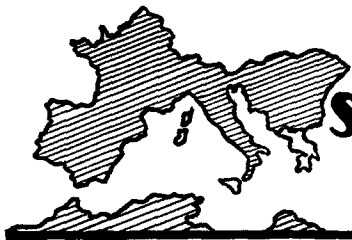


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Purity and Readiness

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The end of all things earthly is near at hand. Soon the long night of sin will be ended. Soon the glorious morning of our deliverance will dawn. And soon, if faithful, we shall stand with the redeemed around the great white throne. Then the trials and sorrows of earth will be no more. They will have vanished forever, and eternal joy and gladness will fill every heart forevermore.

What a glorious hope! What a blessed hope! How it bouys us up amidst the darkness and gloom of these last days! It thrills our very souls and fills our mouths with joyful praise.

We know that before the realization of this blessed hope we must pass through the stress and storm of the last days. "The time of trouble such as never was" is just before us. Satan is marshalling his host for the last great battle. Terrible will be the struggle, but the true child of God has nothing to fear. The one who is for us is greater than the one who is against us. Our Captain has never lost a battle. He is well able to lead us safely through the conflict and to present us with all the redeemed before His Father's throne.

But if we wish to be among that happy ransomed throng, then we must lay aside every known sin now. Says the apostle: "Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as He is pure". No one can enter into the kingdom of God whose garments are defiled by sin. Only those who have on the spotless white robes of Christ's righteousness will pass through the pearly gates.

Now is the day of preparation. The door of probation is still open, Christ our High Priest is still in the heavenly sanctuary. His voice is still pleading for us. Therefore today while mercy lingers, let us confess and forsake every sin. Let us plead with God for grace and strength to overcome every temptation and every weakness and to be kept pure and undefiled until the day of His appearing. If we are conscious of having wronged some one, be it a member of our family, a member of the church or an individual in the world, let us confess our wrong and seek to make it right. Let nothing be permitted to stand between us and our God, or between us and our fellow men. Every day we must make sure that our case is clear before God. Tomorrow may be too late.

It is also high time that we win our loved ones, our friends and our neighbors for the Lord. Soon it will be too late. Soon Jesus will lay off His priestly garments and leave the sanctuary. Then the door of mercy will be closed forever. Then the Spirit of God will no more appeal to sinners to turn and be saved. Then there will be no more pardon for sin. "Therefore" said Jesus, "be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." And again, "Watch therefore; for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come".

Gospel Light in African Darkness

Mrs. A. Sallée

The missionary laboring day by day among the natives, soon discovers not only the defects of his black brethren, but also his own imperfections. He soon finds out that he needs the patience of Job and the wisdom of Solomon in order to deal fatherly and prudently with these degenerated people. While by nature the black man is lazy and covetous, yet at the same time he is a very keen observer. He watches carefully the white man's actions, trying to discern the weak points in his character. Great numbers will come with outstretched arms and welcome the missionary, making him believe that they are ready to accept the blessed message he brings. But many of them come only for the bread and the fishes as in the time of the Lord.

Because they have been stooped in heathen darkness for centuries, it is no wonder that it is difficult to enlighten their darkened minds and to awaken their slumbering consciences. Only the Spirit of God is able to illuminate their understanding and create a real desire in them to become children of God.

A native, who regularly attended the meetings, once expressed himself in this way: "I feel thirsty for the word of God." As a result of this thirst his heart was changed. By the help of God he has conquered the temptation of strong drink and has abandoned his former immoral practices. He is now disgusted with his former life, and for two years he has lived up to his confession as a real Christian and is ready for baptism. Several others have made a similar experience. So we are thankful to God for the results already seen.

The best testimony to the power of the Bible is that borne by men who formerly were bound in the fetters of Satan, but who are now free and happy in the Lord. This change we witness in the lives of drunkards, medicine men and others who have been under the influence of the power of the devil.

"How is it," said some village people to a former drunkard, "that such a change has come about in your life? Before you were considered the worst man in our village, everyone being afraid of you, and now you are quite transformed, being kind to everybody." "Ah," the native answered, "it is the word of God which has changed my heart."

