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A Glance at 1936

In this issue of the *Quarterly Review* appear the financial and statistical reports for the year 1936. To many these may seem dry, uninteresting, and of little value; but, if carefully read and considered, they will be found to be full of interest and value.

To me the figures in the financial report speak of noble, self-sacrificing brethren and sisters, scattered all through our Division, who have faithfully and joyfully contributed of their means to sustain the cause of God during a hard and difficult year. The statistical report visualizes before me an encouraging picture of workers, colporteurs and members earnestly at work in the great harvest field, laboring to win souls for Christ. I can almost see the falling tears, and hear the strong, earnest prayers of brethren and sisters crying to God for perishing souls. In every field I see men and women forsaking the ways of sin, and casting in their lot with the people of God. There looms up before me scores of baptismal scenes, where brethren and sisters, newly rescued from the bondage of sin, with beaming faces, are following their Lord into the watery grave. Yes, my friends, these statistical reports tell a wonderful story, if we only give them time to reveal their secrets.

We thank God for the sacrifices and the labors, for the battles and the victories of the past year. We praise the Lord for the 2669 souls added to our ranks by baptism and vote. As we think of the blessings and benedictions of the past, our hearts

fill with courage and confidence for the future.

Because of the war in Spain, it has not been possible to obtain reports from the Iberian Union for the last six months of the year. For this reason our Division reports are incomplete. But for this cruel war, our Division totals, both in funds and souls, would be larger. In spite of the war, and the terrible economic situation in most parts of our

field, the total income in tithes and offerings was just a little above that of 1935. A number of fields made an encouraging gain over the previous year.

The records for the year 1936 are now closed. They can not be changed. The year, with its failures and successes, is in the past. We regret the failures, and we thank God for the victories.

Now our concern must be for the year 1937. Its record is still to be made. Most of its pages are still unwritten. With the help of God we must make this year the best and most fruitful in our history. It ought to witness a fuller and a more complete consecration on our part to God and His cause. In the strength and wisdom of

Jehovah, we must go forth to do a larger and more successful work in the many lands and islands of our immense Division field. God stands ready to bless and prosper every sincere soul that will attempt to work for Him. Yes, God is with us and we have nothing to fear as long as we put our trust in Him. Let us take courage then, and go forward to do valiant service for Him. A. V. OLSON.

Failure

That night that Judas slunk away
And Christ's disciples fled,
A passer-by was heard to say,
"The Christian Cause is dead."

The cross loomed sternly 'gainst the sky,
While Jesus hung thereon;
A Roman soldier stood nearby
And thus his thoughts ran on:

"I've bled on many a bloody field,
And seen whole legions fall,
But of the brave whom death hath
This Man surpasses all!" sealed,

He raised his hand to hide the sun;
A tear fell from his eye.
He said, "The Christian Cause is won!
Great Jove, how Christ doth die!"

by Henry Edward Swinglehurst

Preach the Gospel

In the final discourse of Jesus with His disciples, He commissioned them to go into all the world and preach the gospel. Old occupations were no longer to claim their time and attention. The first and only duty of Christ's disciples was to strive to make Christians of all men. The methods to be used in accomplishing this great work were revealed by the Saviour, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." And again, "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Workers who are inspired with the love of Jesus will, like the apostle Paul, accept this burden and make all other work secondary and subservient to the one object of presenting "every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Col. 1: 28). This includes more than merely giving the warning. It is true that our duty, as followers of Jesus, is to warn the world of its impending doom; yet our only satisfaction should be in bringing back the sheep that have gone astray. Anything short of this certainly cannot fully meet the mind of God.

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." (John 15:8). "And every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit" (Vs. 2). God is glorified when His servants bear much fruit. Constantly we should seek to do more and more and never be content to do less.

At the beginning of Christ's ministry, He called His disciples, some of whom were fishermen; and as He passed along and saw them at work He said "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). Again He said, "Henceforth thou shalt catch men." The duty of every worker is to win souls. If a man fished day after day without catching fish, we would not call him a good fisherman. Likewise our work is to bring people into the fold of God. We must not always be in the process of giving instruction, but like good fishermen, we must bring in the catch. They in turn are to be instructed in that art of winning souls and encouraged to catch others for the Lord.

Every worker in the cause of God should continually strive to bear more fruit. It was concerning the tree that did not bear fruit, of which the husbandman spoke when He said, "Cut it down. Why cumbereth it the ground?" It is a high and exalted privilege to be a laborer together with God, and should draw forth from the heart sincere gratitude and consecrated service. When one demonstrates that he cannot bear fruit he is a cumberer of the ground, and in the providence of God, he will be removed, that a fruitful tree may be planted.

W. H. BRANSON.

AFRICAN FAITH

It was Sabbath morning. The sun shone brightly. The Christian village was clean and tidy. The waving maize gave assurance of a bountiful harvest. The bell was calling to Sabbath school.

Suddenly the sun was darkened. What was this strange sound? Anxious eyes read the portent - LOCUSTS! The air is soon alive with flying forms and the ground covered with creeping things.

At once all think of their growing crops. Famine stares them in the face. "Let us shout and beat empty tins to drive off the locusts," cry many. But above the noise is heard the bell, calling to worship, to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

All enter the church. Following Sabbath school, the minister exhorts all to a study of Mal. 3: "I will rebuke the devourer," promises God to His faithful. Had they been faithful in their tithe? Hearts are examined and earnest prayers offered. The meeting continues far into the afternoon. At the setting of the sun the gardens are visited. The locusts rise and disappear. Lo! what hath God wrought. Not a green leaf eaten. Not a stem destroyed.

The heathen crowd round expecting to see desolation. Open-eyed and astonished they inquire the reason for the miracle. Again the promise is repeated and the message of a prayer-answering God retold. An old pagan father, wrinkled with age, steps forward. "If this is the way your God helps you," he said, "we want to know Him. Our hearts are ready to hear His message. Come to teach us."

The camp meeting had been held and showers had dampened the proceedings with unwanted frequency. The missionaries eyed the weather with misgivings. Surely the rains were working up, and the following camp would be spoilt. They discussed the prospects and sent out word that the camp had better be postponed.

Then the teachers and evangelists came to them, "What is this word you give us?" they asked. "We have been praying for fine weather for our camp for many weeks and now you say the meetings cannot be held. We have *faith* to believe that God has heard our prayers." The camp was held, 160 were baptized, and *not a drop of rain fell!*

It was the last day of the camp meeting. The morning service was over. The missionary had appealed to all to seek a new experience. The large congregation of 1,200 souls had been on its knees before God. Over 100 had arisen as appeals had been made. The Spirit of the Lord had been there to bless. We felt encouraged with the results. But more was to follow.

An evangelist came up a little later and said, "There is a young man here who was struck dumb

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Headquarters for Jugoslavia

One of the most urgent needs that have existed for a long time in our Division has been for a building of our own in the city of Belgrade. Year after year, this need has been pressed upon us. Now we are happy to say that funds have been made available for meeting this situation. Ground has been bought, plans have been prepared, and soon work will commence on the new building. Besides a commodious meeting hall that will seat more than seven hundred people, and two smaller halls, there will be office rooms for the Union Conference, ample quarters for the Publishing House, and several apartments.

Only those who are familiar with the hardships, trials and difficulties that our people and our work have passed through in Belgrade, can fully appreciate what a blessing this new building will be. At last the church, the Conference, and the Publishing House will have a home of their own. Often in the past they have had no resting place. Often they have been thrust into the street. The large new meeting hall will also make it possible for the Conference to hold its sessions and annual meetings. Such gatherings, our people are not permitted to hold in halls rented for the occasion.

We firmly believe that this new building will prove a wonderful blessing for the future development of our work, not only in Belgrade, but in all Jugoslavia.

A. V. OLSON.

From Vesuvius to Etna

The people of Southern Italy are intellectually and economically on a lower level than those of Northern Italy. However, they are simpler, more fervent and more ready to receive the message. Sicily is one of the most fruitful and most interesting parts of the Italian field. On the contrary, Rome and Naples, the two metropolises, are under the influence of a number of destructive elements and therefore it is particularly difficult to work in the midst of a population that for centuries has been dominated by the temporal power of the Church and numerous foreign powers.

