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An Example to Follow

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THE General Conference session which was held in San Francisco May 28 to June 12 was the largest gathering of its kind in the history of the denomination. Delegates and other representatives were present from all the divisions except Russia. On the second Sabbath there must have been close to 14,000 people in attendance. The people of San Francisco manifested a very friendly spirit. Addresses of welcome were delivered both by the chief of police and the mayor. Out in the charming Golden Gate Park there had been arranged a beautiful floral decoration reading, "Welcome Seventh-day Adventists." The large city Auditorium in which the meetings were held, was placed at our disposal free of charge, which meant a great saving to the cause. The city papers devoted much space to reports and pictures of the conference.

The reports rendered by the various fields and departments were cheering indeed. Although the world has been full of unrest and trouble, the work of God has made steady progress. Again and again our hearts filled with joy and gratitude as we listened to the stories telling of hundreds and even thousands being converted to the Lord in certain fields.

The spirit of the conference was one of unity and brotherly love. Not once during the conference did we hear a discordant note. It was beautiful to see men and women of many colors, speaking different tongues, and representing nearly all the nations of earth, sit down and work so harmoniously in committee and conference. This unity and sweet Christian fellowship was an evidence of the presence and the workings of the Spirit of God. It was also an inspiration to note the spirit of confidence that pervaded the whole conference, —

confidence in God, confidence in the brethren, and confidence in the message and its early triumph.

Although times are hard and the difficulties many, no steps were taken to retrench. With courage and faith plans were laid for pressing forward with greater energy than ever before. Those present were convinced that the God of heaven who had led us hitherto will continue to go before us opening doors and leading us on from victory to victory.

The most touching incident of the whole conference occurred the morning the nominating committee brought in its first partial report, with the name of C. H. Watson of Australia heading the list as president of the General Conference. Immediately the report had been read, Elder Spicer, who has been connected with the General Conference for more than forty years, — much of the time as secretary, and during the last eight years as president, — arose and asked for the privilege of seconding the motion to adopt the report. With a radiant face and a voice full of cheer and good will, he expressed his joy and satisfaction over the report, and his conviction that God had guided the committee in its work. Advancing toward Brother Watson, he extended to him the right hand of fellowship, welcoming him to the "labors and joys" of his new post, and assuring him of his prayers and support in the work.

This instance made a profound impression upon all present. Elder Spicer's noble act will not soon be forgotten. As long as time shall last, and men and women shall be connected with this work, it should serve as an example to all who may be filling some office in a conference, church, or institution. Too often when changes are made, the individual concerned feels offended and harbors

hard feelings toward his brethren. This should never be. It is God's will and plan that changes shall be made from time to time, and workers who are filled with the Spirit of the Lord and Master will accept these changes gracefully and kindly.

The 1930 General Conference was truly a wonderful meeting, and its influence is being felt far and wide. The spirit of unity, of confidence, and of courage which was so manifest there, is at work in our fields today uniting and inspiring the hearts of believers.

Greater Sacrifice and Faithfulness Needed in the Work of God

OUR churches will have already learned of the blessings of the recent General Conference in San Francisco through the various reports of our delegates, and also from the bulletins which were issued at the time of the conference. We only wish that it had been possible for all of our dear people to have had the opportunity of attending this impressive meeting; they would immediately have felt its blessed influence, and through it have gained a better understanding of the great needs of the work of God, which would have awakened in their hearts a deeper desire to consecrate their all, unreservedly as never before, to His service, that the work might soon come to a triumphant close. It became clear to us, as delegates, as we listened to the many experiences and reports, which were convincing proofs of the wonderful works of God in all the world, that the advent people are living in a solemn time. In the homeland, as well as in the mission fields, the strong walls of opposition are crumbling, and God is causing new and greater possibilities to open up before us; the banner of Prince Emmanuel is going before us, and new territories are being entered.

On the other hand, it is a marked fact that the world is facing more and more a serious financial crisis; in fact, it is already passing through just such a crisis. This situation threatens our work, not merely in the matter of strengthening our forces, but in that it might even make it necessary for us to reduce the work that is already being carried on. Such a step would mean the giving up of our mission stations and the re-calling of missionaries. Other missionary societies have already been forced to take these measures in view of the present crisis. But God's command to His people is: "Go forward!" — not merely in days of prosperity, but also in days of adversity. There must be no signal to retreat. We must go forward and announce this solemn message to the world until the work is done. Though others may retreat, the advent people must have, as in the days of Nehemia, "a mind to work." Neh. 3 : 8.

During the General Conference session, J. L. Shaw, the treasurer of the General Conference,

was faced with the task of acquainting us with the fact that, in view of the economic situation in North America, the receipts in tithes and offerings for this year, up to the time of reporting, were considerably below the amount realized for the corresponding period of last year. According to the latest reports, it appears that the economic situation has become still worse. The General Conference is therefore appealing to all the fields to do all in their power to keep the expenses within the limit of the receipts. All committees should keep this in mind, and conduct their work with the greatest care.

The current number of the QUARTERLY REVIEW fortunately shows that the tithes and offerings of our division, during the first half of the year, as compared with last year, have realized good increase. The offerings for the first half year total:

		Increase in comparison with previous year		
1928	Dollars	20,878.29		
1929	"	23,473.58	2,595.29	12.4%
1930 about	"	25,787.09	2,313.51	9.9%

This result will come as a pleasant surprise to our division, and especially so when we consider the falling off of funds in North America, and other divisions. Without doubt we have to thank our churches in all parts of our division field for the excellent results brought about by their loyalty and untiring efforts.

The world, as experience has shown us, is a great unit. When a certain crisis breaks out in one part of the world, it spreads like a wave over the other parts of the world. For this reason Europe is also suffering today from the economic crisis in America.

We wish, however, at this writing, to encourage our dear brethren and sisters, in view of the extraordinary time in which we are living, to do their uttermost, enthusiastically, and in the spirit of self-sacrifice, so that the work of God can go forward unhindered and uninfluenced by whatever crises may come. May God fill our hearts with strong faith and undaunted courage, at such a time as this, and help us to demonstrate our sacrifice for the work of God through loyalty in tithing and in mission offerings.

We turn once again, as we begin another Harvest Ingathering campaign, to our dear, active co-laborers, with the plea that they will put forth every energy in order to reach this year's goal. We should, however, not lose sight of the fact that this work represents not merely a financial enterprise, but also large scope for soul-winning endeavor, which is a blessed experience for us all. Every worker, church officer and church member should put forth a special effort to make this year's Ingathering campaign a great success.

May the Lord go before His people and give them success in the great task which lies before



Southern European Division delegates attending the General Conference in San Francisco May 28 to June 12

them, so that we shall be able to carry out to completion the goal of our endeavor, and that it may all redound to the glory of H's holy name.

Fr. Brennwald.

A Year of Progress in Belgium

THE annual conference session of the Belgian Conference held in Brussels July 22—27, was a time of great rejoicing. Really, we never have had such a meeting in Belgium. This was the unanimous opinion of those present, and that means much, for Belgium has been blessed in the past by many remarkable gatherings. However, the unusual spirit of common devotion to a decidedly victorious cause throughout the entire field which characterized our recent meeting, marked it in a special way in the history of our ever-growing movement in this country. The conference session was significant of the spirit which has quickened the pace of the onward work during the past year, and constituted indeed a fitting climax to the series of splendid accomplishments which the reports presented revealed in all departments. It is my purpose in a

few short paragraphs to help the members of the *QUARTERLY REVIEW* family to rejoice with us in the knowledge of these accomplishments. They mark the passing of a year of progress in a field where, under God, the great difficulties of the past are quickly becoming great possibilities for the future.

It is not an easy task to register in cold-black type the accomplishments of a living, expanding movement. In fact it is impossible. But workers and members of the advent movement possess the happy faculty of being able to grasp the import of facts and figures that are many times meaningless to others. They know what the figures stand for. That is the reason why our dear brethren are so happy when they learn the returns of a Big Week campaign for instance. Their mind does not stop at the mere mentioning of five or ten thousand francs gathered into the treasury. The money is only a symbol of the reality. They know that those ten thousand francs stand for a united effort. They think of those francs in terms of souls saved in the kingdom. And the very thought of the kingdom of God carries them for-

ward to the moment of supreme victory for the cause of God. Thus, in a distinctly Adventist manner, for our brethren and sisters, a successful Big Week or Harvest Ingathering campaign spells final triumph for the message. From the same viewpoint you are able to rejoice with the Belgian Conference.

