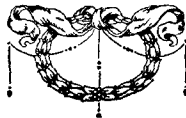


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Name of Conference or Mission.	Ordained Ministers.	Licensed Ministers.	Licensed Missnarics.	Other Workers.	Total Workers.	No. of Churches.	Member-ship.	No. of Companies.	Member-ship.	Isolated.	Total Sabbath-Keepers.	Baptized.	Received by Vote.	Dropped to America.	Net Gain over previous quarter.
1. East German Union.	1	5	.	4	6										
2. East German Union District.	3	1	9		17	13	1337	6	151		1488	56	5		41
3. Qd+r Conference.....	2	4	2		8	7	352	11	129		481	20	1		13
4. East Prussian Conference...	3	6	2		11	11	371	30	681	1	1053	31	5		22
5. Saxon Conference.....	4	2	13		19	12	682	16	271		959	54	2		24
6. Silesian ".....	4	2	8		14	9	358	16	436	6	801	42	7		44
7. Warta ".....	2	1	5		8		26		488	12	500	26			14
8. Vistula ".....	3	1	4		8	4	118	17	302	11	431	24	2		18
9. Transylvanian Conf rence...	2	1	3		6	2	87	24	525	8	620	22	2		20
10. Middle Hungarian ".....	3	3	4	1	10	10	347	8	85	9	441	19	3		29
11. North " Mission...	1	2	4		7	2	44	2	12		56	5			11
12. West ".....	2	2	1		5	1	25				25	3			3
13. Theiss-Save Mission.....	2	2	5		9			13	154		154	9			-6
14. Adriatic ".....	1	1	2		4			3	15		15				
15. Bulgarian ".....	1	1	2		4			3	26	16	42	5			8
16. Rumanian ".....	3	2	1		6	5	209	3	96		305	22	1		18
17. East Galician ".....	1	2	5		8			2	12		12				3
18. West ".....	1	1	2		4			3	9		9				
Totals.	38	39	72	5	154	76	3930	183	3392	70	7392	338	23		262
19. West German Union.	1	1	1	3	6										
20. West German Union Dis.....	3	3	7		13	3	470	12	264		734	23	2		15
21. Westphalian Conference ...	3	3	5		8	3	180	13	234	3	417	21	2		13
22. Hessian ".....	2	1	6		9	3	317	7	63		380	16	3		-1
23. Middle German ".....	4	5	6		15	5	252	31	511	31	794	42	1		23
24. Lower Rhenish ".....	4	4	7		15	11	735	13	288	3	1026	35	6		34
25. Upper ".....	2	2	6		10	7	324	6	58		382	9	1		-11
26. North German ".....	3	2	7		12	10	374	13	220	10	604	22			15
27. South ".....	4	4	3		12	5	248	21	363	7	618	26	1		27
28. Wurttemberg ".....	2	1	3		6	3	209	17	230	4	443	15	1		7
29. Bavarian ".....	4	2	6		12		83	12	421	18	522	25			10
30. German-Swiss ".....	6	2	4		12		294	17	524	33	651	19	5		18
31. Austrian Mission.....	3	6	7		16		13	13	181	17	198	10			10
32. Moravian-Silesian Mission.	1	1	4		6	2	48	13	209	5	262	44			46
33. Bohemian Mission.....	2	3	3	1	6	1	23	5	105	15	143	7	1		6
34. Holland ".....	2	3	4	2	11	1	48	9	193	6	247	15	3		16
35. Belgian ".....	1	3	5		9	2	74	4	45		119	10	2		10
Totals.	47	36	89	6	178	59	3679	206	3709	152	7540	339	28		233
36. Russian Union.	1			4	5										
37. Russian Union District.....	1	1	4	2	11	3	352				352	10			2
38. Newa Conference.....	1	4			5	3	521				521	56	4		69
39. Baltic ".....	1		5		6	9	326				326	9			4
40. North Caucasian Con.....	1	1	2		6	29	837				827	21	4		19
41. Azov Conference.....	3	2	1	1	7	19	442				442	27			2
42. Little Russian Conference.	2	1	2		5	19	595				595	29	5		12
43. Polish Mission.....	1		3	3	7	3	107				107	5			3
44. West Russian Mission.....	2	1	1	1	5	12	190				190	8			3
45. Middle ".....	1	2	3	1	7	6	81				81	1			-3
46. White Sea Mission.....	1		2		3	4	38				38	12			12
47. Black Sea ".....	2		3	1	6	14	332				332	12	7		37
48. Trans-Caucasian Mission...	1		4		5	11	281				281	4	2		19
Totals.	18	12	30	16	76	142	4092				4092	194	22		179
49. Scandinavian Union.	1			1	2										
50. Scandinavian Union Dist... 51. Danish Conference.....	2		4	1	7	2	500				500	4		4	-25
52. West Norwegian Con.....	1	4	2	1	9	20	580				580	7			-35
53. East ".....	2	2	3		6	7	346				346	15	5	1	10
54. Swedish Conference.....	3	2	5		10	21	706				706	18	4	6	-22
55. Finnish ".....	5	1	5		11	26	789				789	4			-3
56. North Swedish Mission.....	1	2	4	1	8	9	244	3	27		282	11			4
57. South ".....	1		2		1	2	40			12	52	2	3		4
58. Iceland Mission.....	1	1			4	4	107			34	141	8			8
Totals.	17	14	25	4	60	92	3344	3	27	57	3428	69	17	11	-56
59. British Union.	4				4										
60. British Union District.....	2	1	2		7	6	336	2	45		381	27	1		30
61. South England Conference.	3	1	5	2	11	14	423			101	524	26	1		24
62. North ".....	3	5	2	2	14	23	745	2	8	29	782	46	7		35
63. Wales Conference.....	2	1	2	4	9	7	198	4	58		262				
64. Scotch ".....	1	2	4	4	7	6	168				168	2			
65. Irish Mission.....	2	1	4		7	6	123	2	17		140	9	1		14
Totals	17	11	19	12	59	62	1993	10	128	136	2257	110	10		103

