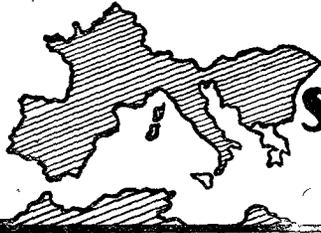
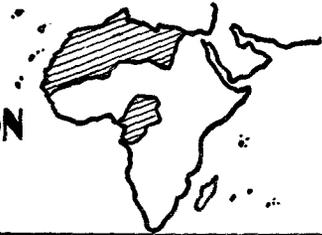


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## God's Way the Shortest

The entire world is to be reached with our message of warning. The "everlasting gospel" must be proclaimed in all lands, as a witness to all nations, to all peoples, "then shall the end come." The road to triumph belts the globe, leading east and west, north and south--even unto the ends of the earth. This, indeed, is a long way; but, nevertheless, it is the shortest way into the kingdom.

Furthermore, the quickest way to finish the work in our home-base fields is the long road to all the fields. The early church had a commission from God to carry the gospel into all the world; and they bore their witness faithfully. Living but to do God's will, and surrendering all in service, the believers of that time went forth "conquering, and to conquer," and the "hope of the gospel... was preached to every creature which is under heaven." (Col. 1 : 23.) Did these early Christians restrict their labors to one certain field, with the idea of bringing the work to completion before moving out into other regions? As we read the story of their "acts," we do not gather the impression that such was the case. On the contrary, they were world-minded, ever reaching out into the regions beyond. The apostolic movement followed the "long road" into all the world, and this was the shortest way to a finished task.

Consider in this connection the methods of a St. Paul. This great apostle and his companions journeyed to and fro over Asia Minor, raising up companies along the highways of travel. Paul was of Tarsus, and we can say Asia Minor was to him a home field. Why should he not have pushed on and on until all parts of this field had been worked, and only then go on to other lands? We read that the Holy Spirit who directed this first great world campaign, forbade him to preach the word in the province of Asia, and suffered him not to go into Bithynia, both of which were sections of the home field. (Acts 6 : 6-8). The Lord knew a quicker way of bearing the witness not only to the Asia Minor home-base, but to all the known world. His guiding providence led the little band down to Troas, a seaport on the waters that separated Europe from Asia. There, in vision, the apostle heard the cry from Macedonia, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us." And so they moved out into Europe.

The road to a quickly finished work of witnessing in Palestine and Asia Minor lay toward the unentered lands and cities afar. This is also God's plan for the closing gospel effort. True, we have still much to do in Switzerland, in Belgium, in France, in Jugoslavia, in Rumania; yes, much to do in all Europe. But we shall cover these home fields more rapidly if we divide means and men with the overseas unoccupied territories. The long way around is the short way to a completed task. In fact it is the only way.

W. R. BEACH.

## SHEPHERDING THE FLOCK

This is an urgent appeal for a more thorough, a more enlightened shepherding of the flock. It is indeed a grievous thing to see souls leaving the ranks of the people of God, especially at a time when so many new believers are being gathered into the fold. Our hearts bleed when we learn that some have gone out from our midst and no longer walk with us in the lighted way. True, the statistical report shows that our losses by apostasy have greatly diminished during the past two years; we feel nevertheless, that we should ever remember, and more and more as the day of translation approaches, the exhortation of the apostle Peter to the elders: "Feed the flock of God which is among you."

We have fallen upon the perilous times of the end. Seldom has the church of Christ been in greater danger than today. Certainly, at such a time, it is our duty to give with haste the last message of warning to the world. But, with no less certainty, this day of peril calls for the exercise of greater diligence in taking care in every way of those who accept the truth.

The members of the church are to be nourished and fed with spiritual food. To feed the flock is the solemn duty of every faithful shepherd, and the Lord will hold each responsible for the way in which he fulfills his duty. God's earnest appeal through the prophet Ezechieh to the shepherds of Israel, who fed themselves but not the flock, clothed themselves with wool but did not care for the sheep, is a direct message to the workers and church leaders today.

Much faithful shepherding has been done in the past, "not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind." However, much more should be done, is to be done; and it is with a view to a more diligent, more faithful, more successful fulfilling of our duty as shepherds for God that

*We recommend,* 1. That when a new church is organized, special attention be given to the selection and training of local leadership, in order that the new church may be strongly established and satisfactorily directed and developed.

2. That local conferences and missions arrange for a two to four-day convention every year if possible, to instruct, inspire, and qualify the church officers for their sacred work. It is suggested that among other things, the following essentials should be taught:

- a) The principles and methods of church organization.
- b) The relation of the church to the conference.

- c) The responsibilities of elders, deacons, and other church leaders, such as Sabbath School, M.V., and Home Missionary officers.

- d) The necessity of personal contact and interest in each member of the church.

3. That proper instruction be given to the members in order that they understand and appreciate their personal relation to the church of God as a world organization. God deals not only with His church as a whole, but directly with each member individually. The instruction of the apostle Paul concerning church organization should be so deeply impressed upon each member that he will at all times feel his own personal responsibility in the welfare and work of the church, and will draw spiritual food for himself from the word of God as given in the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy.

In this connection the relationship of members to the prayer meeting, Sabbath school, Missionary Volunteer society, and other church activities, should be clearly explained.

4. That church members be trained to cooperate with the elders in the task of shepherding. In some churches a pastoral group should be formed with the aim of visiting the home of every church member several times a year, of visiting especially those who absent themselves from the services of the church, encouraging them to faithful attendance, and of contacting those who have drifted out of the church, endeavoring to reclaim them for God.

5. That, in the larger churches, a welcoming committee be appointed to greet all strangers coming to Sabbath school and services, ascertaining whether they are members of a sister-church or not, and to see that such persons are invited to a Sabbath school class and otherwise made to feel that they are welcome to participate in the activities of the church. In the smaller churches some qualified person should be assigned to this task.

