



Another New Year

By W. E. READ

ONCE again we stand on the threshold of a new year. As we look back over the year that is rapidly closing, while there were doubtless many things which gave cause for regret, and many experiences which were perhaps disappointing, there are also, thank God, many remembrances of the Lord's rich blessings upon us all. Surely we can say with the Psalmist: "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." It is well to recount the many blessings of the Lord and ever treasure them as reminders of His love and mercy.

Now there lies before us the journey through a New Year. Hitherto its paths are untrodden; the future is veiled from our eyes. But while there may be an element of uncertainty, it is a good thing to know that our lives, our plans, and all that we have are in the hands of our loving heavenly Father. We may safely commit the future to Him, and know that the days before us are bright with the promises of God.

If we surrender ourselves to Him, He will guide us, not only in our own spiritual experience, but also in our work of leadership in whatever capacity we may be called to serve. His promises are sure and never fail. If we take hold of the arm of Omnipotence, we shall be enabled to do exploits in the name of our God.

It is customary at the end of a year to make new resolutions, and pledge ourselves to live better and to do better during the New Year.

Would it not be a good thing for us as ministers and workers for God to set before ourselves at this time definite objectives for which we might pray and labour during the year? Many things will come to mind as we think of what we would like to achieve in the name of the Lord, but might we suggest the following?

1. That we make our leadership more spiritual.

It is not merely plans and policies, not merely committees and campaigns, which ensure success in the work of God. All these things are good, but really they are but part of the machinery of the work of God. In order that the mechanism may function satisfactorily, every part moving smoothly and in harmony with every other part, it is necessary that the Spirit of the living God oil the wheels. How we need the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our work! For lack of it, the lives of many are barren of fruitage, and the service of many brings little or no result. If we permitted the divine Spirit to govern us more fully in every phase of our work, we should see less church difficulties; we should experience less troubles between the brethren; we should see greater co-operation in plans and more determined effort to put them into operation. Furthermore, our believers would be led to a higher plane of Christian living.

2. That we may make our campaigns more spiritual.

Our campaigns should be much more than calls to do missionary work. Every campaign and every call for funds should be placed in a spiritual setting. After all, these campaigns are part of the work of God. The raising of mission funds is as much a part of the spiritual work of the church as any other activity. Hence all appeals should be presented from the Biblical standpoint. When it comes to the tithe, we should remember that it is not so much our returning a tenth to God as the fact that He permits us to keep nine-tenths. All He expects from us is one-tenth. How generous is His arrangement to leave us nine shillings out of every ten!

3. That we win more souls for the kingdom of God.

What a wonderful thing it would be if the experience of the apostolic church could be repeated in our day; then thousands were won to the truth of God. The early disciples went forth conquering and to conquer, and larger results were achieved for the kingdom of heaven. It would be well if all our workers could read the story of the early victories of the Nestorian church. In an account of their activities published in 1928, we read "that they were the most missionary church that the world has ever seen." They carried the Gospel of Christ to Central and Eastern Asia, and travelled far and wide in heralding the message of a Saviour's love.

Our workers and church elders, yea, every member of the Advent cause should take it upon their hearts in a definite way, that during the year 1938 more souls will be won to Christ. Plans should be laid with this in mind. Then we should couple with our activities earnest, persistent prayer that the Lord will give us souls for His kingdom.

4. *That we lead our churchmembers into more aggressive and more fruitful service for the Lord.*

That is a responsibility that rests upon every minister and worker in the cause of God.

"Ministers of Jesus Christ should apportion some part of God's vineyard to men who are standing idle in the market-place. If they blunder, then correct their mistakes, and set them at work again."—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, page 365.

"Christ intends that His ministers shall be educators of the church in Gospel work. They are to teach the people how to seek and save the lost."—*Desire of Ages*, page 825.

"The best help that ministers can give the members of our churches is not sermonizing, but planning work for them. Give each one something to do for others."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, page 49.

5. *That we strengthen our educational work at home and in our African missions.*

Our educational work calls for the loyal support of every worker in the Advent ministry. There are thousands of our youth who are not under the shelter of our training schools, and strenuous efforts should be made to bring them into the educational fold. They need the training that our schools can give them. Furthermore, the standards of our schools should be raised. This is true not only in the home fields but in our missions in Africa. If ever we are to develop an African ministry, we must have stronger educational institutions where men can be trained for larger service in God's work.

6. *That we resolve to shun debt both in our own experience and in the cause of God.*

The servant of the Lord has given much valuable counsel on the question of not going into debt. We read that we should shun debt like leprosy. Every

worker should seek to live within his income, and this applies also to our conferences and institutions. No worker has any authority to lead the cause of God into debt, and in our planning for the advancement of the work we should bear this in mind. During the coming year earnest efforts should be made to reduce our existing liabilities and so remove the reproach of debt from the work of God.

7. *That we make stronger efforts to bring the blessings of the Sabbath-school to all our believers.*

According to our statistics there is a large number of churchmembers who are not members of the Sabbath-school. On this account they are without the spiritual blessings which the Sabbath-school affords, and not only so, but in the majority of cases, the cause of

God is deprived of the mission offerings which these missing members might bring with them to the Sabbath-school. Can we not plan special Rally Days early in the New Year, and have church officers and Sabbath-school officers and teachers visit all the churchmembers and so ensure that everyone possible is present on Rally Day.

The time has come when we must study more deeply the Word of God. We need it for our spiritual growth and development, and we need it in order to meet the crises of these times. May the Lord bless us as we stand upon the threshold of the New Year! May He give us courage and fortitude! May He give us strength and grace sufficient for our need, and may He lead us forward to do mighty things for Him during the year that lies before us.

Message to the Churches

DEAR Brethren and Sisters in the Lord,

Grace and peace be multiplied to you!

From the Winter Council which is in session at our Swedish Sanitarium, Hultafors, we send you our greeting.

Once again we are rejoicing in the presence of our beloved veteran leader, W. A. Spicer, whose talks have always inspired us. Brother W. G. Turner, a vice-president of the General Conference, is also here and has greatly helped us by strong Bible studies and practical counsel. In our prayers we have remembered you, and thanked God for your faithfulness and zeal in His cause. Your good work in the Harvest Ingathering, when every union with one mind raced toward the goal, has brought us joy and great courage. Our hope is strong that God who prospered us all so wonderfully in that campaign, will lead you together with us from victory to victory.

Reports of progress come from all departments of the work, in all the fields of our Division. God has blessed the tithes and offerings you have brought. Now our brethren in the General Conference find it possible to give us a larger appro-

priation than we have received for several years. With this help we plan immediately to enter the Ivory Coast and to strengthen the work in every mission field. A number of enterprises in the home bases also receive some help.

God is using the efforts of our lay evangelists, and giving them precious souls. He invites every one to share in this blessed work. Any willing, consecrated helper can expect the divine blessing on his efforts, however humble. We trust and pray that 1938 may become a year of real revival throughout our ranks, and see a large increase in the numbers of the Advent messengers.

Words fail to tell how richly God has rained His blessing on this council. We have given more time than usual to Bible study and prayer, and in an atmosphere of faith and brotherly love our problems have been simplified.

Many wonderful answers to prayer have shown us how good it is to trust in a living God. With Him all things are possible. Without His special help some of our presidents would not have been here. We have been gladdened by many striking evidences of God's

loving care over His people and His sacred cause.

The night is far spent; the day is at hand. Our time for service hastens to its close. At our Lord's first advent, earnest, loyal souls pressed into His service, gladly laying their all at His feet. They felt it an unspeakable privilege to live for Him who died for them. The opportunity to show our gratitude is passing. How tragic the loss if any of us fail in this last opportunity to give a life for Christ's dear sake, and share His soon-coming glory! May we every one be accounted wise and faithful

servants, giving of our means, our time, our strength, to prepare the way of our returning Lord. Let His shed blood purge away every selfish, unclean, rebellious thought. With our lips and our lives let us show forth the praise of Him who has called us into His marvellous light.

We rejoice in the fellowship that makes us all one in Christ. May the blessing that has come to us in these days fill your hearts also.

Yours in the love of the truth,
For Council in Session,

W. E. READ, *President*.

J. I. ROBISON, *Secretary*.

Message to Our Missionaries

DEAR Brethren and Sisters,

You have been much in our thoughts and in our prayers as we meet in Winter Council at Hultafors, and we are glad to send you a few words of fraternal greeting to assure you of our deep and growing sympathy in your great task. Our president and secretary, together with Brother W. G. Turner, will be visiting most of you and will give you in person what we would like to say.

Our problems, as a Division, do not grow lighter, and we are not anticipating any easier times. More and more we learn that material resources are secondary in importance; our main reliance must always be on a risen Saviour and the exceeding greatness of His power in those who believe. He has never failed us yet.

Our own hearts have been cheered in listening to the inspiring words of Elders Spicer and Turner, our two visitors from the General Conference, and we are glad that you also will be hearing Brother Turner's Bible studies and stories of missionary triumphs.

Again the home fields have excelled themselves in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. They still react strongly to mission appeals. We are hoping for a liberal overflow on the coming Thirteenth Sabbath.

Much emphasis has been laid in this council on soul-winning work by every member. Our aim is to make missionaries out of the entire membership. You can help us by

example in your fields; also when you are home on furlough. We realize profoundly, looking at the signs, that the time has come for unreserved consecration. Our confidence is that, as we give first place in our own lives to the interests of the kingdom, all we really need to consummate our great task of preparing a people for that kingdom will be added unto us.

