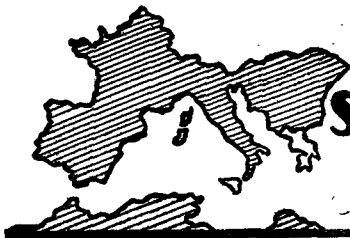


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Itinerating on our Southwestern Rim

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It was my privilege to spend the first four months of 1939 itinerating on the southwestern rim of Southern European Division territory. This trip took me through Portugal and down by Madeira and the Cape Verde Islands to Saint Thomas, before entering the Cameroon territory of French Equatorial Africa - the last lap of a long trek before turning my face homeward. I was permitted to see and hear many things during these weeks which greatly cheered my heart, and within the limit of the space allotted for this article I would like to share my joy and encouragement with the readers of the *Quarterly Review*.

The first two weeks after New Year's were spent in Portugal meeting with the brethren in committee and visiting a number of the most important churches in the field. I found the leaders greatly rejoicing that 66 members were added to the churches during the past year by baptism and vote, and as this total was considerably higher than the average for the preceding years, 1938 was indeed a banner year for Portugal in the number of souls won. The workers believe, furthermore, that the larger 1938 result is a definite indication of still greater results in the future; and I must say, after visiting the different places where evangelistic efforts are now in progress, that their optimism seems to me to be fully justified. The conviction that Portugal has come to a time of more fruitful soul saving endeavor grew upon me very definitely as I witnessed the success which is attending the labors of workers who are opening up new fields.

Thus it was with a conviction ringing in my heart that the day of greater things for Portugal had come that I boarded the s.s. "Mouzinho," January 14, for Madeira and Saint Thomas. Funchal, the principal port of Madeira, is only 36 hours from Lisbon, but the heavy sea encountered off the Portuguese coast delayed our arrival several hours. Because of this I could only spend a few hours in Funchal. I was able, however, to meet with our good brethren and sisters in their little meeting hall in the center of the city, and to spend about two hours with Elder and Mrs. E.V. Hermanson who have been laboring in Madeira since 1934. The efforts of this missionary couple have been greatly blessed, espe-

cially during the last two years, as results clearly indicate.

When I was in Madeira the last time, early in 1937, the church numbered about 60 members, while today the Funchal church has fully a hundred members. During this same time a mission church has been opened in the city which, since the beginning, has been supported entirely by the local church. Interests have also developed in a number of surrounding villages. Happily the mission now has a car which makes it possible to visit most of these out-of-the-way places, and to instruct the people. Brother Hermanson does need, however, and very greatly, a second evangelistic worker. He and his good wife are hard at work, but the growing interests are beyond their strength. A young worker must be associated with them if attention is to be given to the undeveloped centers of the island.

During the few hours I spent at Madeira, Brother Hermanson unburdened his heart on another matter: the need of a mission property in Funchal providing space for the church, a school and mission headquarters. Such a building would give strength and permanency to our work in a country where we are not yet considered as a definitely accepted religious organization. In fact, we can never have this standing as long as we are housed in temporary rented quarters. A splendid beginning has been made in Madeira, but we are still at the mercy of local conditions and local interpretation of regulations governing religious activity. It would not be wise to continue indefinitely on the present basis, for an unfriendly influence possibly could take advantage of our provisory legal status and cause the work considerable embarrassment. Brother Hermanson feels very keenly this situation and pleads that provision be made very soon for the construction of the mission headquarters and chapel. This project would require about 250,000 escudos (approximately \$ 12,000).

From Madeira to Saint Thomas, the Portuguese East African line makes a ten-day non-stop trip. The second day out from Funchal, our boat slipped quickly between Tenerife and Las Palmas, and

south into the tropics, straight toward the Southern Cross for five days before turning into the Gulf of Guinea. I had planned a stop on the way down in the Cape Verde Islands, where Brother and Sister Raposo have been faithfully carrying on for four years, but this became impossible. Just a few days before we were to leave Lisbon, unfavorable weather reports came in, indicating that a very severe storm center was enveloping the Cape Verde Islands. In fact, the boat service for the islands was completely paralyzed for two weeks and all communications, during this time, were broken off with the outside world. It was a great deception for me not to be able to spend a few days with Brother and Sister Raposo. We know, however, that their courage is good, and that they are hard at work.