6. That special interest be taken in our youth, to guard them from being swept away by the pleasure-loving spirit which characterizes the world, and direct them as far as possible toward our training schools where they may become firmly grounded in the truth and be prepared for service in harmony with God's plan for their lives. The youth who remain with the home church should be given responsibilities where they can become "God's helping hand."

7. That, as may be arranged for by conference or mission organizations, revival services,

of ten days to three weeks, be held in certain churches, at which time a special appeal will be made to the children of Adventist parents, to backsliders in the church, and to all for a deeper consecration of heart.

8. That the church papers of our different language areas be recognized as an important, efficient means of feeding the flock, and that we encourage our members to subscribe to them; that in cases where church members cannot read, the leader of the church see to it that the information and spiritual help contained in the church paper are brought to the unlearned by those who can read, by means of a missionary visit.

Finally, brethren, let us undertake this work of shepherding as a sacred, holy task, fully conscious of the fact that our dependence is upon the Lord for success. Only as we maintain a living connection with God, only as the Holy Spirit is the indwelling, impelling power in our lives, can any plans or methods be truly effective in building up the cause of God on earth. Then let us live in constant communion with Heaven, and invite Jesus to stand by our side. The presence of the "Chief Shepherd" will mean successful shepherding. We can count on Jesus' help in a special way as we shepherd the flock that is among us, for "the church, enfeebled and defective, needing to be reprov'd, warn'd and counselled, is the only object on earth upon which Christ bestows His supreme regard." (*Test. to Ministers*, p. 49.) In fact it is Christ who said: "Feed my sheep," "Feed my lambs;" and if we respond to His command with all our heart and with all our might, the flock of God will be truly shepherded, "and when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

Southern European Division Committee.  
1938 Winter Council.

## Remarks by the President

In this issue of the Quarterly Review our readers will find the report of our Division statistical secretary for the year 1938. This report gives in figures the result of the combined efforts of our workers and members in behalf of perishing souls.

Statistical reports are often dry and uninteresting, but this report should be of interest to all. It deals not with francs or liras, dinars or leis, or with other inanimate things, but it deals with human souls. It reveals to us the glorious and inspiring fact that during the year 1938 there were 3040 precious, blood-bought souls won for Christ and added to our churches by baptism and vote. And the picture is not

complete, for in our largest and most fruitful union conditions have been such that it has been impossible to obtain information from some parts of the field. Considering further the fact that our work in Spain has been completely disorganized and paralyzed by the war, and that in our largest union scores of our churches have been closed and many of our ministers and members either put in prison or under strict orders (and constant observation) not to do any missionary work, these results are very encouraging.

In spite of all the efforts of the enemy to hinder and destroy, God has blessed and prospered His work. We thank God for the 3040 baptisms reported and also for the ones that could not be reported. Had not new restrictions and hindrances arisen in our largest and most productive field, we feel certain that we would have been able to report more than 4000 new additions to the churches in our Division during the year 1938.

The financial report appearing in this number shows that there was an increase of more than thirty-one thousand dollars in the tithe paid into the treasuries of the conferences and missions of our Division during the past year, and about six thousand dollars more in mission offerings. For this we thank God and also our dear brethren and sisters who have so faithfully supported the cause of God with their means. May the Lord richly bless and prosper all who have so nobly and loyally sustained His work.

The year 1938 is now in the past. Its record is closed. Nothing can be added to it, and nothing can be taken from it. A new year is before us, however, and with the help of God we must seek to make this a year of great victory and real success, both in our own Christian experience and in the work of winning souls for Christ. Looking at the conditions in the world and especially at the situation confronting us in several of our fields where the enemy seems determined to annihilate us and our work, we may be tempted to become discouraged. It may seem to us that nothing can be accomplished under such forbidding circumstances. We must not forget, however, that "a divine hand is on the wheel" and that our Captain will guide us through every storm and tempest. He who has commissioned us to carry His message into all the world has also assured us "that this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations." That includes all the countries in our Division. We may not see how it can be done, but if we put our trust in God and by faith in Him go forward, He will open the way.

Speaking of and to His people in the last

## Statistical Report of the Southern Europ. Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending December 31, 1938.

