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Sowing and Reaping

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ONCE again the time is approaching when all the conference and mission committees must lay definite plans for the fall and winter evangelistic efforts in their respective fields. The success of our soul winning work will depend in a large measure on these plans. If plans are adopted that will receive the approval and blessing of God, we may be certain of success; but if the plans are weak and deficient, we can never hope to accomplish what we should. How important, therefore, that every committee should seek God earnestly for divine wisdom and guidance in their planning.

Some may think that because of the very small amount of money which we have at our disposal for evangelistic efforts it is not worth while to spend time in laying plans for aggressive work, but this is not a correct view. The less money we have, the more carefully and prayerfully must we plan. We feel confident that with right plans we can, under the blessing of God, accomplish more now in these days of financial stress than we did before when funds were more abundant. Money or no money, we must go forward. This is the time for action. Not only must every preacher, Bible worker and other conference worker be pressed into service, but we must seek to enlist every member of the church in our soul winning program.

When laying our plans, we must also bear in mind that "there is a time for every purpose and for every work". For the farmer, there is a time to sow and a time to reap. If he fails to sow at the right time, he cannot hope to reap much. So in the gospel work there is a time to sow and a time to reap. Some evangelists fail to gather many souls simply because they do not sow at the right time. They begin their efforts so late in the season that they do not have time to develop the interest before the season closes.

In the fear of God, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, let every conference, mission and church committee lay early plans for strong, aggressive soul winning work for the coming season. Make sure that in every place the work is started on time and that the effort is carried forward with zeal, courage and faith to a successful and triumphant finish.

In all our plans and labors, let us not forget that we must have the Saviour with us. Without Him, we can do nothing. Now, as never before, we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. We must be overshadowed with power from on high. It is time for us to humbly and unitedly seek God for a rich outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon us.

From different parts of our vast Division field, we receive reports that indicate that the Spirit of the Lord is working on human hearts. In the Cameroon, one of our newest mission fields, we are told they now have 1260 members in their baptismal classes and that new interests are springing up everywhere. Surely the fields both far and near are ripe for the harvest, and we must hasten to gather in the golden grain before it is lost.

The Science of Salvation

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THE schools established among us are matters of grave responsibility; for important interests are involved. In a special manner our schools are a spectacle unto angels and to men. A knowledge of science of all kinds is power, and it is in the purpose of God that advanced science shall be taught in our schools as a preparation for the work that is to precede the closing scenes of earth's history: The truth is to go to the remotest bounds of the earth, through agents trained for the work. But while the knowledge of science is a power, the knowledge which Jesus in person came to impart to the world was the knowledge of the gospel. The light of truth was to flash its bright rays into the uttermost parts of the earth, and the acceptance or rejection of the message of God involved the eternal destiny of souls.

The plan of salvation had its place in the counsels of the Infinite from all eternity. The gospel is the revelation of God's love to men, and means everything that is essential to the happiness and well-being of humanity. The work of God in the earth is of immeasurable importance, and it is Satan's special object to crowd it out of sight and mind, that he may make his specious devices effectual in the destruction of those for whom Christ died. It is his purpose to cause the discoveries of men to be exalted above the wisdom of God. When the mind is engrossed with the conceptions and theories of men to the exclusion of the wisdom of God, it is stamped with idolatry. Science, falsely so called, has been exalted above God, nature above its Maker, and how can God look upon such wisdom?

In the Bible the whole duty of man is defined. Solomon says, "Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." The will of God is revealed in His written word, and this is the essential knowledge. Human wisdom, familiarity with the languages of different nations, is a help in the missionary work. An understanding of the customs of the people, of the location and time of events is practical knowledge; for it aids in making the figures of the Bible clear, in bringing out the force of Christ's lessons; but it is not positively necessary to know these things. The wayfaring man may find the pathway cast up for the ransomed to walk in, and there will be no excuse found for any one who perishes through misapprehension of the Scriptures.

In the Bible every vital principle is declared, every duty made plain, every obligation made evident. The whole duty of man is summed up by the Saviour. He says, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul,

and with all thy mind . . . Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." In the word the plan of salvation is plainly delineated. The gift of eternal life is promised on condition of saving faith in Christ. The drawing power of the Holy Spirit is pointed out as an agent in the work of man's salvation. The rewards of the faithful, the punishment of the guilty, are all laid out in clear lines. The Bible contains the science of salvation for all those who will hear and do the words of Christ.