We have decided that God does not wish us to go into debt, and that we will get out of existing debts as fast as we can. The gold and the silver are His, and we believe these will be forthcoming as soon as we make the right use of our spiritual resources. You and we may not get all the facilities that seem to us so necessary for success, but God will never stint the supply of His Holy Spirit, and as we all acknowledge, only in that divine energy can our task ever

be accomplished. May it be your joyful experience to see so rich a measure of God's blessing attending your efforts, that all things—privations and hindrances as well as financial favours—shall work together to enrich your own lives, and turn out to the furtherance of the message. We are impressed, as we note how often suffering and imprisonment seem to be God's chosen pathways for His power.

We learned lately of many striking answers to prayer. God has wonderfully intervened in Rumania. When the story of some recent interpositions can be told, we shall all wonder at the range of the divine foresight and its profound strategy. God has made a way for our Polish president to meet with us once again. Another president, Brother Oltin of Latvia, whose permit was at first refused, is here. We know you will unite with us in praying for Russia, now linked up with our Division by action of the Autumn Council of the General Conference held in Battle Creek in October, at which time we were asked to take a spiritual oversight of that great country.

This has been for us an exceedingly happy and blessed gathering. God has been with us, and our souls have rejoiced in Him. Our hope is that as the visiting brethren meet with groups of workers in your fields, the same wonderful visitation of heavenly benediction may refresh your spirits.

Yours in the fellowship and service of the saving message,

1937 Winter Council in Session.

W. E. READ, *President*.

J. I. ROBISON, *Secretary*.

Carefulness in Speaking and Writing

THE following statement issued by the General Conference at the recent Autumn Council was endorsed, and it was voted that a copy be placed in the hands of every worker:

In view of the intensity of the times, there is cause to remind ourselves, as Gospel workers, of the need of carefulness in setting forth world tendencies and events that constitute signs of our times.

Under the great commission, we are sent to win to Christ peoples

of all races and nations, regardless of forms of government or political alignments. We have ever recognized the right of every Christian believer to exercise the franchise granted by this earthly citizenship in the fear of God and for the service of his fellows in things of this world. But it is needful that we keep ever in mind that we are "ambassadors for Christ" to every creature. It is manifest that the Gospel messenger, therefore, cannot allow in his heart the

MEMBERSHIP AND NET GAINS

	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936
Home Fields	21754	23080	23882	24635	25639	26222
Gains	993	1326	802	753	1004	583
Mission Fields	5747	6443	6014	6473	7105	8027
Gains	887	696	585	372	629	922
Total Membership	27501	29523	29986	31111	32744	34249
Gains	1880	2022	1387	1125	1623	1505

spirit of antagonisms and controversies and partisanship that divide men into contending camps in political, social, industrial, and religious life. He is to allow nothing to hinder him in his work for the supreme object—the salvation of men from sin, of every class or party or estate.

The missionary who goes to labour in another land may keep in his heart love of home and earthly country; but he is to remember that his mission is to represent the Gospel of the heavenly country, the way of salvation from sin. While teaching the way of eternal life, the missionary must bear in mind also the need of so instructing the people as to inculcate loyalty to the government under which they live, and Christian respect for the authority of governors and administrators. The Gospel recognizes the basic fact that civil governments among men are essential to civil order. "The powers that be are ordained of God." Rom. 13:1.

The times in which we live call for carefulness on the part of public speakers and writers. We ask our editors and public speakers, who must call attention to world events as having a bearing on fulfilment of prophecy, to exercise great care in order that national or international affairs shall not be dealt with in such a way as to suggest that our attitude in one country is critical of the forms of government or political institutions of another country. We are one church, with brethren in every land who are bound by the

Gospel principle to be loyal subjects wherever they may be, and every phrasing used in speaking of international affairs should be scanned to avoid any use of words that might be misinterpreted. As public speakers or writers, we should choose our words so that no one can mistake what we say as lacking in respect for civil governors or rulers. We have been admonished concerning the misinterpretations and use that may be made of carelessly spoken words:

"Many will be surprised to hear their own words strained into a meaning that they did not intend them to have. Then let our workers be careful to speak guardedly at all times. . . .

"The less we make direct charges against authorities and powers, the greater work we shall be able to accomplish. . . . It is our work to magnify and exalt the law of God.

"The time will come when unguarded expressions of a denunciatory character, that have been carelessly spoken by our brethren, will be used by our enemies to condemn us. These will not be

used merely to condemn those who made the statements, but will be charged upon the whole body of Adventists."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 6, pages 394, 395.

We call attention of writers and speakers to the fact that copies of our papers containing statements regarding events are sometimes to be found on file in foreign offices of governments. The providential means in our day for spreading light and news, for which we thank God, makes the whole world one great sounding board, and remarks by some evangelist, lightly spoken, regarding actions of some government and reported in a newspaper, may be noted in the foreign office of that government, and bring official questioning and perhaps difficulty to brethren labouring in that country.

While we are to be true to God, unwavering and uncompromising in loyalty to truth, let us use great care in writing and speaking, especially scanning every reference to any governments to make sure there is nothing said that may be misinterpreted as unfriendly to people or country. We are in a sacred work that bears the message of God's love to sinners of all mankind. As the intensity of the times increases, let us resolve to be more than ever faithful to the spirit of Christ in delivering the Gospel message to all men.

Items from the Secretary's Report at the Winter Council

From the latest report to hand, the third quarter of 1937, we find that the present membership of the Division stands at 35,399, which is a gain of 1,541 over the third quarter total of 1936. In this report, however, the 1936 statistics

will be used so that comparisons with former years may be made.

Our membership at the close of last year was 34,249, which was a gain of 1,505 over 1935. This figure, however, was 104 less than the previous year's gain or 6.5 per cent less than the average gain, or 1,609, for the previous five years. We are sorry to note this drop, and from the chart on this page it will be seen that it is all in the home fields, for the mission fields show an increase in net gain of 293.

We need to "be strong and of good courage," being assured that He who has led this movement

ADDITIONS BY BAPTISM AND VOTE

	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936
Home Fields	2048	2530	2194	2054	2184	1817
Mission Fields	1179	1065	1098	989	1087	1309
Totals	3227	3595	3292	2952	3271	3126

APOSTASIES

	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936
Total	1048	1101	1321	1355	1147	1144

through the years that are past will carry it on to final victory. As we look at our resources, our small numbers, and our limited budgets, we are tempted to feel that the task is impossible. But we know

that nothing is impossible with God, and though the task is great we have a wonderful God who is able to supply all our need through Jesus Christ our Lord.

J. I. ROBISON.

Items from the Report of the British Union Conference

THERE is evidence that more and more of our lay brethren and sisters are coming under the burden of personal soul-saving evangelism, and we have a number of instances where busy laymen are winning souls each year and finding great happiness in thus working for God. Unquestionably we must have very much more soul-winning through our Home Missionary Department than we have hitherto had. I gravely question whether this department is yet saving a tithe of the number of souls who ought to be won for the Lord through laymen's evangelistic endeavour.

Coming directly to evangelism, through the ranks of our paid workers, it must be admitted that we do not have a large number of successful men, but we have one very hopeful aspect to record. We thrust heavy responsibility upon a number of young men and sent them out into hitherto unentered cities to conduct public efforts for the first time in their lives. I rejoice to say that some of our youngest evangelists have had remarkable success in these efforts. Some of these young men were unordained; some of them were not in the ordinary sense near ordination, and yet they have baptized from twenty to forty souls each from these first campaigns. Young men seldom disappoint when we put our trust in them. Many marvellous experiences of conversion have come to the notice of our evangelists in their campaigns. The initiative in our public evangelism is now in the hands of younger preachers, and I thank God. We have a number of older men who are doing good work, and I have a strong conviction that a still larger number of them, now in mature years, could also be winning more souls for the Lord in these imperative days of soul-winning work.

OUR MEMBERSHIP

So far as our membership figures are concerned, I speak for nine months only. We had a total gain in membership of 481 from January to September. We had the usual losses, amounting to 273, of which only eighty-three were apostasies, leaving a net gain of 208. At the present time the membership is around 5,800. We still have a number of baptisms to take place before the end of the present year.

The loyalty of our British members has reflected itself encouragingly in the financial reports. This happens to be a year of difficult comparisons for us owing to the fact that in 1936 we received an abnormal tithe of £720 from one individual. However, we have maintained that gain of £720 and have gone £120 beyond. Our tithe per capita for the nine months of 1936 was 23s. 4d., and for the same period of 1937, 26s. 8d.

Our total Sabbath-school offerings showed an increase of about £800; our Young People's gifts to missions a slight increase of £9. Unfortunately our Week of Sacrifice figures are not all in this year, and we were at the end of the third quarter showing a decrease of £200. We believe this will right itself by the close of the year.

We have special news to bring with regard to our 1937 Ingathering Campaign. We have this work well organized in the Union, to the extent that when we commence our Ingathering Campaign practically everything else stops. This year we went all out to reach our goal of £10,000 within the official period. I am happy to tell you that our full goal of £10,000 was reached by the end of October. Actually the amount collected in our Ingathering Campaign to date is about £10,500.

Our Publishing House has been for years operating on a very sound basis. It is showing a profit on nine months' operating of £600. This institution has been of great assistance to us in helping to balance our evangelistic budgets, which may be one very good reason for the success and blessing that is attending their work.

Our Food Factory has, during recent years, passed through difficult periods, mainly due to fierce competition and lack of capital. They now seem to be turning a difficult corner in the road. They should show a profit approaching perhaps £500 this year.

Our medical institution, The Stanboroughs, has for some years made very heavy financial losses which have taxed the Union's resources to the limit. We are glad to say, however, that this year, up to the end of the third quarter, they had made a small profit. Our loss this year should be considerably reduced.