When we first arrived here, the natives would come not only begging for presents, but stealing was a common thing among them and became very annoying to us. But little by little the beggars learned that they got nothing from us un-

less working for it. Now they very seldom ask for anything except when they deserve a reward for a special service. Stealing has also ceased.

One of the customs here is that each tribe annually makes a feast usually at the beginning of the year. On such occasions eating, drinking and dancing is carried to such an excess that those participating completely lose their senses.

This year, however, we noticed a great change in their old habits of feasting. Instead of coming to beg for presents as formerly, they now came from our neighbor village inviting us to come and attend their feast. We wondered what had taken place, as we never used to be invited to partake in their heathen habits and practices. We accepted the invitation, however, and went to the place of festival.

On arriving we were delighted to hear our church hymns being sung. As we approached, what a surprise we had! A big square had been enclosed with high poles, and garlands were stretched from one pole to the other. A triumphal arch made of palm branches had been erected for us to pass under, and in the yard roof-like covers had been made of branches and leaves decorated with flowers, under which several small tables were nicely arranged. Around the tables people were sitting, eagerly listening to our Sabbath school teachers who had been invited to entertain and instruct those assembled. They were reviewing the lessons for the entire quarter.

After the Sabbath school exercises had been finished with prayer, time was given to the missionary to speak. Thus their day of festival was spent in singing, preaching and praying.

At night they had a meal together. Each family had brought something: chickens, goats, bananas, manioc, fruit etc. But no strong drinks were served, and in due time the people retired peacefully to their huts. What a change from their usual heathen revelry!

We returned home thankful to God for what we had seen and heard.

Progress in the Azores Islands

We are filled with gratitude to God for the blessings we have received since commencing the work here in the Azores. We have now been here nine months and are glad to report that some precious jewels have been found, and a number of people are taking their stand for the message we all love.

Statistical Report of the Southern Europ. Div. of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1935

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 Membership	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 EUR. DIV.													6	5	8	—	—	19				
2. FRANCO-BELGIAN U. C.													5	2	2	1	—	10				
3. Belgian Conference	12	523	8	—	12	20	3	6	7	16	4	527	5	4	3	3	18	33	18	629	504	
4. East France »	17	424	16	—	6	22	3	—	11	14	8	432	5	3	4	1	13	26	17	437	356	
5. North » »	13	538	21	—	1	22	—	—	—	—	22	560	3	4	9	—	16	32	14	443	338	
6. South » »	24	551	14	1	5	20	3	—	7	10	10	561	3	3	5	—	21	32	31	480	405	
	66	2036	59	1	24	84	9	6	25	40	44	2080	21	16	23	5	68	133	80	1989	1603	
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.													4	1	3	1	—	9				
8. Danube Conference	58	1411	88	8	5	101	25	1	4	30	71	1482	5	2	—	—	20	27	59	1733	1356	
9. Sava » »	31	571	26	1	7	34	5	2	2	9	25	596	3	1	—	—	12	16	31	784	550	
10. Morava » »	21	612	33	1	—	34	5	3	8	16	18	630	3	1	1	—	18	23	25	714	607	
	110	2594	147	10	12	169	35	6	14	55	114	2708	15	5	4	1	50	75	115	3231	2513	
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONF.													2	4	—	2	—	8				
12. West Muntenian Conference	118	4261	216	12	58	286	22	7	62	91	195	4456	11	3	7	1	22	44	118	7462	4815	
13. East » »	73	2157	65	13	73	151	24	2	72	98	53	2210	10	2	2	1	8	23	72	2904	1716	
14. North Moldavian » »	71	2333	26	6	81	113	20	10	86	116	—	2330	6	2	3	1	11	23	71	3811	2060	
15. South » »	56	1575	62	7	112	181	18	3	112	133	48	1623	8	2	2	1	11	24	56	2302	1106	
16. Transylvanian » »	123	2974	40	12	33	85	20	6	42	68	17	2991	9	—	4	5	12	30	129	4287	3100	
17. Banat » »	64	1558	69	7	65	141	21	2	63	86	55	1613	7	2	3	1	10	23	66	2360	1430	
	505	14858	478	57	422	957	125	30	437	592	365	15223	53	15	21	12	74	175	512	23126	14227	
18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE																						
19. German Swiss Conference	37	1396	36	—	8	44	27	5	19	51	—7	1389	10	1	7	6	27	51	49	1335	840	
20. Leman » »	20	969	24	3	1	28	12	2	5	19	9	978	5	2	2	7	15	31	25	683	573	
	57	2365	60	3	9	72	39	7	24	70	2	2367	15	3	9	13	42	82	74	2018	1413	
21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION													2	1	2	—	—	5				
22. Spanish Mission	10	361	6	—	4	10	2	1	4	7	3	364	3	5	5	—	23	36	18	416	390	
23. Portuguese » »	6	275	19	1	—	20	—	—	—	—	20	295	2	2	4	1	15	24	4	219	239	
24. Island » »	2	41	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	43	1	1	2	—	1	5	2	97	90	
	18	677	25	1	6	32	2	1	4	7	25	702	8	9	13	1	39	70	24	732	719	
25. ITALIAN UNION MISSION													2	1	3	1	—	7				
26. North Italian Mission	15	370	19	—	14	33	3	1	17	21	12	382	5	3	2	—	18	28	18	407	347	
27. South » »	12	285	9	—	7	16	7	—	6	13	3	288	3	3	3	2	6	17	14	324	298	
	27	655	28	—	21	49	10	1	23	34	15	670	10	7	8	3	24	52	32	731	645	
28. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISS.													1	—	2	—	—	3				
29. Algerian Mission	8	208	17	2	7	26	2	—	11	13	13	221	2	4	2	3	10	21	10	245	195	
30. Moroccan » »	3	50	10	—	4	14	—	—	—	—	14	64	1	1	—	—	2	4	3	81	74	
	11	258	27	2	11	40	2	—	11	13	27	285	4	5	4	3	12	28	13	326	269	
31. EQUAT. AFRIC. MISS. *)	2	93	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	4	—4	89	1	2	2	—	—	5	24	1818	1639	
32. MADAGASCAR MISSION *)	8	317	9	—	21	30	—	1	2	3	27	344	3	1	9	2	8	23	15	706	576	
33. MAURITIUS MISSION *)	9	521	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—2	519	2	—	12	—	1	15	29	881	557	