It is absolutely necessary, if one wishes to rightly understand the present state of the Italian field, to know the mentality of our people. In final analysis, just what is the religion of the Italians? One can answer that the people of Southern Italy are very religious, but that their religion is made up of something quite indefinable. The most diverse elements constitute this religion, and one wonders how such totally different, even antagonistic elements can be found simultaneously in one person. An authentic and characteristic incident told by Professor

Bartoli in his book, "The Religion of the Italians," illustrates this: In speaking of the religion of Southern Italy, he tells how one day a poor woman entered a church carrying a sick child whose body was covered with scabs. Devoutly she bathed the child in the holy water and then retired to a dark corner of the church. A little later, a distinguished-looking lady entered, and having wet her fingers in the same holy water and crossed herself, she laid her umbrella and purse on a bench and knelt for prayer a few steps away. Quickly, the woman with the child, thinking herself unobserved, snatched up the bag. But she did not do it quickly enough to be unnoticed and she was arrested and taken before the judge. She was deeply religious and her faith in the holy water was childlike. Yet as she prayed, she watched for an opportunity to rob other worshippers.

We must first of all say that at the beginning of our work in Italy, the Advent Movement was faced with certain difficulties common to Catholic countries, and that to these were added obstacles of a very special nature. Our first workers had very limited resources at their disposal, and during many a long year they fought an almost hopeless battle. New life came when in 1920 our work was reorganized. Once the World War was over, Italy attracted the attention of the leading brethren. And here and there throughout the field the message has gained foothold. We have 330 members in the South Italian Mission, and twelve churches have been built up in strategic places of the field. These churches are faced with a heavy task — that of strengthening their own stakes, and sowing the precious seed of truth in the places where the message has not yet been heard, so that new churches will spring up. In several parts of the country, religious intolerance has severely tried our brethren. However, they have remained faithful and through them God has worked real miracles of grace. There, where our people, in view of certain circumstances, are not able to worship in a chapel or church, they gather in nature's great temple, until God will grant them again the privilege of coming together to worship before Him in a place dedicated to that purpose.

In spite of present difficult conditions, the future appears rich in good prospects, and we are hoping to see many souls join the church during 1937. The "Win-One" movement has profoundly interested our workers and members, and we believe it will give new impetus to our evangelistic work. By the grace of God, our South Italian field has registered truly satisfactory financial returns these last years. In 1935 there was a 31% increase in tithe over 1934, and in 1936, an increase of 19%. We foresee encouraging possibilities, and to that end we wish to plan and work.

G. Cupertino,
Director, South Italian Mission.

"A good Report Strengthens the Members"

"Nothing so strengthens the churches as to see the work progressing in other parts of the vineyard." (Medical Ministry, p. 318.)

The territory of our Union, which includes Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, France, and Corsica, contains a little more than fifty million inhabitants. Within the limits of this Union, three languages are spoken: French, German, and Flemish. The Union comprises four conferences, with 72 churches and groups, and 2,252 members (at the last of December 1936). Our workers are putting forth great efforts to give the gospel to the cities, as well as to the people in the country, through the means of public lectures, various meetings, visits in the homes, and the scattering of our literature.

I shall limit myself to telling only about the work accomplished by our church members. According to our statistical reports for the last four years, 216 persons have been won to the truth thanks to the missionary activities of our members. Definite plans have been laid in view of securing the coöperation of more of our members: systematic distribution of tracts, weekly Bible studies (based on the Sabbath school lessons) with friends or neighbors, and the carrying out of the "Win-One League." Experience has demonstrated that the names of interested persons furnished by the church members are good prospects.

A remarkable work has been done during the last years through our missionary campaigns, and especially through the Harvest Ingathering. The past four years have witnessed the ingathering of 2,004,858 French francs, which makes a little more than half a million per year. We see to it that the work is carefully organized. The territory is conscientiously divided. Our churches have their different bands with a leader for each. The workers set the example. Some of them gather between six and eight thousand francs each year. We believe in the value of the words found in Judges 5:2 (French translation): "Leaders stood at the head of Israel, and the people willingly offered themselves for battle."

During the entire Harvest Ingathering campaign, our churches are just like so many hives with their bees busily coming and going. They go from one flower to another gathering the sweet nectar which is the money donated to our missions. With admirable perseverance they make trip after trip until the little honey cells are all full. In every beehive there are, of course, aside from the workers, drones noted for their love of home and that live off the work done by the other bees. Alas, our churches have a

few drones too; but we endeavor to change them into workers by taking them with us on our ingathering excursions. The secret of our success lies in that the work is harmonious, systematic, and persevering on the part of all.

We thank God for what He has enabled us to do, and we thank Him for the zeal and good will manifested by our members. They remind us of what the Psalmist said of God's people of old: "Thy people is full of ardor when thou assemblest thine army" (Ps. 110: 3, French translation).

No other campaign enables us to do such far-reaching work as does the Harvest Ingathering campaign. All the cities and towns of France and Belgium are gone over every year. Last year we distributed 68,500 French papers, 14,400 German papers, 7,500 in Flemish, 200 in Yiddish, and a few dozen in other languages. A little investigating shows that quite a number of our members have been found through the Harvest Ingathering work, and this is a happy surprise. A woman in our Paris church who was baptized in 1934, was interested in the message by one of our brothers who was out ingathering from door to door. This brother himself had first heard of the truth by a Harvest Ingatherer.

One of our lady Bible workers, while out ingathering in 1935, came to the home of a woman who because of great difficulties had decided to end her life. Today, this woman enjoys the Christian hope and is a member of our Paris church.

In the South and North France Conferences we have our permanent collectors who engage in Harvest Ingathering work several months each year. Last year they alone collected about 200,000 French francs.

The Sabbath School Department receives our attention also. We are all convinced of its great and incontestable importance in the winning of souls, as well as in increasing our members' knowledge of Biblical truths and in strengthening their faith. Paul says: "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10: 17). The Sabbath school has rightly been spoken of as being the heart of the church. Among those that apostatize there are few fervent Sabbath school members who study their lessons regularly. Our last report revealed that ninety-two per cent of the church members are also Sabbath school members. Our yearly offerings amount to 150,000 French francs.

If there is a department that at present deserves in a most special way our time and our energy, it is the Young People's Department. When one thinks of the many young people that have turned away from the truth, one is very much troubled and concerned. The problems that we face in our

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Statistical Report of the Southern Europ. Div. of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending December 31, 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 Sub. 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.																							
2. FRANCO-BELGIAN U. C.																							
3. Belgian Conference	15	585	—	1	10	11	13	1	14	28	-17	568	6	3	6	—	—	15					
4. East France »	17	427	2	—	9	11	10	2	7	19	-8	419	6	5	4	1	14	29	22	635	520		
5. North »	15	659	9	—	19	28	3	2	25	30	-2	657	3	3	3	1	10	22	17	411	334		
6. South »	25	589	2	—	26	28	—	—	9	9	19	608	4	1	6	—	15	26	14	396	323		
	72	2260	13	1	64	78	26	5	55	86	-8	2252	24	15	29	3	57	128	84	1867	1497		
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.																							
8. Danube Conference	60	1582	35	5	6	46	21	6	13	40	6	1588	4	—	4	3	—	11					
9. Sava ,	33	738	19	2	7	28	5	1	—	6	22	760	3	1	1	2	—	14	20	33	839	654	
10. Morava »	29	771	9	2	11	22	4	5	11	20	2	773	4	—	3	—	19	26	31	908	769		
	122	3091	63	9	24	96	30	12	24	66	30	3121	17	1	10	4	54	86	126	3657	2863		
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONF.																							
12. West Muntenian Conference	132	4830	33	9	56	98	40	16	78	134	-36	4794	5	4	3	11	—	23		132	7906	6004	
13. East »	77	2412	24	14	52	90	14	6	70	90	—	2412	10	4	3	1	13	31	77	3586	2215		
14. North Moldavian	79	2706	34	7	100	141	25	3	104	132	9	2715	8	—	5	1	16	30	79	4156	2366		
15. South »	60	1781	8	23	31	62	9	1	54	64	-2	1779	9	2	3	1	14	29	60	2561	1723		
16. Transylvanian	126	3079	50	11	65	126	40	5	74	119	7	3086	9	2	4	2	17	34	126	4194	3597		
17. Banat »	65	1719	14	22	44	80	27	6	41	74	6	1725	10	1	4	2	6	23	65	2279	1572		
	589	16527	163	86	348	597	155	37	421	613	-16	16511	65	15	24	26	89	219	589	24682	17477		
18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE.																							
19. German Swiss Conference	38	1424	14	1	8	23	14	1	7	22	1	1425	1	—	—	—	—	29	49	50	1350	986	
20. Léman »	20	997	3	1	6	10	10	1	4	15	-5	992	7	1	3	5	13	29	25	673	655		
	58	2421	17	2	14	33	24	2	11	37	-4	2417	16	4	12	5	42	79	75	2023	1641		
21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION**)																							
22. Spanish Mission	10	398	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	398	4	1	1	—	—	6					
23. Portuguese »	5	318	7	2	5	14	2	—	6	8	6	324	5	—	5	1	—	11					
24. Madeira »	1	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45	1	—	—	1	—	2		26	366	270	
25. Azores »	1	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	1	—	1	—	2	5	32	29			
	17	771	7	2	5	14	2	—	6	8	6	777	15	3	10	7	19	54	31	398	299		
26. ITALIAN UNION MISSION																							
27. North Italian Mission	15	407	5	—	14	19	6	1	14	21	-2	405	2	—	3	—	—	5	14	26	18	412	360
28. South »	12	322	2	—	11	13	5	1	9	15	-2	320	3	2	2	3	2	8	18	17	421	331	
	27	729	7	—	25	32	11	2	23	36	-4	725	11	6	8	2	22	49	35	833	691		
29. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISS.																							
30. Algerian Mission	8	235	3	2	4	9	2	—	4	6	3	238	1	—	4	—	—	5					
31. Moroccan »	3	72	—	1	—	1	3	1	3	7	-6	66	2	—	1	—	3	6	3	89	72		
	11	307	3	3	4	10	5	1	7	13	-3	304	9	—	7	1	16	33	9	276	226		
32. EQUAT. AFRIC. MISS.*)																							
33. MADAGASCAR-Mascarene U.M.*)	2	131	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	-1	130	1	3	3	5	—	12	24	1398	1523		
34. Madagascar Mission	8	356	2	—	—	2	—	4	—	4	-2	354	1	—	1	—	2			20	847	687	
35. Mauritius »	9	502	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	-2	500	2	—	9	—	—	11	31	969	583		
36. Seychelles »	1	50	5	—	1	6	—	—	—	—	6	56	—	1	—	—	1	2	98	70			
37. La Réunion »	1	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	—	1	—	—	1	1	12	13			
	19	908	7	—	3	10	—	6	—	6	4	912	6	8	14	2	5	35	54	1926	1353		
38. CAPE VERDE ISLANDS *)	1	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	1	—	—	—	1	1	64	64			