	Total Tithes Received.	Average Tithe per Member.	Total Sabbath-School Offerings.	Total S. S. Offerings to Foreign Missions.	Total Weekly Offerings.	Total Annual Offerings.	Total Miscellaneous Offerings.	Ave. Offer. per Member for Quarter	Cannvassers	Retail Value of Book & Per. Sales.	No. Sabbath Schools.	Members-ship.	Average Attendance
1.	721154												
2.	512011	344	49728	43728	23172			45	18	85780	19	1947	837
3.	1572	327	112	112	4981			34	12	73950	18	481	280
4.	241255	229	27766	27766	8557	74		34	25	163140	41	1085	778
5.	339959	354	29433	29433	17379			49	40	383130	28	947	703
6.	243984	303	20677	20677	14794			44	32	214020	26	709	490
7.	197241	394	12396	12396	8010			41	24	162440	27	499	387
8.	206014	475	11772	11772	5190	37		39	16	133490	21	446	300
9.	86867	140	9614	9614	2407			19	4	13710	28	622	597
10.	75585	171	9630	9630	1539			25	11	102330	18	454	376
11.	46680	832	1220	1220	412			30	1	2770	4	61	53
12.	6650	266	456	456	81			21	1	59	1	17	15
13.	35770	232	4371	4371	1651			39	3	10120	13	150	114
14.	3408	227	286	286	34			21				13	11
15.	7811	186	914	914	355			30				42	32
16.	94224	309	7414	7414	2469			32	1	2020		294	244
17.	6633	553	802	802	23			33				15	14
18.	3318	369	223	223	1030			161				7	7
	2985114	404	191902	191902	92261	111		37	188	1262150	265	7189	5238
19.	238390	325	64296	64296	20145	480		38	25	118560	15	720	434
20.	136768	328	10804	10804	4835			37	23	175660	18	385	225
21.	169582	438	8460	8460	8996	253		47	16	95120	10	325	208
22.	327741	412	23611	23611	14951	74		48	40	204580	36	844	600
23.	320921	312	23291	23291	12897			35	23	164060	24	1268	872
24.	109586	287	9024	9024	4041			34	6	60560	13	334	240
25.	216287	358	15197	15197	8176			39	25	199030	24	576	433
26.	200970	325	17810	17810	12608			49	27	2611	26	70	451
27.	171314	387	15514	15514	11119			60	16	212510	20	531	335
28.	145181	278	12671	12671	8092			39	18	116980	14	592	446
29.	188840	290	29385	29385	13681			66	17	190980	20	531	342
30.	37574	443	8710	8710	4574			37	5	23820	13	190	151
31.	134267	513	10590	10590	7029			37	3	15010	15	248	235
32.	62654	438	5325	5325	1442			47	2	10750	6	131	79
33.	68684	278	4456	4456	1642	1		25	22	159370	10	280	231
34.	36250	305	3643	3643	579			36			6	119	86
	2615009	347	262787	262787	134807	907		53	273	2023090	270	7774	5423
36.	105321	3	10731	10731	10116		8025	59	5	42769	3	291	250
37.	106123	204	13687	13687	2492			31	15	65310	13	382	350
38.	54895	168	9390	9390	1323			34	10	54116	9	317	250
39.	102129	123	9522	9522	1074			18	1	13690	29	1121	1000
40.	67842	154	7152	7152	1091			21	4	28838	19	457	400
41.	40233	67	3005	3005	231			05			19	566	500
42.	34911	321	3467	3467	2058			51	6	24584	3	119	103
43.	21497	113	1762	1762	1231			16	1	2644	12	284	250
44.	27305	337	1758	1758	155			23	2	5157	6	81	70
45.	3694	97	734	734				19	1	2030	4	42	30
46.	3897	117	2821	2821	171			09	1	5085	14	359	300
47.	52231	186	4204	4204				15	1	4576	11	524	500
	655188	160	68233	68233	20242		8025	24	47	236524	142	4543	4000
49.	1670												
50.	192328	384	9679	9679	7830			35			3	235	189
51.	188554	325	15218	15218	23947			35	30	424036	34	510	293
52.	81098	234	6915	6915	1557			24			10	270	178
53.	189986	269	15950	15950	3351			27	27	596839	28	537	421
54.	122863	156	13557	13557	32966			59	35	941036	50	486	390
55.	83782	313	7557	7557	1043		1771	37	32	379295	18	230	159
56.	25269	486	2577	2577				49			3		
57.	30240	214	3914	3914				27			14	111	100
58.	9070	283	939	939				29			1	23	16
	930860	271	76306	76306	30694		1771	46	124	2346478	161	2402	1746
59.	4425		6197	6197	439								
60.	180002	472	11456	11456	2667			48	9	202574	10	412	350
61.	190531	363	13650	13650	9702			57	34	242366	17	512	450
62.	223170	285	17981	17981	8110			43	80	780653	34	701	600
63.	67665	258	5951	5951	4332			39	21	140747	11	312	250
64.	60534	360	5527	5527	3527			70	38	552242	15	161	150
65.	46747	334	4594	4594	1682			73	13	86463	10	123	100
	773074	324	65356	65356	30519	26713		54	195	2005045	97	2321	1900