Just a day out of Saint Thomas we crossed the unmarked spot where our first Portuguese missionary to die in active service was laid to rest until Jesus comes. It was there, somewhere in the waste of water called the Gulf of Guinea, that a homeward-bound liner paused a few minutes one day in May 1938, and Isabelle Falcao was let down into her watery grave. She was returning home from Angola because of illness, but she never reached home and was buried at sea, just twenty-four hours after the boat she and her husband had boarded a few days before, left Saint Thomas.

The "Mouzinho" did not pause there, of course, but I did think of this valiant girl who so generously gave her life for the cause. Alone on the upper deck I opened my Bible and read, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." And as a conclusion to this simple memorial service, I dropped into the tireless waves below a little bouquet of withered flowers which had been handed to me at Lisbon as the gang plank was lifted and our ship turned out to sea. Isabelle sleeps in the great southern deep, but her works do follow her. Her example in fidelity to duty is still speaking in terms of a definite inspiration to our Portuguese youth who are preparing for service. "I am sure there are ten young people in our school," Elder Gomes, the leader of our work in Portugal, had told me, "who are ready and willing to respond to the call of God to take the place left vacant by Brother and Sister Falcao." Yes, the Portuguese youth are ready for the yoke or the altar - or both. They are ready to lay down their lives in service.

Saint Thomas, a little island off the Gabon coast, square on the Equator, has had a place in our mission planning for about two years. I first came in contact with the work on the island when I was visiting Portugal in January, 1937. At that time I met Brother José Freire, a young Portuguese colporteur who had just returned from a canvassing tour which had taken him to practically all the Portuguese islands of the Atlantic as far south as Saint Thomas. During those months he had sold about 900 copies of "This Mighty Hour" in Portuguese. Some of these books were left at Saint Thomas and preached faithfully in the absence of a worker. In fact, Brother Freire gathered a group

in the Sabbath truth and other points of faith before returning to Lisbon. After his departure the little company continued in the "lighted way" and soon began to ask for a missionary.

During 1937 an effort was made to find money for Saint Thomas, and God opened the way. A single gift of \$ 700 was made to Saint Thomas by a godly couple in America, and other funds were found. So it was that the 1937 Winter Council held in Paris, France, was able to provide a modest budget for Saint Thomas, and Brother Freire was placed under appointment. He was very happy to return to the island and continue the work he had been instrumental in beginning. With his young wife he sailed on the s. s. "Cabo Verde" in February, 1938.

The first seven months in Saint Thomas were spent in expectancy. The local authorities were quite reluctant to authorize Brother Freire's work, but finally the permission came and immediately a fine group of people began to meet regularly for the study of God's word. When I arrived in Saint Thomas January 26, I found that the work had developed nicely during the previous four months of real activity. A little mission school with fifteen children in attendance already was functioning, and among a group of about fifty interested people, I found twenty who were deeply desirous of being baptized, having been fully instructed in the truth. Unhappily the majority of this number were unable to put their houses in order for baptism at the time of my visit. Although Saint Thomas has been in contact with the white man since the sixteenth century, the evangelical conception of the family as a fundamental cell of human relationship has not been generally accepted. The vast majority of the 60,000 inhabitants on the island, not to say the total population, lives out of legal wedlock. Of course, our good people had been instructed fully by Brother Freire on this matter, but many situations were so complex that definite solutions could not be found for them during the short two weeks of my visit. The day I left the island we were able, nevertheless, to hold a beautiful marriage in our little hall, to baptize a handful of honest souls, among which Brother Salvaterra who had held the group of interested people together until the missionary arrived, to organize a little church, to ordain Brother Freire as elder of the church, and to celebrate the ordinances of our Lord. I am sure Saint Thomas had never seen such religious activity in one short day!

