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Sacrifice

by

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TO engage in the Lord's work means constant sacrifice. Jesus said, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me." The life of Christ was one of continuous self-sacrifice in behalf of others. He saw the needs of selfish humanity. He might have occupied the highest place among the angels of heaven or among the leaders of the Jews, but he preferred rather to live among and work for the poor.

The heralding of the threefold message to earth's remotest bounds calls for regular, systematic sacrifice on the part of both workers and church members. Cheerfully God's people unite around the world in consecrating time and talent as well as means to the promulgation of the gospel unto all nations.

In "Gospel Workers" we read: "We are pilgrims and strangers, seeking a better country, and every soul should make a covenant with God by sacrifice. The time for saving souls is short, and whatever is not needed in supplying positive necessities, should be brought as a thank-offering to God." *Page 454.*

As the message extends its frontier to the uttermost parts of the world, the opportunities for soul winning are multiplying. From all parts of the world field come startling and astounding reports telling of the triumphs of the cross. Where a few years ago people were coming by tens and twenties they are now coming by hundreds and even thousands. More than forty thousand new believers every year during the two last years, indeed testify to the fact that God's Spirit is mightily at work upon human souls.

In many instances scores are beginning the observance of the Sabbath through reading our literature or a prayerful study of the Scriptures. Everywhere these new believers must be instructed and shepherded. Thus the calls for help are ever increasing. We are glad this is so; it is but another indication that God's work is progressing and gaining fresh victories.

At the same time, difficulties are also intensifying. Conditions in many parts of the world are exceedingly perilous and alarming. Our workers are often in jeopardy for their lives. These faithful, brave-hearted men and women must not be left without our utmost support in an hour like this.

The coming Week of Sacrifice, May 27—June 2, therefore presents another opportunity to God's people to help keep our forces at the battle front. We have never appealed to our dear fellow workers and believers in vain. This year the needs are greater than ever. May the response be the most liberal we have ever had.

Important Rules and Regulations

A. V. Olson

FROM time to time we have received letters at the Division office from different parts of our field asking for counsel in dealing with members who have transgressed the seventh commandment. In order that we may have a uniform rule throughout our Division for dealing with such cases, this question was given careful study in our last Division Winter Council with the result that the following resolutions were adopted:

“Resolving, That the true objective of the advent movement is to prepare a people for translation into the presence of a pure and holy God, and that this calls for workers and church officers whose leadership is deeply spiritual and pure and above every taint of the moral corruption prevailing in this evil age, therefore

“Resolved, That we as representatives to this Southern European Division Winter Council hereby declare ourselves against everything that in thought, word or act tends toward that which is immoral, and place ourselves on record as requiring of all conference and institutional workers, as well as of church officers and members generally, to hold in high esteem, and to practice, the principles that make for clean thinking and right living in order that the lives of all members of the church may be above reproach. To this end be it further

“Resolved, That in our attitude toward those transgressing the seventh commandment, whether workers, church officers or lay members, the following principles and regulations be adopted as our position:

1. That in the case where a worker is involved he be asked to surrender his credentials to the conference or mission employing him, and that he be asked to cease all activities as a worker for the organization.

2. That when a church officer is involved he be asked to relinquish all his official positions in the church.

3. That in all cases, whether relating to workers, church officers or lay members, we follow the rule of disfellowshipping the transgressor, except in cases of true and genuine repentance and confession before the church by the individual, in which instance the church, instead of applying the rule of disfellowshipping, places such individual under censure for a period of from three to twelve months.”

We believe that all clean, sober and right thinking members will approve the policy so clearly stated in the above resolutions, and we trust that in the future every church that will have to deal with a member who has violated the seventh commandment will adhere strictly to these regulations. Sometimes there is a tendency to deal very gently, and even to ignore altogether this terrible sin, but this must not be. God expects His church to take

active measures to cleanse itself from such defilement. In Vol. V of the “Testimonies”, in a chapter devoted entirely to this sin of impurity and immorality, we read, “As a people professing to be reformers, treasuring the most solemn, purifying truths of God’s word, we must elevate the standard far higher than it is at the present time. Sin and sinners in the church must be promptly dealt with, that others may not be contaminated. Truth and purity require that we make more thorough work to cleanse the camp from Achans. Let those in responsible positions not suffer sin in a brother. Show him that he must either put away his sin or be separated from the church.” *Page 147.*

Even when the guilty member confesses his sin or immorality before the church, it is necessary for the church to place him under censure in order that both the church and the world may know that we place our disapproval upon this heinous and disgusting sin. Justice also requires that the one who has brought shame and reproach upon the church and the cause of Christ be required to prove by a pure, consistent life that he has with the help of God overcome his weakness and forsaken his sin of impurity, before he is again admitted to all the rights and privileges of his membership in the church.

