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Visiting Soviet Russia.

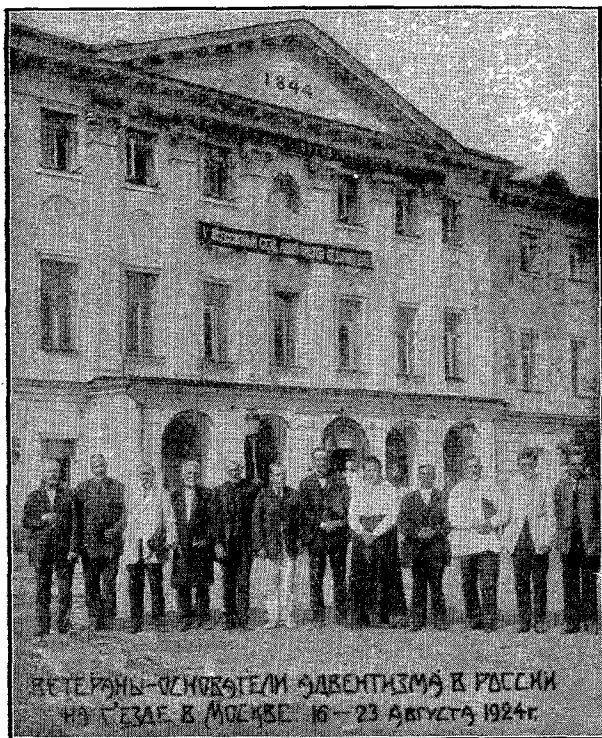
The writer together with Elder L. R. Conradi finally succeeded in securing permission to enter Russia. However, we could arrive only two weeks after the close of the Congress held at Moscow from August 16 to 23. The date was so chosen as to commemorate, on August 16, the fourtieth anniversary of the beginning of our work in

one sixth of the world's territory, and almost one tenth of its entire population. Our believers numbering over 12,000 are scattered throughout the length and breadth from the Pacific Ocean in the east to the river Dnjester in the west, and from Eriwan, at the foot of Mt. Ararat to the Polar Sea in the north.

From the verbal reports of the brethren attending the Congress this must indeed have been an extraordinary occasion rich in the manifold blessings of the Lord. We were told that complete harmony prevailed throughout the deliberations of the council such as has not been witnessed in similar gatherings of other religious bodies so that the impression created upon those attending from outside was a most favourable one. Some brethren expressed their conviction that the love and unity enjoined upon His followers in the prayer of the Lord as recorded in John 17 was here most vividly exemplified. There were some 80 delegates present from Siberia, Lake Baikal, Turkestan, North and Transcaucasia, the Crimea, the Ukraina and the regions round about Lake Ladoga. The evening meetings were well attended by the public.

It was certainly very obliging of the authorities to place at our disposal a spacious building, formerly an orthodox seminary, at half the cost usually charged, which is now used by the government for purposes of conventions. There were large halls providing lodgings for our delegates while the kitchen furnished excellent food at a reasonable price. A peculiar co-incidence worthy of note is the fact that the building has been reared in 1844, this date being revealed in bold lettering in front of the house, just below which a large inscription on red cloth was attached by our brethren announcing that this was their fifth Congress of the Federation of Churches of Seventh Day Adventists throughout Soviet Russia. Several officials attended the meetings and various public papers commented upon the proceedings. Our brethren were grateful for the complete freedom they enjoyed throughout these meetings, in evidence of which they had arranged for a large baptismal service in one of the most beautiful parks of suburban Moscow which incidentally, in its scenery, reminded the writer of the shores of river Jordan.

On the Sabbath we had opportunity to speak to the church in this large city where we now have 200 members. In 1907, when I hurried through Moscow on my return journey from the south and climbed the Iwan Tower in the Creml to get a view of the city and saw the hundreds of glittering



Government building in Moscow, formerly orthodox Seminary, in which the Congress was held. In front of the building pioneers in the Russian work, some of whom have been connected with the cause for 35 years and more.

From left to right: A. E. Gontar, J. S. Piikewitsch, H. K. Löbsack, G. Lehmann, G. Tetz, K. A. Reifschneider, H. J. Löbsack, Mrs. H. J. Löbsack, F. Koch, K. Rempfert, P. Trippel, G. Zierat.

Russia when, in 1884, the message was first proclaimed in southern Russia to be followed by the organization of the first church in the Crimea in 1886 by Elder Conradi. This little group formed the nucleus of a work that has continued to grow ever since, even as the mustard seed of the parable, so that within the comparatively short space of forty years the message has spread out into all directions gathering believers from twenty different nationalities of this large country which in its present reduced state still embraces about

Executive Committee of the All-Russian Union.

Lower row: W. Dyman, I. A. Lwoff, President of West Russian Union, H. J. Löbsack, President of All-Russian Union, G. Zierat, President of East Russian Union, B. Schmidt, President of Siberian Union.

Upper row: Th. Wägele, Treasurer of All-Russian Union, J. Wilson, President of South Russian Union, L. L. Woitkiewitsch, I. M. Pachla, A. T. Kisil, Secretary of the All-Russian Union, P. A. Swiridow, President of North Russian Union.



onion-shaped domes of the Russian churches, my heart was made sad at the thought that we then had not a single representative in this metropolis. Thank God, times have changed. Moscow has now become the center and base of our work in Russia, whence messengers are sent out with the good tidings into all directions of this vast stretch of country.

Our brethren here meet in a former Armenian church which they have rented. But it is much too small to hold the visitors who are thronging in to listen to the Word of God and there is no need of distributing invitation bills. We need several such places in the city.

After spending some days at Moscow looking over the place and meeting here among others the minister of health and the president of the autonomous Republic of the Wolga-Germans, we passed on southward some 600 miles to Saratow. We traveled third class, as in former years, and were surprised at the cleanness of the cars, the general order prevailing at the stations where usually a sentry could be observed guarding the discharging and loading of goods and we were pleased also that our train kept time and arrived at its destination to the minute. This, we were told, is the case on all lines generally, even when such long distances are covered as into Siberia.

At Saratow we met Elder Benjamin Schmidt, until then president of the East Russian Union who was getting ready for his journey to Siberia to take charge of that Union. Here was also brother G. Tetz, his father-in-law, one of the early members of that first church in the Crimea, still in comparatively good health, who, with his wife was planning in their old age to accompany their children into Siberia.

From Saratow we crossed the river Wolga stopping first at Pokrowsk, now the capital of

the Wolga Republic where we were received by the president of the Executive Committee of the Republic and the Commissary of health, the latter showing us in person around to their various hospitals, giving us all the information required relative to the plan of opening up medical work on our part in the republic. "Comrade" Schwab, the president of the Executive Board gave us written recommendations to the various chairmen of the boards in the cantons that we planned to visit in the republic, namely Marxstadt, Balzer, Frank and Seelmann where we spent some two weeks looking over the field quite fully and being most cordially treated and aided by all the officials concerned who, in fact, themselves granted us every facility possible so as to get a good and intelligent grasp of the whole situation. We certainly enjoyed our stay there and from the many opportunities offered we could not but gain the impression that strenuous efforts are being put forth to do constructive work in the various lines of activity. No doubt, this section of the country where crop failures have wrought great hardships to the people stands peculiarly in need of help. Medical work would be especially welcome and our negotiations with the authorities have resulted in their granting us permission to co-operate with them in providing a medical unit in the Canton of Marxstadt for the time being. We hope that it will not be long until all formalities have been completed so that this philanthropic activity can be initiated in harmony with the arrangements.

Returning to Moscow we there met the union presidents and other members of the executive committee of our work counseling with them for several days on behalf of the various branches of our work. Elder Zierat, former president of the Siberian union had just arrived from Omsk and will now have charge of the East Russian Union

in place of brother Schmidt. There are now five unions, the Caspian being discontinued as its territory has been joined to other fields.

The Lord has been blessing our brethren abundantly in promoting the work in this large field and we earnestly hope and pray that our working staff may soon be multiplied and that such restrictions as still stand in the way of a more rapid growth may soon be removed. There is no doubt but that the Lord will yet do great things for us.