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66. Latin Union.	1			3	4										
67. Latin Union District	1		1	1	3	1	61				61				1
68. Léman Conference.....	4	4	7	1	16	16	664	5	28		692	58	2		46
69. French Conference	1	4	3	1	9	9	147		69		216	11			14
70. North French Mission	2		4		6				33		33	2			2
71. Italian Mission	1	3	3	1	8	2	39		60		99	18			19
72. Portuguese Mission.....	2		1	1	4				45		45				17
73. Spanish Mission.....	2		5	1	8				112		112	15	2		
Totals.	14	11	24	9	58	28	911	28	347		1258	104	4		99
74. Siberian Union Mission															
75. Volga Mission.....	2		5		7	15	296				296	13	1		17
76. Ural ".....	2		3		5	13	256				256	13			6
77. East Siberian Mission.....	2		1		3	5	59				59	22			14
78. West ".....	2	1	1		4	23	371				371	16	2		7
79. Turkestan ".....	2		1		3	6	126				126	4	1		5
Totals.	10	1	11		22	62	1108				1108	68	4		49
80. Levant Union Mission.															
81. Armenian Mission.....	1	1	1		3			1	8	8	16	1			
82. Cilician ".....	1		1	2	4	1	13	9	72	5	90	3			3
83. Grecian ".....	1	1		1	3			1	4		11				
84. Central Turkish Mission...	2	3	2	3	10	3	114	8	79	1	194	2			2
Totals.	5	5	4	6	20	4	127	19	163	21	311	6			5
85. General Con. Missions.															
86. Persian Mission.....		1	1		2			1	2		2				
87. Syrian-Arabian Mission.....	1		1	2	4	2	27			2	29				
88. North African ".....	1	1	1		3			1	28		28	4			4
89. Egyptian Mission.....	2	1	1	1	5			3	18		18				
90. Abyssinian ".....	1	1	1	1	4	1	6				6				
91. British E. African Mission.	1	1	4		6	1	49				49				1
92. German Pare Mission.....	2	3	2		7	1	96				96				
93. Germ. Victoria Nyanza Mis.	1	3	10		14	1	21				21				3
Totals.	9	11	21	4	45	6	199	5	48	2	249	4			8

RECAPITULATION.

94. East German Union.....	38	39	72	5	154	76	3930	183	3992	70	7392	338	28		262
95. West ".....	47	36	89	6	178	59	3679	206	3709	152	7540	339	28		238
96. Russian Union.....	18	12	30	16	76	142	4092				4092	194	22		179
97. Scandinavian Union.....	17	14	25	4	60	92	3344	3	27	57	3428	69	17	11	-56
98. British Union.....	17	11	19	12	59	62	1993	10	128	136	2257	110	10		103
99. Latin Union.....	14	11	24	9	58	28	911	28	347		1258	104	4		99
100. Siberian Union Mission.....	10	1	11		22	62	1108				1108	68	4		49
101. Levant ".....	5	5	4	6	20	4	127	19	163	21	311	6			5
102. General Con. Missions.....	9	11	21	4	45	6	199	5	48	2	249	4			8
103. Gen. Con. European Office.	1			3	4										
Grand Totals, 3rd quarter 1912.	176	140	295	65	676	531	19383	454	7814	498	27635	1232	113	11	887
Grand Totals, 3rd quarter 1911.	150	122	272	55	599	495	17837	377	6151	243	24189	885	123	8	523
Grand Totals, 3rd quarter 1910.	137	102	235	47	521	478	16672	290	4498	252	21422	1020	144	7	692

How is it that we are able to make out this report? What was it that caused Noah to believe the warning message entrusted to him? What was it that moved the disciples of Christ to leave their calling and follow Him? What has enabled the remnant of God's people to become the remnant of the seed? It was the Spirit of the Lord

that urged Noah to proclaim the message; God's Spirit also moved upon the disciples to follow Christ so that the remnant of the woman's seed might be developed. A supreme and holy task was laid upon them by the same Spirit which has brought forth this people. Read Is. xl. 9, 10. The judgment is now being held. The harvest is nigh

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66.													
67.	369 95	6 06	31 76	31 76				52			1	29	39
68.	2413 75	3 43	295	295	119 07			59			25	503	390
69.	407 57	1 83	75 32	75 32	25 50			47	7	1155 34	20	196	143
70.	56 47	1 71	10 32	10 32	2 77			39	1	35	4	40	36
71.	78 68	79	11 64	11 64				12			4	61	30
72.	64 87	1 44	18 92	18 92				42			2	48	33
73.	109 71	98	45 45	45 45				41	4	872 88	7	120	120
	3501	2 78	488 41	488 41	147 34			50	12	2063 22	63	997	781
74.													
75.	135 19	45	21 31	21 31	3 73			08			15	369	340
76.	221 54	87	17 09	17 09	7 75			09	3	64 89	13	317	250
77.	202 51	3 40	34 39	34 39	6 88			69			5	80	70
78.	242 48	65	22 51	22 51	3 23			06			23	410	350
79.	151 74	1 20	25 54	25 54	3 73			23			6	148	100
	953 46	86	120 64	120 64	24 87			12	3	64 89	62	1324	1100
80.													
81.	42 03	2 63	1 18	1 18	2 08	74		25	1	64 71	3	14	10
82.	98 50	1 09	7 71	7 71	2 73	5 55		17	2	48	9	80	70
83.	79	7 73	10 05	10 05	9 15			175	1	70 82	2	9	8
84.	275 21	1 42	14 88	14 88	3 06	6 33		13	5	110 15	11	175	160
	494 74	1 60	33 82	33 82	17 02	12 62		20	9	236 63	25	278	248
85.													
86.	18 61	9 40	1 86	1 86				93			1	2	2
87.	60 27	2 07	7 74	7 74	3 08			37	1	51 11	3	29	25
88.	43	1 53	13 93	13 93				50			1	26	22
89.	64 06	3 56	8 56	8 56	4 67			73	1	3 60	4	19	17
90.	62 01	10 33	4 04	4 04	3 30			122			1	6	6
91.	17 43	85	2 56	2 56	80			07			1	11	10
92.	251 57	2 93	43 33	43 33	30 62			72			1	10	9
93.	207 29	9 87	8 06	8 06	21 47			140			1	13	12
	754 30	3 03	95 08	95 08	63 94			64	2	54 71	13	116	103

RECAPITULATION.