Those who profess to believe in Jesus should ever press to the light. They should daily pray for the light of the Holy Spirit to shine upon the pages of the sacred book, that they may be enabled to comprehend the things of the Spirit of God. We must have implicit trust in God's word, or we are lost. The words of men, however great they may be, are not able to make us perfect, to thoroughly furnish unto all good works. "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." In this text the two agencies in the salvation of man are revealed, — the divine influence, the strong, living faith of those who follow Christ. It is through the sanctification of the Spirit and the belief of the truth, that we become laborers together with God. God waits for the co-operation of His church.

The reason that many professed Christians do not have a clear, well-defined experience, is that they do not think it is their privilege to understand what God has spoken through His word. After the resurrection of Jesus, two of His disciples were journeying toward Emmaus, and Jesus joined them. But they did not recognize their Lord, and thought He was some stranger, although "beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and He made as though He would have gone further. But they constrained Him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And He went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as He sat at meat with them, He took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him; and He vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, Did not our hearts burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures? . . . Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures." This is the work that we may look to Christ to do for us; for what the Lord has revealed, is for us and our children forever.

Statistical Report of the Southern Europ. Div. of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1934

Name of Conference or Mission	Number of Churches	Previous Membership	Baptism	Vote	Letter	Total Gains	Apostasy	Death	Letter	Total Losses	Net Gain	Present Membership	Ord. Ministers	Lic. Ministers	Miss. Licentiates	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. SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION													6	5	8	—	—	19																
2. FRANCO-BELGIAN U. C.																																		
3. Belgian Conference	11	517	10	—	1	11	6	—	2	8	3	520	3	1	2	1	—	7																
4. East France	16	422	8	—	3	11	4	2	11	17	—6	416	4	2	4	2	10	22	17	15	602	533												
5. North	13	491	32	1	1	34	5	2	5	12	22	513	3	2	10	—	18	33	15	472	402													
6. South	24	542	12	—	3	15	1	1	9	11	4	546	6	3	3	—	17	29	30	407	293													
	64	1972	62	1	8	71	16	5	27	48	23	1995	21	11	23	6	67	128	77	1907	1574													
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.																																		
8. Danube Conference	54	1236	79	1	6	86	15	3	5	23	63	1299	3	1	—	5	—	9																
9. Sava	30	536	27	—	1	28	3	2	7	12	16	552	4	1	—	—	14	19	30	748	528													
10. Morava	20	595	32	—	1	33	1	2	7	10	23	618	3	—	2	—	23	28	23	703	571													
	104	2367	138	1	8	147	19	7	19	45	102	2469	14	3	3	5	57	82	107	3239	2549													
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONFERENCE																																		
12. West Muntenian Conference	111	3923	177	23	109	309	24	5	94	123	186	4109	4	2	1	2	—	9																
13. East	65	2049	52	6	26	84	20	5	13	38	46	2095	9	2	2	1	10	24	68	2936	1622													
14. North Moldavian	69	2107	41	5	61	107	29	3	61	93	14	2121	6	2	3	1	17	29	68	3500	2166													
15. South	49	1518	23	11	32	66	20	7	34	61	5	1523	8	3	1	1	18	31	55	2323	1129													
16. Transylvanian	119	2986	66	17	51	134	103	17	57	177	—43	2943	10	—	2	3	8	23	136	4120	2612													
17. Banat	58	1497	27	4	16	47	19	4	19	42	5	1502	7	2	1	2	8	20	61	1811	1286													
	471	14080	386	66	295	747	215	41	278	534	213	14293	56	15	15	11	87	184	497	21101	11645													
18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE																																		
19. German Swiss Conference	34	1437	18	1	9	28	25	2	5	32	—4	1433	9	1	7	5	25	47	34	1278	875													
20. Leman	20	968	29	1	5	35	10	4	11	25	10	978	3	5	1	7	17	33	24	740	639													
	54	2405	47	2	14	63	35	6	16	57	6	2411	12	6	8	12	42	80	58	2018	1514													
21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION																																		
22. Spanish Mission	10	353	3	1	—	4	14	3	—	17	—13	340	3	6	5	—	23	37	20	428	443													
23. Portuguese	5	249	27	5	5	37	—	2	7	9	28	277	2	3	2	1	15	23	7	250	248													
24. Madeira	1	38	—	—	3	3	1	—	—	1	2	40	1	1	1	—	1	4	1	70	71													
	16	640	30	6	8	44	15	5	7	27	17	657	9	11	10	1	39	70	28	748	762													
25. ITALIAN UNION MISSION																																		
26. Central Italian Mission	7	166	9	—	4	13	1	—	5	6	7	173	2	3	—	—	9	14	9	170	152													
27. North	11	230	12	—	3	15	4	—	1	5	10	240	4	—	1	2	15	22	13	222	201													
28. South	10	228	7	—	6	13	—	—	6	6	7	235	2	3	1	1	5	12	10	202	178													
	28	624	28	—	13	41	5	—	12	17	24	648	9	8	5	3	29	54	32	594	531													
29. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISS.																																		
30. Algerian Mission	9	204	11	3	9	23	8	2	9	19	4	208	1	1	4	3	8	17	9	206	175													
31. Moroccan	2	54	4	—	—	4	—	—	2	2	2	56	2	1	—	—	3	6	4	74	64													
	11	258	15	3	9	27	8	2	11	21	6	264	4	2	5	3	11	25	13	280	239													
32. FRENCH EQUAT. AFRIC. MISS. *)																																		
33. MADAGASCAR MISSION *)	6	246	5	—	—	5	—	2	—	2	3	249	3	1	10	2	6	22	15	642	576													
34. MAURITIUS MISSION *)																																		
	9	490	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	—4	486	2	—	12	—	—	14	30	944	527													

