

A Call to Action

By W. R. BEACH

The end is near, stealing upon us stealthily, imper-

ceptibly, like the noiseless approach of a thief in the

night. May the Lord grant that we shall no longer sleep

as do others : but that we may watch and be sober. The

truth is soon to triumph gloriously, and all who now

choose to be laborers together with God will triumph

with it. The time is short; the night soon cometh when

no man can work. Let those who are rejoicing in the

light of present truth now make haste to impart the truth

to others. The Lord is inquiring. "Whom shall I send?"

Those who wish to sacrifice for the truth's sake are now

Mrs. E. G. White.

to respond, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

From far and nigh comes the call. From the far corners of the earth it is the appeal of a world dying to spiritual things, of men groping in the darkening wilderness of sin. From our doorsteps it is all that, and, in addition, the call of precipitating events which threaten Europe and humanity with impending doom. The call, from wherever it may come, is a mandatory summons to fulfil our duty toward God's cause in the most critical hour of history.

Truly the call to service was never more impe-

rious than just now. The work of evangelization, at home and abroad, beckons for the united support of the church. Africa and the island fields give promise of unprecedented fruitage. There the work of proclaiming the Everlasting Gospel must suffer no delay, for thousands of blood-bought souls are at stake. In the homeland a rich harvest for the kingdom of heaven is in the preparing and demands adequate funds and ready hands. War is abroad in the land, and men's hearts,

besieged by suffering and anxiety, are opening to thoughts of eternity. "What do all these things mean?" is the question before millions of minds. We know this world's future, and we are duty-bound to share our knowledge of prophetic truth with those who are less fortunate than we. We have God's message for mankind, His message for a confused, war-torn world; let us arise that our light may shine about us. (Isa. 60: 1, 2.)

Europe is passing through a thunderstorm of crises. It is hard, therefore, to say what the immediate future holds in store for our organized work. This we know: perilous times, as spoken of by St. Paul, have come upon the earth. We can, nevertheless, face the future with confidence and firm determination. In spite of difficulties and the evil devisings of the archenemy of God's cause, the work will go forward to final triumph. The promise is : "Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee; the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain." Ps. 76 : 10. We have only the wrath of God to fear, for the wrath of man is of no avail against this movement. Soon, however, the pent-up wrath of God will be poured out without mixture upon sin and impenitent sinners. The winds of final strife then will devastate

> the world, and the shades of that eternal night in which none can work will settle down over men. The lengthening shadows tell us that the day of labor is almost done. But we must make

these last lingering moments before setting sun count for the advancement of the advent cause. Then let us toil on courageously, unstintingly. Our most urgent task today is a unanimous, successfull promotion of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Funds must be gathered

in while the possibility for such endeavor still exists. For our brethren in many lands this possibility no longer exists. Many who were faithful workers in last year's campaign are now refugees in some lone place. We, therefore, must do our part and theirs as well. How happy we ought to be that the privilege to work for God is still ours, and that their lot has not befallen us!

Yes, brethren, the cause of God is counting on our unrestricted support. The year of grace 1940 is still a time of opportunity. United in heart and effort, let us do unhesitatingly the work committed to us that the message may be hurried to the far corners of the harvest field, and the task completed.

The Lake Geneva Sanitarium

By Dr. H. MULLER

Medical Superintendent and Manager

For about ten years now the development of our medical institution has been held in check by unfavorable circumstances. When the economic depression came upon Europe, our plans for improvements, plans which were to make La Lignière a model institution, fully worthy of the cause of God in all respects, had to be shelved until better times. The depression was followed by general political instability, and our plans still wait for attention. Will they ever be brought into being? We cannot say, for God alone knows the future of our institution. In any case, we accept without hesitation His will, knowing that He can make all things work together for our good.

We shall begin this report with a glance back over the years 1920 to 1939. The following exhibit indicates the number of patients and the total days of treatment for each year :

	5							
Year	No. of patients	Total days of Treatment						
1920	233	7,109						
1921	185	6,423						
1922	181	7,160						
1923	217	8,411						
1924	240							
1925		8,956						
1026	223	7,494						
	279	8,852						
1927	374	13,243						
1928	404	13,908						
1929	373	13,791						
1930	398	12,969						
1931	383	11.812						
1932	383	11,217						
19 3 3	360	11.304						
1934	343	9,700						
1935	380	12,010						
1936	406							
1937		10,763						
	418	12,399						
1938	408	11,776						
1 93 9	377	10.807						

Between 1920 and 1926 patients' receipts increased from 151,000 francs to 206,000 francs, in round figures. Beginning with 1927, these receipts increased rapidly, amounting to 340,000 francs in 1930. The depression in 1939 brought them down to 245,000 francs.