It is the purpose of God that His church shall stand forth amid the moral darkness and corruption of these last days as a bright and shining light. In order to do this, the church must maintain its purity. Sin must be put out of the camp. Every member must seek God earnestly for over-coming grace. We must “choose poverty, reproach, separation from friends, or any suffering, rather than to defile the soul with sin. Death before dishonor or the transgression of God’s law, should be the motto of every Christian.” *Vol. V, p. 147.*

Training for Efficiency

THE world is undergoing tremendous changes in our day. Many nations are being entirely reshaped. Former governments, principles and standards are being thrown to the winds. New systems and ideals are being established. Conditions in many instances have become the masters of man instead of man master of circumstances.

As a denomination we have to contend with this ever changing world with its numerous and varied conditions. With us it is a question whether we shall be conquered by shifting conditions and circumstances, or whether we shall succeed to hold steady and through divine power carry on our work to completion in spite of the forbidding state of

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Statistical Report of the Southern Europ.Div. of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending March 31, 1934

Name of Conference or Mission	Number of Churches	Previous Membership	Baptism	Vote	Letter	Total Gains	Apostasy	Death	Letter	Total Losses	Net Gain	Present Membership	Ord. Ministers	Lic. Ministers	Miss. Licentiates	Other Workers	Carvassers	Total Workers	Number of Sab. Schools	Sab. School Members	Average Attendance												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22												
1. SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION													6	5	8	—	—	19															
2. FRANCO-BELGIAN U. C.																																	
3. Belgian Conference	11	524	—	1	4	5	9	—	3	12	-7	517	3	1	2	1	—	7	15	576	488												
4. East France	16	414	10	—	3	13	—	—	5	5	8	422	5	3	4	2	12	25	17	411	340												
5. North	12	489	10	1	5	16	9	2	3	14	2	491	3	2	10	—	18	33	14	431	322												
6. South	24	550	1	—	11	12	5	1	14	20	-8	542	6	3	3	—	15	27	30	369	330												
	63	1977	21	2	23	46	23	3	25	51	-5	1972	22	11	23	6	63	125	76	1787	1480												
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.																																	
8. Danube Conference	51	1201	39	8	—	47	4	3	5	12	35	1236	3	1	—	5	—	9	51	1641	1312												
9. Sava	30	522	16	4	1	21	6	—	1	7	14	536	4	1	1	—	16	22	31	565	488												
10. Morava	19	590	5	2	—	7	—	2	—	2	5	595	3	—	3	—	21	27	22	540	432												
	100	2313	60	14	1	75	10	5	6	21	54	2367	14	3	5	5	58	85	104	2746	2232												
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONFERENCE																																	
12. West Muntanian Conference	109	3934	4	3	66	73	26	2	56	84	-11	3923	4	2	1	—	—	7	109	6282	5980												
13. East	68	2036	6	4	60	70	10	9	38	57	13	2049	9	2	2	1	10	24	68	2800	2437												
14. North Moldavian	69	2127	2	1	43	46	20	4	42	66	-20	2107	6	2	3	1	21	33	68	3362	3238												
15. South	49	1556	—	5	35	40	21	4	53	78	-38	1518	8	3	1	1	20	33	55	2340	2035												
16. Transylvanian	116	3035	15	4	64	83	24	5	103	132	-49	2986	10	—	2	3	19	34	134	3733	3411												
17. Banat	58	1506	2	5	23	30	10	9	20	39	-9	1497	8	3	1	1	9	22	61	1721	1518												
	469	14194	29	22	291	342	111	33	312	456	-114	14080	57	16	15	8	101	197	495	20238	18619												
18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE																																	
19. German Swiss Conference	34	1413	35	2	9	46	15	3	4	22	24	1437	9	1	7	5	26	48	45	1347	1014												
20. Leman	20	970	5	—	1	6	—	5	3	8	-2	968	3	5	1	7	18	34	24	721	574												
	54	2383	40	2	10	52	15	8	7	30	22	2405	12	6	8	12	44	82	69	2068	1588												
21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION																																	
22. Spanish Mission	10	349	6	1	9	16	2	1	9	12	4	353	3	2	1	—	—	6	20	448	429												
23. Portuguese	5	283	—	—	—	—	1	2	31	34	-34	249	2	3	2	1	16	24	4	266	189												
24. Madeira	1	—	7	—	31	38	—	—	—	—	38	38	1	—	2	—	—	3	1	60	58												
	16	632	13	1	40	54	3	3	40	46	8	640	9	11	10	1	34	65	25	774	676												
25. ITALIAN UNION MISSION																																	
26. Central Italian Mission	7	167	2	—	10	12	2	—	11	13	-1	166	1	1	3	1	—	6	9	185	157												
27. North	11	226	3	2	6	11	2	4	1	7	4	239	4	1	2	1	11	19	13	221	203												
28. South	10	221	6	1	5	12	1	—	4	5	7	228	1	2	3	1	5	12	11	212	200												
	28	614	11	3	21	35	5	4	16	25	10	624	7	7	8	4	26	52	33	618	560												
29. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISS.																																	
30. Algerian Mission	9	207	1	—	2	3	2	1	3	6	-3	204	1	1	4	3	9	18	10	172	126												
31. Moroccan	2	54	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	54	2	1	—	—	2	5	4	71	57												
	11	261	1	—	2	3	2	1	3	6	-3	258	4	2	5	3	11	25	14	243	183												
32. FRENCH EQUAT. AFRIC. MISS.																																	
	2	95	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	95	1	—	2	2	—	5	28	2356	2195												
33. MADAGASCAR MISSION*)																																	
	6	240	7	—	—	7	—	—	1	1	6	246	3	1	10	2	8	24	15	678	552												
34. MAURITIUS MISSION*)																																	
	8	463	29	—	—	29	—	2	—	2	27	490	2	—	12	—	1	15	36	907	608												

