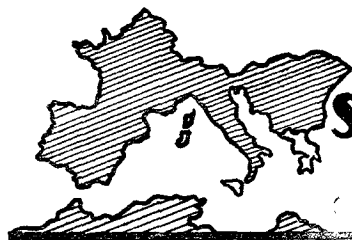


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A Vast Stretch of Unoccupied Fields *

By the Editor

Now let us consider Africa. Southern Europe's territory in the "dark continent" is confined to North, West, East and Equatorial Africa, viz.: Tripolitania, Cyrenaica, Tunisia, Algeria, Tangier, Morocco, Rio de Oro, Senegal, Mauritania, Portuguese Guinea, and French Equatorial Africa south of latitude 10 north, and on the east coast, French and Italian East Africa. It can readily be seen that this is a very vast territory; what is more, it is still practically unentered.

In North Africa we have established work in Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco. The church of Casablanca, at one extremity, is 1600 miles from the church in Tunis, at the other extreme point of activity. Between these two points, eight churches and a few groups are valiantly spreading the light.

It is here that Islam devastated the heritage of Christ and swept like a sirocco blast from the Nile to the Atlantic, wiping out all the Christian churches. Throughout the dark ages and until today, the Moslem has been the religious dictator in North Africa, forming 82 % in Algeria, to 97 % in Morocco, of the population. The crusades did not shake him. The only missionary of Christianity at that period was the lonely but undaunted Raymond Lull, martyred in Bougie, Algeria, in 1315, and who was ever true to his own motto: "He who loves not, lives not." This same spirit is necessary today if spiritually destitute North Africa is to receive the "Everlasting Gospel."

Our West African territory is still untouched by the message. Rio de Oro, Mauritania, Senegal and Portuguese Guinea are a vast spiritual desert where the followers of Mohammed have dried up the very wells of conscience. Rio de Oro is 100 % Moslem, Mauritania 99 %, and

Senegal 68 %. Islam has made its inroads from the North into Senegal and Portuguese Guinea, even down into Equatorial Africa. In many villages, formerly pagan, the call of the muezzin floats from the minaret. Today Islam is extremely active and aggressive. In French West Africa alone, there are 7583 Koran schools, with 59,378 pupils. The program embraces a plan for the religious education of all Africa. Societies are being organized for the purpose of holding "revival meetings" and penetrating into non-Moslem regions. A leader of this movement in West Africa recently outlined the program of these societies thus: "The clarion call of Islam will be the subject of the future at each center."

All these lands of West Africa are a Gibraltar of the enemy of souls. We all know that. But has not the time come to establish strong bases in these lands where the banner of the "Everlasting Gospel" has never been unfurled? As we wait, Islam pushes forward its program of spiritual devastation and renders our task increasingly difficult. Yes, French West Africa is a tremendous challenge to the vital force of the Advent Movement.

French Equatorial Africa has been entered, but our efforts to the present time have been confined to the unchristianized tribes of central-east and north Cameroon. The Southern European Division operates three main stations situated on the old slave route leading from the savannas of the interior to Yaoundé, the present capital. These three main stations are the administrative centers for the operation of about thirty outpost stations. Outside of this work in the Cameroon, French Equatorial Africa is unoccupied. We have nothing in the Gabon,

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the Moyen Congo and the territory of Oubangui-Chari.

We cannot say that French Equatorial Africa is an easy field. On the contrary, it is the stronghold of Catholicism in Africa. Rome claims four million Catholics in Africa, more than half of whom are in Equatorial Africa. But notwithstanding this, French Equatorial Africa is a promising field and with the necessary men and means we could build up a most marvelous work. My visit to this field last year has brought home to my heart this definite conviction. Furthermore, I believe that we are on the eve of a mighty expansion in Equatorial Africa. The message is flying from lip to lip, and providential interests are springing up in distant parts. The Cameroon work could become rapidly the center of a work that could spread quickly over

all French Equatorial Africa. I feel we must step in and follow up God's opening providences before the doors close.

I could still speak of the unentered regions of French and Italian East Africa, and the unoccupied islands of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. The islands too "wait for the law" and could tell a heart stirring story of appeal. Yes, from the banks of the Dniester and the Black Sea in the East, to the Azores in the West, and from the shores of the North Sea to the silver-belted islands of the Indian Ocean, we have, I believe, an unparalleled stretch of unentered territories. The giving of the "Everlasting Gospel" to these lands is a task challenging enough to call out all the energies and enthusiasm and adventure of the Advent people.