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.													5	6	8			19				
2. FRANCO-BELGIAN U. C.													7	3	4			14				
3. Belgian Conference . . . . .	15	574	—	4	5	9	1	—	4	5	4	578	5	6	4	—	—	13	28	20	646	512
4. East France " . . . . .	15	451	6	—	6	12	10	3	13	26	—14	437	4	3	5	—	—	6	18	17	391	314
5. North " . . . . .	15	738	9	—	7	16	3	—	6	9	7	745	5	5	5	—	—	13	28	15	534	398
6. South " . . . . .	25	653	—	6	31	37	4	1	22	27	10	663	4	2	5	—	—	10	21	24	414	388
	70	2416	15	10	49	74	18	4	45	67	7	2423	25	19	23	—	42	109	76	1985	1612	
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.													4	—	4	—	—	8				
8. Danube Conference . . . . .	64	1884	24	6	32	62	8	5	40	53	9	1893	6	1	3	—	—	27	37	68	2018	1436
9. Sava " . . . . .	40	942	15	4	21	40	12	1	23	36	4	946	4	1	2	—	—	23	30	41	1126	843
10. Morava " . . . . .	32	880	30	6	50	86	2	6	42	50	36	916	4	—	2	—	—	18	24	41	995	862
	136	3706	69	16	103	188	22	12	105	139	49	3755	18	2	11	—	68	99	150	4139	3141	
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONF.													11	2	5	—	—	18				
12. West Muntenian Conference . . . . .	138	5387	117	4	76	197	48	9	97	154	43	5430	15	5	7	—	—	19	46	138	8694	8239
13. East " . . . . .	83	2693	31	8	25	64	34	5	22	61	3	2696	11	3	4	—	—	9	27	84	3989	3135
14. North Moldavian " . . . . .	83	3385	64	6	34	104	24	8	49	81	23	3408	9	3	7	—	—	8	27	83	5049	3937
15. South " . . . . .	63	1983	68	27	16	111	23	1	65	89	22	2005	11	—	5	—	—	9	25	56	3765	1446
16. Transylvanian " . . . . .	129	3363	34	12	56	102	20	4	50	74	28	3391	9	5	4	—	—	16	34	128	4851	4804
17. Banat " . . . . .	63	1876	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1876	8	4	3	—	—	6	21	85	2444	2127
	559	18687	314	57	207	578	149	27	283	459	119	18806	74	22	35	—	67	198	574	28792	23688	
18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE.													4	1	—	—	—	5				
19. German Swiss Conference . . . . .	37	1432	9	1	2	12	20	8	14	42	—30	1402	7	1	11	—	—	23	42	37	1361	925
20. Léman " . . . . .	20	1013	9	—	10	19	1	5	8	14	5	1018	7	1	5	—	—	14	27	25	769	621
	57	2445	18	1	12	31	21	13	22	56	—25	2420	18	3	16	—	—	37	74	62	2130	1546
21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION													3	1	1	—	—	5				
22. Spanish Mission . . . . .	10	403	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	403	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23. Portuguese Conference . . . . .	7	377	13	—	10	23	—	1	7	8	15	392	2	3	4	7	6	22	7	460	427	
24. Madeira Mission . . . . .	1	84	10	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	10	94	1	—	1	—	—	2	1	114	95	
25. Azores " . . . . .	1	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	1	—	1	—	—	2	2	55	51	
	19	896	23	—	10	33	—	1	7	8	25	921	7	4	7	7	6	31	10	629	573	
26. ITALIAN UNION MISSION													1	1	5	—	—	7				
27. North Italian Mission . . . . .	14	452	10	—	10	20	4	1	14	19	1	453	7	—	5	—	—	18	30	18	518	437
28. South " . . . . .	15	372	13	2	15	30	2	1	7	10	20	392	6	2	4	—	—	7	19	25	515	482
29. Ethiopian " . . . . .	8	423	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	423	1	1	8	—	—	10	2	92	83	
	37	1247	23	2	25	50	6	2	21	29	21	1268	15	4	22	—	25	66	45	1125	1002	
30. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISS.													1	—	4	—	—	5				
31. Algerian Mission . . . . .	10	246	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	246	4	2	3	—	—	10	19	11	247	209
32. Moroccan " . . . . .	4	92	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	92	1	2	2	—	—	1	6	4	83	59
33. Tunis " . . . . .	1	47	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47	1	1	1	—	—	3	1	40	32	
	15	385	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	385	7	5	10	—	11	33	16	370	300	
34. INDIAN OCEAN UNION MISS. *)													1	1	5	—	—	7				
35. Madagascar Mission . . . . .	17	440	7	—	7	14	3	9	7	19	—5	435	4	5	11	—	—	2	22	21	1056	857
36. Mauritius " . . . . .	9	559	22	—	22	5	—	—	5	17	—	576	2	2	10	—	—	3	17	24	951	764
37. Seychelles " . . . . .	2	55	6	—	6	—	—	—	—	6	—	61	1	—	2	—	—	—	3	2	76	74
38. La Réunion " . . . . .	1	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	2	52	46
	29	1074	35	—	7	42	8	9	7	24	18	1092	9	8	29	—	—	5	51	49	2135	1741
39. EQUAT. AFRIC. MISS. *)	3	205	—	—	2	2	—	1	1	2	—	205	2	5	7	—	—	14	27	1886	1965	
40. CAPE VERDE ISLANDS MISS. *)	1	25	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—2	—	23	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	1	31	32
41. ST. THOMAS MISSION *)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	—
RECAPITULATION																						
1. Southern European Division . . . . .	70	2416	15	10	49	74	18	4	45	67	7	2423	25	19	23	—	—	19				
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	136	3706	69	16	103	188	22	12	105	139	49	3755	18	2	11	—	68	99	150	4139	3141	
3. Jugoslavian " . . . . .	559	18687	314	57	207	578	149	27	283	459	119	18806	74	22	35	—	67	198	574	28792	23688	
4. Rumanian " . . . . .	57	2445	18	1	12	31	21	13	22	56	—25	2420	18	3	16	—	—	37	74	62	2130	1546
5. Swiss " . . . . .	19	896	23	—	10	33	—	1	7	8	25	921	7	4	7	7	6	31	10	629	573	
6. Iberian " Mission	37	1247	23	2	25	50	6	2	21	29	21	1268	15	4	22	—	25	66	45	1125	1002	
7. Italian " . . . . .	15	385	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	385	7	5	10	—	—	11	33	16	370	300
8. North African Union " *)	29	1074	35	—	7	42	8	9	7	24	18	1092	9	8	29	—	—	5	51	49	2135	1741
9. Indian Ocean " *)	3	205	—	—	2	2	—	1	1	2	—	205	2	5	7	—	—	14	27	1886	1965	
10. Equat. African " *)	1	25	—	—	—	2	—	—	2	—2	—	23	1	—	1	—	—	—	2	1	31	32
11. Cape Verde Islands " *)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	—
12. St. Thomas " *)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals for the 4th quarter 1938:	926	31086	497	86	415	998	266	69	491	78	22	31298	181	79	170	7	261	698	1010	4322	35600	
» » » 4th » 1937:	901	28879	460	75	639	1174	196	115	697	1008	166	29045	122	67	153	36	263	691	996	39621	28645	

\*) Report for the 3rd quarter 1938.

