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Ever Onward!

It is a cheering report that our statistical secretary has just placed on my desk. It reveals the encouraging fact that the year 1937 was the most fruitful year we have ever experienced in our Division. For a number of years, we have added an average of 2,650 new members per year by baptism and vote, but during the year 1937 we added 3,200. This is by far the largest number gathered into the fold during any one year.

We praise God for His good hand that has been upon us. Without His help, these splendid results could never have been achieved. We also feel grateful to our workers and members, both at home and out in the mission fields, for their loyal co-operation. God has abundantly blessed the faithful labors, the earnest prayers, and the joyful sacrifices of His people. All who have acted a part in bringing about this blessed fruitage may now rejoice. And let us all join in grateful praise to our God from whom all blessings flow.

Now the question that concerns us is: What shall the record be for the year 1938? I am sure that all are eager to see even greater things accomplished than in the past. The Lord stands ready to do marvelous things for us. He wants us to undertake great things for Him, and to expect great things from Him. If we will unitedly press forward with faith and vigor, God will crown our efforts with glorious success.

Let ministers and Bible workers, institutional workers and colporteurs, lay preachers and members work as never before for the salvation of souls. All along the line, we must advance. Obstacles and difficulties there will be, but instead of deploring them, let us in the fear of God surmount them. "Ever onward!" must be our watchword until the work is done.

A. V. OLSON.

Opening Doors in the Cameroon

The needs of this mission field, and the extraordinary possibilities that present themselves at this time, urge me to call the attention of our church members once more to the work in the Cameroon. We are convinced that the challenge hour for our Equatorial African Mission has come. Now is the opportune time for work. Doors are opening everywhere to the proclamation of the everlasting gospel. The Macedonian call is being heard. This is especially true for South Cameroon.

Several months ago, a former catechist of the American Presbyterian Mission came to our Nanga Eboko main station after having walked hundreds of miles to visit "the mission where the full truth is taught." He spent several weeks with us and attended our church meetings as well as the training course for catechists. Before leaving to return to his native village, he pleaded that a missionary be sent to his district. But we had to tell him, as we have told many others: "We have neither men nor means." We encouraged him to remain faithful to the truth he had heard and to preach it to others. This is what he has done, and now each Sabbath he gathers fifteen to twenty people in his hut for worship. Here is the translation of the greater part of a letter I have just received from him:

"We know that God does not forget any country nor any of His creatures. He is no respecter of persons. We appeal to the director of the Adventist Mission in the Cameroon and invite him to come and visit our village. I have with me now thirteen persons who profess the faith of the Seventh-day Adventists. Besides these, several others would like to join us, but they are timid, fearing that the Adventist Mission will never be established in their land. That is what the Protestants and Catholics of South Cameroon say. But, upon the assurance of the Lord's promise, 'This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations,' I encourage the believers to persevere in their faith, telling them that the Lord hears our cry and will answer us as He did the Israelites in Egypt.

"Sir, there are many here who would like to welcome you to their village and join us in serving the only true God. This is not only true in my village, but in this whole district. Jesus said: 'And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.' The situation of the sheep of which Jesus spoke is exactly ours here in South Cameroon. The Adventist missionaries must lead us to the good shepherd. Every day Protestants and Catholics come and try to discourage me, saying: 'You would be all right with us: it is impossible anyway for the Adventist Mission to come down here; they will never get such a permission!' We do not complain because of the mocking and scoffing; we know from the Bible that this is the lot of God's true children, neither do we cease preaching the truth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

"So many souls would like to listen to God's

last message of pardon and grace to the world as you preach it at Nanga-Eboko.

"Awaiting impatiently the arrival of an Adventist missionary and the establishment of the mission in our village, we send you our best Christian greetings.

"Yours,

(Signed:) Lot Bizoum Andjé."

From the district of Kribi, southwest Cameroon, even more pressing calls reach us. The government has just granted us permission to establish a mission station at Grand-Batanga, 11 km from Kribi, a village which Elder Beach and I visited last spring. At this place 200 independent Christians of the same tribe are waiting anxiously for us. Ekitiké, who is caring for the group as best he can, writes the following after having heard of the permission granted us by the government:

"At worship this morning I communicated the happy news to the believers. They received it most enthusiastically, and we glorify God Almighty for having delivered us from the hands of the enemy. The chief and the rest of the population have shared our joy which words cannot describe. Now the last obstacle is removed and our eyes are fixed upon you. We are looking forward to your next visit."

When we visited this place a year ago to contact the believers and organize the devotional meetings, about 200 persons met on the Sabbath. Since then the number has increased, and now 300 persons are attending regularly the Sabbath school and other services. The Sabbath truth is finding its way into this district and a great number of villages along the coast, from Kribi to the border of Spanish Guinea, are waiting for a missionary.

Recently I have received information according to which the villages situated along the route from Kribi to Nkomakak, a distance of about 100 km, are asking for the Adventist Mission. At Nkomakak, where a group of Sabbath keepers has been meeting for several years, Adolphe Oyono, a native lay preacher, asks to be baptized together with several other persons who have never seen an Adventist missionary.

What shall we do in view of these providential openings? Shall we always be forced to reply: "Impossible, for we have neither men nor means?" No, this cannot be. We are persuaded that God wants us to do a rapid work among these hungering and thirsting tribes. Therefore we turn to those who can and are ready to help us, to our brethren and sisters, and we say: "We solicit your sacrifices: we need your sons and daughters; we need your means — the natives plead for them! And we need your prayers to sustain us in this field of vast, unlimbed possibilities. We are counting on you as never before! . . .

God is also blessing us in places where we have been working for several years already. At Batouri, where Brother and Sister Sallée did a splendid pioneer work, Brother and Sister Yérétzian continue to proclaim the "Good Tidings" with courage and joy. Sabbath, September 25, 1937, I had the privilege

of baptizing 22 souls, following a service in the Batouri chapel which more than 750 attended. Two weeks later, Sabbath October 9, twenty-five more black souls, purified in Jesus' blood, were baptized at Nanga-Eboko. At Ndoumbi, where Brother and Sister Sallée and Brother and Sister Curmatureau are spreading the gospel faithfully among the Maka tribe, the first fruits were gathered Sabbath November 6. Thus the work of the Lord progresses encouragingly in spite of difficulties.

