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SOUL WINNING

FOR the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. » Luke 19 : 10. From the very moment that sin entered the world, heaven's whole interest has centred around this one thing, to seek and to save lost souls for the kingdom of God. God gave His Son and Jesus gave His life in order that souls might be saved.

Being endued with the power of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the apostles immediately began their work in accordance with the Saviour's command in Matthew 28 : 19 (marginal reading), to go out and « make disciples or Christians of all nations, » — to win souls. Theirs was a hard field of labor, but they toiled courageously, their faith never wavering. Clothed with power from on high, their efforts were crowned with great success. They took no account of the

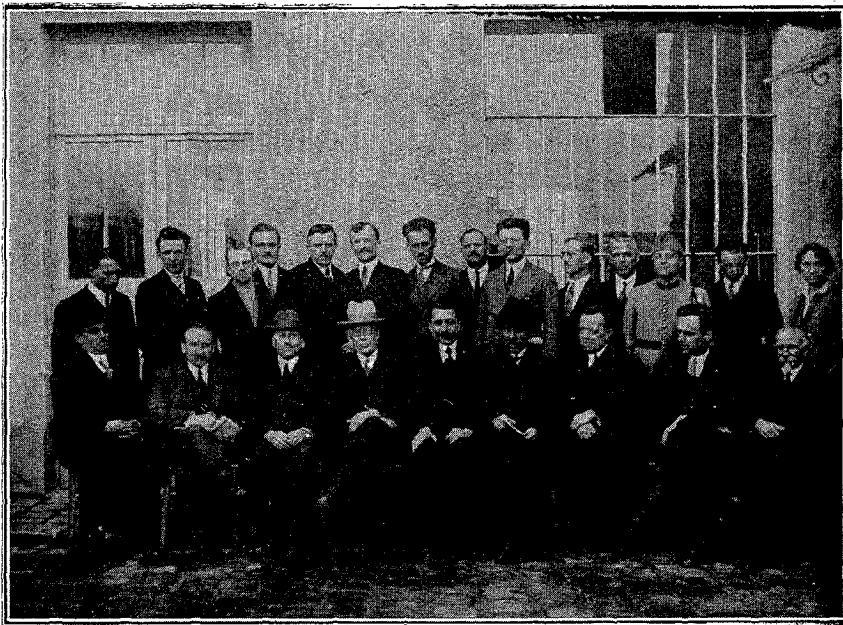
ridicule and persecution which they encountered from the hard-hearted and stubborn Jews, nor did they fear the taunts and mockings of the heathen. They knew that they had been called by their Lord and Master to win souls, and that He would be with them as He had promised.

Jerusalem, where the apostles began their public work, was undoubtedly one of the hardest cities for the preaching and reception of the gospel. It was

here that the chief priests had crucified Jesus, and they had done all in their power to obliterate this new doctrine. Judas, one of the twelve, had betrayed Jesus, and later hanged himself, and all the disciples had left their Master in His great hour of trial. Even Peter had denied His Lord with an oath. All these facts were known in Jerusalem, and the arch-enemy used them as a weapon against the apostles.

A change, however, had taken place with the apostles. They had been purified and sanctified by the truth, and they had been clothed with much power from on high. They took hold of their work cheerfully, and the results of their labors were such that in a very short time thousands of honest souls were won for Christ ; for we read, « and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly. » Acts 6 : 7.

No field of labor is too hard for the Holy Spirit. Wherever the Spirit is permitted to work, souls are won. It is both interesting and instructive to notice the great success which the servants of the Lord had as long as they were fully led by the Holy Spirit. It was not enough for them to win a few souls here and there. They won them in multitudes. « And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord... and



Delegates attending the Bookmen's Convention, Melun, April 8-13.

much people were added unto the Lord. » Act. II : 21, 24.

Seventh-day Adventists occupy a place in the world today similar to that occupied by the apostolic church 1900 years ago. The world must be warned, and souls must be won and prepared for the great day when the faithful shall meet in heaven at the return of the Saviour. We are the people whom God has called to perform this task. If there ever was a time when the people of God should put on the « full armor of God » and consecrate themselves fully and unreservedly to the great work of soul winning, it is now. If there ever was a people who needed to humble themselves and seek God, in order to obtain power from on high, it is the Advent people, to whom the Lord has intrusted this wonderful truth, and in behalf of whom He has revealed Himself so mightily.

The threefold message is the greatest message of revival mentioned in the Scriptures. It embraces the whole world and its power is unlimited. Everyone will have an opportunity to hear it, and many will accept it. It is a wonderful privilege to be connected with such a movement, and to have a part in the proclamation of a message equal in power and importance to that proclaimed by the apostles. Clothed with the Spirit and power of God, we can preach this message in such a way that thousands upon thousands will be saved. Glorious victories are before us. When we concentrate all our energies on this task of soul winning, and consecrate ourselves fully to it, God will do great things for us and give us abundant success. God grant that this may be our experience in the South European Division!

J. C. RAFT.

Strengthen Thy Stakes

WHILE writing these lines, the train is speeding along a beautiful mountainous region of south-western Rumania. I am at present on a trip that will take me around our entire division, touching at every union. Everywhere I find the association with our people, and especially with the workers of the publishing department, most pleasant. As we enjoy together the blessings of the Lord, we receive a deeper consciousness of how precious this message is that makes us one in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yesterday Brother Town and I bade each other good-bye in Bucharest. He was proceeding to our sister divisions in Europe before returning to the States. We are deeply grateful for Brother Town's visit. He consented to go through with a strenuous program of meetings, and for five weeks he has been travelling day and night without a single day's rest in order to meet all appointments. His presence, wise counsel, and broad experience have brought blessing and strength to our work everywhere, and have given us a new vision of the possible growth and importance of the publishing work.

Outstanding in this program have been our two publishing conventions. The first one brought together at the French Publishing House twenty-six workers from different fields in the western part of our division. The second convention was held for the Rumanian and Yugoslavian Unions at the Bucharest Publishing House. Twenty-five delegates were in attendance. Both in Melun and Bucharest we spent a most profitable time studying our problems, exchanging ideas and experiences, and planning for a greater and more aggressive work in order to quickly bring through the printed page the message to the millions in our division groping in darkness. Emphasis was laid on three capital points: The need of a larger army of consecrated men and women; the necessity of better training for more efficient work; and a consecrated life and work for the salvation of souls. We all sensed anew the seriousness of our responsibilities and the illimitable possibilities the Lord has placed before us. These two conventions have greatly helped to « strengthen the stakes » of the publishing work throughout our division, and to ground them deeper on a surer foundation. With a keener perception of our work, renewed courage, and strengthened

faith, we go forward to ever greater success and more glorious victories.

Some of the most inspiring hours were spent listening to the encouraging reports and marvelous experiences related by our colporteur leaders. They sounded a note of faith and victory from every corner of our large field. I wish time and space permitted a more detailed report, but I must limit myself to a few of the most striking and unique experiences.

Two of our Italian colporteurs, a man and his wife, bear witness to the power of this message wherever they go. Early in the year 1928, they were working near one of the lakes up in northern Italy. As a result of their work there, a number of souls have been baptized. Among these were two young men who later also became colporteurs. Proceeding to another territory this man and his wife there interested several families. Some of these interested ones have already been baptized, and at present one of our Bible workers is holding Bible readings with about ten others. The first part of this year these same two colporteurs worked the city of Savona. Again the Lord led wonderfully. Through His providence they came in contact with a group of people who are now reaching out after the truth.

In North France the workers in a factory were eating their lunch. One girl had her lunch wrapped in one of our papers. In some way the paper wrapping fell into the hands of a certain man who read it, became interested, and is now baptized.

One Sunday morning a brother colporteur in Brussels was actually kicked out of a house by the owner to whom he wished to present his book. Discouraged, the colporteur quit his work. A fortnight later he decided to go back and finish working the same street where he had received such an unfriendly reception. By mistake, or providence, he entered the very home where two weeks previous he had met with the discouraging experience. The lady received our colporteur kindly, apologized for the previous happening, bought a large book in the best binding, saying, « It is for my sister, but my husband must not know that I have bought the book. »

Just as the colporteur was leaving the door, he came face to face with the husband who, very much surprised, exclaimed, « I have thrown you out of here

once, and here you are again!» But this time he was better natured. After a short conversation, he listened to the presentation, and also ordered a large book, giving his office address. «Bring it to me there,» he added, «my wife must not know that I have bought your book.»

Down in Jugoslavia, two colporteurs were arrested and locked in an underground room. The small window of their dungeon cell opened upon a market place. Through their prison bars these colporteurs were able to sell a number of books to the policemen who had arrested them.

Another of our colporteurs was imprisoned in Rumania. One day while awaiting his trial at the police station, to which he had been brought from the prison, he was left free to walk about the courtyard. He had his bag of books with him, so he began to canvass the policemen. He sold all the books he had with him, — some in German, some in Hungarian, and some in Rumanian. The commissary noticed what was taking place, and came out.

«What are you doing? Don't you know who you are?»

«I am a colporteur.»

«No, you are a man under arrest.»

«Free or arrested, I am *always* a colporteur. I have to sell these books.»

