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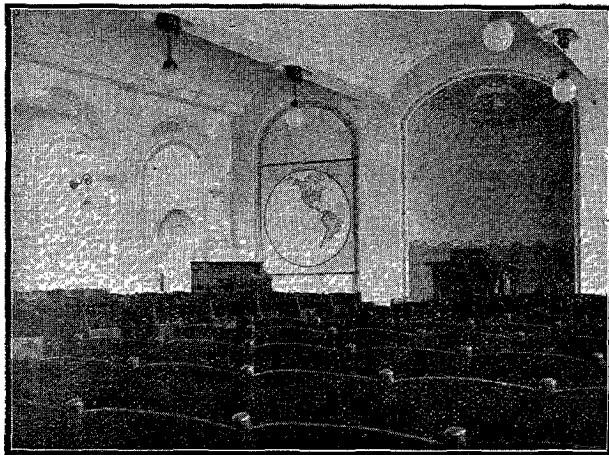
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Winter Evangelistic Campaigns

WHEN this issue of the QUARTERLY will have reached its readers in our division, the time will once again have come for launching the winter evangelistic campaigns. Although our workers are not numerous, yet we hope that a great many efforts may be undertaken this coming winter. We should pray, plan, and work that this year's campaign be the most spiritual and most fruitful ever carried on in our fields. The end is fast approaching, and we must lose no time in warning and winning the lost. We appeal to our union and local conference committees to give most careful study to this phase of our gospel work. Seek God earnestly for wisdom in planning for the evangelistic efforts in your respective fields. Let the ministers and the Bible workers also personally seek God for guidance in planning a well-ordered program of work for themselves individually. We must plan all together, and we must all plan together with God.

After laying our plans we must carry them out. There is a well-known motto which reads: « Plan your work, and then work your plan. » Plans, however well-made, will never accomplish much tucked away in a pigeon hole. They must be executed to be of value, and executed regardless of unlooked-for hindrances which may arise to frustrate them. Difficulties must not be allowed to thwart our plans. We may be sure that while we are planning, Satan is also planning; but we must learn with the help of God to surmount all the obstacles Satan may place in our way. Climbing develops bodily muscle, and soul muscle is developed by overcoming the mountains of difficulty with which Satan seeks to discourage us.

Oh, that as workers in this great division, we might learn that with God there are no difficulties — no impossibilities; that we might learn to say to every mountain of difficulty, « Remove hence to yonder place; » that we might learn to grasp such promises as « I will cry unto God most high, unto God who performest *all things* for me » by faith, — a real, living faith with a powerful demonstration in it.



Interior of the Berne Chapel

Many a worker has failed because he gave up just as success was about to crown his well-planned efforts. The Lord foresaw this danger, for centuries ago He encouraged us with these words: « Whosoever shall persevere unto the end, the same shall be saved. » If we have prayerfully sought God for wisdom in laying our plans, we can be sure of His help in carrying them out to a glorious culmination. Yet we should remember that sometimes He wishes to test our perseverance.

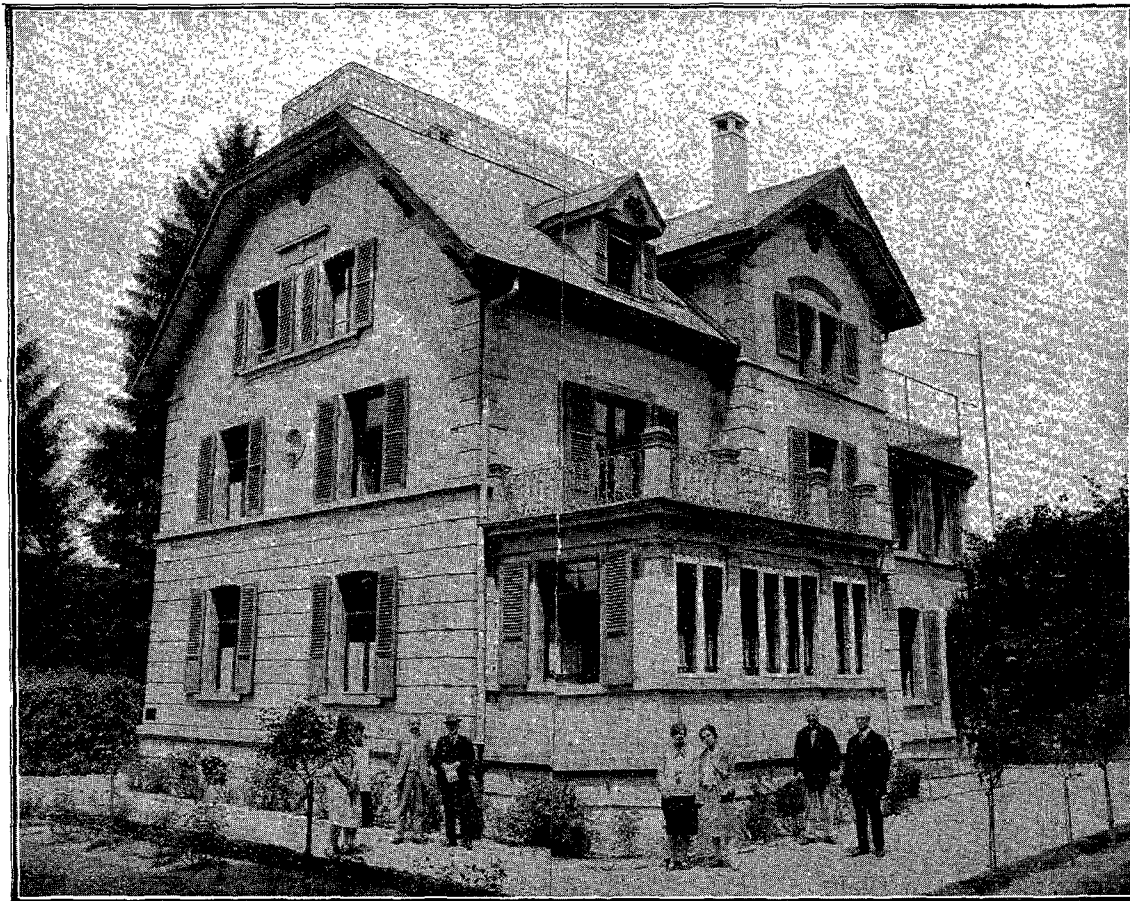
As we sit down to plan our work, we may at times feel tempted to become discouraged when we see how few workers we have with which to undertake the task of giving this last message of mercy to the teeming millions within our boundaries. Looking at it from the human point of view, the situation is an impossible one. But, dear workers, with the Lord nothing is impossible. Placing our confidence in Him we shall not be disappointed, our hope will not be a vain hope. God can accomplish mighty things through a few humble, consecrated men and women. Remember Gideon's band and take courage. Then the Lord can also increase our resources both in men and means. Let us seek to know His will in using wisely and to His glory what we have, and God will add His blessing. With courage and confidence and in a

spirit of whole-hearted consecration let us undertake great things for God, and let us at the same time expect great things from God. « He is well pleased when they (His chosen heritage) make the very highest demands upon Him, that they may glorify His name. They may expect large things if they have faith in His promises. »

When planning for the evangelistic efforts in our fields, we must not only seek to press into service every available conference worker, but we must also seek to enlist as many as possible of our laity in

The First Missionaries — to Rumania in 1898 — from Rumania in 1929

AUGUST 26, 1898 and August 11, 1929, will be remembered as important dates in the Advent history of Rumania. The first date is important because it is the day when, thirty-one years ago, J. F. Huenergardt came to Klausenburg, Transylvania from America as our first missionary. No



Headquarters of the South European Division

this good work. If properly encouraged and directed, our lay members can render valuable service in connection with our public efforts. Some are able and willing to conduct efforts of their own. In Alsace we have one church elder who every year conducts an effort with just as good success as the average minister in the conference. We believe there are others in our division who can do the same. Conference presidents should draft such men into service.

Besides arranging for as many public efforts as possible in our conferences, let us organize our churches for soul-winning work. Every member from the youngest child to the oldest grandma must be given a part to act. God can use to His glory the humblest instruments when they are humble, and when they are consecrated.

Shall we not, dear leaders, rally our workers and lay members, and with consecrated hearts and god-like zeal go to work as never before to win souls in these last hours of earth's setting sun?

A. V. OLSON.

Adventist believers welcomed him then, for there were none in Klausenburg. In fact there were but a very few friends of the truth in all Rumania, and these were widely dispersed over the entire country. At that time Transylvania belonged to Hungary, but Brother Huenergardt's labors were not limited to Hungary alone. They extended over old Rumania, Serbia, and all the Balkans. In 1913 these lands were organized into the Danube Union with Brother Huenergardt as the first president. The Lord richly blessed the work of this pioneer in southern and eastern Europe. When the World War broke out in 1914, there were already more than three thousand members and sixty workers in the Danube Union. After twenty-one years of hard labor, Brother and Sister Huenergardt left their beloved mission field and returned to America. They left behind them many many true friends to whom they had become very dear, and who longed for their return. Finally, after ten years, their hopes were realized. On August 7 Brother Huenergardt and his wife arrived at Grosswardein,

Rumania, where we held a meeting that very evening. Since then Brother Huenergardt has visited many of our churches — each day a new one — where all eagerly crowded together to see and hear him.