RECAPITULATION

1. Southern European Division	72	2260	13	1	64	78	26	5	55	86	-8	2252	24	15	29	3	57	128	84	1867	1497
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	122	3091	68	9	24	96	30	12	24	66	30	3121	17	1	10	4	54	86	126	3657	2863
3. Jugoslavian » »	589	16527	163	86	348	597	155	37	421	613	-16	16511	65	15	24	26	89	219	589	24682	17477
4. Rumanian » »	58	2421	17	2	14	33	24	2	11	37	-4	2417	16	4	12	5	42	79	75	2023	1641
5. Swiss » »	17	771	7	2	5	14	2	—	6	8	6	777	15	3	10	7	19	54	31	398	299
6. Iberian Union Mission	27	729	7	—	25	32	11	2	23	36	-4	725	11	6	8	2	22	49	35	833	691
7. Italian » »	11	307	3	3	4	10	5	1	7	13	-3	304	9	—	7	1	16	33	9	276	226
8. North African Union Mission	2	131	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	-1	130	1	3	3	5	—	12	24	1398	1523
9. Equat. African » *)	19	908	7	—	3	10	—	6	—	6	4	912	6	8	14	2	5	35	54	1926	1353
10. Madagascar-Mascare. U. » *)	1	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	1	—	—	—	1	1	64	64	
Totals for 4th quarter 1936	868	27163	280	103	487	870	254	65	547	866	4	27167	171	60	125	55	304	715	978	37124	27631
» 4th » 1935	836	25706	431	62	477	970	215	74	571	860	110	25816	145	72	128	52	309	706	947	36004	23924

*) Report for the 3rd 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 December 31, 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. 91,310.—	36,788.25	—	1,407.10	63,768.90
4. East France Conference	" 47,609.—	53,691.85	111.35	485.—	25,615.—
5. North " "	" 92,030.—	89,540.60	1,194.70	2,125.50	66,393.—
6. South " "	" 85,204.—	114,832.25	22,280.30	683.50	54,071.—
	F. Fr. 316,153.—	294,852.95	23,586.35	4,701.10	209,847.90
	\$ 12,488.—	11,646.70	931.66	185.69	8,288.98
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.					
8. Danube Conference	Dinar 100,801.40	64,696.62	—	—	52,495.—
9. Sava "	" 64,162.70	37,179.40	—	—	31,686.—
0. Morava "	" 50,207.—	45,947.75	—	—	57,531.—
	Dinar 215,171.10	147,823.77	—	—	141,712.—
	\$ 3,808.50	2,616.50	—	—	2,508.30
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONFERENCE					
12. West Muntenian Conference	Lei 1,086,540.50	428,540.—	—	—	239,367.—
13. East " "	" 374,184.50	165,055.25	—	—	94,545.—
14. North Moldavian "	" 358,636.70	111,811.25	—	—	106,015.—
15. South "	" 276,401.—	115,677.50	—	—	84,798.—
16. Transylvanian "	" 429,967.20	173,547.—	—	—	151,286.—
17. Banat "	" 203,975.—	82,620.50	—	—	39,222.—
	Lei 2,729,704.90	1,077,251.50	—	—	715,233.—
	\$ 16,378.20	6,463.52	—	—	4,291.40
18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE					
19. German Swiss Conf.	Sw. Fr. 39,052.—	34,459.—	2,788.—	6,508.—	35,892.—
20. Leman Conference	" 33,233.70	27,893.60	3,392.61	4,456.53	18,486.05
	Sw. Fr. 72,285.70	62,352.60	6,180.61	10,964.53	54,378.05
	\$ 14,023.40	12,096.42	1,199.03	2,127.11	10,549.34
21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION **)					
22. Spanish Mission	Pesetas —	—	—	—	—
23. Portuguese "	" 11,760.40	13,149.57	—	—	8,190.60
24. Madeira "	" 1,810.70	1,674.02	—	—	—
25. Island "	" 632.90	268.68	—	—	—
	Pesetas 14,204.—	15,092.27	—	—	8,190.60
	\$ 1,846.50	1,961.99	—	—	1,064.78
26. ITALIAN UNION MISSION					
27. North Italian Mission	Lire 20,764.90	24,129.75	—	—	25,651.60
28. South " "	" 11,916.50	12,750.35	—	—	17,038.—
	Lire 32,681.40	36,880.10	—	—	42,689.60
	\$ 1,696.10	1,914.07	—	—	2,215.59
29. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISSION					
30. Algerian Mission	F. Fr. 27,626.—	41,684.25	—	—	43,764.75
31. Moroccan "	" 6,186.—	21,671.75	—	—	7,908.50
	F. Fr. 33,812.—	63,356.—	—	—	51,673.25
	\$ 1,335.—	2,502.57	—	—	2,041.09
32. EQ. AFRICAN MISSION *)					
	F. Fr. 4,577.70	628.40	—	—	—
	\$ 180.80	24.82	—	—	—
33. MADAGASCAR-MASCARENE U. M. *)					
34. Madagascar Mission	F. Fr. 10,520.—	7,959.50	—	—	6,331.30
35. Mauritius "	" 34,619.—	8,657.90	27.65	332.40	—
36. Seychelles "	" 810.—	1,068.55	—	—	—
37. La Reunion "	" 706.—	128.65	—	—	—
	F. Fr. 46,655.—	17,814.60	27.65	332.40	6,331.30
	\$ 1,843.—	703.69	1.09	13.12	250.09
38. CAPE VERDE ISLANDS *)					
	Es. 631.80	109.65	—	—	—
	\$ 27.90	4.85	—	—	—

RECAPITULATION

1. Southern European Division					
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	\$ 12,488.—	11,646.70	931.66	185.69	8,288.98
3. Jugoslavian " "	3,808.50	2,616.50	—	—	2,508.30
4. Rumanian " "	16,378.20	6,463.52	—	—	4,291.40
5. Swiss " Mission	14,023.40	12,096.42	1,199.03	2,127.11	10,549.34
6. Iberian " Mission	1,846.50	1,961.99	—	—	1,064.78
7. Italian " "	1,696.10	1,914.07	—	—	2,215.59
8. North African " "	1,335.—	2,502.57	—	—	2,041.09
9. Eq. African Mission *)	180.80	24.82	—	—	—
10. Madagascar-Mascarene U. M. *)	1,843.—	703.69	1.09	13.12	250.09
11. Cape Verde Islands *)	27.90	4.85	—	—	—
Totals 4th quarter 1936	53,627.40	39,935.13	2,131.78	2,325.92	31,209.57
" 4th " 1935	49,989.60	40,380.88	758.21	926.96	32,996.47

*) Report for the 3rd quarter 1936.

