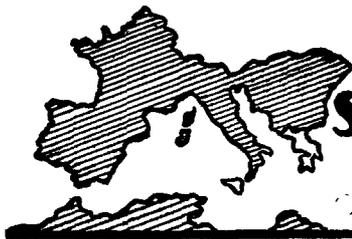


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A Word in Season

By A. V. OLSON

In a time such as ours, when the world is filled with hatred and strife, with violence, war and confusion; when millions are homeless and hungry; when difficulties are mountain high, and the stoutest of hearts are growing faint, even the people of God may be tempted to give way to feelings of weakness and discouragement.

But, brethren and sisters, "It is no time now for mourning and despair, no time to yield to doubt and unbelief. Christ is not now a Saviour in Joseph's new tomb, closed with a great stone, and sealed with the Roman seal; we have a risen Saviour. He is the King, the Lord of hosts; he sitteth between the cherubim; and amid the strife and tumult of nations, he guards his people still. He who ruleth in the heavens is our Saviour. He measures every trial. He watches the furnace fire that must test every soul. When the strongholds of kings shall be overthrown, when the arrows of God's wrath shall strike through the hearts of his enemies, his people will be safe in his hands." - Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 754.

This is a time that calls for faith and courage. It is in a time of crisis that we must be brave and strong. Now, as never before, we must turn to God and let Him fill our very souls with strength and confidence. If we look at the raging waves about our feet, we will faint and sink; but if we keep our gaze fixed constantly upon Him who is the Master of sea, and earth, and sky, and "who has the destiny of nations, as well as the concerns of his church, in his own charge" (*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 753), we will be calm, courageous and strong. To us who are living among the darkness and confusion and distress of these evil times, there comes ringing

down from the throne of the universe the inspiring message: "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." (Joshua 1:9.)

This is also a time for action. Just now, when so many hearts are filled with sorrow and despair, we must bring them God's message of hope and salvation. Now, when the events transpiring all about us proclaim in thunder tones that the end of all things is at hand, we must hasten to finish the great task that God has committed into our hands. Right now we must lift up our eyes and behold anew the unwarned and unsaved multitudes of the world groping and groaning in sin. In the light of the cross, let us behold them until our hearts are moved, as was His, with compassion, and we are stirred into action for their salvation!

We know that recent events over which we have had no control have upset many of our plans, and scattered our forces. But this

is no reason for inaction. When the apostolic church was through a bitter persecution "scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria," we are told that they "went everywhere preaching the word," with the result that a mighty work was done. If we as a people, workers and members, are imbued with the same spirit, we will find ways and means to continue the work of God for the salvation of souls, no matter how far we may have been scattered abroad. If everyone will be a true missionary worker wherever he is, God will bless and prosper His people and His cause. Because of the distress and sorrow that has come upon the

In Touch with Jesus

*Is your soul in touch with Jesus?
Do you know His grace divine?
Are you in the Lord abiding,
As the branch dwells in the vine?*

*Is your soul in touch with Jesus?
Is His love your sure retreat?
Have you made a glad surrender?
Is your faith in Him complete?*

*Is your soul in touch with Jesus?
Is He truly all in all?
Are you joyful in His presence,
And responsive to His call?*

*Keep your soul in touch with Jesus.
Keep Him with you everywhere.
Keep your soul in touch with Jesus
By the power of love and prayer.*

earth, many have come to realize the vanity of all things earthly. They are longing for something better, something more enduring and certain than the things this world has to offer. If we will bring God's message of love and salvation to these souls, we will find their hearts more responsive than ever before.

While working for those about us, let us not forget our distant mission fields, where the missionaries we have sent out from our home churches are toiling for God. A splendid work has already been done in these fields, but much more remains to be done. We greatly appreciate the sacrifice on the part of our people which has made it possible to accomplish what has been done. Notwithstanding the hard times, we feel certain that our people in the home lands will not relax their efforts now in behalf of the mission fields. Our missionaries must be supported where they are. To call them home now is impossible.

One of the principal sources of supply of funds for the mission fields is the Harvest Ingathering

campaign. Because of existing conditions, the Ingathering work may be more difficult in many places than in former years. We must not because of this abandon the campaign. With the help of God, we must find ways to gather the funds necessary for the support of our missionaries and mission fields. If we do our part faithfully and well, God will crown our efforts with success. So let us go forward with strength and courage in service for God and our fellow men!