The 1939 budget provided for total receipts amounting to 368,200 francs; and expenditures for 408,401 francs. That is, a loss was budgeted amounting to 40,200 francs. However, the balance sheet per December 31, 1939, showed total receipts for frs. 362,922.25, and expenditures for frs. 363,054.94, or a net loss on operations of frs. 132.69 only. Moreover, taking into account depreciation reserves and special appropriations granted by the Southern European Division and the Swiss Union, our capital was increased in 1939 by frs. 73,129.56. Total assets stood at frs. 936,610.15, and liabilities at 437,198 francs.

The results attained in 1939 were due, first of all, to the special blessing of God which rested upon our efforts. We are thankful, also, for the splendid spirit of co-operation manifested by the staff. Drastic measures of economy were enacted early in the spring in view of the ominous threats of war, permitting an economy of 6,000 francs on salaries, 9,000 francs on garden and farm expenditures, 12,000 francs on the kitchen, 4,000 francs on heating, 2,500 francs on electricity, and 4,700 francs on overhead expense. All this was made possible by the hearty co-operation of our employees, who in all departments stood ready to work overtime whenever called upon to do so. At certain periods of the year, working hours were ten, twelve, fourteen, and even sixteen a day. And there was no murmuring; on the contrary, we were glad to be able to give of our strength to the cause. We were all the more happy when our efforts were crowned with success.

We have another reason for joy in service, and that is our conviction that as an institution, founded in the providence of God, we are contributing in a large measure to the triumph of the Advent Movement. La Lignière unquestionably is a definite blessing to God's work. It is a blessing not only to the Léman Conference and the Swiss Union, but also, beyond the frontiers of this country, to all the Division. Indeed, through it souls are reached who otherwise never would come in contact with the message. Pastors, priests, engineers, lawyers, doctors, university professors, magistrates and statesmen leave La Lignière with a debt of gratitude. These patients usually arrive with preconceived ideas, often are prejudiced, and, during their first days with us, fail to hide completely their distrust, and sometimes even their disdain. But when they leave us, we have gained their esteem, their respect, their sympathy, and their gratitude. They have learned to know us - the doctors, the nurses, and the entire personnel. They do not hesitate to express their admiration in finding here a people who put in practice the teachings of Christ, who still hold to principles in a world from which principles seemingly have flown, who are devoted and faithful, by idealism and love, in a materialistic world where force and money hold full sway.

Furthermore, these patients find with us that religion is not an enemy of science. For how many of them, having sought health for many years elsewhere, finally have found it at La Lignière as a result of our methods of treatment based at the same time on the word of God and science.

La Lignière is known as one of the best clinics, if not the best, for diet regimes in Switzerland. And it is to this reputation that we owe a large clientele in spite of hard times, and in spite, also, of a number of factors which tend to indispose certain patients. For many guests, our institution presents definite inconveniences. For instance, we give no treatments on Sabbath. Consequently, the patient must do without two treatments a week, or else accept them on Sunday, an alternative which, if it doesn't shock deep - seated religious convictions, possibly does encounter religious prejudice. Another inconvenience for some is that smoking is forbidden in our buildings. Still another is that we serve neither wines nor any other alcoholic drinks. Again, our diet is practically entirely vegetarian, while for many patients, and for the doctors who send them to us, meat constitutes an indispensable stimulant. And lastly, distractions are lacking at La Lignière. We don't dance, there