**) Partial report because of war.

QUARTERLY REVIEW

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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.							
							7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1.														
2.	9,158.10	2,005.85	7,468.25	11,285.60	557.70	3,308.—	2,292.60	712.15	—	—				
3.	5,957.20	3,027.60	38,889.45	5,764.10	—	—	—	—	—	—	53.50			
4.	7,841.05	2,412.50	65,074.80	8,029.90	6,000.—	20.—	162.35	—	—	—				
5.	9,887.55	3,958.50	91,840.85	8,288.50	—	86.85	225.—	545.—	—	—				
6.	32,843.90	11,404.45	203,273.35	33,368.10	6,557.70	3,414.85	2,679.95	1,257.15	53.50					
	1,297.34	450.48	8,029.30	1,318.04	259.03	134.89	105.85	49.66	2.11					
7.														
8.														
9.	12,338.25	2,177.75	38,174.25	6,015.50	3,774.25	291.50	430.—	1,099.75	395.37					
10.	6,566.50	1,787.75	23,609.75	4,280.75	—	230.—	171.—	250.75	282.90					
	7,267.75	1,620.25	30,569.75	4,911.25	—	145.—	462.—	608.—	363.75					
	26,172.50	5,585.75	92,353.75	15,207.50	3,774.25	666.50	1,063.—	1,958.50	1,042.02					
	463.26	98.87	1,634.67	269.17	66.80	11.80	18.82	34.67	18.44					
11.														
12.	129,960.50	25,880.25	150,834.—	89,786.25	—	1,324.—	14,226.—	8,079.25	8,449.75					
13.	54,920.25	14,171.—	47,892.—	43,058.—	—	230.—	993.—	1,148.—	2,708.—					
14.	46,479.50	11,046.50	38,246.—	13,407.—	—	—	1,132.—	135.—	1,365.25					
15.	32,884.—	9,867.—	40,413.—	28,100.—	—	114.—	999.—	1,277.—	2,083.50					
16.	53,608.25	12,910.—	75,013.—	29,578.50	—	—	114.—	549.50	1,778.75					
17.	26,360.—	7,234.—	32,604.—	14,648.—	—	127.—	126.—	205.—	1,316.50					
	344,212.50	81,108.75	385,002.—	218,572.75	—	1,795.—	17,470.—	11,393.75	17,696.75					
	2,065.29	486.65	2,310.01	1,311.44	—	10.76	104.82	68.37	106.18					
18.														
19.	5,555.—	1,175.—	17,651.—	7,665.—	1,901.50	—	—	402.—	109.50					
20.	3,764.68	1,613.02	13,266.15	7,110.77	1,848.73	100.—	—	191.—	9.25					
	9,319.68	2,788.02	30,907.15	14,775.77	3,750.23	100.—	—	593.—	118.75					
	1,808.02	540.88	5,995.99	2,866.50	727.55	19.40	—	115.04	23.04					
21.														
22.														
23.	1,482.18	692.87	9,336.54	535.40	—	857.58	60.18	184.82	—					
24.	297.79	88.45	1,122.—	—	—	—	136.—	29.78	—					
25.	148.25	48.69	70.21	—	—	—	1.53	—	—					
	1,928.22	830.01	10,528.75	535.40	—	857.58	197.71	214.60	—					
	250.67	107.90	1,368.73	69.60	—	111.49	25.70	27.90	—					
26.														
27.	3,380.90	1,146.90	13,120.—	3,669.70	654.—	453.50	—	1,647.95	56.80					
28.	2,229.45	542.45	6,719.60	2,184.45	—	315.—	35.—	724.40	—					
	5,610.35	1,689.35	19,889.60	5,854.15	654.—	768.50	35.—	2,372.85	56.80					
	291.17	87.68	1,029.67	303.83	33.94	39.89	1.82	123.12	2.95					
29.														
30.	2,516.35	305.45	36,013.35	2,599.10	50.—	—	—	200.—	—					
31.	686.75	163.15	20,030.35	641.50	—	—	—	150.—	—					
	3,203.10	468.60	56,043.70	3,240.60	50.—	—	—	350.—	—					
	126.52	18.51	2,213.73	128.—	1.98	—	—	13.83	—					
32.	497.65	5.60	—	—	125.15	—	—	—	—					
	19.66	—.22	—	—	4.94	—	—	—	—					
33.														
34.	2,172.05	718.—	4,999.45	—	—	70.—	—	—	—					
35.	2,405.35	1,241.65	—	—	—	5,010.90	—	—	—					
36.	730.55	197.55	—	—	—	—	140.45	—	—					
37.	91.85	36.80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
	5,399.80	2,194.—	4,999.45	—	—	5,080.90	140.45	—	—					
	213.29	86.66	197.48	—	—	200.70	5.56	—	—					
38.	94.55	15.10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
	4.18	—.67	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					

RECAPITULATION

1.	1,297.34	450.48	8,029.30	1,318.04	259.03	134.89	105.85	49.66	2.11
2.	463.26	98.87	1,634.67	269.17	66.80	11.80	18.82	34.67	18.44
3.	486.65	2,310.01	1,311.44	—	—	10.76	104.82	68.37	106.18
4.	1,808.02	540.88	5,995.99	2,866.50	727.55	19.40	—	115.04	23.04
5.	2,065.29	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6.	250.67	107.90	1,368.73	69.60	—	111.49	25.70	27.90	—
7.	291.17	87.68	1,029.67	303.83	33.94	39.89	1.82	123.12	2.95
8.	126.52	18.51	2,213.73	128.—	1.98	—	—	13.83	—
9.	19.66	—.22	—	—	4.94	—	—	—	—
10.	213.29	86.66	197.48	—	—	200.70	5.56	—	—
11.	4.18	—.67	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	6,539.40	1,878.52	22,779.58	6,266.58	1,094.24	528.93	262.57	432.59	152.72
	6,500.38	1,815.89	23,577.20	6,899.85	359.43	493.87	131.59	410.44	192.23

Lay Preaching

Our General Conference president said in Zurich: "I believe that some laymen can win more souls than many of our ministers." Our Division president said at the same time, "I believe we have fine men in our ranks who can preach this message in a public way."

Lay preaching is a Biblical custom. Every preacher and prophet of the Old Testament was a layman. Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Elijah were all laymen. The priests were not very active as preachers. Seldom do we find the office of priest and prophet (or preacher) combined.

But lay preaching finds its full development in the New Testament. John the Baptist was a lay preacher. Jesus sent out seventy lay preachers, besides the twelve ordained ministers (Luke 10:1). Jesus Himself was a layman (Heb. 7:14). Stephen was only a deacon of the local church. Philip was another zealous deacon. Paul and Barnabas were not ordained until after raising up the church of Antioch as lay preachers (Acts 13:2; 11:22-26).

The office of preaching was common to all believers in the primitive church (Acts 8:4; 11:19). Paul instructs Timothy to choose out suitable men and prepare them as lay preachers (2 Tim. 2:2). During the first century most of the preachers were laymen. Every Christian was a propagandist and preached and exhorted as occasion offered.

But with the encroachments of clericalism in the third and fourth centuries lay activities were smothered by councils which enacted statements such as: "It does not benefit a layman to dispute or to teach publicly." Then began the Dark Ages. Even the priests were forbidden to preach. Only duly ordained bishops were allowed to do so - and they didn't. But frequently through the long Dark Ages, movements classed as "heretical" arose which re-emphasized the duty of the layman to bear witness to his religion. These wonderful men and movements shine as stars: the poor men of Lyons, the Waldenses, the Lollards, all are lay preaching movements. But only at the time of the Reformation did lay preachers come into their own. Luther taught that every Christian is a priest. Melanchton was a layman and Calvin was a layman, only to mention two of the reformers.

John Wesley made lay preaching a definite part of his system of evangelism. He had thousands of lay preachers. Moody was a lay preacher. William Miller was a lay preacher. Speaking of his message we are told, "The fact that the message was, to a great extent, preached by laymen, was urged as an argument against it" - (Great Controversy, p. 380). Elder James White began his work as a self-supporting lay preacher. So did Joseph Bates and most of the early Seventh-day Adventists.

The General Conference has recommended very definitely that this type of work be encouraged. At the Winter Council in Zurich it was voted to authorize the conferences to grant "Lay Preachers' Certificates" to such men as qualify with the General Conference standard outlined as follows:

1. The candidate for certificate must be sound in the faith and of good reputation in his community.
2. He must be in good and regular standing in his church and represent the truth in his life.
3. He must possess a general knowledge of the doctrines of the church.
4. He must give evidence of an earnest purpose, and demonstrate ability in soul winning through public ministry.
5. He must be a faithful tithe payer.
6. He must evince a willingness to labor under the counsel of the conference.
7. He must understand that this recognition is granted on the basis of his being a self-supporting missionary, carrying on his work without remuneration or solicitation.
8. This certificate does not authorize the holder to perform the marriage ceremony or to officiate in the ordinances of the church.