RECAPITULATION

1. Southern European Division													6	5	8	—	—	19				
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	66	2036	59	1	24	84	9	6	25	40	44	2080	21	16	23	5	68	133	80	1989	1603	
3. Yugoslavian » »	110	2594	147	10	12	169	35	6	14	55	114	2708	15	5	4	1	50	75	115	3231	2513	
4. Rumanian » »	505	14858	478	57	422	957	125	30	437	592	365	15223	53	15	21	12	74	175	512	23126	14227	
5. Swiss » »	57	2365	60	3	9	72	39	7	24	70	2	2367	15	3	9	13	42	82	74	2018	1413	
6. Iberian Union Mission	18	677	25	1	6	32	2	1	4	7	25	702	8	9	13	1	39	70	24	732	719	
7. Italian » »	27	655	28	—	21	49	10	1	23	34	15	670	10	7	8	3	24	52	32	731	645	
8. North African Union Mission	11	258	27	2	11	40	2	—	11	13	27	285	4	5	4	3	12	28	13	326	269	
9. Equat. African » »	2	93	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	4	—4	89	1	2	2	—	—	5	24	1818	1639	
10. Madagascar » »	8	317	9	—	21	30	—	1	2	3	27	344	3	1	9	2	8	23	15	706	576	
11. Mauritius » »	9	521	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—2	519	2	—	12	—	1	15	29	881	557	
Totals 2nd quarter 1935	813	24374	833	74	526	1433	225	54	541	820	613	24987	138	68	113	40	318	677	918	35558	24161	
» 2nd » 1934	765	23177	711	79	356	1146	316	72	370	758	388	23365	137	62	101	45	338	683	886	33854	22276	

*) Report for the first quarter 1935.