ÖUARTERLY REVIEW

Workers Workers **Ord.** Ministers Previous Membership Ministers Present Membership ther of Schools Sab. School Membership Gains **Fotal Losses** Name of Conference Teacher Evangelists Miss. Licentiates Canvassers Number o Churches Average Attendance. Gain Apostasy or Mission Baptism Letter Total Death Other 7 Total Letter Vote Numb Sab. ? Lic. Net á 5. 9 10 11 13 14 17 18 19 1. SOUTHERN EUR. DIV. -----_ FRANCO-BELGIAN U. C. 4 6 5 ____ 3. Belgian East France Conference. . . . š 2 ---8 274 15 > _ 768 ĩš 696 North > ----15 I South б. İ -28 $\overline{70}$ -30 7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF. Danube Conference...... ____ 8. $\begin{array}{ccc} 72 & 5 \\ 77 & 20 \end{array}$ 4 4 6 6 16 27 78 104 2 2 1 1 31 ____ 6 28 > $\mathbf{6}\overline{2}$ -27 41 1394 940 Morava 10. > _3 ---------5 145 18 146 194 ___ 11. RUMANIAN UNION CONF. 12. Bucegi-Marea Conf. 2 14 $\frac{2}{2}$ 28 5 1 4024 2180 Suceava-Prut 4 $\frac{5}{22}$ 34 16 õ 20 51 41 73 L) -3 **6** 5031 14. Somes-Mures » 16 41 73 3 84 91 4 88 102 -13 11 ī 15. Timis-Olt » -38 58 7 9 Danarea-Nistru # 16. 12 96 78 221 37 285 408 -31 569 26165 ----- 17. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE. 18. German Swiss Conference.... 19. Léman "....." 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 _ 4 21 0 4 ____ 18 52 20. PORTUGUESE UNION MISSION З 21. Portuguese Conference _ $\mathbf{5}$ 76 64 ı Madeira Mission Cape Verde Islands Mission 31 -----_ 22. ____ $\overline{1}$ _ ____ з -2 23. ī _ ____ _ ~ $\overline{2}$ ----____ ____ 21 _ -----------36 _ 25. t ī _ ū I -2 65I 26. ITALIAN UNION MISSION 27. 28. 16 39**6** _ ____ 3 $\mathbf{2}$ 5 _ 4 ____ 423 » _ ____ _ $\overline{20}$ **9**8 Ethioplan » ____ £ ~~~~ ----_ 1 ____ NO REPORT 37 40 -2 ----34. INDIAN OCEAN UNION MISS. *) Madagascar Mission 3 â 2 _ Mauritius)) _ ī _ Seychelles » _ ----ĩ _ 2 61 _ ____ 38. Réunion * -_ ----4 16 39. SPANISH MISSION NO REPORT _ 2 5 **3** ------40. EOUAT. AFRIC, MISS. RECAPITULATION 1. Southern European Division . . . б 27 _ 2 13 5 145 78 221 2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference $\mathbf{2}$ 7 76 78 2150 164 4828 -30 78 2150 164 4828 569 26165 61 2036 17 696 44 1219 15 367 49 2112 3. Jugoslavian 4. Rumanian 549 19379 78 377 18 146 194 37 285 408 19348 > » » -31 3 -2 6 15 76 5. Swiss > 6. Portuguese Mission 1320 16 ġ 25 61 > $\frac{1}{7}$ _ Δ 7. Italian 8 1^{2} ŝ -14 ----8. North African Union 9. Indian Ocean » 38 ю -----8 19 *) -8 10. Spanish Mission 11. Equat. African > > _ Totals for the 1 st quarter 1940: 89 447 773 149 86 514 749 32204 193 76 148 38 224 24

24 238 540 214 93 338 645 -105

31193 184

72 172

30 277 ---

Statistical Report of the Southern Europ. Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending March, 31, 1940

Ŝ,

703 1047 43609

735 1023 44563

» * 1939:

»

Financial Report of the Southern European Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending March 31, 1940

