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Let Us Weary Not

One of the most regrettable weaknesses in the human nature is the tendency to weary in well doing. This tendency manifests itself both in individual lives and in group movements. Many a worthy cause has waned and died before having accomplished its purpose because its promoters grew weary and abandoned the undertaking.

The history of the human race furnishes us with a lamentable record of such failures. Sacred history reveals the sad fact that even the people of God have not been free from this weakness. Among the children of Israel, many promising reform movements perished because the people lost their zeal, and drifted back into sin and idolatry.

In the Christian church, this same evil trait soon revealed itself. The apostle Paul shed many bitter tears because of the instability of many of his converts. "O foolish Galatians," he cried, "who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth?" And to the same church he wrote, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you." Down through the ages, the church has failed in its mission, again and again, for lack of faith and energy to continue steadfast in the service of the Lord.

Our own age and generation have also suffered from this same human frailty. We have seen it both in the world and in the church. Civic reforms, temperance and other social uplift movements, church revivals and religious reformations that have started well, and that have given promise of wonderful results, have often come to nought because the ones responsible for these movements have lost interest and have given up the struggle.

As we consider these facts, our hearts grow solemn. Questions that fill our souls with anxiety press in upon our minds. We are led to ask if we, upon whom the ends of the world have come, if we who have been entrusted with the solemn responsibility of carrying God's last message to a sinful world, are going to fail in our God-given task! After having tasted the sweetness and the

joy of salvation, and after having built the work up through much toil and sacrifice from its small beginning to its present proportions, will we lose our enthusiasm and cease our efforts? Now that we have come to the very borders of the promised land, shall we, like ancient Israel, turn back again into the wilderness? God forbid! We can not! We must not!

Though subject to all the frailties of the human flesh, we need not be overcome by them. There is power for us in God to overcome every weakness of the flesh. We may triumphantly say, "I can do all things through Christ Jesus which strengtheneth me." A rugged faith in God will give us the victory over the world and over the flesh. All the powers of hell cannot overcome the humblest Christian who puts all his trust and confidence in the Lord. All the agencies of evil, both visible and invisible, cannot cause us to slacken our efforts, as long as we keep our eyes fixed firmly upon the eternal goal and press forward by faith.

History does not only furnish a list of people who have grown weary in well doing. It also gives us a glorious record of men and women who have stood as firm as the eternal rocks, and who by faith in God have gone forward from victory to victory until their course was finished. The eleventh chapter of Hebrews gives us an inspiring account of a long line of godly men and women who under the most trying and discouraging circumstances accomplished marvelous things for God. What they did, we can do. God is no respecter of persons.

Brethren and sisters, this is no time to grow weary. This is no time to slacken our efforts. Now that we can almost see the gleams of the golden morning breaking through the thickening gloom of the last hour of the long dark night of sin, we cannot afford to drop out by the way. Rather, it is time to awake out of sleep. It is time to buckle on the whole armor of God. This is a time for action. Let us arise and go forward!

A. V. OLSON.

Our Watchword

*Give us a watchword for the hour,
A thrilling word, a word of power,
A battle cry, a flaming breath,
That calls to conquest or to death;
A word to raise the church from rest,
To heed the Master's high behest,
The call is given: ye hosts, arise!
Our watchword is — EVANGELIZE!*

— A Report from North Africa —

By J. A. de Caenel

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (1 Tim. 1:15.)

The realities of life cannot be measured in francs and centimes. Moreover, no one has ever been honored for what he has received. Honor has always been the reward of those who give and of those who give themselves. Missionaries are in a special sense "givers." They give their love and their life for the fields that must be evangelized for Christ.

The world with its gaping wounds awaits the healing balm of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is to us missionaries that Jesus bequeathed this balm; and in a special way, during these last two years of war, we have been permitted to pass it on to many prostrated and discouraged souls overcome by the events which today are afflicting humanity. It is true that the number of converts does not correspond with the effort put forth by the workers of North Africa, but the effectiveness of the work accomplished cannot be measured entirely by the number of converts. Our great hope is that the gospel which has been sown in all soils, shall act as a powerful leaven and cause an abundant harvest to spring up in the near future. Truly, conditions never have been more favorable than now.

The workers of the North African Union have many reasons to rejoice when they consider the bountiful blessings that God has showered upon them. During the last two years, many precious victories have been gained in this land burnt by the African sun. Though surrounded by a cosmopolitan population, indifferent and often hostile to the gospel, our workers and members have been able to render an excellent testimony, often in difficult situations. God has intervened many times, and in a marked manner, to deliver our brethren from direful situations.