Financial Report of the Southern Europ. Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1935

Name of Conference or Mission	Total Tithe	Total Offerings (incl. Specials)	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. 63,592.—	22,238.—	2,603.50	422.40	68,525.02
East France Conference	" " 51,141.50	27,768.15	43.50	137.10	52,130.—
5. North " "	" " 65,659.—	47,141.—	3,647.25	1,009.50	74,219.50
6. South " "	" " 44,320.50	41,609.40	2,474.45	1,423.—	66,112.50
	F. Fr. 224,713.—	138,756.55	8,768.70	2,992.—	260,987.02
	\$ 8,876.10	5,480.87	346.36	118.18	10,308.97
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.					
8. Danube Conference.	Dinar 67,003.80	32,487.—	—	—	29,896.—
8. Sava " "	" " 46,234.20	16,522.38	—	—	27,020.—
10. Morava " "	" " 41,908.80	23,608.50	—	—	36,543.—
	Dinar 155,146.80	72,617.88	—	—	93,459.—
	\$ 2,746.—	1,285.32	—	—	1,654.23
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONFERENCE					
12. West Muntenian Conference	Lei 605,510.20	223,686.75	—	—	207,447.—
13. East " "	" " 217,090.—	82,484.—	—	—	65,653.—
14. North Moldavian	" " 186,079.50	61,553.—	—	—	93,988.—
15. South " "	" " 138,285.—	61,637.—	—	—	77,609.—
16. Transylvanian	" " 295,438.40	86,656.25	—	—	89,678.—
17. Banat " "	" " 153,222.50	49,482.50	—	—	74,492.—
	Lei 1,595,625.60	565,499.50	—	—	608,867.—
	\$ 9,573.70	3,393.—	—	—	3,653.19
18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE					
19. German Swiss Conf.	Sw. Fr. 57,750.—	22,990.35	1,654.—	4,490.70	33,039.—
20. Leman Conference	" " 29,175.70	12,690.16	1,886.15	5,327.61	25,963.—
	Sw. Fr. 86,925.70	35,680.51	3,540.15	9,818.31	59,002.—
	\$ 16,863.60	6,922.04	686.78	1,904.75	11,446.37
21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION					
22. Spanish Mission	Pesetas 11,471.40	6,373.72	—	—	33,444.40
23. Portuguese " "	" " 5,351.80	2,752.63	—	—	14,674.60
24. Island " "	" " 954.60	354.68	—	—	1,047.75
	Pesetas 17,777.80	9,481.03	—	—	49,166.75
	\$ 2,311.10	1,232.54	—	—	6,391.69
25. ITALIAN UNION MISSION					
26. North Italian Mission	Lire 18,475.30	17,618.50	—	—	29,195.75
27. South " "	" " 8,762.60	8,136.25	—	—	12,701.20
	Lire 27,237.90	25,754.75	—	—	41,896.95
	\$ 1,413.60	1,336.67	—	—	2,174.43
28. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISSION					
29. Algerian Mission	F. Fr. 20,292.—	7,057.45	1,489.95	—	35,339.75
30. Moroccan " "	" " 5,623.—	2,281.55	—	—	13,903.75
	F. Fr. 25,915.—	9,339.—	1,489.95	—	49,243.50
	\$ 1,023.—	368.89	58.85	—	1,945.12
31. EQ. AFRICAN MISSION *)	F. Fr. 3,536.30	1,223.41	—	—	—
	\$ 139.70	48.32	—	—	—
32. MADAGASCAR MISSION *)	F. Fr. 9,400.—	2,624.40	—	—	5,903.85
	\$ 371.30	103.71	—	—	233.20
33. MAURITIUS MISSION *)	Rs. 3,679.—	615.26	68.18	120.63	280.44
	\$ 1,337.60	223.71	24.79	43.86	101.96
RECAPITULATION					
1. Southern European Division	\$ 8,876.10	5,480.87	346.36	118.18	10,308.97
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	\$ 2,746.—	1,285.32	—	—	1,654.23
3. Jugoslavian " "	\$ 9,573.70	3,393.—	—	—	3,653.19
4. Rumanian " "	\$ 16,863.60	6,922.04	686.78	1,904.75	11,446.37
5. Swiss " "	\$ 2,311.10	1,232.54	—	—	6,391.69
6. Iberian " Mission	\$ 1,413.60	1,336.67	—	—	2,174.43
7. Italian " "	\$ 1,023.—	368.89	58.85	—	1,945.12
8. North African " "	\$ 139.70	48.32	—	—	—
9. Eq. African Mission *)	\$ 371.30	103.71	—	—	233.20
10. Madagascar " *)	\$ 1,337.60	223.71	24.79	43.86	101.96
11. Mauritius " *)	\$				
Totals 2nd quarter 1935	\$ 44,653.70	20,395.07	1,116.78	2,066.79	37,909.16
" 2nd quarter 1934	\$ 40,726.90	20,079.50	834.12	1,718.36	41,344.30