Statistical Summary of the Southern European Division for the Year 1938

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
1. SOUTHERN EUROP. DIV.													5	6	8	—	—	19				
2. Franco-Belgian Un. Confer.	70	2346	149	23	109	281	61	17	126	204	77	2423	25	19	73	—	53	120	76	1985	1612	
3. Jugoslavian " "	136	3451	389	30	263	682	77	42	259	378	304	3755	18	2	11	—	62	93	150	4139	3141	
4. Rumanian " "	559	17649	1623	266	848	2737	484	174	922	1580	1157	18806	74	22	35	—	73	204	574	28792	23688	
5. Swiss " "	57	2450	101	7	39	147	83	36	58	177	—30	2420	18	3	16	—	38	75	62	2130	1546	
6. Iberian Union Miss....	19	837	97	1	40	138	14	4	36	54	84	921	7	4	7	7	7	32	10	629	573	
7. Italian " "	37	777	108	6	492	606	35	11	69	115	491	1268	15	4	22	—	24	65	45	1125	1002	
8. North African " "	15	334	64	4	7	75	—	3	21	24	51	385	7	5	10	—	12	34	16	370	300	
9. Indian Ocean " "	29	994	145	—	30	175	27	19	31	77	98	1092	9	8	29	—	10	56	49	2135	1741	
10. Equatorial African Miss.	3	189	20	—	2	22	3	1	2	6	16	205	2	5	7	—	—	14	27	1886	1965	
11. Cape Verde Islands "	1	18	7	—	—	7	2	—	—	2	5	23	1	—	1	—	—	2	1	31	32	
12. St. Thomas "	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	
Totals for the year 1938	926	29045	2703	337	1830	4870	786	307	1524	2617	2253	31298	181	79	170	7	279	716	1010	43222	35600	
Totals for the year 1937	901	27167	2850	345	1829	5024	761	364	2021	3146	1878	29045	172	67	153	36	286	714	996	39621	28645	

days, God says, "Courage and energy they must possess. Though apparent impossibilities obstruct their way, by His grace they are to go forward. Instead of deploring difficulties, they are called upon to surmount them. They are to despair of nothing, and to hope for everything." (Gospel Workers, p. 39.)

As we near the end we must expect that Satan will create more and more difficulties for us. Multiplied obstacles and hindrances will be thrown across our way. But this must not discourage us. The God who anciently opened a way for His people through the Red Sea will also open a way for us. Nothing is too difficult for God. He can and will lead us on to victory if we faithfully, courageously and obediently follow Him.

A. V. OLSON.

The "King's" Bible

Upon my arrival in Bucharest last February, I immediately went over to the newsstand to buy a paper. I was not a little surprised to see several copies of a book bearing the inscription: "La Biblia."

As I inquired what had caused the Bible to be thus publicly exhibited, I was told that His Majesty King Carol II had asked that a new translation of the Bible be prepared, and that the book be made accessible to each one of his subjects. The monarch's order has been executed, and thus the commonly called "King's" Bible can be found in all large bookstores.

Needless to say, our members in Rumania are very happy that their ruler wants his people to have a copy of the Bible. Is there, in fact, any other book with so mighty an influence, and which is so able to transform lives?

The Bible heretofore circulated in Rumania, was often designated as the "Adventists'" Bible, and thus copies thereof found in the homes of our people were sometimes confiscated by the police. Nobody

would dare take away from anyone a copy of the "King's" Bible, and therefore it has become the official Bible of our churches and Sabbath schools.

H. STRUVE.

Strike the Right Note!

A representative of the so-called "breadless" art - a piano player - walking down a country road suddenly stopped to listen to music and voices coming from a near-by inn. The strains of a piano, sounding more like noise than real music, particularly caught his ear.

Entering the inn, our pianist went over to the one who was playing and asked him if he might take his place at the piano. "Certainly," replied the old man who was playing, and upon whose face one could easily read pain and sorrow, "if you are really able to play." "You will like my music, I am sure," replied our pianist.

He seated himself at the piano, and with accomplished technique and art he brought forth most wonderful melodies. He knew how to strike the right notes in the right way. All marvelled at his skillful and beautiful playing, especially considering the fact that the piano was anything but a good instrument.

Is not the foregoing a striking illustration for our youth's educators? Over 10,000 young people in our Division wait to be "tuned" and "played" aright. "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!" (Education, p. 271.)

Educators, let us tune the harps of our young people's souls, and then strike the right notes. And instead of old melodies, heavenly music will sound forth, bringing joy to God and to men.

"When you save a man or woman, you save a unit. When you save a boy or girl, you save a whole multiplication table." H. STRUVE.