August 25, we welcomed Mrs. Boisson, wife of the governor, to our mission station at Nanga-Eboko. Mrs. Boisson wanted to get in closer contact with the work we are carrying on in behalf of the little orphans. She was favorably impressed with our efforts, and, before leaving, handed us a very generous gift for this branch of our activity. Governor Boisson himself gave us a subsidy of 200 francs for the orphan's home at Ndoumbi.

Mrs. Boisson was accompanied by Doctor Lefèvre, head of the Health Department in the Cameroon. Doctor Lefèvre asked for information about our medical work which, because of the lack of a doctor, is unfortunately very limited, and told us that the government would be very happy if we could do something for the many lepers of the

Cameroon. "The Protestant missionaries," he said, "succeed the best in their efforts, for the medical treatment is not sufficient to bring relief and hope to these poor disinherited people; the spiritual side must be cared for, faith must intervene." Doctor Lefèvre also assured me that the Health Department of the Cameroon would be happy to give us free of charge the necessary medicaments for the treatment of lepers, if we had a doctor for such a work.

Again, therefore, we must sound our cry for help across the waters. We know that several of our young people in France are preparing themselves to be doctors, and we shall not cease to pray God to place a burden for the Cameroon on some courageous heart, for we believe the triumph of the work in Equatorial Africa will depend to a great extent on a well-organized and well-supported medical missionary work.

Brethren and sisters, will you not heed our cry and come to our rescue? Your help will contribute much to the success of our work in the Cameroon. We, the missionaries in the field, thank you in advance for your co-operation, and pledge ourselves anew before God to press ever onward in the work in behalf of our black brethren.

Marius FRIDLIN.

The Lord Has Helped Us

As we look back on 1937, we realize how wonderfully the Lord has helped us.

The work in Rumania, as it moves onward, has to tread new paths from time to time causing very often our leaders and church members to ask the question: "What will be next?" At the beginning of the past year, this question came up with new strength, and until the close of the year, it was ever before us. Dark, threatening clouds, omens of hardship and difficulties, gathered at the horizon. Those who, in Rumania, did not look with favor upon our work, endeavored with all their might to find ways and means to stop the onward march of the everlasting gospel in our country. Everything looked dark. Our financial resources, with which we were scarcely able to cover the current operating expenses of the work, gave us deep concern. But the Lord watched over His work and His workers, and wrought marvelously in our behalf. We felt, from month to month, how precious near He was to us.

In the first month of the second quarter of 1937, a ministerial decree created much embarrassment to our work. In fact, the carrying out of the decree would have meant the dissolution of all our organized churches. In brotherly unity we sought counsel from on high, and the conviction came upon us that the work must advance, in spite of hindrances and difficulties. Plans for the proclamation of the gospel instead of being weakened were strengthened. New ways were considered for the advancement of the cause.

However, our anxiety was great, and we felt the need of appointing several days for prayer and fasting in our churches. This was done, and these days became the means of a spiritual awakening

in our churches. A new impetus took hold of all our members. When the decree had been signed and given official publicity, they felt that they needed to be spiritually prepared for the days ahead of them. Then came the time for the annual meetings of our six conferences. Happily we were able to hold them in perfect freedom, and they were blessed in a special way by the presence of God and by a deep spirit of devotion.

As October 21 came upon us, the day when our more than 500 churches were to be closed by the decree, God overruled and the date when the decree was to go into force was postponed two months. Later on it was postponed another month, and again two months. Now the Ministry of Cults has designated a commission of lawyers to study the decree, permitting us to present our objections. We are confident that as the church arises to her duty, the Lord will work wonderfully in her behalf, so that liberty of action can be obtained.

At the time of our annual meetings, new plans were laid and new methods considered for the further advancement of God's work in Rumania. Part of these have already met with success. In this connection, the work of the lay preachers during the winter months has played a most prominent rôle. In all our conferences, lay preachers' institutes have been held, and the result is that hundreds of our members have gone to work. An awakening such as we have never witnessed before is taking place. Whole villages have been stirred and the people are coming by thousands to the meetings. What is now happening in certain parts of our country is, we believe, the fulfillment of the promises made for the last days of earth's history. The Holy

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Statistical Summary of the Southern European Division for the Year 1937

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	Average No. of Canvassers	Total Workers	Number of Sab. Schools	Sab. School Membership	Average Attendance
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
1. SOUTHERN EUROP. DIV. .																					
2. Franco-Belgian Un. Confer..	72	2252	183	8	118	309	40	29	146	215	94	2346	25	16	26	1	57	125	84	2073	1774
3. Yugoslavian " " .	131	3121	409	30	395	834	60	46	398	504	330	3451	17	1	7	4	60	89	138	4032	2984
4. Rumanian " " .	554	16511	1748	245	1128	3121	546	215	1222	1983	1138	17649	67	20	47	8	75	217	573	25901	17318
5. Swiss " " .	56	2417	136	14	37	187	52	36	66	154	33	2450	15	3	13	9	39	79	61	2137	1610
6. Iberian Union Miss.....	17	777	80	4	16	100	14	5	21	40	60	837	12	3	13	7	11	46	8	533	429
7. Italian " "	28	725	88	5	59	152	26	10	64	100	52	777	11	6	9	2	24	52	40	891	745
8. North African " "	9	304	34	39	47	120	9	2	79	90	30	334	7	1	10	1	12	31	13	336	252
9. Indian Ocean " "	28	912	110	—	25	135	10	21	22	53	82	994	9	8	12	4	8	41	53	1905	1292
10. Equatorial African Miss.	5	130	62	—	4	66	4	—	3	7	59	189	1	3	9	—	—	13	25	1775	2184
11. Cape Verde Island " "	1	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	38	57
Totals for the year 1937	901	27167	2850	345	1829	5024	761	364	2021	3146	1878	29045	172	67	153	36	286	714	996	39621	28645
Totals for the year 1936	868	27163	280	103	487	870	254	65	547	866	4	27167	171	60	125	55	304	715	978	37124	27631

The Vanguard of the Army

The slogan, "There is no crisis with the Lord," is a dependable one. It will remain true through the bitterest trials of the last days, and until we stand triumphantly with the great host of the redeemed on the sea of glass.