Not only is this a time for enduring courage, and determined, aggressive action, but it is also a time for prayer. In these evil times that try our very souls, we need to live in constant communion with God. More than ever we need divine power and guidance. This can be obtained only through living communion with heaven. If we wish to conquer in our battle against the powers of evil, we must walk with God. If we desire to be men and women of power in our Master's service, we must be men and women of prayer. With the disciples of old, we need to say, "Lord teach us to pray."

"Quit You Like Men"

By W. R. BEACH

This injunction is to be found among the apostle Paul's last instructions to the church of Corinth.

St. Paul had a lot of counsel for the believers of that metropolis. Every page of his epistles to them is replete with admonition. In this first one, the writer seems to hurry on from one subject to another, not without giving due attention to the matter being dealt with, however; and finally he comes necessarily to his concluding thoughts. This part of the epistle is stripped of all unnecessary detail and embellishment. In staccato style, and with little preconceived order, the apostle compresses into a last page one admonition after another - counsel so important, it is felt, that the essential part could not be omitted. Here it is that he mentions his supreme appeal, his final order of the day, as it were: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." (1 Cor. 16:13.)

The apostle's injunction was appropriate for the Corinthian church. That time called for strong hearts in the Christian cause. Thus, writing to Timothy, he admonished, "Thou, therefore, endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." (2 Tim. 2:3.) And again to the believers he said, "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake." (Phil. 1:29.) It is evident, therefore, that the remark to the Corinthians was intended to prepare them for the trials that lay ahead.

The Corinthians were not, I suppose, particularly impressed by the apostle's announcement of a bitter contest. They were acquainted with the story of the past. They knew that the men and women who have grouped themselves about God's ensign ever have had to hold themselves in readiness to fight the good fight of faith. Noble examples speak of this, as the apostle Paul called to remembrance as an encour-

agement to the believers. Here, for instance, is what he wrote to the Hebrews:

"And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." (Heb. 11:32-40)

"Such examples are not found in the Bible only. They abound in every record of human projects. The Vaudois and the Huguenots, Wycliffe and Huss, Jerome and Luther, Tyndale and Knox, Zinzendorf and Wesley, with multitudes of others, have witnessed to the power of God's word against human power and policy in support of evil. These are the world's true nobility. This is its royal line. In this line the youth of today are called to take their places." (Education, pp 254, 255.)

Indeed, not only the youth of today, but the church

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Statistical Report of the Southern Europ. Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1940

