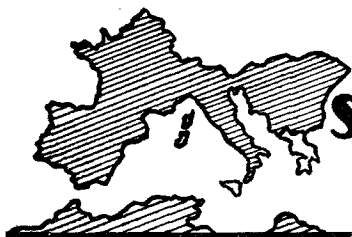
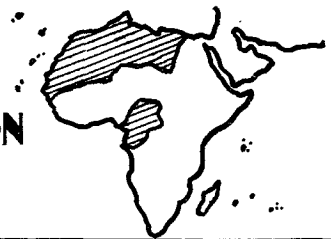


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The Winter Council of the Division committee is an occasion of great blessing to the cause of God in Southern Europe. It affords year by year a much needed opportunity for the leaders of the work to unite in prayer and re-dedication of life to God, and in brotherly counsel on problems that are vital to the welfare of the church. Each Council results in a clearer definition of objectives and methods of labor and in renewed courage and determination for the great, unfinished task.

The Purpose of our Council

As the work has developed and expanded, the Winter Council has become a real necessity. The varied interests of a growing work must be carefully knitted together into a common cause. In fact, nothing is more emphasized in the word of God and the Spirit of prophecy than the need of "cherishing the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace." This need is quite obvious in a vast Division like ours with its many national units and customs, and its varied conditions of labor.

Today the work presses forward in nineteen different countries and islands in our Division. Thirty-eight conferences and missions, and fifty-four institutions are operated on a territory which extends from the Azores on the west, to the Black Sea on the east, and from Belgium on the North Sea, to Madagascar in the South Indian Ocean. The leaders of the cause in this immense territory pursue the work of their allotted tasks week after week amid changing conditions and increasing difficulties. Questions are constantly arising, demanding decisions of far-reaching import. If a

unity of spirit and action are to be maintained, certainly the men who are burdened with leadership must have the opportunity of coming together regularly in counsel. The annual Winter Council of the Division committee provides this opportunity.

Attendance at the Council

The 1936 Council convened December 1-8 in the Zurich Advent-Mission chapel. This building is also the headquarters of the German Swiss Conference, and provided splendid accommodations for sub-committee and secretarial work. The Council assembled, in addition to General Conference representatives and the Division staff, thirty-six delegates. All fields of continental Europe and the North African Union Mission were duly represented. In the absence of A. J. Girou, war-torn Spain was represented by H. Struve, of Barcelona.

The far-away missions of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, and the Equatorial African Mission could not send delegates to this year's Council. However, they were neither forgotten nor neglected in the plans for the coming year. The Council requested that these fields be visited by Division representatives during 1937.

We were privileged this year to have three General Conference representatives present for the session. J. L. McElhany, president, W. E. Nelson, treasurer, and W. H. Teesdale, associate secretary of the Department of Education, all rendered very efficient service. These brethren listened with interest and sympathy to the story of Southern Europe's needs and possibilities,

A Fitting New Year Message

Workers for Christ are never to think, much less to speak, of failure in their work. Instead of deploring difficulties, they are called upon to surmount them. They are to despair of nothing, and to hope for everything. The Lord Jesus is our efficiency in all things: His Spirit is to be our inspiration; and as we place ourselves in His hands, to be channels of light, our means of doing good will never be exhausted. We may draw upon His fulness, and receive of that grace which has no limit.

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and helped very definitely in finding solutions for many exceptionally grave problems. We feel certain that the deep inspiration brought to the Council by their ministry will be felt in a very marked way to the farthest ends of the Division.

The Keynote Message

In opening the first meeting of the Council, Elder A. V. Olson, president of the Southern European Division, sounded the note that marked the whole session.

"We are gathered here to-night," he said, "to plan for the future of the work of God in Southern Europe. A solemn responsibility rests upon us and we need to seek God as never before for divine help, divine wisdom, and divine guidance. I am so glad that He is willing and ready to help us when we call upon Him; let us lead our people to a new experience with God that will enable them to stand firm amid the coming trials.

"And then we must not forget our great, unwarned fields. We must do something in this Council to turn our attention to them. We must plan for more funds to be raised. This Council must result in a larger vision, in new hope and courage, more faith and confidence in God, and in a more successful activity for the Lord. To this end let us earnestly seek God for help."

Our president concluded his introductory remarks thus: "Our Division Councils have always been blessed by a remarkable spirit of unity and brotherly fellowship. We thank the Lord for this and humbly beg Him to give us this same spirit again during this Council, from the first to the last meeting." Our president's prayer was fully answered, for a beautiful spirit of unity and fellowship, with perfect liberty in the expression of varying viewpoints, prevailed unceasingly. "Forward in unity," became the keynote of a wonderful Council.