## Financial Report of the Southern European Division of S. D. A for the Quarter Ending December 31, 1938

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
<b>1. SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION</b>					
<b>2. FRANCO-BELGIAN UNION CONF</b>					
3. Belgian Conference	F. Fr. 114,404.50	35,810.15	996.--	4,251.40	70,238.40
4. East France Conference	" " 71,368.50	63,615.50	221.--	1,016.--	32,469.40
5. North " "	" " 121,976.--	84,996.25	1,061.35	4,879.--	71,004.50
6. South " "	" " 99,317.--	108,981.60	2,001.05	690.--	35,684.--
	F. Fr. 407,066.--	293,403.50	4,279.40	10,836.40	209,396.30
	\$ 16,079.10	11,589.42	169.03	428.03	8,271.16
<b>7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.</b>					
8. Danube Conference	Dinar 131,455.--	68,653.75	--	--	68,771.--
9. Sava " "	" " 87,095.50	41,509.38	--	--	65,061.--
10. Morava " "	" " 71,877.30	40,901.80	--	--	65,592.--
	Dinar 290,427.80	151,064.93	--	--	199,424.--
	\$ 6,244.20	3,247.92	--	--	4,287.62
<b>11. RUMANIAN UNION CONFERENCE</b>					
12. West Muntanian Conference	Lei 1,506,668.50	430,183.25	--	--	172,992.--
13. East " "	" " 504,247.50	173,271.50	--	--	95,744.--
14. North Moldavian " "	" " 501,963.50	107,997.50	--	--	99,937.--
15. South " "	" " 333,805.--	123,356.--	--	--	84,556.--
16. Transylvanian " "	" " 517,621.50	218,267.50	--	--	146,788.--
17. Banat " "	" " 120,924.--	40,347.--	--	--	91,531.--
	Lei 3,485,230.--	1,095,422.75	--	--	691,548.--
	\$ 26,139.30	8,215.70	--	--	5,186.63
<b>18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE</b>					
19. German Swiss Conf.	Sw. Fr. 37,965.--	26,992.20	3,001.10	6,236.10	26,753.--
20. Leman Conference	" " 30,084.90	29,304.11	3,567.19	4,579.59	22,994.75
	Sw. Fr. 68,049.90	56,296.31	6,568.29	10,815.69	49,747.75
	\$ 15,651.50	12,948.17	1,510.70	2,487.60	11,441.98
<b>21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION.</b>					
22. Spanish Mission	Pesetas --	--	--	--	--
23. Portuguese Conference	" " 7,181.--	9,044.82	58.21	1,517.17	8,374.21
24. Madeira Mission	" " 1,992.30	3,234.49	--	211.50	--
25. Azores " "	" " 1,405.--	1,187.91	4.21	36.56	--
	Pesetas 10,578.30	13,467.22	62.42	1,765.23	8,374.21
	\$ 846.30	1,077.36	4.99	141.21	669.93
<b>26. ITALIAN UNION MISSION</b>					
27. North Italian Mission	Lire 27,926.30	27,729.55	--	2,195.65	32,819.60
28. South " "	" " 16,963.50	17,001.50	--	--	11,376.60
29. Ethiopian Mission	" " 9,086.50	6,146.36	--	--	--
	Lire 53,976.30	50,877.41	--	2,195.65	44,196.20
	\$ 2,841.80	2,678.68	--	115.60	2,326.93
<b>30. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISSION.</b>					
31. Algerian Mission	F. Fr. 35,913.--	47,404.45	--	--	37,131.15
32. Moroccan " "	" " 7,193.--	18,215.10	--	--	8,050.50
33. Tunis " "	" " 9,940.--	1,561.25	--	--	--
	F. Fr. 53,046.--	67,180.80	--	--	45,181.65
	\$ 2,095.--	2,653.64	--	--	1,784.68
<b>34. INDIAN OCEAN UNION MISS. *)</b>					
35. Madagascar Mission	F. Fr. 14,310.--	5,457.20	--	--	6,536.30
36. Mauritius " "	" " 41,614.--	7,503.90	--	--	--
37. Seychelles " "	" " 2,871.--	1,745.85	17.50	18.40	--
38. La Reunion " "	" " 2,860.--	1,737.80	352.50	1,029.10	--
	F. Fr. 61,655.--	16,444.75	370.--	1,047.50	6,536.30
	\$ 2,435.--	649.56	14.61	41.38	258.18
<b>39. EQ. AFRICAN MISSION *)</b>	F. Fr. 5,211.20	1,004.75	--	--	--
	\$ 205.80	39.70	--	--	--
<b>40. CAPE VERDE ISLANDS MISSION *)</b>	Es. 911.90	301.65	--	--	--
	\$ 41.--	13.58	--	--	--
<b>41. ST. THOMAS MISSION*)</b>	Es. 324.30	22.20	--	--	--
	\$ 14.60	1.--	--	--	--

## RECAPITULATION

1. Southern European Division	\$				
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	\$	16,079.10	11,589.42	169.03	428.03
3. Jugoslavian " "	\$	6,244.20	3,247.92	--	--
4. Rumanian " "	\$	26,139.30	8,215.70	--	--
5. Swiss " "	\$	15,651.50	12,948.17	1,510.70	2,487.60
6. Iberian " Mission	\$	846.30	1,077.36	4.99	141.21
7. Italian " "	\$	2,841.80	2,678.68	--	115.60
8. North African " "	\$	2,095.--	2,653.64	--	--
9. Indian Ocean " " *)	\$	2,435.--	649.56	14.61	41.38
10. Eq. African " " *)	\$	205.80	39.70	--	--
11. Cape Verde Islands " " *)	\$	41.--	13.58	--	--
12. St. Thomas " " *)	\$	14.60	1.--	--	--
Totals 4th quarter 1938	\$	72,593.60	43,114.73	1,699.33	3,213.82
" 4th " 1937	\$	61,649.90	41,381.46	1,586.57	3,335.36

\*)Report for the 3rd quarter 1938





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## Report of the Publishing Department of the Southern European Division For the Year 1938