We had remained fully six weeks in Soviet Russia where we found our brethren absolutely loyal to the principles of the message and full of courage and joy in the work to which the Lord has called them. Let us remember them before the throne of grace.

W. K. Ising.

Council of Colporteurs.

All but one Union Field Missionary Secretary was present at the Council of Colporteurs held at Berne, Switzerland, August 26 to September 1. Excellent instruction was given by Brethren H. H. Hall, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department, also H. Bõx, Secretary of the Publishing Department of the European Division, on how we can reach our goals.

1500 Colporteurs for 1924-1925.

"The lost sheep of God's fold are scattered in every place, and the work that should be done for them is being neglected. From the light given me I know that where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred . . ." C. E. p. 7.

The Spirit of Prophecy speaks very plainly as to what is our duty in regard to the number of colporteurs that should be in the field. The Union Secretaries present resolved that they would do everything to increase their number of colporteurs. The times demand more colporteurs to help finish the great work of God.

\$ 700 000 for 1924 — \$ 800 000 for 1925.

Not that we are interested in dollars or francs, but we know that the greater the sales, the greater will be the number who will have the privilege of reading our truth-filled books. This is also in harmony with the Spirit of Prophecy: "Sell them far and near. Scatter them like the leaves of autumn . . ." Vol. IX, p. 72.

Every one returned to his field feeling confident that with the help of God they would reach their goals, and also determined to enter upon a more enthusiastic soul-winning campaign with our literature.

"A work similar to that which the Lord did through his delegated messengers after the day of Pentecost, he is waiting to do to-day." Vol. 7, pp. 32-33.

J. A. P. Green.

The Publishing Convention.

In the opinion of those who attended, the Publishing Convention held at Berne August 26 to September 1, was the most successful convention of its kind that has been held in Europe.

We are greatly indebted to Brother H. H. Hall for his hard work during the past two years in visiting various offices in the Division, giving counsel and suggesting improved methods of doing the work.

The Publishing Convention was the climax of this splendid service. At that time Brother Hall gathered up all of the suggestions that he had previously made to individuals, and arranged them into a programme full of practical help for each one present.

Particular attention was given to the proper handling of office routine. While this is in the nature of a mechanical operation, yet there is one best way to handle everything, and we believe our brethren throughout the European Division will adopt the recommendations made to the European Division Conference for the carrying on of our Publishing House routine.

Special attention was given to problems of finance. It seemed clear to all that this is a matter requiring the very closest attention by managers of institutions and presidents of Union Conferences. The size of editions of books, tracts and periodicals was touched upon. It was shown that oftentimes the saving made in printing a large number, was more than dissipated by having stocks in hand over a period of years. It has even been found that some stocks are unsaleable, this causing heavy loss to the publishing house or depository concerned.

It was given as the general opinion that editions should be printed only in quantities such as could be readily sold within a year or eighteen months. Great care should be taken before printing new editions and counsel should be had with the Union Committee in every instance.

If special emphasis should be given to any one feature of the Convention work, it should be directed toward the action of the Convention in voting to address themselves to the clearing off of all indebtedness on publishing institutions and depositories within two years. This is a step in the right direction and we trust that with the blessing of the Lord and careful attention to the work by all our brethren, the burden of this debt shall be removed by 1926. Careful study was given to the causes for this indebtedness and some plans were set in motion looking toward reduction.

All present appreciated the privilege of association on this occasion and our best thanks are due to the Division for their thoughtfulness in providing this means of counselling together, and for the splendid entertainment that was provided for the delegates present. G. L. Gulbrandson.

The Colporteur a Soul Winner.*

For the first time I had the privilege last week of standing at the grave of Elder J. N. Andrews at Basle. On the little slab were the following words: —

John Nivins Andrews

Paris, Maine — U. S. A. July 22, 1829

Basle — October 21, 1883.

Founder and Editor of "Les Signes des Temps".

They might have inscribed there, "First Adventist Missionary" or carved a sentence on the face of that stone telling of his noble life and unselfish sacrifice. But a divine providence, it seems to me, directed that the work that is really a foundation for all else that follows, should be united with the life-work of our first foreign missionary. As it was in Europe, so it has been in all the Divisions of the worldfield. Our pioneers have recognized that the best entering wedge is the literature work.

As I have visited the smaller conferences and missions here in Europe I have often said to myself, the only way out for these fields is to make their colporteur work strong.

The Colporteur's Spiritual Influence is of a High Order.

The call to a man to surrender his life to the colporteur service is a call from God. No form of organization promises him support. He is like Isaiah who was called to stand alone. He was called to go out with no other promise of support than the provision made in that call. So with the colporteur. He hears the call to service and responds: "Here am I; send me;" and goes out with no other promise of support than that contained in the call. We honor Isaiah who was called of God, and who responded. We should honor the colporteur who hears a similar call and heeds it. Isaiah carried his work on his heart. The colporteurs in Europe are carrying their work on their hearts, as we have every evidence to believe. I sat in Poland the other evening listening to the experiences of these men who work under the constant dread of arrest, imprisonment and worse. Not only the mental dread, but the actual experiences. They have been imprisoned, their books confiscated, their backs beaten, and still they are at it. Men who suffer this way and remain at their posts have this work on their hearts. I know you join me in honoring this body of men and women whose work God has so abundantly sanctioned. And such a body of workers are a help and inspiration to the churches and our people generally. They help elevate the standard of spiritual living.

The Contributions of the Colporteur Work.

Our colporteurs do a class of personal work that can be done by no others. They meet people just as they are. A minister visits usually on invitation or on appointment, and the people are somewhat ready for him. They come to the chapel with some preparation for what he is to say. But there is not much time between the colporteur's knock at the door and the appearance of the lady of the house. He finds her just as she is. In John 4 we have the beautiful story of the woman at the well. Jesus found her just as she was, and the colporteur follows the example of his Master and finds the people as He did, just as they are. I have employed both methods of winning souls but I have never gotten so close to the hearts of the people as I did as a colporteur. There is no more successful way of soul-winning than through personal work, and that is the work of the colporteur. I often pray that God will help me to hold to the same principle of personal work as a minister as I did as a colporteur.

The Colporteur lays the Foundation for Evangelism.

You ministers know how it goes when you enter a new field and open your meetings. The people who come and those who remain and are finally won, are very largely those who have bought our books or who have come in contact with our literature. The colporteur sows the seed, and we come along and reap the harvest. As we think of the inspiring record of soul-winning here in Europe let us not forget the splendid background of the colporteur work.

The Colporteur Work Promises more than any other Plan a Way for Financial Support of our Schools.

I understand that one-third of the students of the Collonges School are there through scholarships earned. (Incidentally we may add that the school at Neanderthal begins next week with eight days of canvassing, and that one day each week for the entire year will be devoted to that work.)

The Colporteur Work Develops Workers with Initiative and Devotion.

As any denomination grows it faces a peculiar danger. At first the workers are from a mature class who are won from other walks of life. They give their hearts to God and their lives to His service with all the enthusiasm of a first love. But as the denomination grows older, the workers are more largely developed from those born in the ranks. They grow up without passing through the struggles of surrender that their parents experienced. The colporteur work supplies that lack in their experience and education. It is a

* Address by C. K. Meyers, Secretary of the General Conference at the Publishing Convention, Berne.