Annual Assembly in Mauritius

May, the lovely month whose praises are sung so gayly in Europe, has its charms in Mauritius too. The burning summer heat from November to April is forgotten, and yielding to the balmy mildness of the atmosphere, nature clothes itself with brightness and beauty everywhere.

May has strewn an abundance of mauve colored flowers over the bougainvilles hedge which borders the "route royale" in front of our Beau-Bassin church building. This would be sufficient to attract the attention of passers-by, but there is something else which seems to catch their interest much more.

Unusual animation prevails in the churchyard. It is mid-week, but the church door stands wide open to admit a multitude of worshippers. A large poster fastened to the front of the building announces the annual gathering of Seventh-day Adventists and the six subjects to be presented in the public evening lectures. Who could have believed that Adventists, so despised and scoffed at twenty years ago, would multiply to such strength? They were only a handful then, but today they form a people, a people remarkable not only for the number of its members, for its churches and meeting halls, but also for its evangelists who are proclaiming the beautiful message of Christ's return in every corner of the island. Thus with more assurance than ever, and in greater numbers than ever, members and friends flock into the Beau-Bassin church for another annual spiritual feast.

The Bible studies, business sessions, young people's meetings follow in succession and are

well attended, for no one wants to miss the fine exhortations of our visitors, Brethren Beach and Bureaud, who have come especially to attend the gathering. The business meetings revealed a number of very encouraging facts concerning the onward march of the gospel in Mauritius. The tithes and offerings for 1937 amounted to Rs. 19,460.47, instead of Rs. 18,141.74 for 1936. Brother Davis, the treasurer, stated in his report that from 1930 to 1937 the Mauritius Mission received a total of Rs. 155,654.81 in tithes and offerings. Thirty souls were added to the church last year by baptism, which brought the total number of members at the end of 1937 to 544 Members, evangelists and pastors are faithfully sowing the seed of truth, and we hope and trust, with our two visitors, to be able to reach a membership of 600 by the end of the present year. We thank God for His help in the past and pray that He will give us more zeal in the future in view of the triumph of His cause here in Mauritius.

The triumph of the Advent Movement was the keynote of the evening lectures given by Brethren Ruf, Veuthey, Beach and Bureaud respectively. These lectures visibly impressed the large audiences present each night. A large number of Nicodemuses also listened attentively at the windows under the cover of night.

The Sabbath, of course, was the great day of the feast. The morning service, conducted by Brother Beach, deeply stirred our hearts. Fourteen persons rose to their feet signifying publicly their desire to join the church through baptism. The collection brought in Rs. 2,665.82 (more than \$ 1,000). The afternoon service was

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Statistical Report of the Southern Europ. Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1938.