The first year in Saint Thomas was a very difficult one for our two valiant missionaries. Considerable opposition had to be met with tact and patience, and, in addition to this, Sister Freire was constantly in ill health. My impression on arriving was that she should leave immediately for the homeland, but Brother and Sister Freire both felt that the Lord would intervene at His own time and in His own way. They held on bravely through the weeks, and now, just when Sister Freire's return to Lisbon had been voted definitely by our Division committee, the happy news comes through that her health has taken a definite turn for the better. We thank God for this.

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Financial Report of the Southern European Division of S. D. A for the Quarter Ending March 31, 1939

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. 125,638.—	23,530.95	5,662.10	—	80,892.05
4. East France Conference	» » 63,353.50	22,463.45	2,646.75	530.—	27,780.65
5. North » »	» » 88,589.—	20,780.—	6,160.15	5,861.50	80,947.—
6. South » »	» » 59,879.—	27,197.70	7,732.—	297.—	36,925.60
	F. Fr. 337,459.50	93,972.10	22,201.—	6,688.50	226,545.30
	\$ 9,398.20	2,617.12	618.29	186.27	6,309.28
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.					
8. Danube Conference	Dinar 76,930.—	21,431.75	—	—	81,023.—
9. Sava » »	» » 56,183.90	13,740.75	—	—	75,951.—
10. Morava » »	» » 73,438.80	14,271.75	—	—	83,317.—
	Dinar 206,552.70	49,444.25	—	—	240,291.—
	\$ 4,440.90	1,063.05	—	—	5,166.26
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONFERENCE					
12. West Muntenian Conference	Lei 713,239.50	176,898.—	—	—	170,288.—
13. East » »	» » 277,057.—	66,947.50	—	—	85,084.—
14. North Moldavian » »	» » 289,715.50	52,437.—	—	—	48,136.—
15. South » »	» » 186,082.—	42,398.—	—	—	109,082.—
16. Transylvanian » »	» » 341,178.—	58,996.50	—	—	117,987.—
17. Banat » »	» » 263,215.—	62,537.50	—	—	95,744.—
	Lei 2,070,487.—	460,214.50	—	—	626,291.—
	\$ 15,528.70	3,451.61	—	—	4,697.19
18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE					
19. German Swiss Conf.	Sw. Fr. 33,171.—	8,402.50	2,638.45	5,841.—	28,150.—
20. Leman Conference	» » 24,728.10	8,041.30	2,664.04	4,869.34	22,737.15
	Sw. Fr. 57,899.10	16,443.80	5,302.49	10,710.34	50,887.15
	\$ 13,316.80	3,782.07	1,219.57	2,463.37	11,704.05
21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION.					
22. Spanish Mission	Pesetas —	—	—	—	—
23. Portuguese Conference	» » 6,923.40	2,248.24	—	1,916.14	18,024.18
24. Madeira Mission	» » 1,067.20	212.46	36.56	140.23	—
26. Azores » »	» » 788.50	160.65	—	—	—
	Pesetas 8,779.10	2,621.35	36.56	1,056.37	18,024.18
	702.40	209.71	2.92	84.50	1,441.94
26. ITALIAN UNION MISSION					
27. North Italian Mission	Lire 28,601.90	6,369.25	314.85	1,573.60	38,207.40
28. South » »	» » 14,256.95	4,671.55	—	—	15,966.40
29. Ethiopian Mission	» » 10,969.10	5,272.70	—	—	—
	Lire 53,827.95	16,313.50	314.85	1,573.60	54,173.80
	2,834.10	858.91	16.57	82.85	2,852.25
30. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISSION.					
31. Algerian Mission	F. Fr. 35,210.—	6,411.15	103.95	—	17,404.—
32. Moroccan » »	» » 8,014.—	5,839.85	—	—	5,144.50
38. Tunis » »	» » 8,766.—	821.75	—	—	—
	F. Fr. 51,990.—	13,072.75	103.95	—	22,548.50
	1,448.—	364.08	2.89	—	627.98
34. INDIAN OCEAN UNION MISSION. *)					
35. Madagascar Mission	F. Fr. 16,524.—	10,422.—	—	—	4,192.60
36. Mauritius » »	» » 40,296.—	21,186.80	—	—	—
37. Seychelles » »	» » 2,309.—	2,653.20	—	69.05	—
38. La Reunion » »	» » 3,471.—	1,338.25	281.—	834.85	—
	F. Fr. 62,600.—	35,600.25	281.—	903.90	4,192.60
	1,743.—	991.46	7.82	25.17	116.77
39. EQ. AFRICAN MISSION *)					
	F. Fr. 6,220.30	3,083.90	—	—	—
	173.20	85.89	—	—	—
40. CAPE VERDE ISLANDS MISSION *)					
	Es. 640.40	1,286.—	—	691.30	—
	\$ 28.80	57.87	—	31.10	—
41. ST. THOMAS MISSION*)					
	Es. 376.60	99.20	—	—	—
	\$ 16.90	4.47	—	—	—