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Specification of Mission Offerings (Column No. 3)

	Sabbath School Offerings (exc. 13th Sabbath)	13th Sabbath Offering	Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous Offerings	Self Denial Offerings	Special Offer.		
							Big Week	Young People's Collection	(Relief Fund) Weekly Offerings
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1.									
2.									
3.	8,207.15	1,548.70	88.45	—	53.25	6,150.65	6,194.80	—	—
4.	6,529.20	3,067.50	—	—	200.—	5,223.20	12,462.50	200.—	85.75
5.	8,990.75	2,340.30	14,893.30	20.—	448.85	6,548.75	13,899.05	—	—
6.	5,085.45	1,816.75	21,288.80	65.—	80.—	5,111.—	7,742.50	419.90	—
	28,812.55	8,773.25	36,265.55	85.—	782.10	23,033.60	40,298.85	619.90	85.75
	1,138.09	346.54	1,432.49	3.36	30.89	909.82	1,591.80	24.50	3.38
7.									
8.	11,525.—	1,660.25	582.25	—	—	10,093.75	7,786.25	487.—	352.50
9.	5,395.75	1,220.50	11.—	—	—	6,901.75	2,476.—	286.50	230.88
10.	5,762.—	1,063.25	48.—	—	—	10,465.50	5,719.75	281.50	268.50
	22,682.75	3,944.—	641.25	—	—	27,461.—	15,982.—	1,055.—	851.88
	401.48	69.81	11.35	—	—	486.06	282.88	18.67	15.07
11.									
12.	114,794.—	22,808.—	1,522.—	4,093.—	1,724.—	66,309.75	—	5,619.—	6,817.—
13.	48,869.—	11,238.—	461.—	351.—	1,499.—	15,731.—	—	2,173.—	2,159.—
14.	41,436.75	6,901.75	394.—	—	—	10,879.—	—	645.50	1,296.—
15.	30,120.—	6,300.—	220.—	399.—	—	21,050.—	—	2,254.—	1,294.—
16.	44,932.—	10,855.75	2,912.—	—	6,096.—	20,453.75	—	258.—	1,148.75
17.	22,993.—	7,388.—	445.—	—	1,087.—	16,205.—	—	350.—	1,014.50
	303,144.75	65,491.50	5,954.—	4,846.—	10,406.—	150,628.50	—	11,299.50	13,729.25
	1,818.87	392.94	35.74	29.07	62.44	903.77	—	67.80	82.37
18.									
19.	5,512.—	1,217.—	—	—	2,743.25	6,747.—	6,348.—	271.10	152.—
20.	5,335.53	1,391.71	—	—	1,425.30	2,717.47	1,575.33	1,234.77	10.05
	9,847.53	2,608.71	—	—	4,168.55	9,464.47	7,923.33	1,505.87	162.05
	1,910.43	506.08	—	—	808.70	1,836.11	1,537.14	292.14	31.44
21.									
22.	2,345.47	639.70	—	—	247.25	763.75	2,316.55	61.—	—
23.	807.31	329.98	—	—	238.54	—	1,376.80	—	—
24.	213.37	64.80	—	—	—	—	51.01	25.50	—
	3,366.15	1,034.48	—	—	485.79	763.75	3,744.36	86.50	—
	437.60	134.48	—	—	63.16	99.29	486.77	11.24	—
25.									
26.	3,563.10	1,109.05	—	—	289.95	4,613.85	7,468.05	536.—	38.50
27.	1,896.60	521.20	—	—	—	2,492.30	2,649.25	576.90	—
	5,459.70	1,630.25	—	—	289.95	7,106.15	10,117.30	1,112.90	38.50
	283.36	84.61	—	—	15.04	368.81	525.09	57.76	2.—
28.									
29.	2,585.30	392.90	—	—	—	226.—	3,853.25	—	—
30.	687.95	219.75	—	—	—	270.—	1,103.85	—	—
	3,273.25	612.65	—	—	—	496.—	4,957.10	—	—
	129.29	24.20	—	—	—	19.59	195.81	—	—
31.									
	360.40	—	—	500.—	101.41	—	261.60	—	—
	14.24	—	—	19.75	4.—	—	10.33	—	—
32.									
	1,893.80	672.60	—	58.—	—	—	—	—	—
	74.85	26.57	—	2.29	—	—	—	—	—
33.									
	477.45	137.81	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	173.60	50.11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