Our doctors and our staff in general have had perplexing problems, but they have been facing them courageously. The Maternity Home is becoming popular and should become more than self-supporting.

Our educational work has been making good progress but has its problems. Newbold Missionary College has an enrolment of about 135. There is an urgent need in Britain to raise the standard of the education we offer. We sent our College principal to America for a year's post-graduate work, and he will return to us in June. Brother Baird, the acting principal, has a loyal band of teachers, each of whom is seeking more and more qualifications, and we are enlarging the curriculum a little each year.

The Overseas Department at Newbold has been a blessing to the institution, and the students in this department have brought with them an atmosphere that has been a help to us.

It may come as a surprise to some people to know that the British Union, which is at the heart of the British Empire, still has a large amount of unentered mission territory on its doorstep. To-day in the Irish Free State, where there are

more than three million Catholics, we have one lone, unordained, single worker in the city of Dublin. There is nothing else in the whole of Southern Ireland to represent the work of the Advent message.

We need more literature for use in the Free State, and above everything else we need a few consecrated workers who will go in there and work quietly for souls

who are searching for truth in that land.

We still have more than 1,000 cities where the name Seventh-Day Adventist is utterly foreign. We pray God to give such spiritual power as shall make us equal to the task of winning souls for the Lord in these exceptionally stirring and challenging times.

H. W. LOWE.

Items from the Report of the East Nordic Union Conference

Up to September 30th we have received 357 new members. The membership of the Union was 5,168 on September 30th, a net increase of 1,367 members since the Union was organized six years ago.

FINANCES

Tithes and offerings for ten months show a liberal increase. There is a 16 per cent gain in tithes and 13.5 per cent in mission offerings. The interest in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign is ever increasing, and the leadership in the conferences heartily back up the effort by releasing all the workers from evangelistic work during the campaign. The literature ministry in our field has never been more greatly blessed. Last year we broke all previous records, chiefly due to the fact that we had such a timely book as Pastor Gudmundsen's *Fourteen Years in Abyssinia*. But at the end of the third quarter the decrease in book sales in Sweden was very small.

In Finland the literature sales went up fifty to sixty per cent. This is due to the success of the new health magazine *Terveys*. About sixty students from the schools have been out in the colporteur work this summer, and their efforts have been fruitful. Thirty-nine students have earned full scholarships this year: twenty-seven at Ekebyholm, twelve at Toivonlinna, and three from Newbold; there are five half scholarships.

Our two educational centres, Ekebyholm and Toivonlinna, have proven to be great blessings. At Ekebyholm the enrolment this year is eighty, and at Toivonlinna fifty.

Nearly all the young people who come to the schools before they are converted find their Saviour and salvation during the school year.

Two sanitariums and two treatment-rooms are being operated. Hultafors has had an exceptionally good patronage this year.

I have just come back from Finland. An interesting experience came to me while on this tour. While holding a meeting on a very rainy night two men and their wives attended the meeting. They

lived many miles out in the country. The unfavourable weather conditions did not scare them. They had heard that an Adventist minister had come to town, and they wanted to attend the meeting. In the village where they live there are no other churches or sects beside the Lutheran church. But a sister from East Finland and her husband had recently moved there. This sister was truly a home missionary, and after a little while the two wives were ready to be baptized. Brother Kohtanen was there and performed the baptism. Now the men, too, are deeply convicted of the truth, and they call themselves Adventists, and both expect in the near future to go forward in baptism. The recent meeting for the workers in Sweden was a blessed convocation. A spirit of heart-searching and revival came both to the workers and the church in Stockholm where the meeting was held. In the public meetings that were held nightly definite results were attained in the saving of souls. Many came forward to seek God for help and salvation.

G. A. LINDSAÿ.

Items from the Report of the West Nordic Union Conference

In 1937 it was sixty years since Elder Matteson came to his homeland, Denmark, and opened the work there, and it was fifty years since the Norwegian Conference was organized and the first camp-meeting was held in Europe—an event remarkable because Sister White visited that meeting. The church at Moss was organized that year and has celebrated that event.

This year we have increased the number of church buildings by three—two in Denmark (Randers and Vejle) and one in Norway (Trondheim). This last one which is connected with a treatment-room and an office for the conference gives us a headquarters for the North Norway Conference. Now we have a good headquarters in all five conferences.

We have about the same number of workers; altogether fifty-one. Beside this we have ninety colporteur-evangelists, whose sales in

Denmark have gone down from Kr.146,957.16 to Kr.127,800.45, but in Norway they have gone up from Kr.203,387.77 to Kr.233,893.39, which gives us in both countries together a benefit of Kr.11,348.91 over last year.

Both mission schools are prospering. The Danish school has seventy students, the Norwegian forty-five, and we have sent thirteen students to Newbold.

Our sanitarium in Skodsborg had a good year. In spite of difficulties we find in Norway a great interest for the erection of a Norwegian sanitarium. This year we will have one physician educated, and next year two more young men will be ready and others will be following soon after. Some money has been gathered—a little more than Kr.100,000—and a campaign on behalf of this sanitarium is going on.

Tithe has gone up by Kr.7,714.72.

About our Harvest Ingathering I can truly say that we have never worked as hard as this year, and we have never had in Norway so large an amount, namely,

Kr.48,900.00; but in Denmark we have been hindered by the prohibition against *selling* our Harvest Ingathering paper as well as other papers. L. MUDERSPACH.

Items from the Report of the African Missions

THIS Division is, even after the recent territorial changes made at the Autumn Council, still bearing the largest responsibility in Africa. We still have 55,000,000 souls in our territory, which is 17,000,000 more than the population of the Division bearing the next largest responsibility in the Dark Continent.

Of the twenty-one countries and island groups in Africa allotted to this Division we have entered only seven, while fourteen, with a population of over 20,000,000, are still waiting for this message. We have made no advance into new territory since 1931. During these past years we have seen a wonderful growth in membership, but so far as advancing into new territory is concerned, we seem to be at a standstill. This is true also as regards our mission staff. We have to-day practically the same number of native and European workers as we had in 1931.

Our sister Division in South Africa has, during this same period, increased its staff of workers (European and native) by 462. These last six years have been years of depression it is true, and we may be thankful that we have been able to hold our work intact without any retrenchment during these trying years. But time is slipping by and if we are to finish the work that the Lord has given us, it is high time that we lay plans for advancing into the unentered territories.

OUR MISSION FIELD MEMBERSHIP

The membership gains in the mission fields indicate a healthy growth and are most encouraging. At the close of 1936 there was a gain of 922 members or 11.5 per cent over the 1935 figure. In fact since 1931 the membership has increased 3,074 or 62 per cent in the mission fields.

The membership in the different fields is recorded in the following table:

Year	Membership		Gain	
1932	5,519	566		
1933	6,104	585		
1934	6,476	372		
1935	7,105	629		
1936	8,027	922		

	1935	1936	Gain	% of Gain
East African Union	3,935	4,478	543	13.8
Ethiopian Union	321	321	...	...
Gold Coast Union	665	810	145	21.8
Nigerian Union	1,521	1,740	219	14.4
Sierra Leone Miss.	469	365	-104	22.2*
Upper Nile Union	164	256	92	56.1
French Equat. Miss.	14	13	-1	7.1*
Liberia Mission	16	44	28	175.0
Total	7,105	8,027	922	11.5

*Loss

These figures reveal what a harvest might be gathered if we could somehow establish our work in other waiting lands.

Our staff has increased only by one over last year. We are hoping, however, that as a result of calls which will be placed at this council, at least three or four new workers may be sent out in the near future.

EDUCATIONAL WORK IN AFRICA

A brief statement should be made with reference to our schools in Africa. We look to our schools more than to any other organization among us for workers, and also in Africa as an evangelizing agency in carrying forward our work. I am glad to report a total enrolment in all our mission schools of 7,276.

MISSION SCHOOLS—1936

I feel that I should again lay

before this Division Council some of our outstanding needs which were mentioned one year ago, but which to-day are just as urgent.

1. Our need for better-equipped and more fully-manned training centres in Africa is becoming more and more evident. One of our greatest, if not the greatest, need in Africa is for more native workers, but they must be trained for service. Our training schools are largely the key to any large advance in Africa.

2. Then the calls for the establishment of more medical centres in Africa should receive the attention of this council. During the past year this need has become increasingly manifest, especially on the West Coast and in Uganda. Hospitals and medical centres are being built in other mission fields, and I believe if we face the problem seriously that a way will open for bringing the right arm of the message into larger use in our mission fields.

If all our missionaries were here to-day and if each should tell his story of open doors, unprecedented opportunities, and hungry souls waiting for this message, I am sure our hearts would be moved and perhaps we would be aroused to do something more for our neglected mission fields. I trust that some of the burden they are carrying for the millions of Africa may be shifted to the hearts of our leaders at home, and that each one here may carry from this council a new determination to pray more for our missions and to co-operate in a larger way in the raising of mission funds and in upholding the hands of those who are directing our mission programme, that the coming year may truly see a definite advance on our missionary frontier.

J. I. ROBISON.

MISSION SCHOOLS—1936

	Train'g Sch.		Station Sch.		Outschools		Girls' Schools	
	No.	Enrol't	No.	Enrol't	No.	Enrol't	No.	Enrol't
Kenya Union	1	100	5	597	109	4,258	1	19
Gold Coast Union	...	...	2	158	18	379	...	...
Nigerian Union	...	...	4	381	10	503	1	16
Upper Nile Union	...	...	3	51	7	146	...	...
Cameroons Mission	...	...	1	24	...	...	1	8
Liberian Mission	...	...	2	65	...	...	1	3
Sierra Leone Mission	1	40	1	148	11	373	1	7
Totals	2	140	18	1,424	155	5,659	5	53

Items from the Report of the Nigerian Union

NIGERIA is Britain's largest colony and has a population of twenty-two million—one-seventh of the entire population of Africa; they speak two hundred different languages and dialects.