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	Caryassers	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	6	7	—	—	19				
2. FRANCO-BELGIAN U. C.		5																				
3. Belgian Conference	15	58	33	1	1	35	6	1	5	12	23	581	7	5	4	—	16	30	18	633	600	
4. East France »	17	446	15	—	3	18	1	1	4	6	12	458	5	3	3	1	9	21	16	428	343	
5. North » »	15	720	22	—	8	30	9	2	6	17	13	733	3	4	10	—	21	38	14	567	442	
6. South » »	25	631	12	—	2	14	—	—	6	6	8	639	5	2	5	1	16	29	31	358	490	
	72	2355	82	1	14	97	16	4	21	41	56	2411	25	17	26	2	62	132	79	1986	1875	
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.													4	—	2	2	—	8				
8. Danube Conference	63	1800	69	3	20	92	8	4	21	33	59	1859	6	1	2	—	22	31	69	2055	1496	
9. Sava »	39	871	42	2	12	56	2	1	13	16	40	911	4	—	3	—	15	22	40	1020	708	
10. Morava » »	30	829	51	1	21	73	10	6	19	35	38	867	4	1	2	—	21	28	32	1004	834	
	132	3500	162	6	53	221	20	11	53	84	137	3637	18	2	9	2	58	89	141	4079	3038	
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONF.													5	3	12	11	—	31				
12. West Muntanian Conference	138	5094	155	13	64	232	36	5	66	107	125	5219	14	7	7	1	21	50	137	8320	5492	
13. East » »	84	2540	107	7	22	136	13	10	23	46	90	2630	11	3	4	—	8	26	87	3998	2947	
14. North Moldavian »	85	3046	217	8	37	262	24	8	33	65	197	3243	9	2	6	3	8	28	83	4677	3417	
15. South » »	63	1876	52	5	36	93	9	5	17	31	62	1938	9	4	2	—	10	25	63	3113	1615	
16. Transylvanian »	129	3257	37	15	23	75	23	7	22	52	23	3280	9	5	3	2	20	39	129	4575	3662	
17. Banat » »	63	1785	70	12	7	89	5	9	13	27	62	1847	10	4	1	2	6	23	85	2380	1850	
	562	17598	638	60	189	887	110	44	174	328	559	18157	67	28	35	19	73	222	584	27063	18983	
18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE.													1	1	—	—	—	2				
19. German Swiss Conference	37	1440	26	—	5	31	20	5	7	32	—	1439	7	3	7	4	25	46	37	1357	977	
20. Léman » »	20	987	17	4	4	25	1	5	6	12	13	1000	6	1	4	5	15	31	25	768	649	
	57	2427	43	4	9	56	21	10	13	44	12	2439	14	5	11	9	40	79	62	2125	1626	
21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION													1	—	—	—	—	1				
22. Spanish Mission	10	403	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	403	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
23. Portuguese Conference	7	333	34	1	12	47	2	1	11	14	33	366	2	2	5	7	6	22	6	411	425	
24. Madeira Mission	1	79	12	—	—	12	2	—	—	2	10	89	1	—	1	—	—	2	1	128	106	
25. Azores »	1	22	12	—	—	12	—	—	2	2	10	32	1	—	1	—	—	2	2	50	49	
	19	837	58	1	12	71	4	1	13	18	53	890	5	2	7	7	6	27	9	589	580	
26. ITALIAN UNION MISSION													2	—	3	—	—	5				
27. North Italian Mission	14	436	12	1	2	15	3	2	2	7	8	444	8	1	4	—	14	27	18	513	425	
28. South » »	15	345	37	1	14	52	16	1	18	35	17	362	4	2	4	—	9	19	12	509	441	
29. Ethiopian » »	8	423	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	423	1	1	12	—	—	14	2	92	83	
	37	1204	49	2	16	67	19	3	20	42	25	1229	15	4	23	—	23	65	42	1114	949	
30. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISS.													1	—	4	—	—	5				
31. Algerian Mission	10	210	22	—	—	22	—	3	8	11	11	221	4	1	2	—	7	14	11	240	206	
32. Moroccan »	4	78	11	4	—	15	—	—	—	—	—	93	1	—	3	—	3	7	4	91	86	
33. Tunis » »	1	46	4	—	—	4	—	—	7	7	—3	43	1	—	3	—	2	6	1	42	37	
	15	334	37	4	—	41	—	3	15	18	23	357	7	1	12	—	12	32	16	373	329	
34. INDIAN OCEAN UNION MISS. *)													1	1								

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Financial Report of the Southern European Division of S. D. A for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1938