94.	29851 14	4 04	1919 02	1919 02	922 61	1 11		37	188	12621 50	265	7189	5238
95.	26150 09	3 47	2627 87	2627 87	1348 07			53	273	20230 90	270	7774	5428
96.	6551 88	1 60	652 93	652 93	202 42	9 07		24	47	2865 24	142	4543	4000
97.	9308 60	3 71	733 06	733 06	306 94		80 25	46	124	23464 73	161	2402	1746
98.	7730 74	3 24	633 56	633 56	305 19		17 71	54	195	20050 45	97	2221	1900
99.	3501	2 78	488 41	488 41	147 34	267 13		50	13	2063 22	63	997	781
100.	953 46	86	120 64	120 64	24 87			12	3	64 89	62	1324	1110
101.	494 74	1 60	33 82	33 82	17 02			20	9	236 63	25	278	248
102.	754 30	3 03	95 08	95 08	63 94	12 62		64	2	54 71	13	116	103
103.													
	35295 95	3 08	7383 79	7383 79	3838 40	289 93	97 96	42	853	81209 37	1098	26844	20554
	67992 87	2 81	6177 27	6174 39	2412 33	22 53	437 26	37	623	69930 82	952	23172	17305
	52967 09	2 47	4887 99	4835 59	2138 72	19 97	406 66	39	532	64764 90	362	20405	

upon us. Let us be zealous and not weary of carrying the message of Rev. xiv. 6. The good done by endeavouring to win souls will be richly rewarded. The same Spirit that prompted Noah and Christ's disciples also prompts His people to offer their men and means. If this urging power had not enlivened us this report could never have been made out. The Lord does not need our

supplies for His sake, but for man's sake. Only God's people are able to perform the task of spreading the closing message. We are indeed thankful to see the Lord's mighty power working on us still. Let us therefore give wholeheartedly of our strength and means to complete this glorious work. The more faithful we are, the sooner we shall see Him in His glory.

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The Work in General.

"HITHERTO hath the Lord helped us," and He will also help us in the future, if we only press on in the battle girded with the armour of the Lord and having His Word as our weapon. The reports show signs of victory everywhere. Now that the war spirit is prevalent over all Europe, we should also let it inspire us anew to earnest efforts for our Captain. But our aim is not to conquer or subdue earthly powers; we have a much higher calling. We do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are

eternal. Our prize is in heaven, and for its possession we are all striving. We are seeking to win souls, not guns; we are endeavouring to free captives, not take them. Satan is doing his best to prevent our success, but "if the Lord is for us, who can be against us?" To judge from the reports rendered by His "soldiers" at the various meetings which have been held lately, we can certainly all exclaim that the Lord is for us, and the work therefore progresses in spite of seemingly irremovable difficulties. Some of our "soldiers" have been imprisoned and suffered quite heavily for our Captain's sake, but they are cheered by the comforting exhortation of one of His generals: "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." With the mighty sword of the Spirit in our hands let us all march to the front, and endeavour to please Him Who hath chosen us to be soldiers. Following are some of the latest despatches from the front.

East German Union.

ANOTHER quarter is in the past, and we are thankful to be able to report an addition of 366 souls, with a net gain of 262. As we had an extra tithe of 30,000 Marks, our total tithe surpassed for the first time in the history of our Union the 100,000 Mark line, being 24,000 Marks above this sum. During the end of July and the month of August we had a workers' meeting of from three to five days' duration in connection with the tent meetings in each conference. Brother Lüpke, from the Friedensau school, Brother Trautmann, our Union secretary and I, visited the different fields. The subjects chiefly dealt with were: "Our Organization as Per-

taining to the Church, the Conference, and the Union"; "Successful Public Work"; "The Messenger of Christ"; "Our Young People's Work"; and "Reporting as Pertaining to the Church, Conference, and Union." These workers' meetings have been a great blessing to all that attended them, and the good fruits are already to be seen in the field. The first week in September we had a workers' meeting for the Galician Mission at Lemberg, where we also organized a society called "The Ray of Light Society." Galicia, with a population of nine millions, is a very hard field. We have no freedom to work, and besides this there is a great prejudice against everything that comes from Germany. The languages that are

spoken there are Polish, Rumanian, Ruthenian (a Russian dialect), and in Bukowina also German. Some of our workers have been imprisoned for holding meetings and distributing literature, while others have been sent out of the country. After organizing this society, of which a Government officer is also a member, we hope to get a start, although we feel the great lack of workers that speak the Polish language well. If any field needs the prayers of God's people it is the Galician Mission. Will you kindly remember it before the throne of grace?

H. F. SCHUBERTH.

West German Union.

GOD'S help and blessing has been very evident during the quarter which has just closed, and we are glad that we can look back upon it with satisfaction. On counting over the blessings which we have received from the Lord, we feel like exclaiming with Jacob: "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which Thou hast shewed unto Thy servant."

This quarter we were again able to accept 367 dear souls into the church by baptism and vote. The net gain was 229, and we are especially thankful to God for these souls. The loss does not only consist of apostatized brethren and sisters, but of many who have moved from one field to another. The tithe has risen from \$25,140 last quarter to \$26,150 this quarter, or more than \$7,000 more than the third quarter last year. The Sabbath-school and weekly offerings have also risen considerably during the last quarter.

We rejoice especially that the work in our two mission fields, Holland and Belgium, is progressing, and that the prospects are very promising—more so than ever before. The prospects for the quarter just commenced promise us a good harvest. We trust continually on Him Who said: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." We especially request the prayers of all our brethren and sisters.

J. G. OBLÄNDER.

Russian Union.

AFTER having been successfully operated upon in England, it was my privilege to visit some of the conferences and missions in Russia. The presidents, who had been changed, have all settled down in their new fields. For some of them the removal was rather difficult, and many tears were shed when they had to leave those whom they had learned to love for another field. But the Lord gave grace so that all was done without a murmur. The workers have found open doors almost everywhere. Although we have been forbidden to hold meetings in some places, yet unexpected channels have opened up for our Message. We also had the joy of being able to take several back into the church who had backslidden. They had been led astray by false teaching.

The Government has been inquiring of our churches concerning the number of members who have been taken into the church since 1905. They also wanted to know what our income has been. This has probably been done so that the activity of the different sects may be followed up, and where it is possible be stopped. Lately another book has been printed in the Russian language in Poltawa, which deals solely with the Advent movement. This all helps to spread the truth. Where some years ago people did not even know our name, we have now been able to press forward with the entire truth. This quarter we have been able to accept 216 souls into the truth. Some have been added in each field, so that we now have over 4,000 members. When we yielded 900 members over to the Siberian Union two years ago our numbers were far below 4,000. We are indeed thankful to the Lord for His blessing.