	Average Number of Colporteurs	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 Totals in Dollars 1938	Grand Totals in Dollars 1937
<b>1. FRANCO-BELGIAN UN. CONF.</b>								
2. Belgian Conference.....	14	12532			17.2	332,626.50 B. F.	11,273.04	11,813.98
3. East France ".....	8	8076			19.4	164,139.90 F. F.	6,483.51	7,862.62
4. North " ".....	18	15233			16.3	339,205.90 "	13,398.64	15,829.93
5. South " ".....	13	9578			14.2	212,222.05 "	8,382.77	11,127.55
Totals 1938.....	53	45419	8,874.27	30,663.69	16.5	1,000,961.30 F. F.	39,537.95	
Totals 1937.....	57	46385	8,811.82	37,823.26	15.6	998,587.95 "		46,634.08
<b>6. JUGOSLAVIAN UN. CONF.</b>								
7. Danube Conference.....	24	29567			23.7	239,234. Din.	5,143.53	3,668.60
8. Sava ".....	19	18924			19.2	185,997. "	3,998.94	2,788.50
9. Morava ".....	19	27845			28.2	239,858. "	5,156.96	3,186.08
Totals 1938.....	62	76336	7,023.47	7,275.96	23.7	665,089 Din.	14,299.43	
Totals 1937.....	60	71420	6,778.07	2,865.11	22.9	544,813 "		9,643.18
<b>10. RUMANIAN UN. CONF.</b>								
11. West Muntenian Conference..	21	26862			24.6	904,139. Lei	6,781.05	4,733.69
12. East " ".....	9	10712			22.9	412,862. "	3,096.48	3,319.26
13. North Moldavian ".....	9	11259			24.1	376,097. "	2,820.74	2,104.68
14. South " ".....	10	13655			26.3	343,090. "	2,573.18	1,776.56
15. Transylvanian ".....	10	9785			18.8	396,678. "	2,975.10	2,207.96
16. Banat ".....	6	6573			21.1	278,337. "	2,087.54	1,644.11
17. School.....	8	2013			4.8	140,510. "	1,053.82	448.22
Totals 1938.....	73	90859	10,680.74	10,707.17	21.3	2,851,713.— Lei	21,387.91	
Totals 1937.....	75	82150	8,043.48	3,190.90	21.1	2,705,729.— "		16,234.38
<b>18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE</b>								
19. German Swiss Conference....	24	32295			25.9	121,277.— S. F.	27,893.71	28,590.15
20. Lemman ".....	14	19007			26.1	86,900.40 "	19,987.07	18,450.57
Totals 1938.....	38	51302	23,954.58	23,926.20	26.0	208,177.40 S. F.	47,880.78	
Totals 1937.....	39	57566	22,158.50	24,882.22	28.4	204,524.85 "		47,040.72
<b>21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION</b>								
22. Spanish Mission.....	—	—			—	—	—	—
23. Portuguese Conf.....	7	6762			18.6	48,618.50 Esc.	2,187.84	3,383.08
Totals 1938.....	7	6762	1,360.92	826.92	18.6	48,618.50 Esc.	2,187.84	
Totals 1937.....	11	9440	2,708.85	674.23	16.5	76,540.— "		3,383.08
<b>24. ITALIAN UNION MISSION</b>								
25. North Italian Mission.....	16	20530			24.7	112,146.20 Lire	5,904.49	5,424.69
26. South " ".....	8	8358			20.1	50,163.10 "	2,641.08	2,770.79
Totals 1938.....	24	28888	6,373.44	2,172.13	23.1	162,309.30 Lire	8,545.57	
Totals 1937.....	24	26287	5,751.39	2,444.09	21.1	155,660.05 "		8,195.48
<b>27. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISS.</b>								
28. Algerian Mission.....	8	7343			17.7	103,281.25 F. F.	4,079.60	5,700.04
29. Moroccan ".....	2	2795			26.9	43,723.50 "	1,727.07	1,525.58
30. Tunis ".....	2	1109			10.7	31,822.50 "	1,256.99	1,976.38
Totals 1938.....	12	11247	3,939.89	3,123.77	18.0	178,827.25 F. F.	7,063.66	
Totals 1937.....	12	10132	6,226.—	2,976.—	16.2	197,044.90 "		9,202.—
<b>31. INDIAN OCEAN UN. MISSION.</b>								
Totals 1938.....	10	8450	1,015.85	309.13	16.3	33,544.05 F. F.	1,324.98	
Totals 1937.....	8	6930	2,114.28	731.34	16.7	60,934.46 "		2,845.62

## RECAPITULATION

1. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	53	45419	8,874.27	30,663.69	16.5		39,537.96	46,634.08
2. Jugoslavian " ".....	62	76336	7,023.47	7,275.96	23.7		14,299.43	9,643.18
3. Rumanian " ".....	73	80859	10,680.74	10,707.17	21.3		21,387.91	16,234.38
4. Swiss " ".....	38	51302	23,954.58	23,926.20	26.0		47,880.78	47,040.72
5. Iberian Union Mission....	7	6762	1,360.92	826.92	18.6		2,187.84	3,383.08
6. Italian " ".....	24	28888	6,373.44	2,172.13	23.1		8,545.57	8,195.48
7. North African " ".....	12	11247	3,939.89	3,123.77	18.0		7,063.66	9,202.—
8. Indian Ocean " ".....	10	8450	1,015.85	309.13	16.3		1,324.98	2,845.62
Totals 1938.....	279	309263	63,223.16	79,004.97	21.3		142,228.13	
Totals 1937.....	286	310310	62,592.39	80,586.15	20.9			143,178.54
Loss.....	7	1047					950.41	
Gain.....			630.77					