RECAPITULATION						
1. Southern European Division	\$	9,398.20	2,617.12	618.29	186.27	6,309.28
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	\$	4,440.90	1,063.05	—	—	5,166.26
3. Jugoslavian » »	\$	15,528.70	3,451.61	—	—	4,697.19
4. Rumanian » »	\$	13,316.80	3,782.07	1,219.57	2,463.37	11,704.05
5. Swiss » »	\$	702.40	209.71	2.92	84.50	1,444.94
6. Iberian » » Mission	\$	2,834.10	858.91	16.57	82.85	2,852.25
7. Italian » »	\$	1,448.—	364.08	2.89	—	627.98
8. North African » »	\$	1,743.—	991.46	7.82	25.17	116.77
9. Indian Ocean » » *)	\$	173.20	85.89	—	—	—
10. Eq. African » » *)	\$	28.80	57.87	—	31.10	—
11. Cape Verde Islands » *)	\$	376.60	99.20	—	—	—
12. St. Thomas » *)	\$	16.90	4.47	—	—	—
Totals 1st quarter 1939	\$	49,631.—	13,486.24	1,868.06	2,873.26	32,915.72
» 1st » 1938	\$	44,658.80	13,735.24	671.57	2,578.79	33,327.39

*)Report for the 4th quarter 1938.