RECAPITULATION

1. Southern European Division	64	1972	62	1	8	71	16	5	27	48	23	1995	21	11	23	6	67	128	77	1907	1574
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	104	2367	138	1	8	147	19	7	19	45	102	2469	14	3	3	5	57	82	107	3239	2549
3. Jugoslavian	104	2367	138	1	8	147	19	7	19	45	102	2469	14	3	3	5	57	82	107	3239	2549
4. Rumanian	471	14080	386	66	295	747	215	41	278	534	213	14293	56	15	15	11	87	184	497	21101	11645
5. Swiss	54	2405	47	2	14	63	35	6	16	57	6	2411	12	6	8	12	42	80	58	2018	1514
6. Iberian Union Mission	16	640	30	6	8	44	15	5	7	27	17	657	9	11	10	1	39	70	28	748	762
7. Italian	28	624	28	—	13	41	5	—	12	17	24	648	9	8	5	3	29	54	32	594	531
8. North African Union Mission	11	258	15	3	9	27	8	2	11	21	6	264	4	2	5	3	11	25	13	280	239
9. French Equat. African *)	2	95	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	3	—2	93	1	—	2	2	—	5	29	2381	2359
10. Madagascar *)	6	246	5	—	—	5	—	2	—	2	3	249	3	1	10	2	6	22	15	642	576
11. Mauritius *)	9	490	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	4	—4	486	2	—	12	—	—	14	30	944	527
Totals 2nd quarter 1934	765	23177	711	79	356	1146	316	72	370	758	388	23565	137	62	101	45	338	683	886	33854	22276
2nd 1933	746	21722	858	82	348	1288	276	79	381	736	552	22274	133	59	117	46	351	706	882	31635	21753

*) Report for the first quarter 1934.

Financial Report of the Southern Europ. Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1934