RECAPITULATION

1. Southern European Division ...	63	1977	21	2	23	46	23	3	25	51	-5	1972	22	11	23	6	63	125	76	1787	1480
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	100	2313	60	14	1	75	10	5	6	21	54	2367	14	3	5	5	58	85	104	2746	2232
3. Jugoslavian	100	2313	60	14	1	75	10	5	6	21	54	2367	14	3	5	5	58	85	104	2746	2232
4. Rumanian	469	14194	29	22	291	342	111	33	312	456	-114	14080	57	16	15	8	101	197	495	20238	18619
5. Swiss	54	2383	40	2	10	52	15	8	7	30	22	2405	12	6	8	12	44	82	69	2068	1588
6. Iberian Union Mission	16	632	13	1	40	54	3	3	40	46	8	640	9	11	10	1	34	65	25	774	676
7. Italian	28	614	11	3	21	35	5	4	16	25	10	624	7	7	8	4	26	52	33	618	560
8. North African Union Mission	11	261	1	—	2	3	2	1	3	6	-3	258	4	2	5	3	11	25	14	243	183
9. French Equat. African	2	95	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	95	1	—	2	2	—	5	28	2356	2195
10. Madagascar	6	240	7	—	—	7	—	—	1	1	6	246	3	1	10	2	8	24	15	678	552
11. Mauritius	8	463	29	—	—	29	—	2	—	2	27	490	2	—	12	—	1	15	36	907	608
Totals 1st quarter 1934	757	23172	211	44	388	643	169	59	410	638	5	23177	137	62	106	43	346	694	895	32415	28693
1st 1933	748	21658	265	66	469	800	180	72	484	736	64	21722	135	58	120	47	356	716	868	31314	27289

*) Report for the fourth quarter 1933.

Financial Report of the Southern Europ. Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending March 31, 1934

