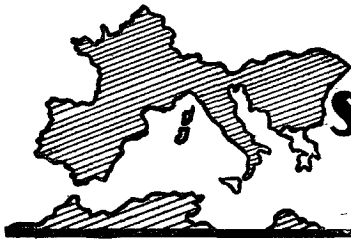


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Standing alone

It is human to stand with the crowd; it is divine to stand alone. It is man-like to follow the people, to drift with the tide; it is God-like to follow a principle, to stem the tide.

It is natural to compromise conscience and follow the social and religious fashion for the sake of gain or pleasure; it is divine to sacrifice both on the altar of truth and duty.

"No man stood with me, but all men forsook me," wrote the battle-scarred apostle in describing his first appearance before Nero to answer for his life for believing and teaching contrary to the Roman world. Indeed, truth has been out of fashion since man changed his robe of fadeless light for a garment of faded leaves.

Noah built and voyaged alone. His neighbors laughed at his strangeness and perished in style. Abraham wandered and worshipped alone. Sodomites smiled at the simple shepherd, followed the fashion and fed the flames. Daniel dined and prayed alone. Elijah sacrificed and witnessed alone. Jeremiah prophesied and wept alone. Jesus loved and died alone. And of the lonely way His disciples should walk, He said: "Straight is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Of their treatment by the many who walk in the broad way, He said: "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

The church in the wilderness praised Abraham and persecuted Moses. The church of the kings praised Moses and persecuted the prophets. The church of Caiaphas praised the prophets and persecuted Jesus. The church of the Middle Ages praised the Saviour and persecuted the saints; and multitudes now, both in the church and the world, applaud the courage and the fortitude of the patriarchs and prophets, the apostles and martyrs, but condemn as stubbornness or foolishness like faithfulness to truth today.

Wanted, today, men and women, young and old, who will obey their convictions of truth and duty at the cost of fortune and friends and life itself; people who believe "It is better to die than to sin."

W. R. B.

In the Indian Ocean Union

PROGRESS AND OPPORTUNITIES

March 9 I sailed from Marseilles on the S. S. "Grandidier" of the Messageries Maritimes to visit our mission fields in the Indian Ocean Union. On this trip, which kept me away from home more than four months, it was my privilege to visit practically all of our churches in Madagascar, Reunion and Mauritius, and to meet all of our missionaries and their families, as well as the native workers. In beautiful little Mauritius, where the whole island is covered with a network of excellent automobile roads, it is easy to reach all the churches in a short time. But, in Madagascar, with its enormous distances, where churches are often far apart, and where the roads are not always good — sometimes lacking altogether, so that you have to push your way across the rice fields in little boats under the scorching rays of a tropical sun, — it requires both time and physical endurance to reach all the places where our work is now established.

It was a great joy to meet again our dear workers and members in these far-away fields. Whether white or black, yellow or brown, they all made me feel at home. It is wonderful how God can take us from the various nations, races, and colors of earth and so fill our hearts with love and sympathy for one another that we actually feel in our hearts and souls that we belong to the same family, and that we become so attached to one another in Christian fellowship that we rejoice to meet, and shed tears when we must part!

It was also a source of joy and gratitude to find workers and members of good courage in the Lord, determined by His grace to press forward in the good way. Some, it is true, have, as others in the home lands, grown weary and fallen out by the way, but, thank God, a far larger number of new converts have come into the church to take their places. While we cannot report any mass movement toward the church, I am glad that we can truthfully say that God has blessed and prospered His people and His work in the Indian Ocean Union. Progress has been made in all of the three islands that I visited. Existing churches have increased their membership, and new churches and companies have been raised up in other places.

Madagascar was the first field to be visited. When our boat cast anchor in the beautiful harbor of Majunga at sunrise Sabbath morning, March 25, it did my soul good to look over the railing into the face of Brother Bureau, the Union superintendent, who had come out in a small boat to meet me. After the usual

customs formalities were finished, we soon found ourselves in our fine new chapel, where Brother Edgar Villeneuve and his flock were waiting for us. After having spent several Sabbaths alone on the boat, what a joy it was to be able to worship the Lord together with these dear brethren and sisters in Majunga, a number of whom I had met on previous visits! God is blessing the labors of Brother and Sister Villeneuve in this important center. Now that they have a good chapel where they can gather the people, we believe that the church will grow rapidly.