Name of Conference or Mission	Total Tithe	Total Offerings (Incl. Special)	Contributions for Home Miss. Work	Contributions for Local Church Work	Colporteur Book Sales
1	2	3	4	5	6
1. SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION					
2. FRANCO-BELGIAN UNION CONF.					
3. Belgian Conference	F. Fr. 62,704.50	21,964.40	—	690.15	81,681.15
4. East France Conference	» Fr. 45,687.50	26,942.90	1,483.75	200.50	47,463.85
5. North »	» Fr. 63,471.50	36,597.70	3,647.90	579.50	99,577.10
6. South »	» Fr. 43,926.—	36,973.50	750.90	1,642.—	82,657.45
	F. Fr. 215,789.50	122,478.50	5,882.55	3,112.15	311,379.45
	\$ 8,523.60	4,837.91	232.36	122.92	12,299.47
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.					
8. Danube Conference	Dinar 53,294.10	30,255.51	—	—	31,067.—
9. Sava »	» 42,113.30	22,242.12	—	—	17,893.—
10. Morava »	» 46,463.20	25,160.26	—	—	44,081.—
	Dinar 141,870.60	77,657.89	—	—	93,041.—
	\$ 2,511.10	1,374.52	—	—	1,646.81
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONFERENCE					
12. West Muntenian Conference	Lei 641,548.90	271,079.—	—	—	227,232.—
13. East »	» 233,690.—	96,837.—	—	—	142,239.—
14. North Moldavian »	» 198,857.50	77,199.50	—	—	124,127.—
15. South »	» 152,192.—	77,427.50	—	—	123,067.—
16. Transylvanian »	» 281,690.20	91,872.—	—	—	51,588.—
17. Banat »	» 143,536.50	52,490.25	—	—	53,392.—
	Lei 1,651,515.10	666,905.25	—	—	721,645.—
	\$ 9,909.20	4,001.41	—	—	4,329.88
18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE					
19. German Swiss Conference	Sw. Fr. 41,075.—	21,786.50	1,575.—	4,706.80	34,608.—
20. Lemman Conference	» 27,417.30	12,265.33	1,318.25	2,999.57	27,084.30
	Sw. Fr. 68,492.30	34,051.83	2,893.25	7,706.37	61,692.30
	\$ 13,287.50	6,606.05	561.29	1,495.03	11,968.29
21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION					
22. Spanish Mission	Pesetas 10,306.60	6,555.83	—	—	38,261.20
23. Portuguese Mission	» 5,104.30	2,304.03	—	—	13,444.55
24. Madeira Mission	» 744.10	211.33	—	—	1,493.30
	Pesetas 16,155.—	9,071.19	—	—	53,199.05
	\$ 2,100.10	1,179.26	—	—	6,915.87
25. ITALIAN UNION MISSION					
26. Central Italian Mission	Lire 7,619.50	7,211.35	128.30	—	14,469.65
27. North »	» 13,064.—	11,472.90	—	1,490.75	18,624.60
28. South »	» 4,247.70	4,001.90	54.25	—	3,158.90
	Lire 24,931.20	22,686.15	182.55	1,490.75	36,253.15
	\$ 1,294.—	1,177.40	9.47	77.36	1,881.53
29. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISSION					
30. Algerian Mission	F. Fr. 17,647.—	9,442.60	785.—	583.75	35,065.—
31. Moroccan »	» 8,289.—	3,451.20	—	—	20,308.50
	F. Fr. 25,936.—	12,893.80	785.—	583.75	55,373.50
	\$ 1,025.—	509.28	31.—	23.05	2,187.26
32. FRENCH EQUATORIAL AFRICAN MISSION *)					
	F. Fr. 3,696.—	626.40	—	—	—
	\$ 146.—	24.74	—	—	—
33. MADAGASCAR MISSION *)					
	F. Fr. 12,348.50	3,244.—	—	—	2,916.35
	\$ 487.70	130.15	—	—	115.19
34. MAURITIUS MISSION *)					
	Rs. 3,967.80	656.70	—	—	—
	\$ 1,442.70	238.78	—	—	—

RECAPITULATION

1. Southern European Division					
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	\$\$	8,523.60	4,837.91	232.36	122.92
3. Jugoslavian »	\$\$\$	2,511.10	1,374.52	—	—
4. Rumanian »	\$\$\$	9,909.20	4,001.41	—	—
5. Swiss »	\$\$\$	13,287.50	6,606.05	561.29	1,495.03
6. Iberian » Mission	\$\$\$	2,100.10	1,179.26	—	—
7. Italian »	\$\$\$	1,294.—	1,177.40	9.47	77.36
8. North African »	\$\$\$	1,025.—	509.28	31.—	23.05
9. Fr. Equator. African Mission *)	\$\$\$	146.—	24.74	—	—
10. Madagascar » *)	\$\$\$	487.70	130.15	—	—
11. Mauritius » *)	\$\$\$	1,442.70	238.78	—	—
TOTALS 2nd quarter 1934	\$\$\$	40,726.90	20,079.50	834.12	1,718.36
» 2nd » 1933	\$\$\$	45,573.90	21,151.91	2,383.25	13,319.98

*) Report for the first quarter 1934.