Difficulties also present themselves. One minister writes me that he was driven fifteen versts (nine miles) by foot in mud and rain by the police in order to give account of himself before a higher officer. He had to spend three days in prison, only because he had spoken with a man about God's work,

for which a priest had him arrested. After the trial he was again set at liberty.

Another minister was about to be shut up in a cold prison, it being ten degrees below freezing point outside, when he asked to be allowed to spend the night with our people, and after having paid a bail was allowed to do so. Our people do not become discouraged, but rejoice to be able to suffer for Christ.

We are especially happy that the Message has now found an entrance among the Grusins in Caucasia. We will have some literature in their language soon. Up to the present we have not one single tract.

One of our brethren writes me that in one place, where our people were fined 50 Rbls. for having held prayer-meetings, they were nevertheless able to baptize nineteen souls. This ceremony often has to be performed in the night. The people come from thirty to forty versts (from eighteen to twenty-four miles) by foot to attend the meetings. One woman, who carried her child on her arm, walked seventeen versts (about ten miles). But the Lord will reward every upright heart.

One of our Bible workers is also in prison at Warsau, because he had spoken of the truth with people who asked him about it in his home village. Most of the witnesses spoke in his favour, but no notice is taken of this.

Hardly a meeting can be held in Moscow without so-called missionaries coming in and causing disturbances. They try to excite the people, so that they may oppose the truth. Under such conditions much grace and wisdom is necessary to be able to bear witness by God's strength for what is right and true.

J. T. BOETTCHER.

Scandinavian Union.

EVERYTHING is going on as usual in our field. Most of the workers are now busy at work in new places, and they generally seem to have a good outlook. Our school has just opened its present year, and thus far seems to make a good showing. The sanitarium is doing well,

and the same is true of our canvassing work. On the whole we have reason to be of good courage. We place all our confidence in the Lord, fully convinced that He will work for us for the salvation of souls. Every day we see fresh evidences of His care for us.

J. C. RAFT.

It is also cheering for us to see that something is being achieved in far-away Iceland. We see from the report that three souls have been baptized there. May the Lord bless the efforts of the two workers on that island.

British Union.

THE third quarter of 1912 will go down in the history of the British Union in most respects as a record-maker. 137 new members were added to our churches. The net gain in membership was 103; bringing the membership of the Union up to 2,257.

The tithes passed the record of any former quarter by £100. The Sabbath-school offerings were higher than ever before. The weekly and miscellaneous offerings to missions compare very favourably with those of former quarters.

Our people and-workers are taking on greater courage and are looking toward the future with strong hope of more rapid development of the work in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The institutions in our Union experienced encouraging prosperity during the third quarter. Near the end of the quarter the training college entered upon another year's work with about sixty promising young people.

We rejoice in the Lord and praise Him for the brighter prospect for the work in this field.

W. J. FITZGERALD.

BROTHER CONRADI writes: "As to our first meeting in Italy, we were much pleased to have all the workers present to enjoy a good meeting with the brethren, and we can but say that things look brighter for Italy than ever."

Latin Union.

EXPERIENCES IN SPAIN.—In Cartagena, an important military centre of about 40,000 inhabitants, during the past ten months we have conducted two series of meetings in two different halls. Thus far this year seven persons have accepted present truth here and united with God's people.

It may be of interest to relate the way in which the Lord guided us in securing a dwelling here. Very shortly after we had located in our new quarters, we were singing English hymns at the evening family worship, and a lady and her daughter, who were neighbours, listened carefully, and next morning came to our door and knocked, asking if we had not been singing Protestant hymns, and whether we were Protestants. Upon learning that we were Protestant missionaries the mother was unable to fully express her joy, and as soon as we opened up meetings they became regular attendants, and after a short time they were both convinced and converted to the Message. The husband and father, who belongs to the secret police force, is very favourable to us, and desired his daughter to finish her education in our school. There are others in Cartagena who are deeply interested in the truth, and we hope that these may soon identify themselves with God's people.

A year ago last winter I sold a health book to a tailor in the city of Valencia. Through studying this book this man and his whole immediate family adopted vegetarianism, also his nephew, a young man about twenty-five years of age. At that time this young man was in very poor health, but by following carefully the instruction given in the health book, his health was restored. He was favourably impressed. A few months ago, while Brother Brown was canvassing in Valencia, he called on this family, and was soon holding Bible studies with the young man above mentioned. The result was that he very soon began to walk in the light of God's truth. He so loves this Message, which has done so great a work in his own life, that he

left a good position and is engaged in doing house-to-house work with our literature. Only a few weeks ago I had the privilege of baptizing this brother in the Mediterranean Sea at Valencia.

God is blessing the efforts of His children in this ancient land of the Inquisition (see statistics for growth this quarter), and we trust that in the near future greater results may be seen.

Siberian Union.

THE Siberian Union has not much to show as far as figures are concerned. It has had some very severe struggles since its organization, and although at present no famine is prevalent, yet poverty abounds everywhere. In four governments, of which Saratow and Samara are two, the harvest has also been a failure this year, and so many have left the country and gone to America. However, the following figures will show that the Union is growing. When Siberia was separated from the Russian Union in January, 1911, we had thirty-seven churches with a membership of 826, and at the end of the year we had fifty-two churches and companies with a membership of 1,007, or an increase of 181 members. The tithe amounted to \$1,626 the first half of this year, or a gain of over \$200 over the same time last year; we also accepted eighty-one new members into the church the first six months of 1911. This quarter, however, the gain was eighty-five members, of which seventy-one were baptized, and the gifts have increased accordingly.