The fact is our last two major financial campaigns show an extraordinary gain. A. Roeland, our energetic home missionary secretary, led the marshalled forces of Belgium to a thorough victory. The Big Week receipts for 1928 amounted to 3,513.90 francs. In 1929 they jumped to 9,230.05 francs; and in 1930, in spite of the deeply felt financial and economical crisis in the country, a fine gain of about 15% over 1929 was realized. The returns of the Harvest Ingathering campaign in 1929 showed a miraculous gain of more than 50% over the 1928 returns. The total receipts for 1928 of 71,184.90 francs, jumped to 108,624.40 in 1929. In spite of the distressing financial situation at the present time, we bravely set the conference goal at 130,000 francs for 1930. We believed that God could permit us to reach it, and it seems that He is at work. Our 1930 effort at the coast is two weeks under way. The results are even much better than last year's beginning. And the workers are having success in other cities where there are no members.

The Week of Sacrifice produced 3,502.55 francs in 1928, and 8,845.45 in 1929. Greater sacrifices were made in 1930 as the total receipts of 14,406.75 francs indicate. Sabbath school offerings in 1929 showed a fine gain over 1928, rising from 37,948.79 francs in 1928 to 50,181.38 francs in 1929. This steady increase has continued during the first two quarters of 1930.

The total gifts to missions in 1929 were 197,027.68 francs against 133,989.34 francs in 1928. Thus the mission offerings indicate a splendid gain of almost 50% over 1928.

We ordinarily think of the tithe as a tangible sign of the spiritual health of God's people. I believe that such is the case in Belgium. The tithe of the conference in 1928 amounted to 310,632.67 francs. That was remarkable. In 1929 the total receipts went up to 384,656.45 francs, — a 25% increase over the preceding year. And our health is improving steadily in 1930. Besides the tithe, our faithful members gave 32,656.11 francs last year to the different funds of the conference for the advancement of the work in the local field. I repeat, our health is good, and it is a great pleasure to work among healthy people and under healthful conditions.

G. Desmet's report for the publishing department was most encouraging. He showed that our colporteurs sold 21,679.25 francs' worth of literature more in 1929 than in 1928, — their sales for 1929 being 163,253.90 francs. The present condition

of our publishing work is really very encouraging. At the end of the second quarter of 1929 we had ten colporteurs and five student colporteurs working in the field. At the end of the second quarter of 1930, fifteen colporteurs and eleven student colporteurs are scattering the printed page among the millions of Belgium. We have twenty-six colporteurs as compared with fifteen for the corresponding period of last year. The prospects are bright for 1930 in Brother Desmet's department. God is answering our prayers.

Really, my last sentence expresses the keynote of our wonderful annual meeting. God is answering our prayers. Every report sounded forth this note of cheer and encouragement. He is answering our prayers now in 1930. We finished up 1929 with 421 members in Belgium and Luxembourg. With the twenty members baptized the Sabbath afternoon of the conference session (we shall never forget it) we have 470 members in the conference today. This year 1930, up to and including the annual meeting, we have baptized fifty-three precious souls. God has given us a net gain of forty-nine souls so far this year. We are asking Him for thirty more before the end of the year. Why should we not believe that He will accord it? He is signaling for advancement. During the conference session the delegates made definite plans to go forward. I believe that we are on the eve of an unprecedented forward movement in the Belgian Conference, and in the entire Franco-Belgian field. God is searching out His leaders. He wants workers who will hate nothing but sin, who will rejoice in the face of everything but their brother worker's failure, and who will go forward in faith trusting in Him who "always causeth us to triumph." He is looking for Spirit filled men. Our fine group of talented workers in Belgium desire to be just such men.

— Walter Beach,
President of the Belgian Conference.

"Know that 'impossible,' where truth and mercy and the everlasting voice of nature order, has no place in the brave man's dictionary. That when all men have said 'Impossible,' and have tumbled noisily elsewhere, and thou alone art left, then first thy time and possibility have come. It is for thee now: do thou that and ask no man's counsel, but thine own only and God's. Brother, thou hast possibility in thee for much: the possibility of writing on the eternal skies the record of a heroic life." — *Thomas Carlyle.*

Our Collonges Seminary

THIS is, we know, far from being your first introduction to Collonges Seminary. Much has already been written about its beautiful location. Perhaps I may be pardoned, however, for referring to it again, for truly in many ways the location of our school is particularly pleasant and interesting. Lying as it does on the slopes of the Salève, snuggled on one side close to its abrupt, massive, protecting wall of solid rock; from the other commanding a vast panorama of Geneva itself, Lake Geneva, the broad plain of the Rhone limited only by the graceful profile of the Juras, Collonges Seminary seems to have been chosen as an ideal spot to spend a summer holiday. In addition to these beauties is its brooklet tumbling in ripples of laughter over coolly bathed rocks 'midst overshadowing brushwood, and ending triumphantly in a sparkling cascade. But much more than a holiday *lieu* is Collonges a place conducive to meditation, mental and spiritual development, where man finds himself removed from all the artificialness of this modern life. Perhaps in a special sense does our school and its location correspond to our principles of Christian education.



The Cascade, Collonges Seminary

Today, for the most part, the well known centers of learning are to be found in the great metropolises themselves, or in their immediate vicinities. Without doubt such a location affords certain advantages — easy access to public libraries, regular if not permanent contact with highly educated professors through their lectures and in other ways, which make it possible for one to keep on a level with what is known in the world today as intellectual progress. All this, — we would not for a moment undervalue it, — can contribute greatly to a good, mental education. But there is another side to such an education that we must not pass by lightly. The great cities of earth today are fast becoming hotbeds of iniquity, and it is impossible to frequent them without becoming contaminated in some degree at least by their woeful influence. It is so easy to unconsciously accustom one's self to evil. Many Biblical examples and others abound to prove such a statement. Thus it is preferable to flee these temptations and to seek a simpler life, and one more in keeping with God's plan.

In this respect we believe we can truly say that our Seminary is ideally located, and what might at first seem to be an unfavorable location, in reality proves to be a most advantageous one. We believe also that the location of Collonges Seminary is in harmony with that pointed out by the Spirit of prophecy, where we read:

"I am glad that we have institutions where they (our youth) can be separated from the corrupting influences so prevalent in the schools of the present day." — *Counsels to Teachers,* p. 46. We thank God for such an institution, and ask Him to help us to appreciate more and more its great worth.

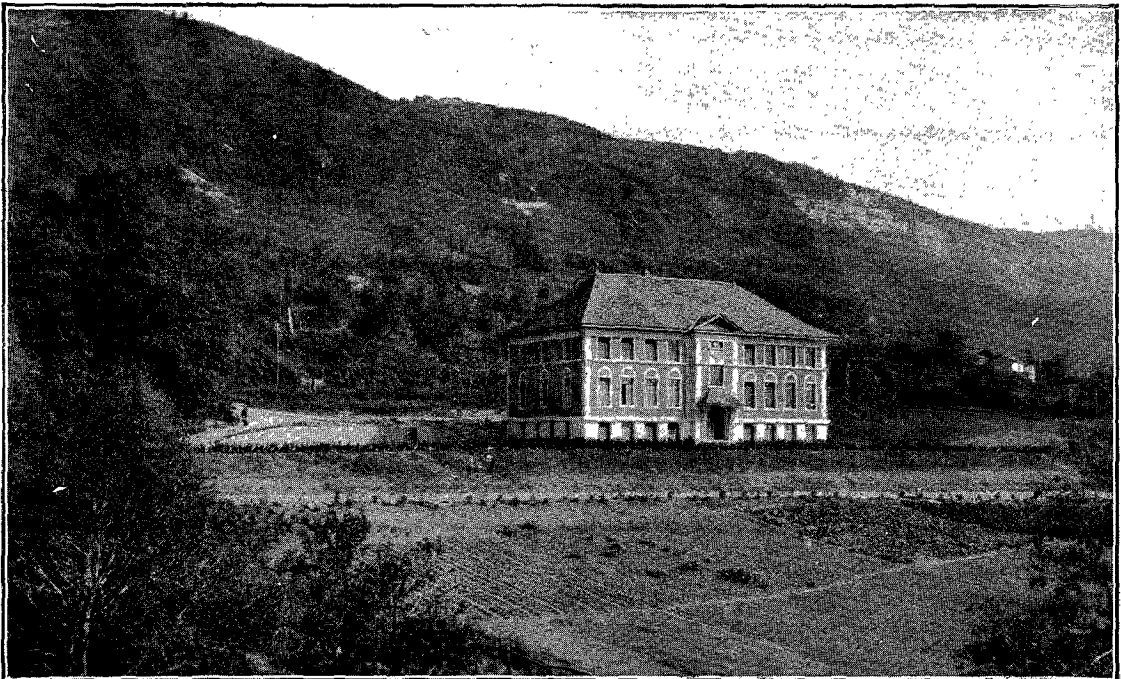
The Seminary is situated at a walking distance of from twenty to twenty-five minutes from the nearest tramway terminus. Seven or eight kilometers from the school is the city of Geneva, which can not be reached without passing through both the French and Swiss customs. The latest street car leaving the city of Geneva for Collonges, is at 10 : 30 P. M. Thus it is not easy for our students to while away much of their time in town. The nearest railway station in France is at a distance of from forty to fifty minutes from the school, and is only a very small station where all trains do not stop. Means of communication with the outside world are rather limited. For these reasons our students do not have the temptation, so alluring to our youth, of resorting to worldly places of amusement. Quite the reverse is true. Surrounded as they are by the beauties, the restfulness of nature, they are under an excellent influence, and one that naturally helps them to develop in every point of view.