RECAPITULATION

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2.	1,138.09	346.54	1,432.49	3.36	30.89	909.82	1,591.80	24.50	3.38
3.	401.48	69.81	11.35	—	—	486.06	282.88	18.67	15.07
4.	1,818.87	392.94	35.74	29.07	62.44	903.77	—	67.80	82.37
5.	1,910.43	506.08	—	—	808.70	1,836.11	1,537.14	292.14	31.44
6.	437.60	134.48	—	—	63.16	99.29	486.77	11.24	—
7.	283.36	84.61	—	—	15.04	368.81	525.09	57.76	2.—
8.	129.29	24.20	—	—	—	19.59	195.81	—	—
9.	14.24	—	—	19.75	4.—	—	10.33	—	—
10.	74.85	26.57	—	2.29	—	—	—	—	—
11.	173.60	50.11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	6,381.81	1,635.34	1,479.58	54.47	984.23	4,623.45	4,629.82	472.11	134.26
	6,300.58	1,631.87	667.06	34.82	176.84	5,004.64	5,879.21	230.64	153.84

We have just finished a series of public meetings in our hall in the center of the city of Ponta Delgada, and are glad to report that we have organized a baptismal class of fifteen. Of course this is not the result entirely of the hall effort. Most of the members of the class have become interested through the tracts we have carried from door to door. May God bless our literature work throughout the world. It is the least expensive and the most effective method of winning souls in some places.

Our Sabbath school work is encouraging. The members are studying their lessons daily and we handed out eight Honor Cards for the past quarter. I am also glad to report that right after presenting a study on the tithing question several came to us privately asking for the tithe envelopes and are now faithfully paying their tithe. There are even some among the tithe payers who are not enrolled in the baptismal class.

Remember us in your prayers. After we get the work well organized here in the center of the Azores, we are going to visit other islands in this group.

E. P. Mansell.

The High Calling of the Gospel Colporteur

The original of the word "Colporteur" implies one who bears a burden. This is the proper meaning of the name of the distributor of God's saving message to His enemies through the printed page. It is not a physical burden such as carrying books from house to house that makes the colporteur's calling a high and holy one; it is the burden of heart which he bears for the souls of those to whom he goes, that distinguishes him and his work as of a high and sacred order. The colporteur is a man of courage. He heeds this word of God, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

The command of God to "go forward" given to the children of Israel at the Red Sea inspires him to go through Red Seas and Jordans of difficulties, and to cross burning deserts in order that men may receive the peace of the gospel and the hope of eternal life. "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things." These words of God can be spoken only of those carrying a great burden for the souls of men,

and who under that burden bring to them the page that publishes the gospel of peace and glad tidings of good things. The manifest devotion of our colporteurs, — ministers of the grace of God, — is in itself an evidence of their high calling. The spirit of sacrifice which they show in leaving their homes and their families for long periods, enduring, as they do, hardships, reproach, and scorn is in itself another indication of the purity and greatness of their mission.

Only men of strong courage and noble purpose will espouse an unpopular, even though a great cause, when it calls for sacrifice on their part. There can indeed be no higher calling than the ministry of God's love to man whether proclaimed by the living preacher or through the colporteur; it is a calling that should appeal to every lover of his fellow men. It enables man to bring to his fellow men God's comfort in sorrow, His strength in endeavor, His purity, His righteousness, and in the end everlasting life. No calling among men should be considered higher than that of the gospel colporteur.