Of course these figures are very small for a Union, but we must also take into consideration that our workers are but few. We had but eighteen labourers in the field, i.e., in the five missions. In the Turkestan field we had only one worker, Brother Ebel, and he had to be everything there—superintendent, minister, and Bible worker. Brother Gnädjin had one Bible worker in Irkutsk, but while Irkutsk is an entirely new field, nothing very much could be accomplished there; so far, however, three

souls were baptized in this place. But there is a very great interest being awakened in the Amur territory, so Brother Göbel was ordained at our last meeting, and we sent him to the assistance of Brother Gnädjin. This summer about twenty souls were baptized there. In West Siberia the growth was also fairly good. Sixty-five souls have been added there this year. Progress is slower on the Volga, where our churches are. The enemy came here and sowed tares among the corn while the people slept, and the tares choked the corn. But covetousness would not leave the apostatized members in peace, and they say, as did Judas: "To what purpose is this waste? The money might be given to the poor!" But it is always very evident to the upright that we should prove our love to the Saviour by pouring oil on His feet in order to save souls, as long as we can say: "To-day, if ye will hear His voice." We therefore pray and request of Him that He may not turn His Holy Spirit from us. After I have finished the work in my own field and visited nearly all the churches, I will travel as far as Tashkent and endeavour to assist the brethren, and as far as possible visit all the churches. According to the recommendation of our committee, I will also visit West and East Siberia in the spring.

As the harvest in all Siberia has been fairly good this year, we hope that the means will also rise, and that our brethren will show their thankfulness to the Lord by lending to the Lord, since He helped them in their need. We are very thankful to God and all of our brethren, especially those in Germany, for the help rendered us in the time of need, and may God bless them all for it. Think of us in your prayers. G. PERK.

Levant Union Mission.

WE can report but little of progress in the Levant Mission this quarter, as our work has suddenly been checked by the outbreak of the war between the Balkan States and Turkey. There is no saying what influence this war may

have upon our work. But at present the whole work has been stopped, as there are no means of communication, and most of all of the available men have been called to take up arms. Many are fleeing from the country, and especially the youth. The conflict is still raging, and one cannot say for certain yet whether the Turkish army will be completely conquered by the united states, or whether it will recover from the first blow. At all events, the population of Constantinople is in dismay, and Brother Voigt wrote us: "Please assure the brethren that we feel safe here. Last night the foreign men-of-war arrived, and if matters should become more serious than they are at present, we shall go on board the German warships. Yet I would ask the brethren to pray for us, especially for the workers in the field and the churches, all of whom are much more isolated than we. The chief danger here is not from fear of the Bulgarians, but a revolt of the Moslems, and a massacre of the foreign Christians."

Brother Greaves, of the Grecian Mission, writes us a few lines: "War is the one subject of topic everywhere. Yesterday we visited a monastery with an acquaintance, and had a talk with some of the monks, and attended the service in their chapel. They seem to be a lot of nice people, but they are so tied up with a religion which really is perfect idolatry. We pray the Lord will help us to give them the truth. We have to work very carefully with them, but the Lord knows all things, and He guides. Just before the war broke out I started for Saloniki to help Brother Scior, but had to return before I reached there, for the troubles suddenly began, and it was not advisable to go farther, and the Government held up all the Greek steamers."

Especially should our brethren in these war-stricken lands be remembered before the throne of grace. Were they not in the hands of God we might say that they were in great danger. But we know that the Lord has promised that not a hair of our heads shall perish unless it is His will.

General Conference Missions

EGYPTIAN MISSION.—Brother Keough reports two new Sabbath-keepers in his field, one in Akhmim and one in Beni Adi. We are indeed glad that at last some fruits are beginning to show in this difficult field. He also reports that the Coptic minister in Beni Adi has begun preaching the Sabbath truth in the church where he preaches. Brother Khalil writes from Assiout: "Yesterday we began meetings here. There were about two hundred or so in attendance. The subject was concerning the kingdoms represented by the great image of Dan. ii. The people seemed interested, and we hope God will bring some good souls to the light of present truth. Please pray for us."

PERSIAN MISSION.—Brother H. Dirksen writes from Urumiah, Persia: "We were at the lake shore for eighteen days, returning the day before yesterday. We had good opportunities of witnessing for the truth and allaying prejudice. Personal talks were held along religious lines with both lay people and ministers. The first Sunday evening a service was held in which a Baptist minister led out in prayer, a Seventh-Day Adventist preached, and a Presbyterian minister closed with prayer. During the following week we had a talk with the Presbyterian city pastor, in which about the same ground had to be covered as in the talk between Brother Conradi and the American missionaries who objected that Seventh-Day Adventists were not needed in that part of Persia, and that they ought to go elsewhere. He finally agreed that if we would live good Christian lives here, our presence could not but be a blessing. The following Sunday, by the grace of God, we were privileged to hold a service in German for the few foreigners who were there. The Presbyterian city pastor and some of his colleagues attended, besides the foreigners, who consisted of a captain and his family, the band conductor and his family, and the Russian consul with his family. With the latter we had several talks on

Bible subjects. Sunday evening, after the discourse, he came to our tent with a companion and remained three hours, occupying all the time in conversing about present truth. He has invited us to visit him in the city.

"Among the German-speaking soldiers we are also working, and we have evidence that among them the work will not prove in vain. When they return to their several homes fruit will certainly appear."

NORTH AFRICAN MISSION.—Our work in this mission is now nicely started. Providence has moved before us in this field as in many others. Since about 1887 Sabbath-keepers have been known in Algeria; even a church of fifty members was in existence at that time, and although independent, it has survived until the present day, there now being fifteen members, who belong to the church at Relisanne. It was my privilege to visit these Spanish Sabbath-keepers lately, and they requested me to take charge of their spiritual welfare. We pray God that a suitable worker may be found for this locality with its 15,000 inhabitants, where evidently a good work could be done.

At Algiers, the French capital of North Africa, we began to work a few years ago, and have twenty members there at the present time, all full of courage. In spite of difficulties the work is moving on, and souls are inquiring concerning their salvation. The prospects are good in every quarter where the truth is already represented. We need more workers to enter these places.

At Oran Brother Guyot and his wife had developed a good interest, and we hope to be able to baptize several there who have begun keeping the Sabbath. At Mostoganem, a town of 20,000 inhabitants, two souls were baptized lately—mother and son. This young man made application for admission into our Gland school and was accepted, and is now being trained for a worker in this needy field.