After considerable discussion, he was released, and even obtained permission to continue his work in that district.

Dozens of similar experiences were reported. In many instances the Lord had gone before, and through dreams and other providences had prepared the way for our colporteurs.

We thank the Lord for the faithful band of men and women engaged in the publishing work. Surely the Lord has set His hand to do a mighty work through the printed page and the influence of our dear colporteurs, and He is using this agency in an ever-increasing measure to hasten the finishing of His work.

F. CHARPIOT.

for Nanga-Eboko. During six hours we travelled along a good motor road, and a very picturesque one. The trip was rather fatiguing, as you may easily imagine when I tell you that our only seats were our baggage, and that we were exposed to the heat of the sun and the dust. When we arrived at the mission station we were simply «red» with dust. But we cleaned up, and Mrs. Jones served us a delicious supper which helped amazingly to revive us. We then retired for the night, and were able to sleep in a good bed, even if it was in a grass hut.

So it is now two days since we arrived at the mission. During this short time we have been able to look the place over somewhat, and find that a splendid work has been begun here. The government has definitely conceded us fifty hectares of good land on which we have the right to build and plant. We have been told by those who are supposed to be authority that ours is the best grant of land in this vicinity.

At present all we find here in the way of buildings is the grass hut with three rooms that we are occupying with Brother and Sister Jones. It is, in very truth, a hut. Our beds are right on the ground. A



Delegates attending the Bookmen's Convention, Bucharest, April 19-23.

Mission Life in the Cameroon

THANKS to the protecting care of our Heavenly Father, we have now safely arrived at the Adventist mission station Nanga-Eboko. We had a good trip from Marseille to Duala. At Duala we had the joy of meeting Brother R. L. Jones. As I was suffering from the fever, we remained at the port three days. The heat was quite trying. Leaving Duala Monday morning at six o'clock, we were able to reach Yaunde at five o'clock the afternoon of the same day. Yaunde is not yet much of a city. Only a few European houses have been erected. We were obliged to stop over at Yaunde two days. My fever having subsided, we left Yaunde Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock — with all our baggage — by autobus

dwelling house has been started, but the walls at present are but a meter high. We do not know when it will be completed, for work moves slowly here. We naturally long for the time when it will be habitable, for living in a hut is not the most conducive to good health.

Eighty pupils are enrolled in our school.

From different places chiefs have come to ask us to open schools for their people. Sad as it is, we have to say No, for we have no teachers to send. Yesterday five or six chiefs arrived at the mission. They came to ask us to visit their villages, and to plead for a teacher to open a school among their tribes. They themselves have begun to put up the school building. Their villages are two days' walk from here, and there is no road leading to them. We promised to visit them.

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READINGS for EDUCATIONAL DAY

AUGUST 10

Christian Education

GOD has given us as a people a great task. The message of a soon-coming Saviour is to be taken to all the world in our day, and God proposes to finish the work quickly. We have an army of young people who can do much to herald the good news of our Saviour's return if they are only properly trained. For that very purpose — to better train our young people for service — the Lord has given us a wonderful educational system which we have not appreciated as fully as we should have done.

Now what is the true purpose of education? The following quotations will help us to understand: « The true object of education is to restore the image of God in the soul of man. » *Education*, p. 63. « True education means more than the perusal of a course of study... It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. » *Idem*, p. 13.

Can the schools of the world give our young people this training? Certainly not. If a father wants his son to become a doctor, he will not send him to a school of law, but will send him to a school of medicine. How much more this principle applies when it concerns training workers for God's cause.

Even statesmen understand the importance of denominational schools. Ex-Premier Asquith of England said: « I admit as a practical man that denominational schools are an indispensable part of our educational system. You can not get rid of them, because you can not find any practical substitute for them. » Shall we Adventists have less appreciation of the necessity of our own schools? A great American, understanding the importance of training the youth, said: « If you are going to do anything for the average man, you must start before he is a man. » — *Roosevelt*.

In our division we have almost four thousand young people enrolled in our Missionary Volunteer societies. I suppose we have almost another four thousand children of primary school age. What are we doing for all these young people and children? We have two church schools in Switzerland, one at Gland, and the other at La Chaux-de-Fonds; a third church school will probably have been started in France at Le Havre by the time you read this; and there is talk of church schools in Strasbourg, Brussels, Lausanne and other places. We have two secondary schools, — one at Collonges, France, and the other at Diciosanmartin, Rumania. In these two schools together we only have about 170 students. This is good, but we should do much more both for our young people and for our children.

Urgent appeals come to us from the writings of the spirit of prophecy. « If ever we are to work in earnest, it is now. The enemy is pressing in on all sides like a flood. Only the power of God can save our children from being swept away by the tide of

evil. » « As in their day, so now the Lord would have the children gathered out from those schools where worldly influences prevail, and placed in our schools where the Word of God is made the foundation of education. » « All our youth should be permitted to have the blessing and privileges of an education in our schools, that they may be inspired to become laborers together with God. » « As a church, as individuals, if we would stand clear in the judgment, we must make more liberal efforts for the training of our young people, that they may be better fitted for the various branches of the great work committed to our hands. We should lay wise plans, in order that the ingenious minds of those who have talent may be strengthened and disciplined, and polished after the highest order, that the work of Christ may not be hindered for lack of skillful laborers, who do their work with earnestness and fidelity. »

With the great need of workers in every part of our division before us, shall we not determine that August 10, the Educational Sabbath of this year, shall find us laying greater plans than ever before to encourage our dear young people to attend our own schools next year? And shall we not also help these young people in a material way, if necessary, in order that they may be benefited by the training our own schools offer? Let us all join in praying; as Christ invites us to do, that the Lord of the harvest may send forth more laborers into His harvest. May God bless the many young people who are out in the colporteur work this summer, doing faithful service for the Master, and earning the funds necessary to pay their expenses for another year at school.

L. L. CAVINESS.



Our Collonges School

THE eighth school year of Collonges will have ended in a few days. As we look back over the past eight months we feel that although Satan has worked harder than ever before, the Lord has blessed and given His victory.

We have had this year 142 students in attendance, representing 23 countries according to the list below:

Algeria	Jugoslavia
Armenia	Luxembourg
Belgium	Madagascar
Denmark	Morocco
England	Norway
Esthonia	Persia
France	Portugal
Germany	Rumania
Greece	Spain
Holland	Switzerland
Irak	United States of America
Italy	

We have had three cases of serious illness. Miss Blasquez, our Spanish teacher, was taken ill with

typhoid fever the day after her arrival here. N. Jorgensen, a student from Denmark, had double pneumonia, and for several days his life was despaired of. Shortly after, Miss Clerc, our preceptress, had scarlet fever with serious complications. Teachers and students joined in a day of special prayer and fasting for these three members of our school family whose lives were in danger. We are thankful to say that God heard our prayers and spared all three. We have not yet had our medical examination to ascertain the general condition of the health of our students, but we hope that it will be as good as it was at the close of the last school year, which was very good indeed.

We have had this year a larger proportion of students who have been here before than during any previous year. As a consequence we have students who know how to study and use their time better than in the past, and their grade cards show, on the whole, better results than in previous years. Having such a large foreign element complicates the class work to an extent, but we have laid plans that will give the foreign students more work exclusively, so that all concerned will be able to make better progress.

Our missionary society has been active during the year. The members of the Christian help band have been helping some of the sick and needy in the neighborhood; also preparing garments for the use of our foreign missionaries, etc. The members of the colporteur group have gone out several times selling our books and papers. The evangelistic group held a series of meetings in Annemasse, and helped in meetings in Geneva. The correspondence group has been sending out papers to those who seemed especially interested when our colporteurs visited them.

The scene that has brought the most joy to our hearts was to see ten young men and women led into the watery grave by Brother Guenin last Sabbath, to walk forth into newness of life. When we see hearts yielding to the influence of the Master, we feel that God has blessed our efforts.

The year has been full of difficulties, and Satan has worked with tremendous energy. The hardest thing to do is to censure and reprove. We have had to do this, and it fills our hearts with sadness. But when we look back over past years when we have had to do the same thing, and see the very ones who were reprovéd change their ways, and come and tell us « Thank you, » it gives us courage to go ahead.

We have had a splendid spirit among the students and teachers, especially during the last part of the year. We rejoice and feel that God has a wonderful work before Collonges, and we ask the prayers of God's people for this institution, its teachers, and students.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the division for its generosity towards the school, and also to thank those who, by their liberality, have enabled us to make added improvements or make the lives of teachers and students more agreeable. Surely money, energy, and time spent for our young people are not wasted, but are invested where the dividends will be large. May God continue to bless Collonges!

A. G. ROTH.

The Rumanian Union Training School

WE are nearing the close of our sixth term in the Rumanian Union Training School. Day by day we realize more keenly the importance of its work, and the necessity of training strong workers to bear up under responsibilities. The need in our field is so great that our students are taken into the work after two or three years of training only. Under the circumstances we can hardly do otherwise. However, we are glad that during the short space of time since this school started, more than thirty-six students have gone out into the organized work, and today are holding responsible positions.