Name of Conference or Mission	Total Tithe	Total Offerings (incl. Special)	Contributions for Home Miss. Work	Contributions for Local Church Work	Colporteur Book Sales
1	2	3	4	5	6
1. SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION					
2. FRANCO-BELGIAN UNION CONF.					
3. Belgian Conference	F. Fr. 70,411.—	14,364.30	1,333.50	817.70	50,974.45
4. East France Conference	» Fr. 47,890.50	11,530.—	35.70	40.—	33,178.65
5. North »	» Fr. 61,072.50	13,957.75	526.35	125.80	85,274.50
6. South »	» Fr. 44,945.50	17,613.70	562.65	826.—	37,908.75
	F. Fr. 224,319.50	57,465.75	2,458.20	1,809.50	207,336.35
	\$ 8,860.60	2,269.91	97.09	71.47	8,189.77
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.					
8. Danube Conference	Dinar 50,476.50	13,168.37	—.—	—.—	38,518.—
9. Sava »	» 38,321.80	8,983.25	—.—	—.—	30,332.—
10. Morava »	» 47,246.10	7,799.25	—.—	—.—	46,100.—
	Dinar 136,044.40	29,950.87	—.—	—.—	114,950.—
	\$ 2,408.—	530.13	—.—	—.—	2,034.62
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONFERENCE					
12. West Muntenian Conference	Lei 559,160.50	170,293.50	—.—	—.—	196,210.—
13. East »	» 213,850.—	77,095.—	—.—	—.—	90,987.—
14. North Moldavian »	» 215,828.—	63,044.75	—.—	—.—	153,068.—
15. South »	» 143,320.—	46,079.50	—.—	—.—	114,260.—
16. Transylvanian »	» 264,370.90	68,733.75	—.—	—.—	139,625.—
17. Banat »	» 133,895.50	33,951.—	—.—	—.—	59,522.—
	Lei 1,530,424.90	459,197.50	—.—	—.—	753,672.—
	\$ 9,182.60	2,755.17	—.—	—.—	4,522.01
18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE					
19. German Swiss Conference	Sw. Fr. 37,805.—	8,339.—	1,541.—	5,105.—	38,670.—
20. Leman Conference	» 25,589.20	6,518.45	1,992.98	1,852.90	26,288.65
	Sw. Fr. 63,394.20	14,857.45	3,533.98	6,957.90	64,958.65
	\$ 12,298.50	2,882.35	685.59	1,349.83	12,601.96
21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION					
22. Spanish Mission	Pesetas 10,632.50	3,873.82	—.—	—.—	42,770.05
23. Portuguese Mission	» 5,776.80	1,027.93	—.—	—.—	12,635.25
24. Madeira Mission	» 1,180.60	177.44	—.—	—.—	—.—
	Pesetas 17,589.90	5,079.19	—.—	—.—	55,405.30
	\$ 2,286.70	660.29	—.—	—.—	7,202.68
25. ITALIAN UNION MISSION					
26. Central Italian Mission	Lire 7,970.90	2,476.75	139.40	—.—	17,113.15
27. North »	» 11,685.—	2,868.—	—.—	1,331.80	15,688.10
28. South »	» 4,963.10	1,324.25	59.50	—.—	5,416.—
	Lire 24,619.—	6,669.—	198.90	1,331.80	38,217.25
	\$ 1,277.70	346.12	10.32	69.12	1,983.47
29. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISSION					
30. Algerian Mission	F. Fr. 13,420.—	3,032.65	2,520.70	951.75	37,499.—
31. Moroccan »	» 7,363.—	1,121.35	—.—	—.—	7,994.50
	F. Fr. 20,783.—	4,154.—	2,520.70	951.75	45,493.50
	\$ 820.—	164.09	99.56	37.59	1,796.98
32. FRENCH EQUATORIAL AFRICAN MISSION *)	F. Fr. 4,043.—	1,726.40	—.—	—.—	—.—
	\$ 159.70	68.19	—.—	—.—	—.—
33. MADAGASCAR MISSION *)	F. Fr. 10,455.—	6,459.90	—.—	—.—	8,987.90
	\$ 413.—	255.17	—.—	—.—	355.02
34. MAURITIUS MISSION *)	Rs. 4,305.10	2,784.03	10.99	109.10	232.—
	\$ 1,565.30	1,012.27	3.99	39.67	84.36

RECAPITULATION

1. Southern European Division					
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	\$\$\$	8,860.60	2,269.91	97.09	71.47
3. Jugoslavian »	»	2,408.—	530.13	—.—	—.—
4. Rumanian »	»	9,182.60	2,755.17	—.—	—.—
5. Swiss »	»	12,298.50	2,882.35	685.59	1,349.83
6. Iberian » Mission	»	2,286.70	660.29	—.—	—.—
7. Italian »	»	1,277.70	346.12	10.32	69.12
8. North African »	»	820.—	164.09	99.56	37.59
9. Fr. Equator. African Mission *)	»	159.70	68.19	—.—	—.—
10. Madagascar » *)	»	413.—	255.17	—.—	—.—
11. Mauritius » *)	»	1,565.30	1,012.27	3.99	39.67
TOTALS 1st quarter 1934	\$\$\$	39,272.10	10,943.69	896.55	1,567.68
» 1st » 1933	»	38,409.50	11,077.85	1,772.02	2,185.35
					38,770.87
					32,941.42

*) Report for the fourth quarter 1933.