**Report of the Home Missionary Department of the Southern European Division**  
For the year 1938

	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 1938	Totals for the Year 1937
No. added to the union membership since last report as the result of missionary work of lay members.	38	299	1388	7	23	44	87	34	21	—	1941	2164
No. of churches and companies	70	224	596	62	9	48	17	51	4	1	1082	1018
Total church membership of union	2423	3755	18806	2420	921	1268	385	1092	205	23	31298	29045
No. of churches and companies sending in a report	48	127	518	49	9	44	11	33	3	—	842	841
No. of conferences sending in a report	4	3	5	2	3	2	3	4	—	—	26	26
No. of churches holding first Sabbath missionary service	18	127	397	34	8	36	7	24	—	1	652	607
No. of churches holding 15 minute missionary service	—	112	397	1	7	32	—	—	—	—	549	529
No. of churches organized into working bands	—	102	362	20	4	27	—	20	1	—	536	698
How many of the following classes and special bands are operating in your u.?												
Bible Training	—	80	435	3	1	—	—	6	—	—	525	422
Medical	—	—	65	1	1	—	3	—	3	—	73	82
Dorcas	12	—	171	25	2	16	6	20	—	—	252	267
Welfare	—	63	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	68	—
Literature	—	69	168	10	1	29	—	3	—	—	280	232
Total amount of offerings during the year for local missionary work incl. Missionary Volunteer	\$ 1,019.20	—	—	9,054.09	311.61	240.82	223.67	69.48	—	54.94	10,973.81	5,988.76
No. of persons reporting missionary work	465	2455	15419	990	354	730	183	737	28	9	21370	18689
<b>REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK :</b>												
No. of Bible readings or gospel meetings	7987	132892	572430	4845	8293	22776	7046	14344	349	116	771578	728488
» » missionary visits	9654	39805	240944	5541	25929	10108	3580	11542	2238	452	349793	354108
» » persons taken to S. S. or other services	1243	14307	81198	775	1496	2378	1445	1736	1953	117	106648	134502
No. of persons given needed help	4491	69404	356960	3586	3409	5686	1938	5478	820	192	451964	420480
» » treatments given	1513	6781	89907	1088	1782	3484	3804	1860	4901	268	115388	102955
» » hours of Christian help work	—	2432	—	—	1016	3230	123	—	21	—	6822	—
» » articles of clothing	2950	5160	23439	4043	1239	2828	1364	1106	—	7	42136	38888
» » food baskets, bouquets	—	—	—	—	1643	245	90	—	9	—	1987	—
No. of books, missionary periodicals, or tracts distributed	97047	41813	81578	53281	33409	25865	13363	14652	53	712	361863	365827
No. of missionary letters written	2738	3856	8740	1486	1402	2539	935	770	10	14	21990	22992
Missionary expenditures	—	—	—	—	\$ 5.35	—	\$ 19.30	—	—	—	\$ 24.65	—

**Report of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the Southern European Division**  
For the year 1938

	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.	Det. Missions	Yearly Average and Totals 1938	Yearly Average and Totals 1937
Number of Societies	20	35	356	17	5	23	3	18	4	481	439
Number of Societies reporting	11	32	237	13	5	23	3	15	3	392	343
Total Membership (Including Associate and Junior Members)	230	1216	8255	326	223	364	66	277	818	11775	10184
Number reporting	60	392	3631	102	87	222	42	149	35	4720	3714
Total of Senior and Junior young people baptized, regardless of who labored for them	14	58	306	5	34	41	25	—	—	483	191
Number baptized whom young people had a part in winning	9	49	238	—	33	19	1	—	—	349	166
Number belonging to missionary bands	—	—	—	—	—	184	—	—	—	184	389
<b>REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK:</b>											
Number of Bible readings or gospel meetings held	641	15497	94149	348	1723	6825	2192	1377	300	123052	100428
Number of missionary visits	926	4894	46391	979	9830	3168	1253	825	2184	70450	50777
Number of persons taken to S. S. or other services	93	2643	21367	32	595	947	375	189	1379	27620	33569
Number of persons given needed help	306	11519	73312	253	988	1227	453	585	624	89267	90893
Number of treatments given	88	1519	18735	44	8345	938	269	313	3748	34004	19487
Number of articles of clothing given to the needy	177	439	4674	39	343	841	312	169	—	6994	5178
Number of books, missionary periodicals or tracts distributed	11015	9963	19287	4948	9111	8532	5990	1931	35	70812	74525
Number of missionary letters written	556	649	2527	71	569	747	302	87	8	5516	3942
<b>DEVOTIONAL and EDUCATIONAL :</b>											
Number observing the Morning Watch	38	307	1720	81	62	215	41	109	—	2573	2405
Number systematically reading Bible through	9	242	703	6	69	16	—	14	—	1059	1086
Number taking Reading Course	—	—	481	4	—	26	—	—	—	511	1087
No. studying for Stand. of Attainment	—	369	1521	16	—	17	—	—	—	1923	2184
<b>FINANCIAL:</b>											
Offerings local society work	\$ 12.06	—	68.32	73.78	1.87	44.94	18.41	—	7.30	226.68	273.46
Offerings foreign missions	\$ 198.21	184.16	283.98	478.35	46.07	94.34	9.88	—	—	1,294.99	796.75
Harvest Ingathering	\$ 1,526.52	—	49.05	250.30	559.75	1,131.40	—	—	—	3,517.02	3,288.34
Big Week	\$ 176.14	—	—	300.90	—	193.—	—	—	—	670.04	716.33

position, in order to keep the Sabbath and to be baptized. She wants to consecrate her life to God's work. Her friend also is getting ready to join the Advent people.

Last January our French publishing house received an order for a copy of "Steps to Christ" from an unknown man in a section of France where we have no members. A few days later he ordered six more copies. Soon a new order came for twenty-eight copies, and a fourth for twenty-five. Then a friend of his living in another city, and whom he had interested in this wonderful little book, ordered fifty copies. Within six months these two men and their friends had ordered for missionary purposes more than 200 "Steps to Christ," fifty copies of our 360-page commentary on "Revelation" by J. Vuilleumier, and other publications. Two groups of people are earnestly interested in the truth in these two cities. More than twenty of them attended the annual meeting of the South France Conference last July in Marseilles. We hope soon to have new churches established in this hitherto unoccupied section of France.

How did this all come about? Eighteen years ago, a lady bought a copy of "Steps to Christ" in the city of Lyon. Not long ago she moved to the place where the man lives who ordered the first book from our publishing house. She gave him her treasured book to read, the Spirit of God spoke to his heart - and there was light!

All over the field we find such instances of the wonderful work accomplished by our colporteurs and through the reading of our publications. Everywhere streams of light are breaking forth from the seeds of truth to dissipate the darkness and enlighten the earth with the glory of God's message.

F. CHARPIOT.

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Missionary Sailings

1938

- Mr. and Mrs. P. Bénézech and children, from France to Equatorial African Mission (returning), January.
- Mr. and Mrs. E. Veuthey and children, from Switzerland to Mauritius Mission, Indian Ocean Union, January.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. Freire, from Portugal to Saint Thomas, February.
- Mr. and Mrs. G. Cupertino and children, from Italy to Ethiopia, March.
- Mr. and Mrs. R. Hirschy, from France to Equatorial African Mission, June.
- Miss R. Hofstad, from Norway to Ethiopia (returning), September.
- Mr. and Mrs. A. Lecontre and child, from Belgium to Canada, September.
- Mr. and Mrs. Marius Fridlin, from France to Equatorial African Mission (returning), September.
- Mr. and Mrs. I. Florea and child, from Rumania to the United States of America, October.
- Mr. Baile Nielsen, from Denmark to Ethiopia (returning), November.