To work for this vast multitude we have only ten European workers, and their work is continually being interrupted by the frequent furloughs necessitated by the bad climate. Including the colporteurs, we have 115 African workers, many of whom combine school-teaching with church work.

Progress continues to be rapid. In eleven years our Sabbath-school membership has grown from 2,000 to nearly 13,000; our church membership from 600 to 2,000; our total school enrolment from 100 to 1,000.

In each of the last three years we have gained 2,000 new Sabbath-school members, but our baptisms are still around 250 a year. Our candidates must not only prepare for baptism, but they must also live as members on probation for one year before they are baptized. This takes time, and it demands well-trained and instructed workers. Unfortunately we have so great a need for workers of every kind that we find it almost impossible to spare the young ones long enough to receive the training they should have. This is our chief problem.

Our press is run in connection with the school, and is ripe for expansion. We have just finished printing a Yoruba hymn-book of 260 hymns, and they are selling faster than our amateur binders can finish them. There are great possibilities before our printing and publishing work in Nigeria and the whole West Coast. Our colporteurs sold large numbers of English books to make up their total sales of £700 in 1936.

In Jengre the power of prayer has been demonstrated by many cases of divine healing, and the twenty believers already baptized are strong Christians. Jengre is our advance-post into the great Mohammedan Sudan, and unwarned millions lie around and beyond it.

At Aba Brother and Sister Clifford began fourteen years ago to lay a good foundation upon which grew an ever-expanding work. Since they left and went to Gold Coast, Brother Edmonds and his wife have seen the great mass movement toward Sabbath-keeping continue to increase. This Ibo land is where our work grows fastest, and it is here that we face the great problem of instructing the thousands in those other phases of Christian living that are equally important for members of the church of Christ.

W. T. B. HYDE.

Items from the Educational Secretary's Report

It was my privilege a few weeks ago to attend the General Conference Educational Council. It was highly gratifying to find on the part of all a common desire and a solemn determination to find and follow God's way in education more perfectly. The place that the Spirit of prophecy has had and is still exercising in moulding the educational policies of this denomination into a united world-wide educational movement was seen and felt throughout the convention.

In the Northern European

Division we must lay more definite plans for our teachers to build themselves up in their chosen field and take advantage of modern proven methods for the betterment of their work. This is especially true in the field of Bible and history which so vitally affect the doctrinal unity of our work. The General Conference has recognized this need and established the Seventh-Day Adventist Theological Seminary especially to give opportunity for our Bible and history teachers, as well as other workers, to undertake graduate

study in the field of Bible history and doctrine, the Biblical languages, church history and the fields of secular history especially associated with the fulfilment of the prophecies.

When we realize that of the 7,772 young people and children of school age in the home fields of our Division only 847 are in our own schools, while 6,925 are either in the schools of the world or not in school, it should arouse us to realize that as watchmen we are failing in gathering in our children as we have been admonished to do over and over again.

"While we should put forth earnest efforts for the masses of people around us, and push the work into foreign fields, no amount of labour in this line can excuse us for neglecting the education of our children and youth. They are to be trained to become workers for God."—*Counsels to Teachers*, page 165.

OUR SCHOOLS IN HOMELANDS

We are glad to be able to report that nearly all our schools in Northern Europe have opened their doors this year with a good enrolment and a fine group of young people.

The total enrolment of 446 is forty less than last year. This loss is explained largely by the fact that the Polish Mission School has been temporarily closed and the Baltic Union School has opened with a decrease of twenty-seven in the enrolment this year.

We look to Newbold College as our principal training centre in the Division and rejoice in the good strong work they are doing there. In fact all our schools in the homelands are doing excellent work, and we rejoice that so many young people are enjoying the privilege of a Christian education. However, we need to enlarge our educational programme.

We still have only twelve church schools in this great Division with 586 churches in the homelands, our present membership being 26,815. These twelve church schools, with an enrolment of about 400, are like a little leaven, but it seems that it is taking a long time to leaven the whole lump.

J. I. ROBISON.

Items from the Sabbath-School Report

At our last Winter Council we showed an encouraging gain in membership of 5,843. Now we add another 4,367. This is more than accounted for by mission growth, Nigeria adding 2,018, East Africa 1,707, Gold Coast 329, Upper Nile 220, while all the other missions make progress.

There is a gain in average attendance of 3,902, but again the missions claim 3,871 of this; East Africa has 2,617, Nigeria 1,470; while the Gold Coast goes back 419.

The home bases, however, must receive some credit for the growth in mission fields. They make it possible. Last year's loss on Sabbath-school offerings is converted into a gain of \$4,882, and here Europe leads. West Nordic accounts for \$1,285, the British Union for \$1,041, the East Nordic for \$805, the Baltic (still no report from Latvia) \$486. A quarter of the whole gain comes from the missions. The stimulus given to the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering by the Silver Jubilee accounts for over \$1,900 of the increase.

A year ago we reported 12,494 perfect quarterly records. To-day, for a similar period, we show 13,153, a gain of 659. Against this, the perfect yearly records have fallen from 1,215 to 923, a loss of 292.

In 1937 a number of Sabbath-school conventions were held in the home fields. We have learned of twelve in the East Nordic Union, eight in the West Nordic, and fifteen in the British Union. The South Norway Conference paid the expenses of all Sabbath-school teachers to attend a convention held in its territory. The British Union reports that 350 copies of *Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work* were ordered for the Training Course, which was taken by 500 teachers, of whom 300 have definitely completed the course. Poland reported that thirteen conventions were held in connection with that course and 378 teachers completed the course, which brought great blessing to the schools. They translated and printed an edition of the class book.

W. T. BARTLETT.

Items from the Report of the Young People's Department

OUTSTANDING features in the year 1937 were two large congresses held in the West and East Nordic Unions, attended by Brother C. Lester Bond of the General Conference. The West Nordic Union meeting was held at Vejlefiord school, with an attendance of about 500. Forty-two young people made a definite start in the Christian life. The East Nordic Congress was held at Toivonlinna with about 500 in attendance, of whom 200 were Swedes and 300 Finns. Twenty-three took their stand for the first time, and another forty definitely reconsecrated themselves.

The Study and Service League is taking on large proportions in the British Union. Thirty projectors are in use, and they have a film library of forty subjects, thirty of them being Bible studies. The total number of film hirings

from January to June was 182. Some of the films have been out as many as twenty-three times. Lay-evangelists are finding the projectorscope a helpful means, and from the lectures given, a number have been interested: twelve to fifteen have already been baptized.

In the British Union M.V. Week was an occasion of much blessing. One hundred and four churches took a definite part in this campaign, and twenty-eight held mid-week meetings as well as week-end services. In every effort the conference workers led out. Four hundred and fifty-one young people signed consecration cards and one hundred and eight registered a decision to give themselves to the Lord. Thirty-eight entered baptismal classes.

In Poland this year eleven M.V. conventions have been held. A

special effort was put forth to win our own young and ninety-seven of them were baptized. Through the evangelistic zeal of the M.V.'s, twenty-seven young people were won to the truth.

W. T. BARTLETT.

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Items from the Report of the Publishing Department

THIRTEEN Colporteurs' Institutes were held, eleven in the homeland and two in the mission field. Four hundred and eighty-five regular and student colporteurs benefited from the instruction given at these institutes.

Our nine schools in the homeland provided us with 170 energetic, enthusiastic Christian salesfolk. Ekebyholm holds the record in both number of students sent out and scholarships earned. The British Union comes second.

In the British Union twelve people in the North England Conference are keeping Sabbath after coming in contact with the colporteur and his literature. At our January institute forty colporteurs signed up for the course in Gospel Salesmanship. These colporteurs speak in enthusiastic terms of the help received from these courses.

Norway has made a phenomenal record during the past year. With a population of less than three million they have an operating staff of seventy colporteurs.

Finland shows a gain of fifty-two per cent. The new health paper has had much to do in making this fine increase possible.

Brother W a r r e n writes: "Brother Schulz who is working in the Leicester district, has taken orders from some very interesting people: Two city aldermen; secretary to the Portuguese Ambassador; three city councillors; seven ministers; fifteen Sunday-school teachers; two head masters; fifteen Catholics; one Education Committee official, and one into the Leicester Free Library." A letter from a purchaser says: "I thank God for the day you called on me with that beautiful book, *Bible Readings for the Home*, which has changed my life."

L. A. VIXIE.

Resolutions Adopted at the Winter Council

FINANCES

A COMMITTEE on Finance gave careful study to many problems and submitted the following report, which was adopted in detail by the council.

INCREASING TITHE INCOME

WHEREAS, The percentage of tithe-paying members throughout this Division indicates that a considerable number of our churchmembers are missing the spiritual blessing that comes from supporting the Lord's cause through the tithe, and

WHEREAS, The Lord's servant has clearly indicated the great blessings that come to the church through the simplicity, equality, and utility of the tithing system, and has described the possibilities of our having ample means for finishing God's work on earth if all were faithful in this respect, as witnessed in these words:

"Great objects are accomplished by this system. If one and all would accept it, each would be made a vigilant and faithful treasurer for God; and there would be no want of means with which to carry forward the great work of sounding the last message of warning to the world. The treasury will be full if all adopt this system, and the contributors will not be left the poorer. Through every investment made, they will become more wedded to the cause of present truth. They will be 'laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.'" —*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, page 389.