It certainly has proved itself in the Publishing Department of the Southern European Division during the year 1937. In spite of adverse circumstances and difficulties in many fields, our sales have increased by just about \$ 13,000. True, part of this gain is due to favorable fluctuation of the exchange rate in some fields, but most of it is a real gain. Aside from this gain, we had to cover a loss of \$ 4,000 for Spain, representing the sales of the first months of 1936 before the civil war broke out. This really means another gain of nearly \$ 4,000, aside from the \$ 13,000 already mentioned.

Only he who watches closely the conditions in which our colporteurs have to work nowadays, and who knows the restrictions and persecutions prevailing in several unions, can get a true idea of the cost of such results. Our army of colporteurs has worked hard, faithfully and undauntedly in a real self-sacrificing spirit all along the battle line. Genuine love for Christ and for perishing souls is the impelling force in the hearts of our canvassers.

Just a few weeks ago we closed a large institute at the French publishing house. It did one good to meet with fifty colporteurs from the Franco-Belgian Union and French Switzerland. Several of them have been engaged for twelve, fifteen, and up to eighteen years in this great work. They are strong, experienced men of God, as true to principle as the needle is to the pole. They are the pioneers of the colporteur work in the French-speaking fields. When the publishing house was transferred from Switzerland to France in 1922, we had less than a dozen colporteurs in these fields, and most of them were in French Switzerland. It has been an uphill battle through the years. Now we have good groups in each of the conferences of France and Belgium and rejoice as we see the measure of prosperity the Lord has given us. The

report of the manager of the French publishing house revealed that during the period of organization and development covering the last fifteen years since the printing plant was transferred to France, the output of literature has been as follows :

- 2,117,000 French "Signs of the Times"
- 7,140,000 "Vie et Santé" (Health paper)
- 100,000 Large books
- 500,000 Small books
- 500,000 Tracts

The number of books and tracts is approximate as the records presented were not complete.

This is, indeed, encouraging. Each of these publications is a seed of truth with living power for everlasting life.

At the time of our Winter Council last December, Elder Olson, our Division president, made a brief review of the forward march of the message in our territory. With a few exceptions, whenever a new island or a new territory was entered, it was through the means of our publications. This was the case of the islands of Madagascar, Madeira, the Azores, Reunion. Legal restrictions in several places make it impossible for the preacher to go and open new work; but the printed page and the canvasser go everywhere. Last year we sent a colporteur to the large Italian island of Sardinia, where we had no work before and no possibility for the preacher to begin. Through the labors of the colporteur with the printed page there are now several families interested and keeping the Sabbath, and there are good prospects that we shall soon be able to establish regular work among the two million people of that island.

A young married couple has lately entered the beautiful French island of Corsica, and they are working from house to house to create the first interest.

About two years ago, Colporteur Freire, of Portugal, sold books and held cottage meetings in the island of St. Thomas, right under the equator.

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Financial Report of the Southern European Division of S. D. A. for the Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1937.

Name of Conference or Mission	Total Title	Total Offerings (incl. Specials)	Contributions for Home Miss. Work	Contributions for Local Church Work	Colporteur Book Sales	
1	2	3	4	5	6	
1. SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION						
2. FRANCO-BELGIAN UNION CONF.						
3. Belgian Conference	F. Fr.	77,410.50	22,562.10	388.80	3,500.—	64,435.40
4. East France Conference	» »	51,217.50	51,087.25	219.50	1,239.—	31,794.25
5. North » »	» »	104,363.—	78,819.95	989.—	3,329.—	76,594.75
6. South » »	» »	86,266.—	130,108.60	4,104.90	3,015.—	41,237.15
	F. Fr.	319,257.—	282,577.90	5,702.20	11,083.—	214,061.55
	\$	14,909.20	13,196.40	266.30	517.57	9,996.68
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.						
8. Danube Conference	Dinar	108,667.50	69,806.—	—	—	53,957.—
9. Sava »	»	71,905.50	41,344.50	—	—	34,448.—
10. Morava »	»	65,177.—	44,316.—	—	—	43,498.—
	Dinar	245,750.—	155,466.50	—	—	131,903.—
	\$	4,349.80	2,751.75	—	—	2,334.66
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONFERENCE						
12. West Muntenian Conference	Lei	1,220,142.50	402,760.75	—	—	198,665.—
13. East »	»	458,703.40	166,251.94	—	—	97,521.—
14. North Moldavian »	»	443,825.—	108,444.—	—	—	81,536.—
15. South »	»	307,433.—	100,056.50	—	—	76,911.—
16. Transylvanian »	»	494,151.50	169,314.75	—	—	191,681.—
17. Banat »	»	247,317.—	75,846.50	—	—	58,011.—
	Lei	3,171,572.40	1,022,674.44	—	—	704,325.—
	\$	19,029.50	6,136.05	—	—	4,225.95
18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE						
19. German Swiss Conf.	Sw. Fr.	37,071.—	30,801.65	2,820.75	6,511.30	26,845.—
20. Leman Conference	» »	29,586.30	24,304.92	2,887.72	4,891.04	19,502.75
	Sw. Fr.	66,657.30	55,106.57	5,708.47	11,402.34	46,347.75
	\$	15,331.20	12,674.51	1,312.95	2,622.53	10,659.99
21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION.						
22. Spanish Mission	Pesetas	—	—	—	—	—
23. Portuguese Conference	»	5,948.80	4,647.96	56.35	757.14	6,848.29
24. Madeira Mission	»	3,717.10	761.83	—	52.34	—
25. Azores »	»	—	—	—	—	—
	Pesetas	9,665.90	5,409.79	56.35	809.48	6,848.29
	\$	1,256.50	703.28	7.32	105.23	890.28
26. ITALIAN UNION MISSION						
27. North Italian Mission	Lire	24,970.50	19,926.10	—	1,449.—	25,914.70
28. South » »	»	12,353.50	13,147.40	—	—	14,045.—
	Lire	37,324.—	33,073.50	—	1,449.—	39,959.70
	\$	1,965.20	1,741.31	—	76.28	2,103.87
29. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISSION.						
30. Algerian Mission	F. Fr.	25,600.—	51,989.25	—	—	10,972.75
31. Moroccan »	» »	15,833.—	21,952.85	—	—	3,632.50
32. Tunis »	» »	15,308.—	1,221.54	—	—	11,390.—
	F. Fr.	56,741.—	75,163.64	—	—	25,995.25
	\$	2,650.—	3,510.14	—	—	1,213.97
33. INDIAN OCEAN UNION MISSION. *)						
34. Madagascar Mission	F. Fr.	12,488.—	2,570.10	—	—	12,572.20
35. Mauritius »	»	25,480.—	9,007.85	—	7.80	—
36. Seychelles »	»	1,873.—	565.40	—	—	—
37. La Reunion »	»	949.—	1,003.10	—	286.50	—
	F. Fr.	40,790.—	13,146.45	—	294.30	12,572.20
	\$	1,905.—	613.94	—	13.75	587.12
38. EQ. AFRICAN MISSION *)	F. Fr.	4,814.60	960.—	—	—	—
	\$	224.80	44.84	—	—	—
39. CAPE VERDE ISLANDS *)	Es.	649.90	209.20	—	—	—
	\$	28.70	9.24	—	—	—

