3	5	1	—	3	4	1	208	2	—	2	—	—	—	4
Total	102	2336	9	38	40	87	55	—	38	93	-6	2330	11	5	11	3	—	—	30
East Russian Union .....	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	1	..	..	2	..	..	3
German Volga Conference	29	660	1	—	8	9	13	—	4	11	28	641	2	—	1	—	—	—	3
Lower Volga Conference	13	318	—	2	—	2	1	—	—	1	1	319	2	1	1	—	—	—	4
Central Volga Mission	5	113	—	—	—	1	5	—	4	10	-9	104	1	1	2	—	—	—	3
Central Asiatic "	10	258	—	9	4	13	2	—	7	9	4	262	—	1	1	—	—	—	3
Total	57	1849	1	12	12	25	21	5	22	48	-23	1826	6	3	5	2	—	—	16
Siberian Union .....	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	1	..	..	2	..	..	3
Omsk District	7	193	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	193	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Central Siberian Conference	37	638	—	2	1	3	14	3	3	20	-17	666	3	1	1	—	—	—	5
Irtysk Conference	30	561	8	11	8	22	15	2	3	20	2	563	2	—	2	—	—	—	4
West Siberian Conference	19	522	—	2	19	21	5	2	23	30	-9	513	2	—	1	—	—	—	3
North Siberian Mission	8	233	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	4	-4	229	1	—	2	—	—	—	3
East "	6	150	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	2	-1	149	1	—	1	—	—	—	2
Total	107	2342	3	15	29	47	33	9	29	76	-29	2313	10	1	8	2	—	—	21
Dalne Wostotschn. Un. Miss.	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	1	..	..	1	..	..	2
Coastal Region	24	436	—	3	15	18	11	2	17	30	-12	444	1	1	3	—	—	—	5
Amur Mission	2	26	—	4	4	8	1	—	—	1	7	33	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Transbaikalian Mission	3	20	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	-1	19	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Total	29	502	—	7	19	26	13	2	17	32	-6	496	3	1	4	1	—	—	9
Grand Totals for Russia	589	12697	13	110	399	522	239	33	421	698	-176	12521	56	29	54	25	—	—	164

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4. Murdering of all foreigners, named, we also being mentioned.
 5. To take possession of all banks.
 6. The killing of all non-communist generals,

who were named.
 7. The arrest of thirty-five rich Chinese as hostages.
 From this you will see how the Lord has

Conference of S. D. A. for the Second Quarter 1927.

Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Offerings to Mission (except Sabbath-Sch. Off.)	Sabbath School Offerings (12 Sabbaths)	13th Sabbath School Offerings	Mission Offerings per Capita and per Week	Special Offerings	Local Church Work	Book Sales	No. of Sabbath Schools	Membership	Average Attendance
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Rbl. 3025.10 \$ 1559.88	9.92 5.10	85.13 43.88	877.02 194.84	40.20 20.72	0.12 0.07	— — — —	522.60 269.40	— — — —	6	358	320
Rbl. 2199.23 690.22 1070.85 176.02	5.44 2.66 4.01 7.65	107.75 19.48 32.18 5.75	206.28 97.07 102.01 8.20	23.96 6.00 12.17 0.85	0.06 0.03 0.04 0.04	— — — — — — — —	62.30 69.90 59.20 —	— — — — — — — —	21 15 13 4	406 272 276 28	464 328 297 24
Rbl. 4186.32 \$ 2132.12	4.36 2.24	165.16 85.13	408.51 210.58	42.98 22.15	0.05 0.03	— — — —	191.40 98.60	— — — —	53	977	1113
Rbl. 1942.97 1989.20 2080.28 1158.52 2887.04 683.59 380.52 1806.75	9.45 1.65 1.66 2.44 4.48 2.15 3.22 8.88	105.23 37.20 88.20 44.45 124.73 17.53 10.10 44.40	219.23 258.51 374.83 144.65 325.68 108.96 80.14 194.87	20.89 24.77 45.16 20.02 33.41 6.45 9.87 14.97	0.05 0.02 0.03 0.03 0.06 0.03 0.05 0.10	— — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	175.20 100.60 326.00 129.80 306.00 47.80 32.10 146.10	— — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	31 51 55 31 32 11 10 15	654 1896 1285 537 565 351 141 414	740 1792 1507 645 644 318 164 427
Rbl. 11923.87 \$ 6146.32	2.48 1.27	466.82 240.62	1736.37 895.08	175.54 90.48	0.04 0.02	— — — —	1263.60 651.80	— — — —	236	5343	6237
Rbl. 680.93 1078.67 765.55 2025.76 760.03	1.30 1.55 2.52 3.39 3.65	59.54 80.73 28.29 69.08 21.92	118.98 154.81 178.66 290.82 113.88	7.00 12.19 9.54 25.78 8.22	0.03 0.03 0.05 0.05 0.05	— — — — — — — — — —	36.70 162.90 46.00 126.40 186.60	— — — — — — — — — —	27 31 12 24 8	548 764 341 713 231	582 768 357 720 242
Rbl. 5310.94 \$ 2737.60	2.28 1.17	254.56 131.21	857.15 441.82	62.73 32.33	0.04 0.02	— — — —	508.60 262.20	— — — —	102	2597	2689
Rbl. 1456.56 1062.83 713.69 1761.54	2.27 3.33 6.76 6.72	83.44 7.73 24.03 23.95	187.09 46.03 57.09 127.59	21.77 1.87 10.44 7.16	0.03 0.01 0.06 0.05	— — — — — — — —	108.50 7.70 57.80 40.80	— — — — — — — —	29 13 5 10	751 363 126 309	522 229 89 163
Rbl. 4994.62 \$ 2574.54	3.77 1.94	139.15 71.72	417.80 215.36	41.24 21.25	0.03 0.01	— — — —	214.80 110.70	— — — —	57	1549	1003
Rbl. 522.05 1079.36 1254.11 828.99 673.04 408.79	2.70 1.62 2.28 1.62 2.94 2.74	21.22 51.44 104.95 39.04 12.89 11.33	93.10 148.46 147.50 112.97 79.54 47.28	8.60 14.54 9.78 11.48 9.32 3.93	0.05 0.02 0.03 0.02 0.03 0.03	— — — — — — — — — — — —	20.50 102.20 85.60 126.60 25.70 15.50	— — — — — — — — — — — —	7 37 30 19 8 6	205 729 605 549 273 178	88 334 209 148 81 85
Rbl. 4766.34 \$ 2456.87	2.06 1.06	240.87 124.15	628.85 324.16	57.65 29.74	0.03 0.01	— — — —	376.10 193.80	— — — —	107	2589	945
Rbl. 1652.56 116.28 124.17	3.72 3.52 6.53	51.32 3.87 1.80	277.87 16.07 17.40	28.60 2.05 6.57	0.06 0.06 0.10	— — — — — —	55.70 3.10 3.30	— — — — — —	24 2 3	437 41 23	407 34 19
Rbl. 1893.01 \$ 975.77	3.82 1.96	56.99 29.37	310.84 160.23	37.22 19.18	0.06 0.03	— — — —	62.10 32.00	— — — —	29	551	460
Rbl. 36050.20 \$ 18582.55	2.88 1.46	1408.68 726.12	4736.34 2441.52	437.56 235.85	0.04 0.02	— — — —	3139.20 1618.00	— — — —	589	13914	12767

held His protecting hand over us during these critical days for had He not intervened it is quite certain that we would no longer be among the living. "God is our refuge and strength, a very

present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." Ps. 46:1, 2.