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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.	13,693.45	2,785.80	253.70	417.80	6,011.15	—	9,408.95	365.10	3.95
4.	6,783.70	3,051.50	2—	5—	2,454.25	—	1,060.—	710.—	48.05
5.	8,463.30	1,782.70	3,047.10	130.—	6,296.90	—	—	—	—
6.	7,260.85	2,722.45	11,213.70	1,493.—	4,406.70	—	—	101.—	—
	36,201.30	10,342.45	14,516.50	2,045.80	19,169.—	—	10,468.95	1,176.10	52.—
	1,008.20	288.04	404.29	56.97	533.85	—	291.55	32.76	1.46
7.									
8.	13,745.75	2,116.25	3,623.50	184.75	—	52.25	467.25	830.—	412.—
9.	8,473.—	2,250.25	1,708.75	10.—	—	191.—	249.25	479.50	379.—
10.	8,695.50	2,045.25	1,613.—	554.50	—	53.—	107.—	822.50	381.—
	30,914.25	6,411.75	6,945.25	749.25	—	296.25	823.50	2,132.—	1,172.—
	664.66	137.85	149.33	16.11	—	6.36	17.71	45.83	25.20
11.									
12.	117,228.50	18,875.—	14,552.—	14,955.—	—	1,701.—	1,885.—	1,274.—	6,427.50
13.	49,087.50	8,089.—	5,098.—	948.—	—	210.—	125.—	363.—	3,027.—
14.	41,998.50	8,090.—	695.—	77.—	—	—	—	66.—	1,510.50
15.	27,976.—	6,963.—	3,177.—	2,499.—	—	—	—	143.—	1,640.—
16.	39,992.—	10,581.—	3,812.—	1,773.—	—	40.—	410.—	844.—	1,554.50
17.	28,955.—	7,658.—	9,870.—	14,593.—	—	143.—	—	167.—	1,151.50
	305,237.50	60,256.—	\$7,204.—	34,845.—	—	2,094.—	2,420.—	2,847.—	15,311.—
	2,289.28	451.93	279.03	261.35	—	15.70	18.14	21.35	114.83
18.									
19.	5,192.—	1,050.—	—	10.—	1,506.—	—	206.—	345.—	93.50
20.	3,710.12	1,315.76	112.20	177.—	2,543.12	—	24.75	152.35	6.—
	8,902.12	2,365.76	112.20	187.—	4,049.12	—	230.75	497.35	99.50
	2,047.49	544.12	25.80	43.01	931.30	—	53.07	114.39	22.89
21.									
22.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23.	1,357.11	627.10	—	141.24	—	—	—	122.79	—
24.	212.46	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25.	113.12	47.53	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1,682.69	674.63	—	141.24	—	—	—	122.79	—
	134.62	53.97	—	11.30	—	—	—	9.82	—
26.									
27.	3,705.15	1,329.90	—	80.—	—	—	1,188.20	50.—	16.—
28.	3,047.15	864.15	169.20	18.—	—	25.—	425.55	122.50	—
29.	2,074.35	753.90	—	2,444.45	—	—	—	—	—
	8,826.65	2,947.95	169.20	2,542.45	—	25.—	1,613.75	172.50	16.—
	464.72	155.21	8.91	133.86	—	1.32	84.97	9.08	—84
30.									
31.	3,474.60	896.30	81.55	130.—	1,056.70	—	272.—	500.—	—
32.	810.80	192.05	4,539.10	22.50	255.40	20.—	—	—	—
33.	468.—	174.70	—	—	124.05	—	—	55.—	—
	4,753.40	1,263.05	4,620.65	152.50	1,436.15	20.—	272.—	555.—	—
	132.39	35.18	128.68	4.25	39.99	—56	7.57	15.46	—
34.									
35.	2,667.90	857.40	89.—	1,736.15	—	2,601.10	2,470.45	—	—
36.	2,692.95	1,438.80	16,259.90	80.55	—	714.60	—	—	—
37.	637.50	168.10	1,718.65	128.95	—	—	—	—	—
38.	532.95	232.—	50.—	523.30	—	—	—	—	—
	6,531.30	2,696.30	18,117.55	2,468.95	—	3,315.70	2,470.45	—	—
	181.90	75.09	504.57	68.76	—	92.34	68.80	—	—
39.									
	782.35	120.45	313.—	1,593.95	274.15	—	—	—	—
	21.79	3.35	8.72	44.39	7.64	—	—	—	—
40.									
	100.65	13.85	1,000.—	171.50	—	—	—	—	—
	4.53	—62	45.—	7.72	—	—	—	—	—
41.									
	39.90	8.—	—	51.30	—	—	—	—	—
	1.80	—36	—	2.31	—	—	—	—	—

RECAPITULATION

1.									
2.	1,008.20	288.04	404.29	56.97	533.85	—	291.55	32.76	1.46
3.	664.66	137.85	149.33	16.11	—	6.36	17.71	45.83	25.20
4.	2,289.28	451.93	279.03	261.35	—	15.70	18.14	21.35	114.83
5.	2,047.49	544.12	25.80	43.01	931.30	—	53.07	114.39	22.89
6.	134.62	53.97	—	11.30	—	—	—	9.82	—
7.	464.72	155.21	8.91	133.86	—	1.32	84.97	9.08	—84
8.	132.39	35.18	128.68	4.25	39.99	—56	7.57	15.46	—
9.	181.90	75.09	504.57	68.76	—	92.34	68.80	—	—
10.	21.79	3.35	8.72	44.39	7.64	—	—	—	—
11.	4.53	—62	45.—	7.72	—	—	—	—	—
12.	1.80	—36	—	2.31	—	—	—	—	—
	6,951.38	1,745.72	1,554.33	650.03	1,512.78	116.28	541.81	248.69	165.22
	6,468.55	1,432.41	2,685.90	449.80	1,459.25	78.15	756.46	282.82	121.90