RECAPITULATION

1. Southern European Division	\$	14,909.20	13,196.40	266.30	517.57	9,996.68
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	\$	4,349.80	2,751.75	—	—	2,334.66
3. Jugoslavian » »	\$	19,029.50	6,136.05	—	—	4,225.95
4. Rumanian » »	\$	15,331.20	12,674.51	1,312.95	2,622.53	10,659.99
5. Swiss » »	\$	1,256.50	703.28	7.32	105.23	890.28
6. Iberian » Mission	\$	1,965.20	1,741.31	—	76.28	2,103.87
7. Italian » »	\$	2,650.—	3,510.14	—	—	1,213.97
8. North African » »	\$	1,905.—	613.94	—	13.75	587.12
9. Indian Ocean » » *)	\$	224.80	44.84	—	—	—
10. Eq. African Mission *)	\$	28.70	9.24	—	—	—
11. Cape Verde Islands *)	\$	28.70	9.24	—	—	—
Totals 4th quarter 1937	\$	61,649.90	41,381.46	1,586.57	3,335.36	32,012.52
» 4th » 1936	\$	53,627.40	39,935.13	2,131.78	2,325.92	31,209.57

*)Report for the 3rd quarter 1937

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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.		
							Blg Week	Young Peoples Collection	(Relief Fund) Weekly Offerings
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1.									
2.									
3.	7,754.50	1,962.15	3,165.90	8,638.35	47.20	550.65	—	443.35	—
4.	6,308.50	3,154.80	33,271.30	7,254.75	—	—	—	1,050.00	47.90
5.	9,279.30	2,743.65	56,341.45	9,612.25	20.00	—	—	823.30	—
6.	10,046.80	4,846.70	103,067.05	12,084.30	—	—	63.75	—	—
	33,389.10	12,707.30	195,845.70	37,589.65	67.20	550.65	63.75	2,316.65	47.90
	1,559.28	593.43	9,146.00	1,755.44	3.13	25.72	2.98	108.18	2.24
7.									
8.	15,323.25	2,090.00	41,927.75	7,359.50	851.25	151.00	664.75	947.50	491.00
9.	7,613.50	2,023.00	23,525.00	4,909.50	1,563.00	805.00	95.25	470.25	340.00
10.	8,154.25	1,733.00	26,883.00	5,548.50	810.00	64.50	366.00	380.00	375.75
	31,091.00	5,846.00	92,336.75	17,817.50	3,224.25	1,020.50	1,126.00	1,797.75	1,206.75
	550.31	103.48	1,634.37	315.37	57.07	18.06	19.93	31.80	21.36
11.									
12.	134,612.00	32,385.50	96,043.00	110,601.50	—	2,676.00	10,531.50	6,101.50	9,809.75
13.	60,491.20	16,887.50	26,446.00	50,812.00	—	351.00	5,004.00	2,709.00	3,551.24
14.	50,833.00	11,742.00	27,478.00	16,123.00	—	—	292.00	232.00	1,744.00
15.	37,226.00	10,498.00	15,342.00	30,161.00	—	10.00	2,017.00	2,419.00	2,383.50
16.	51,717.75	16,315.75	52,212.00	42,450.50	—	1,010.00	52.00	3,458.25	2,068.50
17.	28,065.00	8,754.00	18,158.00	18,580.00	—	77.00	373.00	576.00	1,263.50
	362,944.95	96,612.75	235,679.00	268,728.00	—	4,124.00	18,269.50	15,495.75	20,870.49
	2,177.67	579.68	1,414.07	1,612.37	—	24.74	109.62	92.98	124.92
18.									
19.	5,682.00	1,185.00	16,395.65	7,020.00	419.50	—	—	7.00	92.50
20.	3,914.59	1,351.97	11,594.95	6,902.15	428.97	30.00	31.80	37.19	13.30
	9,596.59	2,536.97	27,990.60	13,922.15	848.47	30.00	31.80	44.19	105.80
	2,207.21	583.50	6,437.84	3,202.09	195.15	6.90	7.31	10.17	24.34
21.									
22.	787.67	379.46	1,939.67	622.66	513.06	326.19	—	79.25	—
23.	471.39	134.74	—	—	—	—	130.90	24.80	—
24.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25.	1,259.06	514.20	1,939.67	622.66	513.06	326.19	130.90	104.05	—
	163.67	66.85	252.16	80.95	66.70	42.41	17.02	13.52	—
26.									
27.	3,484.80	1,173.45	9,965.35	3,824.05	—	592.50	—	860.65	25.05
28.	2,713.30	808.70	6,302.05	2,590.80	—	177.25	—	555.30	—
	5,198.10	1,982.15	16,267.40	6,414.85	—	769.75	—	1,415.95	25.05
	326.33	104.35	856.48	337.74	—	40.53	0.01	74.55	1.32
29.									
30.	3,487.00	822.90	45,408.05	1,969.10	—	152.20	—	150.00	—
31.	1,021.55	158.15	20,100.00	673.15	—	—	—	—	—
32.	1,208.04	13.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	5,716.59	994.55	65,508.05	2,642.25	—	152.20	—	150.00	—
	266.97	46.44	3,059.23	123.39	—	7.11	—	7.00	—
33.									
34.	1,394.95	820.20	284.95	—	—	70.00	—	—	—
35.	2,056.95	1,429.15	—	—	—	4,467.15	1,054.60	—	—
36.	386.00	179.40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
37.	79.45	74.70	673.95	—	—	175.00	—	—	—
	3,917.35	2,503.45	958.90	—	—	4,712.15	1,054.60	—	—
	182.94	116.91	44.78	—	—	220.06	49.25	—	—
38.									
	415.00	125.85	—	—	185.15	234.00	—	—	—
	19.38	5.88	—	—	8.65	10.93	—	—	—
39.									
	91.90	17.30	—	—	—	—	100.00	—	—
	4.06	—	—	—	—	—	4.42	—	—