This has been prepared in German and French, and will speedily appear in Rumanian, Russian, Ukrainian, Hungarian, Italian, and, we trust, in the other languages of our Division. There should be hundreds of these live laymen preaching, not to our congregations, primarily, but to the millions who are entirely without the message. The goal is ten lay preachers to every conference worker. In time this goal can be reached and passed. The promise is: "God will work a work in our day that but few anticipate. He will raise up and exalt among us those who are taught rather by the unction of His Spirit than by the outward training of scientific institutions. These faculties are not to be despised or condemned; they are ordained of God." (*Test., Vol. V*, p. 82).

"In the future, men in the common walks of life will be impressed by the Spirit of the Lord to leave their ordinary employment, and go forth to proclaim the last message of mercy. As rapidly as possible they are to be prepared for labor, that success may crown their efforts." (*Test., Vol. VII*, p. 27).

"If His people will remove the obstructions, He will pour forth the waters of salvation in abundant streams through the human channels. If men in humble life were encouraged to do all the good they could do, if restraining hands were not laid upon them to repress their zeal, there would be a hundred workers for Christ where now there is one." (*Desire of Ages*, p. 251).

Elder Olson says, "I believe we ought to make greater efforts to find men among our laymen who can preach this message." Henry F. Brown.

The Entire Church Mobilized

"Once admit the fundamental Protestant principles, once acknowledge that every Christian is a priest and every Christian is a prophet, and it must immediately follow that every Christian ought to be an evangelist. The laymen have no right to employ the ministers to be experts in the offering of salvation. Every Christian must be an expert in pointing to the open door which leads to God. Laymen have no right to employ a minister to be their substitute in doing personal work. Every Christian must be a personal worker."

"Now, it is a curious thing that in this important regard most Protestant churches are essentially Roman Catholic. They employ their minister to do what comes as an essential responsibility upon every individual Christian. They are willing to accept the privileges the Reformation has brought to them. They glory in the right of immediate access to God unhindered by priest or ceremony. They glory in the right of private judgment. But the great responsibility implicit in the heart of the Reformation, the solemn demand which comes to every Christian to have his personal share in winning men to Christ, they too often ignore. They resemble those men who are willing to accept every boon which Democracy confers, but who are not at all willing to accept the responsibilities which Democracy places upon their shoulders. The truly Protestant church is a church where every member is a personal worker. Every member of a truly Protestant church is one of its pastors. The minister has an administrative but not a sacerdotal position. The whole church is mobilized for the tasks of the kingdom of God."

"The Significance of the Protestant Reformation."

Lynn HAROLD HOUGH.

"A good Report Strengthens the Members"

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work for the young people make us conscious of our great need of divine help and wisdom. Worthy efforts have been put forth, but the remaining task is tremendous. What are we going to do? This summer, vacation camps will bring together in different healthful and picturesque spots, a number of our Missionary Volunteers for between ten and fourteen days. We are seeking to ensure the holding of interesting, instructive and helpful meetings wherever we have young people. As summer and the fine weather come, the meetings will be held outdoors. Sundays will mostly be devoted to pleasant excursions. We do not forget either to invite and encourage our people to take part in our missionary campaigns. In fact, they have in the past demonstrated that they desire to be worthy of the name "Missionary Volunteers."

And now, in closing, a few words about the Publishing Department. The colporteurs in our Union sell more than a million francs worth of books and papers each year. The daily average of sales is 4,000 francs. In the space of four years from 1932 to 1935, one of our colporteurs sold 183,000 francs worth of literature. This same colporteur through his work brought a young teacher to the truth. Not only did he win her to the cause of truth, but to his own cause, for today she is his wife. Now this young woman is brilliantly successful in her colporteur work.

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Gérard DESMET,
Departmental Secretary
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Statistical Summary of the Southern European Division for the Year 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	Average No. of Canvassers	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 EUROPEAN DIV.																						
2. Franco-Belgian Un. Confer.	72	2160	190	6	139	335	69	16	158	243	92	2252	24	15	29	3	58	129	84	1867	1497	
3. Jugoslavian " "	122	2845	418	39	63	520	184	47	63	244	276	3121	17	1	10	4	55	87	126	3657	2663	
4. Rumanian " "	539	15752	1322	230	1050	2602	551	166	1126	1843	759	16511	65	15	24	26	85	215	539	24682	17477	
5. Swiss " "	58	2372	142	14	44	200	79	24	18	52	155	45	2417	16	4	12	5	41	78	75	2023	1641
6. Iberian Union Miss....	17	757	50	6	10	66	22	6	18	40	86	20	777	15	3	10	7	24	59	31	398	299
7. Italian " "	27	704	63	6	38	107	38	8	40	86	21	725	11	6	8	2	24	51	35	833	691	
8. North African " "	11	283	43	6	10	59	15	5	18	38	21	304	9	—	7	1	14	31	9	276	226	
9. Indian Ocean (Mad-Masc) U.M.	19	862	68	2	18	88	11	18	9	38	50	912	6	8	14	2	8	38	54	1926	1353	
10. Equatorial African Miss.	2	96	49	—	2	51	16	1	—	17	34	130	1	3	3	5	—	12	24	1398	1523	
11. Cape Verde Island " "	1	—	15	—	3	18	—	—	—	18	18	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	64	64	
Totals for the year 1936	868	25831	2360	309	1377	4046	985	291	1484	2710	1336	27167	171	60	125	55	309	720	978	37124	27634	
Totals for the year 1935	836	24439	2365	243	1748	4356	795	299	1885	2979	1377	25816	145	72	128	52	317	714	947	36004	23921	

African Faith

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in the meeting. Will you come to see him?" Sure enough the poor fellow could not speak. We gave him a pencil and paper and asked for answers to our questions. When had it happened? In the main meeting. Did he feel he should get up to testify? Yes. What kept him down? Knowledge of many sins. Had he broken the fourth commandment? Yes. Where? By working for some Europeans. Had he broken the seventh commandment? Yes. The tenth? Yes. Since this special visitation of divine disapproval, had he made confession? Yes. Did he believe God had forgiven him? Yes. Should we then seek the Lord for deliverance? Yes, certainly.

Several workers knelt in prayer for him. At the close, one of the Europeans said to the young man: "Now praise God for what He has done for you." We heard a sound deep down in his throat; the next instant he spoke. That evening, before a crowded meeting, he praised God for his deliverance, and reconsecrated his life to His service. S. G. M.



Russian believers in Bessarabia

A Glance at our Sabbath Schools in Southern Europe

The Sabbath School Department at the close of 1936 reports 978 Sabbath schools, or a gain of 31 over 1935.

There are 37,124 members in the Sabbath schools or a gain of almost 1,000 during the year.

There have been 10,000 more Sabbath school members than church members during the year 1936. But as the regular attendance was about the same as the church membership, these extra 10,000 were only occasional visitors.

The attendance nevertheless was almost 4,000 better during 1936 than during 1935.

The total offerings for the twelve months of 1936 was \$ 25,417.91, a small gain over 1935 and a slight loss over 1934.

The thirteenth Sabbath offering was \$ 6,840.05, also a slight loss over 1935, but a good gain over 1934.

The perfect attendance and lesson study is very poor — only 1 in 6 having reported faithfulness in these two phases of our school.

Bessarabia's Open Door

Perhaps nowhere in the world field does such opportunity for soul winning face us as in Bessarabia, the eastern province of Rumania. This was Russian territory and is quite largely inhabited by Russian-speaking people. They are very susceptible to the gospel and we have already 2,000 Ukrainian and Russian believers. They have built their own chapels and, although poor, are a real support to the work.