Name of Conference or Mission	Total Tithe	, Total Offerings (inci. 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 4. East France Conference 5. North 6. South	F. Fr.	136, 336.5 0 57,904 99,124.50 89,910 383,275	20,615.8 0 10,251.80 21,709.50 26 ,801.95 7 9 ,379.05	1,938.25 44 692.85 240 2,915.10	10,898.85 60 2,507:50 136 13,602.35	13,129
 JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF. Banube Conference	\$ Dinar » Dinar	9,581.90 102,586.20 77,396.20 70,777.80 230,760.20	1,984.47 23,111.75 18,164.75 14,930 56,206.50		340.05 	2,4 8 0.01 55,361 79,069 79.291 213,721
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONFERENCE 12. Bucegi-Marea Conference 13. Suceava-Prut 14. Somes-Mures 15. Timis-Olt 16. Dunarea-Nistru	\$ Lei "" "" "" Lei \$	5,391,30 1.761,748 565 331 1.030,059,50 321,414 270,362 3,948,914.50 29,616.80	1,208.43 338,084.25 101,928.50 135,827 56,716.75 46,675 679,231.50 5.094,27			4,595 47.484 156.264 120,531 78,071 659,587 4,946.92
17. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE 18. German Swiss Conf. 19. Léman Conference	Sw. Fr. » » Sw. Fr.	32,200 27,850.70 60,050.70	7,590 6,510.40 14,100.40	2,018.45 2,187.99 4,206.44	5,555.85 4,806.40 10,362.25	25,286.— 21,103.65 46,389.65
20. PORTUGUESE UNION MISSION. 21. Portuguese Conference	\$ Es. » » S Es. \$	13,811.60 15,726.90 2,142.80 1,044.70 533.20 19,447.60 777.80	3,243.10 4,010.05 678.70 259.15 64.20 5,012.10 200,49	<u> </u>	2,383.31 1,314.75 1,425 2,739.75 105.59	10,669.61 5.684 5,684 235.03
26. ITALIAN UNION MISSION 27. North Italian Mission 28. South » » 29. Ethiopian Mission	Lire	31,181.90 15,636.60 46,818.50	10,495.60 6,710.55 17,206.15		2,941.— — — 2,941.—	37,109.25 16,328.50 53,437.75
30. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISSION . 31. Algerian Mission	\$ F. Fr. » » » » F. Fr.	2,464.90 43,372 9,903 6,835 60,110	905.91 20,200.90 1,316.85 776.90 22,294.65		<u>154.84</u>	2,813.49 28,455.20 3,296.50 31,751.70
34. INDIAN OCEAN UNION MISS. *) 35. Madagascar Mission 36. Mauritius * 37. Seychelles * 38. Reunion *	\$ F. Fr. » » » » F. Fr.	1,502 16,848.45 62,509.85 2,920.50 2,591.20 84,870	557.37 10,031.85 27,889.55 716.35 2,101.55 40,739.30		 142.30 900.65 1,042.95	793.79 6,5 8 1.10 6,581.10
39. SPANISH MISSION	\$ Pes.	2,122.— 8,328.— 916.10	1,018.48 1,234.10 135.76	 ;	26.07	<u>164.52</u>
40. EQ. AFRICAN MISSION	F. Fr. \$	6,728.30 168.20	5.377.05 134.43		 	
1. Southern European Division 2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference 3. Jugoslavian » » 4. Rumanian » » 5. Swiss » » 6. Portuguese » Mission 7. Italian » » 8. North African » » 9. Indian Ocean » » * 10. Spanish » » 11. Eq. African » »	es	9,581.90 5,391.30 29,616.80 13,811.60 777.80 2,464.90 1,502 2,122 916.10 168.20	LECAPIT 1,984.47 1,208.43 5,094.27 3,243.10 200.49 905.91 557.37 1,018.48 135.76 134.43	TULATI 72.87 967.48 7.03 	O N 340.05 2,383.31 105.59 151.84 26.07 	2,430.01 4,595 4,946.92 10,669.61 235.03 2,813.49 793.79 164.52
Totals ist quarter 1940 » 1st » 1939	\$	66,352.60 49,631,	14,482.71 13,486.24	1,047.38 1,868.06	3,009.86 2,873.26	26,648.37 32,915 72

QUARTERLY REVIEW

Specification of Mission Offerings (Column No.3)