Although this year we have a younger class of students than we have had in previous years, yet a spirit of devotion, willingness, and loyalty is manifested. At the close of the first semester we baptized seven, — three were students, and four were persons gained through the influence of the school. Before the school closes this year, we expect to baptize sixteen more, — ten of whom are students, and six others who have accepted the truth through the efforts of teachers and students.

Our missionary activities are divided into three groups. The Christian help band make it their duty to visit the sick and the poor in the neighborhood, provide clothes for the needy and unfortunate, and they also learn how to properly care for the sick. The Bible workers' band visits the interested ones, and holds cottage meetings. It is a delight and a source of great encouragement to attend the meetings of this group and to hear them relate their experiences. Two students told how they went to a near-by village to make a missionary visit. They called on a family, gave a Bible study, and arranged to come again. When they returned they found more than sixty persons gathered in a small room eager to listen to what they would have to say. Our boys explained the simple truths of this message to those hungry souls. They came home rejoicing.

The correspondence band has developed into a student organization called the « Echo, » whose goal it is to write a letter to every Seventh-day Adventist youth in this union. In these letters the youth are encouraged in their Christian experience, and are invited to come to our school for a training that will prepare them for service in the cause of God. The task is not easy, for in this union with a membership of nearly 10,000, there are more than 3,000 young people. Most of these young people are not as yet baptized members, thus giving us a large field for activity. Each day the « Echo » band sends out a large number of letters, — so many in fact that one day the post office authorities sent us word not to mail so many letters at one time as it congested the mail in the post office. It is a special treat to read the many and varied responses that come in answer to the letters written. Each Wednesday chapel hour is devoted to the reading of letters received from young people somewhere in Rumania. It is as if we « hear the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees. »

At present our annual colporteurs' institute is being held for the students. Great enthusiasm is manifested, and the wonderful experiences that are related encour-

age our boys for the high calling of the colporteur. This summer will be the first time that we can offer our students the scholarship plan. We are sure this will be a great help to our students. There is also coming from the press a larger book (« Christ's Object Lessons ») especially for the colporteur work. Some are already working to earn a scholarship for next year. We are hoping to have a large number of students who will earn their way through school by this method, and who at the same time will take an active part in the gospel work by circulating good literature.

With the good things, we also see Satan at work, but God overrules. Just the other day the prefect (the highest authority in this district, and in this case a near relative of the prime minister of Rumania) with the chief of police in this city came to visit our school. Upon their arrival the prefect demanded certain documents at once, and began to show much displeasure. We breathed a silent prayer to God for help to know what to say. After a few moments we quietly told him that if he would calm down a bit we would gladly fulfill his wishes. Soon his spirit subdued. We gave him the desired information, and before he left he became very friendly. We had opportunity to explain to him the principles of the truth over which he expressed much surprise.

Pray for our school in Rumania.

P. J. GAEDE, *Principal.*



The Iberian Union Mission

THE members of the Iberian Union Mission, numbering 495 at the end of 1928, send greetings to the large family of believers in the South European Division. We are all of good courage, and rejoicing in the blessed hope of the second coming of Christ.

Spain and Portugal make up the main territory of the Iberian Union. Here we have over 28,000,000 people to warn. The work in these countries started about twenty-five years ago. Progress has been slow, but we know we have a powerful Saviour who stands ready to do great things for us in these lands. We yearn for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain in Spain and Portugal that we may experience a greater ingathering of souls.

In 1928, 54 persons were received into the church by baptism or by vote. This is a little less than the 1927 gains. Here we hope for a decided betterment, for surely we should not be obliged to report losses in soul winning. Our chief business is to win souls, and with the help of God we intend to concentrate our efforts to accomplish more in that line. At the time of our annual meetings in May, we shall hold workers' meetings in all of the three local fields, in which the question of soul-winning will be given special study.

Spain has always been a good field for colporteur work. However, we are sorry to say there has been a serious falling off in colporteur sales the last two years. This may be due in part to the fact that many of our young people were sent to our training school in France. Another reason may be the lack of suitable books. We are now taking steps to revive this branch of the work, and we hope that we may soon expe-

rience once again our former prosperity, and even exceed the best of past records.

We are glad that so many of our young people from Spain and Portugal can attend our school at Collonges. Two or three of them will enter the work this year. We greatly need their help, for the work is vast, and the laborers so few. We ought to be able to double the number of workers every year. At the present time we have only eighteen paid workers in the entire Iberian Union.

Our people do their faithful share in the different campaigns. One brother, a lay member, collected more than \$150.— (gold) during the 1928 Harvest Ingathering campaign. We are already laying plans for a successful Big Week this year, and we shall also do our best to accomplish more than ever in the Harvest Ingathering work.

Evangelistic work is not done the most easily in Spain. Even though we have here full liberty of conscience, — that is to believe what we choose to believe, — this liberty does not apply when it comes to expressing our belief. Most of us have read the experience of a Protestant Spanish woman only last year. Because she had told a neighbor that she believed that Mary had had other children besides Jesus, she was taken to court and sentenced to two years' imprisonment. She appealed to the supreme court, which confirmed the sentence. Because of appeals from different organizations, some of them from foreign countries where the reputation of Spain began to suffer considerably because of this sentence worthy of medieval times, the king finally pardoned that good, humble disciple of Christ.

As Adventists we have our difficulties also. We can not hold meetings freely in Spain. We have had to stop working in certain places because the authorities refused permission to hold meetings. We have a faithful lay member who does much missionary work. He has already brought several persons into the truth in the village where he lives. Last summer at the time some of his converts were baptized, this good brother invited the people to the meetings of the minister who had come to baptize. Many responded to the invitation. The priest became angry, and reported the brother to the governor of the province. He was sentenced to pay a fine of 250.— Ptas. (about \$40.— gold at that time). After much difficulty he succeeded in having the fine cancelled. Yes, we have to struggle with such difficulties, but with the Lord we can overcome them all.

In Portugal, we have more liberty. We are permitted to hold meetings freely, and the people flock to our gatherings. They seem to have a real hunger and thirst for the message. We look forward to a larger future ingathering of souls in Portugal than in the past.

We request the prayers of our people in behalf of the work in the Iberian Union. Pray that God may touch many hearts, and save many souls in His everlasting kingdom.

R. GERBER.

« Great works are performed, not by strength, but by perseverance. » — *Johnson.*



« Though we fail indeed — you, I, a score of such weak workers — He fails never. If He cannot work by us, He will work over us. » — *E. B. Browning.*

Statistical Report of the South European Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter End. March 31, 1929

Name of Conference or Mission	No. of Churches	Previous Memb.	Baptism	Vote	Letter	Total Gains	Apostasy	Death	Letter	Total Losses	Net Gain	Present Memb.	Ord. Ministers	Lic. Ministers	Missionaries	Other Workers	Canvassers	Total Workers	No. of Sabbath Schools	S. S. Members	Average Attendance													
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	49	2062	9	5	26	40	29	8	38	75	-35	2027	11	12	11	6	33	73	52	1732	1232													
IBERIAN UNION MISSION													1	1	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—										
East Spanish Mission	5	205	—	—	3	3	6	—	8	14	-11	194	3	1	2	—	—	6	8	209	193													
West Spanish Mission	4	81	5	1	2	8	—	1	2	3	5	86	1	2	2	—	—	5	5	60	63													
Portuguese Mission	4	209	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	-3	206	—	5	—	—	4	9	5	163	149													
	13	495	5	1	5	11	6	1	13	20	-9	486	5	9	5	—	4	23	18	432	405													
ITALIAN UNION MISSION													—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Central Italian Mission	6	136	4	—	1	5	3	1	—	4	1	137	2	1	3	6	11	23	7	148	124													
North Italian Mission	6	144	7	1	1	9	—	—	—	—	9	153	2	1	3	—	7	13	11	195	160													
South Italian Mission	10	140	4	1	2	7	1	—	2	3	4	144	1	—	4	1	10	16	10	133	131													
	22	420	15	2	4	21	4	1	2	7	14	434	5	2	10	7	28	52	28	476	415													
JUGOSLAVIAN UNION MISS.													1	1	2	2	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—										
Danube Conference	42	770	15	—	185	200	—	—	209	209	-9	761	1	—	1	3	18	23	54	937	836													
Sava Conference	23	234	4	—	180	184	—	—	7	7	177	411	1	—	—	3	18	22	24	475	410													
South Servian Conf.	13	396	14	—	—	14	—	—	195	195	-181	215	1	—	—	2	12	15	21	263	221													
Adriatic Mission	2	—	—	—	44	44	—	—	—	—	44	44	1	—	1	1	5	8	6	79	52													
	80	1400	33	—	409	442	—	—	411	411	31	1431	5	1	4	11	53	74	105	1754	1525													
NORTH AFRICAN U. MISS.													—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—									
Algerian Mission	5	93	2	6	11	19	4	—	5	9	10	103	2	1	4	1	6	14	5	106	99													
Morocco Mission	1	20	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	21	1	2	—	1	—	4	1	20	21													
	6	113	2	6	12	20	4	—	5	9	11	124	3	3	4	2	6	18	6	126	120													
CAMEROON MISSION *													—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
MADAGASCAR MISSION **													—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
MAURITIUS MISSION **													—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