Getting Results in Lay Preaching

Studying the evangelistic methods of our Saviour, we find that Jesus was a great believer in carrying the gospel to men one by one, face to face, in a personal approach and appeal. This method of soul winning has never been improved upon. Always it has been and ever will remain the most effective way of imparting the truths of the gospel to mankind. It is evident that this method of labor brought the very best and most permanent results in the ministry of the Master Himself. It seems very clear that He makes this duty of personal evangelism the first and primal duty of every child of God. He would not have stressed this feature of evangelism had it not been for the fact that He knew this method of labor would bring results.

As He went about throughout Judea, Samaria, and Galilee, teaching and healing the people, He frequently met with people in their homes. The family circle was the audience He delighted to address. While members of His own family undoubtedly were slow to accept of His deity, the faithfulness of His ministry in the home eventually won all the members of the household. The home circle is an important centre for evangelism, and we believe that our lay preachers in their efforts to get results from their faithful endeavours should concentrate very definitely upon the home, especially as they draw near the close of an effort. Endeavour to secure all the appointments possible in the homes of the people, trying to arrange for definite study hours when earnest, prayerful appeals should be made to all present to surrender to the pleadings of the Spirit and bring the life into conformity with the plain, clear teachings of the Word of God as they have been presented, both in connection with the general effort and through the Bible studies given in the homes.

In his instructions to the church at Corinth the Apostle Paul definitely points out that our work as Christ's followers is to persuade men to accept the Lord. 2 Cor. 5: 11. Of John the Baptist, we read that he convinced and convicted the hearts of his hearers. Luke 3: 10.

While we recognize that man of himself can do nothing, yet at the same time we must remember that God's Spirit working through an individual can accomplish this work, which is evident from such statements as we find in Jer. 20:7 and Heb. 4:12.

Through the Spirit of prophecy the same thought is stated very clearly: "No eloquence of

words, no force of arguments, can convert the sinner. The power of God alone can apply the truth to the heart." ("Acts of the Apostles," p. 240.) Another very striking and, at the same time, most encouraging assurance to lay preachers and lay Bible workers is contained in the following: "Do not feel that the responsibility rests upon you to convict and convert the hearers. It is the power of God alone that can soften the hearts of the people. His heavenly intelligences co-operate with your efforts in presenting the Word of life and salvation." - Special Testimonies, No. 7, p. 3.

While it is important to present the clear doctrines and truths as outlined in the Scriptures, and given to us as a people to present to the world, yet unless we are able to present an appeal that will reach the hearts of our hearers, we shall not have the joy or the privilege of seeing the results that we are so eager to have. This truth is also emphasized in a very impressive manner in the following statement: "The object of preaching is not alone to convey information, not merely to convince the intellect. The preaching of the Word should appeal to the intellect, and should impart knowledge, but it should do more than this. The words of the minister should reach the hearts of the hearers." "Testimonies to Ministers," p. 62.

All through an effort, but especially as one draws toward the close of the series of topics presented, it becomes increasingly imperative that a special effort be put forth to show your hearers that you expect them not only to believe but to obey. Approach them with an expectant mind, impress upon them the fact that as an ambassador of Jesus Christ you are greatly concerned about their salvation, and appeal to them individually to settle their cases with God in prayer.

After several weeks of an effort there are always a number of souls in the balance, and if the opportune moment is allowed to slip by, some who might take their stand on the side of the truth will take their position on the side of error because one may have failed to put forth a personal effort or a personal appeal at the right time.

Recognizing that the testing time in a lay preacher's effort comes toward the close, and also recognizing our inability to produce results in our own strength, we nevertheless believe that it is that very period in connection with the series of meetings when the Spirit of the Lord is working most earnestly upon the hearts of those who are under the conviction of the

message presented, and also the time when the worker for Christ rightfully may expect to garner in the precious sheaves promised as hire for his labor. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6.

Steen RASMUSSEN.