At the time of the spring committee session in 1939, everything had been arranged that the incoming year, by the help of God, might be one of success. True, heavy clouds of war already hung low in 1938, but they lifted again and it seemed the danger of conflict was passed. However, suddenly, as lightning at midday, war became a cruel and brutal reality. From the very first all our young workers, except those of foreign nationality, were called to the colors. Our churches were deprived of nearly all those who could assume any responsibility. Calls had to be made upon the few workers still in the churches, and upon our sisters to take up the responsibility of continuing the work.

When our feeble forces finally had been reorganized to maintain the work, we turned to plans for increasing our missionary activities. To our habitual missionary work was added a close col-

laboration with public welfare enterprises in behalf of the families of those mobilized, of the soldiers themselves, etc. Little by little, in all our principal churches, young and old were recruited to collect funds, clothing, and food. Our sisters knitted and aided in centers for the distribution of food to the needy and the refugees. Our efforts were highly appreciated by those in charge of the different social works. Our Dorcas societies had ample opportunity to carry on their beneficent activity. In all the large centers many poor families were looked after. The report for these activities, though decidedly incomplete, was: 9057 persons visited in their homes, 440 needy families helped, 5110 sick people cared for free of charge, and 2,346 persons clothed. During the same period, 25,731 books and tracts were distributed or loaned, and 1901 missionary letters were written and sent to those bowed down with care and discouragement. Only God knows how many received a new hope through these ministrations. Besides these activities, some of our workers directly assisted the authorities in the administration of official aid centers.

During this time, our brethren called to the colors had to meet the inherent difficulties of military life. We were grateful to receive, little by little, reassuring news from them. Many were assigned to sanitary units or placed in military hospitals, where they were granted the privilege of observing the Sabbath. All of our mobilized workers had the opportunity of witnessing for their Saviour among their comrades. A large number of Bible studies were given and conversations on religious subjects held by them, in barracks or in lobbies. Some of these young workers were called upon to conduct worship in military camps, and even in Protestant churches which had been deprived of the services of a pastor.

Excellent testimonies have been rendered by soldiers who had one of our workers or church members for a comrade in service. Many returned to their homes, after the demobilization, with a new hope in their hearts, and with the treasure of truth in their kit: the Holy Bible and a "Steps to Christ," edition for soldiers. We are sure that the seed sown in these hearts will one day spring up to the glory of God. One of our workers expressed the sentiment of all the mobilized brethren who had the opportunity of witnessing the moral and spiritual misery of their comrades, when he said: "I never understood before as I do today how much the world truly needs the Adventist message."

In the trying situation of the first months of war our members in North Africa remained faithfully and loyally attached to the third angel's message. At a time when everybody was weighed down with incertitude and anxiety, our members gave proof of calm confidence and serene courage.

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Financial Report of the Southern European Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending March 31, 1941