It was June 30, during the workers' meeting at Diciosanmartin, that a resolution was adopted to send Brother and Sister Constantin Tolici to Madagascar. This resolution — the first of its kind to be adopted by the Rumanian Union — caused great enthusiasm when it was announced to the one hundred workers who were present at the meeting. From mouth to mouth went the cry: « The first missionary from Rumania! Rumania sends out a missionary! Rumania enters the ranks of those countries which not only receive but give! » All were happy and proud.

Brother Tolici was a student in the Rumanian Union Training School during the first year it was operated — 1923-24. This school had already sent out a number of workers into the home field, but it now sends out a former student as missionary to Africa. The fields were making such urgent demands for workers, that Brother Tolici had to leave school and go out into the field in the autumn of 1924. He came to Temesvar, Banat, where he has worked since as Bible worker, departmental secretary, and ordained minister. He was always willing to receive counsel, and always ready for any work he was asked to do. The Lord gave him good success. From the time he entered the field, Brother Tolici has worked by my side, so he has become very dear to me. Here in Temesvar he married a young sister by the name of Julia Mucusan, the

daughter of our conference treasurer. They now have a small daughter, and all three are courageous and ready for the journey to Madagascar. They hope that soon other young people may follow them to Africa.

August 11, the second important date, we *feted* here in Temesvar a most unique occasion. It was a welcome to Brother and Sister Huenergardt, the first missionaries from America to Rumania, and who after ten years' absence are visiting the field; and a farewell to Brother and Sister Tolici, Rumania's first foreign missionaries. What a wonderful coincidence that the first missionary to Rumania should be in Temesvar the day the first missionary from Rumania was taking leave of his friends. The believers and friends were present in large numbers. Two other missionary families were present. Professor P. J. Gaede, the principal of our mission school, was here with his wife. They came from America to Rumania in 1923; and in 1920 the writer of this article received the mission call and came from Chicago to Rumania.

The accompanying picture shows the persons in whose honor this *fete* was given, — in honor of our first two missionaries. May the Lord in His mercy continue to richly bless their labors in His work, and may He keep them healthy and happy!

P. H. HERMANN, *Temesvar*.



The Hand of God in Jugoslavia

ALL over the earth the Lord is making « bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations » to hasten the finishing of His work. The latter

part of June we held some colporteur institutes in Jugoslavia, and my heart rejoiced as I witnessed the wonderful leadings of God in that country. The enemy of souls is endeavoring most resolutely to keep the doors of Jugoslavia closed to this message. The work must be done under the most trying conditions, and many of our dear people have suffered bitter persecution.

Not long ago a man and his wife accepted the truth. They were the first converts in their village. Hostile influences began to act immediately, and the husband was imprisoned. When he had been in prison two weeks, one evening three men in authority came to his home where his wife was alone. Foreboding trouble, she refused them entrance. They then broke in the door, and alone the leader of the trio entered. He began to revile our sister, and threatened that her husband would



Standing : C. Tolici and wife
Sitting : Mr. and Mrs. Huenergardt and Tolici child

never come out of prison unless she submitted to all his desires. The Lord gave our sister superhuman strength to resist this man, but when he saw that he could not overpower her, he seized a large Bible that was near by and struck his victim in the face until she was all bleeding and her nose was completely crushed. He then called in his two companions who were waiting outside, and together they broke into pieces windows, furniture, — in fact everything that was breakable. Their fiendish work over, they withdrew. The following day they returned and hung a large bell in front of the house. When the people passed by they would ring that bell and throw stones through the broken door and windows. The religious leader of the community announced from his pulpit that whoever would kill these persons would not be guilty of sin.

The pioneers worked for years only to see little or no results of their labors. But now the Spirit of God is moving upon the hearts of the people. In 1920 we

had 120 members in Jugoslavia. The number increased to 700 in 1925. The following three years the membership doubled, and at the close of 1928 there were 1400 members.

As the numbers of workers in Jugoslavia is very limited, the message is disseminated largely by our self-sacrificing members — especially the colporteurs.

Our first institute with an attendance of twenty, was held in one of the large cities of Jugoslavia. The union field missionary secretary is a wonderful little man with a big heart. He has suffered much for the truth, but his face is always beaming, and he is always courageous and optimistic. We thank God for such faithful leaders. At the opening meeting of our institute he made this remark: « I came to this city for the first time in 1920. We were then five members,

facing death, yet personally I felt confident that the Lord would deliver us. There we were — fifty faithful colporteurs, the union president, and a number of other workers. Gladly would the enemy have destroyed at one stroke most of the working force of that needy field. Everything seemed in his favor, as there were fifteen casks of gasoline in the building. This would have been more than sufficient to blow the whole house into the air. But we have a God in heaven who can say to the flames as to the waters: « Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further. » The firemen arrived almost immediately and checked the progress of the fire before it could reach either us or the gasoline. Only the outside door of our hall was burned. In about half an hour we were out of danger. Surely the Lord had stretched out His hand



Colporteurs (Fifty in all) and Church Members attending the Belgrade Institute, June 1929

and we held our meeting in a poultry-yard. Two years later I came again. We had increased to a little company, and we met in an attic. When I came the next time we met in a cellar. Now we have this room on the fourth floor, and the Lord has given us a church of 120 members and many interested souls. »

Protected from the Elements.

Our second institute was held in the capital city. The Lord has opened the way so that here we can hold meetings with a degree of freedom. Fifty colporteurs were in attendance, and I never met with a more enthusiastic group. This institute was wonderfully blessed. The Lord allowed us to pass through an experience on the first day of the meeting which He used to draw us closer to Him. Our hall is on the third floor of a large building. Near the close of the first morning's service, a fire broke out on the second floor in a room filled with films. There were three explosions, and in a few seconds the flames filled the stairway and reached the top of the building leaving us no way of escape. We had to retreat hurriedly before the flames and dense yellow smoke which soon filled the hall. We closed the doors and took refuge on a small balcony. We all knew we were

to frustrate the purpose of the enemy and protect His children in the face of danger.

Delivered from the Wrath of Man

« Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain. » Psalms 76: 10.

Many wonderful experiences were related which brought this text very forcibly to my mind. On the Sabbath we had the joy of seeing the first Mohammedan in Jugoslavia join the people of God by baptism. There are many Mohammedans in the country, and we believe this first convert is but the forerunner of a large harvest yet to be reaped. This brother is a baker and shopkeeper for a rich man who owns about forty bakeries in the city. One afternoon he was sitting in his shop reading the Turkish Bible when a young man entered and asked him what he was reading.

« It is the Bible in Turkish. You cannot understand it, but here is one in Serbian if you wish to look at it. »

The young man took the Bible, looked at it for a few minutes, handed it back and went on his way. Soon a priest entered and asked to see the Bible our

brother was reading. He examined it carefully, and then began to blame our brother for reading the Bible and accused him of being a propagandist. He left saying, « You shall hear from me further. I will force you to leave the city. »

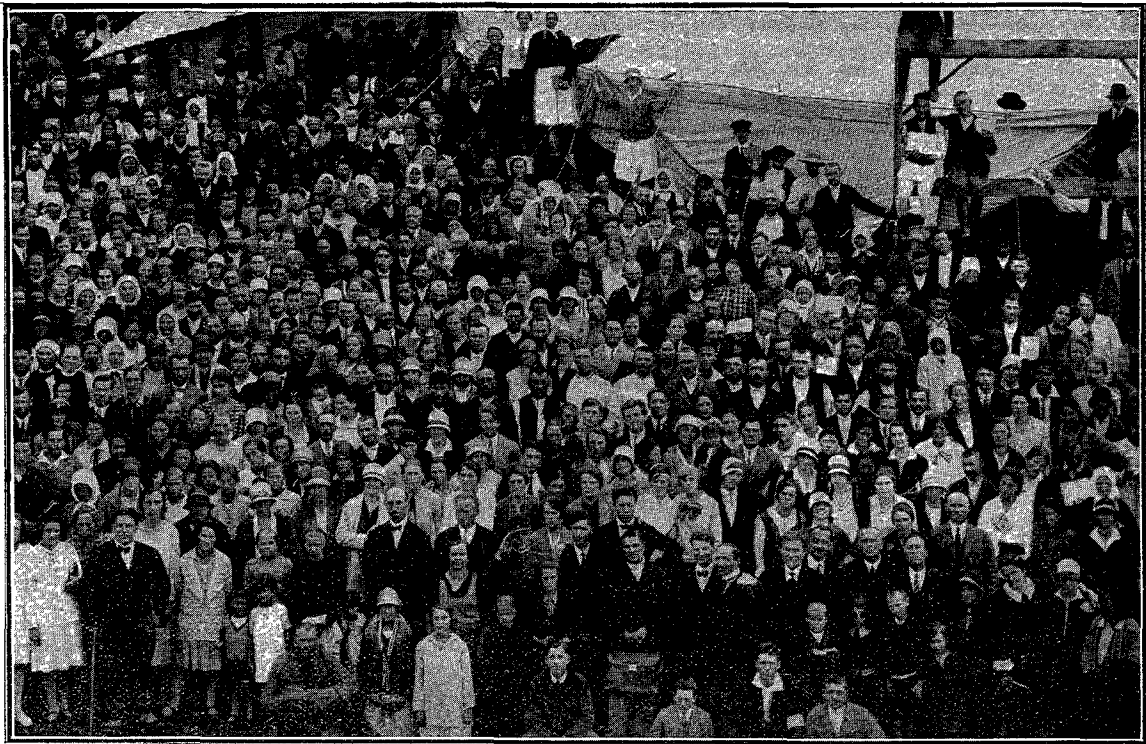
Before ten-minutes a policeman appeared and ordered our brother to follow him to the police station. There was nothing to do but to close the shop and obey orders. At the police station the priest was waiting ready to begin his accusations. After some discussion and questioning our brother was sent to the shop to fetch his books. The police officer looked them over, then said : « I do not see how I can punish this man. There is no law against reading the Bible or any other books permitted in the country.