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. 92,493.50	55,229.30	61.45	2,012.85	80,758.40
4. East France Conference	» » 54,922.—	21,693.40	146.85	98.50	57,132.55
5. North » »	» » 92,058.—	57,141.88	1,605.45	2,434.—	111,773.25
6. South » »	» » 79,089.50	65,608.62	4,306.10	388.—	68,704.65
	F. Fr. 318,563.—	199,673.20	6,119.85	4,933.35	318,368.85
	\$ 12,583.20	7,887.11	241.73	194.68	12,575.56
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.					
8. Danube Conference	Dinar 91,547.50	35,313.65	—	—	50,093.—
9. Sava »	» 62,046.—	24,492.75	—	—	37,561.—
10. Morava »	» 70,797.30	25,331.75	—	—	60,576.—
	Dinar 224,390.80	85,138.15	—	—	148,230.—
	\$ 4,824.50	1,830.47	—	—	3,186.95
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONFERENCE					
12. West Muntenian Conference	Lei 1,158,828.70	399,103.62	—	—	255,089.—
13. East » »	» 505,570.20	179,230.90	—	—	90,746.—
14. North Moldavian »	» 417,546.—	129,346.50	—	—	71,696.—
15. South » »	» 315,744.—	118,111.50	—	—	73,509.—
16. Transylvanian »	» 631,717.50	157,780.50	—	—	96,738.—
17. Banat »	» 270,265.—	75,790.—	—	—	38,407.—
	Lei 3,299,671.40	1,059,863.02	—	—	626,185.—
	\$ 24,747.50	7,945.26	—	—	4,696.40
18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE					
19. German Swiss Conf.	Sw. Fr. 36,222.—	18,916.—	1,900.—	5,617.15	31,717.—
20. Leman Conference	» » 31,013.10	10,884.56	1,622.72	4,031.23	23,309.15
	Sw. Fr. 67,235.10	29,800.56	3,522.72	9,648.38	55,026.15
	\$ 15,464.10	6,854.16	810.22	2,219.12	12,656.—
21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION.					
22. Spanish Mission	Pesetas —	—	—	—	—
23. Portuguese Conference	» 7,469.90	4,501.37	—	695.98	3,924.56
24. Madeira Mission	» 2,128.60	369.16	29.55	73.96	—
25. Azores »	» 1,293.10	1,353.06	7.45	13.44	—
	Pesetas 10,891.60	6,223.59	37.—	783.38	3,924.56
	\$ 864.10	497.89	2.96	62.67	313.97
26. ITALIAN UNION MISSION					
27. North Italian Mission	Lire 25,904.80	18,526.25	—	1,146.75	26,510.75
28. South »	» 14,104.70	9,091.65	—	—	14,052.30
29. Ethiopian Mission	» 8,265.40	2,860.39	—	—	—
	Lire 48,274.90	30,478.29	—	1,146.75	40,563.05
	\$ 2,541.70	1,604.69	—	60.37	2,135.63
30. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISSION.					
31. Algerian Mission	F. Fr. 26,779.—	10,208.87	124.50	657.45	23,443.75
32. Moroccan »	» 9,706.—	3,755.10	—	2,952.—	15,065.50
33. Tunis »	» 7,781.—	5,331.65	504.50	373.70	11,129.50
	F. Fr. 44,266.—	19,295.62	629.—	3,983.15	49,638.75
	\$ 1,748.—	762.20	24.84	157.33	1,960.73
34. INDIAN OCEAN UNION MISSION *					
35. Madagascar Mission	F. Fr. 14,127.—	3,774.35	—	—	12,068.30
36. Mauritius »	» 37,304.—	12,150.90	—	—	—
37. Seychelles »	» 1,930.—	709.10	18.40	18.40	—
38. La Reunion »	» 1,364.—	344.65	650.—	347.30	—
	F. Fr. 54,725.—	17,019.—	668.40	365.70	12,068.30
	\$ 2,162.—	672.25	26.40	14.44	476.69
39. EQ. AFRICAN MISSION *					
	F. Fr. 4,921.40	899.15	—	—	—
	\$ 194.40	35.51	—	—	—
40. CAPE VERDE ISLANDS MISSION *					
	Es. 636.90	107.80	—	—	—
	\$ 28.70	1.85	—	—	—
RECAPITULATION					
1. Southern European Division	\$ 12,583.20	7,887.11	241.73	194.68	12,575.56
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	\$ 4,824.50	1,830.47	—	—	3,186.95
3. Jugoslavian » »	\$ 24,747.50	7,945.26	—	—	4,696.40
4. Rumanian » »	\$ 15,464.10	6,854.16	810.22	2,219.12	12,656.—
5. Swiss » »	\$ 864.10	497.89	2.96	62.67	313.97
6. Iberian » Mission	\$ 2,541.70	1,604.69	—	60.37	2,135.63
7. Italian » »	\$ 1,748.—	762.20	24.84	157.33	1,960.73
8. North African » »	\$ 2,162.—	672.25	26.40	14.44	476.69
9. Indian Ocean » » *)	\$ 194.40	35.51	—	—	—
10. Eq. African » » *)	\$ 28.70	4.85	—	—	—
11. Cape Verde Islands » *)	\$ —	—	—	—	—
Totals 2nd quarter 1938	\$ 65,158.20	28,094.39	1,106.15	2,708.61	38,001.93
» 2nd » 1937	\$ 50,092.10	25,121.79	1,289.03	2,322.91	39,858.71