RECAPITULATION

South European Division	5	7	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Franco-Belgian Union Conf.	51	1620	8	1	46	55	17	12	35	64	-9	1611	16	11	17	8	19	71	65	1409	1158
Rumanian Union Conf.	299	8291	65	23	229	317	99	25	226	350	-33	8258	34	10	43	11	89	187	299	11161	8421
Swiss Union Conference	49	2062	9	5	26	40	29	8	38	75	-35	2027	11	12	11	6	33	73	52	1732	1232
Iberian Union Mission	13	495	5	1	5	11	6	1	13	20	-9	486	5	9	5	—	4	23	18	432	405
Italian Union Mission	22	420	15	2	4	21	4	1	2	7	14	434	5	2	10	7	28	52	28	476	415
Jugoslavian Union Mission	80	1400	33	—	409	442	—	—	411	411	31	1431	5	1	4	11	53	74	105	1754	1525
North African Union Mission	6	113	2	6	12	20	4	—	5	9	11	124	3	3	4	2	6	18	6	126	120
Cameroon Mission *	1	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Madagascar Mission **	3	42	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	40	2	—	1	4	1	8	6	390	302
Mauritius Mission **	6	201	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	201	1	—	3	4	3	11	40	720	358
Totals 1st Quarter 1929	530	14644	137	38	733	908	159	48	731	938	-30	14614	89	48	105	53	236	531	619	18200	13936
Totals 1st Qtr. 1928	463	13815	215	—	310	525	125	50	313	483	37	13852	81	43	122	21	202	469	609	16611	12854

* No report received.

** Report for the fourth quarter of 1928.

Financial Report of the South European Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending March 31, 1929

Name of Conference or Mission		Total Tithe	Weekly Tithe per Cap.	Total Offer's (incl. Special)	Weekly Offer's per Cap.	Percentage of Off. of Tithe	Contrib. for Home Miss. Work	Contrib. for Local Church Work	Colporteur Book Sales
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1. SOUTH EUROP. DIV.									
2. FRANCO-BELG. U. C.									
3. Belgian Conference ...	B. Fr.	86,996.15	15.60	11,744.58	2.10	13.5 %	—	—	26,879.50
4. East France Conf.	F. Fr.	59,438.60	8.82	7,843.75	1.75	19.9 %	6,573.45	—	8,431.60
5. North » »	F. Fr.	51,735.30	12.06	9,157.35	2.13	17.7 %	31,144.50	850.—	18,025.30
6. South » »	F. Fr.	29,498.35	4.39	12,205.20	1.81	41.0 %	501.40	—	18,490.50
	F. Frs.	182,526.50	8.67	37,556.72	1.78	20.5 %	38,219.35	850.—	64,058.70
	\$	7,136.80	0.34	1,468.46	0.07		1,492.94	33.20	2,742.12
7. RUMANIAN U. CONF.									
8. West Munten C.	Lei	49,457.—	—	—	—	—	—	—	142,858.—
9. East Munten C.	»	309,468.50	19.51	80,176.75	5.05	25.9 %	23,019.50	—	171,109.—
10. North Moldav. C.	»	227,222.75	16.31	64,347.50	4.62	28.3 %	19,320.50	—	223,183.—
11. South Moldav. C.	»	115,954.60	11.—	31,012.75	2.94	26.7 %	13,898.—	31,828.—	128,530.—
12. Transylvanian C.	»	506,961.—	17.23	102,479.74	3.48	20.2 %	34,289.25	—	268,202.—
13. Banat Conference	»	183,826.50	13.96	43,409.25	3.29	23.6 %	17,604.—	29,609.—	150,016.—
	I lei	2,085,440.35	19.34	513,892.49	4.77	24.6 %	175,942.50	100,728.—	1,083,898.—
	\$	12,535.10	0.11	3,087.43	0.03		1,053.55	603.16	6,612.05
14. SWISS UNION CONF.									
15. German Swiss C.	Sw. Frs.	30,922.83	2.19	6,857.21	0.48	22.1 %	848.65	3,502.70	28,348.—
16. Leman Conference	»	36,405.20	2.86	7,692.87	0.60	21.1 %	822.75	—	25,388.30
	Sw. Frs.	67,328.03	2.51	14,550.08	0.54	21.6 %	1,671.40	3,502.70	53,736.30
	\$	12,994.20	0.48	2,808.15	0.10		322.66	676.20	10,373.79
17. IBERIAN UNION M.									
18. East Spanish Miss. ...	Pesetas	4,638.65	1.74	1,783.30	0.67	38.4 %	40.75	206.15	—
19. West Spanish Mis.	»	2,171.35	2.06	927.62	0.88	42.7 %	—	—	—
20. Portuguese Miss.	Esc.	11,087.95	4.08	2,588.80	0.95	23.3 %	—	—	9,092.40
	Pesetas	10,005.70	1.55	3,459.64	0.54	34.5 %	40.75	206.15	2,636.80
	\$	1,535.60	0.24	529.59	0.08		6.47	32.72	408.98
21. ITALIAN UNION MISS.									
22. Central Italian Mission	Liras	9,514.50	5.38	1,790.85	1.01	18.8 %	—	—	16,713.35
23. North Italian Mission..	»	8,238.35	4.40	2,042.75	1.09	24.7 %	—	—	9,353.20
24. South Italian Mission	»	4,353.35	2.39	1,019.20	0.56	23.4 %	—	—	12,769.60
	Liras	22,106.20	4.04	4,852.80	0.90	21.9 %	—	—	38,836.15
	\$	1,159.—	0.21	254.38	0.04		—	—	2,068.23
25. JUGOSLAVIAN U. M.									
26. Danube Conf.	Din.	44,751.20	4.52	24,940.60	2.52	55.7 %	—	—	71,172.—
27. Sava Conf.	»	31,214.75	5.81	14,315.50	2.63	45.8 %	—	—	61,545.—
28. South Servian C.	»	13,639.75	4.90	3,268.50	1.17	23.8 %	—	—	41,368.—
29. Adriatic Mission	»	9,600.—	16.73	3,940.75	6.88	41.0 %	—	—	28,604.—
	Din.	99,265.70	5.34	46,465.35	2.50	46.8 %	—	—	202,689.—
	\$	1,758.70	0.09	822.80	0.04		—	—	3,229.08
30. NORTH AFRICAN U. M.									
31. Algerian Miss.	F. Frs.	21,395.10	17.70	5,556.65	4.60	26.0 %	594.70	—	17,873.35
32. Morocco Miss.	»	3,968.85	15.26	510.60	1.96	12.8 %	—	—	—
	F. Frs.	25,363.95	17.26	6,067.25	4.13	23.9 %	594.70	—	17,873.35
	\$	992.—	0.67	237.23	0.16		23.23	—	699.14
33. CAMEROON MISSION									
34. MADAGASCAR MISS. *									
	F. Frs.	6,042.—	11.06	1,902.15	3.48	31.4 %	—	—	—
	\$	236.20	0.43	74.38	0.14		—	—	—
35. MAURITIUS MISS. * ..									
	Rs.	3,576.49	1.37	2,328.98	0.89	65.1 %	44.13	238.01	—
	\$	1,324.60	0.51	862.57	0.33		16.35	88.15	—

RECAPITULATION

1. South European Division	Dollars	7,136.80	0.34	1,468.46	0.07	20.5 %	1,492.94	33.20	2,742.12
2. Franco-Belgian Union C.	»	12,535.10	0.11	3,087.43	0.03	24.6 %	1,053.55	603.16	6,612.05
3. Rumanian Union Conf.	»	12,994.20	0.48	2,808.15	0.10	21.6 %	322.66	676.20	10,373.79
4. Swiss Union Conference	»	1,535.60	0.24	529.59	0.08	34.5 %	6.47	32.72	408.98
5. Iberian Union Mission	»	1,159.—	0.21	254.38	0.04	21.9 %	—	—	2,068.23
6. Italian Union Mission	»	1,758.70	0.09	822.80	0.04	46.8 %	—	—	3,229.08
7. Jugoslavian Union Mis.	»	992.—	0.67	237.23	0.16	23.9 %	23.23	—	699.14
8. North African Union Mis.	»	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Cameroon Mission	»	236.20	0.43	74.38	0.14	31.4 %	—	—	—
10. Madagascar Mission* ..	»	1,324.60	0.51	862.57	0.33	65.1 %	16.35	88.15	—
11. Mauritius Mission*	»	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals Ist Qtr. 1929	\$	39,672.20	0.21	10,144.99	0.05	25.3 %	2,915.20	1,433.43	26,133.39
Totals Ist Qtr. 1928	\$	37,950.94	0.21	9,654.70	0.05	25.4 %	—	—	28,047.48

* Report for the fourth Quarter of 1928.