Victorious Advance

A wonderful story of advance was revealed in the reports rendered by field and institutional leaders and faithfully reflected in the statistical report. The past year was a year of hardship and trial for all fields, but also a year of victory. In spite of the economic distress common to all lands, we were not compelled to abandon one single post; on the contrary, a new mission was opened on the island of Reunion. Already reports tell us of Sabbath keepers there, and an appeal has come for money to build a chapel.

Four families have returned to the mission fields from furlough during 1936. Three others have gone out for the first time, and another family has been placed under appointment for service in the Cameroon. Here is the complete list:

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Yérétzian and family to Cameroon (returning), February.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bénézech and family to Madagascar (returning), February.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Girard and child, of North Africa, to Reunion Island, March.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Sturzenegger and child, of Switzerland, to the Seychelles Islands, September.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sallée to Cameroon (returning), October.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Tolici and family to Madagascar (returning), November.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bentz, of France, to Indo-China, November.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Curmatureanu, of Rumania, to Cameroon (under appointment).

Elder Olson summed up thus the last eight years of activity since the organization of the Division:

"December 31 of this year marks the end of the eighth year since the Southern European Division was organized. A great book could be written about the hardships and persecutions and difficulties endured during these years, but I am glad to say that God has been with us. Somehow He has gone before us and has opened the way so that we have been compelled to send out our men. We have opened up Madeira, the Azores, Cape Verde, the Seychelles, Reunion, and the work in the older fields has been strengthened. A new school has been built in Rumania, the French publishing house has enlarged its quarters, and quite a large number of chapels have been erected in different parts. We do not know what the report for the last quarter will be, but, judging by the reports for the first nine months of 1936, we can say that our membership will have almost doubled by the end of the year. If we could have baptized those who are ready and who want to be baptized in Rumania, but who have not yet been able to get a release from the state church, we would have fully doubled our membership during these eight years."

During the four-year period 1932-1935, 10,743 new members were added to the Division membership. That is, a strong conference of 2,685 members every year, and a fine church of 52 members every week. The first nine months of 1936 show a very encouraging advance over the same period of 1935, with 2,286 members received by baptism and vote, against 2,115 in 1935. Thus the work sweeps on from country to country, and from island to island, gathering momentum as it approaches triumphant completion.

Needs and Possibilities

Southern Europe's great dearth of workers and lack of means for carrying the message to a population of nearly two hundred million, were the leitmotiv of every report and the burden of every field leader's plea. The harvest is great but the workers are few. In Italy, for instance, each evangelistic worker is confronted with the task of evangelizing 796,296 people. In the Iberian Union the number is 580,660;

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Statistical Report of the Southern Europ. Div. of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending September 30, 1936