*) Report for the 1st quarter 1933

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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.	9,565.25	1,673.60	37,780.95	8.60	586.55	635.15	4,618.—	316.05	5.15
4.	7,019.90	3,173.50	1,015.80	—	5.—	4,748.50	4,911.70	750.—	67.—
5.	9,793.60	1,735.45	19,289.58	—	125.—	5,862.45	20,335.80	—	—
6.	9,775.80	2,801.05	34,124.42	70.60	565.25	7,270.80	11,000.70	—	—
	36,156.55	9,383.60	92,210.75	79.20	1,281.80	18,516.90	40,866.20	1,106.05	72.15
	1,428.18	370.66	3,642.33	3.13	50.64	731.42	1,614.21	43.69	2.85
7.									
8.	13,066.15	2,494.—	427.—	27.75	85.—	10,204.25	7,979.—	593.25	437.25
9.	7,928.75	1,726.—	159.—	—	66.25	8,931.75	4,294.75	1,046.—	340.25
10.	8,032.—	1,791.25	631.—	3.—	69.—	8,532.75	5,231.75	577.75	413.25
	29,026.90	6,011.25	1,237.—	30.75	220.25	27,668.57	17,505.50	2,217.—	1,220.75
	624.07	129.21	26.59	—67	4.74	594.83	376.37	47.67	26.24
11.									
12.	176,641.50	55,608.75	9,175.—	13,682.—	—	93,145.—	34,058.—	6,247.50	10,545.87
13.	85,190.90	27,986.—	6,127.—	1,568.—	—	33,380.—	15,077.—	5,397.—	4,805.—
14.	64,447.50	24,248.—	—	—	—	30,304.—	7,170.—	1,104.—	2,073.—
15.	50,211.—	21,096.—	400.—	522.—	—	31,928.—	8,934.—	1,038.—	2,982.50
16.	70,727.50	27,471.—	1,010.50	197.—	—	42,009.75	12,395.—	1,088.75	2,881.—
17.	38,363.—	15,782.—	1,130.—	2.—	—	11,949.—	5,523.50	1,448.—	1,572.50
	483,581.40	172,191.75	17,842.50	15,691.—	—	242,715.75	83,157.50	17,323.25	24,859.87
	3,641.86	1,291.44	133.83	117.69	—	1,820.37	623.68	129.93	186.46
18.									
19.	5,923.—	836.—	—	—	363.—	5,010.—	6,467.—	250.—	67.—
20.	4,127.91	1,374.85	60.85	—	1,186.70	2,229.20	1,619.24	213.01	12.80
	10,050.91	2,210.85	60.85	—	1,549.70	7,299.20	8,086.24	463.01	79.80
	2,311.71	508.50	14.—	—	356.44	1,678.82	1,859.84	106.49	18.36
21.									
22.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23.	1,567.72	672.92	—	—	—	—	2,174.30	86.43	—
24.	291.29	65.33	—	12.54	—	—	—	—	—
25.	371.67	137.64	843.75	—	—	—	—	—	—
	2,230.68	875.89	843.75	12.54	—	—	2,174.30	86.43	—
	178.46	70.07	67.50	1.—	—	—	178.95	6.91	—
26.									
27.	4,001.70	1,297.55	1809.—	50.—	—	4,408.65	6,876.90	55.—	27.45
28.	3,058.30	1,021.20	1307.—	—	—	2,272.20	1,217.75	215.20	—
29.	2,374.34	347.55	—	138.50	—	—	—	—	—
	9,434.34	2,666.30	3,116.—	188.50	—	6,680.85	8,094.65	270.20	27.45
	496.72	140.38	164.06	9.92	—	351.75	426.19	14.23	1.44
30.									
31.	3,128.10	786.70	—	—	64.05	3,411.65	2,818.37	—	—
32.	1,092.—	467.90	—	50.—	—	158.—	1,987.20	—	—
33.	525.—	199.95	1,754.90	—	157.30	1,602.—	1,092.50	—	—
	4,745.10	1,454.55	1,754.90	50.—	221.35	5,171.65	5,898.07	—	—
	187.44	57.46	69.32	1.98	8.74	294.28	232.98	—	—
34.									
35.	2,556.—	938.65	60.—	81.90	—	115.80	22.—	—	—
36.	4,652.25	1,712.90	245.15	5,540.60	—	—	—	—	—
37.	512.—	197.10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
38.	262.45	122.20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	7,982.70	2,970.85	305.15	5,622.50	—	115.80	22.—	—	—
	313.32	117.35	12.05	222.09	—	4.57	—87	—	—
39.	544.25	54.45	22.40	20.—	258.05	—	—	—	—
	21.50	2.15	—88	—79	10.19	—	—	—	—
40.	91.30	16.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	4.11	—74	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