RECAPITULATION

1.									
2.									
3.	1,559.28	593.43	9,146.00	1,755.44	3.13	25.72	2.95	108.18	2.24
4.	550.31	103.48	1,634.37	315.37	57.07	18.06	19.93	31.80	21.36
5.	2,177.67	579.68	1,414.07	1,612.37	—	24.74	109.62	92.98	124.92
6.	2,207.21	583.50	6,437.84	3,202.09	195.15	6.90	7.31	10.17	24.34
7.	163.67	66.85	252.16	80.95	66.70	42.41	17.02	13.52	—
8.	326.33	104.35	856.48	337.74	—	40.53	—	74.55	1.32
9.	266.97	46.44	3,059.23	123.39	—	7.11	—	7.00	—
10.	182.94	116.91	44.78	—	—	220.06	49.25	—	—
11.	19.38	5.88	—	—	8.65	10.93	—	—	—
	4.06	—	—	—	—	—	4.42	—	—
	7,457.82	2,201.28	22,844.93	7,427.35	330.70	396.46	210.54	338.20	174.18
	6,539.40	1,878.52	22,779.58	6,266.58	1,094.24	528.93	262.57	432.59	152.72

Financial Summary of the Southern European Division for the Year 1937

Name of Conference or Mission	Year														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1. SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIV.															
2. Franco-Belgian Un. Confer.	\$ 51,251.90	\$ 51,251.90	39,314.84	448.81	1,287.75	46,634.08	5,513.13	1,891.38	26,226.47	1,913.33	116.38	1,004.42	2,420.80	219.10	9.83
3. Jugoslavian " " " " " " " "	\$ 14,889.40	\$ 14,889.40	6,303.18	419.08		9,643.18	1,983.66	394.79	2,177.68	338.28	95.44	727.12	377.16	131.87	77.18
4. Rumanian " " " " " " " "	\$ 62,264.70	\$ 62,264.70	19,630.04			16,234.38	8,486.57	2,053.14	3,618.42	1,975.09		1,845.65	830.97	389.93	430.27
5. Swiss " " " " " " " "	\$ 57,550.80	\$ 57,550.80	30,288.66	4,074.83	9,131.25	47,040.72	8,988.24	2,231.17	10,632.06	3,217.04		1,993.48	2,062.75	106.46	106.03
6. Iberian Union Mission " " " " " " " "	\$ 3,402.60	\$ 3,402.60	2,469.15	11.81	214.17	3,383.08	522.04	177.33	833.85	83.85	150.62	99.85	199.42	39.93	
7. Italian " " " " " " " "	\$ 7,496.90	\$ 7,496.90	5,793.42	17.64	182.84	8,195.48	1,271.31	392.43	2,633.69	343.30		447.63	587.85	108.61	8.60
8. North African " " " " " " " "	\$ 7,279.---	\$ 7,279.---	4,830.79	12.59	18.58	9,202.---	788.66	208.19	3,136.68	132.73	5.97	232.26	317.30	7.---	
9. Indian Ocean " " " " " " " "	\$ 8,411.---	\$ 8,411.---	3,614.40		43.84	2,845.62	1,023.77	437.55	1,374.67	279.89		354.21	144.31		
10. Equatorial African Mission " " " " " " " "	\$ 856.70	\$ 856.70	367.91				105.21	19.83		120.48		87.62			
11. Cape Verde Island " " " " " " " "	\$ 112.40	\$ 112.40	45.95		34.65		18.62	3.02		2.21		17.68	4.42		
Totals for the year 1937	\$ 213,515.40	\$ 213,515.40	112,628.34	4,984.76	10,913.08	143,178.54	28,701.21	7,808.93	50,999.18	8,405.70	1,322.51	6,309.92	6,944.98	1,004.---	631.91
Totals for the year 1936	\$ 180,669.10	\$ 180,669.10	95,149.15	5,496.30	8,100.12	130,203.99	25,417.91	6,840.05	40,141.63	6,783.70	1,552.58	6,344.50	5,997.28	1,504.16	567.34

Several requests for a missionary have poured into our office from that far-away island as a result of his work. Now we are sending Brother Freire back as a missionary to take care of the interest he has created.

During 1937, a dozen souls, found by the colporteurs of Switzerland, were baptized; twenty-two were added to the church in Italy, eight in North France; fifteen in North Africa, about sixty in Jugoslavia, and 150 in Rumania. One Rumanian colporteur has the names and addresses of 78 souls baptized as a fruitage of his labors from 1934 to 1936.

Among the Russian population of Northern Rumania, 160 souls have been baptized in a single district during the last few years. Of 27 churches and groups organized, 24 are due to the canvassing work. Brother Popov, the worker in that section, writes that he has 24 more groups of persons interested through the efforts of the colporteurs. He says: "Wherever I hear people speak of these faithful workers, they consider them as true apostles. It is the testimony of their daily life that gives power to the books they sell."

Praising the Lord for such a work, such fruits, we take courage and look forward to an ever increasing success until the work is finished and we hear the "Well done!" from the lips of the Master.

F. CHARPIOT.

The Lord Has Helped Us

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Spirit is being poured out upon the believers and is leading them into evangelistic endeavor.

What our lay preachers are doing must be witnessed personally in order to be understood fully. One of our workers writes as follows concerning this work in his district:

"More than a thousand people came to the meeting one evening. We did not know where to find seats for all of them. That evening, hundreds decided for the truth; backsliders were reclaimed, and others are now preparing for membership. This awakening to the truth is much like the one described in 'Our Time and the Work.' A thousand doors are being opened to the gospel. Those who formerly were the most bitter enemies of the truth, beg us to come to their homes to teach them the way of salvation. Wonderful conversions are being witnessed. Manifestly the Spirit of God is at work. There are even instances where God, through dreams, has brought people to the knowledge of the truth. My prayer to God is: 'Lord, open our eyes that we may realize the times in which we live and understand the work thou wouldst have us to do.'"