Statistical Report of the European Division

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 Minist	Licensed Minist.	Lic. Missionaries	Other Workers	Colporteurs	Total Workers
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
East African Union Mission																		
Kenya	6	751	75	1	1	77	3	—	2	5	72	823	2	2	4	3	—	11
Mwanza	5	231	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	231	3	1	3	—	—	7
Pare	4	263	—	3	—	3	2	1	4	7	—4	259	—	1	1	—	—	2
Ruanda-Urundi	4	88	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	88	2	1	—	—	—	3
Uganda	1	—	—	—	6	6	—	—	—	—	6	6	1	—	—	—	—	1
Ethiopian Union Mission																		
Central Abyssinia	2	25	16	—	3	19	—	—	—	—	19	44	1	2	1	—	—	4
Eastern Abyssinia	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	—	2
Western Abyssinia	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	1
West African Missions																		
* Sierra Leone	4	150	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	150	1	1	2	—	—	4
Gold Coast	4	338	62	—	—	62	—	3	—	3	59	397	1	2	—	—	—	3
Nigeria	4	469	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	469	1	2	2	—	—	5
Liberia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Egypto-Syrian Mission																		
Egypt	3	89	2	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	1	90	1	1	7	1	2	12
Syria	2	63	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	84	1	1	3	1	1	7
Miscellaneous Missions																		
** Eritrea	1	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	—	—	—	—	—	1
Faroe Islands	1	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	—	1	—	—	—	1
Greece	2	69	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—3	67	2	—	2	—	1	5
Iceland	4	252	19	1	—	20	2	6	9	17	3	255	1	1	1	1	4	8
Madagascar	1	3	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	5	1	—	—	—	—	1
Mauritius	6	180	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	180	1	—	3	4	2	10
Mesopotamia	1	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	1	—	2	—	—	3
* Persia	5	140	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	140	2	—	1	—	—	3
Turkey	1	63	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	63	1	—	2	—	1	3
Totals	63	3268	174	7	11	192	8	10	17	85	157	3425	26	16	33	11	11	97

* Only the Financial Report received. ** No report received.

Recapitulation for Quarter

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	Colporteurs	Total Workers
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1. European Division	67	3524	143	16	—	159	35	8	7	50	109	3633	12	—	—	15	—	27
2. Baltic Union	64	4486	86	14	21	121	59	27	29	115	6	4442	29	12	38	8	119	206
3. British Union	197	9115	228	16	31	275	101	13	63	177	98	9213	44	13	38	30	150	275
4. Central European Union	80	2132	66	5	13	84	32	10	12	54	30	2162	12	4	5	7	60	88
5. Czechoslovakian Union	373	14757	281	25	276	582	161	41	302	504	78	14835	78	51	24	27	214	394
6. East German Union	60	1485	93	3	9	105	22	3	7	32	73	1508	8	3	14	6	70	101
7. Hungarian Union	85	2900	71	5	22	98	17	9	13	39	59	2950	40	15	50	5	47	157
8. Latin Union	73	1767	145	6	30	181	6	1	39	46	135	1902	11	7	17	6	33	79
9. Polish Union	245	7143	335	29	148	562	92	21	148	261	301	7444	26	10	43	11	37	127
10. Rumanian Union	162	7850	192	13	18	218	49	32	14	95	123	7973	31	9	31	8	100	179
11. Scandinavian Union	303	12071	231	20	66	317	222	27	89	338	—21	12050	40	14	54	30	221	359
12. West German Union	11	447	28	2	19	49	25	2	24	51	—2	445	7	6	5	2	20	40
13. Iberian Union Mission	66	963	92	3	6	101	11	2	8	21	80	1043	5	—	6	—	55	66
14. Jugoslavian Union Mission	15	242	23	—	—	23	—	—	1	1	22	264	2	4	3	2	13	24
15. Bulgarian Mission	63	3268	174	7	11	192	8	10	17	35	157	3425	26	16	33	11	11	97
16. Missions*	589	12697	13	110	399	522	239	38	421	698	—176	12521	56	29	54	25	—	164
17. Russian Unions*																		
Totals 2nd Quarter 1927:	2458	84747	2251	274	1064	3589	1079	244	1194	2517	1072	85819	444	201	427	196	1185	2458
" 1st " 1927:	2435	84343	1565	294	1336	3195	1070	269	1452	2791	404	84747	432	191	425	191	1209	2447
" 2nd " 1926:	2330	81051	2388	324	2211	4928	1069	240	2236	3539	1384	82435	425	186	389	174	1342	2516
" 1st " 1926:	2312	80469	1837	293	1251	3381	1192	258	1349	2799	582	81051	421	207	403	174	1349	2544
" 2nd " 1925:	2196	76320	2348	253	4561	7162	855	184	4380	5869	1293	77613	404	195	372	176	1493	2640
" 1st " 1925:	2152	75421	1881	240	738	2859	896	214	773	1960	899	76320	394	160	364	201	1485	2604

* Report for the fourth quarter 1926.

Missions for the First Quarter 1927.

	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Offerings to Mission (except Sabb.-Sch. Off.)	Sabbath School Offerings (12 Sabbaths)	13th Sabb. School Offerings	Mission Offerings per Capita and per Week	Special Offering	Local Church Work	Books Sales	S. S.	Membership	Average Attendance
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
6	653.70	0.87	81.73	159.59	25.75	0.02	-	-	-	80	3985	4420
	321.30	1.39	1.03	101.75	39.90	0.05	-	-	-	33	1347	1362
	98.60	0.37	1.64	64.64	9.01	0.02	-	-	-	20	780	600
	124.30	1.41	-	26.70	37.11	0.05	-	-	-	10	1688	1520
	39.00	6.50	0.07	11.13	-	0.14	-	-	-	1	10	10
3	409.40	13.20	22.64	52.25	18.16	0.23	-	-	-	2	97	86
										1	16	14
										1	33	28
3	228.60	1.52	19.01	51.55	4.76	0.04	-	-	-	16	414	311
	265.30	0.78	-	143.50	27.44	0.04	-	-	-	24	986	766
	352.70	0.75	33.27	114.59	15.77	0.03	3.64	-	-	23	1153	778
	45.40	-	26.54	3.68	3.69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	213.40	2.38	-	78.00	4.47	0.09	-	-	148.10	5	91	90
	187.50	2.25	-	30.84	6.56	0.03	-	-	23.44	4	90	80
3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	21	45
	119.60	4.27	6.64	13.02	3.50	0.06	-	-	-	4	41	40
	256.40	3.71	12.45	23.70	16.32	0.06	-	-	-	2	77	73
	389.40	1.54	113.99	137.62	25.44	0.08	-	-	51.34	3	239	194
	60.00	20.00	5.84	27.43	4.05	0.95	-	-	2035.50	5	284	1620
	721.80	4.01	-	250.86	28.22	0.12	82.86	-	114.87	50	706	311
	262.70	13.32	41.10	82.10	9.12	0.58	-	-	-	1	82	30
	220.50	1.57	120.24	42.69	8.47	0.09	-	-	-	7	175	192
	185.30	2.94	15.84	43.85	8.88	0.08	-	-	113.50	8	82	69
\$	5154.90	1.57	452.03	1459.49	296.62	0.05	86.50	-	2486.75	298	12245	12639

Ending June 30, 1927.

	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Offerings to Mission (except Sabbath Sch. Off.)	Sabbath School Offerings (12 Sabbaths)	13th Sabbath School Offerings	Mission Offerings per Capita and per Week	Special Offerings	Contributions for Local Church Work	Book and Periodical Sales	No. of Sabbath Schools	Membership	Average Attendance
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
6	5669.70	1.60	301.95	728.66	141.22	0.04	531.49	-	2614.11	102	3691	2345
	26673.60	6.01	570.63	4133.40	1482.55	0.14	2101.50	3005.83	27514.22	117	4407	3407
	34992.40	3.84	2389.91	4807.52	1014.42	0.10	4235.86	6218.00	30120.90	197	9330	6523
	5043.60	2.36	396.68	641.66	177.62	0.06	439.40	447.32	3702.31	106	2184	1790
	54690.50	3.71	3599.91	6795.17	1181.97	0.08	3630.30	8300.12	28356.76	373	16408	12100
	3245.00	2.26	178.58	493.60	129.10	0.06	340.25	649.64	7019.74	60	1530	1367
	14493.00	5.00	141.54	1630.45	677.57	0.11	1815.23	1.51	10791.15	116	2459	2175
	2339.40	1.61	154.92	557.86	112.24	0.05	423.96	262.76	1512.42	116	3040	1599
	10717.20	1.50	676.90	1498.55	460.95	0.03	121.52	1205.33	2910.40	430	9390	7237
	23339.30	3.61	5039.64	5241.75	1639.05	0.13	458.72	2630.51	34978.31	223	6361	5473
	46173.90	3.82	2698.71	6201.30	1100.25	0.09	4204.69	6063.18	35440.22	297	13489	9910
	1563.10	3.51	109.43	333.89	171.41	0.14	112.62	134.73	4174.71	21	376	365
	1890.80	1.96	129.91	166.07	37.10	0.03	229.44	-	2852.13	87	1220	990
	406.80	1.68	11.41	78.67	36.16	0.06	62.14	-	432.22	21	288	230
	5154.90	1.57	452.03	1459.49	296.62	0.05	86.50	-	2486.75	298	12245	12639
	18582.55	1.46	726.12	2441.52	235.85	0.02	-	1618.00	-	589	18914	12767
\$	260485.95	3.07	17622.27	37229.56	3944.08	0.07	18793.67	30537.48	196906.85	3153	99332	30927
	267302.73	3.18	26087.94	36161.15	9612.09	0.07	2391.23	37979.71	180375.20	3058	97949	79173
	231759.48	3.10	14551.08	36002.01	3945.40	0.07	19975.48	27778.50	203708.36	2798	91792	70146
	247026.67	3.06	25715.33	35130.26	3172.25	0.06	201.25	30137.62	194344.57	2365	90226	69657
	240841.89	3.16	20767.39	37873.88	3520.71	0.09	21675.34	17170.00	218466.13	2719	87010	66992
	242279.27	3.17	22342.70	34541.80	3027.43	0.06	717.73	16303.89	220089.38	2650	84879	67332