			ALION OI M			(Commin	140.3)		
	~							Special Offe	er
	Sabbath School Offerings (exc. 13th Sabbath)	13th Sabbath Offering	Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous Offerings	Seif Denial Offerings	Big Week	Young People's Collection	(Relief Fund) Weekly Offerings
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	13,829.90 5,829.90 8,111.35 9,083.05	4,323.80 2,459.90 2,861.80 2,107.35	2,236.25 746.50 7,957.95 14,000.90	81.40 300 202.50 1,033.50		72.25	72.20 838.75 2,575.90 240	337.15 337.15	76.75
	36,854.20 921.35	11,752.85 293.82	24,941.60 623.54	1,617.40 40.44		1.80	9 3 .17	8.43	1.92
7. 8. 9. 10.	16,091.75 10,096 9,533.75 35,721.50	2,832.— 3,920.25 1,933.75 8,686.—	1,742.75 1,322.75 848.50 3,914.—	758.256112831.652.25		122.25 260 130 512.25	555 516.50 1,182.50 2,254	537.25 848 589,25 1,974.50	472.50 590.25 429.25 1,492
	768.01	186.74	84.15	1,652.25 35.52		11.01	48.46	42.46	32.08
11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16.	203,389 74,529 90,381.50 36,588.75 433,984.25	44,914.50 20,039 18,509 9,637 7,889 100,988.50	27,843 2,048 15,338 6,592 1,215 53,036	35 ,073 924 6,261.50 1,522 645 44,425.50	 	1,960	3,701 20 80 69 256 4,126	4,595 879 818 752 555 7,599	16,608.75 3,489.50 4,099 1,498 6,989 32,684.25
-	3,254.89	757.41	397.77	333.20		17.92	30.95	57.—	245.13
17. 18. 19	5,099	1,010 1,267.65 2,277.65	25	3 4 47.50 8 1.50	593.50 339.60 933.10	 	362.— 125.— 487.—	393 453.73 846.73	78.50 7.50 81 18.63
20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25.	2,054.53 2,640.50 499.70 142.40 64.20 3,346.80	523.86 1,066.15 89.55 87 1,242.70		18.75	214.62 89.45 		<u> </u>	194.75 276.40 	
26. 27. 28. 29.	133.87 4,387.05 3,596.25	49.71 1,601.20 1,182.05	62.50	20. – 70. –	3.58	<u> </u>	1.08 4,402.60 1,655.—	12.25 144.75	<u></u> 24.75
4 7. ~	7,983.30 42 0 .33	2.783.25 146.54	62.50 3.29	<u> </u>	 	<u> </u>	6,057.60 318.93	144.75 7.62	
30. 31 . 32. 33.	3,912.55 1.005.15 696.90	1,198 281.70	15,080.35	30 80		,	<u>10</u> -, -		
	5,614.60 140.37	1,479.70 36.99	15,080.35 377.01	110 2.75	— .—		10 25		
34 . 35. 36. 37. 38.	2,902.75 3,79 3 .75 527.45 6 19 .—	1,047.90 2,0 36.2 0 188.90 251.80	675 21,898.40 470	1,816 20 6.50 198.25		32.65 427.50	3,530.— 122.05 135.—	60	
	7 ,843 .95 196,07	3,524.80 88.12	23,043.40 576.09	2,020.95 50.52	,	460.15 11.50	3,787.05 94.68	60.— 1.50	,
39.	868.75 95.57	61.65 6.78	, ,	107.50 11.83	196.20 21.58	 	_;_	, ,	
4 0.	835.80 20.90	38.10 95	715	3,580.40 89.51	207.75 5.19		 	 	
1.				APITU			<u></u>		
2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8.	921.35 768.01 3,254.89 2,054.53 133.87 420.33 140.37 196.07	293.82 186.74 757.41 523.86 49.71 146.54 36.99 88.12 6.79	623.54 84.15 397.77 105.95 3.29 377.01 576.09	40.44 35.52 333.20 18.75 4.74 2.75 50.52 11.83	214.62 3.58 	1.80 11.01 17.92 3.15 11.50	93.17 48.46 30.95 112.01 1.08 318.93 25 94 68 	8.43 42.46 57 194.75 7.62 1.50	1.92 32.08 245.13 18.63 1.31
9. 10. 11.	95 .57 20.90	6.78 95	17.88	89.51	5.19			 ,	

-

are no amusements, and it's a real voyage just to go to the nearest city.

But in spite of all these inconveniences, which do prevent numerous patients from coming to us, La Lignière is one of the private institutions in Switzerland which receives the largest number of patients. And should the war end quickly, as we hope it will, our sanitarium would not be large enough to receive all the sick who will desire to find physical and moral health within our hospitable walls.