Specification of Mission Offerings (Column No. 3)

	Sabbath School Offerings (exc. 13th Sabbath)	13th Sabbath Offering	Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous Offerings	Self Denial	Special Offer.		
							Big Week	Young People's Collection	Weekly Offerings (Relief Fund)
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1.									
2.									
3.	7,637.45	1,582.50	—	211.20	—	5,507.25	7,001.35	—	24.65
4.	6,487.95	2,384.45	—	—	—	3,715.50	12,040.85	1,764.—	50.15
5.	7,651.25	2,472.—	3,890.—	—	—	6,328.75	15,978.80	276.90	—
6.	6,263.25	2,864.20	10,580.65	25.—	—	5,136.80	12,093.60	10.—	—
	28,039.90	9,803.15	14,470.65	236.20	—	20,688.30	47,114.60	2,050.90	74.80
	1,107.58	387.22	571.59	9.33	—	817.19	1,861.03	81.02	2.95
7.									
8.	12,016.—	1,962.25	—	—	—	9,353.25	6,058.—	414.—	452.01
9.	5,690.50	1,740.50	—	—	—	10,449.25	3,723.—	410.—	228.87
10.	5,812.50	1,099.75	—	—	—	12,858.25	4,354.75	702.25	332.76
	23,519.—	4,802.50	—	—	—	32,660.75	14,135.75	1,526.25	1,013.64
	416.29	85.—	—	—	—	578.09	250.20	27.01	17.93
11.									
12.	116,698.50	20,482.25	3,789.—	3,355.—	—	87,355.—	30,183.50	2,153.—	7,062.75
13.	51,954.—	11,730.—	1,760.—	125.—	—	21,918.—	5,888.—	535.—	2,927.—
14.	44,246.—	7,622.75	30.—	34.—	—	13,863.50	9,579.50	234.—	1,589.75
15.	31,741.—	6,666.—	948.—	40.—	—	25,507.—	10,731.—	190.—	1,604.50
16.	43,969.25	9,703.75	1,456.—	10.—	—	24,317.75	10,806.50	26.—	1,582.75
17.	21,961.25	5,923.—	816.—	—	—	17,384.50	4,884.—	200.—	1,321.50
	310,570.—	62,127.75	8,799.—	3,564.—	—	190,345.75	72,072.50	3,338.—	16,088.25
	1,863.41	372.77	52.79	21.38	—	1,142.07	432.43	20.03	96.53
18.									
19.	4,925.—	1,025.—	—	—	556.—	6,710.—	8,200.—	220.—	150.50
20.	4,136.05	1,449.65	220.—	—	328.37	3,505.54	2,468.92	135.60	21.20
	9,061.05	2,474.65	220.—	—	884.37	10,215.54	10,668.92	355.60	171.70
	1,757.85	480.08	42.68	—	171.57	1,981.81	2,069.77	68.98	33.31
21.									
22.	2,617.50	698.16	—	—	9.50	135.—	3,030.45	65.22	—
23.	814.28	228.65	—	—	—	—	1,261.10	—	—
24.	171.86	39.47	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	3,603.64	966.28	—	—	9.50	135.—	4,291.55	65.22	—
	468.47	125.62	—	—	1.24	17.55	557.90	8.48	—
25.									
26.	1,674.15	441.25	—	—	—	1,835.20	3,206.80	52.45	1.50
27.	2,346.75	678.90	—	—	—	3,905.40	4,141.60	341.65	58.60
28.	989.85	308.10	—	—	—	722.90	1,891.05	90.—	—
	5,010.75	1,428.25	—	—	—	6,463.50	9,239.45	484.10	60.10
	260.06	74.13	—	—	—	335.45	479.52	25.12	3.12
29.									
30.	2,606.40	650.50	—	—	—	1,903.60	4,282.10	—	—
31.	570.95	181.85	—	—	—	1,450.40	1,248.—	—	—
	3,177.35	832.35	—	—	—	3,354.—	5,530.10	—	—
	125.50	32.87	—	—	—	132.48	218.43	—	—
32.									
	524.35	—	—	—	102.05	—	—	—	—
	20.71	—	—	—	4.03	—	—	—	—
33.									
	2,471.—	668.85	—	104.15	—	—	51.—	—	—
	97.61	26.42	—	4.11	—	—	2.01	—	—
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	503.57	131.34	—	—	—	—	21.79	—	—
	183.10	47.76	—	—	—	—	7.92	—	—

RECAPITULATION

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2.	1,107.58	387.22	571.59	9.33	—	817.19	1,861.03	81.02	2.95
3.	416.29	85.—	—	—	—	578.09	250.20	27.01	17.93
4.	1,863.41	372.77	52.79	21.38	—	1,142.07	432.43	20.03	96.53
5.	1,757.85	480.08	42.68	—	171.57	1,981.81	2,069.77	68.98	33.31
6.	468.47	125.62	—	—	1.24	17.55	557.90	8.48	—
7.	260.06	74.13	—	—	—	335.45	479.52	25.12	3.12
8.	125.50	32.87	—	—	—	132.48	218.43	—	—
9.	20.71	—	—	—	4.03	—	—	—	—
10.	97.61	26.42	—	4.11	—	—	2.01	—	—
11.	183.10	47.76	—	—	—	—	7.92	—	—
	6,300.58	1,631.87	667.06	34.82	176.84	5,004.64	5,879.21	230.64	153.84
	6,477.82	1,692.02	316.54	31.83	104.80	6,602.72	5,448.87	299.13	178.18