trustworthy. I can give him 30,000 dinars, and they are just as safe in his hands as in my own pocket. I want him to keep on reading the Bible. »

He then turned to the priest :

« Now I will teach you what it means to interfere with my workers. You shall pay the loss I have had to sustain in having my shop closed. »

Of course the judge dismissed the case at once and our brother was liberated. But his employer, who is a man of influence in the city, went immediately to a lawyer and placed the case in his hands. He firmly intended that the priest should pay the price of his meddling. The following day the priest came to tell our brother how sorry he was to have acted so foolishly and to beg his forgiveness. This is a



Attendance at the Transylvanian Conference Annual Meeting

I can do nothing in the case, and have no right to arrest this man. » After much arguing the priest saw he could not accomplish his purpose. He turned to our brother with new threats, and then left.

A few days later the brother was summoned to appear before higher police officials. As before he closed his shop and went to the police station. There he again found his accuser who repeated his denunciations. He asked vehemently that our brother be driven out of the city. The latter replied very quietly that he was ready and willing to go if he had committed any offense against the law. The judge examined the books closely, and said that there was no law to condemn the accused. On the insistence of the priest the judge finally said : « We can call his employer and hear what report he has to give of this man. » They telephoned to the employer, and a few minutes later he drove up in his limousine. He took in the situation immediately, and when asked by the judge what report he had to give of our brother he replied : « I have never had a better employee than this man. He is a splendid worker, and absolutely

striking illustration of the truthfulness of the Psalmist's words : « Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee : the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain. »

We have indeed a living God who is leading His faithful workers and opening the way before them, — a God who can restrain the wrath of man and make it to praise Him.

The need of more workers in Jugoslavia is most urgent. It also needs help financially, but its greatest need is the earnest prayers of God's people. Pray for your dear brethren and sisters in Jugoslavia who must suffer so much for their faith. Pray God to help them stem the tide of opposition. Pray that more liberty may be given them. The Lord will hear the united prayers of His children, and will send His blessing. Already showers of the latter rain are falling on that corner of the great harvest field. Certainly we shall rejoice as we see in the near future thousands of precious souls in Jugoslavia taking their stand under the banner of Prince Emmanuel preparing to meet Him when He shall appear in all His glory.

F. CHARPIOT.

The Transylvanian Conference

FROM June 19-23 there took place at our Rumanian school in a tent the largest and most wonderful meeting ever held in the Transylvanian Conference. This occasion gave our young people opportunity to become acquainted with the school, which is rather remotely situated from the main lines of travel.

The townspeople very kindly pointed out to the brethren and sisters as they arrived the way to the place of the conference, and asked, « Are there really so many Adventists in Transylvania? » In spite of the rainy weather and the road to the school which was scarcely passable either by foot or by wagon, there were present at the Sabbath afternoon meeting, 1,500 persons; and the average number present at each meeting was over 1,200. The town authorities were very kind, and sent representatives to the meeting. The conference closed on Sunday evening, and as the many visitors left the town by auto, they sang beautiful choral songs. For the first time the townsfolk became acquainted with the strong, happy Adventist youth. The picture of our conference was publicly displayed in the store windows, and I was a personal witness to many interesting discussions concerning our work.

The very region where our school is located is one of interest to us as Seventh-day Adventists. Not far from this place lived the Rumanian Sabbatarians, whose history was one of suffering, persecution and martyrdom. As early as 1588 Sabbath keepers were to be found here. They numbered at one time about 20,000, and we are considered to be the followers of these people. When the third angel's message came to this section, there was, however, only one lone Sabbath keeper still to be found.

The preachers of the third angel's message have also had to suffer much in recent times, but we prefer to report « how great things the Lord has done for » us. The Lord has richly blessed this conference and the efforts of His children here. With His help it was possible to receive at this conference thirty-nine newly organized churches. Since the establishment of the conference, this year's report is the best we have been able to present. The yearly tithe averaged 972 lei per person. The offerings per member per week averaged 4.83 lei. The Big Week results were double those of the previous year. The same is true of the colporteur sales. For the first five months of 1929 the colporteur sales were 198,000 lei more than in the previous year.

We feel very thankful to the dear brethren who broke the Bread of Life to us at the time of the conference. — Brother D. N. Wall, the union president; Brother A. V. Olson, the division president; and Brother G. W. Schubert of the General Conference. Brother Olson's Sabbath morning sermon and the consecration prayer of Brother G. W. Schubert, especially stirred all our hearts. 1,200 persons attended the Sabbath school, and the offering taken was 11,000 lei. After the Sabbath morning sermon, 210,000 lei were pledged for the work of God. This conference will long be remembered by those who attended. May God give us many souls during this present conference year, and may He stir us up to greater fidelity.

At the close of the conference proper, Sister L. Flora Plummer and Brother L. L. Caviness conducted a Sabbath school convention. This meeting afforded the workers a greater insight into the blessings of this

wonderful institution given us by God. The convention will also help to bring the Sabbath school work in our field upon a higher level, and will make it the means of soul winning which God would have it. The home missionary convention conducted by Brethren Hackman and Rasmussen gave us real practical instruction, and showed us the steps we still should take to a greater development of this branch of the work, and especially of the Harvest Ingathering work.

We are thankful to the dear brethren for their instruction, and the future will show that these meetings will have brought great blessing to our field.

F. KESSEL.



The Minister and His Books

HE who wishes to impart knowledge to others must himself first have received knowledge, and he who would be a blessing to others must himself first have been blessed. We can not give to others what we ourselves do not possess. In other words, we can not teach others what we ourselves have not learned. Bearing this in mind, it is clear that he who hopes to teach others successfully must himself first study thoroughly and diligently the subjects he wishes to teach. Even the most expert technician of our day will soon find himself left behind unless he continually increases his knowledge in his particular sphere. This self-evident truth applies also to the preacher.

A German proverb says: « As a man eats, so is he, » and without doing violence to this old adage, we might say, « As a minister reads, so is he. » He who desires to be healthy and strong physically must care for his body, and he who would possess spiritual health and strength must nourish his soul. A wholesome and nutritious diet is necessary for bodily development, and good, wholesome reading is equally necessary for the preservation of the soul. Therefore it is just as important that great care be exercised in choosing our intellectual food as in selecting the nourishment for our physical life.

Books exercise power, and Satan knows how to utilize this power; and, sad to say, it is quite indubitable that he has had altogether too much success. It is appalling to think of the multitudes of people who are annually being influenced and corrupted by unwholesome and trashy literature. Fortunately this evil influence is somewhat counteracted by the many good books which constitute a real power.