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	Teacher Evangelists	Cavassars	Other Workers	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	23							
1. SOUTHERN EUR. DIV.													6	6	8														
2. FRANCO-BELGIAN U. C.																													
3. Belgian Conference	15	590	No Report										590	5	3	6													
4. East France "	15	438											438	4	3	6													
5. North " "	15	768											768	4	4	5													
6. South " "	23	668											668	4	2	6													
	70	2464											2464	22	18	27													
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.																													
8. Danube Conference	67	1845	66	4	—	70	151	4	—	155	—85	1758	4	2	2			—	—	—	6								
9. Sava " "	48	963	74	1	3	78	18	2	3	23	55	1018	4	2	1	—	25	—	35	71	2150	1139							
10. Morava " "	31	1003	42	1	3	46	8	3	5	16	30	1033	4	2	1	—	23	—	30	40	1334	800							
	146	3809	182	6	6	194	177	9	8	194	—	3809	18	6	6	—	76	—	106	161	4616	2865							
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONF.																													
12. Bucegi-Marea Conf.	164	6956	124	17	75	216	87	19	75	181	35	6991	6	1	5			—	—	12									
13. Suceava-Prut "	109	4456											4456	14	5	1	—	19	—	53	152	8008	6216						
14. Somes-Mures "	133	4024	78	8	16	102	32	25	21	78	24	4048	15	3	5	—	6	—	29	160	5007	4412							
15. Timis-Olt "	82	2180	99	4	37	140	4	6	22	32	108	2288	12	1	4	—	8	—	25	38	1640	507							
16. Danarea-Nistru "	59	1732											1732	11	—	2	—	18	—	31	59	3620	1520						
	547	19348	301	29	128	453	123	50	118	291	167	19515	82	14	23	—	62	—	181	490	21237	14775							
17. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE.																													
18. German Swiss Conference	36	1392	21	—	12	33	14	1	—	15	18	1410	8	2	6			—	—	4									
19. Lcman " "	20	1018	37	2	—	39	2	4	9	15	24	1042	7	2	3	—	16	4	32	36	1295	951							
	56	2410	58	2	12	72	16	5	9	30	42	2452	18	5	9	—	39	8	79	61	2051	1591							
20. PORTUGUESE UNION MISSION																													
21. Portuguese Conference	7	456	31	—	3	34	—	1	2	3	31	487	1	3	5			—	—	2									
22. Madeira Mission	1	91											91	1	—			—	—	2	1	438	437						
23. Cape Verde Islands Mission	1	29	1											29	1	—			—	—	2	1	105	76					
24. Azores Mission	1	33											33	1	—			—	—	2	2	50	64						
25. Saint Thomas Mission	1	11	2											11	1	—			—	—	2	3	67	53					
	11	620	34	—	3	37	—	2	2	4	33	653	5	4	10	—	8	5	32	17	696	651							
26. ITALIAN UNION MISSION																													
27. North Italian Mission	14	496	8	—	3	11	3	—	7	10	1	497	2	1	4			—	—	7									
28. South " "	17	401	20	—	20	40	—	—	20	20	20	421	7	1	4	—	7	—	19	20	580	633							
29. Ethiopian " "	8	423											423	1	1	4			—	—	6	2	92	83					
	39	1320	28	—	23	51	3	—	27	30	21	1341	16	3	18	—	23	—	60	43	1217	2112							
30. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISS.																													
31. Algerian Mission	9	257	7	—	14	21	9	2	14	25	—4	253	4	2	4			—	—	2									
32. Moroccan " "	4	94	—	2	5	7	1	—	12	13	—6	88	1	2	1			—	—	5	4	89	93						
33. Tunis " "	1	37	—	—	3	3											3	40	1	1			—	—	1	4	1	30	24
	14	388	7	2	22	31	10	2	26	38	—7	381	7	5	7	—	7	2	28	16	339	325							
34. INDIAN OCEAN UNION MISS. *)																													
35. Madagascar Mission	21	460	6	—	4	10	1	1	2	4	6	466	4	4	9	2	4			—	7								
36. Mauritius " "	11	624											619	2	3	5			—	—	10	20	797	577					
37. Seychelles " "	2	62											61	1	—	3			—	—	4	2	76	62					
38. Réunion " "	2	36	2											37	1	—	2			—	—	3	2	67	54				
	36	1182	8	—	4	12	7	2	2	11	1	1183	9	8	24	2	4			—	47	47	2169	1656					
39. SPANISH MISSION																													
	10	300											300	4	1	6			—	—	11	12	300	200					
40. EQUAT. AFRIC. MISS.																													
	3	363											363	3	2	14	34			—	—	53	50	4036	4068				

RECAPITULATION

1. Southern European Division	70	2464											2464	22	18	27						
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	146	3809	182	6	6	194	177	9	8	194	—	3809	18	6	6	—	76	—	106	161	4616	2865
3. Jugoslavian " "	547	19348	301	29	128	458	123	50	118	291	167	19515	82	14	23	—	62	—	181	490	21237	14775
4. Rumanian " "	56	2410	58	2	12	72	16	5														

Financial Report of the Southern European Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1940