Although removed from the world, the Seminary exercises in no less a degree an influence

that is both favorable and far-reaching. This is because of the students who come to us from far and near, and who leave us for so many different countries. On other occasions it has been mentioned that a great many nationalities are represented in our school. Students come to us from the North, the South, the East, and the West. They come from across oceans, seas, mountains, and valleys. Nothing stops them. They have heard the call of Collonges, and must answer it. They come to us with their different mentalities, customs of living, and languages; but yielding themselves to the

of the Power that brings every thought into captivity to the mind of Christ, and manifests itself in response to fervent prayer and submission to principles revealed in the gospel.

The influence of our school is also making itself felt in our work. At all of our annual assemblies in the leading conferences of the division, one meets students from Collonges Seminary. Some are old friends who tell us of their joys or their past difficulties. Among them are active evangelists whom the Lord is blessing and crowning their labors with success. Others are office workers who



Administration building, Collonges Seminary

transforming influence of God's Spirit, they leave us with a good testimony behind them.

We would not vaunt ourselves or our own merits, but it may not be out of place to mention that we have on different occasions been touched by the testimony of persons not of our faith living in the village of Collonges, who have observed our young people since our school was established. "Your students," they tell us, "Attract our notice by their good deportment and by their courtesy. Never has one seen them degress in their behaviour as one might expect in young people of their age. You have a strong moral discipline."

Yes, we can praise the Lord that we have young people who attract the eyes of worldings by their exemplary deportment, and that the discipline we use is based on gospel principles, — on conversion of heart, and regeneration of the life through the working of the Holy Spirit. This strong discipline is not the result of human means, but

have been trained in Collonges. These are all so many representatives of this institution, — representatives of a cause that to them is very dear. During their holidays our students are carrying the name of Collonges into all the different lands they enter, to everyone they meet. Thus it is that many persons who had never so much as heard of this locality, learn about it, become interested in it, and desire to do something for our work. True, others, on the contrary seek to destroy the school, but even of these we can say with the apostle Paul, "Christ is none the less announced." We dare hope that during the years that are before us the good influence of Collonges Seminary will become stronger and stronger, and that this institution will be as a city set on a high hill whose light can not be hid.

— H. Evard, Dr. es-sc.

Statistical Report of the South Europ. Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1930

Name of Conference or Mission	Number of Churches	Previous Members	Baptism	Vote	Letter	Total Gains	Apostasy	Death	Letter	Total Losses	Net Gain	Present Members	Ord. Ministers	Lic. Ministers	Missionaries	Other Workers	Canvassers	Total Workers	Number of Sab. Schools	Sab. School Members	Average Attendance	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
1. SOUTH EUROPEAN DIVISION													9	2	7	3		21				
2. FRANCO-BELGIAN U. C.																						
3. Belgian Conference	10	425	20	2	3	25	—	1	—	1	24	449	5	2	1	1	—	5				
4. East France	12	335	11	—	—	11	3	—	3	6	5	340	3	3	2	—	12	26	11	437	377	
5. North	12	400	16	2	8	26	—	—	7	7	19	419	3	3	7	—	19	32	13	315	305	
6. South	23	536	9	—	—	9	—	1	30	31	—22	514	5	2	5	—	12	24	25	480	452	
	57	1696	56	4	11	71	3	2	40	45	26	1722	17	14	17	4	55	107	64	1572	1393	
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.													2	1	—	2	—	5				
8. Danube Conference	50	942	76	—	4	80	6	6	—	12	68	1010	1	—	6	1	20	28	63	1330	1005	
9. Sava	20	379	8	—	—	8	4	—	2	6	2	381	2	—	2	1	14	19	18	462	348	
10. Morava Mission	15	279	13	—	—	13	5	1	—	6	7	286	1	1	1	—	12	15	15	358	293	
	85	1600	97	—	4	101	15	7	2	24	77	1677	6	2	9	4	46	67	96	2150	1646	
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONFERENCE													7	2	2	4	—	15				
12. West Muntanian Conference	75	2336	173	7	119	299	30	7	116	153	146	2482	5	6	5	3	19	38	72	4204	2402	
13. East	53	1379	128	9	39	176	28	2	37	67	109	1488	5	3	5	2	13	28	50	2122	1762	
14. North Moldavian	54	1415	80	1	20	101	21	1	23	45	56	1471	4	4	3	1	16	28	54	2407	1331	
15. South	31	922	70	3	13	86	21	2	11	34	52	974	5	1	3	1	16	26	28	1492	991	
16. Transylvanian	113	2500	193	34	48	275	23	8	74	105	170	2670	10	2	6	4	12	34	127	3275	2347	
17. Banat	39	1061	31	5	10	46	14	1	13	28	18	1079	4	1	4	2	15	26	38	1097	608	
	365	9613	675	59	249	983	137	21	274	432	551	10164	40	19	28	17	91	195	369	14597	9441	
18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE													5	1	1	1	—	8				
19. German Swiss Conference	29	1134	29	5	10	44	17	2	11	30	14	1148	6	4	5	3	22	40	29	1082	747	
20. Leman	19	923	1	1	6	8	11	3	2	16	—8	915	1	7	5	3	18	34	25	731	656	
	48	2057	30	6	16	52	28	5	13	46	6	2063	12	12	11	7	40	82	54	1813	1403	
21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION													1	—	2	—	—	3				
22. East Spanish Mission	5	199	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	199	3	1	5	—	6	15	8	197	192	
23. West	4	85	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	85	1	2	3	—	8	14	6	88	85	
24. Portuguese	4	226	7	—	2	9	—	—	—	—	9	235	1	5	1	—	22	29	5	220	178	
	13	510	7	—	2	9	—	—	—	—	9	519	6	8	11	—	36	61	19	505	455	
25. ITALIAN UNION MISSION													1	—	—	5	—	6				
26. Central Italian Mission	6	142	—	—	1	1	—	—	3	3	—2	140	1	3	2	—	5	11	7	140	124	
27. North	8	179	6	—	3	9	—	—	2	2	7	186	2	1	3	1	11	18	15	193	197	
28. South	9	162	9	—	11	20	1	2	16	19	1	163	1	1	3	—	13	18	10	171	170	
	23	483	15	—	15	30	1	2	21	24	6	489	5	5	8	6	29	53	32	504	491	
29. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISSION													1	—	2	—	—	3				
30. Algerian Mission	6	113	3	—	2	5	—	—	—	—	5	118	1	2	4	2	5	14	8	124	111	
31. Moroccan	1	23	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3	26	1	2	1	1	1	6	3	31	26	
	7	136	6	—	2	8	—	—	—	—	8	144	3	4	7	3	6	23	11	155	137	
32. EQUATORIAL AFRICAN MISS. *)	1	9	11	—	—	11	1	—	—	1	10	19	1	—	1	4	—	6	3	338	231	
33. MADAGASCAR MISSION *)	5	103	6	—	1	7	—	—	—	—	7	110	1	2	2	6	11	22	5	475	341	
34. MAURITIUS MISSION *)	6	249	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—1	248	2	—	9	—	2	13	44	841	439	