Elevated among all other books, the Bible towers in sublime majesty. Of next importance to the worker comes the « Testimonies. » In addition to the Bible and the « Testimonies » there are many other good and well-written books from which the minister can draw information and help. The minister who prayerfully and diligently studies and searches the Bible and the « Testimonies, » and who takes time to read other good and valuable books, has, as a rule, success in his work. The word of the Lord to Joshua applies to us: « This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. »

Jesus heeded this divine instruction. He understood the necessity of studying the Scriptures as well as

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Financial Report of the South Europ. Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1929

Name of Conference or Mission	Total Tithe	Weekly Tithe per Capita	Total Offerings (incl. Special)	Weekly Offer's per Capita	Percentage of Tithe Offer- ings	Contributions for Home Miss. Work	Contributions for Local Church Work	Colporteur Book Sales
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1. SOUTH EUROP. DIV.								
2. FRANCO-BELG. U. C.								
3. Belgian Conference ...	B. Fr. 97,639.85	17.84	29,883.95	5.46	30.6 %	5,775.91	—	48,927.10
4. East France Conf.	F. Fr. 43,547.90	10.06	16,267.55	3.76	37.3 %	17,287.40	—	18,573.40
5. North » »	» » 54,075.90	12.16	21,984.35	4.94	40.6 %	2,779.60	900.—	42,053.75
6. South » »	» » 66,372.55	9.63	31,773.90	4.74	47.8 %	1,584.40	—	35,399.15
	F. Fr. 233,418.30	11.14	91,273.20	4.36	39.1 %	25,758.05	900.—	144,953.18
	\$ 9,132.80	0.43	3,571.90	0.17	—	1,008.14	35.22	5,374.99
7. JUGOSLAVIAN U. C.								
8. Danube Conference	Dinar 75,435.—	7.62	39,610.64	4.—	52.5 %	—	—	79,962.—
9. Sava Conference	» 40,707.70	7.61	16,487.50	3.09	40.5 %	—	—	60,705.—
10. South Servian Conf.	» 19,072.—	6.82	8,996.10	3.22	47.1 %	—	—	38,441.—
11. Adriatic Mission	» 10,084.—	17.63	5,447.75	9.52	54.0 %	—	—	36,594.—
	Dinar 145,298.70	7.81	70,541.99	3.79	48.5 %	—	—	215,702.—
	\$ 2,571.80	0.14	1,248.54	0.07	—	—	—	4,201.64
12. RUMANIAN UN. CONF.								
13. West Muntenian Conf.	Lei 811,070.—	33.06	230,233.50	9.38	28.3 %	—	—	181,102.—
14. East » »	323,155.50	20.56	91,281.35	5.80	28.2 %	—	—	139,980.—
15. North Moldavian »	267,340.25	18.79	69,945.85	4.91	26.1 %	5,149.—	44,223.—	296,440.—
16. South » »	161,495.—	15.50	46,673.75	4.48	28.9 %	1,763.—	—	88,225.—
17. Transylvanian Conf. ...	» 554,395	18.79	115,053.75	3.90	20.7 %	5,868.—	—	229,658.—
18. Banat Conference	» 179,890.—	13.87	50,629.25	4.11	28.1 %	4,284.—	19,449.—	123,246.—
	Lei 2,297,346.50	21.40	603,817.45	5.62	26.2 %	17,064.—	63,672.—	998,651.—
	\$ 13,760.70	0.13	3,616.45	0.03	—	102.18	381.27	5,979.93
19. SWISS UNION CONF.								
20. German Swiss Confer.	Sw. Fr. 35,815.20	2.54	18,786.35	1.33	52.4 %	1,011.50	5,390.20	30,618.—
21. Leman Conference ...	» 36,381.45	2.96	18,249.38	1.49	50.1 %	990.20	448.73	27,113.35
	Sw. Fr. 72,196.65	2.74	37,035.73	1.40	51.3 %	2,001.70	5,838.93	57,731.35
	\$ 13,937.20	0.53	7,149.63	0.27	—	386.42	1,127.20	11,145.03
22. IBERIAN UN. MISSION								
23. East Spanish Mission	Pesetas 5,241.—	2.08	3,318.15	1.26	63.3 %	-76.50	196.75	1,696.20
24. West Spanish Mission	» 2,672.90	2.39	2,279.54	2.02	85.3 %	—	—	1,868.20
25. Portuguese Mission ..	Escudos 10,339.55	3.86	6,873.85	2.57	66.4 %	—	—	18,683.—
	Pesetas 11,125.70	1.76	7,737.64	1.22	69.4 %	76.50	196.75	9,542.10
	\$ 1,595.30	0.25	1,108.73	0.17	—	10.93	28.11	1,383.02
26. ITALIAN UN. MISSION								
27. Central Italian Mission	Lire 8,474.10	4.64	6,583.05	3.70	77.6 %	—	—	13,227.35
28. North » »	» 9,474.05	4.76	9,497.20	4.77	100.2 %	94.05	—	22,273.90
29. South » »	» 5,122.50	2.73	4,392.40	2.35	85.7 %	—	—	12,344.40
	Lire 23,070.65	4.09	20,472.65	3.63	88.7 %	94.05	—	47,845.65
	\$ 1,208.10	0.21	1,071.90	0.19	—	4.92	—	2,505.—
30. NORTH AFRICAN U. M.								
31. Algerian Mission	Fr. Fr. 13,915.—	10.39	4,501.05	3.36	32.3 %	150.50	—	25,002.35
32. Moroccan Mission	» 5,785.10	21.19	2,489.80	9.12	43.1 %	—	68.40	7,939.50
	F. Fr. 19,700.10	12.22	6,990.85	4.33	35.4 %	150.50	68.40	32,941.85
	\$ 771.—	0.48	273.49	0.17	—	5.89	2.68	1,286.27
33. CAMEROON MISSION *	F. Fr. 2,001.50	76.98	—	—	—	—	—	—
	\$ 78.30	3.01	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. MADAGASCAR MIS. *	Fr. Fr. 4,967.—	9.55	505.20	0.97	10.1 %	—	—	—
	\$ 194.40	0.37	19.77	0.04	—	—	—	—
35. MAURITIUS MISSION *	Rs. 3,094.—	1.18	991.99	0.38	32.0 %	44.91	351.65	144.10
	\$ 1,145.90	0.44	367.41	0.14	—	16.63	150.24	52.97

RECAPITULATION

1. South European Division								
2. Franco-Belgian U. C.	\$ 9,132.80	0.43	3,571.90	0.17	39.1 %	1,008.14	35.22	5,374.99
3. Yugoslavian »	\$ 2,571.80	0.14	1,248.54	0.07	48.5 %	—	—	4,201.64
4. Rumanian »	\$ 13,760.70	0.13	3,616.45	0.03	26.2 %	102.18	381.27	5,979.93
5. Swiss »	\$ 13,937.20	0.53	7,149.63	0.27	51.3 %	386.42	1,127.20	11,145.03
6. Iberian U. M.	\$ 1,595.30	0.25	1,108.73	0.17	69.4 %	10.93	28.11	1,383.02
7. Italian »	\$ 1,208.10	0.21	1,071.90	0.19	88.7 %	4.92	—	2,505.—
8. North African »	\$ 771.—	0.48	273.49	0.17	35.4 %	5.89	2.68	1,286.27
9. Cameroon Mission *	\$ 78.30	3.01	—	—	—	—	—	—
10. Madagascar » *	\$ 194.40	0.37	19.77	0.04	10.1 %	—	—	—
11. Mauritius » *	\$ 1,145.90	0.44	367.41	0.14	32.0 %	16.63	150.24	52.97
Totals 2nd Qtr. 1929	\$ 44,395.50	0.23	18,427.82	0.09	41.5 %	1,535.11	1,704.72	31,928.85
Totals 1st Qtr. 1929	\$ 39,672.20	0.21	10,144.99	0.05	25.3 %	2,915.20	1,433.43	26,133.39
Totals 2nd Qtr. 1928	\$ 40,532.40	0.22	15,180.07	0.08	37.4 %	—	—	29,767.13
Totals 1st Qtr. 1928	\$ 37,950.94	0.21	9,654.70	0.05	25.4 %	—	—	28,047.48

* Report for the 1st Quarter.

Specification of Mission Offerings (Column No. 4)