RECAPITULATION

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3.	1,428.18	370.66	3,642.33	3.13	50.64	731.42	1,614.21	43.69	2.85
4.	624.07	129.24	26.59	—67	4.74	594.88	376.37	47.67	26.24
5.	3,641.86	1,291.44	133.83	117.69	—	1,820.37	623.68	129.93	186.46
6.	2,311.71	508.50	14.—	—	356.44	1,678.82	1,859.84	106.49	18.36
7.	178.46	70.07	67.50	1.—	—	—	173.95	6.91	—
8.	496.72	140.38	164.06	9.92	—	351.75	426.19	14.23	1.44
9.	187.44	57.46	69.32	1.98	8.74	204.28	232.98	—	—
10.	315.32	117.35	12.05	222.09	—	4.57	—87	—	—
11.	21.50	2.15	—88	—79	10.19	—	—	—	—
	4.11	—74	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	9,209.37	2,687.99	4,130.56	357.27	430.75	5,386.09	5,308.09	248.92	235.35
	7,171.37	1,856.72	4,212.53	236.72	281.51	5,172.26	5,855.68	175.02	154.98

Our Western Outposts

The Southern European Division is far flung. Its western outpost is the Azores Islands in the Atlantic, its eastern, the Island of Diego Garcia, south of India. Its southernmost end is the south tip of Madagascar, and its northernmost is Belgium's northern frontier.

On the islands of Cape Verde, Madeira and Azores the work has been begun. In Funchal, Madeira, our church is the largest Protestant group on the island with some 90 baptized members, and a Sabbath school membership of 125. Elder and Sister E. V. Hermanson are in charge at present, the work having been started some six or seven years ago by Elder and Mrs. E. P. Mansell, now in the Azores.

The Madeira Island is a tourists' paradise, surrounded by a marvelous blue sea, and covered by terraced grape vineyards to the top of its volcanic hills. Most colourful flowers fill the courtyards of the houses built in Portuguese style. The hand embroidery is exquisite. The people of the Island of Madeira are of Portuguese descent, warm-hearted, friendly and "sympatico."

A lay preachers' institute was held during the week of my visit, and on Sabbath thirty-six of our members volunteered to help evangelize the island. One of these lay preachers spoke of a discouraged, disbanded Protestant

community he would gather together; another of his mother and other relatives in a village he would visit. Brother and Sister Hermanson are encouraged to believe that soon lights will be kindled in other parts of the island.

There are some ten islands in the Azores group. We have but one church at present at Ponta Delgada, on the Island of San Miguel. Elder and Sister Mansell have been fortunate in securing some fine leaders for their work in the church. After some instruction on the matter of lay evangelism, twenty-two volunteered to become assistants to the missionary in soul-winning. The various islands have been canvassed and interests are springing up in each island. On the Island of Terciera some are already awaiting baptism.

The Island of San Miguel is even more beautiful than Madeira, covered as it is with forests and grass. Great craters indicate the pent-up fires in the bosom of this island, but they are filled with beautiful lakes and forests. One end of San Miguel has many hot springs where the steaming, babbling hot water works its way out of the hillsides.

As we left the island we thought, "How symbolic of the babbling, warm enthusiasm of the fine believers in our most western missions."

Henry F. BROWN.

The Win-One Movement

More than a year of personal soul-winning effort has passed since the official adoption of the "Win-One" plan by this denomination, and the record reveals a decided increase in souls won by Seventh-day Adventist laymen. In the North American Division alone during 1937, we find an increase of more than 300 souls won, as compared with the record of 1936. In the Southern European Division 2,167 souls were reported as won by lay effort. Similar reports of a forward movement in the fruitage of evangelism continually reached the General Conference Home Missionary Department from every part of the world field. We know that back of these encouraging reports lies the inspiration that has come to our lay members in connection with the carrying out of the "Win-One" plan.