The statistics speak eloquently of the work accomplished in 1937. A net gain of 1,138 members, as against 759 in 1936, was attained. The church membership of our 554 churches was 17,649 per December 31, 1937. The tithe and offerings have also increased encouragingly, permitting us to care for the most pressing needs of the work. In spite of ever increasing difficulties, our courageous book evangelists sold more literature last year than during the previous year. Our staff of preachers is

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		Average Number of Colporteurs	Number of Hours	Val. of Books in Dollars	Value of Periodicals in Dollars	Average No. of Hrs. p. week	Grand Total Value of Sales Local Currency	Grand Total in Dollars 1937	Grand Totals in Dollars 1936
1. FRANCO-BELGIAN UN. CONF.									
2.	Belgian Conference	15	12744			16.3	349,106.50 B. F.	11,813.98	9,646.18
3.	East France "	9	8523			18.2	168,365.60 F. F.	7,862.62	6,123.22
4.	North " "	18	14257			15.2	338,968.25 " "	15,829.93	11,465.14
5.	South " "	15	10861			13.9	238,278.15 " "	11,127.55	9,570.55
	Totals 1937.....	57	46385	8,811.82	37,822.26	15.6	998,587.95 F. F.	46,634.08	36,805.09
	Totals 1936.....	58	44713	7,152.32	29,652.77	14.8	931,775.40 " "		
6. JUGOSLAVIAN UN. CONF.									
7.	Danube Conference.....	25	29803			22.9	207,266. Din.	3,668.60	3,031.47
8.	Sava "	18	17862			19.1	157,542. " "	2,788.50	2,009.11
9.	Morava " "	17	23755			26.9	180,005. " "	3,186.08	3,125.83
	Totals 1937.....	60	71420	6,778.07	2,865.11	22.9	544,813 Din.	9,643.18	8,168.41
	Totals 1936.....	55	71572	5,543.37	2,625.04	25.0	461,494 " "		
1. RUMANIAN UN. CONF.									
11.	West Muntenian Conference..	21	27249			25.0	788,949. Lei	4,733.69	4,565.92
12.	East " "	10	11462			22.0	553,209. " "	3,319.26	3,211.14
13.	North Moldavian " "	13	13847			20.5	350,779. " "	2,104.68	2,256.20
14.	South " "	11	13811			24.1	296,092. " "	1,776.56	2,253.97
15.	Transylvanian " "	8	8994			23.9	367,977. " "	2,207.86	2,032.36
16.	Banat " "	6	5746			18.4	274,019. " "	1,644.11	1,721.91
17.	School.....	6	1041			3.3	74,704. " "	448.22	422.09
	Totals 1937.....	75	82150	8,043.48	8,190.90	21.1	2,705,729.— Lei	16,234.38	16,463.59
	Totals 1936.....	85	99385	8,970.12	7,493.47	22.5	2,743,933.— " "		
18. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE									
19.	German Swiss Conference....	26	37987			28.1	124,305.— S. F.	28,590.15	26,201.83
20.	Leman " "	13	19579			29.0	80,219.85 " "	18,450.57	17,417.67
	Totals 1937.....	39	57566	22,158.50	24,882.22	28.4	204,524.85 S. F.	47,040.72	43,619.50
	Totals 1936.....	41	58246	17,828.38	25,791.12	27.3	224,842.80 " "		
21. IBERIAN UNION MISSION									
22.	Spanish Mission.....	—	—			—	— Esc.	—	3,932.14
23.	Portuguese Conf.	11	9440			16.5	76,540.— " "	3,383.08	4,660.24
	Totals 1937.....	11	9440	2,708.85	674.23	16.5	76,540.— Esc.	3,383.08	8,592.38
	Totals 1936.....	24	21230	7,370.86	1,221.52	17.0	66,095.20 " "		
24. ITALIAN UNION MISSION									
25.	North Italian Mission.....	15	17363			22.3	103,033.20 Lire	5,424.69	5,779.31
26.	South " "	9	8924			19.1	52,626.85 " "	2,770.79	2,795.17
	Total, 1937.....	24	26287	5,751.39	2,444.09	21.1	155,660.05 Lire	8,195.48	8,574.48
	Totals 1936.....	24	25298	6,982.86	1,591.62	20.3	165,212.— " "		
7. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISSION									
28.	Algerian Mission.....	8	6089			14.6	122,056.40 F. F.	5,700.04	5,630.63
29.	Moroccan " "	2	2596			25.0	32,668.— " "	1,525.58	1,741.34
30.	Tunis " "	2	1447			13.9	42,320.50 " "	1,976.38	—
	Totals 1937.....	12	10132	6,226.—	2,976.—	16.2	197,044.90 F. F.	9,202.—	7,371.97
	Totals 1936.....	14	11996	4,396.46	2,975.51	16.5	186,632.55 " "		
31. INDIAN OCEAN UN. MISSION.									
	Totals 1937.....	8	6930	2,114.28	731.34	16.7	60,934.46 F. F.	2,845.62	608.57
	Totals 1936.....	8	2896	412.52	166.05	7.0	15,406.85 " "		

RECAPITULATION

1.	Franco-Belgian Union Conference	57	46385	8,811.82	37,822.26	15.6		46,634.08	36,805.09
2.	Jugoslavian " "	60	71420	6,778.07	2,865.11	22.9		9,643.18	8,168.41
3.	Rumanian " "	75	82150	8,043.48	8,190.90	21.1		16,234.38	16,463.59
4.	Swiss " "	39	57566	22,158.50	24,882.22	28.4		47,040.72	43,619.50
5.	Iberian Union Mission....	11	9440	2,708.85	674.23	16.5		3,383.08	8,592.38
6.	Italian " "	24	26287	5,751.39	2,444.09	21.1		8,195.48	8,574.48
7.	North African " "	12	10132	6,226.—	2,976.—	16.2		9,202.—	7,371.97
8.	Indian Ocean " "	8	6930	2,114.28	731.34	16.7		2,845.62	608.57
	Totals 1937.....	286	310310	62,592.39	80,586.15	20.9		143,178.54	
	Totals 1936.....	309	335336	58,686.89	71,517.10	20.9		130,203.99	130,203.99
	Loss	23	250 6						
	Gain			3 905 50	9,069.05			12,974.55	