Specification of Mission Offerings (Column No. 4)

	Sab. School Off's (exc. 13th Sab.)	13th Sabbat Off.	Weekly Off.	Harvest Ing.	Annual Off.	Miscellan Off.	Self Don. Off.	Special Offer.	
								« Big Week »	Y. P. 's Coll.
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1.									
2.									
3.	8,976.02	2,066.11	287.45	—	—	475.—	—	—	—
4.	4,491.20	3,069.90	122.65	110.—	—	50.—	—	—	—
5.	5,433.10	2,493.25	45.—	317.—	844.—	—	—	25.—	—
6.	5,295.45	1,163.55	100.—	4,829.50	239.—	—	458.75	118.95	—
	21,601.70	8,153.05	472.02	5,256.50	1,053.—	387.75	458.75	143.95	—
	844.63	318.78	18.45	205.53	42.34	15.16	17.94	5.63	—
7.									
8.	112,256.50	42,061.50	13,303.50	5,980.—	16,325.—	—	—	2,400.—	140.—
9.	51,635.25	16,896.25	6,567.75	1,440.—	1,100.—	447.50	—	1,620.—	470.—
10.	41,694.—	13,611.—	3,451.50	5,189.—	262.—	140.—	—	—	—
11.	21,561.—	5,789.75	961.—	996.—	1,345.—	300.—	—	60.—	—
12.	62,299.—	18,514.25	5,319.49	12,547.—	1,149.—	1,939.—	258.—	454.—	—
13.	24,745.50	9,986.75	2,489.—	2,011.—	472.—	—	—	3,705.—	—
	314,191.25	106,859.50	32,092.24	28,163.—	20,653.—	2,826.50	258.—	8,239.—	106.—
	1,887.83	641.19	192.86	169.16	124.57	16.94	1.54	49.69	3.65
14.									
15.	4,235.86	1,736.15	885.20	—	—	—	—	—	—
16.	4,925.42	2,012.80	279.35	302.25	25.—	—	—	—	148.05
	9,161.28	3,748.95	1,164.55	302.25	25.—	—	—	—	148.05
	1,768.13	723.55	224.75	58.33	4.82	—	—	—	23.57
17.									
18.	1,202.70	498.75	40.75	36.10	5.—	—	—	—	—
19.	511.37	207.65	105.10	103.50	—	—	—	—	—
20.	1,886.20	702.60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	2,259.04	910.15	145.85	139.60	5.—	—	—	—	—
	346.30	138.73	22.30	21.47	0.79	—	—	—	—
21.									
22.	1,348.35	390.30	4.20	—	—	48.—	—	—	—
23.	1,395.65	368.90	183.70	—	—	94.50	—	—	—
24.	783.55	215.15	3.50	—	—	17.—	—	—	—
	3,527.55	974.35	191.40	—	—	159.50	—	—	—
	184.94	51.05	10.03	—	—	8.36	—	—	—
25.									
26.	7,812.45	951.—	613.25	14,835.90	728.—	—	—	—	—
27.	4,460.45	640.95	214.10	8,119.—	881.—	—	—	—	—
28.	1,440.15	493.60	310.25	906.—	118.50	—	—	—	—
29.	931.—	350.—	134.—	1,763.75	762.—	—	—	—	—
	14,644.05	2,435.55	1,271.60	25,624.65	2,489.50	—	—	—	—
	259.46	43.11	22.51	453.66	44.06	—	—	—	—
30.									
31.	1,690.70	406.55	—	2,553.90	905.50	—	—	—	—
32.	315.05	195.55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	2,005.75	602.10	—	2,553.90	905.50	—	—	—	—
	78.42	23.55	—	99.85	35.41	—	—	—	—
33.									
34.	432.85	96.60	—	—	1,372.70	—	—	—	—
	16.92	3.78	—	—	53.68	—	—	—	—
35.	238.65	79.32	—	1,572.—	434.01	5.—	—	—	—
	88.39	29.37	—	582.22	160.74	1.85	—	—	—

RECAPITULATION

1.									
2.	844.63	318.78	18.45	205.53	42.34	15.16	17.94	5.63	—
3.	1,887.83	641.19	192.86	169.16	124.57	16.94	1.54	49.69	3.65
4.	1,768.13	723.55	224.75	58.33	4.82	—	—	—	28.57
5.	346.30	138.73	22.30	21.47	0.79	—	—	—	—
6.	184.94	51.05	10.03	—	—	8.36	—	—	—
7.	259.46	43.11	22.51	453.66	44.06	—	—	—	—
8.	78.42	23.55	—	99.85	35.41	—	—	—	—
9.									
10.	16.92	3.78	—	—	53.68	—	—	—	—
11.	88.39	29.37	—	582.22	160.74	1.85	—	—	—
	5,475.02	1,973.11	490.90	1,590.22	466.41	42.31	19.48	55.32	32.22
	5,014.95	1,719.36	420.92	1,456.85	638.68	228.43	24.48	151.03	—

Report of the Home Missionary Department of the South European Division

FIRST QUARTER 1929.

	Franco-Belgian U. C.	Rumanian U. C.	Swiss U. C.	Iberian U. M.	Italian U. M.	Jugoslavian U. M.	North African Mission	Mauritius Mission	TOTAL
1. No. of Churches and Companies	57	299	49	16	22	80	6	6	595
2. Total number of Church-members	1611	8258	2027	486	434	1431	124	201	14572
3. Number of Persons Reporting	537	5694	671	100	393	952	54	184	8575
4. Percentage of Members Reporting	33.3	68.9	33.1	20.6	88.2	66.5	43.5	91.5	58.8
5. Numb. doing Bible or Gospel Mtg. Work	126	2086	273	—	—	873	33	83	3474
6. No. engaged in Medical Mission. Work	50	2643	3	—	—	495	13	—	3144
7. No. engaged in Literature Work	125	1346	186	—	—	849	59	42	2607
REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK:									
Missionary Visits	2223	42339	2191	332	1503	11999	888	423	61898
Bible Readings	1536	47739	855	271	1813	10678	406	1248	64546
No. of Persons taken to Services	156	10867	163	39	137	925	65	44	12396
Hours of Christian Help Work	983	31419	1196	361	383	3110	8	261	37721
Treatments Given	588	4344	284	167	177	671	29	79	6339
Periodicals distributed	14205	6347	14239	605	1374	8844	1374	401	47389
Tracts distributed	3391	4600	841	1091	311	680	352	92	11358
New subscriptions to periodicals	182	320	58	2	16	—	25	—	623
Books distributed	352	1715	246	169	273	447	37	59	3298
Missionary Letters Written	557	1467	516	107	332	295	54	32	3360
Missionary Letters Received	273	916	245	76	193	227	31	8	1969
Souls Won	10	496	—	—	—	—	—	—	506

The Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Reports

FIRST QUARTER 1929

A GLANCE at the two summaries covering the home missionary and Missionary Volunteer activities presented in this issue of our « Quarterly Review, » reveal some very encouraging facts concerning the faithful missionary efforts put forth by both young and old.

The missionary report shows that 8575 or 58.8 % of our entire membership in the division reported, — a figure considerably in advance of former percentages when Europe was still one division. Mauritius takes first place, with 91.5 % of her entire membership reporting. Italy comes second, with 88.2 %, and Rumania is third, with 68.9 %.

Considering the various items of missionary work, it will be noticed that 3474 members were reported as taking part in Bible and gospel meeting work ; 3144 in medical missionary work, and 2607 in literature work. As a result of the various lines of activity in which our members have been engaged during the first three months of the year, 506 new souls are reported as won for the Master.

On looking at the Missionary Volunteer report, one discovers that the suggestive membership goal of 4000, to be reached before the end of 1929, — set at the Winter Council in Gland, in January, — has already been attained during the first quarter of the year. We are therefore working and planning to have an army of 4500 Missionary Volunteers enrolled in our organized Missionary Volunteer Movement before the year closes.

Italy holds the record in percentage of reporting Missionary Volunteers, with 86.5 %. The Iberian Union comes next, with 76.7 %, and Mauritius third, with 74.5 %. Truly, the Lord has crowned the efforts of our dear young people with success, as 95 precious

souls are reported as having been won through their missionary endeavors during the quarter.

We firmly believe that we shall experience a healthy and steady growth in the activities carried on by our church members throughout the division, and by our rapidly growing army of Missionary Volunteers, resulting in a rich harvest of precious souls. Watch the reports from quarter to quarter !

STEEN RASMUSSEN,
Secretary, H. M. and M. V. Departments.



Every Church-Member a Missionary

« For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. » Mark 13 : 34.

THE Master clearly outlines in this Scripture that every man has been given his special work to perform. The proclamation of God's last warning message to all the world rests with Seventh-day Adventists. This responsibility, however, has not only been placed upon ministers, Bible workers, colporteurs, and workers generally, but every individual member of the church is included in God's plan of sharing the burden of saving perishing souls, for we read in *Testimonies for the Church, Vol. IX, p. 117*: « The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers. »

Therefore, if the work of God in this earth can never be finished until the church-members rally to it, the responsibility of delaying the finishing of it rests to a large extent upon them. We believe, however, that the time is fast approaching when every church-member will stand in his place doing his

Report of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the South European Division

FIRST QUARTER 1929.