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	T i t h e		Sabbath School Offerings		13th Sabbath Offerings		Weekly Offerings		Harvest Ingathering	
	Loc. Curr'y	Dollars	Loc. Curr'y	Dollars	Loc. Curr'y	Dollars	Loc. Curr'y	Dollars	Loc. Curr'y	Dollars
	1		2		3		4		5	
East African Union Mission										
Kenya	£ 184.10.0	\$ 653.70	£ 32.16.9	\$ 159.59	£ 5.6.0	\$ 25.75	---	---	---	---
Mwanza	" 66.2.6	" 321.30	" 20.18.9	" 101.75	" 8.4.2	" 39.90	---	---	---	---
Pare	" 20.5.10	" 98.60	" 13.6.0	" 64.64	" 1.17.1	" 9.01	---	---	---	---
Ruanda-Urundi	" 25.10.10	" 124.30	" 5.9.9	" 26.70	" 7.12.7	" 37.11	---	---	---	---
Uganda	" 8.0.10	" 39.00	" 2.6.0	" 11.13	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ethiopian Union Mission										
Central Abyssinia										
Eastern Abyssinia										
Western Abyssinia	" 84.3.4	" 409.40	" 10.14.9	" 52.25	" 3.14.8	" 18.16	£ 4.7.1	\$ 21.18	---	---
West African Missions										
Sierra Leone	" 47.0.0	" 228.60	" 10.11.11	" 51.55	" 0.19.7	" 4.76	---	---	---	---
Gold Coast	" 54.10.10	" 265.30	" 29.9.11	" 143.50	" 5.12.10	" 27.44	---	---	---	---
Nigeria	" 72.10.0	" 352.70	" 23.11.1	" 114.59	" 3.4.10	" 15.77	---	---	£ 0.15.0	\$ 3.67
Liberia	" 9.6.8	" 45.40	" 0.15.0	" 3.68	" 0.15.0	" 3.69	---	---	---	---
Egypto Syrian Mission										
Egypt	" 43.16.8	" 213.40	" 16.0.11	" 78.00	" 0.18.5	" 4.47	£ 2.11.3	" 12.45	" 2.18.0	" 14.09
Syria	" 28.11.8	" 187.50	" 6.6.9	" 30.84	" 1.7.0	" 6.56	---	---	---	---
Miscellaneous Missions										
* Eritrea	Lira ---	" ---	Lira ---	" ---	Lira ---	" ---	Lira ---	" ---	---	---
Faroe Islands	DKr. 449.00	" 119.60	DKr. 48.87	" 13.02	DKr. 13.15	" 3.50	DKr. 10.00	" 2.66	DKr. 10.00	" 2.66
Greece	Dr. 15800.00	" 256.40	Dr. 1460.00	" 23.70	Dr. 1003.00	" 16.32	Dr. 787.70	" 12.45	---	---
Iceland	IKr. 1679.40	" 389.40	IKr. 622.31	" 137.62	IKr. 115.00	" 25.44	---	---	IKr. 103.50	" 22.88
Madagascar	FFr. 1359.00	" 60.00	FFr. 620.10	" 27.43	FFr. 91.75	" 4.05	---	---	---	---
Mauritius	Rs. 2077.30	" 721.80	Rs. 722.14	" 250.86	Rs. 81.03	" 28.22	---	---	---	---
Mesopotamia	£ 54.0.0	" 262.70	£ 16.17.6	" 82.10	£ 1.17.6	" 9.12	---	---	£ 0.19.0	" 4.62
Persia	Krs. 2041.00	" 220.50	Krs 395.00	" 42.69	Krs. 78.30	" 8.47	---	---	---	---
Turkey	£ 38.1.8	" 185.30	£ 9.0.3	" 43.85	£ 1.16.6	" 8.88	£ 0.12.8	" 3.09	---	---
		\$ 5154.90		\$ 1459.49		\$ 296.62		\$ 51.83		\$ 47.92

* No report received.

Report of the Home Missionary

	Baltic Union	British Union	Bulgarian Mission	Central Eu-rop. Union	East Ger-man Union	West German Union	Czechoslo-vak. Union	Hungarian Union
	Adult Y. P.	Adult Y. P.	Adult Y. P.	Adult Y. P.	Adult Y. P.	Adult Y. P.	Adult Y. P.	Adult Y. P.
No. of Church. & Comp.	67	98	14	191	373	303	77	60
" " Reporting	53	65	12	171	357	278	---	57
Total Members	3633	4442	264	9213	14835	12050	2162	1508
Membs. of Y. P. Soc. (incl. in Church Memb.)	731	822	26	1294	2542	1919	---	266
No. of Church. observing Miss. Sabbath	33	54	13	---	---	---	60	60
Hold. weekly prayer meet.	15	45	11	90	96	---	46	2
% of Members Reporting	56 %	19 %	47 %	48 %	63 %	57 %	46 %	67 %
Report of Missionary Work:								
1) No. of Pers. Reporting	1615 404	484 361	110 13	3398 1037	6988 2344	5313 1605	946 46	821 195
2) " Doing Bible or Gosp. Meet. Work	755 50	64 22	52 5	1382 264	3510 645	---	126 3	638 166
3) " Report. Med. Miss. Work.....	325 ---	142 88	24 3	167 73	1785 318	---	198 6	313 83
4) " " Liter. Work	894 ---	280 79	71 10	3240 855	5689 2344	---	567 32	397 138
5) Souls Won.....	13 18	11 2	---	53 14	85 29	44 22	23 ---	36 6
a) No. of Miss. Visits....	4181 1733	3048 1610	715 12	16772 1707	17488 5060	17010 5028	6220 125	6617 2234
b) " " Bible Readings	3106 874	647 227	672 3	10562 1572	19692 3914	14807 2501	3335 164	10562 3015
c) " " Pers. tak. to Serv.	761 203	291 151	112 3	615 115	713 170	---	735 15	880 288
d) Hours of Christ. Help Work.....	1893 319	6386 10327	185 2	3788 584	---	---	1320 24	1276 846
e) Treatments Given.....	579 176	362 419	167 19	1288 849	2671 465	951 292	611 5	959 279
f) Bouquets Given.....	---	456 392	48 4	---	---	---	---	197 140
g) Periodicals Distributed	10902 3436	51413 23880	2029 48	86249 24469	154689 49131	171130 51786	8117 750	4765 1814
h) Tracts " " "	1304 1189	10563 7382	857 ---	4672 534	4143 538	8661 898	1745 7	717 249
i) New Subscriptions to Periodicals.....	204 41	113 56	43 ---	111 30	217 70	252 41	71 2	15 7
j) Books Distributed.....	523 246	3445 1374	8 ---	1563 201	2219 332	4060 560	609 21	267 130
k) Miss. Letters Written..	279 528	938 822	101 ---	1585 438	2292 655	1567 480	673 27	688 328
l) " " Received	163 281	532 439	58 ---	844 208	1100 308	726 280	376 10	472 187
Offerings for Home Miss. Work.....	---	\$ 340.58	---	\$ 746.---	---	\$ 1048.57	---	---

* Report for the First Quarter 1927. Greek Mission: No. of Miss. Visits Adult 650 Y. P. 178 No. of Bible Readings Adult 402 Y. P. 84. Treatments Given Adult 50. Periodicals Distrib. Adult 70 Y. P. 22 Miss. Lett. Written Adult 30 Y. P. 17 Miss. Lett. Receiv. Ad. 19 Y. P. 6.

Missions for the First Quarter 1927 specified.