Resolved: 1. That we counsel all our unions to arrange a special Tithe Sabbath programme at least once a year, and make an appeal to all our members to enter into a spiritual covenant with God to pay an honest tithe into the treasury.

2. That in this service, use be made of a special tithe covenant card or bookmark, so that persons entering into such a covenant have a permanent reminder of this experience.

3. That our conferences arrange to keep track of the percentage of churchmembers who are paying tithes, aiming to increase this percentage quarter by quarter and looking forward to reaching the goal of 100 per cent of the members of the church being faithful in this respect. Such reports to be sent through twice a year at the end of the second and the fourth quarter, from the conference to the Union, and from the Union to the Division, as is done with other reports.

4. That we request those in charge of union and local conference papers to arrange for the insertion of articles on tithe-paying, special care being taken to arrange these articles from

the Biblical and spiritual points of view.

5. That we encourage the practice of having from time to time Tithe Testimony periods on the Sabbath in our churches, where our members can relate blessings received through tithe-paying.

6. That our union conferences give consideration to the collection of material relating to blessings that have come to our people through tithe-paying, with a view to circulating the same in the form of a tract among our believers.

7. That conference and church treasurers pay special attention to the writing of appreciative letters to members sending in tithe monies, and that in other ways they endeavour to keep an encouraging personal touch with our members throughout the field. That in the operation of this plan special care be given in effecting contact with, and imparting instruction to, the isolated members who constitute the conference churches in our unions and that to each such member a carefully prepared Bible study be sent together with literature and other matter connected with the outworking of the regular plan.

8. That we remind our churches that due care be taken in the choice of treasurers; that our treasurers be encouraged to visit our members in an endeavour to promote the observance of the tithe practice and that the payment of tithe each week be advocated.

9. That the committees in our churches give special care that all officers and Sabbath-school teachers be faithful tithe-payers.

10. That all our efforts to increase the tithe income be based on spiritual grounds and promoted from the Bible and the Spirit of prophecy rather than from the standpoint of shortage of money in the treasury.

INCREASING THE PERCENTAGE OF TITHE-PAYING MEMBERS

That, In working out the provisions of Resolution 1 dealing with "Increasing the Tithe Income," we aim during 1938 to increase the percentage of tithe-paying members by seven per cent of the total membership in each mission, conference, and union in the Division.

PRIVATE SOLICITATION OF MISSION FUNDS

THAT we adopt the following action taken at the recent Autumn Council at Battle Creek, October 20-27, 1937:

We learn, with considerable concern, that a practice is growing among some of our brethren and sisters in the homeland of sending mission offerings direct to certain missionaries in the field rather than giving their funds to help in the regular

mission programme as carried on by the denominational organization.

Sometimes these gifts are sent as the result of personal solicitation on the part of missionaries overseas, and at other times they are sent because of a desire on the part of the giver to form a vital contact with a particular field and to know exactly what his offerings are accomplishing. Often these direct gifts are made upon the mistaken supposition that the party to whom they are sent is better qualified to decide how and where such funds should be spent than are the men who are held responsible by the denomination for the equal distribution of mission funds among the various fields. We appreciate the love of these brethren for missions, but we feel sure that their method of rendering help is wrong.

We believe that the following considerations will lead thoughtful Seventh-Day Adventists to realize the extreme dangers involved in such a plan of financing our world mission programme:

1. If all our people sent their gifts direct to some missionary friend, it would mean that those workers from overseas who had a wide acquaintance in the homelands and who were able to make a strong appeal to our home churches would be liberally supported in their programme, while equally worthy and capable workers, who were not so well known, would have little or nothing with which to work.

2. We are acquainted with certain missionaries of other denominations whose work is thus supported and have witnessed the evils of such a plan. The worker who takes frequent furloughs; who can make the strongest appeal in the home churches; who has the most appealing personality and the widest circle of friends, receives thousands of dollars for the support of himself and the work of his mission; while some of his brethren, members of the same organization, but who have fewer contacts with the home churches, are forced to get along with only a pittance or even leave the field for lack of support.

3. It often happens also that for certain reasons it becomes necessary to shift workers from one section of the field to another; men do not continue permanently in one locality. Now where the work has been built up and native labourers employed beyond regular budget provision by the use of private funds received by the missionary in charge of a given district, and where for some reason this particular missionary is moved to a new location, his successor finds it impossible to maintain the work on the standard set up by his predecessor unless he too begins to solicit

special donations from his friends in the home churches.

4. When funds are sent directly to some missionary in the field either for his own use or to be redistributed by him to others in the field, this lays upon the individual receiving the money the full responsibility of deciding how such funds shall be disbursed and spent. He is under no obligation to counsel with his co-labourers in the field, nor is he guided by responsible committees whose duty it is to see that equal support is provided for all our workers and stations. Such a plan of finance would make every missionary a separate and independent unit, and would remove from him the counsel and co-operation of his associates within the field that is so important a factor in the prosecution of our work.

5. Funds sent to our missionaries through the regular channels provided by the denomination are audited and checked by competent men appointed to do that work. The books of each Division office are audited by a General Conference auditor. The Division, in turn, arranges for an annual audit of all funds passed on through the union and local field offices to the missionaries on the local stations. Not a penny is lost sight of. An annual report is made as to the use of the funds that our people have provided. Thus the General Conference is able to trace every item from its original source, right through to the station where it is spent in support of our work and workers.

6. This, however, is not true of money sent direct to individual missionaries. Their accounts are not audited. While we make no imputation of dishonesty on the part of any, yet we feel we should call the attention of our people to the extreme weakness of such a plan. No one but the missionaries knows how the funds are expended. They are the sole judges as to what use shall be made of the money sent them. They are responsible to no one in the matter. No reports are made by them to responsible committees of the receipt or use of such funds. And temptation is thus often placed before them to expend money thus received in ways that are not approved by those whom the church has made responsible for the general oversight of the work in the respective fields.

7. Seventh-Day Adventists have a message for all people. Our orders are to "go into all the world." Wherever human beings live our representatives must be sent to proclaim the Advent message. Such a gigantic task can be carried on by a small people only by the guidance of the Spirit of God and complete co-ordination of effort on the part of the entire church membership.

8. Already we are carrying on mission work in over three hundred and fifty countries and island fields, and

thousands of missionaries and indigenous workers are located in these fields and are giving their lives in an effort to proclaim the truth to those about them. Now it is the duty of the church to see that equal support is provided for our workers in all lands, and on all stations. It is neither right nor fair that some should be supported more liberally than others. One family sent out by the church is as worthy of support as any other family. One man may be fortunately situated in a field where converts are made with comparatively little effort, while another, through no choice of his own, may be sent to a very difficult field where results are hard to obtain. These men may both possess equal ability, but the one will soon be able to send home glowing reports of marvellous achievements, which reports greatly stir our hearts, whereas the other worker must labour on for years with little to encourage him except the knowledge that he has been sent of God and is doing his level best.

9. In God's sight these men are on an equal footing. They are both doing His service. One is as faithful as the other. But human nature will, if given rein, lead individuals to rally to the support of the one who is able to report large gains and to neglect the other one who is struggling against odds of which his more favourably situated brother knows nothing. Sometimes someone is heard to say: "I want my money to go directly to the places where things are being accomplished and where so many are coming into the truth." But such forget that the work cannot be finished in these favourable places until it is likewise finished in all the hard and difficult fields of earth.

10. The reason Seventh-Day Adventists have been so successful in carrying on a world work in the past is the fact that they have held together on a definite world mission programme. There has been perfect co-ordination of effort. Our funds have been sent to a common treasury, and men of wide experience with a world outlook have endeavoured to make an equitable distribution of funds to all fields. When funds have been plentiful all fields have shared in the blessing. When they have been short all have shared in the shortage. In that sense we, like the apostles, have had all things in common. There have been none who lacked while their brethren had plenty. And God has blessed this plan until it has become an object of admiration and wonder among those not of our faith.

11. We are sure that these considerations will lead all our people who may read these lines to feel that they should continue to co-operate with the Mission Board in carrying on a unified mission programme and that all efforts to divert funds into private channels should be discouraged. This is the plan ordained of God, as is witnessed in the experi-

ence of the early church when the entire membership joined hands in an effort to support those who gave themselves to the proclamation of the Gospel:

12. "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." Acts 4: 32-35.

INCREASING OUR MISSION OFFERINGS

WHEREAS, The servant of the Lord has told us that progress of the work in heathen lands can react only favourably on the work in the home fields, and

WHEREAS, Unentered territories in this Division constitute a great challenge for a stronger missions programme, and

WHEREAS, In this age when undue emphasis is placed on the material things of life, there is great danger that our members neglect the duty of carrying the Gospel to unwarned portions of the earth,

Resolved: 1. That we urge our executives, ministers, and church leaders to give renewed and more vigorous encouragement to the various methods in existence for raising offerings for missions.

2. That in every church the home division of the Sabbath-school be organized, a special secretary being appointed to foster the interests of this department by visiting the homes of the members, and by supplying lesson pamphlets and offering envelopes to those unable to attend the regular Sabbath-school.

3. That encouragement be given to our members to adopt the plan of giving a regular amount to the mission offerings each Sabbath whether they are present at the Sabbath-school or not.

4. That we take up vigorously the Investment Fund and Birthday Gift plan which offer a ready means of raising money for missions, and which, where tried, have revealed the great blessing of God upon the efforts of His people.

5. That the Week of Sacrifice plan and the Annual Offering be brought prominently to the attention of our laymembers and workers, with a view to increasing considerably mission offerings from this source.

6. That conference committees give study to the question of making special mission collections at annual

meetings, preferably at some time during Sabbath services.