	Franco-Belgian U. C.	Rumanian U. C.	Swiss U. C.	Iberian U. M.	Italian U. M.	Jugoslavian U. M.	North African Mission	Mauritius Mission	TOTAL
1. Number of Societies	24	115	25	3	12	23	—	5	207
2. Total Membership of Societies	428	2293	552	43	134	595	—	51	4096
3. Members reporting	200	703	180	33	116	—	—	38	1270
4. Percentage of Members Reporting	46.8	30.7	32.6	76.7	86.5	—	—	74.5	31.0
5. No. observing Morning Watch	196	977	96	40	95	—	—	50	1454
6. No. reading Bible through	53	188	55	24	20	—	—	10	350
7. No. taking Reading Course	26	170	4	19	25	—	—	—	244
8. No. taking St. of Attainment	11	127	—	—	—	—	—	—	138
REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK :									
Missionary and Sick Visits	485	9532	371	69	829	—	—	116	11402
Bible Readings	391	7628	127	61	718	—	—	435	9360
Hours of Christian Help Work	381	7408	253	50	130	—	—	96	8318
Treatments Given	202	1226	18	6	24	—	—	47	1523
Subscriptions to Periodicals	55	55	14	1	2	—	—	11	138
Papers and Mags. distributed	4796	1807	3043	152	654	—	—	119	10571
Books distributed	137	730	38	26	66	—	—	26	1023
Tracts distributed	1686	1216	293	423	81	—	—	38	3737
Letters Written	214	474	232	44	124	—	—	52	1140
Letters Received	91	301	65	37	96	—	—	27	617
Souls Won	9	85	1	—	—	—	—	—	95

appointed work, being a living, working agent to impart light to those who are in darkness. The church of God is not organized for *churchgoers*; it is organized for *church works*.

To those of us who are ministers, very clear instruction has come regarding our attitude toward the members of newly-organized churches, or new members added to already existing companies of believers. We read: « Just as soon as a church is organized, let the minister set the members at work. They will need to be taught how to labor successfully. Let the minister devote more of his time to educating than to preaching. Let him teach the people how to give to others the knowledge they have received. » — *Testimonies, Vol. VIII, p. 21*. And further: « Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given every member of the church to act some part in God's work. » — *Id., Vol. IX, p. 116*.

This is the way Christ worked. He enlisted the service of every convert he met. When the demoniac was healed, Jesus said to him: « Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. » The record tells us: « He departed and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him; and all men did marvel. » Mark 5: 19, 20. When Jesus again returned to that city the people were anxiously awaiting him.

There are three things necessary to keep the human body in good condition, — air, food, and exercise. There are also three things necessary to the full development of the spiritual life, — prayer, Bible study, and missionary work. If a Christian neglects, and finally abandons prayer and Bible study, spiritual death will follow. A weak spiritual life may be maintained without missionary work being done, but it will be a mere, feeble existence. Spiritual exercise, or work for other souls, is required to develop deep spirituality and to make a Christian a power for good.

God's admonition to church-members reads: « There

are ways in which *all* may do personal service for God. Some can write a letter to a far-off friend, or send a paper to one who is inquiring for truth. Others can give counsel to those who are in difficulty. Those who know how to treat the sick can help in this line. Others who have the necessary qualifications can give Bible readings or conduct Bible classes. » — *Id., Vol. VI, p. 432*. « Not all can fill the same place, but for *all* there is a place and work. » — *Id., Vol. VIII, p. 16*.

The very simplest mode of work should be devised and set into operation among the churches. « The best help ministers can give the members of our churches is... planning work for them. Give each one something to do for others, and let all be taught how to work. Especially should those who have newly come to the faith be educated to become laborers together with God... Let some help the people to learn how to give Bible readings and to conduct cottage meetings. Let others bear the burden of teaching the people how to give treatments to the sick. Still others may labor in the interest of our periodical and book work. » — *Id., Vol. IX, pp. 82, 83*.

The leaders in God's cause are compared to officers and generals of an army, and as wise generals we are « to lay plans for advance moves all along the line and to give special study to the work that can be done by the laity for their friends and neighbors. » — *Id., p. 116*.

The Spirit of God is given to us as workers and to our church-members for service. As the ministry and the lay-members go forth at God's bidding, the Holy Spirit comes to give efficiency and power; for we read that « When the churches become living, working churches, then the Holy Spirit will be given in answer to their sincere requests. Then the windows of heaven will be opened for the showers of the latter rain. » — *Review and Herald, 1890*.

God grant that this idea of every church-member a missionary, this plan of personal effort by every child of God, may be pressed home upon the hearts

of the shepherds of the flock, and upon our people. Then every member will have a live experience to relate of what God has done for him, or for others through him. May we have discernment also to train our church-members to toil for the Master in a way that will bring many to a saving knowledge of the truth for this time.

STEEN RASMUSSEN.



Comments on the Statistical Report

THIS is the first statistical report of the South European Division, — excepting, however, the one published in the last number of the European Division « Quarterly Review, » where the 1928 annual reports for the four newly-organized European Divisions were given.

Our division began to function January 1, 1929. The membership then was 14,644. Owing to some readjustments in several fields, and also to the transfer of nine families and five single workers from Berne to the Northern and Central European Divisions, we have to record a loss of thirty members for the three months under review, instead of a net gain.

We will refrain on this occasion from making many comparisons, in view of the fact that not only the division itself has been recently organized, but also — with few exceptions — the union conferences and missions throughout the field. Now that the workers and members are becoming better acquainted, we shall hope for more cheering results, and for richer blessings accruing from their united efforts in the service of our Lord and Saviour.

Over 181 million people live within the territory of our division, where we now have 14,614 members in 530 churches. Our evangelical workers, not including the 236 colporteurs, number at present 295. To share our spiritual riches in Christ Jesus with the millions in this division, and to proclaim to them the last warning message, we — workers and lay members — should be ten where we now are but one.

We hope that the changes appearing in the arrangement of the columns will meet the approval of our readers. It will be noticed that for the first time not only the weekly mission offerings per capita is given, but also the average per capita of the tithe receipts. Some readers will, we believe, welcome the new columns giving the total offerings and the percentage relation of the offerings to the tithe in each local field and union.

E. BORM.

Not a sorrow, not a burden, not a bereavement, not a disappointment, not a care, not a groan or tear, but has its antidote in God's rich and inexhaustible resources. — *George C. Lorimer.*

« The only conclusive evidence of a man's sincerity is that he give himself for a principle. Words, money, all things else are comparatively easy to give away; but when a man makes a gift of his daily life and practice, it is plain that the truth whatever it may be, has taken possession of him. » — *Lowell.*

The Franco-Belgian Union

THIS union was organized in Paris September 13, 1928, in harmony with the recommendations of the Darmstadt meeting. Twenty-eight delegates from the various conferences of the old Latin Union, elected as union president O. Meyer, former president of the South France Conference; and Jules Robert as union secretary-treasurer.

The four local conferences of Belgium, North France, East France, and South France make up the Franco-Belgian Union. The total membership is approximately seventeen hundred, which means one Seventh-day Adventist for every 28,235 people, — for France's population is forty million, and that of Belgium eight million.

The first work in France for the spread of the message was by means of our pioneer paper, « Les Signes des Temps, » sent from Basel, Switzerland to hundreds of addresses among the Protestants. This resulted in the raising up of believers, and eventually two organized churches, — one in Branges (Saône et Loire), the other in La Ferratié (Tarn). From among the members of these two churches, workers were later developed.

Our pioneer preacher in France was Elder D. T. Bourdeau. Elder Bourdeau founded the Valence church, and labored considerably in the south at Nîmes, where a church was also organized. Among the early laborers in France should be mentioned J. P. Badaut and Albert Vuilleumier. These devoted workers often walked hundreds of kilometers over plains and mountains to visit the isolated companies and interested ones. Mention should also be made of the two faithful colporteurs E. P. Auger and Claude Prudent.

The first districts to be entered in France were the old Protestant territories in the east, south, and south-west. Gradually the work has extended, and now we are laboring almost exclusively in Catholic centers. Large rural regions and many cities of this union have never yet been visited by the living preacher. For the past eight years now the way has been paved for evangelistic work by the student colporteurs who are visiting an ever-increasing number of cities in their summer campaigns. This student colporteur movement was introduced by Brother J. A. P. Green. His zeal and courage are still in our memory.

Lectures have been held in Paris almost continuously since 1902. We now have in this city a church of one hundred twenty-five members. At the present time evangelistic work is being carried on in Lille, Le Havre, Nantes, Paris, Marseilles, Bordeaux, Montpellier, Nice, Cannes and Reims, — the latter being the martyr city. Here we hope that a church will soon be organized.

Doctor Nussbaum, who is in private practice, has for several years been devoting considerable of his time to public evangelism assisted by conference workers, — Le Havre, France, being the principal city of his endeavors. In Le Havre we now have a church of from fifty to sixty members.

We have two institutions in our union, — the Melun Publishing House, and the Collonges Training School.

As early as the year 1902, Professor Wilkinson conducted a Bible institute in Paris in connection with a series of lectures.

Church and administration buildings have either been bought or erected in Pierreségade (Tarn), Marseilles, Strasbourg, and Brussels. A building for conference and union offices and chapel will soon be under construction in Paris.