This fruitful method of personal evangelism was instituted by Christ, and has been followed by the Christian church since its organization. Winning men one by one was Christ's chosen method of evangelism while on earth, and this

was the method which He taught His disciples to follow. That the plan worked is made evident by the following: "He (Andrew) first findeth his own brother and brought him to Jesus." Here is a definiteness of purpose and a singleness of vision that always wins success. Andrew placed the finding of his brother Peter as number one in the day's program. There was nothing more important, and he persisted until he won. The next day, Jesus found Philip and called him to His service, and the same day Philip found and won Nathaniel. Thus the work continued, - every man aiming for a definite objective and pressing on toward the goal until it was reached. This simple plan of personal evangelism brought the knowledge of Christ to the world in the generation of the apostles, and it is this same plan that will carry the gospel to all the world and finish the work which has been committed to the church.

Before you, as leaders in this great Division field, lies the mighty challenge of bringing a

saving message to more than 200,000,000 people. Your success in reaching your goal depends upon placing the burden of this mighty task upon each of your 30,000 members. As you continue to encourage each member to fasten the mind on one soul at a time, crying out to God for help to save that soul within a given period of time, a mighty wave of evangelism will result, bringing with it the greatest joy and blessing ever experienced in the human heart. May God bless the "Win One" movement in the Southern European Division.

W. H. BERGHERM, Associate Secretary
General Conference Home Missionary Department.

Seminary Impressions

Among the last words I heard before I left Europe were, "You have good fortune." And to me it has indeed been a great fortune to come to America, and study in our Theological Seminary. To see New York, the Niagara Falls, Chicago, and finally come to Washington has been a privilege beyond expression.

I have admired the Congressional Library, the Lincoln Memorial, and other edifices and monuments. But on coming to Takoma Park, I have had a still different impression. The General Conference and the Review and Herald buildings are not constructed of marble like the Lincoln Memorial. Our headquarters buildings, although they shelter a world-wide work, are comfortable but not luxurious. I have been deeply impressed to see the sacrifices made by our brethren and sisters in America in order to promote God's work not only in their own country, but in countries abroad.

With great admiration I spent some time in the archives of Mrs. E. G. White's writings, and heard the explanations that Brother Arthur White gave us about her manuscripts. From these pages has shone forth much light, and their messages constitute one of the great factors that unite us together as Adventists. These archives are an inestimable treasure.

My first impression of the Theological Seminary was that of a very modest institution indeed. But I have learned by experience that people should not be judged by their appearance, and it is not expensive buildings that bring about the results. In many enterprises the beginnings have been small, and yet extraordinary results have been obtained. I think, for example, of Pasteur in France who worked in an attic. I think of Curie who discovered radium; he worked in a cellar, and when they offered him a chair in the University he said, "I have asked for a laboratory, and they have given me a chair." I think of the few disciples of our

Lord who met in the upper chamber and from which they went out into all the world. Therefore I think that while it facilities at present may be limited, our Seminary is ordained of God to do a great work for Him.

I have greatly appreciated the courses given, and above all the spirit that is manifested in the relationships we have together. I have learned very much in my contacts with the teachers and with students from all parts of the world. This Seminary means much to our denomination. It is good to be here in Washington and breathe an air somewhat different; and I trust many of my colleagues in Europe may have the privilege of coming here and enjoying the same experience.

Henri EVARD.

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conducted by Brother Bureau and was followed by a very fine testimony meeting.

Sunday was also a day of joy, joy on earth and in heaven, for a baptismal ceremony was held in the morning at Fort Georges. Before a very large audience Brother Bureau spoke of the importance of baptism, and then Brethren Ruf and Veuthey baptized twenty-two precious souls.

Two days later, the s/s "Chenonceaux," arriving two days earlier than expected, carried away our two visitors. As always, good things last but a short time, but their memory abides. Armed with a new courage, workers and members have already set themselves again to the task of bringing about the triumph of the cause in Mauritius. Nelly RUF.

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The 1938 Winter Council of the Southern European Division will convene in Lausanne, Switzerland, December 13 - 20. This will be a most important session. The leaders of God's cause in Southern Europe are face to face with exceptionally trying situations, and as they come together for counsel, let us unite in prayer that God's blessing may be upon them in a rich measure of wisdom and renewed consecration.

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September 7, Miss R. Hofstad sailed from Marseilles on the s. s. "André Lébon" for Djibouti. After a short furlough in Norway, Miss Hofstad is returning to Ethiopia to continue her work as a nurse in connection with the Addis Ababa hospital.