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	Franco-Belgian U. C.	Jugoslav. U. C.	Rumanian U. C.	Swiss U. C.	Iberian U. M.	Italian U. M.	N. African U. M.	Indian Ocean U. M.	Eq. Afr. Miss.	Cape Verde Mission	Totals for the Year 1937	Totals for the Year 1936
No. added to the union membership since last report as the result of missionary work of lay members.	46	330	1623	32	4	51	1	15	62	—	2164	1668
No. of churches and companies	70	216	573	58	7	42	10	39	3	—	1018	906
Total church membership of union	2346	3451	17649	2450	837	777	334	994	189	18	29045	27167
No. of churches and companies sending in a report	40	140	536	47	7	34	9	28	—	—	841	697
No. of conferences sending in a report	4	3	6	2	3	2	3	3	—	—	26	23
Membership of conference churches (isolated members)	44	293	—	13	5	160	—	88	—	—	603	606
No. of churches holding first Sabbath missionary service	20	129	368	26	7	27	7	23	—	—	607	588
No. of churches holding 15 minute missionary service	—	110	368	5	—	27	8	11	—	—	529	483
No. of churches organized into working bands	12	89	552	6	2	26	—	11	—	—	698	409
Bible Training	—	76	308	—	1	32	—	5	—	—	422	308
Medical	—	—	74	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	82	107
Dorcas	12	70	141	9	3	15	—	17	—	—	267	232
Literature	—	80	108	5	3	26	6	4	—	—	232	290
Total amount of offerings during the year for local missionary work incl. Missionary Volunteer	\$ 667.91	550.95	389.93	4,183.29	50.84	126.25	19.59	—	—	—	5,988.76	7,000.46
No. of persons reporting missionary work	545	1691	13978	828	212	555	231	699	—	—	18689	17260
REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK :												
No. of Bible readings or gospel meetings	6299	88025	596571	4903	3378	11982	6318	10978	34	—	728438	731266
» » missionary visits	7041	27904	280030	4728	10978	8099	3767	9042	2819	—	354408	314052
» » persons taken to S. S. or other services	1032	11907	107598	870	624	1904	1145	959	8463	—	134502	123160
No. of persons given needed help	3732	39810	360451	3173	1631	4468	2060	4015	1140	—	420180	335953
» » treatments given	1265	7182	82630	1214	793	2447	2256	1451	3717	—	102955	92592
» » articles of clothing given to the needy	3750	4864	18074	2326	4737	2113	1225	1799	—	—	38888	31473
No. of books, missionary periodicals, or tracts distributed	78521	24185	103388	71935	31444	26640	23283	6397	34	—	365827	341637
No. of missionary letters written	2479	2493	9771	3506	1135	1802	1225	558	23	—	22992	19374

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Number of Societies	20	30	330	13	4	15	5	17	5	439	122
Number of Societies reporting	13	23	256	13	3	14	5	13	3	343	289
Total Membership (Including Associate and Junior Members)	335	948	7038	229	142	230	60	320	882	10184	8948
Number reporting	75	347	2849	52	36	159	33	163	—	3714	3207
Total of Senior and Junior young people baptized, regardless of who labored for them	6	11	13	4	2	14	33	23	85	191	804
Number baptized whom young people had a part in winning	2	44	106	—	1	11	—	2	—	166	114
Number belonging to missionary bands	82	157	—	—	—	70	—	80	—	389	1003
REPORT OF MISSIONARY WORK:											
Number of Bible readings or gospel meetings held	578	11216	82456	419	733	3282	845	865	34	100428	89429
Number of missionary visits	482	2902	39617	559	1152	2047	402	797	2819	50777	46321
Number of persons taken to S. S. or other services	166	2066	21638	137	162	651	122	164	8463	33569	26238
Number of persons given needed help	272	7957	79450	224	527	661	235	427	1140	90893	71316
Number of treatments given	227	1496	13064	33	144	330	147	329	3717	19487	12408
Number of articles of clothing given to the needy	118	471	3505	117	210	414	66	277	—	5178	2245
Number of books, missionary periodicals or tracts distributed	12522	5538	20035	17691	4496	8665	4989	555	34	74525	65674
Number of missionary letters written	500	439	1962	122	291	418	124	58	28	3942	3319
DEVOTIONAL and EDUCATIONAL :											
Number observing the Morning Watch	48	241	1835	41	8	119	—	113	—	2405	2021
Number systematically reading Bible through	19	168	817	25	21	12	—	24	—	1086	912
Number taking Reading Course	5	238	844	—	—	—	—	—	—	1087	623
No. studying for Stand. of Attainment	5	235	1914	9	—	21	—	—	—	2184	2282
FINANCIAL :											
Offerings local society work	\$ 42.39	8.14	61.82	118.65	—	30.59	—	1.85	10.02	273.46	407.58
Offerings foreign missions	\$ 136.17	24.03	313.33	124.91	33.48	164.83	—	—	—	796.75	478.75
Harvest Ingathering	\$ 1648.65	—	246.54	192.20	308.62	734.03	—	158.30	—	3288.34	2233.71
Big Week	\$ 348.45	—	48.13	147.05	—	172.70	—	—	—	716.33	589.07

deserving of our sympathy and high esteem for the Christian, self-sacrificing spirit in which they have labored. The Lord is blessing their efforts. The number of workers, however, is much too small for the task. Very often we have to counsel more moderate efforts, for when our workers do not use sparingly of their strength, the heavy burdens crush them. Moreover, I think God wants a hundred workers in Rumania where today there is only one!

Today our work is receiving a new impetus in Rumania, yet the lack of a medical work is very keenly felt. Nothing has been organized along this line. We believe, however, that the Lord, who healed the multitudes as He preached, will find ways and means to establish a medical work in Rumania.

It brings much comfort to us to know that our brethren and sisters in all the world are praying for the work in Rumania during the present crisis. Their Christian sympathy and faithful support will be rewarded richly by our Heavenly Father. We also want to take this opportunity to thank all those who so willingly and efficiently have helped us in one way or another in finding solutions to our problems. Those who lend a helping hand will certainly receive God's most precious blessings.

"Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mispah and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." (1 Samuel 7: 12.)

D. FLOREA.



Harnessing our Youth

A practical business man meditated as he saw the vast quantities of water pouring over the Niagara falls: "If this tremendous water power could be harnessed, what a wealth it would be!"

As we look upon the youth of today, with their magnificent energy being largely dissipated, we would make the same observation: "If this marvelous energy of youth could be harnessed to the work of God, what a far-reaching blessing it would be!" The energy of youth is as powerful in the realm of affairs today as any volume of water is in the material world. Recently we have seen the end of an empire, largely due to the youthful enthusiasm and activity during the past few years.