Sunday we spent with a live, growing church located about one hundred kilometers from Majunga on the way to Tananarive. Early the next morning, quite a company of us were taken in small boats up a crocodile-infested stream, and across flooded rice fields to a small village where Brother Villeneuve and one of our faithful native workers have been making regular visits. Here a splendid interest has developed. The small room in a private dwelling used for meeting place can accommodate only a fraction of the people who come. When we were there, the major part of the audience had to stand outside trying to listen through doors and windows. Fortunately, we had favorable weather. After the preaching service, all retired to a little pond where six precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Others are keeping the Sabbath, and will soon be ready for baptism. We believe that with the help and blessing of God a good church can soon be organized in this place. For a strong permanent work to be established there, it is necessary to provide a simple but adequate chapel. Brother Villeneuve said that if we could give them five thousand French francs they would by sacrifice and hard work be able to erect the building. When, after my return to France, I mentioned this need in one of our churches, a brother whose heart God had touched handed me an envelope containing exactly five thousand francs. The money has been forwarded, and I suppose that by this time Brother Villeneuve and the new believers are hard at work building the chapel. Thus another humble memorial will soon have been erected to the glory of God out in the jungle of Madagascar.

After spending a few pleasant hours with the European and Madagascar workers in Tananarive, the capital of the island, where the headquarters of our mission are located, we hastened on to visit all the churches to the

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Financial Report of the Southern European Division of S. D. A for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1939

Name of Conference or Mission	Total Tithe	Total Offerings (Incl. Specials)	Contributions for Home Miss. Work	Contributions for Local Church Work	Colporteur Book Sales	
1	2	3	4	5	6	
1. SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION						
2. FRANCO-BELGIAN UNION CONF						
3. Belgian Conference	F. Fr.	137,441.50	36,470.35	409.95	3,954.05	118,192.--
4. East France Conference	» »	59,682.50	22,975.65	134.75	75.50	68,240.50
5. North » »	» »	175,416.--	60,810.35	1,182.--	4,585.50	103,461.--
6. South » »	» »	56,127.--	55,863.60	1,113.15	137.--	85,817.25
	F. Fr.	428,667.--	176,119.95	2,839.85	8,752.05	380,710.75
	\$	11,938.30	4,904.93	79.08	243.75	10,602.77
7. JUGOSLAVIAN UNION CONF.						
8. Danube Conference	Dinar	97,455.--	41,372.75	--	--	60,757.--
9. Sava »	»	73,413.80	28,559.63	--	--	75,583.--
10. Morava »	»	67,195.20	28,996.76	--	--	66,713.--
	Dinar	238,064.--	98,929.13	--	--	203,053.--
	\$	5,118.30	2,126.97	--	--	4,365.64
11. RUMANIAN UNION CONFERENCE						
12. Bucegi-Marea Conference	Lei	1,153,603.--	420,701.--	--	--	181,959.--
13. Suceava-Prut »	»	426,275.--	150,144.--	--	--	65,411.--
14. Somes-Mures »	»	483,132.--	172,331.25	--	--	111,704.--
15. Timis-Olt »	»	266,061.--	72,413.50	--	--	78,109.--
16. Dunare-Nistru »	»	153,535.--	56,273.50	--	--	79,270.--
	Lei	2,482,606.--	871,865.25	--	--	516,453.--
	\$	48,619.50	6,538.97	--	--	3,873.39
17. SWISS UNION CONFERENCE						
18. German Swiss Conf.	Sw. Fr.	32,335.--	16,555.50	1,873.20	5,634.80	31,099.--
19. Leman Conference	»	29,069.70	9,176.71	1,145.31	8,393.21	23,154.70
	Sw. Fr.	61,404.70	25,732.21	3,018.51	14,028.01	54,253.70
	\$	14,123.10	5,918.42	694.25	3,226.44	12,478.34
20. IBERIAN UNION MISSION.						
21. Spanish Mission	Pesetas	--	--	--	--	--
22. Portuguese Conference	»	8,262.90	4,566.65	734.15	--	12,078.56
23. Madeira Mission	»	1,664.30	458.13	--	--	--
24. Azores »	»	--	--	--	--	--
	Pesetas	9,927.20	5,024.78	734.15	--	12,078.56
	\$	794.10	401.97	58.73	--	966.28
25. ITALIAN UNION MISSION						
26. North Italian Mission	Lire	30,680.30	17,390.50	--	1,719.--	39,107.70
27. South »	»	15,703.--	11,033.95	--	--	16,626.50
28. Ethiopian Mission	»	8,388.60	2,030.70	--	--	--
	Lire	54,771.90	30,455.15	--	1,719.--	55,734.20
	\$	2,883.80	1,603.46	--	90.50	2,934.41
29. NORTH AFRICAN UNION MISSION.						
30. Algerian Mission	F. Fr.	34,805.--	12,652.40	--	1,398.55	20,222.30
31. Moroccan »	»	7,111.--	3,588.85	--	--	10,185.--
32. Tunis »	»	10,441.--	2,853.05	--	--	--
	F. Fr.	52,357.--	19,094.30	--	1,398.55	30,407.30
	\$	1,458.--	531.80	--	38.95	846.84
33. INDIAN OCEAN UNION MISS. *)						
34. Madagascar Mission	F. Fr.	16,882.40	4,125.75	--	--	--
35. Mauritius »	»	59,307.90	12,932.25	--	--	--
36. Seychelles »	»	3,108.75	933.--	57.95	89.30	--
37. La Reunion »	»	4,130.95	638.25	1,641.--	751.75	--
	F. Fr.	83,430.--	18,629.25	1,698.95	841.05	--
	\$	2,324.--	518.83	47.31	23.42	--
38. EQ. AFRICAN MISSION *)	F. Fr.	6,535.50	1,143.25	--	--	--
	\$	182.--	31.84	--	--	--
39. CAPE VERDE ISLANDS MISSION *)	Es.	583.50	612.--	--	--	--
	\$	26.30	27.54	--	--	--
40. ST. THOMAS MISSION*)	Es.	390.--	92.60	--	--	--
	\$	17.60	4.17	--	--	--