Our laborers, including Bible workers, number at present about fifty, — which means a proportion of one worker for every 960,000 people.

This union has sent out able men to the mission fields of Mauritius, Madagascar, and Central Africa. They are : Paul Badaut, M. Raspal, R. T. E. Colthurst, J. Bureaud, E. Bénézech. Brother A. J. Girou is now on his way to Mauritius.

Belgium was first visited in 1896 by G. G. Roth, who there opened up the canvassing work. Evangelistic work was begun two years later by C. H. Augsbourger, and continued successively by C. Grin, G. G. Roth, P. Badaut, J. Curdy, D. E. Delhove, and A. G. Girou, — Brother Girou having labored in Belgium more than ten years. This is now one of our strongest conferences, — financially and otherwise.

We feel grateful for what the Lord has done for this part of His vineyard, and as a band of workers we are marching forward filled with courage and faith toward the final triumph of the message, — not forgetting in our gratitude the help and support lent us by the brethren of the General Conference and the former European Division.

O. MEYER.



The Development of our Work in Italy

IT will be well for us to give to the brethren and sisters of the South European Division news of our work in Italy. Dante was not wrong when he described Italy as « the beautiful country where the sun shines. » In fact, besides being the country of the blue sky, it is also the land of art, of poetry, of music, and of song. Italy is indeed a favored land.

At the beginning of this year two great events took place in this country, — one a politico-religious event: the solution of the so-called « Roman Question. » by which the Papacy obtained a temporal state of its own at Rome, called the « Citta del Vaticano ; » and the other an event which concerns us as Adventists. Since the first of January our work in Italy has been organized as a union mission with three local missions, — the North Italian Mission, with a population of 15,750,000 inhabitants and 143 members ; the Central Italian Mission, with a population of 14,750,000 and 138 members ; and the South Italian Mission with a population of about 13,000,000 and 139 members.

In spite of the great difficulties which we meet everywhere, God has abundantly blessed us. In 1928 71 members joined our church by baptism. The tithes, in spite of the poverty in which the greater number of our members find themselves, amounted to 78,350.75 lira. The offerings outside of the Harvest Ingathering amounted to 30,722.30 lira.

Because of great obstacles to be met everywhere, we had serious doubts as to the possibility of reaching the Harvest Ingathering goal which had been fixed at 30,000 lira. But happily we reached it and even surpassed it a little, the amount gathered being 30,190 lira.

Considering the difficulties encountered, we can say that God has especially blessed His work in Italy during 1928.

The colporteur goal for 1928 has been reached. The sale of books amounted to 150,462.75 lira ; but the present year promises even greater things.

At present there are 5 ordained ministers, 2 licensed ministers, and 17 missionary licentiates working in the Italian Union. What are these few workers in a field of 44 million ? Today more than ever the words of our Master should reach the ears of every faithful Adventist : « The harvest truly is great but the reapers are few. » We need more workers if the work of God is to be finished in Italy.

We have many large cities with a population of from 100 to 300,000 souls who have not yet heard the glorious message of the return of the Lord. Venice, Bologna, Catania, Messina, Padua, Livorno and many others are waiting. We have just begun the work at Rome, and in that which is called « the Eternal City » we already have a group of five believers.

In the North we have the churches of Milan, Bolzano, and Merano. These last two are in the province of Alto Adige, where until last October Brother Beer, who has now become the superintendent of the North Italian Mission, was working. The work is very promising in that part of the field. The church at Torre Pellice in the Piedmont valleys among the heroic Waldensians, was one of our first European churches. It was here that Czekowsky first preached the message. There is also the church of Mondalzo Bormida, a village of the province of Alessandria (Piedmont), where we have been able to construct a beautiful Adventist chapel, — the first and only one we have in Italy. In Trieste we have also organized a group and we are working as well in the capital of Abbazia.

In Central Italy, we have churches in Genoa, Florence, Ancona, Pisa and Gaeta. This latter place was formerly a fortress of the kingdom of the two Sicilies. Here Pope Pius IX took shelter from Nov. 25, 1848 till September 4, 1849, and here the last Bourbon king, Francis II took refuge and resisted the victorious army of Victor Emmanuel II from September 6, 1860 till February 13, 1861. The church here was organized toward the end of 1927. The members of this church have with great courage resisted all the attacks of the two political religious powers.

The work is hard and difficult in Rome, city of the Popes, because of the ecclesiastical laws that rule. But as the apostle Paul wrote to the Romans : « I am also ready to announce the gospel to you who are in Rome, » — and we know with what happy results he did so, — thus we also have planted the standard of the divine message in the « Eternal City, » certain that the Lord will here call out a people unto His name.

In the south we have the churches of Naples, Bari, Firmo, Rassano, two churches in the mountains of Calabria where in the past centuries one thousand noble martyrs were massacred in blind ecclesiastical rage because they had accepted the gospel. In Puglia we also have the little church of Gravina from which have come many of the workers who now labor in Italy and also in the missions. In fertile Sicily we have the churches of Montevago, Palermo, organized the first of last September, and the little church of Florida. Also in Reggio Calabria we have a little group of believers.

One of the characteristics of the Italian Union is that a fifth of its members are scattered throughout

the whole peninsula isolated from any church. This makes it especially difficult to visit the members often.

Although the need of laborers is constantly becoming more urgent, Italy is glad to have given some of its workers to foreign missions. Brother Sabatino and his family have been sent to Eritrea, Brother and Sister Long to Madagascar, and Brother and Sister Asiano to North Africa.

Our great joy and hope is the army of young volunteers who are being prepared at Collonges to answer the call of the Master. The lack of funds, however, limits the number of those whom we can send to our seminary. We must pray the Lord of the harvest for the necessary means to train more workers for this part of His vineyard.

When we consider the great task that is before us to proclaim the message to these 44 million souls, we feel the handicap of our few numbers more than ever. Sometimes discouragement arises. But it is then that we hear the words of the Lord in our ears, « Fear not, for I am with thee.... Go in this thy might and I will save My people, » from the apostasy.

Brethren and sisters who read these lines, you who enjoy the privileges that God has given you, pray for us. Remember that we live in a country where the voice of the old serpent calls to the civil power from the height of the pulpit for the reestablishment of the penalty of death for us, obdurate heretics. Your prayers will help. The Lord will hear and will give us a greater measure of His Holy Spirit, and a greater harvest of souls. This is our only desire, our supreme ambition, and for which we shall continue to pray and to struggle.

G. L. LIPPOLIS.



Mission Life in the Cameroon

(Concluded from page 3.)

Yesterday, Sabbath, we had a good service. More than a hundred persons were present. While I was talking to them, they listened attentively; and when I asked how many wished to serve Jesus, every hand went up. Truly the doors are wide open here in the Cameroon. All we need is workers, — strong, consecrated young people. I hope that soon you will send us these workers. The field is waiting for the message, and we must make haste to reply to the numerous calls that are coming to us. If we do not, soon we shall be outstripped by the other denominations. The government is friendly to us, but naturally the authorities expect us to do a good and substantial work out here. May God direct everything for the advancement of His work in the Cameroon, and may He give us wisdom to solve the many problems that present themselves.

The number of pupils has increased to one hundred. The school building, which is also a grass hut, is filled. Very soon — when we shall have finished work on the dwelling house — we must build a larger school building, and a more substantial one.

I was telling you in my last letter how some of the native chiefs, after walking two days, had found our mission. Today there arrived at the mission a very noted chief. He had walked four days through forests and jungles to find our station. This chief is a Mohammedan, and he rules an entire Mohammedan region. He pleaded with us to go and open a school in

his territory, saying that he himself would provide the money to erect the necessary buildings. All we need to do is to send them a teacher. In that section there is no mission school of any denomination, and no public school. Naturally, this is the opportune moment to respond to this appeal, but how can we? These Mohammedan people, who are known as « Haoussahs, » differ from the other blacks in that they dress according to Indian custom. I would say that they resemble more the Orientals. What a wonderful opportunity this is to « lengthen the cords » of our work here before the other denominations precede us, for all this region is as yet unentered by any mission society.



The work in the Cameroon is not exclusively a work of evangelism. It includes also organizing a mission station here in the bush amid all the obstacles that confront one; building, school work, et cetera. In addition, it is necessary to make a trip at least once every three months to Yaunde, a distance of 165 kilometers, — and sometimes as far as Duala, — where one can purchase the provisions strictly necessary.

We do not see how the dwelling house can be completed before four months. If two rooms are ready for occupancy in two months, that will be the maximum. The hut in which we are living at present is simply honeycombed by the white ants. Inside of three months it will be inhabitable unless it is entirely rebuilt. For the time being we are having it repaired sufficiently to shelter us from the rain.

Today I set about to clean out and repair the well, for it was in a deplorable condition. The rain had washed into it all kinds of *débris* and living creatures. One of these past days when the pail was drawn up, it contained not only water, but a rat and a serpent. The serpent was about a meter long, and one of the most venomous. While the workmen were tearing away the wooden planks that are used to cover the well, a huge serpent shot out. After uncovering the well, the men thought they saw another one at the bottom. Naturally, it is not very prudent to drink this water, but it is all we have. Happily we can boil and filter it, and this makes it fit to drink.