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Name of Conference or Mission	No. of Churches	Previous Membership	By baptism	By vote	By letter	Total gains	By apostasy	By death	By letter	Total losses	Net gain	Present Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Lic. Missionaries	Other Workers	No. Colporteurs	Total Workers
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
European Division .....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	10	..	..	10	..	20
Baltic Union .....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	3	1	..	..	..	4
Latvian Conference	35	1850	34	7	3	44	21	6	1	28	16	1866	7	3	5	5	43	68
Esthonian "	18	1179	15	10	—	25	4	2	—	6	19	1198	4	3	—	4	33	44
Lithuanian Mission	9	184	4	3	1	8	1	—	4	5	3	187	3	—	1	1	14	19
Total	62	3168	53	20	4	77	26	8	5	39	38	3201	17	7	6	10	90	130
British Union Conference .....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	4	3	..	2	..	9
South England Conference	30	1725	130	32	11	173	21	5	4	30	143	1868	10	3	14	5	14	46
North England "	25	1893	13	6	1	20	8	2	12	22	—	1891	8	1	10	1	22	42
Welsh "	11	349	—	1	—	1	7	—	7	14	—13	336	3	—	6	—	6	15
Scottish "	6	234	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	4	—	230	1	2	5	—	4	12
Irish Mission	4	178	2	2	—	4	2	—	2	4	—	178	3	—	2	—	13	18
Total	76	3879	145	41	12	198	40	7	27	74	124	4003	29	9	37	8	59	142
Central European Union .....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	3	..	..	4	1	8
German Swiss Conference	30	1073	20	1	33	54	14	4	41	59	—5	1068	5	3	4	—	18	30
Austrian "	19	747	31	1	25	37	6	4	28	38	19	766	8	2	3	1	17	31
Wurtemberg "	41	1396	31	5	23	59	15	4	31	50	9	1405	5	3	6	1	30	45
Baden "	17	825	27	2	12	41	18	1	7	26	15	840	4	1	4	1	16	26
North Bavarian "	21	1168	16	3	23	42	18	3	21	42	—	1168	5	2	5	1	18	31
South Bavarian "	29	1614	82	1	30	113	16	5	31	52	61	1675	6	3	5	1	22	37
Main-Neckar "	19	1276	29	2	8	39	16	—	10	26	18	1289	5	2	3	1	27	38
Aibling School Church	1	128	2	—	2	4	—	—	2	2	—	130	2	—	—	10	—	12
Total	177	8227	288	15	156	409	103	21	171	295	114	8341	43	16	30	20	149	258
Czechoslovakian Union .....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	..	..	1	1
Moravian-Silesian Conference	24	856	18	1	8	27	10	1	9	20	7	863	3	1	4	2	12	22
North Bohemian "	22	497	8	—	31	39	2	—	35	37	2	499	4	2	—	—	10	18
Central Bohemian "	9	179	3	2	3	8	2	—	2	4	4	183	2	1	1	3	12	19
Slovakian Mission	15	302	14	2	23	39	6	—	25	31	8	310	2	1	2	2	18	25
Total	70	1834	43	5	65	113	20	1	71	92	21	1855	11	5	9	7	53	85
East German Union .....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	4	3	3	3	1	14
Berlin Conference	27	1907	71	8	31	110	22	3	13	38	72	1979	7	6	4	6	46	69
Brandenburg "	45	1806	25	6	48	79	35	2	32	69	10	1816	10	5	1	5	37	58
N. E. Saxonian "	41	1873	55	3	22	80	29	5	22	56	24	1897	8	4	4	4	2	63
East Prussian "	62	1990	52	2	6	60	8	1	24	33	27	2017	8	2	2	—	45	
Pomeranian "	47	1511	35	9	20	64	23	4	28	55	9	1520	8	4	2	5	31	50
West Saxonian "	53	2079	41	2	21	64	16	3	16	35	29	2108	8	3	3	7	50	71
Silesian "	66	2328	41	—	8	49	26	6	28	60	—11	2317	9	3	4	7	54	77
Total	341	13494	320	30	156	506	159	24	163	346	160	13654	62	30	23	41	291	447
Latin Union .....	..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	8	..	2	..	1	11
Leman Conference	16	865	20	2	8	30	3	7	8	18	12	877	4	1	8	2	13	28
South French "	15	463	12	—	8	20	—	—	16	16	4	467	5	1	3	1	18	23
Belgian "	6	361	4	—	8	12	5	2	1	8	4	365	6	—	5	2	12	25
East French "	10	334	4	1	5	10	—	1	5	6	4	338	5	1	4	—	11	21
North French "	8	217	13	—	6	19	1	—	2	3	16	233	2	2	6	1	5	16
Italian Mission	10	259	12	2	1	15	1	—	—	1	14	273	3	5	4	2	12	26
Spanish "	5	191	26	1	2	29	—	5	—	5	24	215	4	3	3	—	13	24
Portuguese "	3	187	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	187	2	4	1	—	—	7
Algerian Mission	4	73	3	—	2	5	—	—	—	—	5	78	1	1	3	—	1	6
Total	77	2950	94	6	40	140	10	15	32	57	83	3033	40	18	39	9	81	187

Conference of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending September 30, 1924.

Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Offerings to Mission (except Sabbath-Sch. Off.)	Sabbath-School Offerings (12 Sabbaths)	13th Sabbath School Offerings	Mission-Offerings per Capita	Special Offerings (Big Week)	Contributions for Local Church Work	Books and Periodical Sales	No. of Sabbath-Schools	Membership	Average Attendance
20	21	22	23	23a	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Ls. 18395.25	9.86	7256.91	2322.99	528.07	5.42	—	—	34331.67	61	1773	1070
Emk. 538141.50	465.23	151908.50	116553.—	22411.50	242.80	—	—	820276.52	34	857	564
Lit. 2470.51	18.03	1820.80	551.59	174.44	14.94	—	—	—	10	116	91
\$ 5070.30	1.58	1873.27	787.94	170.74	0.88	—	—	8585.34	105	2746	1725
£ 2882.11. 1	1.17. 4	12. 2. 6	67.13. 0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
" 1746. 3. 7	1. 5. 7	1560.10. 5	874.13.10	123. 0. 4	1. 6.10	1.14. 2	—	1561.11.11	43	1848	1332
" 481.17. 4	1. 5. 4	917. 2. 5	276. 4. 0	62.12. 3	0.18. 5	2.10. 0	—	2424.15.11	48	1480	1186
" 313.14. 4	1. 7. 2	295.18. 1	80.12.10	23.13.10	1. 1. 0	0.10. 0	—	783.13. 0	20	416	307
" 220. 4. 8	1. 4. 9	273. 4. 2	53. 5. 9	23. 0.10	1.10. 6	—	—	520.11. 5	8	271	236
"		152. 0. 4	37.16.10	7. 6.11	1. 4. 9	—	—	1042.15. 0	6	188	123
£ 5644.11. 0	1. 8. 2	3211. 3.11	890. 6. 3	239.14. 2	1. 1. 8	4.14. 2	—	6333. 7. 3	125	4203	3184
\$ 25271.10	6.31	14412.58	3973.43	1076.92	4.86	21.05	—	28412.76	—	—	—
SFr. 81781.71	29.73	18975.50	3924.85	799.65	22.20	—	4987.69	23833.85	30	732	508
Kr. 167490700.—	218650.—	52094500.—	16704260.—	2951700.—	98669.—	2365000.—	19547500.—	239158000.—	19	723	506
Rmk. 21351.09	15.20	16884.59	3705.18	666.02	15.13	—	—	27604.45	41	1367	979
" 12610.—	15.—	10667.18	2081.82	442.98	15.70	108.64	2206.41	13782.25	17	765	512
" 15309.04	13.11	6577.36	2149.74	476.82	7.90	—	3077.75	14603.55	21	1084	702
" 24116.81	14.42	12181.07	4170.24	548.95	10.10	33.90	3686.26	18647.10	29	1790	1327
" 18210.16	14.13	11926.50	2429.53	419.92	11.46	58.—	2945.29	26109.—	19	1289	670
Rmk. 1656.61	12.74	710.77	260.96	68.06	8.—	—	19.—	—	1	55	50
\$ 30741.—	3.70	18446.90	4522.93	824.32	2.85	110.04	2841.60	31877.79	177	7805	5254
Kč. 71770.14	83.16	30866.29	8929.22	3054.68	49.65	—	2946.50	30785.90	26	854	688
" 56542.78	113.31	28801.53	7074.82	1724.15	75.35	—	2205.80	35580.—	21	519	395
" 15676.09	85.66	8487.94	2144.04	125.—	58.78	—	845.—	41812.75	16	204	200
" 16518.12	53.28	7607.74	2253.73	669.88	33.97	—	1691.45	48136.25	14	418	418
Kč. 160507.13	86.53	75763.50	20401.81	5573.71	54.41	—	7688.75	156314.90	77	1995	1701
\$ 4827.—	2.60	2287.12	613.59	166.18	1.65	—	233.—	4597.48	—	—	—
Rmk. 36551.65	18.47	22289.77	3866.16	453.94	13.45	3.—	—	21709.95	27	2116	1452
" 22478.23	12.38	21367.71	4485.30	688.69	14.61	176.55	—	31589.30	45	1799	1153
" 29143.72	15.36	22892.94	4871.37	848.45	15.08	32.60	—	29733.—	41	1704	1202
" 15196.33	7.73	13637.26	3236.17	329.43	8.53	375.07	—	18630.60	60	1838	1226
" 20672.31	13.57	15805.62	3060.76	531.81	12.76	—	—	18966.67	46	1508	1170
" 32083.45	15.20	24296.35	6709.67	899.46	15.13	—	—	34027.45	53	2186	1695
" 28275.42	12.20	26253.03	5264.14	580.19	13.85	—	—	35240.60	65	1983	1523
Rmk. 184801.11	13.53	146542.68	31493.97	4331.97	13.35	686.22	—	189927.57	337	13184	9421
\$ 44219.20	3.24	35085.48	7541.15	1039.31	3.20	182.83	—	45220.83	—	—	—
SFr. 30747.81	35.06	15189.38	5324.13	1694.96	25.32	3037.50	—	21903.90	22	672	549
FFr. 20306.85	43.48	4858.65	4387.60	941.95	21.82	2894.95	—	45358.85	19	305	260
BFr. 42067.76	115.25	6326.59	3406.66	916.49	29.18	4030.23	—	30151.25	7	394	310
FFr. 26292.45	77.79	15955.—	4114.15	2480.50	66.71	2867.35	—	19229.75	13	354	245
" 16756.95	71.92	3670.90	1711.30	421.95	24.91	1853.65	—	36911.80	9	154	138
Lire 12942.55	47.41	1118.95	1514.70	507.30	11.50	1463.70	—	35532.40	13	262	220
Pesetas 7077.05	32.92	857.95	1425.57	494.90	12.92	379.80	—	30134.75	9	212	197
Escud. 6514.21	34.83	2971.—	1008.05	160.05	18.92	919.89	—	3140.—	6	174	107
FFr. 2575.80	33.02	599.35	716.60	156.80	13.03	1424.05	—	4900.30	7	86	76
\$ 13151.70	4.33	4798.28	2059.71	680.46	2.48	1455.07	—	16831.36	105	2613	2102