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Our Successors

Moses prepared Joshua as his successor. Elijah gave Elisha a double portion of his spirit and thus prepared him to be his successor. Paul prepared young Timothy as his successor.

Luis Caleb, who for twenty-five years has been a faithful colporteur, and is now stooped, feeble and almost deaf with age, has been year after year, joyfully winning souls to Christ. At the time of the 1938 colporteur institute in the Northeast Mission of Brazil, Brother Caleb was most happy to bring, as fruit of his work, a lady and her daughter to the institute. His face beamed as he saw this lady buried with the Lord in baptism.

One year later our veteran colporteur came again to the institute, this time accompanied by a young man, twenty-four years of age, whom he had won to Christ and to the colporteur work. This young man, Joseph Nunes Quiroz, is the son of the lady who came to the institute with Brother Caleb and was baptized last year. Brother Caleb, the mother and son, who was recently baptized, expect to bring other members of the Nunes family with them next year, ready for baptism.

As our dear old colporteur, Brother Caleb, gave his touching testimony with tears in his eyes, there were also tears in the eyes of many of the listeners. He said: "The Lord has been good to me during the many years (67) of my life. He has helped me lead others to Him, for which I am very grateful and give Him all the praise. Now I am old and stricken with years. I cannot continue much longer selling our books and magazines, but I am happy to bring with me to this institute my successor, Joseph Nunes Quiroz."

Are you and I preparing others to carry on the soul-winning work?

J. C. CULPEPPER,

Publishing Department Secretary,
South American Division.

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"Regard not much who is for thee or who against thee; but give all thy thought and care to this, that God be with thee in everything thou doest. For whom God will help, no malice of man shall be able to hurt." — Thomas à Kempis.

"With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles." 2 Chron. 32:8.

A Prayer for Missions

God of the missions fields, surely Thy tender heart
Grieves with a deeper hurt than ours can know,
Watching the years speed by, hearing the long, low cry
Of souls born but to die, - - loving them so.

God of the mission fields, send forth more laborers
Into the harvest white ere day is done.
Probation slips away, fast close the hours of day,
Soon must the fiat say, "Earth's sands are run."

God of the mission fields, why do the people wait?
When will they hear Thy call from heaven above?
Is it more light they need, or some beautiful creed,
Or better growing seed? Nay, 'tis more love!
- by Edith Smith Casebeer.

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Itinerating on our Southwestern Rim

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My heart was gripped with emotion as I left Saint Thomas. The future was dark and uncertain because of Sister Freire's health. But I left her and her husband full of courage and confidence in God. They were happy, in the midst of their growing group of believers, at the thought that souls were being gathered for the kingdom. Such is the missionary's love; such is the missionary's burden. Are you and I sharing it?

"Give me the love that leads the way,
The faith that nothing can dismay,
The hope no disappointments fire,
The passion that will burn like fire.
Let me not sink to be a clod:
Make me Thy fuel, flame of God."

These were my thoughts as the s. s. "Angola" lifted anchor and started toward French Equatorial Africa, that wilderness of sin and darkness where, outside of the Cameroon territory, every village is still without its light.

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INTERESTING ITEMS
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May 20, Elder and Mrs. Z. Yéretzian and two children sailed from Marseilles on the s.s. "Banfora" for French Equatorial Africa. Brother and Sister Yéretzian are beginning their fourth term of service in the Cameroon. Their eldest child, Annie, is remaining in Europe to continue her schooling in Collonges. Professor and Mrs. A. Vaucher kindly have opened their home to her during the absence of the parents.

According to a recent report from José Freire, director of the Saint Thomas Mission, the work in that little island field is progressing nicely. The mission school attendance has increased to 26, and the mission is gaining continually in favor with the population. A number of people are ready for baptism. Brother Freire also confirms a former report that Sister Freire is gradually gaining in health. We are sure all will be happy to learn this.