Healing through Prayer

A colporteur in Trinidad, British West Indies, called at a home where a lady was very sick. She was so near death that her fingers had already started to turn blue. The colporteur suggested that prayer be offered for her recovery. He said: "Before I pray, I want the crucifix removed from her breast, and also her jewelry." This was done, and as the colporteur prayed, the Spirit of God came near with healing power. At the close of the prayer, he asked her to get up, which she did. She was completely healed.

G. A. Edwards

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"Open the Scriptures to some one that is in darkness, and you will not complain of weariness and lack of interest in the cause of truth. Your heart will be awakened to an anxiety for souls, and joy in the evidences of the faith will fill your heart, and you will know that 'he who watereth shall be watered also himself.'" — (Christian Service, p. 144.)

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W. R. Beach . . . . . Editor

March 9, Elder A.V. Olson sailed from Marseilles on the s.s. "Explorateur Grandidier" for an extended visit to our missions in the Indian Ocean. Before returning to Europe the latter part of June, our president will attend the biennial session of the Indian Ocean Union which will convene in Mauritius some time in May.

We are sure that it was with deep regret that conference leaders and churches everywhere learned that Elder H.F. Brown, because of family conditions, has found it necessary to return definitely to his homeland. Brother Brown only spent a little more than two years with our Division staff, but the services he rendered the fields as Home Missionary secretary, and his indefatigable labor in sponsoring every phase of the work in Southern Europe, will be, no doubt, of lasting memory and effect. And we would not forget Mrs. Brown who, in the quiet exercise of many Christian graces, also acquired a right to the deep appreciation of the Division family and the members of the Berne church. Brother Brown and family are now settled in Lansing, Michigan, where our brother is serving as Home Missionary secretary of the Michigan Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Gouveia, of Portugal, sailed from Lisbon January 28 on the s.s. "Angola" for Portuguese East Africa. This young couple, both of whom are products of the little training school in Lisbon, are to locate on the Munguluni mission station with Elder and Mrs. M.M. Webster, where they will serve as teachers. We are confident that Brother and Sister Gouveia will give good, faithful service... A few days prior to their departure, M. Miguel, also a graduate of the Portuguese training school, left Lisbon on the s.s. "Vulcania" for the Azores Islands to join in labor with E.P. Mansell. For more than a year, Brother Mansell has been urging upon the Division committee the need of strengthening the work in his field, which comprizes the nine islands of the Azores group, and we are

happy that the 1939 budget provides for this need. May God bless as the work is opened up in another island.

By a recent action of our committee, Brother H. Struve, who for some time has been serving as Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath School secretary of the Division, has been asked to accept the position left vacant by the departure of H. F. Brown, and Brother R. Gerber, for several years manager of the Gland sanitarium, has been invited to act as secretary of the Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath School Departments. We extend to Brother Gerber a very hearty welcome to his new work.

January 19, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Erdmann embarked at Marseilles on the s.s. "Leconte de Lisle" for Tamatave, Madagascar. Brother Erdmann has accepted a call to serve as secretary-treasurer of the Indian Ocean Union and the Madagascar Mission, with headquarters in Tananarive, and will replace H.L. Henriksen who, with his family, is returning definitely to Europe next June after a full term of overseas service. Brother Erdmann is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ch. Erdmann, of Strasbourg, while his wife is the daughter of Elder and Mrs. H. Struve, of the Division staff. As this young couple leaves the shores of Europe we are reminded again of the spirit of sacrifice which characterizes, and ever must characterize, the fathers and mothers of the Advent Movement. By placing their sons and daughters before God for His service, our fathers and mothers join hands and hearts with hundreds of fellow believers around the world who, with them, are joyfully making this supreme sacrifice in view of the triumph of the "cause." Brother and Sister Erdmann were both reared in Christian homes for the service of God, and now as they cross the seas to far-away Madagascar, they are only responding to the call where-to they were born and trained. May God bless both parents and children through the coming years of absence and service.

The East France Conference has generously provided another medical missionary recruit for North Africa in the person of Miss B. Bentz, of Colmar. Miss Bentz took up work in connection with the Rabat, Morocco, dispensary last January. Thus an ever growing number of medical workers are devoting their consecrated energies to the care of the sick and distressed.

February 28, Mr. and Mrs. A. Nion and two children embarked at Bordeaux on the s.s. "Brazza" for French Equatorial Africa, where they are to locate on the Ndoumbi, Cameroon, station. Brother and Sister Nion, who have been studying at Collonges during the past few years, will replace Brother and Sister A. M. Sallée, who returned definitely to France last November because of Sister Sallée's impaired health. Let us not forget the Nion family in our prayers before God as they begin their labors under the trying conditions of a tropical climate.

Since the beginning of the year Elder W.R. Beach has been itinerating among our missions in the Portuguese islands of the Atlantic and in French Equatorial Africa, and will return to Europe about the end of April. Writing from the island of St. Thomas, he says: "God has blessed the beginning of the work on this island in a very marked manner. Brother and Sister Freire arrived at St. Thomas just a year ago, and although many long months went by before permission was obtained from the authorities to open mission work, we were able to hold the first baptismal ceremony last Monday (February 6), and this afternoon, before boarding the s.s. 'Angola' for Pointe Noire, we shall organize the first church and celebrate for the first time the ordinances of our Lord." Elder Beach also mentions the serious illness of Mrs. Freire, which may render necessary her return to Portugal for recuperation.