RECAPITULATION

1. South European Division													9	2	7	3	—	21				
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	57	1696	56	4	11	71	3	2	40	45	26	1722	17	14	17	4	55	107	64	1572	1393	
3. Jugoslavian	85	1600	97	—	4	101	15	7	2	24	77	1677	6	2	9	4	46	67	96	2150	1646	
4. Rumanian	365	9613	675	59	249	983	137	21	274	432	551	10164	40	19	28	17	91	195	369	14597	9441	
5. Swiss	48	2057	30	6	16	52	28	5	13	46	6	2063	12	12	11	7	40	82	54	1813	1403	
6. Iberian Union Mission	13	510	7	—	2	9	—	—	—	—	9	519	6	8	11	—	36	61	19	505	455	
7. Italian	23	483	15	—	15	30	1	2	21	24	6	489	5	5	8	6	29	53	32	504	491	
8. North African Union Mission	7	136	6	—	2	8	—	—	—	—	8	144	3	4	7	3	6	23	11	155	137	
9. Equatorial African	1	9	11	—	—	11	1	—	—	1	10	19	1	—	1	4	—	6	3	338	231	
10. Madagascar	5	103	6	—	1	7	—	—	—	—	7	110	1	2	2	6	11	22	8	475	341	
11. Mauritius	6	249	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—1	248	2	—	9	—	2	13	44	841	439	
Totals 2nd. Qtr. 1930	610	16456	903	69	300	1272	185	37	351	573	699	17155	102	68	110	54	316	650	700	22950	15977	
2nd. 1929	541	14614	897	48	228	1173	116	37	268	421	752	15366	92	56	99	54	250	551	638	19376	14881	

*) Report for the first quarter 1929.

Financial Report of the South Europ. Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1950

Name of Conference or Mission	Total Tithe	Weekly Tithe per Capita	Total Offerings (incl. Special)	Weekly Offer's per Capita	Percentage of Offerings to Tithe	Contributions for Home Miss. Work	Contributions for Local Church Work	Colporteur Book Sales
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1. SOUTH EUROPEAN DIVISION								
2. FRANCO-BELGIAN UN. CONF. F. Fr.	23,173.—							
3. Belgian Conference	B. Fr. 84,911.70	15.37	40,518.60	7.33	47.7 %	460.65	7,753.85	50,844.25
4. East France Conference ...	F. Fr. 48,833.—	11.21	20,092.05	4.61	41.1 %	—	—	42,614.70
5. North » »	F. Fr. 64,889.—	12.40	26,006.85	5.—	40.1 %	763.—	—	67,568.—
5. South » »	F. Fr. 58,995.—	8.47	39,606.10	5.68	67.1 %	1,067.95	—	37,753.25
	F. Fr. 254,903.50	11.56	113,915.20	5.17	44.7 %	2,158.45	5,513.—	184,035.30
	\$ 10,035.57	0.45	4,484.84	0.20	—	84.98	217.05	7,236.56
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.								
8. Danube Conference	Dinar 88,704.40	7.24	40,317.35	3.29	45.5 %	—	—	71,039.—
9. Sava »	» 49,859.40	10.12	14,121.85	2.86	28.3 %	—	—	74,924.—
10. Morava Mission	» 27,787.—	7.66	8,800.25	2.43	31.7 %	—	—	58,893.—
	Dinar 166,350.80	8.—	63,239.45	3.04	38.— %	—	—	204,856.—
	\$ 2,944.20	0.14	1,119.27	0.05	—	—	—	3,625.77
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONF.								
12. West Muntenian Conference	Lei 797,924.50	26.28	233,566.75	7.69	29.3 %	—	—	227,130.—
13. East »	» 319,410.—	17.82	128,968.60	7.19	40.4 %	—	—	146,083.—
14. North Moldavian »	» 204,550.—	11.12	92,764.20	5.04	45.3 %	20,166.25	30,132.75	180,569.—
15. South »	» 157,468.50	13.14	58,908.95	4.92	37.5 %	—	—	177,703.—
16. Transylvanian »	» 488,957.45	15.04	158,080.84	4.86	32.3 %	5,790.50	33,811.25	198,197.—
17. Banat »	» 181,923.50	12.86	55,701.75	3.94	30.6 %	4,835.—	20,324.25	150,366.—
	Lei 2,150,263.95	17.16	728,081.09	5.81	33.9 %	30,791.75	84,268.25	1,080,048.—
	\$ 12,875.90	0.10	4,359.77	0.03	—	184.38	504.60	6,467.33
18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE								
19. German Swiss Conference ..	Sw. Fr. 37,716.70	2.56	21,950.54	1.49	58.2 %	1,050.70	4,237.70	33,090.—
20. Lemman Conference	» 48,112.70	4.01	17,265.37	1.44	35.9 %	2,358.71	—	27,427.—
	Sw. Fr. 85,829.40	3.21	39,215.91	1.47	45.7 %	3,409.41	4,237.70	60,517.—
	\$ 16,684.40	0.62	7,623.42	0.29	—	662.41	823.33	11,773.73
21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION								
22. East Spanish Mission	Pesetas							6,458.70
23. West »	»							10,335.50
24. Portuguese »	Escudos							71,954.—
	Pesetas							43,962.50
	\$							5,347.95
25. ITALIAN UNION MISSION								
26. Central Italian Mission	Lire 8,247.95	4.47	8,516.55	4.61	103.3 %	—	177.35	10,012.90
27. North »	» 10,495.55	4.51	10,069.95	4.33	95.9 %	—	1,055.15	19,433.60
28. South »	» 5,370.80	2.55	4,862.85	2.31	90.5 %	—	97.—	19,610.85
	Lire 24,114.60	3.84	23,449.35	3.73	97.2 %	—	1,329.50	49,057.35
	\$ 1,262.50	0.20	1,227.72	0.20	—	—	69.61	2,568.44
29. NORTH AFRICAN UN. MISS.								
30. Algerian Mission	F. Fr. 14,836.05	10.10	6,226.10	4.24	42.— %	—	48.25	20,279.—
31. Moroccan »	» 4,436.80	14.84	3,802.60	12.72	85.7 %	86.60	—	5,897.—
	F. Fr. 19,272.85	10.90	10,028.70	5.67	52.— %	86.60	48.25	26,176.—
	\$ 759.—	0.43	394.82	0.22	—	3.41	1.90	1,030.54
32. EQUATORIAL AFRICAN M.)*	F. Fr.							—
	\$							—
33. MADAGASCAR MISSION *)	F. Fr. 5,292.—	3.95	739.20	0.55	14.— %	—	—	9,682.95
	\$ 208.30	0.16	29.10	0.02	—	—	—	381.22
34. MAURITIUS MISSION *)	Rs. 3,795.34	1.17	925.68	0.29	24.4 %	42.33	183.40	235.65
	\$ 1,405.70	0.43	342.84	0.11	—	15.68	67.93	87.27
RECAPITULATION								
1. South European Division								
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	\$ 10,035.57	0.45	4,484.84	0.20	44.7 %	84.98	217.05	7,236.56
3. Yugoslavian »	» 2,944.20	0.14	1,119.27	0.05	38.— %	—	—	3,625.77
4. Rumanian »	» 12,875.90	0.10	4,359.77	0.03	33.9 %	184.38	504.60	6,467.33
5. Swiss »	» 16,684.40	0.62	7,623.42	0.29	45.7 %	662.41	823.33	11,773.73
6. Iberian » Mission								5,347.95
7. Italian »	» 1,262.50	0.20	1,227.72	0.20	97.2 %	—	69.61	2,568.44
8. North African »	» 759.—	0.43	394.82	0.22	52.— %	3.41	1.90	1,030.54
9. Equatorial African » *)								—
10. Madagascar » *)	» 208.30	0.16	29.10	0.02	14.— %	—	—	381.22
11. Mauritius » *)	» 1,405.70	0.43	342.84	0.11	24.4 %	15.68	67.93	87.27
TOTALS 2nd Qtr. 1930	\$ 46,175.57	0.22	19,581.78	0.10	42.4 %	950.86	1,684.42	38,518.81
» 2nd « 1929	\$ 44,395.50	0.23	18,427.82	0.09	41.5 %	1,535.11	1,704.72	31,928.85
TOTALS 1st Qtr. 1930	\$ 50,185.98	0.23	12,340.99	0.06	24.6 %	552.36	1,637.54	32,976.30
» 2nd « 1930	\$ 46,175.57	0.22	19,581.78	0.10	42.4 %	950.86	1,684.42	38,518.81
	\$ 96,361.55		31,922.77			1,503.22	3,321.96	71,495.11

*) Report for the first quarter of 1930.