Annual Offerings		Miscellaneous Off.		Week of Sacrifice		Y. P.'s Collection for West Africa		Total Offerings to Foreign Miss.		Percentage of Offer. of Title	"Big Week"-Fund	
Loc. Curr'y Dollars	Dollars	Loc. Curr'y Dollars	Dollars	Loc. Curr'y Dollars	Dollars	Loc. Curr'y Dollars	Dollars	Loc. Curr'y Dollars	Dollars		Loc. Curr'y Dollars	Dollars
6		7		8		9		10		11	12	
£ 3. 7.10	\$ 16.48	£ 3. 0. 0	\$ 15.25	—	—	—	—	£ 44.10. 7	\$ 217.07	33,2%	—	—
" 0. 4. 3	" 1.03	—	—	—	—	—	—	" 29. 7. 2	" 142.68	44,4	—	—
" 0. 6. 9	" 1.64	—	—	—	—	—	—	" 15. 9.10	" 75.29	76,3	—	—
—	—	" 0. 3. 0	" 0.07	—	—	—	—	" 13. 2. 4	" 63.81	51,3	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	" 2. 9. 0	" 11.20	28,7	—	—
" 0. 6. 0	" 1.46	—	—	—	—	—	—	" 19. 2. 6	" 93.05	22,7	—	—
—	—	—	—	£ 3.18. 2	\$ 19.01	—	—	" 11.11. 6	" 75.32	32,9	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	" 35. 2. 9	" 170.94	64,4	—	—
" 6. 1. 9	" 29.60	—	—	—	—	—	—	" 33.12. 8	" 163.63	47,4	£ 0.15. 0	\$ 3.64
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	" 1.10. 0	" 7.37	16,2	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	" 22. 5. 7	" 109.01	51,0	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	" 7.13. 9	" 37.40	20,0	—	—
DKr. 5.00	" 1.32	—	—	—	—	—	—	DKr. 87.02	" 23.16	19,3	—	—
IKr. 389.00	" 86.02	IKr. 23.00	" 5.09	—	—	—	—	Dr. 3250.70	" 52.47	20,4	—	—
FFr. 132.25	" 5.84	—	—	—	—	—	—	IKr. 1252.81	" 277.05	71,1	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	FFr. 844.10	" 37.32	62,2	—	—
—	—	£ 7.10. 0	" 36.48	—	—	—	—	Rs. 803.17	" 279.08	50,1	Rs. 238.55	\$ 82.86
Krs 1079.20	" 116.68	Krs. 33.75	" 3.56	—	—	—	—	£ 27. 4. 0	" 132.32	50,3	—	—
£ 1.15. 4	" 8.58	£ 0.17. 2	" 4.17	—	—	—	—	Krs. 1586.25	" 171.40	77,7	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	£ 14. 1.11	" 68.57	37,0	—	—
\$ 268.65		\$ 64.62		\$ 19.01				\$ 2208.14		44,5%	\$ 86.50	

Department for the Second Quarter 1927.

Iberian Union	Iceland Mission	Jugoslav. Un. Miss.	Latin Union	* Mauritius Mission	Polish Union	Rumanian Union	Scandinavian Union	Turkish Mission	Totals	Grand Totals	2nd Qu. 1926
Adult Y.P.	Adult Y.P.	Adult Y.P.	Adult Y.P.	Adult Y.P.	Adult Y.P.	Adult Y.P.	Adult Y.P.	Adult Y.P.	Adult Y.P.	both	both
—	3	66	85	9	78	255	303	2	—	—	—
—	—	—	57	8	56	112	148	1	—	—	—
—	278	1043	2959	181	1902	7444	7973	63	—	—	—
—	72	54	—	164	333	—	1026	20	—	—	—
—	—	—	22	6	—	93	303	1	—	—	—
—	—	—	3	2	—	43	—	1	—	—	—
—	—	48 %	39 %	113 %	37 %	47 %	17 %	40 %	—	48 %	48 %
—	—	488 18	774 375	140 65	531 195	2580 928	1073 243	14 11	25275 7840	33115	82356
—	10 22	326 18	43 12	—	—	2065 499	658	—	9629 1706	11335	4938
—	18 9	—	12 2	—	—	1615 479	366	—	4965 1066	6031	2865
—	—	287 6	51 16	140 65	—	1923 467	671	—	14160 4007	18167	8169
—	—	—	13	—	—	195 30	4	39	496 177	673	718
379	7 3	2161 8	4267 989	309 48	3478 1456	20073 8094	3546 884	135 43	107051 29164	136215	148744
234	—	2960 30	2696 598	1062 234	5478 2047	34863 11665	3393 523	145 65	119616 27515	147131	154061
78	2 71	—	320 18	24 2	157 1	3219 1870	324 201	2 4	8228 3109	11337	11922
156	—	417 23	908 667	300 138	109 10	14434 6555	1984 313	36 21	33252 19834	53086	36849
14	—	—	830 83	202 21	116 35	1953 765	881 78	90 9	11654 3495	15149	14201
—	—	—	137 64	—	60 1	216 66	414 122	—	1573 789	2367	1433
919	96 49	593 2	14326 6158	143 17	2506 916	9510 1134	29731 3695	33 97	547246 167404	714650	714336
484	24 181	644 85	2953 1358	68 41	430 226	3581 1523	12169 1104	—	53015 15315	68330	73437
11	—	—	372 112	—	60 1	204 51	367 10	—	2040 421	2461	2443
99	31 32	206	1047 486	218 31	235 21	2300 1201	1132 140	28 11	17990 4836	22826	22354
57	2 33	325 10	755 301	33 5	136 41	625 402	1025 359	13 12	11124 4458	15582	16275
18	4 33	177 18	388 211	26 3	69 29	407 253	433 195	2 2	5819 2463	8282	8610
—	—	—	\$ 607.95	—	\$ 41.41	\$ 205.83	\$ 1216.44	—	\$ 4206.78	—	—

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European Division of the General Conference of S. D. A.

Name	Address	No. of Bldgs.	No. of Acres	Capacity	
1. Baltic Union School	Briwibas iela 11, Riga, Latvia	11	275	149	
2. Czechoslovakian Mission School	Lodenice, Prague, Czechoslovakia	4	49	40	
3. Finland Mission School	Tavastehus st., Finland	1	1	25	
4. Friedensau Missionary Seminary	Post Grabow, Magdeburg, Germany	14	200	207	
5. Latin Union Missionary Seminary	Collonges sous Saleve, France,	7	70	115	
6. Marienhöhe Missionary Seminary	Nr. Darmstadt, Germany	6	30	240	
7. Naerum Missionary School	Naerum, Denmark	2	4.7	75	
8. Neandertal Missionary Seminary	Mettmann, Rhineland, Germany	2	32	150	
9. Norway Mission School	Onsrud, Algarheim, Jessheim, Norway	6	225	50	
10. Poland Mission School	Aleja Roz No: 9, Warsaw, Poland	2	—	15	
11. Rumanian Mission School	Inst. Bibl., Diciosanmart., Viilor 53, Rumania	3	10	60	
12. Stanborough College	Watford, Herts, England	3	101	155	
13. Swedish Mission School	Järnboås, Sweden	6	625	65	
Grand Totals		1926	67	1622.7	1346
		1925	56	1569	1456
		1924	43	1622	1415
		1923	41	1661	1230
		1922	35	1314	1135

**European Division of the General Conference of S. T. A.
Report of the Sanitarium of the Year 1926.**

Name	Address	No. of Bldgs.	No. of Acres	Capacity	Persons Treated	Charity Work	Physicians	Nurses	Other Empl.	Total Empl.
1. Skodsborg Sanitarium	Skodsborg, Denmark	21	8½	340	1,378	\$ 20,496.28	5	86	152	243
2. Sanitarium "Waldfriede"	Zehlendorf-West, Berlin, Germany	4	8	110	1,157	" 1,350.55	4	36	24	60
3. "The Stanboroughs" (G. H. A. Ltd.)	Watford, Herts, England	3	17	65	534	" 7,305.00	2	22	33	57
4. Lake Geneva Sanitarium	Gland, Ct. Vaud, Switzerland	2	100	70	600	" 386.00	2	12	29	43
5. Aibling Sanitarium	Kurhaus Wittelsbach, Oberb. Germ.	2	—	125	20	" 696.00	—	1	17	18
6. Oslo Health Home	74, Akersgarten, Oslo, Norway	1	—	15	950	" 800.00	—	19	15	34
7. Kenya Mission Hospital	Gendia, P.O. Kisumu, Kenya, E. Africa	3	10	35	15,600	" 609.00	1	2	6	9
8. Hultafors Sanitarium	Hultafors, Sweden	4	60	110	350	" —	1	10	43	54
Totals for 1926:		40	203½	870	20,589	\$ 31,642.28	15	188	319	518
Totals for 1925:		34	136½	794	6,290	\$ 27,109.63	14	186	276	476
Totals for 1924:		38	151	691	5,201	\$ 20,497.03	13	201	274	488
Totals for 1923:		40	157	730	4,762	\$ 17,758.80	15	195	275	485
*) Totals for 1922:		46	780½	781	4,513	\$ 18,350.00	16	182	304	502

*) Includes Nyhyttan Health Home.