May God give grace to us, His workers, that this large country may soon be covered with the lights of this last mes-



WHAT a comparison! Are we not awe-struck with the wonderful love and power of God upon viewing the above pictures? On the one we see a group of our native Christians in Africa worshipping God, impulsed only by the promptings of their now clean and converted heart. On the other picture we see a crowd of fanatical Mohammedans, prostrate on the ground, their hearts filled with the fear

sage of mercy all along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, that they may finally encircle and penetrate into the dark heart of Africa! P. BADAUT.

SYRIAN MISSION. — Brother Ising writes from Beirut: "Our two canvassers on the Lebanon sold over 1,100 papers last month. There are a great number of villages there, and our canvassers will have plenty to do to thoroughly work this district. From all sides come requests for our papers and literature concerning Daniel and Revelation.

"The other public efforts have not had any definite results to report as yet. The landlord of the house where I held the meetings has begun to be very interested, however. He belongs to the English church, and is a kind of in-

spector, or something of that sort, in the Beirut Waterworks. One brother here is a doctor, and another a captain of an English regiment in Egypt. I met his sister some years ago in Luxor, where she has a school. I made her acquaintance about four years ago in Lebanon, and she was very much astonished that *we* now held meetings in her brother's house.

"I have been having regular Bible readings with an Abyssinian, Isaak by name, who was Brother Persson's teacher in Asmara. How strange it is that the truth so follows people. Brother Gregorius is now in Ramallah." And from Brother Gregorius we have the following short note: "The interest here is growing; praise be to the Lord. Yesterday I walked with a doctor with



that if they do not thus show their obedience to their prophet he will cause some terrible calamity to come upon them. Do not our hearts yearn for these poor deluded souls? We have to deal with them in many of our mission fields—Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Africa, and Persia. Let us make the work among these heathen Mohammedans a special object for our prayers during the Week of Prayer.

whom I am acquainted from here to Jerusalem, and had a splendid opportunity on the road to speak with him concerning the truth. May the Lord help us to be faithful witnesses for Him here."

VICTORIA NYANZA MISSION.—Brother Schurich, one of our missionaries who left Germany for this field last year, writes us as follows from Iramba: "A short time after my arrival in Majita I came over here to Brother Stein and Kaltenhäuser, and helped them with the buildings. Dwelling, kitchen, and workshop are all up now. The chapel must be roofed in yet. We will leave Brother Kaltenhäuser here soon and go on to a new territory in Mekuma. We have three good places there, where we are going to start stations. Pray for

this field, that the Lord may give us souls here. The work among the blacks here gives me much joy."

Brother Ohme, the superintendent of the field, also sends us an interesting account of his trip through the surrounding country in search of a suitable sight for a health station for our African missions, but fears that there is hardly a suitable place to be found in that district. In some places they visited the water was so bad and dirty that they preferred not to wash themselves at all, much less cook anything in it. After a march of twelve hours, in one instance, Brother Ohme writes, they arrived in a small village, but could get no food for their thirty-four carriers and porters; so he and Dr. Vasenius went out and shot a few goats for them. Otherwise

the climate in this district was beautiful—but that is not of much use if there is no water and very few people.

PARE MISSION.—On my last trip I was able to hold a nice meeting in Makanya in the station building belonging to the railway, and the Europeans had invited their workers in. A number of Massai women, with their large winding necklaces, were also present, because they understand the Kisuaheli language. The next evening I held another lecture in the next village in Chasu, and four Europeans were present. After riding through the whole district of Buiko, we decided to build a school in Mkomazi, and quickly got fifty names of children who desired to attend, and we then went on to the next village of Bendera, where we obtained another eighty children. E. KOTZ.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.—Our Week of Prayer this year is to be held from December 6th–15th in Europe, and we would especially emphasize upon all the workers and members the necessity of making this Week of Prayer a noted one in the history of our people. We can see the seriousness of the times we are living in. We must all feel our own unworthiness, and we are all aware of the fountain that is flowing continually and to which we all have access. How strange we would consider the conduct of a hungry man who, on being offered food, would refuse and prefer to go hungry when his appetite might be appeased. We are all hungry and thirsty if we love God aright, and our desires can be satisfied if we all, as one man, beseech the Lord for His special blessings at this time. And not only do we need these blessings, but everyone around us needs them—our families, our wives, our husbands, our children, our neighbours, our relatives, God's workers, the people for whom they are working, and the heathen. Let us make all these special subjects for our Week of Prayer. Cannot we all look back upon this time last year and exclaim with thankfulness that God really blessed us then and heard our prayers? Do not we all desire to express our

thankfulness in an especial manner? How can we better prove our love to Christ than by giving freely of the means the Lord has lent us? We cannot all spend our whole time in evangelistic work, and we cannot all go out to the mission fields; but the time is short, and the work must be done, and we know that it cannot be done if God does not put it into our hearts to make a liberal offering. Let us deny ourselves some pleasure and give what we would have spent for that into the Lord's treasury. Are we not assured of His special blessing then?

So let us *request* great things, let us in faith *expect* great things, and God in His mercy will grant us *great* results.

Special Notice for Secretaries!

WE would like to call the attention of our union secretaries to the fact that the American brethren especially desire to have the reports in headquarters quite early in the spring of 1913. The following was voted at the last session of the General Conference Committee:

Voted, That we recommend that all our union and local conference secretaries and those in charge of institutions be hereby requested to furnish their annual statistical reports at the earliest possible date after the close of each year, completed final returns to be submitted sufficiently early to be in the hands of the statistical secretary not later than March 1st.

If we are to comply with this request it means that all our statistics should be sent in to Hamburg not later than the middle of February. We do not see any reason why this should not be done, and especially request all the secretaries and those in charge of institutions to take great pains this year to get the figures in early.