Frederick Griggs.

The Protecting Hand of God

In a recent communication from L.D. Ignace, our lone missionary on the Seychelles Islands, we learn that a very severe and torrential rain-storm has struck the islands some weeks ago. It was the main island, Mahé, which suffered the worst. Brother Ignace who was on his way by boat to another island to do missionary work, was obliged to return to Victoria, on Mahé Island, as it was impossible to effect a landing due to the terrific wind and the heavy rains.

The downpour was so heavy that six and a half inches of rain fell in just a few hours. The rivers were flooded and there was a general inundation of the plateau. Houses were undermined, roads flooded, palm trees uprooted and carried into the sea together with fowls, ducks, fruits and vegetables. Many people had their copra entirely spoiled or carried into the sea. The devastation was general. In his letter Brother Ignace writes:

"After the waters had subsided a little I went to our church compound, wondering what I would find. I am glad to state that I found everything, even all the flower pots, in their respective places. Not a single flower or plant had been broken. This was very astonishing, for at a distance of only five feet from our

church compound there is a river that had overflowed and yet the waters had done no damage to our church building or to the vegetation within the compound.

"The next thing I did was to visit our church members, as I rather concluded that some of them had suffered severe losses. So I went out to encourage and to comfort them. But to my great surprise I found everybody cheerful and happy. None of them had lost a single plant, not even a single chicken. Surely we praise the Lord for His wonderful protection.

"Last week the deacon of our church and I visited our group of believers on Cerfs Island where the storm had also raged. Here we found too that our brethren had been wonderfully protected, even though their nearest neighbors had suffered very severe losses. One of our brethren on that island stated that he had not even lost a single piece of copra. When I witnessed and heard this testimony I could not but exclaim with the Psalmist and say: "God is our refuge and strength, and a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. There is a river, the stream whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; She shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early." Ps. 46: 1-5.

Steen Rasmussen.

Wedding Bells

A very pretty wedding was celebrated in Berne, Thursday, October 10, four p. m. at the home of Elder and Mrs. Steen Rasmussen, the bride's uncle and aunt, when Miss Louise Gwendolyn Olsen, oldest daughter of Professor and Mrs. M. E. Olsen, of Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., was united in marriage to Dr. Daniel Walther, only son of Mrs. A. Walther-Bracher, and President of our denominational training school and seminary at Collonges-sous-Salève, France. A large group of happy friends, relatives and a delegation of students from the seminary attended the ceremony at which Elders Rasmussen and Wall officiated. Appropriate musical selections were rendered by members of the Division staff. Following a short reception, the serving of light refreshments, and a pleasant hour with the wedding party, the bridal pair left for a few days' visit in the Bernese Alps before taking up their many duties and responsibilities at the seminary. We join a large circle of relatives and friends in wishing the happy couple Heaven's richest blessings as they enter upon the God-given pleasure of home-making, praying that the sunshine of the Master's love may always be theirs. We feel confident that their lives will bring inspiration and cheer in the wide sphere of their united influence and service.

"God bless these hands united,
 God bless these hearts made one,
 Unswerved and unblighted
 May they through life go on:
 There in earth's home preparing
 For the bright home above:
 And there forever sharing
 Its joy, where 'God is love!'"

S. R.

The Ministerial Reading Courses

The Ministerial Association of our Division has recently made the following selection of Reading Course books for the year 1935-36 in French and German:

French Course

- „Jésus-Christ, E. G. White.
- „Histoire de la Réforme Française,"
 1er vol., J. Viénot.
- „A l'Ecole de la Prière," A. Murray.

German Course

- „Zeugnisse für die Gemeinde," 2. Bd. E. G. White.
- „Israel ein Wunder der Geschichte," Jakob Kroeker.
- „Dass ich wäre wie Er," David Berli.

Complete information regarding the English course has not yet been received from the Ministerial Association of the General Conference. As soon as we are fully informed, a circular letter will be sent to all English-reading workers in the Division with a detailed description of the books, price, etc.

The same financial arrangements which obtained last year in the securing of the books have been renewed for the present courses.