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A number of fields in Southern Europe have been greatly blessed the past months by the visit of J. E. Weaver, associate educational secretary of the General Conference, and Glenn Calkins, president of the Pacific Union Conference. These two brethren from overseas spent the months of July and August visiting general assemblies and youth congresses in France, Switzerland, Jugoslavia, and Rumania. Their ministry was greatly blessed of God and was highly appreciated everywhere. Professor Weaver's studies at the Collonges educational convention were especially helpful to our educators. We trust that both Elder Calkins and Professor Weaver will soon be our guests again.

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On one of the Seychelles Islands there is a leper colony. A lay member of our church there sympathized with these unfortunates and wanted to be of help to them. He could not cleanse the lepers physically, but visited the colony and endeavored to cleanse them spiritually. Several responded to his efforts and one has already been baptized.

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"The end is near, stealing upon us stealthily, imperceptibly, like the noiseless approach of a thief in the night. May the Lord grant that we shall no longer sleep as do others; but that we may watch and be sober. The truth is soon to triumph gloriously, and all who now choose to be laborers together with God will triumph with it. The time is short; the night soon

cometh when no man can work. Let those who are rejoicing in the light of present truth now make haste to impart the truth to others. The Lord is inquiring, "Whom shall I send?" Those who wish to sacrifice for the truth's sake are now to respond, "Here am I, Lord, send me". - Mrs. E. G. White, in Atlantic Union Gleaner.

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Elder and Mrs. Marius Fridlin sailed from Marseilles for Douala, Cameroon, on the s. s. "Banford" September 20. Brother and Sister Fridlin are returning to their field of labor for a second term of service, leaving behind them once again a baby boy whose health is not sufficiently strong to support the climate of Equatorial Africa. Only a father or a mother can truly sense the measure of sacrifice made by this valiant missionary couple. They go out, however, without a murmur, happy to be of service to heaven's cause on earth. May God place His protecting hand over child and parents until furlough time comes again; may He also bless this noble spirit of sacrifice and multiply it greatly throughout our ranks.

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A conference worker told of his accepting the truth. Three weeks after his baptism he was doing his military service. He was accused of doing propaganda work for his faith among the soldiers and was sent to the hospital for four months. But he was granted the privilege of going to town each night. He went looking for souls — and found sixteen of them. At this place there was a little church of fifteen members, but it grew into a large church with 494 members. In this church has been found: one missionary for Madagascar, one conference president, one college principal, several ministers, and many colporteurs.

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A letter from D. Walther, president of the French College, informs us that the school opened its doors on registration day to 92 students. By the end of the first week 102 had matriculated. This is a very encouraging report, for it signifies that the school enrollment at Collonges this year no doubt will equal last year's total, which was the highest for many years. We wish the French College a successful year.

Again the Grim Reaper has visited fellow workers in distant mission fields. Last August, the sad news reached our office that Mrs. R. Bentz (née Marthe Brobecker) was laid to rest in Phnom Penh, Indo-China, after a short but bitter struggle with a form of pernicious fever. Brother and Sister Bentz went out to Indo-China shortly after their marriage a little less than two years ago. As they left home and friends they were happy and courageous in the prospect of giving their lives in service for God's cause. Now our valiant sister rests from her labors and awaits the call of the divine Life-giver. Among her last words to her husband were: "I am happy to give my life for Jesus, but I wish I could work a little longer. Oh, how can I die when I have done so little for Indo-China." Sister Bentz made the supreme sacrifice without a murmur. Her last thoughts were for her little Raymond, aged six months, and her faithful husband who, with her family and a host of friends, mourns her untimely departure.

Just a week later a cable came through from the Azores Islands announcing the death of little Marjorie, the seven-year-old daughter of Elder and Mrs. E. P. Mansell. This is the second time Brother and Sister Mansell have been called upon to lay one of their children to rest while laboring in overseas service. What a heavy tribute to the advancement of the Everlasting Gospel in all the world! Brother Mansell writes of the unspeakable grief he and his wife have experienced, but at the same time he expresses the courageous faith of a noble missionary family. Brother and Sister Mansell are looking forward to the resurrection day and comfort themselves with the thought that Marjorie, all blooming with life, will be restored to their arms on that bright morn. Many a family out on the mission front is longing for that day. Yes, the Advent family around the world joins in the cry: "Hasten on, glad day!" Every loss we sustain, every pain we suffer spurs us on with added courage and undaunted energy to the finishing of the task.

Today, bowing in grief with these our fellow workers who have been separated from loved ones, we would renew our faith in God and our consecration to the triumph of His cause.