On a recent visit among them, district meetings were held. Some of these good people walked as far as sixty miles to attend. It was in January and quite cold. The congregation was too large for the church building, and so it was divided and another of our churches about a

Financial Summary of the Southern European Division for the Year 1936

Name of Conference or Mission	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1. SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIV.	\$ 41,230.70	30,825.59	1,596.30	542.73	36,805.09	4,739.28	1,556.82	19,543.27	1,376.92	395.94	1,040.94	1,913.05	251.22	8.15	
2. Franco-Belgian Un. Confer.	\$ 12,339.30	5,528.87	—	—	8,168.41	1,713.73	354.44	2,020.57	277.36	66.80	628.44	272.28	131.40	63.86	
3. Jugoslavian " "	\$ 52,753.40	18,041.36	—	—	16,463.59	7,958.64	1,700.31	3,645.92	1,465.36	—	1,852.38	781.07	219.50	378.18	
4. Rumanian " "	\$ 49,227.30	28,597.83	3,866.53	7,460.21	43,619.50	7,411.02	1,909.59	8,051.89	2,940.41	977.49	1,709.59	1,783.17	708.23	106.44	
5. Swiss " "	\$ 6,043.90	3,650.93	—	—	8,592.38	1,061.78	471.55	1,371.07	72.45	22.67	213.10	400.54	37.39	—.38	
6. Iberian Union Mission	\$ 6,984.20	5,293.56	—	—	8,574.48	1,109.38	348.06	2,322.60	316.39	33.94	474.31	534.95	142.59	10.34	
7. Italian " "	\$ 4,507.—	3,305.74	—	—	7,371.97	454.75	96.77	2,213.73	155.95	15.21	141.27	214.23	13.83	—.11	
8. North African " "	\$ 6,781.70	2,552.45	13.47	97.18	608.57	850.43	303.34	971.58	62.87	—	223.15	141.08	—.11	—.11	
9. Indian Ocean (Madag-Masc) U.M.	\$ 687.80	315.24	—	—	—	103.83	6.55	—	113.78	40.53	43.64	6.91	—.11	—.11	
10. Equatorial African Mission " "	\$ 113.80	37.58	—	—	—	15.07	2.62	—	2.21	—	17.68	—.11	—.11	—.11	
Totals for the year 1936	\$ 180,669.10	95,149.15	5,496.30	8,100.12	130,203.99	25,417.91	6,840.05	40,141.63	6,783.70	1,552.58	6,344.50	5,997.28	1,504.16	567.34	
Totals for the year 1935	\$ 176,377.10	98,696.37	4,529.36	6,265.83	143,159.28	25,353.65	6,970.51	43,490.15	7,494.38	1,327.04	5,720.57	5,684.94	1,532.78	622.35	

mile away was filled, and the two meetings carried on simultaneously. They took the benches out of the churches to make more room for the audience, and stood for hours listening.

The church elders and other officers take their responsibility seriously to heart. The burning desire to extend the message into other villages is evidenced. Brother Popov and his helpers among the Russians, and Brother Miruca and his helpers, are filled with hope and enthusiasm. They are overworked, but believe the day will soon come when we will have thousands more in the truth in Bessarabia.

H. F. BROWN.

Our most Fruitful Field

Rumania represents the largest proportion of our Division membership. We ask, why should this be? Is this due to psychological differences between Rumanians and Italians, or French or Spanish? This is doubtless the reason for some of the difference in growth. But we believe there is still a deeper reason. Rumania had no Protestant church to serve as a pattern for our churches and workers. There were no "pastors" there. There were no Protestant customs, consequently the work at the beginning took on a simpler, New Testament form of propaganda. Elder Spicer described it thus years ago in his book, "Providences of the Great War." "How did the light of truth get into all these little places?" I asked. "The believers are carrying the light," he replied. "They tell the good news to somebody at a market, and so it goes from door to door" (p. 87).

Just so the zeal of the early church led them "from house to house" (Acts 2:46), and the official complaint was, "Ye have filled all Jerusalem with your doctrine" (Acts 5:28).

This is the most effectual method because it is the most natural method.

Another Island Entered

Another island field is to be entered this year. The large island of Sardinia with a population of almost 2,000,000 is finally to receive a worker. The General Conference allowed a special appropriation for new work and this is one of the unentered fields of our Division to be favored.

Our Home Missionary Report

Of our 906 churches in the Division, 697 sent in a report of missionary activities. Of the 27,167 members in the Division, 17,260 reported work done. Here is what they report:

731,266 Bible studies

123,160 Brought to services

314,052 Missionary visits

\$ 7,000.46 Home Missionary offerings

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For the year 1936

	Franco-Belgian U.C.	Jugoslav. U.C.	Rumanian U.C.	Swiss U.C.	Iberian U.M.	Italian U.M.	N. African U.M.	Missions	Yearly Average and Totals 1936	Yearly Average and Totals 1935
Number of Societies	20	28	309	14	11	15	4	21	422	350
Number of Societies reporting	13	22	218	9	—	14	—	13	289	288
Total Membership (Including Associate and Junior Members)	375	1160	6038	253	165	204	60	693	8948	7229
Number reporting	—	347	2662	56	—	142	—	—	3207	3419
Total of Senior and Junior young people baptized, regardless of who labored for them	5	11	654	9	—	12	—	113	804	389
Number baptized whom young people had a part in winning	1	54	51	—	—	8	—	—	114	162
Number belonging to missionary bands	—	77	786	—	—	68	—	72	1003	1693
REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK:										
Number of Bible readings or gospel meetings held	307	10249	73225	495	381	3564	533	675	89429	80280
Number of missionary visits	314	2758	38454	469	859	2039	530	898	46321	64434
Number of persons taken to S. S. or other services	53	1022	24127	81	78	695	80	102	26238	27000
Number of persons given needed help	200	1306	68024	161	357	702	34	532	71316	67107
Number of treatments given	45	470	10611	23	34	391	190	644	12408	18665
Number of articles of clothing given to the needy	129	84	1360	53	58	452	38	71	2245	3689
Number of books, missionary periodicals or tracts distributed	13924	4717	21047	4040	4869	10860	5852	365	65674	84052
Number of missionary letters written	246	358	1660	132	84	597	214	28	3319	4662
DEVOTIONAL and EDUCATIONAL :										
Number observing the Morning Watch	62	210	1476	30	41	78	11	113	2021	1802
Number systematically reading Bible through	21	157	629	1	26	37	10	31	912	983
Number taking Reading Course	5	—	558	7	33	20	—	—	623	862
No. studying for Stand. of Attainment	12	125	2081	30	—	29	5	—	2282	2041

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	Franco-Belgian U.C.	Jugoslav. U.C.	Rumanian U.C.	Swiss U.C.	Iberian U.M.	Italian U.M.	N. African U.M.	Indian Ocean U. M.	Eq. Afr. Miss.	Cape Verde Mission	
										Totals for the Year 1936	
										Totals for the Year 1935	
No. added to the union membership since last report as the result of missionary work of lay members	80	214	1310	24	—	40	—	—	—	1668	1687
No. of churches and companies	67	126	539	62	10	39	11	47	5	906	953
Total church membership of union	2252	3121	16511	2417	777	725	304	912	130	27167	25816
No. of churches and companies sending in a report	57	103	423	51	4	32	7	20	2	697	724
No. of conferences sending in a report	4	3	6	2	2	2	2	2	—	23	26
Membership of conference churches (isolated members)	60	314	—	9	—	148	—	75	—	606	858
No. of churches holding first Sabbath missionary service	33	85	400	21	5	27	3	14	—	588	517
Number of churches holding 15 minute missionary service	—	66	400	—	—	17	—	—	—	483	—
No. of churches organized into working bands	—	62	273	19	5	24	—	26	—	409	418
Bible Training	6	60	204	5	—	32	—	—	—	308	264
Medical	—	103	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	107	120
Dorcas	21	60	111	20	—	15	—	—	—	232	185
Literature	—	62	191	13	—	24	—	—	—	290	155
Total amount of offerings during the year for local missionary work, incl. Missionary Volunteer	\$ 1847.52	131.40	219.50	4594.76	37.39	142.59	13.83	13.47	—	7000.46	6062.14
No. of persons reporting missionary work	563	1509	13221	762	152	491	128	434	—	17260	15761
REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK :											
No. of Bible readings or gospel meetings	7062	86094	606959	4469	2892	11724	3651	8415	—	731266	647174
" " missionary visits	7175	28676	247560	4367	8951	7999	2388	6892	44	314052	337863
" " persons taken to S. S. or other services	1267	7090	110275	568	975	1864	646	475	—	123160	128735
No. of persons given needed help	4518	4654	314356	2685	2750	3551	694	2624	121	335953	282763
" " treatments given	1729	13460	69682	1153	795	2015	2666	918	174	92592	91211
" " articles of clothing given to the needy	4258	6571	12770	3898	803	2025	664	484	—	31473	29179
No. of books, missionary periodicals, or tracts distributed	90968	21007	99860	47458	28892	24052	25787	3613	—	341637	375021
No. of missionary letters written	2797	2194	8547	1652	768	2066	875	475	—	19374	18717