The Spirit of prophecy tells us that in the time of trouble, friends, men of influence, will rise up in our defense. La Lignière has made us many such friends, for our patients sometimes are very influential personalities. Our pastors, our colporteurs, our church members, and all those who have a responsibility in our social welfare work, have remarked how La Lignière has contributed in a remarkable way in arousing sympathy and understanding for our cause among those who without the influence of La Lignière would have remained hostile or indifferent. Because of our sanitarium the Harvest Ingathering effort is admitted in the district of Nyon as one of the official collects, just as any collect in behalf of societies recognized of public utility.

The Swiss Union should feel particularly privileged in having a medical institution, the only medical institution in all the Division when there should be at least one such institution in each union. And we ask our brothers and sisters to remember us in their prayers, to collaborate with us as far as possible, so that La Lignière may survive the present harassing circumstances and continue its work of benevolence in behalf of suffering mankind.

Collonges in Days of War

By Dr. D. WALTHER, President

When at the beginning of September, 1939, war broke out once more, the teachers of the French missionary training school in Collonges met in order to study the situation. The first chapel exercise was scheduled for September 4, and we expected a goodly number of students. It seemed wise, however, to postpone the opening of school. All the teachers took the stand to remain faithfully at their posts. In the minutes of the faculty meeting of August 31 I read this statement: "We must never forget that we are in the work of God and that our mission is to teach and to prepare workers. Our very first duty, therefore, is to remain here, unless we are compelled by circumstances to leave..."

In our dining room, where we had expected to have a lively crowd of 160 students, there was a little group of about fifteen who remained faithful here, working wherever they were needed. There was a great amount of work to be done in the fields and on the farm, and teachers as well as students joyfully carried a heavy load. In the evenings we held a few classes in Bible and French. Although the situation was yet uncertain we decided to open school soon. Invitations were sent out for October 4, in which we said: "... it is impossible for us to foretell the events; the opening of school is an act of faith..."

But would we have students? We had the fifteen there on the campus. From all sides I received word that students could not come. Some optimists dared pronounce the figure of fifty students; others considered them irresponsible enthusiasts. We enrolled sixty-six!

We reorganized our curriculum. The administration building was closed; classes were held in the boys' dormitory. The dining room was transferred into the girls' dormitory. The teaching staff was reduced. Two teachers were mobilized from the beginning; two others were called later. Many of our boys were mobilized and at present are fighting in the terrible battle in the north of the country. Some of our former students - from Belgium especially - have been evacuated, and stories of untold and unspeakable suffering have come to us.

Right from the start the territory where the school is located was considered as "army zone". Yet we carried on our missionary activities. We organized our Harvest Ingathering campaign, and when the appeal was made, every single student volunteered to go. The goal was 7,000 francs, and although it was not easy to work under the special circumstances, yet we gathered 12,475 francs. The canvassing group, although small in number and hindered by numerous restrictions, did a magnificent work. They sold books and papers for the amount of 18,807 francs. At the close of the school year six of our students were baptized, and at the modest commencement exercises we delivered diplomas to eight students who, as evangelists, Bible workers, and missionaries will have to face serious conditions. They are ready to follow "in His steps" (the class motto) and to go wherever the Master calls them.

We have a wonderful army of young people on whom we can count. The divine Master can send them out as faithful ambassadors; they will be true to the call.

And now we have laid plans to reopen our school on September 17, 1940. It is true, the entire country is under fire; refugees are pouring in; we might be evacuated; yet we calmy go on with our work, plowing our fields, canning our fruit. We place the future in God's hands; we have confidence in His guidance and protection. Our duty is to carry on wherever we are. If it is God's will that we lay down our life, we will do it.

From different parts of the world come words of cheer and encouragement. It is gratifying to know that our young people everywhere are preparing for a same work and with the same spirit of consecration and sacrifice. And so we shall continue with faith and courage to accomplish the task that God has given us to do.

The Jugoslavian Training School

The outbreak of hostilities in Western Europe, and the general political uncertainty in other parts of the continent, have brought real problems to our educational leaders. In fact, it was wondered last September if our training schools would be able to operate, and if so, on what basis. Some thought the best thing to do would be to close the doors of our institutions and wait for better times. But after earnest prayer and careful study it was decided to carry on just as long as circumstances would permit. The fields felt that the need for workers would grow greater as the war continued, and consequently that everything should be done in the realm of possibility to keep the schools open.