First Rumanian Young People's Congress

Steen Rasmussen

THE rapidly growing Missionary Volunteer membership in the eastern part of our Southern European Division has for some time made it apparent that a youth's congress in this populous and promising section of our Division would be a great spiritual and educational factor and asset to our work as a whole. More than two years ago tentative plans were therefore discussed for the holding of such a meeting for our Missionary Volunteers in the Rumanian Union. But at the time conditions were rather unfavorable for the organization of such a large gathering.

When the Rumanian Union Conference committee met last winter in committee session, it was felt, however, that even though the financial depression and other abnormal conditions were still prevailing that a meeting should be called during the summer of 1934; the date July 4—10 being agreed upon. As a meeting place our mission school, centrally located at Brasov, was unanimously selected.

Brother P. H. Hermann, our enthusiastic and energetic union M. V. secretary, together with his local secretaries, the school management, Elder P. P. Paulini, the union president, and other members of the union committee, immediately began thorough preparations for the meeting. Government permission had first of all to be obtained for a gathering of this nature, and it proved no easy task to secure such authorization. However, after a number of interviews with prominent government officials, consent was finally granted by the authorities in Bucharest, and during the congress itself police authorities from the city of Brasov extended to us considerable attention and a good degree of courtesy.

Hardly had word been passed on into the field before hundreds of young people were busy making preparations and plans for financing a trip to the congress. Our believers and our Missionary Volunteers in Rumania while rich in faith are rather poor in earthly mammon, but the old saying, "where there is a will there is a way," indeed found its repeated application and fulfillment in the

experience of our Rumanian youth on this occasion.

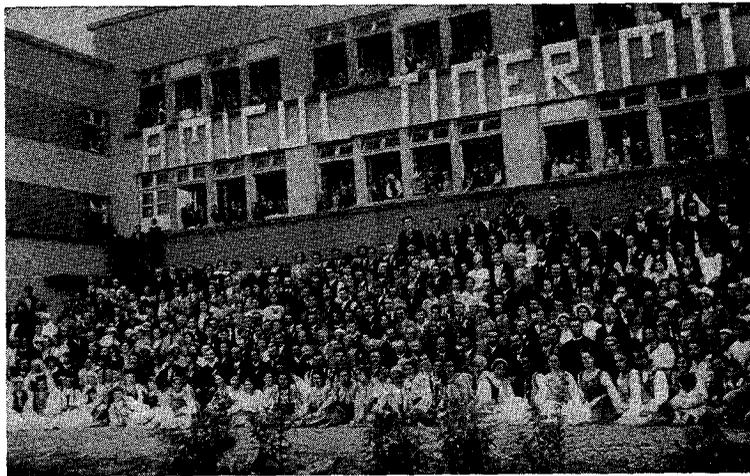
The meeting was held in a large meeting tent pitched on the school grounds close to the main building. The ordinary seating capacity of this tabernacle was about 500; nevertheless it had to hold more than 1000. In fact the attendance on the last two days of the congress exceeded 1300, and seemingly everybody present found either a seat or standing room under our canvass canopy.

It was no small task to house so many people in our own modest buildings. Yet all were properly taken care of both as far as sleeping quarters as well as meals were concerned, even though a number naturally had to suffer some inconveniences; an experience, however, not unfamiliar to our youth in Rumania. Brother Hermann and his associates gave fine leadership to the meeting in every way, and Brother D. Florea, the president of the school, and his staff co-operated admirably in making everyone feel at home.

We were favored with the presence of Elder I. H. Evans, vice-president of the General Conference, and Elder A. V. Olson, president of the Southern European Division. All members of the Rumanian Union committee were present, including the union president and the six local conference presidents. We also had the pleasure of having Brother F. Bäcker who for a number of years was young people's secretary in the West German Union, now superintendent of the Turkish Mission, and Brother M. Trifunac, M. V. leader in the Jugoslavian Union, with us.

Owing to the fact that Rumania and our membership in that field is exceedingly cosmopolitan, the meetings had to be carried on in three languages: Rumanian, Hungarian, and German. In fact there were also present at the congress young people representing the Ruthenian, the Russian, the Bulgarian, the Polish, and other nationalities within the union borders.