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Name of Conference or Mission	No. of Churches	Previous Membership	By baptism	By vote	By letter	Total gains	By apostasy	By death	By letter	Total losses	Net gain	Present Membership	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Lic. Missionaries	Other Workers	No. Colporteurs	Total Workers
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Polish Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	3
Posanian Conference	18	304	24	—	5	29	7	—	9	16	13	317	3	1	—	3	11	18
Silesian "	15	513	18	11	15	44	11	1	23	21	534	534	1	4	—	4	10	19
Warsaw Mission	24	454	49	2	24	75	2	—	22	24	51	505	3	2	1	4	2	12
Total	57	1271	91	13	44	148	20	1	42	63	85	1356	8	7	1	13	23	52
Rumanian Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	3	..	6
Muntenia Conference	43	1583	95	3	105	203	13	6	105	124	79	1662	2	6	4	5	7	24
Moldavian "	45	1414	139	—	10	149	18	2	4	24	125	1539	3	3	7	4	5	22
Transylvanian "	66	1522	84	6	18	108	3	2	18	23	85	1607	5	3	6	2	10	26
Banat Mission	17	428	29	2	—	31	11	1	3	15	16	444	1	2	1	1	2	7
Total	171	4947	347	11	133	491	45	11	130	186	305	5252	12	16	18	15	24	85
Scandinavian Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	1	6
Danish Conference	43	2435	57	11	7	75	18	7	13	38	37	2472	7	6	8	1	26	48
Norwegian "	51	2126	56	6	—	62	11	7	7	25	37	2163	9	5	7	1	25	47
Swedish "	44	1457	28	2	7	37	1	6	4	11	26	1483	6	3	3	1	22	35
Finnish Conference	22	1051	95	4	—	99	—	3	—	3	96	1147	5	1	7	3	55	71
Total	160	7069	236	23	14	273	30	23	24	77	196	7265	29	15	25	9	129	207
West German Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	3
Hanover Conference	48	1896	50	3	15	68	25	3	21	49	19	1915	11	2	1	3	41	58
Hansa "	45	1770	72	4	26	102	21	4	23	48	54	1824	6	3	3	6	32	70
Hessia-Westph. "	50	1834	62	6	18	86	62	2	26	90	—4	1830	7	3	—	4	68	82
Rhenish "	44	2815	62	5	20	87	30	9	63	102	—15	2800	6	—	2	10	78	91
Thuringian "	58	2091	50	6	22	78	21	10	27	58	20	2111	8	—	4	5	50	67
Holland Conference	23	637	24	12	6	42	6	2	15	23	19	656	5	3	1	1	16	26
Saar District-Rhen. Conference	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	268	11043	320	36	107	463	165	30	175	370	93	11136	45	11	11	29	301	397
Unattached Fields	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bulgarian Mission	8	178	14	—	—	14	—	—	1	1	13	191	3	—	2	—	6	12
Hungarian Conference	42	1006	46	2	4	52	10	2	7	19	33	1039	4	6	6	6	31	58
Jugoslavian Mission	53	652	61	19	—	80	—	3	—	3	77	729	3	1	7	1	23	35

post-graduate work in which the experience of the young man or woman is rounded out. The very best intellectual training a person may receive may make him a danger to himself or a misfit in the work. He must have a spiritual as well as a mental training. This the colporteur work helps to provide. This is why in the field where I labored for fifteen years, the plan has been adopted and followed, like the law of the Medes and Persians, requiring every worker, minister,

teacher and stenographer, to have had an experience in the colporteur work. And that is why during the terrible years of the war and immediately after, when men were hard to secure, we took regular ordained ministers and made them field secretaries for a time. They were prepared for such service, through former experience, and through their efforts the crisis in the book work was met.

C. K. Meyers.

Conference of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending September 30, 1924.

Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Offerings to Mission (except Sabbath-Sch. Off.)	Sabbath-School Offerings (12 Sabbaths)	13th Sabbath-School Offerings	Mission-Offerings per Capita	Special Offerings	Contributions for Local Church Work	Books and Periodical Sales	No. of Sabbath-Schools	Membership	Average Attendance
20	21	22	23	23 a	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Zl. 4988.90	15.73	2180.62	1157.48	188.40	10.96	—	344.59	7326.60	18	338	286
" 6812.75	12.75	3048.49	2392.36	260.32	10.67	—	680.07	3658.35	15	627	521
" 4413.34	8.74	1989.06	993.95	120.79	6.04	21.60	357.85	1522.37	24	517	420
Zl. 16214.99	11.95	7118.17	4543.79	569.51	8.77	21.60	1382.51	12507.32	57	1482	1227
\$ 3113.30	2.80	1866.68	872.41	109.35	1.78	4.15	265.85	2405.22			
Lei 575497.40	346.27	228287.70	56920.85	13482.25	176.70	26580.50	—	42095.—	67	1890	1735
" 280116.46	182.01	58738.20	26188.45	5159.50	55.28	10696.50 ¹	—	55797.—	52	1554	1405
" 316270.74	196.81	80008.16	26117.10	5421.15	69.41	—	—	40115.50	70	1706	1399
" 62948.48	141.77	4992.20	5444.20	2736.05	28.92	—	—	1013.—	20	490	814
Lei 1234883.03	285.11	862026.26	114670.60	26798.95	95.86	35461.—	—	139020.50	209	5640	4858
\$ 6679.20	1.27	1932.51	626.29	152.95	0.51	181.84 ¹	—	643.95			
D. Kr. 58497.27	23.62	6265.68	8670.65	3954.97	7.64	5604.37	—	86804.85	71	2092	1391
N. Kr. 46266.10	21.29	3214.16	7520.07	2375.36	6.06	4023.18	—	95418.36	66	1451	871
S. Kr. 22781.78	15.64	2459.62	4302.35	1503.46	5.57	2495.44 ²	—	41640.70	82	1137	1024
F. Mk. 105685.25	100.56	2199.85	12171.48	6685.35	18.35	22353.55 ³	—	468786.50	49	865	580
\$ = 24917.40	3.42	2212.95	3950.09	1597.70	1.07	2691.84 ³	—	50098.45	268	5545	3366
Rm. 29473.35	16.53	23172.58	5233.75	717.98	15.64	131.70	3310.46	34581.74	48	1996	1453
" 81908.28	19.77	22481.12	4425.33	907.07	16.72	—	2363.16	47181.80	45	1687	1160
" 23636.89	13.38	17794.71	3957.31	704.93	11.98	144.66	3065.38	44995.50	48	1608	1103
" 39171.63	14.59	24397.81	5160.03	607.34	10.73	122.—	2553.84	40535.78	44	2446	1619
" 29245.67	14.64	26053.73	5963.85	892.33	15.89	108.50	3326.96	32730.15	15	2313	1675
fl 7257.14	11.72	1615.34	882.17	152.78	3.93	65.— ⁴	—	7450.54	23	784	549
\$ 39560.60	3.55	27907.66	6431.88	979.09	3.18	146.63 ⁴	3481.—	50476.13	263	10884	7559
Lewa 42137.95	220.63	25265.50	5955.25	2136.15	174.64	—	1060.05	40213.—	8	171	145
\$ 303.40	1.59	181.91	42.88	15.38	1.26	—	7.75	293.52			
HKr. 163202652.—	157076.—	71191206.—	15620990.—	3898650.—	37305.—	—	27141695.—	211041000.—	42	865	659
\$ 2098.—	2.01	895.10	202.75	49.36	1.10	—	359.01	2792.65			
Dinar 118716.85	162.84	21095.50	5155.50	1564.75	38.16	285.—	10500.—	143993.50	59	876	719
\$ 1623.30	2.22	280.34	71.66	22.53	1.68	3.76	131.25	1836.69			

¹ Includes Lei 1765.— \$ 5.18 European Relief Fund.
² Includes Sw. Kr. 100.00 — \$ 25.71 European Relief.

³ Includes Fmk. 3875 — \$ 0.97 European Relief.
⁴ fl. 65.00 — \$ 25.58 European Relief money.

Then and Now.

G. W. Schubert, President of the Central European Union, in a paper prepared in connection with the celebration of our Missions Jubilee compares the work with which he connected in 1894, just thirty years ago, with the progress it has made, since these earlier days up to the present time in spite of the many difficulties and draw-

backs that had to be overcome. This Advent movement he says, is the instrument in the hands of God to accomplish the great work as outlined in the Scriptures that will ultimately usher in the coming of our Lord.

Speaking of the territory now covered by the West German, East German and Central European Union, where Brother Schubert has been labouring the past thirty years, he relates how the quarterly

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
MISSIONS																		
Ethiopian Union Mission
Central Abyss. Mission	1	6	6	1	..	2	3
Gallaland "	1	4	4	2	2
Eritrean Mission	1	8	8	2	3	..	5
East African Missions
Kenya Mission	6	418	..	2	..	2	4	..	14	18	16	402	2	4	2	1	..	9
Mwanza "	3	100	19	..	4	23	23	123	2	2	1	5
Pare "	4	226	226	1	1	2
West African Missions
Goid Coast Mission	4	255	255	2	3	8	14	..	27
Sierra Leone "	3	135	4	4	4	139	2	4	17	7	..	30
Nigeria Mission	10	314	314	2	2	10	1	..	15
Miscellaneous Missions
Egypto-Syrian Mission	6	145	145	2	2	4	..	2	10
Faeroe Islands Mission	1	20	20	1	1
Greek "	2	91	91	1	1	1	1	1	5
Iceland "	3	205	205	1	1	1	4
Mauritius "	6	161	1	8	..	9	9	170	2	7	1	10
Mesopotamian "	1	9	9	1	1
Persian "	2	62	62	1	4	..	5
Ruanda Mission	1	9	9	2	..	1	3
Turkish Mission	2	57	57	1	..	1	1	1	4
Totals for Missions	57	2225	24	10	4	38	4	..	14	18	20	2245	28	20	48	39	6	141
Russian Unions**	444	10664	809	102	911	290	621	11285	43	15	45	..	19	122

* Report for 1st and 2nd quarters 1924.

Recapitulation for Quarter

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1 European Division	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Baltic Union	62	3163	53	20	4	77	26	8	5	39	38	3201	10	..	..	10	..	20
3. British Union Conference	76	3879	145	41	12	198	40	7	27	74	124	4008	29	9	37	8	59	142
4. Central European Union	177	8227	288	15	156	409	103	21	171	295	114	8341	43	16	30	20	149	258
5. Czechoslovakian Union	70	1834	43	5	65	113	20	1	71	92	21	1855	11	5	9	7	53	85
6. East German Union	341	13494	320	30	156	506	159	24	163	346	160	13654	62	30	23	41	291	447
7. Latin Union Conference	77	2950	94	6	40	140	10	15	32	57	33	3033	40	18	39	9	31	137
8. Polish Union Conference	57	1271	91	13	44	148	20	1	42	63	35	1856	8	7	1	13	23	52
9. Rumanian Union Conf.	171	4947	347	11	133	491	45	11	130	186	303	5252	12	16	18	15	24	85
10. Scandinavian Union	160	7069	236	23	14	273	30	23	24	77	196	7265	29	15	25	9	129	207
11. West German Union	268	11043	320	36	107	463	163	30	175	370	93	11136	45	11	11	29	301	397
12. Bulgarian Mission	8	178	14	..	..	14	..	..	1	1	13	191	3	..	2	1	6	12
13. Hungarian Conference	42	1006	46	2	4	52	10	2	7	19	33	1039	4	6	6	3	31	53
14. Jugoslavian Mission	53	652	61	19	..	80	..	3	..	3	77	729	3	1	7	1	23	35
15. Missions ¹	57	2225	24	10	..	38	4	..	14	18	20	2245	28	20	48	39	6	141
16. Russian Unions ¹	444	10664	809	102	4	911	..	..	..	290	621	11285	43	15	45	..	19	122
Grand Totals 3rd Q. 1924	2063	72602	2841	333	739	3913	632	146	762	1930	1983	74585	387	176	307	237	1266	2373
Grand Totals 3rd Q. 1923	1893	65273	3153	348	759	4265	539	163	937	1993	2272	67550	321	143	258	239	971	2041

¹ Report for second quarter 1924.

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	Tithe	Tithe per Capita	Offerings to Mission (except Sabbath-Sch. Off.)	Sabbath-School Offerings (12 Sabbaths)	13th Sabbath School Offerings	Mission Offerings per Capita	Special Offerings (Big Week)	Contributions for Local Church Work	Books and Periodical Sales	No. of Sabbath-Schools	Membership	Average Attendance
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
\$	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	54	47
"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	85	29
"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	8	25
"	592.40	1.47	11.08	185.17	.....	0.48	.....	.....	.....	48	3061	2665
"	281.80	1.02	6.19	190.98	.....	0.87	.....	.....	.....	20	519	1085
"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	860	610
"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	764	641
"	183.90	0.58	2.98	88.57	14 25	0.32	.....	.....	.....	13	380	273
"	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	614	445
"	262.50	1.81	60.87	46.02	.....	0.74	16.49	.....	66.77	5	64	71
"	678.50	23.67	26.74	16.57	4.97	2.41	11.36	.....	.....	4	19	15
"	182.00	2.00	7.37	15.02	.....	0.25	10.56	.....	80.23	3	185	130
"	435.70	2.12	.....	90.28	19.36	0.53	.....	.....	448.09	3	100	95
"	641.70	3.77	5.71	121.49	85.89	0.96	148.70	.....	.....	32	465	262
"	769.40	85.48	186.83	268.06	.....	50.54	.....	.....	.....	1	15	14
"	110.60	1.78	11.19	22.83	.....	0.55	.....	.....	.....	5	202	133
"	96.60	10.73	.....	44.95	21.04	7.33	.....	.....	.....	13	260	235
"	112.60	1.97	15.48	18.46	.....	0.51	.....	.....	.....	2	60	50
\$	4292.20	1.91	334.89	1098.35	95.51	0.68	187.11	.....	595.09	192	7115	6875
Rbl.	14942.72	1.80	611.72	2195.04	201.24	0.25	.....	.....	.....	444	12000	10300
\$	7662.90	0.68	101.84	1125.66	108.20	0.14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Ending September 30, 1924.