Another experience parallel with the above is also notable. With great concern we looked forward to the opening up of our new Bible institute of April 1, 1927. Two communist training schools were located in our vicinity, one about two hundred meters in the rear of our station and the other about six hundred feet on the side. Their students would crowd in on us every day and even come into our houses to spy and always they would accost us with the usual epithet "Yang Gou Ir", You foreign dogs! In like manner employees were reviled and our brethren and sisters continually molested. How were we going to open up our institute under such conditions? Fearing no good results, we had made arrangements to leave, if need be, in the dark of the night and take the

students somewhere into the hills away in the quiet of the country where we could study the Word of God, and yet we wanted to know the will of God. The Lord knew our difficulties and heard our prayers and cared for us and brought about that wonderful turn of affairs described above. Now imagine, the very hour when the last communists left the neighbouring houses with bag and baggage and fled to the west from their pursuers, our twenty Bible students joyfully entered our station through the east gate. So by the grace of God we could open up our institute with twenty-seven students. The institute is to last six months and with eight hundred class hours. I have made an attempt this year to train some Bible women. Our students are industrious

Report of the Educational Institutions for the Year 1926.

1-8	Grades 9-12	Grades 13-16	Teachers	Grades done	Library	Laboratory	Manual Tr. Fac.	Stud. Grad.	12 gr.	Graduated 14 gr.	16 gr.	Studs. entered Work.
—	149	—	9	9-12	1010	yes	yes	—	—	—	—	—
—	23	—	2	9-12	380	yes	yes	3	3	—	—	21
—	17	—	4	9-11	250	some	no	5	—	—	—	10
18	176	13	13	9-14	3500	yes	yes	5	3	2	—	12
—	85	28	—	9-14	1700	yes	some	2	—	2	—	62
—	180	26	12	8-14	2000	yes	yes	20	14	—	—	14
—	38	—	4	9-12	500	some	yes	—	—	—	—	20
—	124	—	7	—	800	no	yes	15	—	—	—	10
—	42	—	4	9-14	325	some	no	5	—	5	—	17
—	14	—	1	7-10	25	no	no	—	—	—	—	14
—	32	—	4	9-12	145	no	some	—	—	—	—	15
83	100	49	14	9-13 13-16	—	yes	yes	8	—	3	5	40
—	61	—	5	9-12	750	yes	yes	9	9	—	—	35
101	1041	116	79		11385			72	29	12	5	270
105	1096	104	89		12955			98	72	26	—	354
132	750	310	89		9940			94	56	8	26	267
236	525	306	81		8170			170	95	40	—	162
208	581	94	70		6900			134	94	33	7	103

Report of the Treatment Rooms for the Year 1926.

Name	Address	Capacity	Persons Treated	Charity Work	Physicians	Nurses	Other Empl.	Total Empl.
1. Bergen Treatment Rooms . . .	Kurbadet, V. Torvgate 11, Bergen, Norway	45	140	\$ 41.40	—	4	—	4
2. Nyhyttan Health Home	Järnboas, Sweden	90	180	80.65	1	—	18	26
3. Stockholm Treatment Rooms . . .	Humlegårdsgarten 18, Stockholm, Sweden	100	700	196.80	—	11	4	15
4. Charlottenbad, Hamburg	Charlottenstr. 22-24, Hamburg, Germany	—	—	—	—	3	1	4
5. Köln Treatment	Pantaleonswall 42-44, Köln, Germany . . .	—	—	—	—	3	—	3
6. Nurses Home "Felicitas"	Luxemburgerstr. 75, Köln, Germany	—	—	—	—	7	—	7
7. Helsingfors Fysikaliska Institut	Annagatan 7, Helsingfors, Finland	50	120	—	1	4	—	5
Totals for 1926:		285	1,140	\$ 318.85	2	39	23	64
Totals for 1925:		230	1,050	\$ 1,060.83	1	23	26	50
Totals for 1924:		220	1,050	\$ 1,164.47	1	26	25	52
Totals for 1923:		215	1,050	\$ 824.45	1	26	23	50
Totals for 1922:		130	900	\$ 550.00	—	15	3	18

Report of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the European Division for the Second Quarter 1927

	Baltic Union	British Union	Bulgar. Mission	Central Europ. Union	Czechoslov. Un.	East German Union	Hungar. Union	Iberian Un.-M.	Jugosl. Mission	Latin Union	Maurit. Mission	Polish Union	Persian Mission	Ruman. Union	Russian Unions	Scand. Union	West German Union	Miss'ns	Tot. for the Sec. Qu. 1927	Tot. for the Sec. Qu. 1926
No. of Societies..	34	62	2	119	25	889	29	5	4	51	—	25	—	74	75	49	282	17	1242	1229
Total Membership of Societies...	781	1892	27	2346	859	5214	447	59	70	882	—	338	—	1449	1205	1484	4170	332	20455	19051
Memb. reporting	404	861	18	1089	175	2844	195	37	—	307	—	195	—	1087	—	243	1605	83	8088	8118
Report of Missionary Work:																				
1 Missionary and Sick Visits....	1733	1610	84	2807	906	5060	2236	619	—	1377	—	1456	—	8816	—	834	5028	72	32138	32062
2 Bible Readings	874	227	23	1572	938	3914	3014	254	—	887	—	2027	—	12062	—	523	2501	68	28884	31391
3 Hours of Christ. Help Work....	319	10327	2	584	139	—	846	56	—	706	—	76	—	6573	—	313	—	—	19941	14732
4 Treatm. given	176	419	26	849	68	485	279	5	—	99	—	33	—	765	—	78	292	—	3574	2276
5 Subscriptions to Periodicals	41	56	—	30	7	70	7	—	—	174	—	1	—	51	—	10	41	11	499	530
6 Papers and Magaz. distrib.	8436	28880	76	24469	1327	49131	1814	127	—	7192	—	868	—	1223	—	3695	51786	138	169182	186821
7 Books distrib.	246	1374	10	201	59	882	130	52	—	681	—	187	—	1202	—	140	579	388	5631	3852
8 Tracts distrib.	1189	7382	22	584	48	538	249	14198	—	1511	—	27	—	1570	—	1104	898	361	29626	16649
9 Letters written	528	822	3	438	187	655	328	48	—	351	—	51	—	413	—	359	480	36	4699	4297
10 Letters receiv.	281	439	3	208	97	808	187	11	—	244	—	49	—	257	—	195	280	33	2592	2352
11 SOULS WON	24	4	—	14	9	29	8	—	—	25	—	13	—	48	—	39	22	—	235	198

* No report received.

Specification of Mission Offerings for the Second Quarter 1927.