L. SPICER.

WE would like to add the following to the list of winter committee meetings which we printed last quarter:—

Latin Union.....	Feb. 20-24, 1913.
West German Union.....	Mar. 3, 4, "
Russian Union	Mar. 6-9, "
British Union.....	Mar. 17-20, "
East German Union.....	Mar. 19-21, "
Scandinavian Union.....	Mar. 26-31, "

PERHAPS it will be of interest to our members to see what an enormous sum is necessary if we are going to keep up our mission work. The following are the estimated needs of our fields:—

Latin Union	\$13,010
Danube Union	9,725
Central European Union.....	4,000
Siberian Union	7,532
Levant Union	7,839
Persian Mission	1,500
Syrian-Arabian Mission.....	3,520
North African	1,515
Egyptian	3,550
Abyssinian	2,410
British E. African	7,715
Pare	6,660
Victoria Nyanza	15,090
General Conference European Office...	7,000
To open Madagascar.....	1,500
To open Belgian Congo.....	1,500
Unforeseen	5,934
	\$100,000

From the above table we can see that we need \$100,000 if we are going to keep up with the needs of our mission fields. Can we get it? Our next report will perhaps give an answer to this question; but we have faith that it *can* be done, and know that it *will* be done; for the Lord will certainly impress upon our people these great needs and inspire them to give freely, so that this glorious Message, which has done so much for us all, may be carried on successfully until He comes to take us home to Himself.

ELDER BAHARIAN (ARMENIAN MISSION).—"I arrived safely at Tokad and found Brother Askabedian of good courage. We went together to Azabaga, a village about nine hours northwards, where we have two members. They had accepted the truth last year, and I had not seen them yet. This is a village of only fifty houses, all Armenian. Half of the village is Protestant. I found our brethren very old, one being eighty-six

and the other seventy-six years old. The former, Brother Garabed Dombalkian, has been serving the office of an elder in the Church of Disciples for many years. He was very glad to meet us. He had been in bed all the winter, but when he saw us his heart was filled with joy, and new life seemed to enter his heart. We spent ten days with them and held many short readings, for being so old they could not stand more than fifteen minutes at a time. Another Disciple was also interested and we held studies with him. He promised to study more and will correspond with us. The beginning of June we shall, the Lord willing, start for Zara, near Sivas, where there are four Sabbath-keepers who should be united with us."

WORD from Aden from Elder Conradi reaches us as follows: "Our trip from Brindisi to Alexandria was rather rough, so we were satisfied to keep alive, and especially Brother Dail did not feel inclined to do much writing. We reached Assiut (Egypt) Sabbath morning and found all the brethren from Syria and Egypt. We stayed with them five days, and employed every moment in close counsel and study. We are glad indeed that our workers are getting hold of the Arabic language, and with it we can see brighter prospects of success. This is a hard field, but we believe that we shall soon see matters advance here. Ere leaving we had the Lord's Supper together. We have given special attention to more Arabic literature, to the development of our canvassing work, and to the extension of the Gospel work. A call was made for a worker for Mesopotamia, as we now have Sabbath-keepers at Mosul and Bagdad who want help. Our Italian steamer did not reach Suez with Elder Steiner and family on board until Nov. 3rd, and it was overcrowded with Italian soldiers and guns for Somaliland. We arrived in Massaua Friday the 8th, and a special train took us with the soldiers to Asmara, so we were at our station the same night."

WORD from our brethren in Vunta (German East Africa) informs us that in their schools in the vicinity of that station there are now about 500 pupils.

A SHORT note, but especially sweet, since it comes from heathen Africa: "We hope to have a baptism in Kihurio again soon!"

BROTHER GREGORIUS writes of having taken a walk with a doctor from Ramallah to Jerusalem, thus having a splendid opportunity to talk with him about the truth. Maybe he traversed somewhat the same ground as the disciples from Emmaus, his theme of conversation was certainly very similar.

BROTHER HANS STEINER, who laboured for some time as a minister in the West German Union, left Hamburg in September for Asmara, to take charge of the Abyssinian Mission. He first visited his relatives in Germany and Switzerland, and met the boat in Naples, October 27th.

WE hope to be able to give some specially interesting items next quarter from *all* our missions concerning the year's work. We would be glad if our workers who receive this paper would recommend it to their friends, so that our people in Europe may become better acquainted with our mission work. Subscriptions must be sent in at once if a copy of the annual report is desired. We can supply no more copies of the first and second quarter's report.

MISS MAGDA SKOGSO, of the Skodsborg Sanitarium, left Hamburg October 14th for Jerusalem, where she will assist in our health home.

BRETHREN CONRADI AND DAIL left Hamburg October 12th and 16th respectively for their long trip to Africa. They first held a general meeting of the Italian Mission, then went on to Egypt, where a workers' meeting was held (more about this next quarter). Their next destination is Asmara. There they will meet with our Abyssinian Mission Committee, and from there go on to the British East African, Victoria Nyanza

(German), and Pare Missions. We expect them back in Hamburg at the end of February; they intend to meet with the Latin Union Committee on their way up from Marseilles. Let us remember these brethren especially in our prayers that God may guide and protect them and bring them safely back home. We trust their visit may prove a great blessing to our African missions.

THE last letter from our Constantinople brethren announced their safety. They will go on board the foreign warships if the danger should increase. Their chief fears are of massacres by the Moslems. Then they are afraid that the defeated Turkish army may cause them some trouble. But the letter ends as follows: "Anyhow, we feel safe in the hands of the Lord and thank Him that He has kept us safely all this time."

BROTHER GÖBEL writes that they were able to baptize ten souls in Iman, Siberia. These are the firstfruits in that town. They have organized a church there now. This city is not far from the Chinese border, being in the vicinity of Vladivostock.

BROTHER KHALIL (EGYPTIAN MISSION).—"The oppressive climate and great heat make one feel very lazy. The temperature in our room reaches 100° Fahr. The Nile is rising and rising, and will soon flood the land."

BROTHER DOMINICK (G. E. AFRICA).—"Our work here is progressing from day to day, and we are all happy and of good courage in fulfilling the task which the Lord has set us to do."

SISTER KEANIDES (GRECIAN MISSION).—"Though the place is new, the people and language is very old to me. I am very glad to have this privilege of working among my nation. The Greek people are mostly very earnest and desirous of hearing new things, especially about history. Surely the Word of God is sharp and will leave some deep impressions on their hearts."