Specification of Mission Offerings (Column No. 3)

	Sabbath School Offerings (exc. 13th Sabbath)	13th Sabbath Offering	Harvest Ingathering	Annual Offerings	Miscellaneous Offerings	Self Denial Offerings	Special Offer.		
							Big Week	Young People's Collection	Weekly Offerings (Relief Fund)
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1.									
2.									
3.	7,843.80	1,775.15	2,890.60	1,664.50	—	105.60	—	—	84.65
4.	6,721.40	2,895.05	358.—	40.—	500.—	—	815.—	126.30	74.25
5.	8,575.75	2,716.10	2,115.85	207.—	—	—	100.—	243.05	—
6.	6,389.60	2,593.85	7,344.90	468.—	—	—	773.35	44.—	—
	29,530.55	9,980.15	12,709.35	2,379.50	500.—	105.60	1,688.35	413.35	158.90
	1,166.46	394.22	502.02	93.99	19.75	4.17	66.69	16.33	6.28
7.									
8.	9,679.25	1,655.75	1,014.50	104.—	—	—	60.50	266.25	388.12
9.	5,457.25	1,428.75	1,330.—	128.—	—	—	11.—	447.25	181.—
10.	5,367.50	1,026.—	231.50	276.25	—	—	281.—	237.75	379.25
	20,504.—	4,110.50	2,576.—	508.25	—	—	352.50	951.25	948.37
	362.92	72.75	45.60	8.99	—	—	6.24	16.84	16.79
11.									
12.	114,838.50	22,724.25	8,380.—	14,675.—	—	653.—	1,052.—	1,366.—	6,604.75
13.	51,306.—	9,714.—	8,798.—	3,066.—	—	—	608.—	947.—	2,656.—
14.	44,317.—	8,375.25	8,007.—	418.—	—	—	—	109.—	1,818.50
15.	29,457.—	5,826.—	7,228.—	1,115.—	—	85.—	116.—	612.—	1,640.50
16.	48,309.25	10,562.25	5,291.—	1,784.—	—	—	393.—	1,067.50	1,326.75
17.	21,308.50	6,084.—	4,656.—	—	—	—	—	772.—	1,130.50
	309,536.25	63,285.75	42,360.—	21,058.—	—	738.—	2,169.—	4,873.50	15,177.—
	1,857.21	379.71	254.16	126.34	—	4.43	13.01	29.24	91.07
18.									
19.	6,015.—	580.—	87.—	27.—	1,106.—	—	—	394.—	130.—
20.	3,961.45	1,628.75	139.20	247.—	319.65	—	5.—	196.10	21.30
	9,976.45	2,208.75	226.20	274.—	1,425.65	—	5.—	590.10	151.30
	1,935.44	428.49	43.88	53.16	276.58	—	—	114.48	29.35
21.									
22.	2,952.40	743.75	—	28.—	—	—	126.75	22.92	—
23.	799.68	228.25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24.	137.99	39.45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	3,890.07	1,011.45	—	28.—	—	—	126.75	22.92	—
	505.71	131.49	—	3.64	—	—	16.47	2.98	—
25.									
26.	1,625.45	538.60	—	—	—	—	276.55	36.15	—
27.	1,937.25	661.95	63.20	—	—	106.40	20.—	—	79.20
28.	1,005.45	318.80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	4,568.15	1,519.35	63.20	—	—	106.40	296.55	36.15	79.20
	237.08	78.86	3.28	—	—	5.52	15.39	1.88	4.11
29.									
30.	2,249.95	564.70	—	210.—	—	—	8.—	—	—
31.	612.75	341.70	—	—	—	—	166.90	—	—
	2,862.70	906.40	—	210.—	—	—	174.90	—	—
	113.08	35.80	—	8.30	—	—	6.91	—	—
32.									
	390.45	—	—	727.—	608.95	—	—	—	—
	15.42	—	—	28.72	24.05	—	—	—	—
33.									
	2,073.30	723.60	—	1,547.35	—	—	2,115.65	—	—
	81.90	28.58	—	61.12	—	—	83.57	—	—
34.									
	313.02	176.76	1,863.56	430.69	—	—	—	—	—
	113.81	64.27	677.59	156.60	—	—	—	—	—