Name of Conference or Mission	Number of Churches	Previous Membership	Baptism	Vote	Letter	Total Gains	Apostasy	Death	Letter	Total Losses	Net Gain	Present Membership	Ord. Ministers	Lic. Ministers	Miss. Licentiates	Other Workers	Canvassers	Total Workers	Number of Sab. Schools	Sab. School Membership	Average Attendance	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
1. SOUTHERN EUR. DIV.													6	6	7			19				
2. FRANCO-BELGIAN U. C. 3. Belgian Conference	13	579	11	—	19	30	1	—	23	24	6	585	5	2	4	—	—	11				
4. East France »	17	430	1	—	—	1	1	1	2	4	—	427	5	3	5	—	—	13	26	17	431	317
5. North »	13	637	18	1	11	30	3	—	5	8	22	659	3	3	11	—	—	21	38	31	455	422
6. South »	25	587	8	—	3	11	2	1	6	9	2	589	4	1	7	—	—	17	29	15	424	352
	68	2233	38	1	33	72	7	2	36	45	27	2260	23	15	31	—	—	65	134	85	1942	1604
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF. 8. Danube Conference	60	1557	35	12	6	53	17	7	4	28	25	1582	4	—	4	3	—	11				
9. Sava »	33	712	37	1	—	38	5	—	7	12	26	738	3	1	2	—	—	20	28	62	1906	1366
10. Morava »	29	727	45	1	5	51	4	2	1	7	44	771	4	—	3	—	—	17	24	31	1000	754
	122	2996	117	14	11	142	26	9	12	47	95	3091	17	1	11	3	49	81	126	3823	2383	
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONF. 12. West Muntenian Conference . . .	132	4697	145	6	53	204	17	13	41	71	133	4830	4	1	—	—	—	5				
13. East »	76	2391	40	1	2	43	12	2	8	22	21	2412	10	4	3	—	—	20	41	132	7444	5544
14. North Moldavian »	78	2530	209	6	30	245	30	9	30	69	176	2706	6	1	4	—	—	12	23	76	2706	2515
15. South »	58	1712	78	5	14	97	7	3	18	28	69	1781	9	1	4	—	—	13	27	57	1781	1757
16. Transylvanian »	125	3047	60	4	10	74	25	7	10	42	32	3079	9	4	3	—	—	9	25	125	3083	2900
17. Banat »	64	1713	24	3	9	36	5	3	22	30	6	1719	8	1	4	—	—	10	23	69	1719	1735
	533	16090	556	25	118	699	96	37	129	262	437	16527	60	13	24	—	—	80	177	535	19757	16639
18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE. 19. German Swiss Conference	37	1413	19	1	3	23	4	1	7	12	11	1424	1	—	—	—	—	1				
20. Leman »	20	979	22	3	8	33	5	2	8	15	18	997	7	1	3	5	14	30	25	672	552	
	57	2392	41	4	11	56	9	3	15	27	29	2421	16	4	12	5	42	79	75	2087	1468	
21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION**) 22. Spanish Mission	10	398	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	398	4	1	1	—	—	6				
23. Portuguese »	6	304	14	2	1	17	2	—	1	3	14	318	3	1	4	—	—	9	20			
24. Madeira »	1	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45	1	—	—	1	—	2				
25. Azores »	1	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	1	—	—	1	—	2				
	18	757	14	2	1	17	2	—	1	3	14	771	15	2	10	2	21	50	22	333	248	
26. ITALIAN UNION MISSION 27. North Italian Mission	15	401	15	—	3	18	7	2	3	12	6	407	2	—	4	—	—	6				
28. South »	12	306	17	1	1	19	3	—	—	3	16	322	3	2	5	—	—	17	29	18	409	356
	27	707	32	1	4	37	10	2	3	15	22	729	11	6	11	—	—	26	54	34	830	685
29. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISS. 30. Algerian Mission	8	228	13	3	3	19	7	2	3	12	7	235	1	—	3	—	—	4				
31. Moroccan »	3	63	9	—	—	9	—	—	—	—	9	72	2	—	1	—	—	10	19	10	174	124
	11	291	22	3	3	28	7	2	3	12	16	307	8	1	7	—	—	13	29	13	269	209
32. EQUAT. AFRIC. MISS. *) 33. MADAGASCAR-MASCARENE U.M. *)	2	119	16	—	—	16	4	—	—	4	12	131	1	3	3	5	—	12	23	1474	1705	
34. Madagascar Mission	8	330	21	—	8	29	2	—	1	3	26	356	1	—	1	2	—	4				
35. Mauritius »	9	503	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	502	2	—	8	2	—	12	28	871	601	
36. Seychelles »	1	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50	—	—	1	—	—	1	2	98	71	
37. La Réunion »	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	1	3	3	
	18	883	21	—	8	29	2	1	1	4	25	908	6	6	14	10	11	47	51	1875	1352	
38. CAPE VERDE ISLANDS *)	—	15	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	18	1	—	—	1	—	2	1	64	64	

RECAPITULATION

1. Southern European Division	68	2233	38	1	33	72	7	2	36	45	27	2260	23	6	7	—	—	19				
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	122	2996	117	14	11	142	26	9	12	47	95	3091	17	1	11	3	49	81	126	3823	2383	
3. Yugoslavian » »	533	16090	556	25	118	699	96	37	129	262	437	16527	60	13	24	—	—	80	177	535	19757	16639
4. Rumanian » »	57	2392	41	4	11	56	9	3	15	27	29	2421	16	4	12	5	42	79	75	2087	1468	
5. Swiss » »	18	757	14	2	1	17	2	—	1	3	14	771	15	2	10	2	21	50	22	333	248	
6. Iberian Union Mission	27	707	32	1	4	37	10	2	3	15	22	729	11	6	11	—	—	26	54	34	830	685
7. Italian » »	11	291	22	3	3	28	7	2	3	12	16	307	8	1	7	—	—	13	29	13	269	209
8. North African Union Mission	2	119	16	—	—	16	4	—	—	4	12	131	1	3	3	5	—	12	23	1474	1705	
9. Equat. African » *)	18	883	21	—	8	29	2	1	1	4	25	908	6	6	14	10	11	47	51	1875	1352	
10. Madagascar-Mascarene U. » *)	—	15	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	3	18	1	—	—	1	—	2	1	64	64	
Totals for 3rd quarter 1936	856	26483	857	50	192	1099	163	56	200	419	680	27163	164	57	130	26	307	684	965	32459	26857	
» 3rd » 1935	832	24987	895	57	384	1336	175	61	381	617	719	25706	139	72	130	55	305	701	943	35706	24319	

*) Report for the 2nd quarter 1936.
 **) Partial report because of war.