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. 170,696.90	21,993.18	—	—	—
4. East France Conference	» »	—	—	—	—
5. North » »	» »	—	—	—	78,500.25
6. South » »	81,829.50	45,934.—	—	—	39,441.40
	F. Fr. 252,526.40	67,927.18	—	—	117,941.65
	\$ 6,313.10	1,698.19	—	—	2,948.52
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.					
8. Danube Conference	Dinar 90,672.50	16,881.—	—	—	27,545.—
9. Morava »	» 71,226.70	10,327.75	—	—	30,178.—
40. Sava »	» 64,461.90	11,637.75	—	—	33,667.—
	Dinar 226,361.10	38,846.50	—	—	91,390.—
	\$ 4,866.70	835.19	—	—	1,964.88
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONFERENCE					
12. Muntenia Conference	Lei 1,873,167.—	311,231.50	—	—	446,496.—
13. North Moldovia »	» 465,769.—	71,874.—	—	—	101,843.—
14. Transylvanian »	» 483,560.—	59,576.—	—	—	258,707.—
15. Oltenia-Banat »	» 502,730.—	65,211.50	—	—	163,199.—
16. Dunarea »	» 527,497.—	82,057.50	—	—	114,500.—
	Lei 3,852,723.—	589,950.50	—	—	1,084,745.—
	\$ 28,893.50	4,424.65	—	—	8,135.58
17. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE					
18. German Swiss Conf.	Sw. Fr. 34,990.—	5,598.50	2,802.85	5,568.40	27,605.—
19. Léman Conference	» 29,631.90	5,976.64	2,801.73	4,004.96	25,301.55
	Sw. Fr. 64,624.90	13,575.14	5,604.58	9,573.36	52,906.55
	\$ 14,863.80	3,122.29	1,289.05	2,201.87	12,168.50
20. HUNGARIAN UNION CONFERENCE					
21. Central Hungarian Conference	Pö	—	—	—	10,335.90
22. East Hungarian »	»	—	—	—	6,335.40
23. West Hungarian »	»	—	—	—	8,315.60
24. Transylvanian »	»	—	—	—	5,608.10
	\$	—	—	—	30,595.—
		—	—	—	6,119.—
25. PORTUGUESE UNION MISSION.					
26. Portuguese Conference	Es. 11,867.70	4,882.45	—	622.10	1,692.—
27. Madeira Mission	» 1,877.—	594.50	—	—	—
28. Azores Mission	» 1,091.60	215.70	—	—	—
29. Cape Verde Islands Mission	» 560.60	676.50	—	1,404.50	—
30. Saint Thomas Mission	» 952.50	477.40	—	—	—
	Es. 16,349.40	6,846.55	—	2,026.60	1,692.—
	\$ 654.—	273.85	—	81.06	67.68
31. ITALIAN UNION MISSION					
32. North Italian Mission	Lire 33,014.40	8,690.15	—	3,978.45	14,273.75
33. South »	» 18,771.50	4,678.15	140.10	—	13,447.15
	Lire 51,815.90	13,368.30	140.10	3,978.45	27,720.90
	\$ 2,728.10	703.88	7.37	209.46	1,439.49
34. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISSION.					
35. Algerian Mission	F. Fr. 54,475.—	24,240.55	—	—	15,307.25
36. Moroccan »	» 14,302.—	4,289.70	—	—	4,339.25
37. Tunis »	» 2,299.—	336.80	—	—	—
	F. Fr. 71,076.—	28,867.05	—	—	19,646.50
	\$ 1,777.—	721.67	—	—	491.13
38. INDIAN OCEAN UNION MISSION. *)					
39. Madagascar Mission	F. Fr. 24,528.50	11,847.25	—	—	—
40. Mauritius »	» 134,661.—	45,879.25	—	—	—
41. Seychelles »	» —	—	—	—	—
42. Reunlon »	» 1,490.50	303.—	—	—	—
	F. Fr. 160,680.—	58,029.50	—	—	—
	\$ 4,017.—	1,450.75	—	—	—
43. SPANISH MISSION					
	Pes. 12,852.85	2,291.05	—	—	—
	\$ 1,413.90	252.03	—	—	—
44. ETHIOPIAN MISSION					
	Lire	No Report			
	\$	No Report			
45. EQ. AFRICAN MISSION					
	F. Fr.	No Report			
	\$	No Report			

RECAPITULATION

1. Southern European Division	\$	6,313.10	1,698.19	—	—	2,948.52
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	\$	4,866.70	835.19	—	—	1,964.88
3. Jugoslavian » »	\$	28,893.50	4,424.65	—	—	8,135.58
4. Rumanian » »	\$	14,863.80	3,122.29	1,289.05	2,201.87	12,168.50
5. Swiss » »	\$	—	—	—	—	6,119.—
6. Hungarian » »	\$	654.—	273.85	—	81.06	67.68
7. Portuguese » Mission	\$	2,728.10	703.88	7.37	209.46	1,439.49
8. Italian » »	\$	1,777.—	721.67	—	—	491.13
9. North African » »	\$	4,017.—	1,450.75	—	—	—
10. Indian Ocean » »	\$	1,413.90	252.03	—	—	—
11. Spanish » »	\$	—	—	—	—	—
12. Ethiopian » »	\$	—	—	—	—	—
13. Eq. African » »	\$	—	—	—	—	—
Totals 1st quarter 1941	\$	65,529.13	13,482.50	1,296.42	2,492.39	33,354.78
» 1st » 19 0	\$	66,352.60	14,482.71	1,047.38	3,009.86	26,648.37

*) Report for the 3rd quarter 1940.