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	Average Number of Contributors	Number of Hours	Val. of Books in Dollars	Value of Periodicals in Dollars	Average No. of Hrs. p. week	Grand Total Value of Sales Local Currency	Grand Total in Dollars 1936	Grand Totals in Dollars 1935
1. FRANCO-BELGIAN UN. CONF.								
2. Belgian Conference.....	13	11580		17.1	302,176.50	B. F.	9,646.18	8,776.45
3. East France "	12	7983		12.8	155,018.25	F. F.	6,123.22	7,091.24
4. North "	18	14624		15.6	290,257—	"	11,465.14	10,504.47
5. South "	15	10526		13.5	242,292.75	"	9,570.55	8,806.32
Totals 1936.....	58	44713	7,152.32	29,652.77	14.8	931,775.40	F. F.	36,805.09
Totals 1935.....	60	42653	5,865.97	29,312.51	13.7	890,595.72	"	35,178.48
6. JUGOSLAVIAN UN. CONF.								
7. Danube Conference.....	23	27176			22.7	171,382. Din.	3,083.47	2,242.30
8. Sava "	15	16438			21.1	113,510. "	2,009.11	2,107.32
9. Morava "	17	27958			31.6	176,602. "	3,125.83	3,011.36
Totals 1936.....	55	71572	5,543.37	2,625.04	25.—	461,494.—	Din.	8,168.41
Totals 1935.....	53	66642	4,895.66	2,465.32	23.3	415,875.—	"	7,360.98
10. RUMANIAN UN. CONF.								
11. West Muntenian Conference..	21	28286			25.9	760,988. Lei	4,565.92	4,467.79
12. East "	12	15329			24.6	553,189. "	3,211.14	1,943.63
13. North Moldavian "	13	15862			23.5	376,032. "	2,256.20	2,528.39
14. South "	14	18827			25.9	375,661. "	2,253.97	2,458.36
15. Transylvanian "	12	9868			15.8	338,725. "	2,032.36	2,486.90
16. Banat "	9	10135			21.7	286,991. "	1,721.91	2,029.50
17. School.....	4	1078			5.2	70,347. "	422.09	---
Totals 1936.....	85	99385	8,970.12	7,493.47	22.5	2,743,938.—	Lei	16,463.59
Totals 1935.....	82	112328	9,342.—	6,572.57	26.3	2,652,433.—	"	15,914.57
18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE								
19. German Swiss Conference....	27	39425			28.1	135,061.—	S. F.	26,201.83
20. Leman "	14	18821			25.9	89,781.80	"	17,417.67
Totals 1936.....	41	58246	17,828.38	25,791.12	27.3	224,842.80	S. F.	43,619.50
Totals 1935.....	43	58366	9,244.95	38,378.44	26.1	245,481.60	"	47,623.39
21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION*)								
22. Spanish Mission.....	9	6415			13.7	26,325.50	Pes.	3,589.18
23. Portuguese "	14	14271			19.6	37,131.44	"	4,660.24
24. Madeira "	1	544			10.5	2,638.26	"	342.96
Totals 1936.....	24	21230	7,370.86	1,221.52	17.—	66,095.20	Pes.	8,592.38
Totals 1935.....	33	34867	21,194.07	1,282.81	20.3	172,899.10	"	22,476.88
25. ITALIAN UNION MISSION								
26. North Italian Mission.....	15	16778			21.5	111,354.85	Lire	5,779.31
27. South "	9	8520			18.2	52,857.15	"	2,795.17
Totals 1936.....	24	25298	6,982.86	1,591.62	20.3	165,212.—	Lire	8,574.48
Totals 1935.....	24	27680	5,377.05	3,134.52	22.2	164,000.—	"	8,511.57
28. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISS.								
29. Algerian Mission.....	11	8948			15.6	142,548.05	F. F.	5,630.63
30. Moroccan "	3	3048			19.5	44,084.50	"	1,741.34
Totals 1936.....	14	11996	4,396.46	2,975.51	16.5	186,632.55	F. F.	7,371.97
Totals 1935.....	10	7848	2,031.15	2,557.72	15.1	116,173.75	"	4,588.87
31. MADAGASCAR MISSION								
Totals 1936.....	8	2896	442.52	166.05	7.—	15,406.85	F. F.	608.57
Totals 1935.....	9	11529	705.—	313.85	24.6	25,794.05	"	1,018.85
32. MAURITIUS MISSION								
Totals 1936.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	Rs.	—
Totals 1935.....	1	1503	389.50	96.14	57.8	1,335.67	"	485.64

RECAPITULATION

1. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	58	44713	7,152.32	29,652.77	14.8			
2. Jugoslavian " "	55	71572	5,543.37	2,625.04	25.—			
3. Rumanian " "	85	99385	8,970.12	7,493.47	22.5			
4. Swiss " "	41	58246	17,828.38	25,791.12	27.3			
5. Iberian Union Mission.....	24	21230	7,370.86	1,221.52	17.—			
6. Italian " "	24	25298	6,982.86	1,591.62	20.3			
7. North African Union Mission.....	14	11996	4,396.46	2,975.51	16.5			
8. Madagascar Mission.....	8	2896	442.52	166.05	7.—			
9. Mauritus "	—	—	—	—	—			
Totals 1936.....	309	335336	58,686.89	71,517.10	20.9			
Totals 1935.....	317	363416	59,045.35	84,113.88	22.0			
Losses	8	28080	358.46	12,596.78	1.1			

*) Partial report because of war.

UPWARD AND FORWARD

The Advent Movement is a forward movement. We are accustomed to register progress and we never like to report losses. This is especially true of the publishing work which constitutes the first battle line of the great advent army in all the world. Its motto is: "Ever forward! Ever on the forefront, pioneering the way of truth in the hearts of men and breaking up virgin territory."

Comparing our 1936 Publishing Department record with 1935, the first impression is rather disheartening - a loss of nearly \$ 13,000. Indeed, not exactly a bright picture! What does it mean - defeat, discouragement, retreat? Surely not! These words are not found in a bookman's dictionary! Let us look a little closer:

Here is the Iberian Union with a loss of \$ 14,000. There is a reason for this setback in that field torn as it is by war, bloodshed and many other hindrances which make the work well nigh impossible for the time being. Switzerland has also had a difficult year. With some 45 colporteurs working year after year over a territory of 4 million people, parts of which are closed by legal restrictions, it is no easy thing to keep the sales up to a record mark all the time. Our far-away mission fields are also on the wrong side of the ledger.

But here are all the other unions showing gains in their sales, - North Africa heading the list. These unions include such countries as Italy, Jugoslavia and Rumania, where liberty is very limited and the enemies of God's truth are doing their utmost to close the doors before our colporteurs. At the time of the last institute in Jugoslavia, we asked how many had been beaten and in prison. Of 60 present, 53 held up their hands. These faithful workers for God have to suffer much, but they bring souls to a saving knowledge of the message. In one quarter of last year they reported groups of interested people in 12 new places in one conference; in 17 new places in another conference and in 25 new places in the third conference. Recently, Br. Z. Krdjalic, the active union field missionary secretary, sent in a list of 33 churches organized as a result of the canvassers' activity during the last 15 years. Some of these churches now number over 100 members. It is largely due to the printed page that the membership has increased from 200 to over 3000 in a little more than 15 years.

We find the same soul-saving results on a still larger scale in Rumania. In the course of 18 years' service as colporteur and field missionary secretary, A. Nemes from Transylvania, knows of 126 persons who have accepted the truth through his personal ministry or through reading the books he sold. A faithful sister has been a colporteur for sixteen years. She has been beaten so many times that she

has ceased to keep count and was thrown in prison at least 35 times. But she rejoices over 73 souls won to the message through her labors. The path of our colporteurs is strewn with such results all over our large territory.

Looking at this bright aspect of this great work and also at the fact that all but two of our unions have an increase in their sales, we have reason to rejoice over the results of 1936 and to thank God for the millions of books and papers placed in thousands of homes as seed that will spring up unto eternal life.

We face the future with shining hope, *looking upward* into the face of the Great Captain who knows no defeat, and *looking forward* with unfailing courage into the lighted way of "increasing success."

F. CHARPIOT.

Denominational Arteriosclerosis

Arteriosclerosis, a hardening of the arteries, is a sign of age. The walls of the arteries do not yield to the pulsation of the heart and consequently there is high blood pressure and danger of apoplexy and death.

When our laboring force becomes aged in its thinking, when the churches fall into a rut, when the fire of youth is lacking, spiritual arteriosclerosis is present.