7. That we request union and conference committees to lay such plans as will enable them to keep track of, and also to promote strongly, the idea of the per capita goal in our mission offerings for their fields, and that this goal be translated into an individual goal for each church.

8. That we endeavour to increase the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering by an appreciable percentage, in a special endeavour to enlarge our scale of mission operations.

INFORMATION RE PER CAPITA MISSION OFFERINGS

WHEREAS, At the Division Winter Councils each year per capita goals for mission offerings for each Union are set, and

WHEREAS, There is need for constant promotion of these objectives in our churches,

Resolved: That in working out this plan, we request the conferences and unions to report their per capita rates for each church quarter by quarter, and that these figures be passed on to church elders and conference workers, and

That they also be featured in our Union papers for the purpose of reaching our objectives in per capita mission offerings.

PAYING CURRENT ACCOUNTS AT CLOSE OF YEAR

WHEREAS, It is desirable that our conferences and institutions reduce their liabilities by paying their current accounts at the close of each year,

Resolved: That we ask all conference organizations and institutions in this Division to pay their current operating expenses promptly at the close of each year.

DEBT CONTROL

THAT we adopt the following action voted at the Autumn Council at Battle Creek, October 20-27, 1937:

WHEREAS, The incurring of indebtedness by any organization, whether conference, mission, institution, or church, affects very definitely, though sometimes indirectly, the entire denominational organization;

Resolved: 1. That we reaffirm the principles of working toward no denominational indebtedness as set forth in resolutions and actions formerly voted by the General Conference, and that no financial obligations be incurred in the operation of any denominational organization, all work being carried strictly on a cash budget basis.

2. That in all our denominational organizations throughout the world, including the General Conference, divisions, union and local conferences, and missions, all operations be promoted on available funds, and that no further debts be incurred except in emergency situations as provided

for in this series of resolutions. That in all our institutions, embracing publishing houses, schools, and sanitariums, the work be carried on with available funds, so that there shall be no increase of indebtedness.

3. That when the controlling board of an institution or organization desires to enlarge or improve its properties and increase the facilities for carrying on its work, this shall be done without incurring indebtedness.

4. That in building projects in self-supporting union conferences in North America where the cost does not exceed \$5,000, approval shall be given by the union conference committee; in all other Divisions where the cost does not exceed \$5,000, approval must be given by the union and division committees, before building operations are begun or preliminary arrangements involving financial commitments are made for such buildings.

5. That in building projects where the cost exceeds \$5,000, approval shall be obtained from the General Conference Committee before construction is begun or financial commitments are entered into.

6. That no conference, mission, or institution shall borrow money for the purpose of reinvestment or loan to individuals; neither shall it make loans from its own funds to employees or other individuals. This provision does not apply to specific loan funds, such as student aid funds.

7. That no conference, mission, or institution shall borrow money to re-loan to churches, and no church shall borrow money for church building or church expense except as hereinafter provided.

8. That churches contemplating either purchasing or erecting church buildings be cautioned not to undertake obligations which the church cannot easily carry, the local and union committees giving careful counsel, after studying the size of the congregation, its financial strength, and the location of the church.

9. That in the purchase and building of church properties, in no case should building operations be started until seventy-five per cent of the entire cost is in hand in cash; that provision satisfactory to the General Conference or division committee for securing the remaining twenty-five per cent be made before work is begun on such construction, and that work proceed and obligations be incurred only as funds are available. And, further, that a project contemplating the expenditure of \$25,000 or more be recognized as a special problem involving wider counsel with local, union, division, and General Conference Committees as to the percentage of funds above seventy-five per cent that should be in hand before building operations are begun or obligations incurred. In fields where it may be possible to occupy small

church buildings before they are completed, permission may be given by the division committee to proceed with the construction as funds are available.

10. That churches be not dedicated until they are free from indebtedness.

11. That under unforeseen emergency conditions where it may seem imperative that some funds be borrowed in order to preserve or protect existing properties and interests, such loans be secured only after approval as follows:

(a) A union conference may borrow or authorize the borrowing of amounts not exceeding \$1,000 or its equivalent in local currency within a calendar year upon approval of the union conference committee. For amounts exceeding \$1,000, approval by the division or General Conference Committees must be obtained.

(b) A union mission may not borrow or authorize the borrowing of money without the approval of the division or General Conference Committees.

(c) An institution not coming directly under the supervision of a union conference or union mission may borrow or authorize the borrowing of amounts not exceeding \$1,000 in a year, upon approval of the board of trustees of the institution. Amounts exceeding \$1,000 shall have the approval of the division or General Conference Committees.

(d) It is understood that division fields may neither borrow nor authorize the borrowing of emergency amounts exceeding \$5,000 in the aggregate for all of their organizations within a calendar year without the approval of the General Conference Committee.

12. That at the completion of a building project, or at the end of each year during which it is under construction, a report be made of the building and land cost and financial standing of the project, to the treasurer of the division in which it is located; and that for projects receiving aid from the Church Extension or other special fund, the division treasurer file a copy of such report with the treasurer of the General Conference.

13. That leaders who show inability to co-operate the work in harmony with our established financial policies be not permitted to continue in executive leadership.

DEBT LIQUIDATION

THAT we adopt the following plan voted at the Autumn Council at Battle Creek, October 20-27, 1937.

WHEREAS, For many years it has been the denominational policy to carry on all foreign mission work on a strictly cash basis; and

WHEREAS, The incurring of debt in mission fields imperils the future of our world mission programme and places a heavy burden of interest

payments upon the fields, which handicaps the progress of their work; and

WHEREAS, During recent years there has been considerable departure from this cash policy in a number of fields, and debts have been incurred by the borrowing of money for the erection of buildings and the purchase of equipment, as well as for the operation of the work above the provisions of the regular budget; therefore

Resolved: 1. That mission fields having incurred indebtedness be required to adopt a definite policy of debt liquidation, this to become operative from January 1, 1938.

2. That not less than ten per cent of the entire present indebtedness of any given division and its subsidiary organizations be liquidated each year.

3. That so far as possible, funds be raised within the respective divisions with which to liquidate the present indebtedness in its mission fields, but where such funds are not sufficient, the balance be made up from regular budget receipts other than tithe; and that where the indebtedness is exceptionally large, the question be made a matter for special consideration by the division committee in counsel with the General Conference.

4. That in fields other than mission territories, where indebtedness has been incurred in conference or institutional work, not less than ten per cent of such indebtedness be liquidated each year beginning with January 1, 1938, and that where the indebtedness is exceptionally large, the question be made a matter for special consideration by the division committee in counsel with the General Conference.

5. That at each Winter Council of the division committee, presidents of union and local conferences report regarding plans for the reduction of indebtedness in their fields, the methods adopted to this end, and the progress made in the effort.

SELF-SUPPORT AND SEGREGATION OF BUDGET

THAT we adopt the following action taken at the Autumn Council at Battle Creek, October 20-27, 1937:

In harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference passed at the 1936 Autumn Council, affecting such countries as Africa, China, the Far East, South America, Inter-America, India, and foreign sections of other divisions, "that the income from the indigenous constituency support its own work and that goals be set from time to time for the percentage of self-support to be reached, so that an increasingly larger portion of what is appropriated by the General Conference can be used for opening new work;" and

WHEREAS, The time has come when our believers in overseas divisions should be encouraged to take a larger part in financing the denominational

work by assuming the responsibility for the support of the church in their respective fields;

We Recommend, 1. That in mission fields there be a complete separation of the general budget into two sections, the respective sections to be known as Section I, to include all missionaries from the United States, Europe, and other home bases; and Section II, to include national or indigenous workers.

2. That the salary and expense of all European workers be paid from Section I of the budget.

3. That the goal be to place our indigenous church work on a self-supporting basis and that the division committees set before the respective union and local fields a goal for self-support within a given period of years.

4. That frequent appeals be made to our believers by division and union leaders, mission directors, church pastors, and elders, and others on whom responsibility is placed, in an endeavour to bring in sufficient tithes and offerings from our churches to cover the budget requirements for sustaining the church activities in every land.

5. That beginning with January 1, 1938, a full segregation of the budget be made on the present status of carrying the work.

6. That temporarily additional subsidies may be made to the budgets from division funds. These subsidies may continue until the goal of self-support is reached.

7. That it be the goal of every managing board in mission fields to place our publishing houses, sanitariums, and hospitals on a self-supporting basis, including all salaries, and all operating expense, in order that more funds may be released from the budget for the extension of the message into unentered fields.

8. That in harmony with the General Conference policy, authorized operating funds be recommended for 1938 for each organization in the respective divisions.

9. That beginning with the year 1938 any surplus found in mission organizations over and above the authorized operating surplus at the close of the year revert to the division treasury for reappropriation by the division committee as the needs may appear.

10. That organizations paying both national and European workers may keep two sets of books where found practicable.

11. That monthly statements be issued from each mission and institution and furnished each member of the controlling field committee or institutional board.

12. That national workers, pastors, and church elders be supplied with statements of tithe and mission funds for their respective sections, revealing goals and results attained.

1938 WEEKLY PER CAPITA OFFERING GOALS

We Recommend: The following per capita rates for total mission offerings goals for 1938:

British Union	Sh.	1/5
Iceland	I.Kr.	.50
Norway	N.Kr.	.67
Denmark	D.Kr.	.87
Sweden	S.Kr.	1.00
Finland	F.Mk.	5.00
Lithuania	Lits	.60
Estonia	E.Kr.	.21
Poland	Zl.	.38

PER CAPITA RATES FOR NATIVE WORK IN MISSION FIELDS

We Recommend: The following weekly per capita rates for total mission offerings goals for 1938 for native work in mission fields:

Nigeria	2.5d.
Kenya Colony	.12sh.
Upper Nile	.15sh.
Cameroons	.40Fr.
Gold Coast	3.3d.
Sierra Leone	1.7d.
Liberian Mission	1.7d.