	Sabbath School Offerings (exc. 13th Sabbath)	13th Sabbath Offerings	Weekly Offerings	Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous Offerings	Self Denial Offerings	Special Offer.	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	«Big Week»	Young People's Collection
								17	18
1.									
2.									
3.	9,349.10	3,091.05	112.95	—	—	6.35	8,134.45	9,190.05	—
4.	4,454.85	3,346.20	66.90	—	—	398.25	1,183.50	6,817.85	—
5.	6,488.25	2,369.75	— .90	18. —	—	192.90	5,925.75	6,988.80	—
6.	10,181.55	3,206.15	3. —	14.50	—	112.80	9,419.75	8,836.15	—
	27,771.80	11,119.85	151.10	32.50	—	708.45	22,312.60	29,176.90	—
	1,086.62	435.16	5.92	1.28	—	27.71	873.29	1,141.92	—
7.									
8.	9,613.25	3,074.60	850.49	9,998.50	—	—	11,390.30	4,111. —	572.50
9.	4,627.45	2,300.25	301.80	1,803. —	—	—	3,878.50	3,576.50	—
10.	1,767.90	625.40	120. —	3,607. —	—	—	1,853.80	736. —	286. —
11.	1,014. —	455. —	138.75	2,320. —	—	—	1,395. —	—	125. —
	17,022.60	6,455.25	1,411.04	17,728.50	—	—	18,517.60	8,423.50	983.50
	301.29	114.25	24.99	313.79	—	—	327.74	148.09	17.89
12.									
13.	132,980. —	44,446.25	16,276. —	1,975. —	4,081.25	—	1,400. —	28,806. —	269. —
14.	58,325.75	15,456.10	6,720. —	2,235. —	120. —	293. —	1,480. —	6,543. —	108.50
15.	48,492.25	11,480.60	3,923.50	2,256. —	648.50	—	120. —	3,025. —	—
16.	28,537. —	9,556.75	792. —	2,654. —	—	—	—	4,419. —	291. —
17.	61,294.50	18,221.25	5,169. —	2,755. —	38. —	424. —	2,755. —	23,571. —	1,300.50
18.	27,477.75	11,620.50	1,278. —	5,123. —	134. —	1,394.50	1,310. —	4,996. —	—
	357,107.25	110,781.45	34,158.50	16,988. —	5,021.75	2,111.50	4,310. —	71,360. —	1,969. —
	2,139.02	663.40	204.58	101.82	30.09	12.65	25.81	427.30	11.78
19.									
20.	4,527.80	1,387.10	632.90	—	—	—	5,086.55	7,152. —	—
21.	5,158.27	2,536.36	159.65	55.50	140. —	—	5,091.10	4,677.10	* 431.40
	9,686.07	3,923.46	792.55	55.50	140. —	—	10,177.65	11,829.10	431.40
	1,869.83	757.40	152.99	10.71	27.02	—	1,964.80	2,283.60	83.28
22.									
23.	1,233.50	404.80	76.50	4. —	—	—	905.70	597.50	96.15
24.	626.04	215.65	105. —	—	—	—	772.65	541.90	18.30
25.	2,108.35	452.50	—	—	—	—	2,113. —	2,200. —	—
	2,514.53	765.25	181.50	4. —	—	—	2,354.51	1,803.40	114.45
	360.53	-109.32	26.01	0.57	—	—	836.35	259.40	16.55
26.									
27.	1,247.10	290.45	—	—	—	29. —	2,591.50	2,425. —	—
28.	2,044.35	457.45	94.05	—	—	100. —	2,868.35	3,933. —	—
29.	936.65	361.35	—	—	—	30.30	1,664.10	1,400. —	—
	4,228.10	1,109.25	94.05	—	—	159.30	7,123.95	7,758. —	—
	221.41	58.07	4.92	—	—	8.35	372.98	406.17	—
30.									
31.	1,617.30	371.65	—	—	—	—	427. —	2,085.10	—
32.	475. —	145. —	—	—	—	—	340. —	1,529.80	—
	2,092.30	516.65	—	—	—	—	767. —	3,614.90	—
	81.87	20.22	—	—	—	—	30.01	141.39	—
33.									
34.	382. —	123.20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	14.95	4.82	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35.	654.72	137.97	—	—	—	—	—	199.30	—
	242.49	51.10	—	—	—	—	—	73.82	—

RECAPITULATION

1.									
2.	1,086.62	435.16	5.92	1.28	—	—	873.29	1,141.92	—
3.	301.29	114.25	24.99	313.79	—	—	327.74	148.09	17.89
4.	2,139.02	663.40	204.58	101.82	30.09	12.65	25.81	427.30	11.78
5.	1,869.83	757.40	152.99	10.71	27.02	—	1,964.80	2,283.60	* 83.28
6.	360.53	-109.32	26.01	0.57	—	—	336.35	259.40	16.55
7.	221.41	58.07	4.92	—	—	—	372.98	406.17	—
8.	81.87	20.22	—	—	—	—	30.01	141.39	—
9.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10.	14.95	4.82	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11.	242.49	51.10	—	—	—	—	—	73.82	—
	6,318.01	2,213.74	419.41	428.17	57.11	48.71	3,930.98	4,882.69	* 129. —
	5,475.02	1,973.11	490.90	1,590.22	466.41	42.31	19.48	55.32	32.22
	5,603.06	1,835.62	507.68	84.37	28.70	318.67	2,996.51	3,805.46	—
	5,014.95	1,719.36	420.92	1,456.85	638.68	228.43	24.48	151.03	—

*) Includes S. Fr. 125 — or \$24.13 for an Indian.

Report of the Home Missionary Department of the South European Division

SECOND QUARTER, 1929.

	Franco-Belg. U. C.	Jugoslavian U. C.	Rumanian U. C.	Swiss U. C.	Iberian U. M.	Italian U. M.	N. African U. M.	Mauritius Mission	TOTAL
1. No. of Churches and Companies	57	80	309	45	16	20	8	10	545
2. Total number of Church Members	1649	1615	8826	2038	503	468	125	199	15423
3. Number of Persons Reporting	509	818	5925	868	126	255	71	224	8796
4. Percentage of Members Reporting	31	50	67	43	25	55	57	112	57
5. Numb. doing Bible or Gospel Mtg. Work	62	629	3804	233	—	173	46	170	5117
6. No. engaged in Medical Mission. Work	26	660	2572	60	—	87	27	—	3432
7. No. engaged in Literature Work	100	523	1545	578	—	180	43	50	3019
REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK :									
Missionary Visits	1726	5578	37637	1718	395	1914	420	536	49924
Bible Readings	1320	10608	48248	908	420	1788	229	1618	65139
No. of Persons taken to Services	94	1141	7903	137	80	215	40	24	9634
Hours of Christian Help Work	575	7615	33711	1079	134	596	117	391	44218
Treatments Given	712	—	8897	367	60	273	103	194	10606
Periodicals distributed	11784	1179	11224	20811	1217	2501	1327	585	50628
Tracts distributed	2878	648	7276	5922	871	442	92	233	13362
New subscriptions to periodicals	123	—	353	161	5	44	48	31	765
Books distributed	919	391	2138	810	356	498	427	152	5631
Missionary Letters Written	361	939	1519	413	86	355	63	37	3773
Missionary Letters Received	189	634	1226	169	70	267	12	8	2575
Souls Won	10	46	271	1	—	13	—	—	341

The Wealth of the Nations for Christ

MOST cheering reports are coming to our office here from every part of the field relative to the Harvest Ingathering campaign. 250,000 Ingathering papers in 10 languages have been printed in our division, and several thousand additional papers in five other languages, printed outside of our territory, are also being made use of. Thus the Ingathering campaign is being carried on in 15 languages in the South European Division.

During the 1928 campaign the North France Conference held the lead by a good margin among the 60 conferences in the old European Division, with a per capita of \$14.50. The South France Conference took second place, with \$12.51 per member, and the old Latin Union stood at the head of all the unions in the old division, with \$7.87 per member.

It was also in the North France Conference that one church averaged 1425.— French francs or \$57 per member. We know that not only will the North France Conference make a determined effort to keep the lead again this year, but the Nantes church will endeavor to push its average from \$57 per capita still higher.

The Le Havre church in North France averaged more than 500 French francs or over \$20 per member. The Reims church also passed the \$20 per member.

In South France one of our ministers collected over 40,000 French francs or \$1600 in the campaign last year. We are hopeful that he will make it 50,000 francs or \$2,000 this year. And so we could go on repeating the achievements of the past.

But what about results during the present campaign? One of the conferences in France raised its goal at the annual meeting 10,000 francs over that of last year. A sister in the same field has set her individual goal at 5,000 francs, and from various parts of the field word has come to our office of individual goals among our lay members ranging from 1,000 to 3,000 francs (\$40 to \$125).

In the Leman Conference in Switzerland, a brother gathered in four days 430 Swiss francs, or \$82. In the same field the Geneva Missionary Volunteer society has set as its goal 2,500 Swiss francs — \$500 — or an average of \$15 per member.

The superintendent of the North African Union Mission reports that the 124 workers and members in that large and interesting field are planning to make use of 10,000 papers this year. Italy has set her goal at 40,000 lire, or more than \$2,000, — an increase of \$500 or 20% over 1928.

Rumania is planning to treble her Ingathering receipts this year over 1928. At the recent workers' meeting held in July, action was taken by the workers themselves to make use of from 250 to 500 Ingathering papers each. The prospects in Jugoslavia for a large and successful campaign are brighter than ever.

Word has also reached us from the Iberian Union — the little continent on the other side of the Pyrenees — that more papers have been printed this year than ever in the past, and everything indicates that the campaign this year will be most successful.

What then about our goal of \$32,000 for the division? If all our workers and church members plan, pray and pull together, we believe that we shall realize a sum of \$40,000 for missions through this year's Ingathering campaign. Watch the figures in our next QUARTERLY REVIEW!

It is our firm conviction that not only will the wealth of the nations be gathered in for the promulgation of the gospel in heathen lands, but through systematic and careful follow-up work in the campaign, we shall see many precious souls garnered in for the kingdom of God here in the homelands.

STEEN RASMUSSEN.

« The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life ; and he that winneth souls is wise. »

« Let us not be weary in well doing : for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. »

Report of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the South European Division

SECOND QUARTER, 1929.