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Financial Report of the Southern Europ. Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending September 30, 1936

Name of Conference or Mission	Total Tithe	Total Offerings (incl. Specials)	Contributions for Home Miss. Work	Contributions for Local Church Work	Colporteur Book Sales
1	2	3	4	5	6
1. SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION					
2. FRANCO-BELGIAN UNION CONF.					
3. Belgian Conference	F. Fr. 86,259.—	33,460.20	—	2,275.40	67,112.30
4. East France Conference	» » 43,348.50	56,768.80	6.05	27.50	48,581.85
5. North » »	» » 73,613.—	96,013.05	190.80	224.—	89,846.—
6. South » »	» » 37,168.—	48,928.45	868.40	167.—	86,992.—
	F. Fr. 240,718.50	235,170.50	1,065.25	2,693.90	292,532.15
	\$ 9,508.30	9,289.24	42.07	106.64	11,555.02
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.					
8. Danube Conference	Dinar 87,618.50	28,519.37	—	—	40,209.—
9. Sava »	» 55,933.80	13,383.38	—	—	24,913.—
10. Morava »	» 39,708.50	15,309.38	—	—	39,128.—
	Dinar 183,260.80	57,212.13	—	—	104,250.—
	\$ 3,243.80	1,012.65	—	—	1,845.21
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONFERENCE					
12. West Muntanian Conference	Lei 967,337.20	273,075.75	—	—	157,099.—
13. East »	» 329,187.50	108,457.—	—	—	207,860.—
14. North Moldavian »	» 325,624.40	99,270.—	—	—	95,329.—
15. South »	» 213,335.—	86,061.50	—	—	67,843.—
16. Transylvanian »	» 351,647.20	94,013.50	—	—	81,597.—
17. Banat »	» 188,991.—	66,356.—	—	—	107,121.—
	Lei 2,376,122.30	727,233.75	—	—	716,849.—
	\$ 14,256.70	4,363.41	—	—	4,301.08
18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE					
19. German Swiss Conf.	Sw. Fr. 31,000.—	12,474.50	2,475.—	5,440.—	35,679.—
20. Lemman Conference	» 24,383.—	10,787.08	1,113.87	5,638.59	21,659.05
	Sw. Fr. 55,383.—	23,261.58	3,588.87	11,078.59	57,338.05
	\$ 10,744.30	4,512.72	696.25	2,149.25	11,123.58
21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION**)					
22. Spanish Mission	Pesetas 1,562.90	427.70	—	—	1,436.50
23. Portuguese »	» —	—	—	—	14,187.18
24. Madeira »	» 565.90	159.82	—	—	—
25. Island »	» —	—	—	—	—
	Pesetas 2,128.80	587.52	—	—	15,623.68
	\$ 276.70	76.38	—	—	2,031.08
26. ITALIAN UNION MISSION					
27. North Italian Mission	Lire 19,646.90	23,298.05	—	—	33,811.20
28. South » »	» 9,212.20	8,766.55	—	—	15,361.40
	Lire 28,859.10	32,064.60	—	—	49,172.60
	\$ 1,497.80	1,664.14	—	—	2,552.05
29. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISSION					
30. Algerian Mission	F. Fr. 21,950.—	3,444.25	—	—	26,941.50
31. Moroccan »	» 5,511.—	811.80	—	—	10,292.—
	F. Fr. 27,461.—	4,256.05	—	—	37,233.50
	\$ 1,083.—	168.12	—	—	1,470.71
32. EQ. AFRICAN MISSION *)	F. Fr. 4,674.90	1,773.60	—	—	—
	\$ 184.70	70.06	—	—	—
33. MADAGASCAR-MASCARENE U. M. *)					
34. Madagascar Mission	F. Fr. 10,255.—	8,074.50	—	—	4,505.20
35. Mauritius »	» 32,135.—	6,098.45	—	677.75	—
36. Seychelles »	» 1,266.—	335.60	—	—	—
37. La Reunion »	» 444.—	97.35	—	—	—
	F. Fr. 44,100.—	14,605.90	—	677.75	4,505.20
	\$ 1,742.—	576.94	—	26.77	177.95
38. CAPE VERDE ISLANDS *)	Es. 637.60	492.05	—	—	—
	\$ 28.20	21.75	—	—	—