Name of Conference or Mission	Total Tithes	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.	—	—	—	—
4. East France Conference	»	21,068.50	7,297.50	—	—
5. North »	»	49,648.50	30,605.65	—	—
6. South »	»	13,689.—	8,458.15	—	—
	F. Fr.	84,406.—	46,361.30	—	—
	\$	2,110.20	1,159.02	—	—
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.					
8. Danube Conference	Dinar	125,302.50	48,042.75	—	65,405.—
9. Sava »	»	87,407.70	41,355.87	—	82,921.—
10. Morava »	»	81,774.90	32,062.75	—	64,064.—
	Dinar	294,485.10	121,461.37	—	212,390.—
	\$	6,331.50	2,611.42	—	4,566.38
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONFERENCE					
12. Bucegi-Marea Conference	Lei	1,794,741.50	482,823.—	—	270,172.—
13. Suceava-Prut »	»	470,267.—	120,234.50	—	72,573.—
14. Somes-Mures »	»	234,854.—	72,334.75	—	110,589.—
15. Timis-Oit »	»	347,854.—	96,053.50	—	114,326.—
16. Dunarea-Nistru »	»	218,899.—	71,222.—	—	66,142.—
	Lei	3,066,525.50	842,667.75	—	633,802.—
	\$	22,998.90	6,320.03	—	4,753.52
17. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE					
18. German Swiss Conf.	Sw. Fr.	33,770.—	20,332.—	1,422.30	29,122.—
19. Léman Conference	»	31,604.60	12,530.25	2,340.38	17,772.55
	Sw. Fr.	65,374.60	32,862.25	3,762.68	46,894.55
	\$	15,036.20	7,558.32	865.41	10,785.75
20. PORTUGUESE UNION MISSION.					
21. Portuguese Conference	Es.	9,929.80	6,888.15	257.35	989.95
22. Madeira Mission	»	2,116.40	301.90	—	—
23. Cape Verde Islands Mission	»	892.30	163.55	—	—
24. Azores Mission	»	1,249.80	96.50	—	—
25. Saint Thomas Mission	»	494.90	228.10	—	—
	Es.	14,683.20	7,678.20	257.35	989.95
	\$	587.30	307.13	10.29	39.59
26. ITALIAN UNION MISSION					
27. North Italian Mission	Lire	31,484.40	14,820.90	—	3,370.90
28. South »	»	18,952.90	10,334.85	—	15,835.50
29. Ethiopian »	»	6,751.—	2,404.65	—	—
	Lire	57,188.30	27,560.40	—	3,370.90
	\$	3,010.80	1,451.05	—	177.47
30. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISSION.					
31. Algerian Mission	F. Fr.	38,300.—	15,994.05	88.35	—
32. Moroccan »	»	6,032.—	1,135.80	—	2,890.—
33. Tunis »	»	10,080.—	1,733.10	—	20,859.75
	F. Fr.	54,412.—	18,862.95	88.35	0,859.75
	\$	1,360.—	471.57	2.20	521.49
34. INDIAN OCEAN UNION MISS. *)					
35. Madagascar Mission	F. Fr.	16,494.85	4,755.75	—	—
36. Mauritius »	»	64,906.90	18,039.85	—	—
37. Seychelles »	»	3,512.50	2,826.20	2.75	30.50
38. Reunion »	»	3,307.75	332.75	—	260.75
	F. Fr.	88,045.—	25,954.55	32.75	291.25
	\$	2,201.—	648.87	—81	7.28
39. SPANISH MISSION					
	Pes.	10,210.50	2,124.50	—	—
	\$	1,133.20	233.69	—	—
40. EQ. AFRICAN MISSION					
	F. Fr.	7,821.60	1,833.90	—	—
	\$	195.50	47.36	—	—

RECAPITULATION					
1. Southern European Division					
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	\$	2,110.20	1,159.02	—	—
3. Jugoslavian »	\$	6,331.50	2,611.42	—	4,566.38
4. Rumanian »	\$	22,998.90	6,320.03	—	4,753.52
5. Swiss »	\$	15,036.20	7,558.32	865.41	10,785.75
6. Portuguese » Mission	\$	587.30	307.13	10.29	39.59
7. Italian »	\$	3,010.80	1,451.05	—	177.47
8. North African »	\$	1,360.—	471.57	2.20	521.49
9. Indian Ocean »	\$	2,201.—	648.87	—81	7.28
10. Spanish »	\$	1,123.20	233.69	—	—
11. Eq. African »	\$	195.50	47.36	—	—
Totals 2nd quarter 1940	\$	51,934.60	20,803.46	8 8.71	3,074.21
» 2nd » 1939	\$	57,485.—	22,608.99	879 37	3,623.06

*) Report for the 1st quarter 1939.

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Specification of Mission Offerings (Column No.3)