	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
\$	5070.30	1.58	1873.27	767.94	170.44	0.88	.....	.....	8535.34	105	2746	1725
"	25271.10	6.31	14412.58	3973.43	1076.92	4.86	21.05	.....	28412.76	125	4208	3184
"	30741.00	3.70	18446.90	4522.93	824.82	2.85	110.04	2841.60	31877.77	177	7805	5254
"	4827.00	2.60	2287.12	613.53	166.18	1.65	.....	233.00	4597.48	77	1995	1701
"	44219.20	3.24	35085.48	7541.15	1089.31	3.20	182.83	.....	45220.33	337	13134	9421
"	13151.70	4.33	4798.23	2059.71	680.46	2.48	1455.07	.....	16331.36	105	2613	2102
"	3113.30	2.30	1366.68	872.41	109.35	1.73	4.15	265.85	2405.22	57	1482	1227
"	6679.20	1.27	1932.51	626.29	152.95	0.51	181.84 ¹	.....	643.95	209	5640	4853
"	24917.40	3.42	2212.95	3950.09	1597.70	1.07	2691.84 ¹	.....	50098.45	268	5545	3866
"	39560.60	3.55	27907.66	6431.88	979.09	3.13	156.63 ¹	3481.00	50476.13	263	10884	7559
"	303.40	1.59	181.91	42.88	15.33	1.26	.....	7.75	293.52	8	171	145
"	2098.00	2.01	895.10	202.75	49.36	1.10	.....	359.01	2792.65	42	839	659
"	1623.80	2.22	280.34	71.66	22.53	1.68	3.76	131.25	1856.69	59	876	719
"	4292.20	1.91	334.89	1098.35	95.51	0.68	187.11	.....	595.09	192	7115	6875
"	7662.90	0.68	311.84	1125.66	108.20	0.14	.....	.....	.....	444	12000	10300
\$	213531.10	2.87	112327.01	33900.72	7082.70	2.05	4984.32 ²	7319.46	244637.24	2468	78098	59590
\$	82798.46	1.22	25417.94	14891.27	2940.33	0.68	2878.04	2237.93	151933.00 ³	2266	65661	51699

¹ See specified report for Union.

² Includes \$ 57,44 European Relief money.

³ Not \$ 248,870.26 as published last year for the third Quarter, see foot note on page 7 in first quarters report.

Report from the Home Missionary and Missionary

	Baltic Un on		British Un on		Bulgarian Mission		Central Eu- rop. Union		Czechoslo- vak. Union		East Ger- man Union		Hungarian Conference		Iceland Mission	
	Adult	Y. P.	Adult	Y. P.	Adult	Y. P.	Adult	Y. P.	Adult	Y. P.	Adult	Y. P.	Adult	Y. P.	Adult	Y. P.
1) No. of Church. & Comp.	62		116		8		177		70		341		42		5	
2) No. of " reporting	46		51		3		—		46		331		35		—	
3) No. of Y. P. Societies	25		57		1		82		22		166		11		2	
4) No. of Y.P.Soc. reporting	22		21		1		—		15		154		9		—	
5) No. of Church. observing monthly Miss. service	35		116		5		—		—		341		35		—	
6) Total Church Members	3201		4003		191		8341		1855		13654		1039		205	
7) " Memb. of Y. P. Soc.	454		987		12		1750		228		2619		217		—	
8) No. of Persons reporting	644	272	949	154	25	12	—	—	644	98	7973	2122	470	155	—	—
9) % of Members "	28	%	27	%	19	%	—	—	35.4	%	74	%	50	%	—	—
10) No. of Bible Readings	1875	314.	470	89	80	—	—	—	5199	721	16045	5459	9869	3212	—	—
11) No. of Miss. Visits	1892	584	3421	424	81	—	—	—	4570	505	20969	6255	5473	2854	—	—
12) No. of " Lett. writt.	321	151	1202	343	19	—	—	—	424	70	1907	568	347	196	—	—
13) No. of " " received	152	75	696	202	12	—	—	—	221	36	821	297	192	96	—	—
14) Subscript. for period.	35	8	22	106	14	—	—	—	64	—	233	25	—	—	—	—
15) Periodicals sold	6503	1678	36820	5505	790	238	—	—	4255	501	234343	126775	276	137	—	—
16) " mailed, lent, giv.	1292	329	5255	1094	—	—	—	—	291	42	2540	612	111	5	—	—
17) Tracts sold	1862	394	181	12	981	19	—	—	2681	950	2954	723	155	419	—	—
18) " given	511	88	12143	4051	—	—	—	—	177	72	295	159	10	20	—	—
19) Books sold	293	104	187	75	—	—	—	—	37	9	481	25	94	7	—	—
20) " given	140	36	519	41	—	—	—	—	3	—	16	—	14	2	—	—
21) Visits to sick	—	—	1212	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	2521	554	362	139	—	—
22) Treatments given	159	74	188	38	—	—	—	—	—	—	754	174	47	72	—	—
23) Souls won	15	—	6	—	8	—	—	—	2	—	113	53	10	12	—	—

¹ No report received.² Y. P. report not received
H. M. report for the second quarter.

report published for the "German churches" Dec. 31, 1894 revealed that there were then 12 churches with some 100 isolated members, making a total membership of 566. The receipts in tithes amounted to M. 3,334.41. During that quarter 70 new members had been received into church fellowship.

Small churches and companies were then located as follows: West Germany: Barmen, Gladbach, Solingen, and Vohwinkel in the Rhineland, Harburg, Hadersleben, Tofflund and Wisby — West Hamburg — with 137 members was the largest church and the Publishing center — 295 in all. In the East German Union: Gumbinnen and Sodehnen, in East Prussia — 34 members. A small church at Landsberg in Brandenburg, while the city of Berlin had a church of 28 members.

In Central Europe, i. e. the southern states of Germany, the German part of Switzerland and Austria, there was but one church in Cannstatt in the kingdom of Württemberg, with 19 members. Wiesbaden in Hessia had a little company of 8 members. Small openings were reported in Switzerland, Holland and Hungary. In all other sections of this large territory we had not as much as made a beginning even in the largest cities.

The canvassing report for the territory of these three unions showed 17 canvassers, including H. J. Löbsack, who was the only colporteur

for Russia, and is now president of our work in that large country. The total sales amounted to M. 440.27 in addition M. 865.75 for new subscriptions and M. 3048.— for books delivered. Incidentally it may be mentioned, that, in 1895, the East European Mission Field — Russia — had 16 churches with 583 members, who contributed Rbl. 803 in tithes. Twenty-five new members had been added during that quarter.

Commenting on the development of the work in 1894, Elder L. R. Conradi remarked: "The reports of our workers generally are very encouraging, for which we are grateful to God. Never before have we witnessed such progress."

Bearing in mind these modest figures, the remarkable growth is evident from the fact that the combined figures of these three unions ending September 1924 now stand as follows:

Churches:	786
Membership:	33131
Workers incl. col- porteurs	1091
for three months: {	
Literature Sales	\$ 127,574.73
Tithes	\$ 114,520.80
Offerings	\$ 103,192.64

In the larger cities, such as Cologne, Hamburg, Bremen, Hannover and a score of others there now are from two to six churches with a

Volunteer Department for the third Quarter 1924.