Not only was the general organization of the meeting well planned, but the topics and subjects assigned on the program were both spiritual and practical as well as inspirational and educational.



The excellent Bible studies given day by day made a deep impression upon the youthful minds, and many gained a new experience in the things of God. Especially was the Sabbath morning meeting, when Elder Evans spoke, a season when the Spirit of God came very near and melted hearts.

Two especially interesting features of the congress were the so-called national evening and the presentation of the five-year-plan diplomas. During the exercises of the national evening, groups of young people from all parts of the country, many of them in colorful national costumes and representing the various nationalities, rendered in song, music and speech beautiful testimonies of their joy in the Lord and their loyalty to the advent movement. The presentation of 450 certificates and diplomas to that many young people who were present was, indeed, an inspiration. It was during the years of 1928 and 1929 that this five-year-plan was perfected and introduced in the societies. It has consisted of besides the regularly prescribed Bible doctrines and denominational history courses, also courses in church and mission history, history of the Sabbath, the Spirit of prophecy, history of the tithe, etc. 2020 young people and a number of older church members have been enrolled in these courses, and 566 have successfully taken their examinations and received their certificate.

The congress further afforded a splendid opportunity for the youth to become well acquainted with our school and our educational standards and principles, and as a result of the meeting we expect that our school attendance next year will materially increase. Time and study was also given to our literature work. Our Rumanian young people's paper, "Amicul Tinerimii" (The Friend of the Youth), enjoys a circulation of over 8000.

A number of important resolutions were passed in connection with the meeting which will serve as a guide and basis for the future development of our young people's interests throughout this great field with its nearly 15,000 Seventh-day Adventists and 5000 Missionary Volunteers. We are persuaded that as the young people and their leaders have returned to their homes and their societies that we shall see a mighty forward advance all through the field, resulting not only in the addition of thousands of new members to our societies, but in a strong spiritual revival of soul winning activities throughout the field.

Excellent choir singing and orchestra music was a prominent and pleasant feature of the meeting. Splendid preparations had been made by local as well as combined choirs to render their very best in vocal as well as in instrumental music in honor of the Master. A new impetus was given to many young people to make use of song and music in real soul winning efforts.

Following the close of the meeting on Sunday, a general excursion was organized into the beautiful Carpathian Mountains at the foot of which lies our school and the city of Brasov. Hundreds of young people took part. The many friendships and associations which had been formed during the congress were tied still closer during this outing.

We believe that such large gatherings of our young people have their place and purpose in the work of God. On such occasions God comes especially near to the young people and displays His power, teaches new lessons and creates new impressions which live in the memory for years to come. Such meetings also make possible the storing up of new spiritual energy and power needed in times of emergency especially in a time like this when sin and temptation are so mightily at work.

What a wonderful thing it is for so many young people of various speech and nationality to meet in harmonious fellowship to study and discuss together ways and means of fitting themselves to become more consecrated, more efficient and more valiant and faithful ambassadors of peace as well as true sentinels of the Cross. The efforts and means spent are not in vain, but will bring a glorious harvest.

Take Time to Pray

In times of world stress, like these through which we are now passing, surely there is need of earnest prayer. We can never accomplish the task which God has given us to do without divine power. But to receive this power we must be connected with the source of all power. Yea, there must be a constant inflow of power into our lives. The plan of the devil is to so permeate us with the spirit of hurry and activity, that we shall forget to pray. This must not be. What do you say?

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NEWS NOTES

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The date of the next Division Winter Council has been set for December 11—18. In a recent session of the Division minority committee it was voted that the meeting be held at La Lignière, Gland. We are hopeful that a representative of the General Conference will meet with us as in previous years.

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In a letter which recently came to hand from Brother L. D. Ignace, we learn that the wife of the governor of the Seychelles Islands has attended a special meeting in our chapel in Victoria arranged in the interest of the Sabbath school and the Missionary Volunteer work. She expressed herself as very favorably impressed with the service and program which she attended, and extended her sincerest best wishes for the further success and progress of the work carried on by our missionary on these islands.

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Word has just reached us that Brother and Sister J. Erzberger, who have spent two and a half years in Cameroon, Brother Erzberger as secretary-treasurer and Sister Erzberger as medical missionary worker, have safely arrived in France on their furlough the early part of August. They are at present visiting with Brother Erzberger's relatives in Neandertal, Germany. We expect, however, they will later visit both Switzerland and France and recount many of the providences and leadings of God in the promising field from which they have come back. We extend a hearty welcome to them as they have returned for a period of rest and recuperation.