	Special Offer.								
	Sabbath School Offerings (exc. 13th Sabbath)	13th Sabbath Offering	Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous Offerings	Self Denial Offerings	Big Week	Young People's Collection	(Relief Fund) Weekly Offerings
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1.									
2.									
3.									
4.	1,928.55	692.35					4,652.95		23.65
5.	2,688.05	570.55	8,359.55	1,201.75			17,825.75		
6.	1,289.55	66.—	140.20		2,000.—		4,862.40	100.—	
	5,866.15	1,328.90	8,499.75	1,201.75	2,000.—		27,341.10	100.—	23.65
	146.65	33.22	212.49	30.04	50.—		683.53	2.50	--59
7.									
8.	16,749.25	3,398.—	20.—	230.—		13,875.75	12,031.—	1,178.25	560.50
9.	10,888.—	3,401.50	454.—	3.—		19,333.—	6,067.50	561.75	647.12
10.	10,247.25	2,051.—	232.—	106.50		10,643.25	7,501.75	819.25	441.75
	37,884.50	8,850.50	726.—	339.50		43,852.—	25,600.25	2,559.25	1,649.37
	814.52	190.29	15.62	7.29		942.81	550.41	55.03	35.45
11.									
12.	206,779.—	44,442.50	5,464.—	9,471.—		170,144.—	24,885.—	5,207.50	16,430.—
13.	62,910.—	11,059.—	1,808.—	11.—		26,302.—	12,005.—	2,627.—	3,512.50
14.	26,421.75	17,283.50				22,754.—	4,721.—	131.—	1,023.50
15.	37,155.—	9,575.—	2,561.—	302.—		40,010.—	4,400.—	444.50	1,604.—
16.	29,398.—	5,637.—	440.—	50.—		33,617.—		279.—	1,811.—
	362,663.75	87,997.—	10,275.—	9,894.—		292,817.—	46,011.—	8,689.—	24,331.—
	2,719.98	659.98	77.07	73.76		2,196.13	345.08	65.17	182.86
17.									
18.	4,943.—	1,385.—			65.—	6,188.—	7,615.—	68.—	68.—
19.	4,360.47	1,632.10	301.10		200.70	3,461.32	2,531.51	11.80	8.25
	9,303.47	3,017.10	301.10		265.70	9,652.32	10,166.51	79.80	76.25
	2,139.80	693.93	69.26		61.11	2,220.03	2,338.30	18.35	17.54
20.									
21.	1,922.40		229.—			497.75	4,072.95	166.05	
22.	301.90								
23.	146.10	17.45							
24.	96.50								
25.	81.40	144.70							
	2,550.30	162.15	229.—			497.75	4,072.95	166.05	
	102.01	6.49	9.16			19.91	162.92	6.64	
26.									
27.	4,817.90	1,493.15	200.—			4,356.45	3,814.50	125.40	13.50
28.	3,649.25	1,116.40	375.—			3,332.30	1,759.15	102.75	
29.	584.85	137.—		862.45		820.35			
	9,052.—	2,746.55	575.—	862.45		8,509.10	5,573.65	228.15	135.0
	476.59	144.61	30.27	45.41		448.—	293.45	12.01	--71
30.									
31.	3,455.05	1,247.15	6,314.—			849.60	4,128.25		
32.	547.55						588.25		
33.	596.80					280.—	856.30		
	4,599.40	1,247.15	6,314.—			1,129.60	5,572.80		
	114.98	31.18	157.85			28.24	139.32		
34.									
35.	2,818.75	912.70	513.50	498.30			12.50		
36.	7,613.35	2,166.90	597.25	7,644.85			17.50		
37.	878.25	179.25	1,551.60	217.10					
38.	3.0.—	12.75							
	11,630.35	3,271.60	2,662.35	8,360.25			30.—		
	290.76	81.79	66.56	209.01			--75		
39.									
	1,435.—	312.35	102.—	100.—	89.75	85.40			
	157.85	34.36	11.22	11.—	9.87	9.39			
40.									
	1,108.70	102.75	165.—	172.—	285.45			60.—	
	27.72	2.57	4.13	4.30	7.14			1.50	

RECAPITULATION

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2.	46.65	33.22	212.49	30.04	50.—		683.53	2.50	--59
3.	814.2	190.29	15.62	7.29		942.81	550.41	55.03	35.45
4.	2,719.98	659.98	77.07	73.76		2,196.13	345.08	65.17	182.86
5.	2,139.80	693.93	69.26		61.11	2,220.03	2,338.30	18.35	17.54
6.	102.01	6.49	9.16			19.91	162.92	6.64	
7.	476.59	141.61	30.27	45.41		448.—	293.45	12.01	--71
8.	114.98	31.18	157.85			28.24	139.32		
9.	290.76	81.79	66.56	209.01			--75		
10.	157.85	34.36	11.22	11.—	9.87	9.39			
11.	27.72	2.57	4.13	4.30	7.14			1.50	
	6,990.86	1,878.42	653.63	80.81	128.12	5,864.51	4,513.76	161.20	237.15
	7,509.56	1,884.35	1,699.24	294.05	73.46	5,031.88	5,733.52	179.71	203.13

of today, must be ready to serve in the long line of earth's spiritual heroes. The remnant people of God must steal their hearts for the final conflict. And of its character and scope we can be fully aware. The apostle John, looking far down the centuries of time, saw the trying vicissitudes of the church. He beheld it engaged in a struggle to death with the apostate powers of earth. He penned also for our encouragement the vision that foretold the emergence of the church victorious. But there will be casualties. "Be thou faithful unto death," is the divine order he heard in vision, "and I will give you a crown of life."