AUDITORS' WORK

THAT we adopt the following policy on the work of auditors as passed by the Autumn Council held at Battle Creek, 1937.

WHEREAS, The by-laws of the General Conference and the policies and procedure of the Auditing Department make provision for the auditing of accounts of the various organizations of our work in all parts of the world field; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that the General Conference be acquainted with the resources, liabilities, and expenditures of all such organizations,

We Recommend, That the following clauses be added to the policies and procedure of the Auditing Department, as acted upon in 1932:

That the General Conference auditors have access not only to the division books and vouchers, but also, where deemed necessary, and in collaboration with the division auditor, or the union auditor, to the books and vouchers of any union, local conference, mission field, or any institution within the division territory.

We further recommend, That the same arrangement obtain in the case of the division auditor and also of the union auditor, in relation to the respective fields and institutions under their care.

M.V. OFFERINGS AND HOME WORK

WHEREAS, Our Missionary Volunteers are in need of financial assistance in fostering their own society activities in the home field,

Resolved: That we reaffirm a previous division committee action taken at the Winter Council, 1932, whereby M.V. offerings taken at alternate meetings can be retained for local society activities.

The following set of resolutions was submitted by a Committee on Plans and adopted by the Council:

THANKSGIVING

Realizing, That "it is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord," and desiring to put on record the gratitude of our hearts for the mercies and blessings of our heavenly Father that have attended our people and our work during the past year, and

Realizing, That the loving care of our God has been manifest on every hand, even in the midst of times of trouble and unrest in all the world; and having heard again of the providential leadings of God in the extension of our work in both old fields and in new territories, and of the faithful efforts of our brethren and sisters of the Advent faith as they have joined the ministry in bringing the message of salvation to others in their personal work for souls,

Therefore, We, the delegates of the Northern European Division in Winter Council assembled, hereby record our sincere thanks to our heavenly Father for this blessed Advent message of salvation; for the grace manifested upon the believers in our Division; for the souls that have been won in all our fields during the year; for the spirit of liberality poured upon the Advent members; for the spirit of soul-winning service that abounds more and more; and for all the blessings and mercies of the year; and

We do hereby reconsecrate our lives to Christ and to His glorious cause, dedicating our all to Him for the finishing of the work.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Recommended: That all our unions in Northern Europe plan with editors and preachers to educate our own membership and the public mind, as far as possible, on the nature and value of spiritual freedom.

A GREATER "WIN ONE" MOVEMENT

WHEREAS, All world events clearly indicate that we are now in the harvest hour when all our forces must be led forth in the most earnest soul-winning labour, and

WHEREAS, The "Win One" movement launched at the beginning of 1937 has brought new inspiration to our members in their missionary activities and has resulted in the salvation of many precious souls in different parts of the world,

We Recommend, That earnest appeals be made in all our churches and through the columns of our church papers everywhere to enlist our entire lay force in a greater "Win One" movement during the year 1938, with the objective of encouraging every Seventh-Day Adventist to win one more soul to Christ before the close of that year.

LAY PREACHING

WHEREAS, The efforts that have been conducted by lay preachers have resulted in many souls being won, and the establishment of new churches and companies of believers, and

WHEREAS, There are many conse-

crated men in our churches who, with proper encouragement and training, could enter this work as humble instruments to labour effectively, therefore,

We Recommend, 1. That in churches where there are a sufficient number of interested persons, classes be organized for the training of all prospective lay preachers.

2. That those enrolled in these classes be assigned work in the field under the supervision of the conference and leader of the class.

3. That where possible, district classes be formed.

4. That the present plan of conducting lay preachers' institutes be continued, and that wherever possible, these institutes be held for a period of three or four days, to permit time for instruction and practical work.

FIRST SABBATH MISSIONARY SERVICE

WHEREAS, We are told in the Spirit of prophecy that "it is training and education that is needed," and that we should "agitate" and "educate" all our people to take more part in the great work of winning souls, and

WHEREAS, The first Sabbath missionary service is designed for this very purpose, and yet there are a very large number of churches in our Division that never hold these services, thus losing the wealth of information and good instruction coming from the General Conference, Division, and Unions,

We Recommend, That such meetings be held regularly in all our churches at the time appointed, and that so far as possible, the programme for the day be carried out.

CONSECRATION WEEK

WHEREAS, The Harvest Ingathering is spiritual work of a high order, whereby millions of people throughout the world are personally contacted each year, to whom we are to "impart blessings" and from whom we are to receive financial assistance for the Lord's work, and

WHEREAS, There is a recognized need of spiritual preparation on the part of all who engage in this work, therefore,

We Recommend, That the week immediately preceding the beginning of the 1938 Ingathering campaign be observed in all our churches as a week of consecration and prayer that the campaign may be the means of reaching many precious souls as well as gathering in larger funds for missions.

HARVEST INGATHERING RALLY DAY

WHEREAS, Experience has proved that an early start in the Harvest Ingathering campaign helps an early and successful finish,

We Recommend, That all campaign literature and promotion material be on hand in the churches as early as the first of July, but that while we encourage an early start, the official campaign, as heretofore, begins on the 27th of August.

WELFARE WORK

WHEREAS, There is yet a large number of our churches where there is no organized Dorcas Society or Welfare Work being carried on,

We Recommend and urge that such societies be organized without delay in all the remaining churches, so far as possible.

LITERATURE MINISTRY

WHEREAS, Our truth-filled literature is one of the strongest means in soul-winning efforts,

We Recommend, That well-planned campaigns for the distribution of our papers, magazines, tracts, and similar soul-winning literature be encouraged in every conference, and

That our people individually be encouraged to engage in systematic distribution of literature to be followed up by Bible readings and cottage meetings.

GREATER LITERATURE MINISTRY

WHEREAS, The Spirit of prophecy indicates that largely through our publishing work will be accomplished the work of that other angel of Revelation 18, and

WHEREAS, This can be done only as the entire membership of the S.D.A. church give their fullest support to the scattering of our message-filled literature, therefore,

We Recommend: 1. That every conference and mission field worker be requested to keep before our people the importance of the colporteur work, and to secure each year at least one full-time recruit for the literature ministry.

2. That in selecting these workers, care be taken to maintain the high standard set for this work by the Spirit of prophecy.

3. That we suggest to each church that they encourage at least one of their members to engage in the colporteur literature ministry continuously, that at least another of their members become a small literature and magazine colporteur, that as many others as possible devote some of their spare time to this work, and that these missionary workers be given the encouragement and moral support of the church.

EVERY MEMBER EVANGELISM

Being fully persuaded that it is God's will to use our entire membership in the proclamation of the message, and that it is His pleasure to bless the humblest efforts to help needy souls, therefore,

Resolved: That as leaders of God's cause we will not rest until every God-given talent among us is employed in the service of the Advent message, and that we will work together along the following lines:

1. Utmost simplicity in the method.
2. Preach the message in season and out of season.
3. Demonstrate in our own lives the glorious facts of Christ's death and resurrection.

4. Rely on the promised Holy Spirit to guide in service and make it fruitful.

5. Appointment rally days in the churches and train a few trusty helpers in advance.

6. Use the rally days for teaching members how to work for Christ.

7. Offer them a choice of work.

8. Group them accordingly under trained helpers, who will demonstrate methods in actual service.

9. Provide opportunities for testimony to the blessings enjoyed.

10. Select the most suitable and message-minded churches to engage in definite campaigns of literature distribution and follow-up work with Bible studies in a specified area until fruits are reaped, on the lines followed so successfully in other parts of the world.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WHEREAS, Christian education is an integral part of our denominational endeavour, and

WHEREAS, We believe that the principles of Christian education should be taught and practised by our workers,

We Recommend: 1. That our ministers and evangelists be encouraged:

(a) To present the principles of Christian education to all converts to the truth along with the doctrine.

(b) To bring the question of Christian education before the church as a whole from time to time at the regular Sabbath hour.

(c) To exemplify their faith in Christian education by sending their own children to our denominational schools if at all possible.

2. That studies now being prepared by the General Conference Educational Department on how to present the subject of Christian education to new converts and believers be placed in the hands of our ministers and evangelists.

STRENGTHENING OUR EDUCATIONAL WORK

WHEREAS, There is need in the Northern European Division for a more thorough training of our young people who look forward to taking up work in the organization, and

WHEREAS, We believe that if our young people are to be efficient workers in the cause, they should have their training in our denominational schools under Christian teachers who have dedicated their lives to this message, and

WHEREAS, It is essential that a worker have a thorough Biblical and scholastic training in his native tongue before taking up advanced study in a foreign language,

We Recommend: (a) That our schools on the continent, so far as possible, make provision for offering five- or six-year courses, giving a thorough scholastic and Biblical training in the students' native tongue, ever keeping before the students the ideals of Christian education and the call to service in the cause of God.

(b) That these schools continue to

give strong courses in the English language, thus opening to the students the wealth of denominational literature published in the English and affording them the opportunity for further study in one of our more advanced schools.

(c) That upon the completion of a course offered in one of our schools on the continent, selected students be encouraged to attend Newbold College for one or two years for advanced training in harmony with the policy already adopted in the Winter Councils of 1935 and 1936.

DIVISIONAL YOUTHS' CONGRESS

That we plan to convene a Divisional Youths' Congress in August, 1939, at Vejleffjord or some more suitable place, if one can be found.