	Sabb. Sch. Off. (12 Sabbaths)	13th Sabbath Off.	Weekly Off.	Harvest Ing. Offerings	Annual Off.	Miscell. Off.	Week of Sacrif. Offerings	Y. P.'s Coll. for West Africa	Total Off. for Foreign Missions	Percentage of Off. of Tithes	"Big Week" Fund	Europ. Relief Fund
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Baltic Union...	\$ 728.66	141.22	299.44	2.51	—	—	—	—	1171.83	20.60%	581.49	—
2. British "	4133.40	1482.55	—	63.04	—	421.89	85.70	—	6186.58	23.1 "	2096.02	5.48
3. Central Eur. Un.	4807.52	1014.42	1649.37	6.28	14.23	634.21	85.82	—	8211.85	23.4 "	4235.86	—
4. Czechoslov. "	641.66	177.62	180.75	214.89	0.30	—	0.74	—	1215.96	24.1 "	489.40	—
5. East German "	6795.17	1181.97	2598.02	48.28	17.35	790.15	146.11	—	11577.05	21.1 "	3630.30	—
6. Hungarian "	493.60	129.10	72.70	3.56	—	102.32	—	—	801.28	24.7 "	340.25	—
7. Latin "	1650.45	677.57	86.03	31.97	8.59	—	14.95	—	2469.56	17.0 "	1815.28	—
8. Polish "	557.86	112.24	129.85	—	1.92	23.15	—	—	825.02	29.0 "	423.96	—
9. Rumanian "	1498.55	460.95	334.04	117.11	6.10	18.85	200.80	—	2636.40	24.5 "	121.52	—
10. Scandinavian "	5241.75	1689.05	150.79	87.85	28.08	5.34	4811.58	—	12014.44	42.3 "	487.26	21.46
11. West German "	6201.30	1100.25	1681.33	4.70	7.77	809.06	195.85	—	10000.26	21.6 "	4204.69	—
12. Iberian U.-M.	333.89	171.41	—	1.28	—	36.33	71.82	—	614.73	39.2 "	229.44	—
13. Jugoslav. U.-M.	166.07	37.10	81.11	—	—	—	48.80	—	333.08	17.6 "	112.62	—
14. Bulgarian Miss.	78.67	36.16	9.33	—	2.08	—	—	—	126.24	31.0 "	62.14	—
15. Missions	1459.49	296.62	51.83	47.92	268.65	64.62	19.01	—	2208.14	44.5 "	86.50	—
16. Russ. Unions ..	2441.52	235.85	—	—	—	726.12	—	—	3403.49	18.3 "	—	—
Totals	\$ 37229.56	8944.08	7324.59	629.39	355.07	3632.04	5681.18	—	63795.91	24.40%	18766.73	26.94

and study the message with zeal and joy. Thus far we have experienced the blessing of the Lord. Though we are daily compassed by dangers and with the civil war continually raging we are hoping that the Lord will make it possible for us to continue to labour for this people. Do not forget that at this time we shall especially need your prayer."

The Neandertal Meeting.

At the last Winter Council of the European Division Committee a constitution was worked out and adopted with a certain proviso for the formation of what is called the German Inter-Union Organization (Gemeinschaft der Siebenten-Tags-Adventisten in Deutschland). This association has been provided to meet the long-felt urgent need of an authoritative legal body in Germany to represent the three unions in that country with their membership of 33,252, not including German Switzerland, Austria and Holland, taking the figures for June 30, 1927, in all matters pertaining to their dealings with government authorities for reasons of uniformity in questions common to the whole field. Also for the purpose of handling some matters of administration etc. such as the operation of institutions held by the three unions. The Board of the organization consists of seven members with the officers of the European Division in addition acting ex officio as advisory members. H. F. Schuberth has been elected chairman. A meeting of the conference presidents and other leading workers in Germany had been called at the Neandertal school August 5—13 for the purpose of counselling on various problems that needed

co-ordination and united planning. Also the three Division officers and five other members of the Division minority committee were present. The meeting served largely spiritual aims and all agreed that it was marked by an unusually good Christian spirit of brotherly co-operation and of mutual understanding. There was not a discordant note though all problems were discussed with a refreshing candor. There is no doubt but what the inspiration of this meeting will give a mighty impetus to the work in the German unions adding strength to their united effort of promoting every endeavour that is in harmony with, and loyal to, our denominational principles.

W. K. I.

A Meeting of the Elders in Jugoslavia.

A general meeting of the elders and deacons was arranged for in Belgrade during the Serbian Easter days, April 23 to 26. Seventy church officers from all parts of the country followed the invitation, and on Sabbath morning a beautiful meeting could be held together with the 60 members of the Belgrade church. We were very glad to have our lawyer Dr. K. in our midst who is at the present time seeking to obtain the permission from the government for us to hold our meetings. He was especially interested in the Sabbath School, where each one may be fully instructed and grounded in the faith.

The police authorities closed our meeting in the afternoon, but the acting official was kind and considerate. While the authorities were discussing the manner in which to deal with us, we were able

to continue our meeting for another hour and a half. Our lawyer declared it to be a miracle that we were not all ordered to prison. The following two days we met twenty kilometres out of town in a large forest where we could praise God without further disturbances. On the second day, however, the weather changed and became wet and cold. We, therefore, took courage to have our last gathering in the small home of Brother M.

One will more thoroughly appreciate what such a meeting means for that field if one considers that only five ordained ministers are serving these 60 churches with about 1000 members. This shows that these groups of believers are almost entirely dependent upon their own efforts. Questions pertaining to the spiritual life, the management of church matters such as the order and discipline according to biblical principles, the training of each church member to become a

these different fields without the deep consciousness that God is going before us in a special way, opening doors, breaking down prejudice and preparing the hearts of the people for His last message of mercy.

In Syria we found Elder Zerme and his coworkers of good courage. We have two churches in Beyrout, one composed of Syrians and the other of Armenians. We have a splendid group of believers also in Es-Salt on the other side of the Jordan. Good, faithful work is being done in this country and fruitage is being seen quarter by quarter. There is a great need for headquarters in this field. We have nothing there in the way of buildings and something should be provided at an early date to give stability to our work.

On our way down to Egypt we passed through Palestine and renewed acquaintance with our one lone sister in the city of Jerusalem. As we



A meeting of the elders in Jugoslavia in the forest.

soulwinner in their home and neighbourhood formed the burden on the hearts of these elders and were the topics of our meetings. They all entered into the discussions enthusiastically, and all were grateful for such an opportunity, for these Jugoslavian brethren love the order we have introduced into all our churches and wish to foster the same in their field.

Persecution and the prohibition of our meetings certainly renders our work more difficult in that field, and yet there are evidences of the mighty hand of God in it all, for in spite of all these hindrances the work is growing everywhere.

P. Drinhaus.

A Missionary Tour.

In the closing days of last February Elder Christian and the writer left Europe on a visit to our missions in the Near East and Northeast Africa. We were privileged to become acquainted with our work in Syria, Palestine, Transjordan, Egypt, Eritrea and also in Abyssinia. We were away altogether four months. One cannot visit

travelled through this country we could not help but feel that there should be many witnesses for this message in this Bible land. Jerusalem especially should have a strong church. We hope that soon there will be many representatives of God's closing message in this ancient centre of the faith once delivered to the saints.

On arrival in Egypt we found that the workers from not only Egypt but also Syria and Transjordan had been gathered together for a workers' meeting. We had a splendid time together in study and counsel. Consideration was given to the needs of the field. Plans were laid to commence a training school towards the close of this year with Elder Toppenberg in charge. The publishing interests were also studied and Brother Rieckmann was appointed as the one to lead out in this branch of our work. The young men who have been sent down during recent years are making splendid progress with the language and are growing up into promising workers. Brother Simon will soon locate in Jerusalem. Brother and Sister Steffen have gone to Es-Salt in Transjordan. We hope soon to occupy Arabia and other centres in the

territory of this large Arabic speaking field. Elder Keough and his coworkers are full of courage for the future. They are planning to start definite work for the Moslems this winter. We should certainly remember them in our prayers in this their initial effort in this direction.

We then made our way to Eritrea the Italian colony in Northeast Africa. We were glad to get acquainted with Brother and Sister Gudmundsen who have certainly done splendid work for the cause amidst great difficulties in that field. We have a splendid location with some good brick buildings. The station is certainly a credit to the faithful efforts of our missionaries in that field. The evangelistic work is a strong feature of our efforts for the people. Coupled with this is the educational and the industrial work. Brother Gudmundsen certainly believes in teaching the people to work in different ways while at the same time teaching them the Gospel of salvation. They have a very encouraging opening in the Northeastern part of Abyssinia with which they are in touch. Several thousands of natives have lately turned from Islam and are now groping their way towards the light of life. They are appealing to us for workers and somehow or other we must give urgent study to this question in order to supply this urgent demand.

Next came the visit to Abyssinia. On arrival at Addis Abeba the capital we were very pleased to renew acquaintance with Elder and Mrs. Müller who are certainly doing excellent work in this field. The workers came in from their different stations with the exception, however, of Brother and Sister Koelling who, owing to being so far away and the rainy season having set in, could not make the journey. It was a real privilege and pleasure to meet with our faithful missionaries in this field. God is certainly blessing their efforts. Great changes have taken place in Abyssinia during the past years. Whereas four years ago the different provinces were practically closed to us now the doors have been flung wide open. We have the privilege of travelling anywhere and of locating our stations and meeting with the people, ministering to their needs in almost every province. The Governors of the different provinces are almost vying with each other in their offers to us for the location of our hospital. The doctor is of good courage and we are hoping at an early date to be able to announce that a definite location has been secured.