RECAPITULATION

1.									
2.	1,166.46	394.22	502.02	93.99	19.75	4.17	66.69	16.33	6.28
3.	362.92	72.75	45.60	8.99	—	—	6.24	16.84	16.79
4.	1,857.21	379.71	254.16	126.34	—	4.43	13.01	29.24	91.07
5.	1,935.44	428.49	43.88	53.16	276.58	—	—	114.48	29.35
6.	505.71	131.49	—	3.64	—	—	16.47	2.98	—
7.	237.08	78.86	3.28	—	—	5.52	15.39	1.88	4.11
8.	113.08	35.80	—	8.30	—	—	6.91	—	—
9.	15.42	—	—	28.72	24.05	—	—	—	—
10.	81.90	28.58	—	61.12	—	—	83.57	—	—
11.	113.81	64.27	677.59	156.60	—	—	—	—	—
	6,389.03	1,614.17	1,526.53	540.86	320.38	14.12	209.25	181.75	147.60
	5,974.72	1,801.28	1,587.69	644.20	298.35	37.36	248.78	306.51	168.96

affairs. To us has been given not only wise counsel, but safe directions have been placed in our hands which, when faithfully heeded, will enable us to overcome and conquer even the most difficult situation confronting us.

The last couple of years have in many respects been beset with extraordinary difficulties in carrying on our educational work. Due to the lack of funds, unemployment, depression in the business world, etc., many of our young people who would have been glad to attend one of our schools, have had to renounce this privilege. The attendance in our three training schools has consequently fallen off considerably. We are hopeful, however, that this drop in attendance will not continue another year, but that with the coming school year we shall see a real substantial increase in the number of young people enrolling in our schools.

When we consider the present age, we find that efficiency is one of the demands of our day. This is true alike in business, in politics, science, art, etc. What is true along these lines, certainly applies with even greater significance when we consider the world task which we as a denomination have undertaken. *Ours is the greatest work in the world*, the most inspiring, having as its purpose the salvation of human beings, and the laying up of "treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt."

Efficiency in the work of God is essential to the young men and the young women who are fitting themselves for the work to which God calls them: the giving of the threefold message to a dying race. Training for efficiency is therefore one of the outstanding needs of this people. Surely, if efficiency is required on the part of those who are engaged in worldly activities, how much more is efficiency required in the work of Seventh-day Adventists: By efficiency in the work of God we mean: getting a training, an education fitting us to do that work acceptably and successfully. Efficiency does in itself suggest training and education; we cannot separate the two ideas. Business efficiency means business training; military efficiency means military education, and efficiency in God's work certainly means a special training and fitness for just that line of endeavor. Our denominational schools were founded to give to our youth just this training.

In the Spirit of prophecy we read: "Cultivated intellect is now needed in the cause of God; for novices cannot do the work acceptably. God has devised our schools as an instrumentality for developing workers of whom he will not be ashamed. The height men may reach by proper culture, has not hitherto been realized. Education comprises more than a knowledge of books. Proper education includes not only mental discipline, but that training which will secure sound morals and correct deportment." — *Test.*, Vol. IV, pp. 426 and 648.

It is our firm conviction that there will be a place somewhere for every consecrated, well trained young man and young woman in God's work, and we further believe that God will still call for hundreds and thousands of young people to join the ranks of God's servants in all parts of the world in speedily finishing the task which yet remains to be done. In "Counsels to Teachers," we find this little statement: "We want men who will push the triumphs of the cross, men who will persevere under discouragements and privations, who will have the zeal and resolution and faith that are indispensable in the missionary field." Surely times will not become more easy. On the contrary, we may only expect more strained and troubled times. Yet if our relation to God and to one another as workers and members of God's church is in harmony with the teachings of the word of God, then we surely shall succeed in our mighty task.

But the service of God demands all the powers of our being, and the promise of the Scripture is, that through Christ we can do all things. Our present obstacles, therefore, if surmounted, will prove blessings in disguise. This is no time for retrenchment, discouragement or compromise. Our watchword in our educational work must be: FORWARD. We must bring all forces into play for unity, harmony and strength. We must cautiously guard against swinging the pendulum from one extreme to another. Intellectuality and spirituality should be combined in such a way that efficiency and consecration can present a solid, united front in the greatest campaign of soul winning we have ever experienced.

We believe that our educators, our workers, parents as well as our young people are willing to subscribe to such a program. Let us also remember the expression found in one of the books of the Old Testament where we read: "And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the hold to the wilderness men of might, and men of war fit for the battle, that could handle shield and buckler, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as the roes upon the mountains." (1. Chron. 12:8). When we consider the statement contained in this text, we realize why David was successful in his warfare against Saul, why he succeeded in subjugating one heathen tribe after another, and why he was able to expand the conquests of the Israelites to such extent that he was respected, so to speak, by all nations of earth. David surrounded himself with men who were fit for the battle, who were trained for war.