When addressing a company of believers many years ago, the messenger of the Lord, alluding to this prospect, stated: "The trying experiences that came to God's people in the days of Esther were not peculiar to that age alone. The revelator, looking down the ages to the close of time, has declared, 'the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.' Some who today are living on the earth will see these words fulfilled. The same spirit that in ages past led men to persecute the true church, will in the future lead to the pursuance of a similar course toward those who maintain their loyalty to God. Even now preparations are being made for this last great conflict." (Prophets and Kings, p. 605.)

To win through the final crisis will indeed call for the manifestation of the hero spirit, of the true hero spirit. For here a distinction is pertinent. There are two distinct classes of heroes. There are the kind who seem to be impervious to danger. They provoke, if needs be, a conflict, and then they remain heedless of the lurking perils by the way. Choosing to ignore difficulty, they stride on unperturbed. They perform gallant deeds, and are admired.

But theirs is not the spirit which should actuate the heroes of the remnant church. They should partake of the spirit of the second class we would mention. This second class is composed of men and women who, without doubt, are fully ready to espouse a dangerous cause; but this does not blind them to the dangers involved. They are conscious of the jeopardy of their task, realizing clearly the risks attending it; therefore they take all possible precautions. They are neither foolhardy nor presumptuous, but draw their strength from a sense of duty toward a noble cause. They rise superior to all personal fears. They conquer self and perform the deed.

These are the true heroes of life, and every true Seventh-day Adventist should be found today among them. We are not to throw ourselves rashly into difficulty. We must give no pretext for hostility toward the cause. But we must be ready to do the task assigned to us at any cost. We must stand ready to accept the responsibility created by the issues at stake. Above all we must keep a clear consciousness of these issues, and their eternal importance for mankind. Then, having weighed all hazards, we will be prepared, in the strength of Christ, to do valiantly in His cause and for His name...

The spirit of heroism is in the air today. For the sake of a great ideal, or maybe for some material advantage, men about us are willing to give their lives. Thrilling stories are told of exploits

done by the soldiery of all nations. We hear of the airmen who between heaven and earth distinguish themselves in service. They tell us also of sailors who continue to offer resistance while the decks of their sinking ship are awash. Many other equally brave and courageous deeds are performed daily at the cost of life. All this cannot but stir our souls; but no matter how noble the goal, at best it is transitory, without promise and hope for the great hereafter.

Such is not the case for the heroes of the cross. They fight to attain no earthly crown or honor, no transitory objective or national glory. Their goal is eternal life - eternal life as a blood-bought gift to all who will to accept Christ. Then, through the operation of God's Spirit in our hearts and lives, may we meet the tests and struggles of our great conflict with the true spirit of heroism, and quit ourselves valiantly.

An unsound argument

Ever since the Lord placed the gift of prophecy in His remnant church, Satan has worked tirelessly to destroy this gift. Both from without and from within the church, he has carried on his bitter warfare against it. Knowing full well the mighty influence of this agency in leading men and women into a closer walk with God, and a more faithful study of His word, Satan has sought in every way possible to discredit both the messengers and the messages. He has left no stone unturned in his efforts to break down the confidence of the members of the church in this divine legacy. He knows that if he can destroy our faith in the Spirit of prophecy, it will be much easier afterwards to break down our confidence in the One who sent this gift to His people, and to lead us away from the church which honors and upholds it.

One argument that is often brought forward to confuse and mislead is this: Since God has solemnly warned us through His servant John that, "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book," we cannot admit that the writings of Mrs. E. G. White are inspired, because by so doing we would add them to the Bible.

Such reasoning is unsound and dangerous. Those who reason thus would place limitations upon the rights and prerogatives of Jehovah. They would prohibit God from sending needed warning, guidance and illumination to His people who must pass through the dangers, perplexities and hardships of the last days. Nowhere in His word has God declared that He will not reveal Himself to His people in visions and dreams. Nowhere has He pledged Himself not to send them inspired messages through human instruments of His own choosing. On the contrary, He has emphatically stated: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of

my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." (Acts 2:17,18.) Through John the revelator, He has also given us an unalterable and unfailing promise that the Spirit of prophecy will be in the remnant church. (See Rev. 12:17 and 19:10.)