We are glad to report now that all our training schools have operated regularly during the past school year. True, some have operated on a restricted basis; but in spite of this, good results have been attained, and a goodly number of trained workers were graduated last month and are now ready for service in the different fields.

A recent report from Elder Schillinger, director of the Zagreb training school, tells the story for Jugoslavia. This is what he says:

"Just as we were to open our school in Jugoslavia last fall, the war broke out, and has lasted now for nine months. Many wondered how the school could be operated under war conditions, and letters of inquiry came to us in which the weakening faith of some was very apparent. The future was uncertain and a spirit of restlessness prevailed among our young people.

"To all inquiries we replied that in spite of difficulties we were onward-bound, believing that the Lord had not signaled for retreat. Indeed, even though the path may lead through troublous times, we know that God, as in days of old, will lead and bring His promises to pass. Today He is leading His people to the promised land, and He will not fail them, for He has a thousand ways where we see none to surmount difficulties and foil the devisings of the enemy. Our part is to be faithful in following his leadings.

"The day school started we enrolled 27 students. There were 30 the year before. Some who had decided to come, finally stayed at home. Their faith was not strong enough, for they counted rather with difficulties than with their Lord's might. Brother A. Lorencin, the president of the union, attended the opening exercises. He brought a timely message, admonishing our young people to watch and pray in the midst of these evil days. Of the 27 students, 10 were girls and 17 boys. There were 13 speaking Serbian, 6 Croatian, 2 Rumanian, 3 Slovenian, 1 Hungarian, 1 German, and 1 Turkish.

"This year 16 students were enrolled in the graduation class! We graduated eight last year. In spite of unsatisfactory equipment, the instruction could be carried on successfully. And along all lines spiritual growth was to be noticed. The two weeks

of prayer, in December and in May, were seasons of spiritual refreshing. The students also took an active part of the Harvest Ingathering and Big Week campaigns.

"In our school program much time is given to manual labor. Every afternoon our boys and girls are to be found working either in the garden, the stables, the kitchen, or the laundry. In addition to these, a group of six to eight students are regulary busy doing colporteur work each afternoon.

"Last year we introduced a course in kitchen science for the girls. It was carried through very successfully. This coming year a sewing class will be organized also. This course will qualify our girls to do professional sewing should need be. Thus we not only provide theoretical, but practical training as well for the students entrusted to our care. Both will mean a definite help in their preparation for life."

W. R. BEACH.

Missionary Sailings 1939

Mr. and Mrs. R. Erdmann, from France to Madagascar Mission, Indian Ocean Union.

Februaru

Januaru

Mr. and Mrs. A. Nion and children, from France to Equatorial African Mission.

Miss M. Koempel, from North Africa to Indo-China.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Gouveia, from Portugal to Portuguese East Africa. April

Mr. J. Falcao, from Portugal to Angola (returning).

May

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Yéretzian and children, from France to Equatorial African Misslon (returning).

Julu

Mr. and Mrs. R. Devins, from France to Reunion Mission, Indian Ocean Union.

October

Mr. and Mrs. 1. Curmatureanu, from Rumania to Equatorial African Mission (returning).

Mr. and Mrs. W. Fuchs and children, from France to Mauritius Misslon, Indian Ocean Union.

CONTENTS

A Call to Action				•				•					1
The Lake Geneva	S	an	itaı	riu	m		•	•					2
Statistical Report													3
Financial Report									•	•	•	• 4	1,5
Collonges in Days	0	f٦	Na	r						•			6
The Jugoslavian T	ra	in	ing	S	ch	00	1				•	•	7
Missionary Sailing	s				•						•		7
Interesting Items													8

SOUTHERN EUROPEAN

OUARTERLY REVIEW

Organ of the Southern European Division of Seventh-day Adventists published every quarter Subscription Avices

Subscription	prices.								
France									
Other countries									
Address of Editor (to whom all manuscripts should be sent)									
Höheweg 17, Berne, Switzerland.									
W. R. Beach	Editor								



INTERESTING ITEMS

The restrictions placed upon travel by the European war have made it impossible for certain fields to apply regularly the furlough policy. Several missionaries now have furloughs overdue, but they continue at their post for the present. However, one return to Europe for furlough is to be noted for the past quarter. Brother and Sister R. Hirschy and child arrived in Marseilles in May on the s.s. "Banfora" from the Cameroon. They are spending the major part of their furlough in Collonges-sous-Salève, France, with relatives and friends, and hope to sail again for a second period of service in September. We trust the stay in the homeland will be of real profit healthwise to the Hirschy family, and that nothing will prevent them from returning to their much loved field of labor.