Speaking of serpents, perhaps you are aware that there is no dearth of them in the Cameroon. In this respect the Cameroon resembles Madagascar, but with the exception that here the serpents are extremely venomous, while those of Madagascar are quite harmless. Here on the mission site serpents are not uncommon. Several have been killed in the school room, at the dwelling house that is being constructed, nearby our hut, and even in the hut. The other evening just at sundown Mr. and Mrs. Jones and their little boy, Mrs. Raspal and I were taking a ramble around the property. As we were walking along a path a serpent darted between Mrs. Jones and the little boy. If they had chanced to step on it, they most certainly would have been bitten. It was striped on its back, and one of the most venomous. We killed it. Certainly the Lord protected Mrs. Jones and Bobby, and we praise His name for it. One must always be on one's guard.

Wild animals, especially panthers, roam over the mission property during the night. They come out from the forest, a part of which is on the mission grant. Our garden is just beside the forest. We also have the brickkiln nearby, and it is from this forest

that we take the wood for heating it. It was in this same forest that we had the joy of baptizing five precious souls last Sabbath. More than a hundred persons were present, all of whom had attended the Sabbath morning service. While I was speaking during the morning service, more than seventy persons

arose expressing their desire to join the baptismal classes.

Surely a bright future is before this field; but we must have help, and that promptly.

(Extracts from letters M. Raspal)

(Translated ad libitum, A. M. D.)

ECHOS FROM OUR MISSIONS

North Africa

BROTHER G. W. Schubert and F. Charpiot attended the meeting of the North African Union held at Mostaganem. They reported a very interesting meeting. More than half of the one hundred twenty members were present, notwithstanding that the believers are remotely scattered from Tunis to Casablanca, — the two lateral extremities of the North African Union; — a distance of more than two thousand kilometers. God blessed richly in the services held. It is of the greatest encouragement to know that work among the Mohammedans is beginning. Our colporteurs have already sold some books to Mohammedans. Brother Eugène Rey has been studying the Arabic language for some time, and he is now able to use it to a degree. He hopes soon to begin working more directly for the Mohammedans in Algiers. Some Arabs attended the public meetings held in connection with the annual session.

The colporteur work in this field is making encouraging progress. Last year we had but two colporteurs in all the territory that now goes to make up the North African Union. Immediately preceding the annual meeting this year a colporteur institute was held. Twenty young people were present at this institute. Here we see another of God's providences: In a very few months a splendid army of colporteurs has been mobilized in North Africa. Eighteen are now actively engaged in circulating our publications, and we surely wish them God-speed.

God seems to be preparing hearts in a wonderful way to receive this message. Possibly our readers may be interested in two experiences showing how God is bringing the light of truth to the Mohammedans of North Africa. These experiences were related to us in our division family worship by Brother G. W. Schubert when he visited Berne following his return from the North African and Iberian Unions.

Recently, J. Rey, superintendent of the mission, and J. Kamm, one of young workers, were to hold a meeting at Tirman, a small town south-west of Oran. To this meeting they invited not only Europeans, but also the Arabs. This invitation to Mohammedans from a European *marabout*, was so extraordinary that the Arabs met to consider whether or not they should accept it. After counseling together, they decided to send an interpreter to Brother Rey, asking him to come to their *café maure* (a sort of club or refreshment room where the Arabs gather to smoke and chat), to speak to them there. As the Arabs generally do not understand French, they gave Brother Rey a fine, enthusiastic Arab soldier to translate for him. About sixty Arabs were present, and the power

of the Holy Spirit was markedly felt in that meeting. As Brother Rey was telling them about the death of Jesus, the details of the story, and why Christ died, many of those hardened men were moved to tears. After the meeting they invited Brother Rey to come again. So he held a second meeting with them. This time he told them how thousands in our day, the world around, are accepting the truth. This made a great impression on all present. When the meeting closed, they surrounded Brother Rey, pleading, « Remain with us; for how shall we be able to follow what you have told us if you leave us alone. » Brother J. Kamm will follow up this interest.

At Rochambault we have a Sister Pélissier who, before accepting the truth, had worked for a Protestant mission society. This sister speaks Arabic fluently, and as occasion presents itself she does medical missionary work for the Arabs of her neighborhood. While treating their physical maladies, this sister takes advantage of every opportunity to tell them about the gospel that saves.

For many months an Arabian widow of a *marabout* has been working for Sister Pélissier. During a recent visit, Brother Rey was able to hold a Bible study with this widow. The study impressed her deeply. Shortly after, she had a dream. In her dream she saw a spring of water in the middle of her tent. She tried to stop up the spring with stones and other things, but all in vain. Just as she was about to redouble her efforts, her father, who had died many years previous, suddenly appeared.

« What are you doing? » he asked.

« I am trying to stop up this spring of water that is flooding my tent. »

« But you must not, » the father replied. « Remove the stones, and let the water flow freely. Many will come and drink from this spring and will be refreshed. »

Then the father disappeared.

The next day this widow came to relate her dream to Sister Pélissier, and to ask her what it could mean. Sister Pélissier gave her a Bible study on the woman of Samaria, pointing out how Jesus is the Water of Life, and how those who drink of this Water will nevermore thirst. The Arab woman concluded that the spring of water she had seen in her dream and the message as brought to her by Brother Rey, were one and the same. She then made this decision: « From this time forward I shall pray first in the name of Jesus, and then in the name of Mohammed. » Wonderful avowal, is it not? to fall from the lips of a Mohammedan! We hope that his woman will be numbered with the many other priceless jewels that are yet to be saved from among the Mohammedans of North Africa.

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May 25, Brother and Sister E. Bénézech sailed from Marseilles. They are to take up work in the Madagascar Mission of which N. J. Bureaud is superintendent.



Brother and Sister M. Raspal who sailed from Marseilles March 2, have now safely reached their destination, and taken up work in their new field, the French Cameroon.



Mrs. V. E. Dietel sailed from Cherbourg June 5 for a needed furlough in America after an absence of nine years. She is returning with her only child, and is planning to spend some time in Colorado, where her husband will join her next year.



The annual meetings in the Iberian Union were held, as planned, May 8-26. These meetings were attended by A. V. Olson and L. L. Caviness, while G. W. Schubert and F. Charpiot were present at the last two of the series of three.

The meeting in Barcelona was well attended, so that on Sabbath there was hardly sufficient room for all in the hall. Brother V. Dietel and his associates have done a good work in the East Spanish Mission. Mrs. Dietel, who has been carrying the Sabbath school and Missionary Volunteer departments, was obliged to lay down her work because of poor health. Miss Maria Abella was chosen to take her place.

At the annual meeting in Lisbon, the attendance was still larger. Here we have, however, a spacious chapel, which was well filled in the evening meetings and on the Sabbath. Portugal is a very promising field, but it is in urgent need of workers, — having had no superintendent for several months, and needing more evangelists.

The attendance at the third and last meeting held in Madrid, was smaller; but the Spirit of God was present, and all went back to their homes with new courage to press the work forward. Brother R. Gerber, the union superintendent, has recently written us of an experience showing God's guiding hand in leading souls to the truth. This is the story:

« We received a rather encouraging letter from a man yesterday. He is a Spaniard from Vigo. He read a small tract on the Sabbath, — a tract published by the Pacific Press, so he wrote to Mountain View. The Pacific Press forwarded the letter to us. Here is what he writes:

« A few days ago, a small tract, « Is Sunday the Day of the Lord? » fell into my hands, and it made me think seriously about that question. After studying

it carefully with the Holy Bible, I could not get away from the conviction that I had been wrong all these past years; and immediately, with the help of the Lord, I turned away from Protestantism which I had practiced fifteen years. I do not want to be deceived in the things of the Lord. Please find inclosed herewith one peseta in stamps for the series of twenty-eight tract.' »

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As we go to Press

LAST week it was my privilege to attend a session of the Banat Conference in Arad, Rumania. There was a large company of our people present, and the evening meetings were well attended by interested people from the city.

The report rendered by the president, Brother Hermann, showed that God has richly blessed and prospered the work in this conference. Nine new churches were received into the sisterhood of churches. Though Banat is a hard field, the prospects for the future look very promising.

This week I am at Diciosánmartin attending a session of the Transylvanian Conference. The meetings are being held in a large tent pitched on the grounds of our Rumanian Training School. Brethren and sisters have been actually pouring in from all directions, — some coming by train, some by autobus, others by motor trucks, or by carriage or even by ox-cart. Very many — men, women, and children — have walked long distances carrying their heavy baggage with them. The tent is already filled to capacity, and still they keep coming.

The opening day thirty-nine new churches were received into the conference. (No session was held last year.) During the twenty-five years that I have been engaged in the work, I have attended many conference sessions in different parts of the world, but never before have I seen so many new churches received at one time into a conference.

In spite of persecution and trouble, the work of God is moving forward with mighty power in this country. In all the conferences in the Rumanian Union large numbers of converts have been baptized this quarter, and many more are ready to be baptized. Showers of the latter rain are certainly falling upon this thirsty land. It is a joy to be here.

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