It is clear that the above quoted passage from Revelation forbids man to tamper with the word of God by adding to, or taking from, it. But there is nothing in this text that would prevent God at any time from sending divinely inspired messages of reproof, counsel or encouragement to His church in the world. After God had given the children of Israel the laws, ordinances and instructions recorded in the books of Moses, He admonished them, "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you." (Deut. 4:2.) Every intelligent and honest soul must admit that God never intended this admonition to convey the idea to Israel that He never again would send them divinely inspired messages through human instruments; for it was following this that He sent them a long line of prophets, including such men as Elijah, Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel and others. No man in Israel would have been justified in denying the inspiration of the messages sent through these prophets on the ground that Israel had been warned not to add to the instruction already given them by God through Moses. No more are we today justified in denying the inspiration of the writings of the Spirit of prophecy because of the solemn warning in Revelation that, "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues written in this book" (Rev. 22:18.) What God warned His people of old against was the danger of making the commandments of God of none effect by burrying them under a heap of man-made commandments and human traditions, and this is the danger against which He has also warned us.

To His remnant which must pass through the delusions, trials and temptations of the last days, God has, in fulfillment of promises made through His prophets and apostles of old, given the blessed gift of prophecy, as well as the precious Bible. By this gracious act He has demonstrated His love for His remnant people. In this way He has manifested His intense desire and willingness to enlighten, encourage and guide His people in their journey to the promised land. Instead of trying to find reasons or excuse for rejecting one or both of these priceless treasures, let us thank God for them and with His help let us faithfully and joyfully walk in the light which they shed on our pathway!

A. V. OLSON.

A word from the Theological Seminary

The enrollment at the summer session of the Seminary is about the same as usual, but would have been larger except for the world situation. One of the small European countries had planned definitely on sending three of its young workers. Other Conferences had similar plans which have been frustrated because of the war. Nevertheless three of the European divisions have representatives

here. The three divisions of Asia also have their workers represented in the student body, as does the North and South American Divisions. In these days of racial and national conflicts it is comforting to know that the remnant church made up of every nation, kindred, tongue and people unites people of every land and that they are able to meet even in troublous times for quiet study and meditation.

Twenty classes of workers are represented in the study body, ranging from office workers to union departmental leaders. All these sit down together on the same level at the feet of the Gamaliels of the Seminary to drink at the fountain of knowledge. Rubbing shoulders with such a varied group of workers is an education in itself.

Occasionally the quietness of the classroom is interfered with by the shouting of workmen and the clanging of steel girders. That reminds us of the permanent home of the Seminary - a modern, three-story, fire-proof structure. Not without a tinge of innocent envy do we think of the students who shall have the privilege of attending the Seminary in the years to come. As we see the thick walls, iron girders and reinforced concrete fitted into the new structure it speaks to us of the solidarity of the denomination and the interest of God's people in Christian education. For it must be remembered that this Seminary is not the work of a man but is a world-wide denominational enterprise. From local churches up to the General Conference, including our institutions, all have had a part in founding this school. All have given loyal, faithful support. We rejoice in our system of Christian education, embracing as it does church school, academy, and College. The Seminary is a fitting capstone to this educational pyramid showing that the Bible is not only the foundation, but also the climax of education.

We fervently hope and pray that by the time the building is finished the war will be over, so that many of our workers from overseas can come here to sharpen their tools so as more effectively and efficiently they may finish the work of God in the earth.

M. J. SORENSON.

Four thousand lay workers

In a recent letter Brother I. Reit, Home Missionary Secretary of the Rumanian Union, gave us some encouraging news regarding our church members in Bucovina and Bessarabia. He wrote as follows:

"Brother Radoi, who has arrived from Cernauti, tells us that all our people who are natives of Bucovina and Bessarabia are remaining in their country, and are doing faithfully their duty. The members are working with real success. So far they enjoy full liberty. People come to them and ask about Christ and His gospel message, and, we are happy to say, all our members are well prepared as lay workers. Unfortunately nobody has the permission to enter old Russia. But we hope that God will have mercy upon the millions of people who there err in the darkness of unbelief and atheism."