	Franco-Belg. U. C.	Jugoslavian U. C.	Rumanian U. C.	Swiss U. C.	Iberian U. M.	Italian U. M.	N. African U. M.	Mauritius Mission	TOTAL
1. Number of Societies	24	23	115	15	4	11	5	5	202
2. Total Membership of Societies	428	595	2254	574	51	133	40	51	4126
3. Members reporting	169	382	1053	250	32	75	15	41	2017
4. Percentage of Members Reporting	39	64	47	44	63	57	37	80	48
5. No. observing Morning Watch	176	370	724	117	35	32	7	51	1512
6. No. reading Bible through	48	205	157	43	25	10	5	—	501
7. No. taking Reading Course	67	108	221	14	19	22	2	—	453
8. No. taking St. of Attainment	32	—	348	53	—	—	—	—	433
REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK:									
Missionary and Sick Visits	253	2660	7671	267	40	706	84	16	11697
Bible Readings	287	5242	7631	151	37	655	113	113	14229
Hours of Christian Help Work	230	3231	7865	147	20	197	27	59	11776
Treatments Given	95	—	811	13	3	69	9	18	1018
Subscriptions to Periodicals	78	—	37	129	2	2	3	—	251
Papers and Mags. distributed	2995	623	2202	5631	185	941	202	7	12836
Books distributed	363	226	455	270	18	117	67	14	1530
Tracts distributed	683	331	1202	2375	176	59	70	13	4909
Letters Written	131	574	535	76	15	93	55	11	1430
Letters Received	47	395	415	46	15	66	9	2	995
Souls Won	8	16	118	1	—	3	—	—	146

A Word of Appreciation

KNOWING that our dear fellow laborers will be interested in a little advance information regarding the Big Week campaign (Missions Extension Fund) and the Self-Denial Week, we take this opportunity of expressing to conference officials as well as to our workers generally, our sincere appreciation of the splendid coöperation and rallying spirit shown by them in connection with the two above-mentioned projects.

For the sake of comparison, we give here a few figures which tell their own interesting story of growth and progress.

<i>Big Week</i>	<i>Self-Denial Week</i>
1928 \$3956.49	1928 \$3020.99
1929 5015.23	1929 4874.60
Gain \$1058.74	Gain \$1853.61

The above figures are not final. During the remaining months of the year still further sums will be applied on these two funds.

Our Big Week goal was \$4,250, so that up to date there is an « overflow » of \$800, and we expect this amount to increase several hundred dollars more before the end of the year.

It also gives us pleasure to report that our Missionary Volunteers are working hard in their endeavor to raise \$1,000 for our work in the Cameroon. Some fields have already raised more than their quota. The Leman Conference, for instance, has raised \$200. The East France Conference through its 70 Missionary Volunteers, has averaged more than a dollar per member. At the South France annual meeting, a splendid sum was donated to apply to this fund. Rumania has also made a fine beginning, and we feel assured that our Missionary Volunteers throughout the division will not fail in accomplishing this special task which has been allotted to them in addition to the other burdens which rest upon them generally.

The needs in the extensive mission fields belonging to our division are constantly increasing, and so the Lord is impressing the hearts of His dear people in

the homelands to give liberally of their means and their time, to advance the kingdom of God in the dark corners of the earth. STEEN RASMUSSEN.



The North Italian Mission

EVERY Seventh-day Adventist who reads about Italy today, naturally thinks of the prophecy of Revelation 13, — a prophecy which has been forcefully confirmed since the beginning of the present year. Consequently the work in the land of the papacy takes on new meaning and becomes of special interest to us all as Adventists.

On the first of January of this present year, the long, boot-shaped peninsula of Italy was divided into three missions, with a view of better developing the work. The northern mission takes in the friendly Piedmont, the industrial Lombardy, and the province named for its capital city — Venice. There is in this mission a total population of 15,750,000. How many of these cherish in their hearts the blessed hope of the advent of Christ? One out of every 100,000. At the time of the organization of the field, there were five churches with 110 members. Thirty-six members were to be found in groups or as single lights dotted here and there over the wide field from the French border on the west to the Yugoslavian border on the east. The number of workers is very modest — only six. That means that each worker in this mission must bring the light of truth to two and a half million souls. A tremendous responsibility, is it not? Sometimes we can but ask ourselves how we who are but a handful of workers can bring the third angel's message to almost 16,000,000 souls, and finish the work in this generation. This gigantic task can never be accomplished by human strength, yet it will not be accomplished independent of human instrumentalities. We know that God will finish His work in this populous mission, and He will finish it by the power of His Spirit working through human agencies.

What plans should be laid to rightly work in this field under existing conditions? We believe that the

most important part of our work is the preaching of the gospel, for where this is earnestly carried on the work advances. Since we can hold no public lectures in this field, experience teaches us that our victories must be won through personal work, and the decision for truth is often reached in Bible studies given to individuals. As in many lands, the colporteurs are our loyal pioneers. Somehow these colporteurs understand the way to human hearts, and how to administer « first aid » to them. We thank the Lord that we have a number of such heralds and heroes of faith. Although they daily meet with difficulties, yet they go forward courageously and indefatigably. In a large meeting the priest warned the people against our colporteurs and the book they were circulating, against the menace of Protestantism in Italy, saying : « The book which one unfortunately finds in so many Christian families with the beautiful title 'The Way to Christ' ('Steps to Christ'), should rather be called 'The Way to the Devil.' » Why such hatred of this beautiful, little book ? Whoever searches it with honest heart departs from « The Way to Rome ». Who can counteract the good influence of such literature ? It is our most mighty weapon.

We are still in the days of small beginnings, yet all signs show that the time is near in Italy of which the prophet Joel speaks in chapter 2 : 21 : « Fear not, O land ; be glad and rejoice : for the Lord will *also* do great things. » He who would be great must begin humbly ; and « Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof. » The Lord has richly blessed the labors of His servants and His children during the first half of this year, for we are all familiar with the difficulties under which the Advent message must be preached in Italy. Results must therefore be measured in proportion to the time and effort required to instruct a single soul in the present truth. Twenty-two persons have been baptized, and our present membership is 166. Two new churches have been organized, — one in Turino, the capital of the Piedmont ; the other in the great port city of Trieste. With the help of the Lord three churches will be organized next quarter. We have seen God's mighty hand in our Big Week campaign. The goal of 3,500 lire was not only reached but exceeded by 433 lire.

We sincerely thank God for the help that He has granted us until now, and we have every reason to be of good courage, and to hold fast to His promises, remembering that « The joy of Jehovah is your strength. » Neh. 8 : 10.

May many consecrated workers hear the call of the Lord and come here to help begin the work in the large cities of northern Italy. There are still so many cities without one Adventist. This fills our hearts with sadness, for we know that in each of these places there should be a strong church. Brethren and sisters, help us by your earnest prayers, and God will reveal Himself mightily to many hearts. L. BEER.

The Minister and His Books

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the wonderful book of nature. He knew that « man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. » The word of God was to Him the Bread of Life, and daily he partook of it for the refreshing and strengthening of His spiritual life. The words of the Psalmist apply to Him : « I have more understanding than all my teachers : for thy testimonies are my meditation. » Jesus taught not as the teachers of his time, because

He studied the Word differently than they : « The people were astonished at His doctrine : For He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. » When Jesus spoke, the people listened with deep interest to His words, and even those who were sent out to arrest Him declared : « Never man spake like this man. »

Through the spirit of prophecy these words have come to us : « Men of God must be diligent in study, earnest in the acquirement of knowledge, never wasting an hour. . . . Ministers should devote time to reading, to study, to meditation and prayer. They should store the mind with useful knowledge, committing to memory portions of Scripture, tracing out the fulfilment of the prophecies, and learning the lessons which Christ gave to His disciples. Take a book with you to read when travelling on the cars or waiting in the station. » — « Testimonies, » Vol. 4, pp. 411, 412.

Our denominational leaders have always placed great emphasis on developing a well-educated and spiritual ministry. In order to further this work ministerial institutes are being held from time to time, and Reading Courses have been started. Of late a more systematic and efficient work has been done for the ministry under the leadership of the Ministerial Association. Our Reading Courses have already borne rich fruitage, and proven a real blessing to our workers. Great care is taken every year to select a set of books in the various languages, which are recommended to our workers. We are glad that the great majority of our workers — conference workers as well as workers in our institutions — in the South European Division are members of our Reading Course circle. It has been a real pleasure to notice the interest which our workers have taken in the English Reading Course. We now have 72 members enrolled. It is our aim to train a large army of God-fearing workers, who in the power of the Spirit can go out into the harvest field and win souls for Jesus.

May the Lord give to His ministers and to all who have a part in this glorious work, a deeper knowledge of and a closer connection with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit ; and may He grant that we may more diligently heed the divine admonition : « Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. » J. C. RAFT.



Progress in Jugoslavia

RECENTLY, during the time of Brother Charpiot's visit to our field, we had blessed meetings with our colporteurs in a small rented hall in a large theater building. At that time our archenemy showed his wrath in a special way by trying to destroy us all by fire. We were in a death trap, but God intervened and saved the lives of the workers and leaders of this field. It was a wonderful experience, and a still more wonderful deliverance. Later followed the conference session. We were permitted to hold these meetings in the large auditorium of the very theater where the fire had taken place. God was present and blessed us greatly.

The readers of the QUARTERLY REVIEW may be interested in some of the figures presented at the time of this conference. From 1905 to 1918, 792 members were received by baptism, 70 by vote, and 230 by

letter from fields outside of the union. From 56 churches with 754 members, we have grown to 83 churches with 1400 members. The net increase by years is as follows :

In 13 years (1905-1918)	250	members	were	won
» 7 » (1918-1925)	504	»	»	»
» 4 » (1925-1929)	646	»	»	»

In the year 1925 we had in Jugoslavia one Adventist for every 1,200,000 inhabitants. In 1928 there was one member for every 8,571. In 1925 we had 72 Sabbath schools with 1071 members, who gave in offerings that year, 34,289 dinars or —.62 dinar per week per member. In 1928 we had 108 Sabbath schools with 1728 members, and the offerings for that year totaled 85,996 dinars or 1.05 dinars per week per member.