Specification of Mission Offerings (Column No.3)

										<u>Special Offer.</u>	
	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.	15,611.78	2,045.59	1,846.87	2,465.21	—	—	—	—	—	23.73	
4.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6.	9,388.45	3,330.05	31,514.55	635.—	406.80	—	452.—	207.15	—	—	
	25,000.23	5,375.64	33,361.42	3,100.21	406.80	—	452.—	207.15	—	23.73	
	625.01	134.39	834.04	77.51	10.17	—	11.30	5.18	—	—59	
7.											
8.	12,620.25	418.50	1,389.75	1,372.75	—	51.50	132.—	524.50	—	371.75	
9.	7,340.50	428.75	992.50	312.75	—	153.—	45.50	728.50	—	326.25	
10.	8,040.25	73.—	2,052.—	461.25	—	260.—	70.—	250.—	—	431.25	
	28,001.—	920.25	4,434.25	2,146.75	—	464.50	247.50	1,503.—	—	1,129.25	
	602.03	19.79	95.33	46.15	—	9.96	5.32	32.31	—	24.28	
11.											
12.	188,517.50	40,746.50	8,412.—	36,100.—	—	418.—	5,593.—	10,146.—	—	21,298.50	
13.	44,835.—	18,408.—	1,804.—	623.—	—	—	1,182.—	660.—	—	4,362.—	
14.	37,114.—	13,181.—	5,247.—	737.—	—	—	—	433.—	—	2,864.—	
15.	43,263.—	14,949.—	1,704.—	2,329.—	—	—	120.—	464.—	—	2,383.50	
16.	49,212.—	17,793.—	2,418.—	1,342.—	—	—	5,479.—	677.—	—	5,136.50	
	362,941.50	105,076.50	19,535.—	41,131.—	—	418.—	12,374.—	12,380.—	—	36,044.50	
	2,722.06	788.07	146.89	308.48	—	3.13	92.82	92.86	—	270.34	
17.											
18.	5,420.—	1,149.—	160.—	160.—	136.—	49.—	180.—	274.—	—	70.50	
19.	4,096.74	1,219.70	273.50	6.—	207.10	—	24.70	138.90	—	10.—	
	9,516.74	2,368.70	433.50	166.—	343.10	49.—	204.70	412.90	—	80.50	
	2,188.85	544.80	99.71	38.18	78.91	11.27	47.08	94.97	—	18.52	
20.											
21.											
22.											
23.											
24.											
25.											
26.	3,064.15	910.15	260.50	67.—	—	22.—	203.—	355.65	—	—	
27.	486.15	108.35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
28.	155.70	60.—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
29.	113.10	17.—	400.—	146.40	—	—	—	—	—	—	
30.	117.90	261.70	—	97.80	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	3,937.—	1,357.20	660.50	311.20	—	22.—	203.—	355.65	—	—	
	157.48	54.28	26.42	12.45	—	—88	8.12	14.22	—	—	
31.											
32.	4,616.45	1,800.95	1,150.—	25.—	—	79.55	906.25	100.—	—	11.95	
33.	3,560.20	932.25	60.—	113.70	—	—	12.—	—	—	—	
	8,176.65	2,733.20	1,210.—	138.70	—	79.55	918.25	100.—	—	11.95	
	430.51	143.91	63.71	7.30	—	4.19	48.37	5.27	—	—62	
34.											
35.	3,593.—	1,165.70	17,144.85	1,985.—	—	350.—	—	—	—	—	
36.	1,855.65	974.05	1,455.—	5.—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
37.	184.80	—	—	52.—	—	—	—	100.—	—	—	
	5,635.45	2,139.75	18,599.85	2,042.—	—	350.—	—	100.—	—	—	
	140.89	53.49	464.99	51.05	—	8.75	—	2.50	—	—	
38.											
39.	3,552.60	1,021.30	44.—	1,976.90	—	2,118.80	3,096.25	37.40	—	—	
40.	7,965.—	4,866.40	22,749.—	2,464.—	—	7,400.85	434.—	—	—	—	
41.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
42.	109.60	193.40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
	11,627.20	6,081.10	22,793.—	4,440.90	—	9,519.65	3,530.25	37.40	—	—	
	290.68	152.03	569.83	111.02	—	237.99	88.26	—94	—	—	
43.	1,455.65	309.75	—	148.—	292.15	85.60	—	—	—	—	
	160.13	34.08	—	16.28	32.73	9.41	—	—	—	—	
44.											
45.											
	No Report										
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RECAPITULATION