Specification of Mission Offerings (Column No. 4)

	Sabbath School Offerings (exc. 13th Sabbath)	13th Sabbath Offerings	(Relief Fund) Weekly Offerings	Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous Offerings	Self Denial Offerings	Special Offer.	
								Big Week	Young People's Collection
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1.									
2.									
3.									
4.	12,035.50	3,111.45	88.65	—	—	—	14,406.75	10,819.85	56.40
5.	5,014.45	4,443.25	68.50	—	—	—	2,893.45	7,664.10	8.30
6.	7,496.85	3,092.45	—	3.15	—	—	5,994.60	9,283.45	136.35
	7,417.35	2,431.15	38.75	4,478.10	—	—	8,743.55	15,400.05	1,097.15
	28,293.35	12,179.10	168.85	4,481.25	—	—	27,644.30	39,867.35	1,281.15
	1,113.91	479.49	6.65	176.43	—	—	1,088.35	1,569.58	50.43
7.									
8.	14,305.90	3,147.00	1,021.45	—	—	—	8,365.50	12,285.75	1,191.75
9.	5,505.50	1,060.10	273.25	1,230.00	—	—	100.00	5,003.00	950.00
10.	2,627.50	721.00	202.75	1,555.00	—	—	747.00	2,696.00	251.00
	22,438.90	4,928.10	1,497.45	2,785.00	—	—	9,212.50	19,984.75	2,392.75
	397.16	87.20	26.49	49.30	—	—	163.05	353.71	42.36
11.									
12.	143,211.00	38,359.00	14,107.25	10,235.00	2,484.00	15,200.00	3,395.00	2,998.00	3,577.50
13.	65,812.00	16,156.00	6,314.00	6,493.00	—	18,699.60	2,000.00	12,736.00	758.00
14.	53,451.25	12,572.00	2,947.50	8,980.00	140.75	7,933.70	16.00	4,990.00	1,733.00
15.	34,025.00	7,949.00	2,089.75	5,900.00	—	4,775.20	—	2,425.00	1,835.00
16.	79,658.25	20,815.75	4,478.69	17,492.00	1,360.00	1,694.15	4,645.00	25,426.00	2,511.00
17.	26,614.50	10,950.25	1,667.00	5,650.00	590.00	2,463.00	1,314.00	7,253.00	—
	402,772.00	106,802.00	31,604.19	54,150.00	4,374.75	50,765.65	11,370.00	55,828.00	10,414.50
	2,411.80	639.53	189.25	324.25	26.20	303.99	68.08	334.30	62.37
18.									
19.	4,748.69	1,285.60	405.65	—	—	393.70	6,504.55	8,067.55	544.80
20.	4,428.68	2,011.12	49.40	8.60	4.30	851.20	4,588.35	5,015.67	308.05
	9,177.37	3,296.72	455.05	8.60	4.30	1,244.90	11,092.90	13,083.22	852.85
	1,784.18	641.32	88.47	1.67	—	241.84	2,158.15	2,541.24	165.72
21.									
22.									
23.									
24.									
25.									
26.	1,362.05	352.30	4.50	—	—	15.00	3,383.85	3,322.35	76.50
27.	1,607.70	637.80	103.15	—	—	15.00	3,631.55	4,010.00	64.75
28.	951.05	205.50	—	—	—	—	1,568.95	2,114.35	23.00
	3,920.80	1,195.60	107.65	—	—	30.00	8,584.35	9,446.70	164.25
	205.27	62.60	5.65	—	—	1.56	449.44	494.60	8.60
29.									
30.	1,248.45	325.90	—	—	—	—	1,974.55	2,677.20	—
31.	620.00	188.70	—	—	—	—	1,379.30	1,614.60	—
	1,868.45	514.60	—	—	—	—	3,353.85	4,291.80	—
	73.56	20.26	—	—	—	—	132.04	168.96	—
32.									
33.	455.80	283.40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	17.94	11.16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34.	592.89	126.24	—	4.00	—	—	—	202.55	—
	219.59	46.76	—	1.48	—	—	—	75.01	—

RECAPITULATION

1.									
2.	1,113.91	479.49	6.65	176.43	—	—	1,088.35	1,569.58	50.43
3.	397.16	87.20	26.49	49.30	—	—	163.05	353.71	42.36
4.	2,411.80	639.53	189.25	324.25	26.20	303.99	68.08	334.30	62.37
5.	1,784.18	641.32	88.47	1.67	—	241.84	2,158.15	2,541.24	165.72
6.									
7.	205.27	62.60	5.65	—	—	1.56	449.44	494.60	8.60
8.	73.56	20.26	—	—	—	—	132.04	168.96	—
9.									
10.	17.94	11.16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11.	219.59	46.76	—	1.48	—	—	—	75.01	—
	6,223.41	1,988.32	316.51	553.13	27.03	547.39	4,059.11	5,537.40	329.48
	6,318.01	2,213.74	419.41	428.17	57.11	48.71	3,930.98	4,882.69	104.87
	6,307.54	2,178.48	339.85	1,842.93	558.31	694.51	6.93	63.57	348.87
	6,223.41	1,988.32	316.51	553.13	27.03	547.39	4,059.11	5,537.40	329.48
	12,530.95	4,166.80	656.36	2,396.06	585.34	1,241.90	4,066.04	5,600.97	678.35

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	Franco-Belgian U. C.	Jugoslav. U. C.	Rumanian U. C.	Swiss U. C.	Iberian U. M.	Italian U. M.	N. African U. M.	Mauritius Mission	Total 2nd Quarter 1930	Total 2nd Quarter 1929
No. of Churches and Companies	57	85	365	48	13	25	7	6	606	545
Total number of church members	1722	1677	10,164	2,063	510	489	144	248	17,017	15,423
Number of persons reporting	610	971	7,115	1,465	—	321	60	273	10,815	8,796
Percentage of members reporting	35.4 %	57.1 %	70 %	71 %	—	65.7 %	41.6 %	110.1 %	63.5 %	57 %
No. doing Bible or Gospel Work	234	775	5,430	48	—	258	40	170	6,955	5,117
No. engaged in medical mission work	139	859	4,869	—	—	177	29	3	6,076	3,432
No. engaged in Literature work	255	640	3,722	248	—	169	56	100	5,190	3,019
REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK:										
Missionary Visits	2,657	9,885	59,728	1,689	—	2,957	568	745	78,229	49,924
Bible Readings	1,602	14,910	58,484	953	—	2,465	796	1,738	80,948	65,139
No. of Persons taken to Services	185	1,134	14,820	87	—	237	61	65	16,589	9,634
Hours of Christian Help Work	1,387	16,241	49,391	1,492	—	1,028	219	684	70,442	44,218
Treatments Given	554	—	8,175	318	—	861	184	233	10,325	10,606
Periodicals distributed	12,619	1,626	7,630	22,825	—	4,003	1,277	705	50,685	50,628
Tracts distributed	1,674	2,929	4,489	1,489	—	883	75	278	11,817	18,362
New subscriptions to Periodicals	154	—	1,044	81	—	105	47	38	1,469	765
Books distributed	1,381	1,125	2,696	516	—	685	283	161	6,847	5,631
Missionary Letters written	484	1,041	2,517	364	—	726	75	69	5,276	3,773
Missionary Letters received	316	744	1,924	166	—	437	26	16	3,629	2,575
Souls Won	17	70	600	—	—	—	1	—	688	341

Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer

Departmental Councils

IN order that the fullest benefit of the General Conference might be derived by departmental leaders in attendance, a number of special four-day departmental councils had been arranged for preceding the opening of the conference session. We shall make brief reference here to two of these conventions; one called in the interest of the home missionary work, the other dealing with our Missionary Volunteer or young people's movement. These councils, which convened Sunday, May 25, had a most fitting prelude in the Sabbath services of the 24th, when Elder J. L. McElhany, the vice-president of the General Conference for North America, spoke in the forenoon Sabbath service and expressed as his conviction that our form of departmental organization, while perhaps not perfect in every detail, was nevertheless the handiwork of God. He also called attention to the fact that all the departments have a spiritual basis, and that they all represent the work of God in the salvation of souls. Elder W. A. Spicer, who addressed the large assembly at the afternoon meeting, stated, that the meeting had been called for a re-dedication of the departmental secretaries and their associates to their great work, and he voiced his grateful acknowledgment of what is being accomplished through every department.