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During the month of July we had the privilege and pleasure of having Elder I. H. Evans, general vice-president of the General Conference, visit various sections of our Division and attend a number of important meetings. The first meeting profiting from Elder Evan's visit was the young people's congress in Brasov, Rumania, the first week in July. Later in the month he attended the annual meetings of the Léman, the Belgian, and the North France Conferences. His ministry in our midst was very timely and helpful, and our young people in Rumania especially will long remember his solemn and earnest message Sabbath morning during the congress.

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The statistical report received from the Madagascar Mission for the second quarter of the present year reveals the encouraging fact that

during the quarter 58 new members were added by baptism. This, together with some members added by letter and an adjustment in the membership, gives a net gain for the quarter of 62, increasing the membership from 249 at the beginning of the quarter, to 311 at the close. The report further reveals that a little over 12,000 French francs have been gathered in the recent Harvest Ingathering campaign, a result which indeed testifies to the faithfulness and earnest endeavor on the part of our workers and church members in that promising island field.

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In connection with the annual meeting of the Italian Union Mission a number of changes were made in the organization and the leadership of the field. Italy which has hitherto consisted of three local missions, will in the future be divided into only two local fields: the North and the South Italian Missions. Brother G. L. Lippolis who has served as superintendent of the union for a number of years, asked during the meeting to be released from his responsibilities. Brother L. Beer was appointed as superintendent in his place. In the South Italian Mission, with headquarters at Naples, Brother G. Cupertino will serve as superintendent. G. Pferschy, superintendent of the old South Italian Mission, has taken up evangelistic work in Trieste.

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Early reports concerning the Harvest Ingathering campaign which have reached our Division office seem to indicate that a number of churches in various parts of the field have already reached their goals and finished the campaign in a shorter period than in previous years. While the work is still in progress when this number of the QUARTERLY is sent into the field, the main effort nevertheless is in the past. We desire especially to call attention to the importance of a systematic follow-up work of the interested persons found in connection with the work of solicitation.

It is with sincere and deep sorrow that we record the death of Sister Ruth Augsburgur, née Jeanlouis, at Lausanne, Switzerland, June 6th. Sister Augsburgur was the wife of Brother U. Augsburgur, president of the Léman Conference. A year ago Brother and Sister Augsburgur were called upon to lay their oldest daughter Lydie to rest. This time the cruel hand of death took the mother away. The early part of the year Sister Augsburgur had to undergo

a major operation at the Gland sanitarium. Many earnest and sincere prayers had been offered in her behalf that she might regain her health and strength. Yet God willed it otherwise, and to His wise dealings we, His children, humbly submit. For twenty-five years Brother and Sister Augsburgur were united in the ties of a happy home. She was an unselfish, loving and devoted wife and mother, who nobly supported her husband in his ministry and responsibilities in the work of God. Her beautiful Christian character gained for her a host of friends wherever she went. We extend to Brother Augsburgur, his children and to all who mourn the loss of this dear member of God's family, our profoundest sympathy. While the separation from loved ones is sad and hard, yet it will not be long. Soon the Life-Giver will appear to do away with all sorrow, sickness and death. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

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Word reached us a few weeks ago that Sister Elisabeth Schuberth, wife of Elder H. F. Schuberth, had passed away on July 14 at Darmstadt, Germany, where her son Otto is principal of the Marienhöhe seminary. Brother Schuberth was attending meetings in Esthonia in the Baltic Union when he was suddenly called back to Germany, and it was but a few days after his return that his companion, following an operation, fell asleep in Christ. It was during the early spring of the present year that Brother and Sister Schuberth moved to Zurich, Switzerland, after Brother Schuberth had resigned from his heavy responsibilities as president of the Central Division. They hoped here to enjoy a time of quiet rest following their many years of ardent toil. Brother and Sister Schuberth who have been united in marriage for forty-two years, have unselfishly given of their best strength and service to God's cause for many decades in varied and heavy responsibilities. Sister Schuberth was an earnest, devoted Christian woman and a faithful companion to her husband through all the years so filled with joys, perplexities, difficulties and yet so glorious victories to the cause of God. We express to Brother Schuberth, his sons and other sorrowing relatives our sincere sympathy in this great loss, but we are comforted at the thought that earthly loss will soon be turned to heavenly gain.