In the Southern European Division we have some 10,000 young people. What a powerful force their youthful enthusiasm could be! The Spirit of prophecy tells us: "Preachers or laymen of advanced years cannot have one half the influence upon the young that the youth, devoted to God, can have upon their associates." - (Messages to Young People, p. 104.) "Satan well knows that there is no other class that can do as much good as young men and young women who are consecrated to God. The youth, if right, could sway a mighty influence." - (Test., Vol. I, page 511.) Therefore, "When the youth is converted, do not leave him in idleness. Give him something to do in the vineyard of the Master. According to his ability, let him be employed; for the Lord has given to every man his work." - (Testimonies on Sabbath School Work, p. 51.)

Hans STRUVE.

Our Sabbath Schools during 1938

It might be well to remind the readers of the *Quarterly Review* that the year 1938 is the Diamond Jubilee year of our Sabbath School Department. Sixty years have passed since the department was first organized by the General Conference. What a blessing it has meant to our church members in general throughout the world! The full result, however, will be known only at the Sabbath morning gathering of eternity.

Yet there remains still much to be done. In fact, each Sabbath between 10,000 and 11,000 Sabbath school members are missing; some because of sickness, others because of advanced age; some, perhaps, because of indifference. What a loss for them and the work! Let us therefore recall the S. S. aims for the year 1938:

1. A S. S. committee in every church, responsible for the activities of the Sabbath school.
2. Each church member a faithful member of the Sabbath school.
3. The daily study of the Sabbath school lesson by every member.

Let it be remembered, as Colonel Parker said, "The teacher who imparts knowledge only, is an artisan; but he who builds character, is an artist."

Hans STRUVE.

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To the Galatz (Rumania) annual conference meeting held last fall, came a group of young people from one of the persecuted mountain churches. Fearless, undaunted in their faith, several had suffered greatly for the Master. The group sang many times at the meeting, and, because of their lives as much as their musical talent, brought deep inspiration to all the believers in attendance. One of the songs, the last they sang, as I remember, before returning to their trials, still rings in my ears. This was the sentiment:

Come sorrow, Lord,
Glory be to Thee;
Come persecution, Lord,
Glory be to Thee;
Come death, Lord,
Still glory be to Thee!

Such a spirit of trust triumphant!
May the mantle of such young
people fall upon the thousands in
our ranks!

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"He who becomes a child of God should henceforth look upon himself as a link in the chain let down to save the world, one with Christ in His plan of mercy, going forth with Him to seek and save the lost." (Ministry of Healing, p. 105.)

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Elder Steen Rasmussen, General Conference secretary of the Home Missionary Department, has been in Southern Europe since January 26. This is Brother Rasmussen's first visit to our field since leaving us in 1936, when he was called to his present post of service. Though carrying a heavy program of Home Missionary conventions and Lay Preachers' institutes while with us, Brother Rasmussen has found time to make flying trips to several churches and institutions. This renewal of old acquaintances has been profitable to all and much appreciated by our field leaders.

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"If the followers of Christ were awake to duty, there would be thousands where there is one today, proclaiming the gospel in heathen lands." - (Steps to Christ, p. 81, pocket edition.)

Since January 1 of this year, F. Augsburg, formerly superintendent of the Mauritius Mission, is located at Neuchâtel, Switzerland, for pastoral and evangelistic work. Because of failing health, Brother Augsburg and family have returned definitely to their homeland after practically a full period of service with the Indian Ocean Union Mission. We wish these returned missionaries a complete recovery of health, and success in joyful service. Undoubtedly their experience overseas will be put to profit among the churches in the Léman Conference.

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February 5, Brother and Sister J. Freire, of Portugal, embarked at Lisbon on the S/S "Mozambique" for the island of St. Thomas. This young missionary couple is responding to an urgent appeal for a missionary to finish the work begun in St. Thomas more than two years ago by the efforts of a colporteur of the printed page. In fact, it was Brother Freire himself who visited St. Thomas with Elder Maxwell's book, "This Mighty Hour," in Portuguese. Since his visit, a group of earnest Christians has been meeting each Sabbath at St. Antonio, the capital (chief settlement). Now Brother Freire is returning to St. Thomas with his wife to water and cultivate to complete fruitage the seed he so faithfully planted.

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Elder and Mrs. E. Veuthey and their two children embarked at Marseilles January 20 on the S/S "Compiègne" with the island of Mauritius (South Indian Ocean) as destination. Brother Veuthey, formerly an evangelist in the Léman Conference, Switzerland, is answering a call to connect with the Mauritius Mission for evangelistic work. As this family leaves home and loved ones, going out for the first time to a far-away mission land, we feel to wish them Godspeed and, in a special way, success and joy in their labors for the Master.

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Both the Missionary Volunteer and the Educational Departments are planning special gatherings for

the coming summer months. An educational convention, bringing together teachers and educational leaders from all the training schools and church schools of our European fields, will be held in Collonges, July 11-25. Prof. J. E. Weaver, of Washington, D.C., will represent the General Conference Department... Following this convention, a M. V. congress will be organized in Collonges for the youth of all West-Southern European fields, July 26-31. Two additional M. V. congresses are planned for Eastern Europe: the first in Belgrade, August 9-14, and the second, August 16-21, in connection with the Rumanian training school in Brasov. Our youth already are looking forward in their plans to the above dates.

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"When His Spirit converts men, He puts earnestness into their hearts and life, and conveys the word from heart to heart." - (John Herin "The History of Preaching," page 148.)

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Dr. Henri Evard, head of the science department of the French College at Collonges, will leave Europe immediately after the close of the present school year to attend the 1938 summer session of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. We are happy that Brother Evard is afforded this opportunity of contacting our educational work in America, certain as we are that he will return to his post of service in Collonges with a broadened vision and a deeper understanding of the important work committed unto our educators.

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January 15, Elder Paul Bénézec and family sailed from Marseilles for Duala, Cameroon, on the S/S "Canada". They are returning to their field of labor after a regular furlough spent in France and Switzerland. Brother Bénézec will care for the work at Nanga-Eboko, the headquarters of the Equatorial African Mission, during the absence of M. Fridlin who, with his wife, is now on the water returning to France for a much needed rest.