We sincerely trust that all workers will decide to take at least one of the courses. In other languages such as Italian, Spanish, Rumanian, Jugoslavian, etc., announcement for the respective courses will be made in each union field.

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NEWS NOTES

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A few months ago, *Eugene Rey*, of the North African Union, came to Switzerland in search of better health. We are pleased to state that Brother Rey has improved considerably and expects soon to return to his old field of labor in Tlemcen, Algeria.

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Albert Meyer and family who have been in France on a few months' furlough, have again returned to Oran, Algeria, to continue their work. We wish them God's richest blessing in the great North African field where they have spent so many years in faithful toil.

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Arrangements have now been perfected for the sailing of Brother and Sister *W. Ruf* and their two children from Marseille, October 10, for the Mauritius Mission. *F. Augsburg*, the director of the Mauritius Mission, and our believers in that far-away field are anxiously looking forward to the arrival of this new missionary family.

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Prospects indicate that the enrollment in our three training schools this year will be considerably larger than during 1934. The Collonges school already reports an attendance of 99, which is about 25 more than last year at this time. The Rumanian and the Yugoslavian schools which are opening during October, also expect to have an increased enrollment.

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A few weeks ago, *A. J. Girou* together with his wife and son arrived in Europe from Mauritius, after having spent six years in our island mission field of the South Indian Ocean. After having had a little time of rest, Brother Girou will enter upon his new responsibilities in the Iberian Union during the month of November.

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Z. Yérétsian and family arrived in Bordeaux, France, from Cameroon the early part of September on their second furlough.

We are happy to welcome them back for a short period of rest. Brother *Yérétsian* will probably visit a number of churches in France during the fall and the winter months, recounting the providences of God in the great field of Equatorial Africa.

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According to present plans, the Division Winter Council will be held in the city of Zagreb, Jugoslavia, December 10 — 17. We are hoping to have a representative from the General Conference attend this important gathering. A new mission building and chapel has been constructed during the summer in Zagreb. Thus we shall have the opportunity to hold the Council in our own building.

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A. D. Gomes, superintendent of the Portuguese Mission, sends word that a new church school with an enrollment of 45 pupils has been started this fall in the city of Lisbon. It is with real pleasure that we record the opening of this new training center for our own children. In other parts of our Division plans are being laid for the establishment of similar schools for our own children.

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From correspondence recently received from *A. F. Raposo*, the leader of our work in the Cape Verde Islands, we gather the encouraging news that on one of his itinerating trips he came in contact with about eighty people who were observing the Sabbath. The sowing of our literature throughout these islands by a lay member and one of our colporteurs of late years, is seemingly bearing abundant fruitage.

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It gives us pleasure to announce that *M. Fridlin* and wife who have accepted a call to the Equatorial African Mission, will leave for their new field of labor November 13. The Franco-Belgian Union and the East France Conference are making a real sacrifice in releasing Brother

and Sister *Fridlin* for work in the African continent.

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We are sorry to announce that one of the workers in the Iberian Union, Brother *J. Minan* who came to Portugal several years ago and has rendered such splendid service in building up the colporteur work, is leaving our Division, returning to his former field of labor in Brazil, South America. Brother Minan has been connected with the work in Spain the last couple of years as evangelist. We wish him and his family God's richest blessing as they go back to the "Continent of Opportunity."

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The youth's congress held at our training school at Collonges during the latter part of July, marked a new era, we believe, along certain lines in the history of the Missionary Volunteer movement of our Division. There were about 400 young people present during most of the congress. In fact on the Sabbath the attendance rose to over 700, including our church members generally. Representatives from sixteen different nationalities were present. A complete report of this meeting has recently been published in French in the *Revue Adventiste*, and a similar report will also appear in German in the December number of *Advent-Echo*.

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The annual conference sessions throughout the Division have been unusually well attended this year. In fact in several instances the attendance was almost twice as large as the year before. A profound spirit of harmony and unity has prevailed in the meetings it has been our privilege to attend. Both workers and believers generally have anew placed themselves unreservedly upon the altar for the finishing of the work. A real willingness to sacrifice for the work has manifested itself in large offerings for the work at home and in foreign fields.