This year many more young people will attend our school at Collonges than in past years as we can give them the necessary financial help with the money voted us by the division. Plans have been made to strengthen the work in our field and to do all we can with the available money.

There is still a great task before us in Jugoslavia, but we have every reason to praise the Lord, and to go forward confident of victory in Him.

A. MOCNIK.



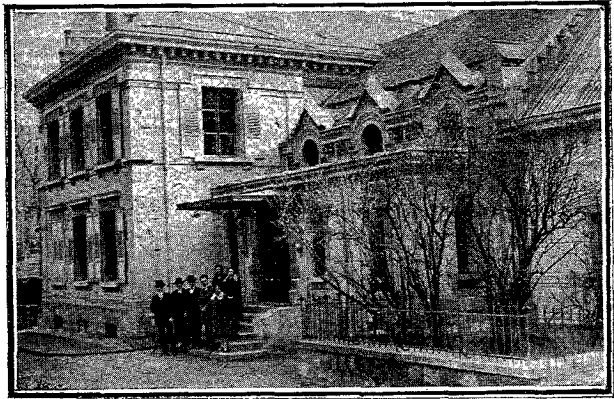
The Swiss Union

IT was the first of January, 1929 that the two conferences of German and French Switzerland were organized into a union with headquarters in Lausanne. Although this is the smallest union in the division (its population is about four million), in membership it stands second, with fifty churches. Twenty-one of these are in the Leman Conference, and twenty-nine in the German Swiss Conference. The membership the first of January, 1929, was 2,058. The workers were then forty.

The organization of Switzerland as an independent union is an important chapter in the history of the Advent movement in Europe, inasmuch as it is the country to which the three-fold message was first brought from America, and not alone for Switzerland, but for all Europe.

A Polish ex-priest by the name of Czechowski first preached in Switzerland the second coming of Christ as based on the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, and the importance of the Sabbath. By means of a prophetic chart, copies of which one still finds on the walls in many of the homes of our older believers, Czechowski also announced the message in the Piedmont Valley, Italy. Here he gained two converts : One, Madame Catherine Rével, born in 1830 in Torre Pellice, and who still lives at the age of ninety-eight. Her grandson, Brother Alfred Vaucher, is Bible teacher in our training school at Collonges. The other convert won was Jean David Geymet, who, with Czechowski, left Italy and came to Switzerland. They settled at Grandson near Yverdon, and here Czechowski began to preach the message. In June, 1866, he published for the first time a paper entitled *L'Evangile Eternel et l'Accomplissement des Prophéties sur la Venue du Sauveur*. We possess all the numbers of this little paper, and find therein interesting reports and articles concerning the preaching of the last message and its progress.

The first souls to be won in French Switzerland were Sister Louise Pigueron and Brother D. S. Han-



Swiss Union Headquarters — Lausanne

hardt. Sister Pigueron was baptized in Lake Neuchâtel February 7, 1866 ; and in August of the same year Brother Hanhardt was baptized. The daughter of Sister Pigueron, Sister De Prato, who was fifteen years old at the time, was baptized in July 1867. This sister is now seventy-seven years' old, and a loyal, earnest member of one of our churches in South France. We had the privilege of seeing her this year at our annual meeting in Lausanne, and of hearing her testimony to God's glory.

One by one Brethren Léon Borle, J. E. Dietschy, the family Roth-Steiner, Albert and Adémar Vuilleumier, the families Guenin and Schild, and many others whose names I can not mention for lack of space, accepted the truth. Brother Jacob Erzberger became acquainted with the message when visiting Tramelan, Switzerland. In 1869 he was sent to the United States to be trained as a preacher. In 1872 Brother Adémar Vuilleumier followed him to America.

In the autumn of 1874 there came to Switzerland at the request of the Swiss brethren, one of the ablest preachers and writers of the Advent movement in America, Elder J. N. Andrews. Brother Andrews began work in Basel, where July 1876 the French paper *Les Signes des Temps* was for the first time published. This paper is still being published by our publishing house in Melun, France.

Switzerland was for a long time the center of the intensive activities of other true pioneers, such as Brethren D. T. and A. C. Bourdeau, B. L. Whitney, H. P. Holser, L. R. Conradi, and Jacob Erzberger. In more recent years it was the headquarters of the Latin Union which was organized in 1902. It is now our privilege to have in our midst the headquarters of the newly organized South European Division, and we appreciate the brotherly cooperation of our division leaders.

For many years now the message of present truth has been preached in Switzerland ; but we know that God still has in this land blessed by Nature many precious souls who will accept the message, and whose names will be written in the book of life.

Financially, the Swiss Union stands first of all the unions in the South European Division. The self-sacrificing spirit of the members is a striking characteristic of our Swiss brethren. We pray God that we may see a similar proportionate standing in the number of souls won, — souls which we so earnestly desire to take with us into the kingdom of God.

Switzerland has sent heralds of the truth to many lands. We have, in fact, been so generous in this

respect that we ourselves are now sadly in need of experienced, consecrated workers. The Swiss Union has an important task to accomplish. As workers and believers we sense this responsibility; and all together we are asking « of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain, » that through the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit we may be able to search out all those who are yet to be saved in God's kingdom.

Pierre P. PAULINI.



The Ministerial Reading Course

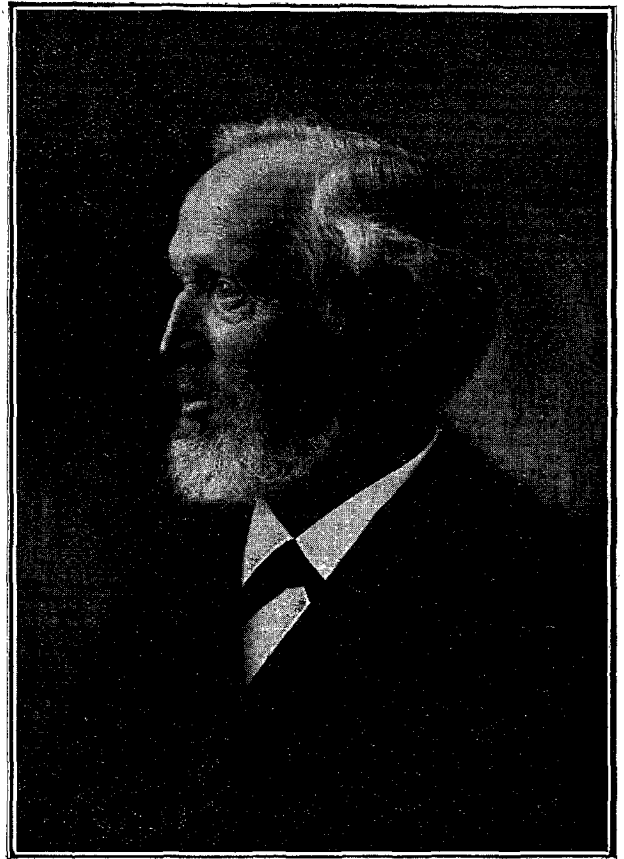
UNTIL the present time no mention has been made in our QUARTERLY REVIEW of the Ministerial Reading Course, which is being promoted this year in six languages in our division territory, — in English, French, Italian, Rumanian, Serbian, and Spanish.

Since January last it has been the endeavor of the Ministerial Association to establish Reading Course circles in each of the above-mentioned language areas in our newly formed division. In this connection our efforts were greatly strengthened by the support of the division committee, as well as by union and local conference officers. On the whole the results have been very gratifying, and we take pleasure in giving below the enrollment in each of the various courses.

English	72
French	22
Italian	25
Spanish	8

Total 127

We understand that a number have enrolled for the Rumanian course, but as yet we have not been



Brother Jacob Erzberger

informed as to the definite figure. We also await word concerning the enrollment in the Serbian course.

In connection with the English Reading Course, we should like, for the purpose of comparison, to draw attention to the fact that in the territory of the old European Division last year, 95 were recorded as taking part in this course. Therefore the figure of 72, which is the enrollment in the English Reading Course for this year in our division, compares favorably with that of last year, — especially as it represents, as far as we are aware, about 75 % of our workers who read English. We hope in the near future to see the enrollment in the other five Reading Courses increase to the same proportion.

We are grateful to God for this small beginning that has been made in our division in building up the Reading Course work, and more so for the interest manifested by our workers in systematic study and a desire for greater efficiency in the work of God. — *Ministerial Association.*

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Andina 177 miles south of Tananarive. The membership is small, but it is a beginning. The group at Manjakaray stands at the head in every way. Thirty-eight persons were present every Sabbath during the quarter, and twenty-seven were able to repeat from memory the thirteen memory verses. The young people in this Sabbath school are very enthusiastic. We give a little picture to all the young people who are present every Sabbath, and another to those who can repeat the thirteen memory verses. The perfect attendance cards work wonderfully well here. We have had them printed in Malagasy. This group has had our special care during many months. Now we are leaving it to the care of the lay members, so that we can organize other groups. »



Sister Catherine Revel

GLEANINGS from HERE and THERE

The new school year in the schools in our division has begun with a record attendance. The usual attendance at the school in Rumania has been a little in excess of thirty, but this year seventy-five students were on hand the first day of school. Professor Gaede informs us further that more were expected.