H. Struve.

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INTERESTING ITEMS

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The Léman Swiss Conference held its annual session in Lausanne July 31 - August 4. This was a most successful meeting - the best in fifteen years, according to a brother who regularly has attended the yearly gatherings of the Conference. The reports presented were encouraging, in that they showed gains in practically all denominational activity. The financial statements, especially, were good. Elder A. Meyer and his associates have acquitted themselves faithfully of their various tasks during the past months, as the results attained show, and the assembly unhesitatingly renewed the confidence of the constituency in them for another conference term. The daily meetings, in which Elders A. V. Olson, W. R. Beach, R. Gerber, and F. Charpiot, of the Division, had a leading part, were manifestly a source of spiritual strength. The Sabbath assemblies were attended by an exceptional blessing from the Lord. The offering taken up at the close of the morning worship hour brought in about 11,500 Swiss francs, including a special gift of 4,000 for relief in France... Now our people have returned to their churches with added zeal for the Lord's work. With the other citizens of this country, they have real problems to face as the war drags on in Europe and economic problems become more and more acute; but they are determined to show themselves strong and courageous as they carry the extra burdens placed upon them for the safeguarding of the interests of God's cause in a time of crisis.

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Consequential to the new Spanish situation, R. Fito, formerly secretary-treasurer of the Iberian Union and manager of the Spanish publishing house, has taken up work in South America. With his family he had been forced to seek refuge for many months in Switzerland. While staying with relatives, he took steps to obtain passage overseas, but weeks and months dragged wearily by before any possibility of leaving Europe was apparent. Finally Brother Fito was able, however, to secure passage from Genoa, and he sailed with his family in March with the intention of taking up canvassing

work in Cuba. Now a later report which has come in tells us that Brother Fito's services have been engaged for the secretary-treasurer-ship of Venezuela. We wish him and his family true success and happiness as they turn their hands to new duties in the New World.

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After two harassing months of distress, our people in France and Belgium, so it appears from different reports, are slowly finding their way back to their homes and churches. What shall they find on arrival? Wreck and ruin, perhaps. This will be true in many cases at least, and in all cases there will be much want and suffering until the new existence can be organized. The economic life of these two countries has been completely disrupted, and during the weeks to come, perhaps even during many months, a large number of people will be without work, or only sufficiently employed to earn a meagre pittance, saying nothing of what will be needed to cover the personal losses sustained by bombardment and flight. We are glad to say, however, that our churches in the more privileged lands have showed themselves most generous in a desire to help their brethren in the war-stricken regions. For those of our Division much already has been done. More than 2,000 dollars have been raised in Switzerland alone for the war relief fund, and now an additional 2,000 dollars have been appropriated by the General Conference as an expression of denominational solidarity in affliction. Other less important sums also have been made available, making it possible to envisage definite relief in some of the most urgent cases. Already expressions of deep gratitude and satisfaction are coming to us from those to whom help has been accorded.

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Notwithstanding the war situation, and international complications resulting from it, definite plans have been made to open our educational institutions this fall. The Italian school will open its doors for its first school year October 3. The number of students will no doubt be small, but God does bless the small beginnings

which are undertaken in great faith. We shall think constantly of Elder G. Cupertino and his associates as they lay the foundations for future school work in behalf of our Italian youth. And the Collonges training school plans on regular operation also. In fact, prospects are that a much larger number of students will be in attendance this year than last. This is still problematic, however, inasmuch as some thirty Swiss young people are still awaiting reply to their request for a visé to enter France. These visés are granted with parsimony at present due to the fact that food stocks in the country are fast diminishing, without much prospect of being able to replenish them. We know that the revivifying problem must be taken into account by the French authorities, but we trust nevertheless that they will be willing to recognize the special situation of our institution as it has been presented to them by our school leaders. As it has been pointed out, the Collonges school is really not a food-consuming, but a food-producing factor for the land. If this fact is investigated, the attitude of the authorities no doubt will be favorable.

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The plans made by the different governments involved in view of the return of refugees to their homes have made it possible for many of our workers to get back to their former fields of labor. This is very heartening, for a number of our workers were forced, when the crash came, to flee with the others and to abandon the work. Of course, in cases where the civilian populations were not evacuated, our brethren were able to remain faithfully at their post of duty. Now reports indicate that at least four Belgian workers, including Elder A. Roeland, the president of the Belgian Conference, who went to France with what remained of the Belgian army, have left for the home land. We hope they have been able to make the return trip without too much discomfort and delay. We have word also that most of the Melun publishing house force are back home again. There are other isolated returns that could be mentioned, and in all the Lord has been with His workers.