1.										
2.	625.01	134.39	834.04	77.51	10.17	—	11.30	5.18	—	—59
3.	602.03	19.79	95.33	46.15	—	9.98	5.32	32.31	—	24.28
4.	2,722.06	788.07	146.89	308.48	—	3.13	92.82	92.86	—	270.34
5.	2,188.85	544.80	99.71	38.18	78.91	11.27	47.08	94.97	—	18.52
6.										
7.	157.48	54.28	26.42	12.45	—	—88	8.12	14.22	—	—
8.	430.51	143.91	63.71	7.30	—	4.19	48.37	5.27	—	—62
9.	140.89	53.49	464.99	51.05	—	8.75	—	2.50	—	—
10.	290.68	152.03	569.83	111.02	—	237.99	88.26	—94	—	—
11.	160.13	34.08	—	16.28	32.73	9.41	—	—	—	—
12.										
13.										
	7,317.64	1,924.84	2,300.92	668.42	121.21	285.60	301.27	248.25	—	314.35
	8,005.89	2,690.92	2,185.68	587.26	244.97	45.38	699.53	324.01	—	299.07

In the South France Conference

By J. C. Guenin

A prophecy which should fill the hearts of God's children with courage and faith, especially in these times, is the one which proclaims that truth shall triumph over error and falsehood, justice over injustice and iniquity, and that God will remain the sole conqueror, which means that a people composed of "the saints of the Most High" must be recruited for the kingdom of God. This mark is accomplished by the preaching of the everlasting gospel and the message of God for our epoch. That which we may not have accomplished in easy times, the servant of the Lord tells us, must be accomplished in difficult times. This is a prophecy the realization of which we are now witnessing.

The circumstances in which we now live demand that we work differently than in the past, and with new methods. It is now that we must know how to adapt ourselves. This we have had to do in France during this last year. Not being able to hold lectures in large halls as has been done heretofore, we must use our own buildings, and our talks must deal purely with religious subjects. In places where we had no meeting halls of our own, it has been necessary to seek them. During the last six months we have been able to open four new halls in the unoccupied territory of France: in the cities of Perpignan, Roanne, Montauban and Toulouse. In the South France Conference we now have twelve halls open for the preaching of the message, but the work is really being carried on in sixteen different cities. A like situation never has existed before, and we thank God that this progress has been made. We thank Him too for having given us the workers we needed to organize efforts in these different cities.

Does the public manifest a real and deep need for religion at this time? Alas, no! The interest for spiritual things seemed greater last year. Today it would seem that grim pessimism is shared by most people. Others are bitter, still others are stirred by a deep rebellion. And as for those who can not definitely be classed in these different categories, their time is so taken up by hunting food for their existence, that they have but little leisure to think of their spiritual life. The special conditions of life today make the words of Jesus stand out in bold relief: "When the Son of man cometh, will He find faith on the earth?"

No, in truth, faith is becoming more and more rare, even among those who make a profession of piety. However, is it not now that a greater measure of true faith is needed among believers?

Fishing for souls is now done, not with nets, but with hook and line - a soul here, another there. The few souls, faithful and true, that we may have the joy of finding, are for the evangelist who does his work conscientiously and lovingly, precious sources of encouragement. And our workers, thank

God, will still find others. All our workers have had cause for rejoicing in their work, though results have not always been in proportion to the efforts put forth. The essential thing for them is to have sown the seed. In God's own time it will spring up and bear fruit for His glory and for the salvation of souls.

We thank the Lord for the fifty-three souls which He permitted us to receive into our ranks as church members during 1940. We thank Him too for the bright prospect that is ours at present. Has He not said that having sown with tears, we shall harvest with songs of joy? And even when we cannot see the result of our labor the essential thing is to have the approval of God, to be a "worker that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Tim. 2:15)

Space does not permit me to tell the experiences of certain marvelous victories obtained in view of keeping the Sabbath. Some, however, have had great difficulty in this respect. Obedience to the commandments of God is a great test of faith for many of our brethren at this time.

At this writing there has been an increase in tithes and offerings over last year. For Harvest Ingathering, for instance, there is a difference of some 40,000 francs. We praise the Lord for these results.

From an administrative point of view, we are in a very unique situation, due to the fact that it is often difficult, if not altogether impossible, to correspond with some of our leaders. The president of the Conference is often obliged to make important decisions all alone. He, therefore, has special need of wisdom from on high, and, as do all the workers, of a double portion of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord help us to be all that we should be, in order to receive both!