We see a great parallel in this Old Testament lesson. We too are engaged in a great battle, in a fearful war between light and darkness, a conflict much fiercer and more far reaching than earthly struggle ever was. We have come into the last and most earnest days of the controversy between good and evil. Dear young friend, are you fit for the

battle, are you trained to fill your place in the ranks of those engaged in this warfare? Are you giving of your best to God so that as the Gadites of old you are ready to rally around the banner of Prince Immanuel and make conquests for Him because you are fit, because you have sought efficiency of training in His service, and because of the indwelling power of His Spirit in your life? The Gadites received their efficiency because, as the text says, they "separated themselves unto David into the hold."

Today God wants youthful Seventh-day Adventist Gadites who will separate themselves entirely from the world unto Christ into the hold of our schools. Young man, young woman, will you be one of these Gadites next year? Will you give of your talents to the Master and put all your strength upon the altar for the ushering in of the everlasting kingdom which is soon to come? And will you, fathers and mothers in Israel, make the sacrifice necessary in order that your sons and daughters may receive this training and preparation for the most noble of all human endeavor, the bringing of men and women to the foot of the cross? We believe you will. God will bless the sacrifice.

Steen Rasmussen.

An Unusual Chance

IN an endeavor to place our excellent church paper, the REVIEW AND HERALD in as many English-reading Seventh-day Adventist homes around the world as possible, the Review and Herald Publishing Association has recently adopted a plan whereby new subscribers will receive the paper for one year at a price of \$ 2.— instead of as hitherto \$ 2.50.

Writing us about this new and most liberal offer, the brethren of the Review and Herald Publishing Association have requested our Division throughout our territory. In giving careful study to the matter in our Division committee some time ago, it was agreed that the month of July be set aside as campaign month for this our denominational church paper.

We are therefore taking this opportunity through the columns of QUARTERLY REVIEW to call attention to this unusual offer which is being made at this time by our brethren in America. It is understood, however, that this price holds good only for *new subscriptions*, and the price is offered for but one year beginning at the time when the subscription commences, whether it be July 1 or August 1. It must be further noticed that those who desire to accept this offer and become subscribers to the paper for one year must send in their subscription to either their respective publishing house or tract society. And the order must

be sent and signed not later than July 31 of this year.

Considering further the present depreciated value of the dollar, new subscribers will be further benefited. To illustrate, for instance: A subscription which, a little over a year ago, would have cost 63 French francs, will under the present plan and at the present rate of exchange come to only a little over 30 French francs, or less than one half of the former subscription price. The same is true in other currencies of other fields in our Division. In the \$ 2.— subscription price is also included the postage for the paper.

The REVIEW AND HERALD appears weekly and contains 24 three-column pages. Besides articles on various phases of the message, on standards and principles, articles of spiritual uplift, etc., the paper also gives excellent reviews and analyses of present-day events and occurrences. It contains sections for health and temperance, the home circle, the youth, and numerous intensely interesting reports from the world-wide field.

While some of the reports which do appear in the REVIEW AND HERALD also find their way into some of our other church papers of our field, yet we have as a denomination no other paper which can compare with this our oldest church paper in size and contents. We therefore consider it a privilege not only to call the attention of our English-reading workers and believers to this paper, but we most heartily recommend to those who do not already subscribe to it to place their subscription as stated above, with either one of our publishing houses or tract societies during the month of July, the campaign period already referred to.

Erratum:

In the March issue of the QUARTERLY in the article, "Progress Under Difficulties," the figure 8,058 should have read 6,058.

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NEWS NOTES

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Owing to the fact that the March issue of the QUARTERLY REVIEW contained no news notes except the obituary notice of Elder J. C. Raft, a number of news items have been rather delayed in finding their way into the columns of our little Division paper. We believe, however, that even though they have been left over till the present issue they will be of interest to our readers.

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We were very pleased to meet Brother and Sister A. Sprogis, the early part of May, on their way through Berne to their home land, Latvia. Brother and Sister Sprogis have spent four years in mission work in Tanganyika, East Africa, where the Lord has richly blessed their labors. Brother Sprogis was for a number of years departmental secretary of the Baltic Union.

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The school year 1933/34 is drawing toward its close. The closing exercises of the Collonges school were held May 13 and 14; the Jugoslavian school will have its final exercises from June 26 to 28, and the Rumanian school will follow the 29th till the 1st of July. A large number of students from the three schools will enter the field as colporteurs.