RECAPITULATION

1. Southern European Division	\$	9,508.30	9,289.24	42.07	106.64	11,555.02
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	\$	3,243.80	1,012.65	—	—	1,845.21
3. Jugoslavian » »	\$	14,256.70	4,363.41	—	—	4,301.08
4. Rumanian » »	\$	10,744.30	4,512.72	696.25	2,149.25	11,123.58
5. Swiss » »	\$	276.70	76.38	—	—	2,031.08
6. Iberian » Mission	\$	1,497.80	1,664.14	—	—	2,552.05
7. Italian » »	\$	1,083.—	168.12	—	—	1,470.71
8. North African » »	\$	184.70	70.06	—	—	—
9. Eq. African Mission *)	\$	1,742.—	576.94	—	26.77	177.95
10. Madagascar-Mascarene U. M. *)	\$	28.20	21.75	—	—	—
11. Cape Verde Islands *)	\$	—	—	—	—	—
Totals 3rd quarter 1935	\$	42,567.50	21,755.41	738.32	2,282.66	35,056.68
» 3rd » 1936	\$	42,770.10	26,984.18	1,389.87	1,654.68	36,125.91

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Specification of Mission Offerings (Column No. 3)

	Sabbath School Offerings (exc. 13th Sabbath)	13th Sabbath Offering	Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous Offerings	Self Denial Offerings	Special Offer.		
							Big Week	Young People's Collection	(Relief Fund) Weekly Offerings
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1.									
2.	8,825.90	2,826.25	18,344.55	—	1,716.—	66.70	820.55	860.25	—
3.	6,451.65	2,594.60	45,992.30	—	—	311.75	—	1,376.50	42.—
4.	7,404.05	2,091.95	85,113.75	—	—	1,360.80	42.50	—	—
5.	4,692.10	1,102.30	40,338.80	—	—	1,725.25	1,054.—	16.—	—
6.	27,373.70	8,615.10	189,789.40	—	1,716.—	3,464.50	1,917.05	2,252.75	42.—
	1,081.26	340.29	7,496.68	—	67.78	136.85	75.73	88.98	1.67
7.									
8.	11,016.25	1,981.25	9,457.50	—	—	3,277.25	1,624.25	796.—	366.87
9.	6,088.75	1,567.75	1,760.—	—	—	3,283.25	243.75	215.—	224.88
10.	6,467.—	1,273.—	5,096.25	—	—	1,573.75	434.—	218.25	247.13
	23,572.—	4,822.—	16,313.75	—	—	8,134.25	2,302.—	1,229.25	838.88
	417.22	85.34	288.76	—	—	143.98	40.75	21.76	14.84
11.									
12.	110,399.—	24,150.50	69,661.—	2,770.—	—	19,728.—	36,778.—	2,744.25	6,845.—
13.	55,717.—	12,380.50	21,996.—	20.—	—	3,675.—	10,905.—	1,441.—	2,322.50
14.	51,203.75	9,909.25	22,548.—	—	—	6,730.—	6,877.—	642.50	1,359.50
15.	30,037.—	7,184.—	27,776.—	—	—	5,759.—	12,258.—	1,260.—	1,787.50
16.	43,738.25	11,107.—	19,925.—	93.—	—	696.75	15,481.50	1,311.50	1,660.50
17.	24,980.—	6,686.—	19,081.—	—	—	640.—	12,303.—	1,481.—	1,185.—
	316,075.—	71,417.25	180,987.—	2,883.—	—	37,228.75	94,602.50	8,880.25	15,160.—
	1,896.45	423.51	1,085.92	17.30	—	223.38	567.61	53.28	90.96
18.									
19.	4,855.—	793.—	5,650.—	—	117.—	—	—	933.—	126.50
20.	5,138.18	1,204.55	4,118.10	—	108.72	52.75	2.—	154.68	8.10
	9,993.18	1,997.55	9,768.10	—	225.72	52.75	2.—	1,087.68	134.60
	1,938.67	387.52	1,895.—	—	43.79	10.23	—	211.01	26.11
21.									
22.	234.70	—	—	—	—	43.—	150.—	—	—
23.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24.	101.38	49.52	—	8.92	—	—	—	—	—
25.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	336.08	49.52	—	8.92	—	43.—	150.—	—	—
	43.69	6.44	—	1.16	—	5.59	19.50	—	—
26.									
27.	3,258.20	1,045.65	18,086.15	—	—	838.05	—	30.—	40.—
28.	2,034.15	626.25	5,808.15	—	—	295.—	—	3.—	—
	5,292.35	1,671.90	23,894.30	—	—	1,133.05	—	33.—	40.—
	274.67	86.77	1,240.11	—	—	58.81	—	1.71	2.07
29.									
30.	1,841.80	417.45	—	—	335.—	480.—	370.—	—	—
31.	687.75	124.05	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	2,529.55	541.50	—	—	335.—	480.—	370.—	—	—
	99.92	21.39	—	—	13.23	18.96	14.62	—	—
32.	674.60	54.60	—	—	264.60	604.80	175.—	—	—
	26.65	2.16	—	—	10.45	23.89	6.91	—	—
33.									
34.	2,261.45	721.05	4,987.—	—	—	105.—	—	—	—
35.	2,732.25	1,730.05	—	6.90	—	—	1,629.25	—	—
36.	335.60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
37.	97.35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	5,426.65	2,451.10	4,987.—	6.90	—	105.—	1,629.25	—	—
	214.35	96.82	196.99	—	—	4.15	64.36	—	—
38.	78.80	13.25	—	—	—	400.—	—	—	—
	3.48	—	—	—	—	17.68	—	—	—