Let all our church members pray constantly that we may receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in all its fullness. This outpouring will accomplish more than all our human efforts to hasten the glorious coming of Him whom we await with perseverance and joy.

J. C. GUENIN

President, South France Conference.

We would call special attention to the first quarter's report for the Hungarian Union. Indeed, this report shows a splendid result in evangelistic endeavor, with an addition to church membership of 250 by baptism and vote. The net gain for the quarter was 120. We are pleased to note in this result that the Central Hungarian Conference makes a good showing: 80 by baptism and 9 by vote.

A Report from North Africa

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Now nearly everywhere our work of evangelization has been resumed with new enthusiasm. Only two of our workers are still absent: one is a prisoner in Germany, and the other is in service in Algiers. At a time when one calamity follows another in rapid succession, overwhelming the hearts of men, our hope is firm, and we will do our utmost to acquit ourselves rightly of the missionary task in this land of Africa. We are happy to say that interest in the message is growing, and that our evangelists are fully occupied with holding meetings and making visits. Our colporteurs meet people everywhere who eagerly buy their books, especially those on prophecy subjects.

New meeting halls have been inaugurated during the last few months at Tlemcen, Fez, and Philippeville, and also at Oran, where our former chapel has become far too small. New centers of activity have been formed at Medea, Souk Ahras, Sousse, Relizane, etc. We are happy to have been able to add a few new workers to our army of collaborators. Our medical work too has made real progress. Our institution at Algiers has been better equipped and the personnel increased to meet the ever increasing demands of those who need the ministry of the message's "right arm." Two adjoining lots were bought recently in view of a future enlargement of this work. Our dispensary in Tunis is not idle either. The sick press into our much too small buildings to be treated by our doctor and his helpers. May God bestow His blessing upon the work accomplished in the spirit of our Lord.

But it is not only these activities that cause us to rejoice. The churches and groups of our union have showed a magnificent spirit of faithfulness and sacrifice in tithes and offerings. For the years 1939 and 1940, our 390 members paid 464,593.- francs tithe. During this same period, the work received 56,316.- francs from our Sabbath schools. We gathered, under very unfavorable conditions, the sum of 71,993.- francs for missions. Big Week during the last two years brought in 14,695.- francs. The Week of Sacrifice and the Week of Prayer offerings amounted to 7,840.- francs and 8,122.- francs respectively, making a grand total for the Lord's treasury of approximately 623,560.- francs during the two past years. There has been a gain in nearly all lines of endeavor, save in the number of souls won. 57 members have come in by baptism. We pray God to give us a greater harvest of souls for this coming year.

In spite of the difficulties inherent to travel, I had the opportunity of visiting, during the past year, nearly all the churches in the field at least two or three times. The privilege of meeting with our churches is a blessed one. It is a real inspiration for me to see our brethren and sisters, everywhere, of good courage and zealous for the Lord's cause.

Let us pray that the work of God in North Africa shall be accomplished quickly. May God

pour out His blessings upon all the workers, old and young, and may we together be able to present a mighty people to our Lord, made up of all the races that inhabit this great land.

J. A. de Caenel

Here and There

A forward step in education is envisaged for the near future in the Rumanian Union. Plans are well under way, in fact, for the opening of two church schools in the Muntenian Conference, one in Alexandria and the other in Bucharest. Division approval has been given for these projects, and the schools no doubt will begin to operate this fall. Plans are also near completion for the opening of a church school in Lausanne, Switzerland.

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Elder E. Bénézech, superintendent of the Indian Ocean Union, reports that the annual meeting of the Malagasy churches, which was held in Tananarive the first part of April, was a very successful one. An exceptionally good spirit prevailed among workers and members. Unhappily, because of transportation difficulties and reduced incomes, all parts of the field could not be represented. Neither was it possible to have an extensive representation from the other islands of the Union. Elder and Mrs. P. Girard and family were able to get over from Reunion; but completely interrupted transportation services made it impossible for Mauritius and the Seychelles to be represented. We regret especially for Brother and Sister C. Sturzenegger, for they have been in total isolation several years now... Reports presented at the Tananarive meeting showed progress in both evangelistic and financial fields of endeavor. In spite of general mobilisation, forty-two souls were won in 1940, and tithes and offerings reached a record total of frs. (French) 113,927.55.