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Through the generosity of the French publishing house in donating a little press, some type, and other printing paraphernalia to the Collonges school, we will, with the beginning of next school year, be able to establish a little printing plant at the school which will make it possible for a few students not only to learn something about the printing trade, but also enable them to earn part of their school expenses.

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Complying with an invitation from the Iberian Union, our Division president, Elder A. V. Olson, has visited the Madeira Islands together with Elder Robert Gerber, the superintendent of the union, during the latter part of April. From reports which have appeared in the QUARTERLY REVIEW from time to time, our readers will have learned of the establishment, development and progress of the work in that promising island field.

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Word has just reached us that Brother and Sister A. Long together with their two children have arrived safely in Italy from Madagascar, where

they have done faithful and self-sacrificing work for the last six years. Through their devoted ministry many precious souls have been added to our churches in various parts of that great island field. They are, indeed, deserving of the recuperation they have returned to enjoy.

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After their regular furlough period, Brother and Sister M. J. Bureauud and their little boy are preparing to return to Madagascar the early part of June. During his visit here in Europe, Brother Bureauud has been attending a number of meetings in France, Belgium, and Switzerland, and visiting churches in many places. His ministry has been greatly blessed and appreciated. We wish them God's richest blessing and abundant success as they return to their field of labor where there is "yet very much land to be possessed" for the Lord.

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A letter received from Brother and Sister H. L. Henriksen, of Madagascar, contains some very cheering news concerning recent developments and growth of the churches. Sabbath, March 31, six were baptized at Antsirabé; the following Sabbath, fourteen were baptized at Ambositra, where Brother and Sister Tolici have been working for some time. Other baptisms were to be held in Tamatave and Tananarive shortly afterward. We rejoice with our dear fellow workers over the fruitage of their labors.

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Writing from Rome, Brother V. Speranza states in a recent letter: "Sabbath, May 5, the little church at Rome had the joy of witnessing the burying with their Lord of four precious souls in the watery grave. Two others are awaiting baptism in Gaeta. This, together with the baptism of two persons some time ago, makes a total of eight new members won since we began work in Rome and in Gaeta. We expect that five others will be ready for baptism in Rome within a couple of months. I am glad to say too that our dear believers are witnessing faithfully for the Lord among their friends and relatives, so that the interest is extending from Rome to the surrounding provinces. Remember the work in Rome in your prayers."

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While we have not been able to send out as many missionary recruits during the past couple of years as the great needs of the mission fields demand, we have nevertheless of late

succeeded in reinforcing our staff of workers in the Cameroon with a new worker. When Brother Raspal returned to his field of labor in the month of January, after a furlough in the home land, he was accompanied by Brother Charles Cornaz, who has spent a number of years in training and preparation at our Collonges school. Brother Cornaz has gone out to fill the place left vacant by his sister Suzanne, who had to return to Europe on account of broken health. From reports that have come to us of late from the field, we learn that all branches of the work are making encouraging progress.

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We have been very pleased to welcome Brother J. A. P. Green, Associate Secretary of the Publishing Department of the General Conference, into our Division. Brother Green arrived during the month of February and has been attending a number of colporteur institutes in the Franco-Belgian and the Swiss Unions. We expect that Brother Green will attend our union session in Italy during the latter part of May and the first part of June, after which he will accompany Brother F. Charpiot to Jugoslavia and Rumania for a series of meetings in the interest of the publishing work in these fields. He will later attend meetings also in the Iberian Union and other parts of our Division before returning to America in the month of November. For a number of years Brother Green was Secretary of the Publishing Department of the old Latin Union.

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In a letter dated April 5, Brother L. D. Ignace, our missionary on the Seychelles Islands, refers to a recent experience which clearly indicates that the mighty protecting hand of God is over His servants. We quote from the letter: "Last Friday, the 30th of March, a mob here at Victoria awaited me at a certain place when I was returning home from giving Bible studies in an outlying village. The people had gathered with the avowed purpose of killing me. Fortunately my wife having learned of this plot, had requested that policemen be sent out to meet me. When we came along the road, an infuriated mob of about four to five hundred people cried out: 'kill him, let us kill him'. Yet the plotters did not carry out their threat.

"Once more in my life I fully realized the fulfillment of the promise found in the thirty-fourth Psalm, 'The angel of the Lord encampeth round about those that fear him and delivereth them.' I thank the Lord for sparing my life.