Elder A. G. Daniells gave a brief outline of the history of our departmental work, telling of the many benefits which through them have come to the denominational work as a whole. Another

speaker mentioned that this was the first time in the history of our movement that a whole Sabbath at a General Conference session had been dedicated to departmental interests. A brief symposium of reports was rendered by all the departmental secretaries of the General Conference.

The evening after the Sabbath each department went to its appointed hall to organize for work. The meetings were unusually well attended, representatives being present from every part of the world, so to speak, and a splendid spirit of unity and harmony prevailed throughout the councils.

In introducing the agenda for the home missionary department, Elder J. A. Stevens, home missionary secretary of the General Conference, presented the following objectives of the home missionary department:

1. Every member a victorious Christian.
2. Every member a soul-winner.
3. Every church organized for service.
4. Every church a training school.
5. Every church a growing church.

Around these five great essentials and a statement from the pen of Sister White: "*Long has God waited for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church,*" centered the discussion of the entire council. The various speakers sounded anew, with clarion tones, the call to the church of Christ to arise and shine, and evangelize and to assume courageously the responsibility of Christ's commission, to enlist the entire body of believers in active, systematic, soul-saving work.

The note of faith, courage, and perseverance given expression to as the various reports were

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Number of Societies	25	9	145	31	5	12	6	8	241	202
Total Membership of Societies	566	275	2520	827	85	124	79	144	4,620	4,126
Members reporting	202	169	1622	442	—	11	25	91	2,562	2,017
Percentage of members reporting	35.7 %	61.5 %	64.4 %	53.4 %	—	9. %	31.7 %	63.2 %	55.5 %	48 %
No. observing Morning Watch	245	156	756	130	—	91	17	112	1,507	1,512
No. reading Bible through	37	110	316	18	—	31	—	15	527	501
No. taking Reading Course	50	80	730	—	—	21	6	—	887	453
No. taking St. of Attainment	44	—	521	—	—	—	12	—	577	433
REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK:										
Missionary and Sick Visits	444	625	9646	244	—	1078	71	119	12,227	11,697
Bible Readings	311	2147	9390	135	—	989	135	184	13,291	14,229
Hours of Christian Help Work	354	2749	11017	286	—	404	79	150	15,039	11,776
Treatments Given	16	—	1452	28	—	89	—	37	1,622	1,018
Subscriptions to Periodicals	26	—	195	10	—	2	1	1	235	251
Papers and Magazines distributed	1932	492	2352	4784	—	870	325	6	10,761	12,836
Books distributed	269	248	1147	121	—	127	73	119	2,104	1,530
Tracts distributed	323	654	1119	481	—	342	13	51	2,983	4,909
Letters written	73	190	1212	52	—	175	12	15	1,729	1,490
Letters received	48	108	909	14	—	118	2	4	1,203	995
Souls Won	14	18	131	—	—	2	—	—	165	146

rendered and discussions entered into, was most refreshing. The council closed with a determination on the part of all who had shared in the deliberations to press forward unitedly in a still more determined effort to finish the work of carrying the gospel to the entire world in this generation.

In the Missionary Volunteer council, two themes were especially emphasized by our young people's secretaries from around the world; namely, A greater Young People's Movement and A Youth for Youth Movement. In this council we were privileged to have present, part of the time, such well known leaders A. G. Daniells, W. A. Spicer, J. L. Shaw, and O. Montgomery, who gave most excellent counsel and suggestions regarding the salvation, conservation and training of our large army of youth.

Professor M. E. Kern, who for twenty-three years has so earnestly devoted his life to the saving of the young people, acted as chairman of the council, and stressed the primary three-fold objective of the young people's department, — prayer, Bible study, and personal missionary endeavor for others.

Elder Spicer especially emphasized the beautiful thought of being workers together with God and remarked that this is an unusual privilege to the men and women who are dedicating their lives to the salvation of the boys and girls, — the young men and the young women, who are growing up in Seventh-day Adventist homes and churches as well as in the world around us.

Elder O. Montgomery summed up the essentials in what he considered a larger youth movement as follows: "I believe the first great essential in a larger young people's movement is a real

baptism by the Holy Ghost in power and demonstration upon the hearts and lives of those working in that field of service."

The general policies of the department were quite fully discussed and it was the consensus of opinion that simplicity should prevail in all plans for the upbuilding of the work. It was further pointed out that we need to place confidence in our young people. Some one has said that, "The world's interests are, under God, in the hands of the young." We might say that the interests of our movement are in the hands of our young people.

Repeatedly the young people's workers assembled at this council consecrated themselves anew to rallying the great army of the Seventh-day Adventist youth, and enlisting them to carry the good news of salvation to their fellow youth who know it not. Our hope for a greater young people's movement, next to God's special blessing resting upon the movement, lies, first of all, in the young people themselves: and, second, in their leadership. It was felt that the number of our Missionary Volunteers should be greatly increased in the years to come. We have at the present time 77,000 enlisted, but 100,000 should be reached by 1932 which marks the 25th anniversary of the organization of our Missionary Volunteer department.

A resolution was also passed during the General Conference session looking forward to the holding of divisional and inter-divisional young people's conferences and conventions during our Jubilee Year 1932. It is our conviction that the influence of these helpful councils will extend to all parts of the world-wide field and result in a larger harvest of precious souls.

— Steen Rasmussen.

Sabbath School and Educational Councils at the General Conference

Department of Education at the Conference

THE General Conference quadrennial session, bringing together as it does delegates from all parts of the world field, affords an unusually good opportunity for departmental councils. In fact it is only at such sessions that the Sabbath school department has as yet attempted a world council. Much more time was given to consideration of fields outside America during the educational meetings held at the recent General Conference, than at the last world council of the educational department held at Colorado Springs, Colorado, U. S. A., in 1923, at which it was my privilege to be present. While most of the departments did not begin their pre-conference meetings until Sabbath, May 24, the educational department began its sessions May 21. The first three days were given over to consideration of problems of elementary education in North America. Naturally, this part of the educational council did not so vitally interest us who came from outside of North America; but the principles discussed were of application in all parts of the world. We are confident, too, that elementary education in our own division will receive more attention in the future than it has in the past, and that the number of our elementary schools will rapidly increase.

Sabbath, May 24, was a great day for our departmental work. The morning sermon dealt with the place of the departments in our organized movement. In the afternoon there was a symposium in which the General Conference department secretaries were asked to say a few words about their respective lines. The educational council proper began Sunday morning at 7:30 with a devotional meeting and ran right through till Wednesday noon with a full program.

The first half of the morning session was devoted to the presentation of topics, such as, The Spirit and Aim of Our Work in Higher Education, Progress in the Work of the Board of Regents, Meeting Standard Needs in Facilities and Equipment, Outstanding Curriculum Needs in Content and Balance, Guiding Principles in the Qualifying of Our Teachers, Building Strong and Wisely in Our Vocational Sciences and Our Industries, Keeping Our Eyes on Field Needs at Home and Abroad, Organizing for Better Work in Education, and kindred topics. The second half of the morning session was occupied by the consideration of agenda items. Among these we mention: Statement on Evolution for the Public Press, Combination Plan in Academic History, Holidays and Field Days During the School Session, Preparation of Syllabi, Report on Health Inspection and Education, Report of Committees on Textbooks, Correspondence

School Status and Name, Future of the Educational Magazine, Report on Missionary Volunteer and Student Associations, Report on Handling Student Labor, as well as the reports of standing committees and sections.