At Collonges the first regular day of school found 120 students on hand, and more than thirty others had written to Professor Roth stating their intention to come as soon as possible. Some had been delayed because of the colporteur work and for other reasons. Our school at Collonges has become truly a division school, with representation from all parts of our field. The Rumanian Union was represented by Brother and Sister Tolici who go out to Madagascar as the first missionaries from Rumania after a stay of one year at Collonges to learn French. Then also Rumania was represented by the son of the president of the Rumanian Union. Jugoslavia was represented by the son and daughter of the president of that union, together with ten other students. A number of others were expected, but had been delayed because of not having secured their passports. A goodly number of students were on hand from the Italian Union, though here also a number were still expected to come as soon as they could obtain their passports. The Swiss Union was represented by thirty-three students, with others still expected. The Franco-Belgian Union by twenty-nine; the Iberian Union by twelve. North Africa had one student, with one or two more expected later. In addition to the representation from our own field, there were twenty-two students from fields outside our division. All told thirteen countries had representation, and at least ten languages were represented. Our school at Collonges is truly a polyglot institution, and might be said to be the *Adventist League of Nations*.

We believe our readers are always glad to hear about progress in the publishing department. We report with pleasure one or two interesting beginnings in this department.

The first colporteur institute has now been held in Madagascar. Writing from Tananarive, July 9, M. J. Bureau, the superintendent of that mission says:

« At last our good friends Bénézech have arrived. Just as soon as they were domiciled, we held a colporteurs' institute. Our young friends here were eagerly awaiting just such an occasion, and they were happy to receive the good instruction given. Two of them have left off selling papers, and are now taking orders for large and small books. Their first results are very encouraging. I can not begin to tell you how overjoyed we were to be able to hold such an institute. It was really an important event for Madagascar. The Lord will without a doubt greatly use our truth-filled literature to finish His work here. Without it, what would we do? »

June, 1929 will go down in our publishing department history as the month the first colporteur report was compiled for the Moroccan Mission. This first report reads: « Colporteurs, 5; hours, 234; total sales, 7,939.50 francs. »

Here is a further encouraging word from the superintendent of the Iberian Union Mission: —

« The July report for Portugal is indeed excellent. The new medical book is being sold with amazing success. Brother F— sold 230 in 131 hours. He was not long in earning his scholarship. The book is highly recommended in the newspapers. One brother took 36 orders for it in a hospital in Lisbon. If this continues, the first edition will soon be completely exhausted. »

Pastor Oscar Meyer baptized four new believers in Marseilles before leaving there recently to locate in Paris, the headquarters of the new Franco-Belgian Union.

As the result of the faithful work of M. Ringoot, Pastor W. Beach baptized six persons in Liège. The church in that city now has forty-four members.

July 20, eight converts were baptized by Pastor Paul Badaut. These were received into the church in Nice, which now has thirty-six members.

As a result of the work of Brother Kiel, Pastor A. Junginger baptized recently in Colmar, Alsace, two brethren and three sisters.

Recently, in Switzerland, a colporteur sold 160 copies of *Les Signes des Temps* in one day.

It is with regret that we report the departure of another missionary family from the Iberian Union, — a union where the workers number only one for every 1,526,315 inhabitants. Because of Mrs. Andersen's failing health, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Andersen were compelled to leave Madrid July 18 for their home in Norway. We hope that in this invigorating climate of the Northland Mrs. Andersen will soon regain her health.

September 26 very interesting letters were received at headquarters from Missionary Raspal, from which we quote: —

« I believe I remarked in one of my former letters that we have opened an out-school three days' journey on foot from the station. We have sent them one of our two best teachers. I receive very good reports of the school. The chief of the village and his family are attending the Sabbath services. The number of the pupils is increasing daily. . . .

« We have just learned that the chief of a village where we hold open air meetings the Sabbath afternoon wishes to put up a hut in which we may hold these meetings. There are many things to encourage us, but these people are very primitive, and one must be very patient and forbearing with them. But our confidence is in the Lord who by His Spirit can enlighten these poor souls so deeply plunged in darkness. Nothing save the power of God is able to convert these poor heathen hearts. As one visits them in their huts, one's heart can not remain insensible to the moral and physical misery of the natives of the bush. One learns to love them although they are repulsive, — their bodies being covered with sores. Their mental and spiritual maladies are similar to their bodily diseases. We need to pray most earnestly for them and the work in the Cameroon. Our God is all-powerful. He is still the God of miracles. The Cameroon will also be a witness to the miracles of God! »

Over and over again we are impressed with what facility the work of God in all its branches adapts itself to all countries and to all peoples. This would seem indeed true of the Sabbath school work in Madagascar, concerning which Brother Bureau writes: —

« We have begun separate classes for the Sabbath school at Tsanaray. We hope soon to do the same at Tamatave. A new Sabbath school has been organized at

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The readers of our paper will be interested to know of events occurring at our division headquarters. One of our faithful stenographers, Miss Nelly Ville-neuve, has left us, having accepted a call to other lines of work. August 27 she was married to Mr. Werner Ruf, a promising young evangelist in the Leman Conference who is at present located in Renens. These young people have the very best wishes of all the workers at Berne, that God may richly bless them in their further labors.

Our readers will remember that not long ago we sent out a new missionary family to Madagascar, Brother and Sister Bénézech. We would have been glad to send out further missionaries if it had been possible. All will be much interested to know that without any action by the division committee, another missionary has been added to the force in Tananarive, Madagascar. René Samuel Bureaud has come to join his efforts to those of the faithful missionaries already in the Madagascar Mission. He arrived last July, and we rejoice with his parents at this addition to the staff of missionaries in Madagascar.

After being without leadership in the colporteur work for several months, the brethren and sisters in the Iberian Union were made very happy by the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Culpepper, September 17. Brother Culpepper has come from America to take charge of the colporteur work for the union. He has studied Spanish, and his wife who has been in South America also knows the Spanish language very well. We look forward to great things in the colporteur work in the Iberian Union, and we extend to these new workers a very warm welcome to our division field.

Brother and Sister Yéretzian and their little girl are leaving Bordeaux October 8 en route to the Cameroon where Brother Yéretzian is to take charge of the mission school that has been started at the Nanga-Eboko Mission station. Here is the central school. One out-school has already been established, and as soon as possible others will also be organized. Brother Yéretzian has the advantage of having taught several years in France, and we look for a rapid development of our educational work in the Cameroon Mission under his leadership.

Miss Juliette De Wolf of the Melun Publishing House has also accepted the call to work in the Mauritius Mission. We do not know the exact date of her sailing as we go to press.

It has further been planned that Brethren Raft and Caviness shall visit the Cameroon soon after our Winter Council, and it is hoped that at that time another missionary family may be ready to accompany

them as they go out to spend several months visiting our work in Africa.

Just as we were about to seal the envelope and send our final proofs to the publishing house, this good word from Nantes was handed to us concerning the Harvest Ingathering campaign in that church :

« Last year we reached our goal of 25,000 francs. This year our goal is 30,000 francs, and we hope not only to reach it, but to go beyond it, seeing that we have at this writing more than 28,000 francs. »

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« Laymen Apostles »

THAT the work and activities of Seventh-day Adventists are being closely observed and carefully analyzed, is becoming increasingly evident. In their efforts to hinder and bring reproach upon our work, our opponents — whether well-meaning or otherwise — often use expressions of admiration and wonderment in describing our world-wide movement.

Recently a little German booklet, *Die Adventisten (The Adventists)*, written by a Catholic doctor by the name of Konrad Algermissen and published in Hannover in 1928, fell into our hands. Briefly reviewing our organization, the rise and progress of our work, — particularly in Europe, — also commenting on our doctrines, the author has this to say concerning the activities of our lay members :

« If we consider the gigantic energy of this sect, their willingness to sacrifice, and the apostolic spirit of all their lay members, then one begins to comprehend why they have such tremendous success. Their laymen apostles are trained in a most efficient manner. They all consider the entire world as their mission field. They go from house to house ; they pass nobody by. All their members utilize every opportunity to make propaganda for their cause. »

This statement expresses in very emphatic terms the great ideal for which our home missionary department is constantly striving ; namely, every church member a soul winner for Christ, — a « layman apostle ! »

Our brethren and sisters have an opportunity just now, during the HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN, to prove by their tireless activity the truthfulness of these admirable remarks concerning the work of our church members. May every leader in our division help to inspire and lead into service each of the 15,000 « laymen apostles » in the South European Division ! and may God grant that as a result of such coöperation, an abundant harvest of souls may be garnered in for the kingdom of our Lord !

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