JUNIOR M.V. WORK

That we endeavour to extend our work for the juniors until we have enrolled them, wherever possible, in junior societies, carefully organized and suitably led.

M.V. SOCIETIES AND EVANGELISM

1. That we set on foot at once a campaign to enlist our senior young people in definite evangelism for youth.

2. That we put within their reach some suitable leaflets of an evangelistic nature; and

3. That we endeavour to make the Missionary Volunteer Week a vital part of such campaign.

EVANGELICAL FILM STRIPS

WHEREAS, Film strips on the truths of our message are of help in efforts held by our young people and lay preachers; and

WHEREAS, Most available film strips are unsuitable for various language areas, because of their large number of texts and comments,

We Recommend: 1. That the Division M.V. Department supervise the preparation of a series of fifteen suitable film strips without text material.

2. That we recommend to the General Conference M.V. (or H.M.) Department to sponsor a further development of this project until a complete library of such films for use in any country is available.

SPIRITUAL LIFE IN SANITARIUMS

WHEREAS, We have been instructed "that our medical institutions are to stand as witnesses for God," and that "they are established to relieve the sick and the afflicted, to awaken a spirit of inquiry, to disseminate light, and to advance reform," and that "these institutions, rightly conducted, will be the means of bringing a knowledge of the reforms essential to prepare a people for the coming of the Lord, before many that otherwise it would be impossible for us to reach;"

We Recommend: (a) That those in charge of our medical institutions continue to do their utmost to maintain a strong religious influence, so that above all the Lord may be honoured in word and deed, His law be magnified, and the truths of the Bible made prominent.

(b) That visits to the sanitariums be made as often as possible by our leading brethren in the Division, Union, and local conferences, with a view to deepening the spiritual life of the staff.

(c) That our churches pray for the workers in our sanitariums, and do all they can to promote the prosperity of these institutions in every respect.

HEALTH REFORM

WHEREAS, We as a people have been entrusted with a treasure of sacred truth in the light given to us on health reform,

Resolved, (a) That we call upon our ministers in their public labours and work among the churches to give the health reform its proper place as "the right arm of the message."

(b) That we instruct our church-members to make use of the health literature in their missionary operations, especially our health magazines where these are published, by sale and lending and by taking subscriptions.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEDICAL WORK

Voted: That we recommend to our suitably educated young people who are considering their future life-work, that they consider the possibilities afforded by our sanitariums as training schools of Christian nursing along our special lines, and also the training given in hygienic cooking.

USE OF "TESTIMONIES"

WHEREAS, We believe that the Spirit of prophecy contains special messages for us in this critical hour, and realizing that those who read these inspired messages become staunch and loyal Seventh-Day Adventists, therefore,

We Recommend: (a) That the responsible publishing boards in the various non-English-speaking countries give careful and sympathetic study to the translation and publishing of more of Sister White's writings, especially selections from the *Testimonies*, and,

(b) That our ministry present the value of the books to our people from the pulpit and by personal effort persuade them to purchase, and

(c) That at all conferences and conventions in the Division we make a point of commending one or more of the books.

(d) That articles be prepared promoting the Spirit of prophecy, and that they be published in our church papers during 1938 as may be arranged by union committees.

Missionary Volunteer Report for Nine Months Ended September 30, 1937

	Baltic Union	British Union	East Nordic Union	Polish Union	West Nordic Union	East African Union Mission	Gold Coast Union Mission	Nigerian Union Mission	Upper Nile Union Mission	French Cameroons Mission	Liberia Mission	Sierra Leone Mission	Totals, 1937	Totals, 1936	Increase
No. Societies	65	80	36	69	53	72	7	39	8	...	3	13	445	425	20
Membership	640	1,560	619	719	1,920	1,779	497	2,077	164	...	63	328	10,366	8,563	1,803
Average Attendance	273	1,065	341	507	862	1,413	305	160	90	...	50	338	5,404	5,228	176
No. Reporting	331	700	219	392	400	1,107	25	35	80	...	45	263	3,597	3,118	479
Missionary Work															
No. Y.P. Baptized	3	33	38	95	78	51	...	...	12	12	17	...	339	199	140
Bible Readings	5,336	1,545	1,964	12,093	2,055	48,229	160	739	716	488	878	3,038	77,241	73,820	3,421
Missionary Visits	6,577	4,688	3,096	4,836	4,616	48,648	...	739	969	305	404	3,077	77,955	70,701	7,254
No. taken to Sabbath School	1,366	824	587	945	338	31,211	...	108	107	721	543	2,456	39,206	32,981	6,225
People Helped	2,812	15,054	649	3,751	65	58,554	301	150	634	411	584	1,898	84,913	77,680	7,233
Treatments Given	1,045	1,957	282	2,233	189	...	...	165	...	...	2,480	1,111	9,466	11,232	1,766*
Articles of Clothing Given	329	1,207	504	537	172	...	...	...	...	100	111	339	3,299	2,974	325
Books, Papers, etc., Dist.	9,807	111,874	10,673	8,047	15,949	12,729	...	230	238	94	130	319	174,090	179,924	5,834*
Missionary Letters Written	510	2,375	969	569	738	13,392	...	79	280	33	172	67	19,184	16,165	3,019*

*Decrease

SABBATH-SCHOOL DIAMOND JUBILEE

Recommended: (a) That in co-operation with the General Conference, we set apart June 18, 1938, for commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of the Sabbath-school organization.

(b) That we join in celebrating the Diamond Jubilee by a definite, planned campaign to bring every churchmember into the Sabbath-school enrolment before June 18th.

(c) That we also work earnestly to the objective of organizing a teachers' meeting in every Sabbath-school in our Division.

Sierra Leone Mission	80
Upper Nile Union Mission	40
Cameroons Mission	1
Liberia Mission	18
Division Total	£20,739

ANNUAL OFFERING

British Union	700
Estonia	90
Lithuania	38
Polish Union	145
East Nordic Union	550
West Nordic Union	1,239
Kenya Union Mission	392
Liberia Mission	5
Nigeria Union Mission	35
Sierra Leone Mission	20
Gold Coast Union Mission	35
Upper Nile Union Mission	30
Cameroons Mission	4
Division Total	£3,283

MISSIONS EXTENSION

British Union	450
Estonia Conference	100
Lithuania Conference	20
Polish Union	150
East Nordic Union	360
West Nordic Union	440
Kenya Union Mission	20
Liberia Mission	2
Nigeria Union Mission	20
Sierra Leone Mission	5
Gold Coast Union Mission	15
Upper Nile Union Mission	8
Cameroons Mission	2
Division Total	£1,592

YOUNG PEOPLE'S OFFERINGS

British Union	100
Polish Union	20
East Nordic Union	30
West Nordic Union	70
Lithuania Conference	1
Estonia Conference	2
Division Total	£223

Literature Sales

GOALS SET

Baltic Union	\$
Estonian Conf. (E.Kr.19,000) ...	5,130
Latvian Conference	4,000
Lithuanian Conf. (Lits 7,000) ...	1,127
British Union (£29,100)	145,500
East Nordic Union (S.Kr.262,500) ..	65,546
West Nordic Union (N.Kr.350,000) ..	84,000
Polish Union	6,000
East African Union Mission	650
Gold Coast Union Mission	1,800
Nigerian Union Mission	5,000
Upper Nile Union Mission	900
Sierra Leone Mission	100

Special Days for 1939

January 14th	Sabbath-School Rally Day
January 28th	Tithe Sabbath
February 4th	Christian Home Day
March 4th	Missionary Volunteer Rally Day
March 4th-11th	Missionary Volunteer Week
April 8th	Big Week Rally Day
April 8th-15th	Big Week
May 6th-13th	Week of Sacrifice
May 13th	Week of Sacrifice Offering
June 3rd	Education Day
July 1st	Medical Day
August 26th	Harvest Ingathering Campaign
August 26th-Oct. 28th	Religious Liberty Day
October 7th	Religious Liberty Day
November 4th	Literature Thanksgiving Day
December 2nd-9th	Week of Prayer

It will be noticed that two appointments have been added to our calendar, Tithe Sabbath and Religious Liberty Day. The former is in harmony with the resolution adopted on "Increasing Tithe Income." The latter is to be used for the education of our membership in the principles of Religious Liberty. The council voted that in 1938 the Sabbath falling on October 8th be the first Religious Liberty Day. Programmes will be furnished to all churches. W.T.B.

REPORTS from Gold Coast, Sierra Leone, and the Polish Union are crowded out. They will appear later. W.T.B.

Goals Set for 1938

SABBATH-SCHOOL

British Union	£5,600
Estonia	360
Lithuania	125
Polish Union	910
East Nordic Union	2,850
West Nordic Union	4,650
Kenya Union Mission	800
Nigerian Union Mission	400
Gold Coast Union Mission	210
Sierra Leone Mission	100
Cameroons Mission	10
Upper Nile Union Mission	80
Liberia Union Mission	25

Division Total £16,120

WEEK OF SACRIFICE

British Union	£675
Estonia	80
Lithuania	35
Polish Union	150
East Nordic Union	350
West Nordic Union	675
Kenya Union Mission	112
Nigerian Union Mission	70
Gold Coast Union Mission	65
Sierra Leone Mission	34
Cameroons Mission	11
Upper Nile Union Mission	30
Liberia Mission	15

Division Total £2,302

HARVEST INGATHERING

British Union	£9,600
Estonia (E.Kr. 9,000)	500
Lithuania (Lits 4,350)	150
Poland (Zl.18,720)	720
East Nordic (S.Kr.78,000)	4,000
West Nordic (N.Kr.90,000)	4,500
Kenya Union Mission	280
Gold Coast Union Mission	350
Nigerian Union Mission	500

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