The Southern European Division is happy to have the assistance of Elder Meade MacGuire, field secretary of the General Conference, for the entire period of the 1939 annual meetings. Elder MacGuire arrived just in time for the German Swiss Conference session which was held in Zurich, April 5 - 10, and will stay in the field until the end of September. Following the Zurich meeting he spent more than a month with four of our major institutions: the French college, the Lake Geneva sanitarium, and the Rumanian and Jugoslavian Union training schools, before attending the two Italian annual meetings. As we go to press, Elder MacGuire, accompanied by Elder F. Charpiot, is attending the Portuguese Conference meeting in Lisbon and the Madeira Mission meeting in Funchal. With Elder W. R. Beach he will attend three of the Franco-Belgian meetings in July, and the Jugoslavian and Rumanian meetings in August and September. Judging from echoes that have come to us from the field, Elder MacGuire's ministry is being blessed in a marked way. The spiritual help he has brought to our institutions especially has been appreciated.

Now that peace has been restored to Spain, with the national government in charge, plans are being made for the reorganization and reconstruction of our work. Dr. J. Nussbaum was recently in Burgos, Spain, to make a first contact with the Spanish authorities concerning the future of our work, and Elder H. Struve, of the Division staff, has just returned from an extended trip among the churches. W. R. Beach and F. Brennwald are spending the greater part of June in Spain continuing a survey of the situation and completing plans for reorganization.

Those who are endeavoring to build up the work in new territory will often find themselves in great need of better facilities. Their work will seem to be hindered for lack of these facilities; but let them not lose their faith and courage. Often they are obliged to go to the limit of their resources. At times it may seem as if they could advance no farther. But if they pray and work in faith, God will answer their petitions, sending them means for the advancement of the work. Difficulties will arise; they will wonder how they are going to accomplish what must be done. At times the future will look very dark. But let the workers bring to God the promise He has made, and thank Him for what He has done. Then the way will open before them, and they will be strengthened for the duty of the hour. - "Gospel Workers," p. 267.

The 1939 closing exercises at the French College were held May 12 to 14, bringing to an end perhaps the most successful school year in the history of the institution. The school attendance for 1938/39 reached an all-time record, being 178. The graduation class, with the motto: "For me to live is Christ," was composed of three boys and seven girls, all of whom are looking forward definitely toward a life of service in the cause. Elder W. R. Beach conducted the Friday evening consecration service and gave the commencement address Sabbath, May 13.

Miss M. Koempel, formerly connected with the Rabat, Morocco, dispensary and maternity clinic, sailed from Marseilles January 20, 1939, for Indo-China. Miss Koempel's departure is a loss for North Africa, but a gain for Indo-China, and especially for Brother R. Bentz with whom, by marriage, she is to join her life for continued service in God's cause.

Not until you feel that you could sacrifice your own self-dignity, and even lay down your life, in order to save an erring brother, have you cast the beam out of your own eye, so that you are prepared to help your brother. Then you can approach him, and touch his heart. No one has ever been reclaimed from a wrong position by censure and reproach; but many have thus been driven from Christ, and led to seal their hearts against conviction. A tender spirit, a gentle, winning deportment, may save the erring, and hide a multitude of sins. The revelation of Christ in your own character will have a transforming power upon all with whom you come in contact. Let Christ be daily made manifest in you, and He will reveal through you the creative energy of His word - a gentle, persuasive, yet mighty influence to re-create other souls in the beauty of the Lord our God. - "Mount of Blessing," p. 184.

Following an adverse decision on the part of the Italian government regarding our mission activity in Ethiopia, several of our missionaries already have left the field for their respective homelands. Misses A. Lind and M. Halvorsen have returned to Sweden and Norway where they plan to connect with our medical work. Miss M. Mathews and Brother and Sister H. Hanson are now in the States on furlough. Elder G. Cupertino and family have recently arrived in Italy, and Doctors C. and S. Kahlstrom are now on their way to America. A number of our workers are still in Ethiopia awaiting further developments. The future of our work there is fraught with perplexity and uncertainty; one thing is certain, however: when the children of God come from the north and the south, the east and the west, to sit down in the kingdom of God, Ethiopian brethren will be among the elect. This is a comforting thought just now.