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INTERESTING ITEMS
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A number of important changes have been effected in the administration and teaching force of the French College. At a recent meeting of the school board held in Geneva, Switzerland, Elder F. Charpiot, of the Division staff, was elected president and business manager of the school in replacement of Dr. Daniel Walther, who had accepted a call to connect with the Southern Junior College, in Tennessee, as dean of men and head of the history department. On the same occasion Elder A. Vaucher's resignation as Bible teacher in the College was accepted. After more than twenty years of continuous service at Collonges, Brother Vaucher has felt that a change was due him, and he gladly accepted the position of chaplain and Bible teacher at the Lake Geneva sanitarium. Elder Charpiot and Prof. Maurice Mathy will carry the major part of the Bible instruction in the College next year, the latter's work as preceptor having been placed upon Daniel Toureille, a young teacher who has been called to connect with the institution. Another change in the school personnel was the election of Mrs. A. Autin (née Odette Vauquelin) as preceptress and matron. A new titulary for this post had to be found inasmuch as Miss Jeanne Revert, the former preceptress, had joined the Melun publishing house staff for office and editorial work.

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The German Swiss Conference's assembly for 1941 convened in Zurich, April 11-14. The session proper was preceded by a two-day meeting of conference workers. Both were highly inspirational and no doubt will exert a lasting influence throughout the field. The various churches were quite well represented despite the strait financial situation of many members at present. In the workers' meeting and the assembly plans were laid for a successful ensuing term. Elder J. Fehr was re-elected to the presidency of the conference. In fact, the only major change in the conference staff was the election of Charles

Wehrli as secretary-treasurer to replace E. Häring, who faithfully has served the conference in this capacity since 1920. Brother Häring, had asked for sustentation privileges; but though well beyond the reglementary age for retirement, he will continue to carry a certain responsibility in connection with the conference legal society.

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The new secretary-treasurer of the German Swiss Conference, Brother Charles Wehrli, is well known in our ranks, having served the cause continually in France during the past thirteen years. It was in 1928, in fact, that he was called from his native city of Bienne, Switzerland, where for many years he was elder of the local church, to the secretary-treasurership of the South France Conference. A year later he was elected secretary-treasurer of the Franco-Belgian Union, in which capacity he has served to the satisfaction of all throughout the years. Brother Wehrli has been replaced in the Paris office, at least temporarily, by Brother G. Desmet, heretofore departmental secretary for the Franco-Belgian Union.

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We are most happy to announce to the field that a mission property has been bought in Funchal, Madeira. The property will provide space for local mission headquarters, a book depository, a mission school, a missionary residence apartment, and a chapel for the Funchal church. An existing building provides ample space for all these necessities excepting the church chapel, which will soon be under construction as a separate structure. Funds were made available for this project by a recent 13th Sabbath overflow and the 1941 church extension appropriation. We hope to be able to provide pictures of this splendid property in a future number of the Quarterly.

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A recent letter from Prof. Roger Guenin, educational secretary of the Indian Ocean Union, contains interesting information concerning

the continued success of the Ankadifotsy mission school in Tananarive, Madagascar. From a financial viewpoint the past school year has been a very successful one as the balance sheet shows a gain in operation of 41,000.- francs (French). And the school has not relinquished in the least its reputation for scholastic standards. The school administration is obliged, in fact, to refuse hundreds of students. Less success was achieved than the preceding years in the preparation of students for the pre-medical state examinations, but this was not the case for the others. One of our students was third, for instance, in the state elementary examinations among a group of 1,300 candidates. The two students occupying the first places had been prepared by governmental schools, which means that our institution stood first among the private schools. Students from the normal department also encountered marked success. Spiritually speaking, notable progress also has been made: twelve young people are enrolled in the baptismal class, and three already have been baptized.

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A report just cabled to our office from Nanga-Eboko gives most heartening news regarding the situation in the Equatorial African Mission. Elder M. Fridlin, director of the Mission, states that the missionary family are in good health and that funds sent have arrived at destination. Then he adds this item: Baptisms for the period April, 1940 (the report for the first quarter, 1940, was the last received), to March, 1941, were 319. This result is a veritable achievement for a period of mobilisation and restricted transport such as that covered by the report. In fact, it is far above the most fruitful years in the Cameroon, which were 1937 and 1939, with 62 and 140 baptisms respectively. Yes, the work is onward despite war and evil devisings. The promise is: "Truly, the wrath of man shall praise thee." (Ps. 76:19.) And God never fails to keep His promise.