The afternoon session was also divided. In the first half there was opportunity for the standing committees to meet, namely: Committee on Standards, on Curriculum, and on Finance. The second half was occupied by the sections organized as follows: College Administrative, Academy Administrative, Bible, History, Science, Mathematics, English, Foreign Language, Commercial, Normal, Music, Home Economics, Education, Vocational and Industrial, Registrars, School Home, and Foreign. These sections also served as committees, bringing back to the council such recommendations concerning their respective lines as seemed to need council action.

It was inspiring to see the large hall on the fourth floor where the educational sessions were held, crowded by educational workers who had come from all parts of the world. It was impressive to see the orderly way in which topics were considered and actions of vital interest to our educational work discussed and adopted. In addition to this pre-conference council, and the educational hour during the General Conference business sessions, there were held educational meetings every other afternoon all during the General Conference, alternating with the Missionary Volunteer departmental meetings. These were held from 1:30 to 2:30 and were well attended.

Sabbath School Work at the Conference

Promptly at 5:15, Thursday, May 29, a large company gathered in the Sabbath school room on the fourth floor of the Auditorium. Every chair was occupied, and there were many persons standing. Sabbath school secretaries were present from all parts of the world. After a spirited song service and an earnest prayer, our veteran Sabbath school leader, Mrs. Plummer, greeted us, and called the roll. She first called upon her associates and assistants in the General Conference office and then on the foreign division and union conference secretaries and finally on the North American local conference Sabbath school secretaries. Each one as called responded with a word of greeting and the expression of his appreciation of being present.

The general plan of the Sabbath school departmental meetings, which were all well attended, was to have a few words from a representative of the "Sabbath schools across the seas," and then the presentation and discussion of some topic bearing on Sabbath school work in general. Some of the subjects considered were: The Soul-winning Problem, The Sabbath School Program, Training Sabbath School Leaders and Teachers, Daily

Study of the Lesson, The Sabbath School a Missionary Agency, Sabbath School Problems in Non-English Fields, Missions Promotion Work of the Sabbath School, the Children's Divisions, Sabbath School Records, and Field Promotion.

In addition to these meetings the Sabbath school department also had an hour during the business sessions of the General Conference. But most worthy of mention was the Sabbath school on the two Sabbaths of the conference. There was a wonderful attendance. Many of our members from neighboring churches unable to be present all during the conference came for the week ends. They came in automobiles; they came on the train. The large Auditorium, seating twelve thousand, was crowded with the adults alone. The young people's division filled a large neighboring church, and the various children's divisions met in the smaller halls of the Auditorium. The many native delegates and the foreign missionaries present were able to give the different divisions of this the largest Sabbath school ever held most interesting missionary talks and appeals.

But it is impossible to describe adequately this important assembly of God's people! We can only say with the disciples who were present at the transfiguration, that it was good to be there. It was a foretaste of that great gathering of the faithful when Jesus shall return, and made us long to hasten that glad day!

— L. L. Caviness.

Sorrows and Joys in Jugoslavia

SINCE the day when there was war in heaven, and Satan with his angels was cast out of heaven down to our earth, a woe has rested upon the inhabitants of this earth. The devil came down with great wrath, knowing that he could not be the victor. As, however, it was made possible for him to make war with the "remnant" and to deceive the whole universe, he used all his skill in trying to bring the remnant under his dominion.

Is it therefore to be wondered at that the old adversary set everything in motion to bring a standstill to the advent movement in our land?

In one place in central Jugoslavia, the village authorities called all the inhabitants together and addressed them in the following manner:

"Who knew anything of Adventism or of Adventists two years ago before a harmless colporteur came and sold some books in this wild territory? These books raised up the first Adventist; this Adventist brought the second, and today we have in our village a church of twenty people, which is growing remarkably. One can very well judge how large it will be in one, two, or more years' time. Citizens, we must boycott these people. Nobody must be allowed to greet them, nobody must be allowed to work for them, and nobody must

employ them. Their children must be sent away from our schools, and nobody must accept them as apprentices. Nobody must buy anything from these people, and nobody must sell anything to them. Their possessions must be taken away from them, and they must be expelled from the community; otherwise they will grow to be so strong that we who will not give up wine, spirits, tobacco, and the eating of pork, and also refuse to give up the old Sunday-keeping, will some day figure as the minority in this place and we will be the servants of the Adventists. See, two members of our village board have become Adventists, and soon the whole board will be Adventists, and then we are lost. This movement knows no bounds and no restrictions; therefore, without reserve in the fight against them!"

Of late we have seen how these words have had their effect and how the adversary has used every possible means to hinder and to put a stop to the work of God. Before me lie fully one hundred letters from brethren and sisters from all parts of Jugoslavia, and I have just received a letter from the president of the South Morava field. He writes: "In spite of great danger, I put my trust in God and visited Prilep and Bitolj in Macedonia. In both places the authorities strongly prohibited our work. In Prilep the watch over our brethren and sisters is so severe that, in spite of all my efforts, I could not see nor speak with anyone."

Some of the brethren from Babina Gora wrote the following: "Scarcely had we turned aside from sin and begun to live in accordance with the word of God, when the military police came and took the Bible, hymnbooks and other books away. Then they locked us up in an empty room and beat us mercilessly with sticks. We were sentenced to five days' imprisonment."

Space would not permit of my telling all of the many experiences through which our brethren and sisters have passed of late. It looked as though Satan had exercised his whole might in order to bring an end to the work here. Three weeks ago in Cuprija, all of the church members, who had hidden themselves in the fields, were searched for, arrested and thrown into prison without regard of age or sex. The president, Brother Slankamenac, was taken, during a visit to some brethren and sisters, chained and dragged from place to place. Not until he had spent twenty days in jail was he set free.

Whenever and wherever we sought influential people for advice, we were continually told that, for the present, it was impossible to be granted freedom. In view of the great need of the work, and the fact that our brethren and sisters had reached the limit of their strength and that no regular church work could be carried on, also that it was hopeless for our colporteurs to do any work, and many of our brethren and sisters had no free-

dom of movement — some even having to flee in secret — we knew that the dear Lord would intervene. We laid our case in His hands and went to the Officer of the Ministry of Justice, and finally to the Minister himself. It was rather strange for us to see the attitude of these gentlemen, how God's Spirit in all its power controlled and worked on their hearts and led them to do His will. It was then that we had a better realization of the old Bible verse: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of hosts."

These gentlemen did not say much, but they were more than friendly and shook hands heartily with us and promised to do their best. Especially did the Minister receive us cordially. When the Cabinet Chief saw us in the waiting room, he said: "Ah! there are the good people!"

While the adversary was rejoicing that the last hour had struck for Adventism in Jugoslavia, God led the hand of the Minister of Justice to set his name to an Order which today, while these lines are being written, is being sent out to all the governors of the land, as well as to all the political districts (exactly one hundred in number), where our churches and our people are to be found. This Order says that the denomination of Seventh-day Adventists in Jugoslavia is granted freedom to hold meetings.

This coming Sabbath, 83 organized churches and 94 Sabbath schools, with 2041 members, in 100 political districts in Jugoslavia, will, after years of unrest and difficulty, come together as free citizens, to give God the honor and to pledge to serve Him faithfully for all time. In Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia, Dalmatia, Wojwodina, Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia, our believers, filled with the spirit of the advent movement, will lift their voices to heaven, and God will be ready to hear the prayers of His faithful children.

— A. Močnik.

Translated by M. Golding.

Jesus and I

"I CANNOT do it alone;
The waves run fast and high,
And the fogs close chill around,
And the light goes out in the sky;
But I know that *we two*
Shall win in the end—
Jesus and I.

"Coward and wayward and weak,
I change with the changing sky,
Today so eager and bright,
Tomorrow too weak to try;
But He never gives in,
So we two shall win—
Jesus and I."



With Our World Bookmen in San Francisco

THE place given to departmental activities was one of the special features of the 1930 General Conference. Well may we as a people stop a moment to consider the tremendous and far-reaching results of our present departmental work. Just as an army is made up of different companies and troops, — infantry, artillery, cavalry, sea and air forces, etc., — so God's work is organized into different departments, each having its own special utility, and each contributing in its own particular and mighty way to the glorious consummation of the message.

The pre-conference conventions might be likened to councils of war where company and troop unitedly, yet each occupying its own specific place, prepare for an attack on the enemy. Undoubtedly these conventions have already brought new power to all branches of the work. This certainly has been true in the publishing department. What an inspiration it was to sit in room "K" of the vast Auditorium in San Francisco and to be one of that circle of nearly 150 men and women representing our 4,000 colporteurs and publishing house employees the world around.