The president of the General Conference recently referred to this failing in a certain field and indicated the remedy: "I was attending a council meeting and the brethren were discussing one very grave question there, namely, the supplying of efficient and competent leadership for the local churches and I ventured to suggest to them that they might in part solve their problem if they would put a little more confidence in the young people and lay some responsibility upon them. Now I hope that the brethren, some of them at least, recovered from the shock that I gave them. But do you know, my friends, that the strength of this work depends upon our encouraging the young people to step forward and take their places in the ranks?"

It was Mussolini, we believe, who said, "We must make a place for the youth; no one is older than he who is jealous of the youth."

When the prophet assured the king of Israel of deliverance the king asked "By whom?" The response was: "By the young men of the princes of the provinces." (1 Kings 20:14). We are told, "We must manifest confidence in our young men. They should be pioneers in every enterprise involving toil and sacrifice." (Counsels to Teachers, p. 516).

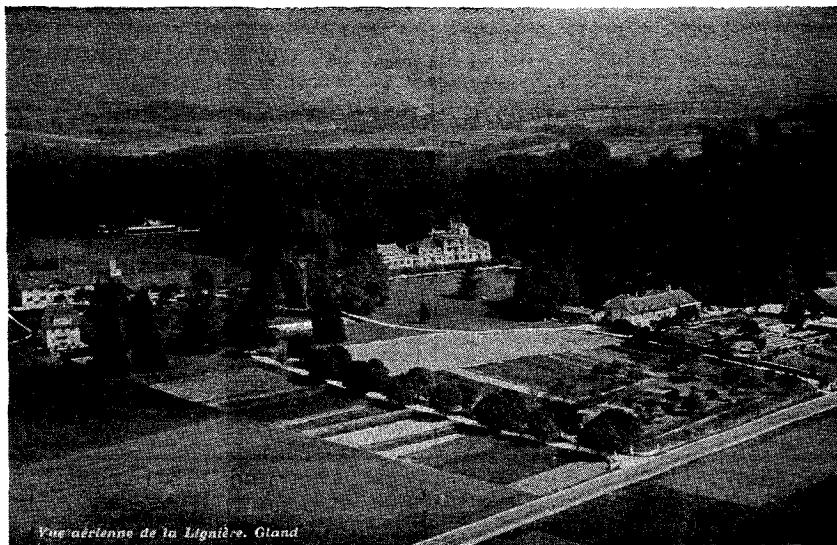
Only thus can we maintain a youthful, growing, elastic work and avoid the deadening chill that all denominations have experienced.

H. F. BROWN.

Southern Europe's Sanitarium

The medical work began early in this Division, first at Basel, and then at Gland, Switzerland. From this little institution, scores of nurses have gone out into the French-speaking fields, and even into others. Its influence reaches out into our mission fields. It is the only training school for medical workers for the French colonial possessions of Africa and Asia; consequently, every call that comes to us from the Far Eastern Division, the South African Division, as well as from our own Division, for a French-speaking nurse, must be answered from this school for nurses or go unanswered. It should have its facilities modernized and greatly enlarged to meet the growing demands for its graduates.

The influence of the medical staff and helpers



Vue aérienne de la Ligrière, Gland

is extensive and greatly appreciated. Articles mentioning the good Christian spirit to be found here frequently appear in journals.

Brother Boix, regarding whom conflicting rumors have circulated, is alive, although in hiding. His family is scattered.

So far as word has been received, no Adventists have suffered death so far.

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Good Word from Madagascar

Each year, the school of medicine at Tananarive admits a certain number of students chosen by competitive examination. The administration of the school decided to accept ten students this year. The Catholic school presented ten candidates, of which three passed. Our school, under the able leadership of Roger Guenin, has done a marvellous work. The students for this examination were prepared in April 1936 only. Of four students that presented themselves, two passed. No students from the other denominational schools have been accepted.

Latest News from Spain

Elder A. J. Girou has just returned from Spain and brings us encouraging information regarding our workers and believers in his field. He was able to enter Spain without difficulty and was surprised to discover that in Barcelona, notwithstanding the bombardments and the nervous tension of the population, the brethren are continuing their work and have a class ready for baptism.

Proceeding to Valencia, he found Brother Succar, our editor. Sister Succar left Spain some weeks ago and is residing in Marseilles. Mrs. Odom has gone to visit her parents in America, and Mrs. Abenia is visiting in Switzerland for some months.

Elder Girou was allowed to proceed to Madrid and found the office and his home undamaged, though bombs had fallen within thirty meters of his residence. He experienced difficulty in entering his home, as this is in the war zone.



INTERESTING ITEMS



The visit of the General Conference president, Elder J.L. McElhany, and the General Conference treasurer, Elder W.E. Nelson, at our Winter Council in Zurich last December, was helpful to our ministers and leaders in this Division. It was comforting for them to know that their appeals were made directly to the responsible leaders. Apparently the appeals have made their impressions on the hearts of these officers. Since returning to America, Elder J.L. McElhany has spoken of Southern Europe and its needs. He is quoted in one union paper as saying: "We heard of the work in Jugoslavia the most heart-breaking appeals that I believe I have ever heard." We are confident that this personal contact with our problems will be of great assistance to these brethren in evaluating our needs.

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Elder E.E. Andross, one of the Field Secretaries of the General Conference, will spend the summer months in our Division.

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The Spanish problem is still unsolved, though, at any moment, some solution may be announced in the news dispatches. The union superintendent, A. J. Girou, has brought his wife to Collonges and has returned to Spain with money to pay the workers. He informs us that until the 1st of February no worker or believer in Spain was known to have lost his life. This is of itself marvellous and indicative of God's providence. Of course, all evangelistic activities, including the colporteur work, are at a standstill. We are awaiting the moment when we can visit our brethren and discover the amount of damage done to our halls or the homes of our people. Surely encouragement will be needed by those who have suffered in this terrible civil war.

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Another of our young families has left for the mission fields: R. Bentz and wife, of Alsace, France, sailed November 27 from Marseilles for French Indo-China. We have one more tie to connect us with the mission fields.

The report of the French publishing house recently given at the board meeting in Melun, showed a gain in operating. The board faces the future with optimism.

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Imagine 3000 people singing without a hymnbook! That is what is being done in Jugoslavia. The various congregations learn the hymns at the general meeting and return home to sing them for a year. As they return to the annual meeting, they discover that some variations have crept into their tunes. They have degenerated into mere "joyful noises." But money has been found to help them print. The French publishing house has donated a good sum. To this, the Franco-Belgian and the Swiss Unions have added, and soon Jugoslavia will be singing from song books.

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We are expecting the visit of Sister Hulda Jost, our welfare expert of Germany. Our German Swiss Conference is making an endeavor to organize its welfare work in a more definite way.

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The following report reaches us from E. P. Mansell, our missionary on the Azores Islands: "The people here are different from those in many places, since there are more idol worshippers than in any other place we know of or have labored in. They are suspicious and do not have confidence at once. But we have found some loyal souls and once we get them to understand, they love the message and coöperate with us in every way. Our Sabbath school membership has increased. We now have six classes. Soon we will have to get a new hall as this one is getting too small for the people. I am beginning a new series of meetings. Mrs. Mansell is giving Bible studies. We are planning on building a church."

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The "Win-One" campaign promises to add materially to our membership. One conference in Rumania reports: "The campaign has embraced our churches and is going ahead with power in all of our four languages."

Our secretary, Elder W. R. Beach, is in the Equatorial African Mission making a visit to this great field. For some years there has been no visit from a Division representative to the Cameroon. Elder A. V. Olson is visiting the Indian Ocean Union, the farthest distant of our mission fields. The trips to these far-flung mission fields of the Southern European Division require three months' time.

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We have received the following good word from A. Sallée, one of our missionaries in the Equatorial African Mission: "Sister Sallée's health is better, as her blood pressure is nearly normal. The more we think of the sacrifice Jesus made for us, the more we love Him and His poor people here. You should have seen the royal welcome the natives gave us and how they thanked us for coming back. They have thought we would never return because they had been so bad. We shall never forget that and will try to be more patient with them. The work in Batouri village is most encouraging. First fruits begin to appear, even among Moslems. The school attendance is growing."

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In Rumania a drama was prepared and played in the largest theater. The hero was represented as an Adventist. He was constantly placed in very difficult positions and temptations, but like Joseph he refrained, saying to each temptation: "I am an Adventist, I can not do that thing."

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Cheer is brought to our Division by word that we shall be the recipients of the 13th Sabbath offering during the first quarter of 1938. After pondering long over the many very needy projects, the Committee has assigned this offering to the Indian Ocean Union Mission for chapels in Madagascar, without which no meetings can be held, and to other specific needs.

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Our editor, Elder W.R. Beach, is absent on a long missionary journey, and this number of the *Quarterly Review* was prepared in his absence. This will account for the difference in its accustomed style.