RECAPITULATION

1.									
2.	1,081.26	340.29	7,496.68	—	67.78	136.85	75.73	88.98	1.67
3.	417.22	85.34	288.76	—	—	143.98	40.75	21.76	14.84
4.	1,896.45	423.51	1,085.92	17.30	—	223.38	567.61	53.28	90.96
5.	1,938.67	387.52	1,895.—	—	43.79	10.23	—	211.01	26.11
6.	43.69	6.44	—	1.16	—	5.59	19.50	—	—
7.	274.67	86.77	1,240.11	—	—	58.81	—	1.71	2.07
8.	99.92	21.39	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9.	26.65	2.16	—	—	13.23	18.96	14.62	—	—
10.	214.35	96.82	196.99	—	10.45	23.89	6.91	—	—
11.	3.48	—	—	—	—	4.15	64.36	—	—
	5,996.36	1,455.83	12,203.46	18.73	135.25	643.52	789.87	376.74	135.65
	6,314.34	1,691.08	16,668.56	25.46	410.60	588.46	723.44	360.97	151.27

Plans and Resolutions

The results of the deliberations of the Winter Council were largely crystalized in recommendations and resolutions. The following are typical of the spirit of "larger planning in 1937" that characterized every plan laid at this important meeting:

The "Win-One" Movement

WHEREAS, The speedy proclamation of the Advent message to all the world in this generation depends to a large extent upon the active and intelligent coöperation of our church members in a well-organized soul-winning endeavor,

We recommend, 1. That every believer be encouraged to join in a world-wide "win-one" movement, maintaining a definite prayer list, and by personal soul-winning efforts seek to win at least one soul to Christ before the close of 1937.

2. That we appeal to our ministry to assist in marshalling our lay forces for attaining this worthy objective.

Greater Faithfulness in Tithe-Paying

Conference presidents have been admonished "to see that the elders and deacons of churches do their work in the churches by seeing that a faithful tithe is brought into the treasury", and elders of churches are admonished to "labor from home to home that the flock shall not be remiss in this great matter which involves such a blessing or such a curse" (Testimonies to Ministers, pp. 305-306). As a people we should understand that as the Lord has reserved to Himself the Sabbath as holy time, so has He reserved to Himself one tenth of our increase as holy. And as we have found delight in observing the Sabbath, so we should take delight in returning to God that portion of our untithed possessions and increase which is His own.

In considering these principles, and in view of the present needs and possibilities of evangelistic endeavor,

We recommend, 1. That every Seventh-day Adventist throughout our Division field be encouraged to enter into a covenant with God annually to pay promptly an honest tithe into the church treasury, and to do this where possible weekly or monthly.

2. That this matter be taken up in the churches at the beginning of the year, and that the use of the tithe covenant card be encouraged.

3. That workers and elders make efforts to help those who are delinquent to see their privilege and responsibility in regularly paying a full tithe into the treasury of the church.

4. That special attention be given to instructing new church members in this matter.

As measures for promoting this effort,

We recommend, 1. That all our members be urged to subscribe for the church paper of their language, and that, where necessary, steps be taken to help those who are not able to subscribe.

2. That a continual educational effort on tithe-paying be carried on in our different church papers.

3. That controlling committees see that proper help is provided for pushing forward vigorously this education on tithing, in order that all our church officers and our people individually may be reached by personal contact or personal letters, and that the effort be continuous rather than spasmodic.

4. That reports be sent to church pastors and local elders from time to time, showing the progress of the effort to lead our church members to become one-hundred-percent tithe payers.

Publishing Department

In view of the fact that the first canvassers began their work in Switzerland in 1867, and that consequently 1937 is the jubilee year of our colporteur evangelism in Europe, we, delegates of the Southern European Division, assembled for the 1936 Winter Council, express our gratitude to God for the wonderful development of this important branch of the work during the past seventy-year period, for the blessings that have attended the endeavors of our faithful army of colporteurs, and particularly for the many souls brought to the truth through the printed page, and pledge ourselves before God to renewed efforts for the strengthening of the Publishing Department;

1. By giving special attention to the training of stronger leaders and better canvassers, and showing a real interest in the work they accomplish.

2. By using every opportunity of placing before the church the high value of our publications as a soul-saving agency and of encouraging consecrated church members to give their life to the heaven-born calling of colporteur evangelism.