Jugoslav. Mission	Latin Union	Mauritius Mission	Polish Union	Rumanian Union	Scandinavian Union	West German Union	Totals	Grand Totals	3rd Qu. 1923
Adult Y. P.	Adult Y. P.	Adult Y. P.	Adult Y. P.	Adult Y. P.	Adult Y. P.	Adult Y. P.	Adult Y. P.	both	both
58	77	6	57	171	160	268	1613		
35	—	6	32	71	53 ³	257	966		
4	59	3	15	23	40 ⁴	124	684		
3	—	3	15	6	—	100	349		
53	—	1	—	—	—	268	854		
729	3033	173	1356	5252	7265	11136	61433 ⁵		
71	901	42	207	278	950	1843	10534		
521 65	615 —	119 48	462 141	1149 69	600 ⁴ —	5500 1706	19671 4837	24508	
78 0/0	20 0/0	78 0/0	38 0/0	22 0/0	8 0/0	56 0/0	34 0/0	34 0/0	
4609 97	2054 —	909 190	3467 997	14827 2265	929 69	16687 3593	76520 19006	95526	108545
4055 961	3039 —	172 49	1631 349	5575 252	4824 150	19230 6297	74982 18180	93112	104233
398 4	647 —	55 8	87 24	714 135	691 64	1239 362	8051 1925	9976	11629
26 —	297 —	19 3	42 16	309 50	411 39	588 212	3786 1026	4812	5958
— —	276 —	11 —	— —	214 1	131 2	187 1	1187 143	1330	2010
1168 117	13624 —	301 —	3040 1122	8446 1365	27526 844	243601 68141	630693 206423	837116	538824
— —	8802 —	112 67	73 12	1287 139	2669 311	1381 130	15011 2741	17752	33721
3111 358	575 —	168 —	120 101	6725 873	3789 109	2802 688	25604 4646	30250	107728
— —	2218 —	35 —	6 11	2956 138	3098 238	503 22	21952 4794	26746	59259
— —	1219 —	2072 —	1 —	20 —	2077 157	447 23	6878 400	7278	11968
— —	788 —	88 24	— —	— —	625 53	126 12	2319 168	2487	4524
33 —	168 —	75 28	— —	489 22	— —	1181 489	6041 1240	7281	4766
12 —	525 —	48 4	— —	391 35	230 —	373 53	2732 450	3182	2965
27 2	7 —	— —	— —	— —	14 —	54 27	256 94	350	398

³ Norway and Sweden not included.

⁴ Sweden not included.

⁵ Total for the whole Division 74585.

membership up to 400 and more. Munich, in Central Europe, which reported 15 members in 1898 now has four large churches with over 800 members. Berlin, reporting 28 members in 1894 now has as many churches with more than 2000 members scattered all over this metropolis. Saxony has two large conferences with 90 churches and some 4000 members. In Chemnitz there are 4 churches with more than 500 members. A fine building has been provided here with a seating capacity of about 1500.

In addition to this evangelistic aspect there is the institutional growth: the three German Seminaries at Friedensau, Neanderthal and Aibling; the large Publishing House at Hamburg, with the Food Factory; the Zehlendorf Sanitarium, the "Kurhaus Wittelsbach" at Aibling, the Health Home at Friedensau with the Old People's Home. Also a number of meeting houses have been secured for the churches and administrative buildings for the three Unions and some in the local conferences.

As we take a retrospective view of the work done in these years gone by, we certainly have abundant reason to thank God for the blessings that have attended the efforts of His faithful servants. The modest seed planted decades ago has developed into a strong tree that has braved many a storm and is settling its roots still deeper into fertile soil, making its influence felt far beyond

the borders of the territory here considered. Hundreds of promising young people are attending our schools seeking a preparation in the cause of God with a determination to bring it to a triumphant close.

The Friedensau Anniversary.

This has been a year of jubilees in our cause full of inspiring reminiscences as we considered the wonderful things God has wrought for His people in years gone by.

The Friedensau Seminary is the first of our schools in the European Division to celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary, November 19 and 20. Delegates from the German field and all the conference presidents of the East German union were present. The writer conveyed the greetings and best wishes on behalf of the Division.

The whole grounds bore a festive appearance, the interior of the buildings being beautifully decorated with garlands and evergreen. The musical program provided by the students was excellent.

A historical sketch of the Friedensau Seminary will be found in No. 4, Vol. 9 of the Quarterly so that particulars need not be given here. Suffice it to say that graduates from this school may be found in practically all the continents of the world where they are rendering useful service in the cause of God.

Russia.

Report for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1924.

Name of Conference or Mission	Workers	Churches	Membership	No. Baptized	Added by Vote	Tithe	Weekly Offerings	Annual Offerings	Sabbath-School Offerings	13th Sabbath Offerings	Young People's Offerings
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						Rbl.	Rbl.	Rbl.	Rbl.	Rbl.	Rbl.
ALLRUSSIAN UNION	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
North Russian Union	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Neva Conference.....	8	17	371	24	3	1190.17	80.42	3.30	171.29	9.78	5.24
Middle Russian Conference.....	5	4	222	32	1	1932.43	67.75	—	281.68	3.36	31.28
North West Russ. Conf.....	4	18	291	20	4	849.43	11.40	—	52.68	—	—
White Sea Mission.....	2	9	169	17	—	362.57	12.12	3.30	41.92	2.76	—
Total	23	48	1053	93	8	3834.60	171.69	6.60	547.57	15.90	36.32
West Ukrainian Union	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Black Sea Conference.....	5	21	440	30	3	1013.42	31.97	6.32	112.34	14.49	9.06
Dnjep Conference.....	6	36	1176	144	25	867.40	19.36	2.00	133.54	20.02	4.92
Podol Conference.....	7	42	1153	105	7	804.13	37.80	1.20	113.49	15.12	8.64
Wolhynian Conference.....	3	26	436	85	1	797.01	22.48	—	85.13	14.98	4.48
Kiew Union District.....	3	10	208	32	5	558.32	11.14	—	106.51	11.63	1.50
Total	27	135	3413	396	41	4040.28	122.75	9.72	551.01	76.24	28.60
South Russian Union	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Asow Conference.....	4	32	622	35	8	1009.88	29.70	—	200.26	22.99	2.60
East Ukrainian Conference.....	5	17	466	45	3	568.26	22.42	—	104.82	9.11	0.23
Don Mission.....	3	8	248	2	—	501.90	16.64	—	125.68	22.15	—
Crimean Mission.....	2	6	179	4	—	508.41	—	—	76.54	8.19	2.00
Woronesch Mission.....	2	7	100	23	—	94.30	8.62	—	31.45	9.40	0.58
Total	19	70	1615	109	11	2682.75	77.38	—	538.75	71.84	5.41
Caspian Union	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
North Caucasian Confer.....	7	44	1339	64	11	736.11	13.37	22.15	127.09	10.14	3.80
Middle Caucasian Confer.....	2	8	239	7	4	333.01	6.27	—	25.51	—	—
Transcaucasian Confer.....	3	12	192	9	—	181.50	1.79	—	23.15	1.75	—
Turkestan Mission.....	2	9	272	8	6	351.53	12.00	—	44.64	4.50	—
Total	16	73	2042	88	21	1702.15	33.63	22.15	220.39	16.39	3.80
East Russian Union	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Saratow Conference.....	5	13	585	33	10	853.87	12.77	—	107.77	15.74	—
Samara Conference.....	1	20	368	5	—	308.69	15.80	—	36.99	5.13	—
Total	8	33	953	38	10	1162.56	28.57	—	164.76	20.87	—
Siberian Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Irtysh Conference.....	6	20	627	13	1	337.55	6.27	24.89	46.84	—	—
Central Siberian Confer.....	6	23	536	21	—	410.21	6.74	—	45.10	—	—
North Siberian Mission.....	4	5	178	28	1	161.22	2.82	1.40	25.83	—	—
East Siberian Conference.....	1	3	101	2	1	152.83	3.26	—	26.42	—	—
West Siberian Conference.....	5	15	438	21	8	458.57	4.52	12.00	28.37	—	—
Amur Mission.....	5	14	329	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	27	80	2209	85	11	1520.38	23.61	38.29	172.56	—	—
Grand Totals 1st Quarter 1924	122	444	11285	809	102	14942.72	457.63	76.76	2195.04	201.24	74.33
						Russ. Rbl. at the rate of 1.95 Rbl. to 1.00 \$					
						\$ 7662.90	234.36	39.36	1125.66	103.20	38.12
Grand Totals 1st Quarter 1923	109	402	9917	1093	144	\$ 2709.07	74.47	8.78	286.64	15.61	2.85

The writer had the pleasure of holding several meetings during his short visit and the most enthusiastic response made on the part of the 202 students now at the school is certainly an evidence of the live missionary spirit prevailing and the determination on the part of all to acquire a thorough training that will fit them for efficient work in the fields at home and abroad. Brother W. Müller, the principal, who has now been connected with this center of training for the past twelve years has abundant reason, with his co-labourers in the faculty, to rejoice at the encouraging outlook for the future of this school.