The brethren made a call for Brother Hessel to act as their Secretary-treasurer and associate missionary at the main station. All the workers are of good courage and look forward to a good, successful year of soulwinning.

As one visits these fields one is deeply convinced that angels of God have prepared the way for us, the evidences are so marked. Doors hitherto closed have been flung wide open and the people

are literally pleading with us to send them workers and teachers. This is a time of great responsibility for this people. We have unprecedented opportunities. May God help us to be true to our trust. May He give us all that spiritual vision and also that vision of the world's need that we may measure to the task and not in any way disappoint Him Who has called us to be His people.

W. E. Read, Foreign Missions Secretary.

Poland.

We have good word to pass on from Poland. The Lord has wonderfully helped us in our evangelistic effort during the past winter, the fruits of which are now being gathered in a number of baptisms that are to be held. In Posen, where the work has been especially difficult because of the opposition on the part of the Catholic Clergy, our success has been greatest. Some twenty souls have made their covenant with the Lord. Here in the city of Bromberg, the headquarters of the Posania Conference, we have had a baptism at the end of May of some 16 persons. Similar encouraging reports have come to us from other churches of this Conference. Even in a city close to the German border, where our evangelist finally had succeeded, after an unusual struggle, in securing permission from the Authorities to hold meetings, a number of souls are awaiting baptism.

From the Silesian Conference and the Warsaw Mission, word also comes to us of an encouraging increase.

We are especially happy to be able to report that we have secured a suitable property near Bielitz for our school. Also on this occasion we have experienced the guiding hand of the Lord, as our opponents put forth tremendous effort to hinder our securing this very beautiful site. Brother H. L. Rudy, who will be the principal, is already on the ground making preparations for the beginning of our School, October 17. Our brethren are certainly very grateful for this providential opening, which will mean much to the development of the work in Poland.

John Isaac.

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ORGANIZATION OF A CHURCH.

When a company of baptized believers, fully instructed in the truths of the third angel's message, have been operating for a sufficient time as a company, and are prepared to assume the responsibilities of an organized church, the conference president should be counseled with and a date agreed upon for the organization to take place. It would often be desirable for the union president to be invited.

The baptized believers being assembled, it is well to present a brief review of the leading principles of our faith, such as the Personality of God, Divinity and Priesthood of Christ, the Sabbath, the Holy Spirit, Conversion, the New Birth, State of the Dead, Nature of Man, Punishment of the Wicked, the Second Advent, Tithing, Foot-washing, the Lord's Supper, Baptism, Spiritual Gifts, Proper Dress, Health and Temperance, giving two or three texts in support of each point.

When this has been done, a call should be made, asking all who are in agreement with these principles and desire to unite in church fellowship to come forward. The name of each should be written down. If one or more among these are already members of the conference church or of any other church, the organizer will already have ascertained this and will have had letters granted to them to join this new church. These will thus form a nucleus. If, however, there are none present who have such membership elsewhere, then two or three persons (preferably old Sabbath keepers, if there are any such present, otherwise the strongest and most prudent of the new believers) should be selected as a nucleus. The following questions should then be asked these three: Do you accept Christ as your personal Saviour? Are you in full harmony with the principles of faith that have just been presented? Have you been baptized by immersion? Are you in fellowship and enjoying each other's confidence?

If these questions are answered in the affirmative, the three are declared to constitute the nucleus of the new church. Then one after another the names on the list are called, and the person, rising to his (or her) feet, is asked the above questions, and a vote taken to receive him (or her). Each person thus acted upon is added to the church and enabled to vote on the next name. Care should be taken to see that full fellowship and brotherly love exist among those received into membership. Should any difficulty arise over a question either of doctrine or of fellowship, action in such case should be deferred, unless the matter can be adjusted at the time kindly and tactfully.

When all have been received, the church is a complete entity, and ready for the selection of officers. A nominating committee should be chosen, with one of the ministers present as a member, which shall bring in nominations for the various church officers. The elder and deacon should then be ordained. After remarks as to their duties and the mutual responsibilities of members, the elder and deacon should be called to the platform, and kneeling in prayer, be dedicated to their work, the ministers officiating laying hands upon them in token that the church sets them apart for this service. When this has been done, the church is in full working order.

Care should be taken to see that each officer is fully instructed as to his duties. The church should have a communion set provided; also the outfit needed for the ordinance of humility. The treasurer and clerk and other officers should be furnished with the necessary record and receipt books. All such details should be given careful attention, as the future prosperity of the church depends in a large degree upon the care that is exercised in launching it upon its career. When it can be done without any special embarrassment, it is good to celebrate the ordinance of humility and the communion service.

THE BAPTISMAL SERVICE.

(Baptism is administered only by an ordained minister, or, in extreme cases, by an ordained church elder in his own church only, where a minister cannot be arranged for.)

In examining candidates for baptism, care should be taken to see that each has had a personal Christian experience, and has learned to exercise faith in God for the forgiveness of sin and for power to live in harmony with His will. The distinctive truths for this time should be fully understood and accepted. The following statement in common use among Seventh-day Adventists may be found useful in placing before a candidate the essential principles he (or she) would accept before coming into the church of which baptism constitutes the door. The minister examining would say, in effect:

By going forward in baptism you indicate your purpose —

To keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, forsaking the world with its frivolities and amusements; taking Jesus as your divine Lord and Master, the Bible as your guide, the Holy Spirit as your teacher and sanctifier.

To live the life of a Christian through God's enabling grace, to do all in your power to enlighten others with reference to the third angel's message, and to support this cause with your tithes and offerings.

To adhere loyally to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, endeavoring to make its services a blessing, doing all in your power to maintain its integrity, and to discountenance every attempt to tarnish its fair name.

To give heed to and reverence the instruction given through the spirit of prophecy in the "Testimonies for the Church."

To live to the best of your ability in accordance with the light God has given with reference to healthful and simple dress and living, totally abstaining from the use of alcoholic liquors, tobacco, opium, and other narcotic and habit-forming drugs, as well as from the use of swine's flesh, recognizing it as a part of the Christian life to do your utmost to preserve health and strength in order to glorify

God in your body as well as in your spirit, which are God's.

To adhere to New Testament simplicity, plainness, and economy in providing things necessary to this life, in order that your manner of life may be a witness to the world that you are preparing to meet the soon-coming Saviour, special counsel as to the attire of the Christian woman being set forth in the following scriptures:

"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." 1 Tim. 2:9, 10.

"Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." 1 Peter 3:3, 4.

The candidate, having signified his (or her) acceptance of these principles, is ready for the administration of the ordinance. Suitable robes of heavy material, properly weighted at the bottom with lead, should be kept in our larger churches. Where such garments are not procurable, the deaconess should see that women candidates are robed in sufficiently heavy material. In the absence of weights, the minister should proceed into the water slowly, taking care that the edges of the garment do not float upon the surface. As the minister leads the candidate into the water, instruction should be given him (or her) to take a deep, full breath just before being immersed, and to hold the air in the lungs while under the water. The candidate's tightly clasped hands should be held by the minister's left, while with his right he should firmly grasp the clothing at the back of the neck. He (or she) should be lowered carefully into the water, and care should be taken to insure that the entire person, face and head, is completely immersed. On being lifted out of the water, the candidate's face and eyes should be immediately dried with a handkerchief.

Before the immersion takes place, the minister should raise his right hand and solemnly utter one of the following formulas:

"My brother (or sister), upon the profession of your faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, I now baptize you into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

"In harmony with the commandment of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, I now baptize you into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

Care should be taken to make the baptismal service as solemn as its importance demands. The administration of the ordinance should be preceded

by a hymn and prayer, and a short address may be given on the meaning of the ordinance. As each candidate is immersed, the congregation may join in singing a stanza of some suitable hymn.

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Miscellaneous.

The first article in this Quarterly is taken from a little book entitled "Manual for Ministers", published by the General Conference in 1925. We shall publish further chapters in future issues, as we believe these practical suggestions will be helpful to our workers. The Foreword to this little Manual reads as follows:

"It will be understood that the forms for certain services given in this manual, as of marriage or burial, are printed as suggestive, and are not necessarily to be exactly followed. It is, however, ordinarily better to follow some prepared form of service rather than to enter upon the occasion lacking the careful preparation that insures a fitting order of service, carried through without hesitation or risk of inadvertently omitting any essential features."