3. By unflinching determination to organize all our forces for the purpose of placing the printed page in every home in our territory!

Continuous Effort in Evangelism

WHEREAS, We are now entering the era of the last and unprecedented crisis of the ages, when the fast fulfilling signs of the times point with ever increasing evidence to the soon coming of Christ and tell us that our time for favorable work is short, and

WHEREAS, We recognize soul-winning evangelism is still the chief objective and fundamental feature of our organized work and the primary means of proclaiming God's saving message to the populous cities and to all mankind; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the splendid efforts for a greater evangelism during the several years past have resulted in a large fruitage which in turn has brought added strength to all branches of our work; therefore

We recommend, 1. That we earnestly strive to retain our soul-winning gains, and cut down the losses, through a careful shepherding and developing of our new converts.

2. That conferences, mission fields, and institutions quicken their pace in evangelistic activity, and lay plans for a much larger ingathering of souls.

3. That surveys be made of unworked territory, neglected cities, crowded centers, and that we hasten our evangelists there.

4. That further study be given to the crying need of developing a larger number of trained Bible workers.

5. That we continue to rally our church members to this highest form of Christian service.

6. That more capable laymen be trained to labor as strong self-supporting lay evangelists.

That our conferences and other organizations continue to economize in operating expenses, conserving every franc possible for the grand purpose of continuously fostering a greater soul-winning evangelism.

Commenting this last resolution, Elder Olson made the following statement:

"This resolution is worthy of prayerful thought and study by both workers and members. Especially should it be taken to heart by all conference and church officers. Evangelism in its various forms must receive our undivided attention. The most important business that confronts us as a people is that of warning and winning souls. With greater power and earnestness than ever before we must proclaim God's saving message. Time is short, and the King's business requires haste."

Other resolutions and recommendations voted by the Winter Council, and equally worthy of attention, will be communicated through the columns of the *Quarterly Review* as space permits. W. R. B.

In the Providence of God

A young tailor sat with his needle in a little town in old Hungary. Enters a colporteur who sells him a book. Then on leaving him he says: "You are young, God has a message for the world. You must keep God's Sabbath, and be a missionary to all the houses and towns around here." He embraces him and disappears. The tailor was deeply impressed. He knows not what the word missionary means, but somehow the thing grips his heart. It is Friday morning. That evening he tells his employer: "I will not work any more on Sabbath." The employer thinks him crazy, but he allows the Sabbath free. The next morning the young tailor went into the forest alone. The birds were singing to him in his new cathedral, and he felt an urge to preach. He preached to the trees, and spent here the first Sabbath in his life — no other Sabbath keepers were in the town.

He got in touch with the mission and the next year he was a colporteur. Today, Brother Krdjalic is the efficient union field secretary of Jugoslavia, inspiring with enthusiasm almost one hundred colporteurs in this hard field of fifteen languages. Henry F. BROWN.

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in North Africa, 551,724; and in France, 314,252. The number varies from field to field, but stands for the entire Division at 270,468. If we consider the situation in France more closely, we find a great number of larger cities, many with a hundred thousand inhabitants, where the message has not yet been proclaimed. Brother O. Meyer, president of the Franco-Belgian Union, made this statement in his report:

"In traveling from Paris, headquarters of the Union, to Marseilles, headquarters of the South France Conference, one covers about six hundred miles and finds only two churches on the way: the first at Lyons, a little church of thirty members in a city of nearly one million inhabitants, and the second at Valence, where D. T. Bordeau began to

preach in 1876. In Marseilles, the great Mediterranean seaport, also a city of nearly one million, we have a church of fifty some members. One can cross France from north to south, from Paris to Nimes (600 miles), without finding one Adventist believer. The result is the same when the traveler follows France's northern boundary, skirting Belgium and Luxembourg, from the Pas-de-Calais to Alsace. Again, from Paris to Strasbourg, or from Paris to Mulhouse, in either case a distance of 300 miles, not one Adventist church or group is to be found. Such is the situation in France after sixty years of valiant labor. However, it is in this land that workers must be found to carry the message to France's great empire beyond the seas. Yes, workers must be found largely in France for North Africa, Madagascar, Indo-China, Cameroon, and so forth."

Certainly the unwarned fields of Southern Europe are a mighty challenge to the Advent Movement.

D. Florea, president of the Rumanian Union, told of the critical situation in his field. Today, Rumania has ninety-seven evangelistic workers. Eight years ago, Rumania had the same number. But, during these eight years, the membership has doubled, standing at 16,527 at the end of the third quarter of 1936. Many workers must care for more than twenty churches, and this in a country where church leadership can be only very slowly trained to responsibility. It is very evident that in such conditions the shepherding of our churches in Rumania is entirely inadequate.