W. K. I.



Western View of Friedensau.



New Appointees for the Mission Fields.

We continue to receive encouraging word from our various mission outposts. New calls are coming in, new openings are being seen on every hand and more than all, the good word reaches us of baptisms in most of the mission stations.

During recent months arrangements have been made for new recruits to go forward to different parts of our mission territory. Brother J. H. Hyde and family go to Sierra Leone to take charge of the work in that important colony on the West Coast of Africa. Brother Fred Thomas and wife go to Gendia in Kavirondo, East Africa, to take charge of the growing publishing house in that needy field. Miss Bertha Milne has gone to Kisii where she will take charge of the girls' school. Other appointments have been made. Dr. Beem and Dr. Bergman will soon sail for Abyssinia and owing to the failing health of Brother Toppenberg who has been superintendent of that field for so long, arrangements have been made for Brother A. A. Carscallen who has spent many years in the East African Missions, to take charge of the work in old Ethiopia.

Plans are under way for the further development of the work in Persia. We expect to send a teacher in there ere long so that the growing number of native workers may be better trained in order to do more efficient service for the Master. We look forward at a not far distant date to having a physician locate in that Moslem country too.

We are hoping that several young men will go to Egypt towards the middle of 1925 and commence the study of the Arabic language and thus prepare for service in the Mohammedan world.

I expect to be away from home for several months visiting our mission stations in Africa. My itinerary will take me particularly to the West Coast of the Dark Continent where I expect to become acquainted with the various lines of mission work in Nigeria, in the Gold Coast and also Sierra Leone. It is probable that a visit will be paid to Liberia while visiting that part of Africa.

May the day soon dawn when we shall see the mighty movings of the Spirit of God, when the latter rain shall come in its fulness which shall prepare a people to meet God. May we all be kept faithful until that time.

W. E. Read,
Secretary for Foreign Missions
for the European Division.



Miscellaneous.

L. H. Christian, our Division President has safely returned from the Fall Council and reports excellent meetings with the brethren in the States. It is the general sentiment that this has been an occasion of special blessing and one that will contribute materially to increased effort in advancing the cause of our world-wide mission endeavours.

H. J. Löbsack writing from Moscow reiterates the joy that has come to him personally and to all the brethren in that large country as a result of the visit of the Brethren L. R. Conradi and W. K. Ising. He was just on his journey to Omsk in Siberia, where November 26 they were planning to have a meeting of the Siberian Union; December 15 he is planning to be at Rostow-on-Don to attend the session of the South Russian Union and on January 1, that of the East Russian Union at Prokrowsk, that is the capital city of the Republic.

of the Wolga-Germans. He says, that during the crisis caused by the flooding of Leningrad, none of our brethren have come to grief. The number of believers in the former capital of Russia has grown to such an extent that they have secured a second Lutheran church for their services.

H. W. Barrows, treasurer of the Far Eastern Division, in a letter dated September 18 makes the following statement relative to new recruits sent to the Division from Europe:

"Brother George Dietrich and family arrived in Shanghai yesterday morning on the SS. "Trier", and we are glad to welcome them to this field. In recent correspondence coming to us from the General Conference, they have rather advised that we assign this family to the Japan Union Mission, and we have, therefore, arranged for Brother Dietrich and family to continue their journey on the SS. "Trier" to Yokohama. The boat does not leave until to-morrow or the next day, so these people are having opportunity to spend a short time with us and have a little change from the boat. This seems to be a nice looking couple and we trust they will make good workers and prove to be a real addition to our working force in the Japan Union Mission."

Referring incidentally to the workers sent out to Malaysia, Elder I. H. Evans, the Vice-President of the Far Eastern Division, has this good word to say:

"The workers that we have in Malaysia seem to be doing very well, especially is Brother Zimmermann successful in winning souls to Christ. He is doing as well as anyone that we have ever sent into the field. We need many such men, who have the message in their hearts, and who have strong character and ability to persuade and win men to Christ. But I need not write more, for you know what kind of men would make good missionaries. We shall give the Germans just as hearty a welcome as any other workers, if they come to our field as soul winners."

F. Dittmar, a German worker sent to the Malaysian Union some two years ago, and located in the East Java Mission, speaks of the good success they are having in that part of the field. Writing end of September he says, they were just planning to have a baptism of 25 souls, and that the Lord is blessing their labours among the Dutch people of these colonies.

It gives us great pleasure to welcome into our Division family Brethren L. L. Caviness and Steen Rasmussen. Brother Caviness has been released by the Latin Union to take charge of the Sabbath School Department in the Division, while Brother Rasmussen, coming from the Scandinavian Union, will head up the Missionary Volunteer Department. The wide experience of these brethren along departmental lines will qualify them to render valuable service in building up the work of the departments to which they have been called.

Our Statistical Report.

With this, we give the report for the third quarter of 1924. Although the gain in membership is less than that of the corresponding quarter of last year, there is a gain of 254 souls during the past nine months over the same period for 1923:

	1923		1924	
	Bapt. and Vote	Net Gain	Bapt. and Vote	Net Gain
1st quarter	2104	792	2893	1525
2nd "	2962	1772	2759	1772
3rd "	3596	2272	3174	1983
Totals	8572	4836	8826	5280

Our membership has thus reached 74 585.

The financial report shows a considerable increase in the funds for the third quarter. Our tithes have reached the sum of \$ 213,531.10, while for the corresponding quarter of last year, we had only \$ 82,798.46. The total tithes for the first three quarters of the current year amount to \$ 584,028.05 against \$ 311,592.55 for the corresponding time of last year i. e. 188%.

From the comparison of the Mission Offerings for the third quarter of 1924, with the same period of the previous year, it will be observed that our donations are much larger. We thank the Lord for this increase, coming at this time of great financial need after the years of stress, inflation, and other unfavourable circumstances.

During the latter part of the third quarter, the Harvest Ingathering campaign was in progress in our Division. The celebration of the Jubilee also fell in this quarter, and on this occasion a special gift was made by our members for our Foreign Missions. Mention should be made of the results of the Week of Sacrifice. A complete report of all these funds for each union will appear in the fourth quarter's report. The figures in Column 22 represent the following funds:

Harvest Ingathering	\$ 55,456.29
Week of Sacrifice	35,239.35
Jubilee Fund	9,111.55
Weekly Offerings	9,424.94
Annual Offerings	122.05
Miscellaneous "	2,972.83
Total in Col. 22	\$ 112,327.01
Sabb. School Off. (12 Sab.)	\$ 33,800.72
13th Sab. Sch. Offer.	\$ 7,082.70
	\$ 153,310.43

Attention should be called to the large amount of book and periodical sales for the third quarter, namely \$ 244,637.24. This is a gain of \$ 63,033.03 over the preceding quarter. During the past nine months, our colporteurs have sold for \$ 576,429.21 which is about \$ 100,000.— more than during the whole of last year.

The steady growth in membership and funds throughout the territory, is not only encouraging, but also a reason for gratitude to God, who blesses the efforts of his faithful children.

Berne, November 23, 1924. E. Borm.