It isn't very often that we have a visitor from the Northern European Division in Berne; it has been our privilege of late, however, as a consequence of the war situation, to have with us E. R. Colson, the Northern European Division treasurer. Brother Colson was caught in Denmark by the German occupation, and so far has not been able to get any farther than to Switzerland on his way home. Apparently he may be held up for some time still as visés and permits imply much time and waiting today. Brother Colson keeps busy visiting churches in Switzerland while maintaining contact with his home office work as far as possible. His reports on Africa, where he itinerated in 1938 and 1939, and on the Northern European countries, are very inspiring and much appreciated by our people.

"Caviling, ridicule, and misrepresentation can be indulged in only at the expense of the debasement of your own souls. The use of such weapons does, not gain precious victories for you, but rather cheapens the mind, and separates the soul from God. Sacred things are brought down to the level of the common, and a condition of things is created that pleases the prince of darkness, and grieves away the Spirit of God. Caviling and criticism leave the soul as devoid of the dew of grace as the hills of Gilboa were destitute of rain. Confidence can not be placed in the judgment of those who indulge in ridicule and misrepresentation. No weight can be attached to their advice or resolutions. You must bear the divine credentials before you make decided movements to shape the working of God's cause." - (Test. to Ministers, p. 466.)

The delegates of the Swiss Union met in Berne during two days, May 12 and 13, for the regular auadriennial session. The work of the session, which was limited to transaction of conference the business, went forward expeditiously under the able leadership of the union president, R. Gerber, who was re-elected for the ensuing four-year period. The union office having been transferred to Berne because of Elder Gerber's connection with the Division staff. P. Tissot, Division cashier, was asked to carry the secretarytreasurership of the Swiss Union in the place of O. Fasnacht, who will continue as manager of the Gland health food factory. Other minor changes were made in the union staff and executive committee. All together the union session was a successful meeting, and the delegates have returned to their fields and churches with renewed courage and firmly determined to carry on to the triumphant conclusion of God's work. The Division representatives in attendance at the session were: W. R. Beach, F. Charpiot, and H. Struve.

The biennial session of the Italian Union Mission convened in Florence, May 20 - 26. The meeting was attended by a goodly number of delegates in spite of measures of mobilization and other difficulties, and brought strength to the cause. The leadership of the work in Italy enjoys the confidence of our people and, with the exception of minor changes in committee personnel, was continued in office as heretofore. On Sabbath afternoon G. Cesario was ordained to the gospel ministry. An important feature of this gathering was the youth's congress, attended by some eighty young people, which was held in connection with the mission session proper. A. V. Olson and R. Gerber, of the Division staff, were present throughout the week.

* *

"Those who teach and preach the most effectively are those who wait humbly upon God, and watch hungrily for His guidance and His grace. Watch, pray, work - this is the Christian's watchword. The life of a true Christian is a life of constant prayer. He knows that the light and strength of one day is not sufficient for the trials and conflicts of the next. Satan is continually changing his temptations. Every day we shall be placed in different circumstances; and in the untried scenes that await us we shall be surrounded by fresh dangers, and constantly assailed by new and unexpected temptations. It is only through the strength and grace gained from heaven that we can hope to meet the temptations and perform the duties before us." - (Gospel Workers, p. 257.)

The closing exercises of the Collonges training school were held this year May 17-19, with the participation of Elder W. R. Beach. The graduation class, composed of eight fine young people - three girls and five boys - had adopted as its motto, "In His Steps," and this inspiring theme was woven very fittingly into the various closing activities devoted to the graduating class. As these young people step forth into the world and face the problems of Christian living and service today, we cannot do better than to wish them firm faithfulness to their motto ... The French College enrolled 66 students during 1939/40, and enjoyed, from many viewpoints, one of the best years since the foundation of the school.

Imprimerie du Séminaire Adventiste - Collonges-sous-Salève - (Haute-Savoie) France

8