H. Bauer, president of the Jugoslavian Union, depicted a situation scarcely less critical in his field. As in Rumania, a restricted number of workers makes adequate shepherding of the churches quite impossible. The work is fast outgrowing the present possibilities of the field. The task is complicated in Jugoslavia by the presence of fourteen different races and languages.

The reports for the other fields continued on the same tone: a pressing plea for help. On the other hand, the story of opening possibilities was not less eloquent. In fact, all the needs of

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Southern Europe are great, unworked possibilities.

Rumania counts 24,000 Sabbath keepers, that is, 8,000 who have not yet been baptized into church membership but who are in contact with the Advent Movement, awaiting release from the official church and preparation for baptism. Jugoslavia reported more than 200 calls for workers as a result of the work of valiant colporteurs. From far-away Cameroon came a plea from the Bapoukou tribe. Having heard of the Adventist Mission, this people ask to be instructed in the everlasting gospel. "We are waiting for you," writes the chief Ekitiké. The islands of the sea also present unprecedented possibilities of advance. The same is true, to a certain extent, for North Africa and the countries of western Europe. Never have we witnessed in these fields such numbers inquiring after truth. Truly the day of harvest has dawned for the Southern European Division.

Larger Plans for 1937

The present hour throbs with tremendous possibilities. The opening providences of God call for a quickened pace, for larger plans. Every delegate felt that God's people must be on the guard just now, lest our plans be too small and narrow for this day of opportunity. The Council could not do otherwise than to lay larger plans for the coming year. These larger plans meant a larger budget. A fall in offerings in some fields had created great perplexity, but the generous help of the General Conference, and a dauntless faith in God for the future, led the Council to vote a total budget of \$317,456. for the support of God's work in 1937. This larger budget is the spiritual as well as the financial program of larger planning. This program means larger planning for every conference, church, and member of the Advent Movement in the Southern European Division. May God give us vision and power at this mighty hour!

The Council's Message

The following paragraphs, quoted from the message addressed by the Winter Council to "Advent believers throughout the Southern European Division", breathe the spirit of the meeting and share with all certain convictions that were pressed home to the hearts of the delegates as they listened to reports and studied the problems of God's cause in the light of speedily proclaiming the everlasting gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people of our far-flung territory:

"Our hearts have been thrilled with joy and courage as we have reviewed the progress of the past year and have heard of the providence of God over His work in all lands. Since last we met in Council, the deliverances of workers and brethren

in these times of difficulty and peril have been wonderful. New fields have been entered, and 2,779 precious souls have been won to the truth. We thank God for all these blessings and extend to the new believers in our ranks a most hearty welcome and invitation to join their brethren in the glorious task of finishing God's work.

"The last year has brought stirring times upon the world. Unprecedented situations obtain in every sphere of human thought and action. Today we see on the right hand and on the left the signs fulfilling that tell us that the coming of the Lord is nigh at hand, and we hear His voice saying to us: 'Be ye therefore ready.'

"Yes, we are indeed amid the perils foretold for the last hour. There is a rapid downward trend in human society. Religious people have more and more the form of godliness but deny the power thereof. At such a time we feel the need of being honestly whole-hearted Christians. We realize that this implies not only an uncompromising acceptance and practice of the Advent faith, but also a heart entirely yielded to Christ. As leaders in God's cause in Southern Europe we call earnestly upon the workers of conferences and institutions, and upon the brethren and sisters and young people and children of our churches, to join us in such an unreserved inward and outward dedication of life.

"While the fear of the Lord is departing from the masses of this world, His blessed Spirit is awakening the honest in heart as never before. We see doors opening before us on every side. Multitudes are calling to us in the home fields. In Africa and in all the island fields of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, the increase of souls compels us to go forward. We are called as never before, while the angels of the four corners of the earth are holding the winds of universal strife, to carry the message to dying sinners in our vast, unwarned fields. Our hearts cry out to God to make us what we ought to be for this sacred, overwhelming task.

"Our dear brethren, we must go forward. We cannot stand still at such an hour of opportunity. This is manifestly the time for sacrificial giving and breaking with everything that holds us to things of this world. We must advance just now and we appeal to all to covenant with the Lord by sacrifice in view of this advancement.

"We thank God for the love and sacrifice of workers and members during these last years of depression and untold distress. Many times we have marvelled at your faith in God and your love for the truth. Truly the Lord has been with us, and we know that He will not abandon His people in the future if we remain faithful to Him and to His cause.

"This, then, is our threefold appeal and admonition, — whole-hearted consecration, sacrificial giving, and unswerving loyalty."

"Hasten, Lord, the glorious day,
When, beneath Messiah's sway,
Every nation, every clime,
Shall His righteous will obey."

W. R. BEACH.

Secretary, Southern European Division.