Copy of a new hymnal reached our office from Russia. Our people there have, with permission of the Soviet Government, been able to publish an edition of five thousand copies. The book contains 525 hymns, with music, and the price is five rubles (\$ 2½). Although our work started in Russia more than forty years ago, for many years our people had no hymn book in the Russian language. Being naturally musical and not having many religious song books in that language, this lack was felt all the more keenly. The Baptists had a small collection of hymns and this was used by our people generally in their churches. In looking through the new book before us we notice that the greater number are translations of the hymns usually sung in our churches in the western countries. So the traveller will feel quite at home amidst a Russian congregation and hears the old familiar tunes. We rejoice that at last our people in Russia can enjoy the fulfilment of a long-felt want.

With the Latin Union we mourn the sudden death of Elder Sam. Badaut who met with an accident on his motor cycle at Le Havre, August 15, resulting in a fracture of his skull, as he was returning from a prayer meeting late at night. He did not regain consciousness and died soon after in the hospital. This loss is the more poignant when we consider the very small number of French workers. Brother Sam. Badaut was an earnest and devoted worker beloved by all who knew him. It is difficult to understand the mind of God in this sad loss and we must mournfully submit to the

counsels of the Omniscient One, Who has said: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved wife and her three children.

Reports from Rumania show that our work in that country is evidently passing through the greatest crisis of its history. Long have the clergy waited for an opportunity to launch a movement against us calculated to stop the wonderful growth of our work. A stereopticon lecture held by Elder H. Bauer, president of the Muntenia conference at Bucarest on the evil effects of alcohol when a slide was shown illustrating certain practises in former Czarist Russia served as a pretext to set this persecution in motion. The meeting hall was closed and sealed, conference and union books were confiscated, a number of other churches were closed and our brethren summoned before the courts. Elder Bauer was imprisoned and finally sentenced to a year's incarceration and a fine of 50,000 lei. The orthodox clergy present sang a hymn of praise when the verdict was pronounced. The appeal against this decision was heard in a special session of the court May 4-6 and, unfortunately, was confirmed. The fact that martial law is still in force aggravated the situation. False accusations are circulated in the press to stir up public opinion against us. A prominent daily published a report of a special meeting held by the Synod in which, among other measures, plans were discussed of having our training school at Dicosanmartin closed for which we had recently received the ministerial authorization. Our brethren, however, are not dismayed as they have foreseen this crisis which, they believe, will in the providence of God ultimately tend to speed on the message in that country and bring it to the attention of those who have not yet heard it. Let us pray for the work in Rumania that the Lord may reveal His mighty arm in this hour of trial to the glory of His name.

Note: The above notice was omitted by mistake in the last "Quarterly". We have since learned that during the month of August Elder Bauer has been transferred to a prison at Focsani where certain facilities have been granted him that will give more relief to his situation. Also some of the other measures have been removed.

We have had the pleasure of meeting at Berne Elder Peter Nygaard from Santo Domingo, West India, who has returned to his homeland on furlough. Brother Nygaard is a graduate nurse from the Skodsborg sanitarium and a Norwegian subject. After labouring some time in the United States he first connected with medical and self-supporting missionary work at Porto Rico, following which he was taken on by the conference and sent to Santo Domingo in 1919. Also his wife

is a trained nurse. This medical training is a great help to them in their present evangelistical work. Brother Nygaard gave a very interesting report on the work in the little republic of Santo Domingo with its one million inhabitants where we are really the only Protestant denomination working among the native Spanish speaking population. He related some very remarkable conversions which were an evidence of the saving power of the Gospel.

We are glad to learn from a letter of Brother Grin, who is located at Athens, that seven persons have been received into church fellowship by baptism in that city during the month of July. This is an encouraging beginning in the ancient city of Paulinian fame, and we trust that it is only the beginning of greater things in the future.

Elder Lowe, superintendent of the Portuguese Mission, has this good word in a recent letter: "We have just baptised sixteen more souls here, making 34 additions in just over six months. This will undoubtedly be our record year for baptism."

Reporting from the Iberian Union Mission Elder Stene, superintendent, says, when recently visiting Cartagena he found Brother Andersen busy with his evangelistic effort. Quite a number of people attend his lectures, the majority being businessmen. They are hoping for good results. Elder H. Struve, who has been labouring for some years in Madrid, has moved to Coruna, a coastal city in northern Spain, where he was to take up work sometime in August. He will be assisted by Sister Maria Blazquez, a graduate teacher. It is important that the message be carried into new territory, especially when continued martial law restricts our work in Madrid. On their return from Coruna they visited a village where we have some isolated members. A brother, who has formerly been a canvasser on Cuba, is an active missionary lay-worker and had two souls ready for baptism. The rite was performed on this occasion with about forty persons attending the service. Among them was the village clerk and a doctor with his wife. A few public meetings held were also well attended. Brother Martinez has the only shop in the village and keeps it closed on the Sabbath and opens on Sunday, which is a busy day for him. He has the confidence of the people. Before the brethren left, the doctor and the clerk came to bid them good-bye and said, they were convinced that our teaching was the truth and that our brother there could do much more for them than the Catholic priests. One of the persons baptized was the daughter of the village judge, who also came to see them off and expressed his regret at not having been able

to attend the meeting because of his official position. Brother Stene goes on to say, that they were expecting to have a baptism shortly at Madrid. Also Elder Dietel, superintendent of the East Spanish Mission, he writes, has recently baptized nine souls at Barcelona and six at Lerida. The outlook in the Iberian Union seems promising.

Brother W. Steffen, who is located in the city of Salt, Transjordan, recently wrote as follows: "At present we are living under the spell of earthquakes. So far as we are concerned we have suffered little damage. Generally it has caused much destruction. Eighty-five persons have been killed, hundreds of houses have collapsed and others must be entirely rebuilt. Only comparatively few houses show small cracks. Among these also ours. None of our brethren have been involved, for which we are very grateful." Brother Ibrahim Khalil, his native associate, also refers to this experience in the following words, under date of July 21: "The damage done to houses in Salt is very great. Thank the Lord that all our brethren have been protected for they have suffered no loss at all. All are grateful to God for his loving kindness and care. I have moved from my previous quarters to another place, because the house was seriously damaged. People are in great excitement and fear. They have left their houses to camp in the open air. These earthquakes have stirred the people, so that they are more willing to listen to the message we are preaching."

Brother Otto Schuberth, principal of the Missionary Seminary at Marienhöhe, Darmstadt, reports that during the last three years 9, 12, and 14 students respectively have been baptized at their school, which is more than half the number of those who had come to the school before being church members. This, certainly, is an encouraging evidence of the live missionary spirit in our educational institutions.

We learn that the world overflow of the Sabbath School Offering for the first quarter 1927, assigned to Russia, amounts to \$ 11,388.87, which will be a great help to our brethren in Russia to

meet some of the needs that had to be postponed until funds were available. — Word has reached us from Brother Löbsack that he has completed the round of their union conference sessions and that he has safely returned from his long journey that had taken him as far as Wladiwostok, the terminus of the Transsiberian Railroad. His health has been excellent, he writes. As the crop will not be as favourable this year their financial resources will be affected, so that this additional help will be very opportune.

Our Statistical Report.

The second quarter's statistics being now complete, let us take a retrospective view of the first half of 1927. 4384 new members were received by baptism and vote during this period (of this number 2525 belong to the second quarter). Death, apostasy and transfers have made an inroad on our membership leaving the net gain at 1476 (1072 for the second quarter). The total membership for our Division now stands at 85 819.

Finances.

With the increased membership we are able to show an increase in tithes and offerings:

	Tithes	Offerings
First half 1924	\$ 370,496.95	111,939.26
" " 1925	\$ 483,121.16	132,083.91
" " 1926	\$ 498,786.15	128,516.38
" " 1927	\$ 528,288.68	135,657.09

Corrections.

- I. By an oversight the financial items of the Hungarian Union were given in the first quarter's report as Hungarian Kroners, whereas the figures represent Pengö — the currency used since the beginning of the year in that country.
- II. The weekly per capita of the mission offerings from the Scandinavian Union should not have appeared as they did in the last *Quarterly* but in the respective local currencies as follows:

Denmark . . .	D. Kr. 0.37
Norway	N. Kr. 0.32
Sweden	S. Kr. 0.30
Finland	Fmk. 1.39.

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