In the armies of the nations there is what is known in French as an *esprit de corps*. It is that special spirit of sympathy and enthusiasm that animates, binds together, and spurs on to action in a common cause the officers and soldiers of the same corps. Each corps knows what an important part it plays in the great war machinery; it knows it has a work to do that no other can; it knows how much the success of the whole army depends on its courage and the faithful discharge of its duty. Its soldiers are determined to rank inferior to none when it comes to deserving and conquering the laurels of glory.

As Seventh-day Adventists we are engaged in a life and death struggle with the powers of evil: After the battle, what are to be our laurels of glory? Our own personal salvation, and the redemption of thousands of precious souls actually enslaved in the bondage of sin. Should not also an *esprit de corps* animate every branch of God's work? Should not each department be filled with a deep sense of its own particular relation to the work as a whole, and a holy emulation to be second to none in achievements that will redound to the glory of the cross of Christ?

The bookman's spirit was distinctly felt in our San Francisco pre-conference convention, — that spirit that binds heart to heart in the accomplishment of a glorious work; that spirit of consecration, earnestness, and determination to be worthy of the most noble responsibility; that spirit of undaunted courage and certain victory in the face of bitter struggles, adverse circumstances, persecution, and

apparent impossibilities. Crises, persecution, difficulties were occasionally mentioned, but only in contrast to the greater victories won. There was no talk of retreat, no mention of failure, no plans for disarmament. FORWARD WITH INCREASING SUCCESS is the watchword given us by our Captain through the Spirit of prophecy, and was one of the mottos on the wall of room "K" and in every heart. To this end we are constantly arming ourselves. Our publishing houses are increasing in number, in efficiency, and in the output of literature. Our colporteurs are pressing the battle to the very gates, and planting the banner of Prince Emmanuel on the fortresses of the enemy.

It is this spirit under God's leadership and providences that has made possible the wonderful story of progress shown by the fifty-foot chart illustrating the denominational literature sales by decades. The first forty-five years the sales were \$ 1,433,375, while for the last decade, 1920—1930, they were \$ 45,664,029. Think a moment what these figures represent — a veritable flood of books and papers carrying forth the message of salvation in 141 languages. Well could we exclaim with Brother N. Z. Town in his opening address, "What hath God wrought!" and join in a hearty Amen as he pointed to this slogan on the wall, "Lord, there is nothing too hard for Thee." Other mottos in the room revealed some of the secrets of success in the publishing department: "He did it with all his heart and he prospered;" "Prayer changes things." On either side of the doorway were the goals for the present year: "1930 Goal Five Million Dollars;" and, "Our Aim Ten Per Cent Increase Over 1929."

Much might be written showing God's wonderful providences in the lives of our colporteurs, — how He has gone before them and through dreams and other special means has prepared hearts to receive their message; how He has delivered them in times of persecution; how He has given them success in the face of the most forbidding circumstances. And these providential interventions are not limited to one or two rare instances. They were told in reports from all parts of the world field.

Next to God the success in the publishing department is due to the consecrated army of leaders and colporteurs, — men and women who humbly toil, who endure hardships, and who are ready to give life itself to carry the message to the world.

A personal example of this we could see in our veteran colporteurs who attended the meeting. Among these was our oldest veteran, Walter Harper. He is now an old man bent with age. For more than fifty years he has carried this message to the isolated corners of the land, and sown millions of pages containing the gospel seed. His eyes shone, his face beamed, his whole person

straightened as he stood to give his testimony and take part in the discussions.

During this pre-conference convention the different features of the work were carefully studied, and plans were laid for increasing success. Chief among the questions considered was the one, "How shall we make our work more spiritual?"

Thousands of souls have been and are being won to Christ year by year by our faithful colporteurs. A native colporteur in China interested in a short time thirty-one persons in the message. In a certain section of South America forty-six groups of Sabbath keepers — Sabbath keepers who never so much as saw an Adventist minister — were brought into the truth through the colporteurs. In Uruguay during 1929 a colporteur brought fourteen persons into the truth. Another colporteur succeeded in winning five young men to the message, and later influenced them to enter the colporteur work. During the convention Brother J. A. P. Green made the following statement: "When we went to Mexico there were 261 members. Now there are something like 3,000 in the Sabbath school, and more than 1,500 baptized members. When I asked Brother Parsons the reasons, he replied, 'The colporteur work.'"

In Italy ten souls found by the colporteurs were baptized during 1929. In German Switzerland the same number were won by the influence of the printed page during the same period. From Jugoslavia Brother Krdjalic sends the following word: "I want to give you the report of souls won as a result of the colporteur work in the different parts of our field." Then follows a list of 209 souls won in twenty-two places where we now have organized churches. This brother adds: "I only give the facts of which I am certain. Without doubt many others have been won. We have too few laborers, and often the colporteurs awaken an interest, but we have no one to follow it up." And so the stirring story of souls won all around the world by the efforts of the faithful colporteur might go on.

As we plan and work to increase our sales, it is with only one goal in view — that of bringing the last message of salvation to the unwarmed multitudes that will never be reached without the printed page and the work of the colporteur evangelists.

— F. Charpiot.

"Over against the treasury
 He sits who gave Himself for me.
 He sees the coppers that I give,
 Who gave His life that I might live.
 He sees the silver I withhold,
 Who left for me His throne of gold,
 Who found a manger for His bed,
 Who had not where to lay His head.
 He sees the gold I clasp so tight,
 And I am debtor in His sight."

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A Word from the Cameroon

(Although not written for publication, we believe the following letter from Brother Z. Yéretzian will be of interest to our readers. It will show how God is blessing the school work out in French Equatorial Africa.)

Dear Brother Caviness,

I have just returned from a two weeks' trip. Since you left the Cameroon we have opened the two new outschools, one at Etteke with Thomas our native teacher in charge, and Eto Joseph as assistant; the other school is at Mbang, with Robert, the native teacher, in charge. I visited our four outstations, and was very glad to see the good spirit among our school boys and members. In one of these outstations the members (about 24) have decided to go out in the villages and try to bring other men and women to our meetings every Friday afternoon and sometimes Sabbath afternoon. I encouraged our school boys to do the same good work. In two of these four places baptismal classes have already been organized. We supply all of our catechists with copies of Bible studies, which help them to give lessons to these good and faithful members.

During my trip I had opportunity to meet with three chiefs of villages, and I was asked to open up schools in their villages. One is near Nsem, where each week our catechist Josué holds meetings, so we could send Seng Keng, a former student (already baptized) to this village. I believe that the Lord is guiding. The two other places have been found in a marvellous way. When passing through a village I was told that the bridge which we should cross was broken. The chief who was in charge of repairing it told me that I could start on the next morning. So I did, and the next morning, on the other side of the river, I found the same chief, who gave me a fine reception with music and native dances. I stopped a few minutes in his village, and was asked to open a station. The third one is a village between Andom and Minta. We were passing through the village when suddenly two young men came running towards our caravan. They asked us to

stop. They told us that their father, the chief of that village, wants us to open a school. I measured the ground, and we are going to send a catechist as soon as our application is approved by the government. Four other chiefs are waiting for us. I hope to see them all at Nanga-Eboka tomorrow, during the National Feast Day, and have a talk with them all. We intend also to open up an outstation at Bertua. The actual condition of things is pressing

In spite of all difficulties, the work of God is going on rapidly. We need more men and means. We put our confidence in God. Since you left we have received many spiritual blessings. The students in the class of native teachers are going out to the villages twice a week, and are doing good missionary work. We have also organized a Young People's Society, which is going on very well. Please tell Brother Rasmussen that I am going to send him soon a general report regarding this newly organized society. I am also trying to translate many stories on the experiences of our native teachers and students. I am sure these will be of great interest to him.

Dear Brother Caviness, you can understand that the work of God is not accomplished so easily in this difficult field unless our hearts are full of the love of God. We need your prayers

With my best Christian regards,

Your brother in Christ,
(Signed) Z. Yéretzian.

"Ask God to give thee skill
In comfort's art,
That thou may'st consecrated be
And set apart
Unto a life of sympathy;
For heavy is the weight of ill
In every heart,
And comforters are needed much,
Of Christlike touch."

-- Selected.

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