RECAPITULATION

1. Southern European Division	\$	11,938.30	4,904.93	79.08	243.75	10,602.77
2. Franco-Belgian Union Conference	\$	5,118.30	2,126.97	--	--	4,365.64
3. Jugoslavian » »	\$	18,619.50	6,538.97	--	--	3,873.39
4. Rumanian » »	\$	14,123.10	5,918.42	694.25	3,226.44	12,478.34
5. Swiss » »	\$	794.10	401.97	58.73	--	966.28
6. Iberian » Mission	\$	2,883.80	1,603.46	--	90.50	2,934.41
7. Italian » »	\$	1,458.--	531.80	--	38.95	846.84
8. North African » »	\$	2,324.--	518.83	47.31	23.42	--
9. Indian Ocean » » *)	\$	182.--	31.84	--	--	--
10. Eq. African » » *)	\$	26.30	27.54	--	--	--
11. Cape Verde Islands » *)	\$	17.60	4.17	--	--	--
12. St. Thomas » *)	\$	--	--	--	--	--
Totals 2nd quarter 1939	\$	57,485.--	22,608.90	879.37	3,623.06	36,067.67
» 2nd » 1938	\$	65,158.20	28,094.39	1,106.15	2,708.61	38,001.93

*)Report for the 1st quarter 1939.

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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.		
							Big Week	Young People's Collection	(Relief Fund) Weekly Offerings
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
1.									
2.									
3.	13,339.45	2,728.10	3,294.65	2,044.55	---	4,263.50	10,249.10	547.65	3.35
4.	7,288.55	3,564.25	2,802.70	---	80.---	5,139.20	3,176.---	851.20	73.75
5.	12,278.90	3,303.25	20,701.95	---	137.---	6,885.90	17,403.35	100.---	---
6.	7,780.90	2,157.95	28,127.15	194.40	370.40	4,435.50	12,797.30	---	---
	40,687.80	11,753.55	54,926.45	2,238.95	587.40	20,724.10	43,625.75	1,498.85	77.10
	1,133.15	327.33	1,529.70	62.35	16.36	577.17	1,214.98	41.74	2.15
7.									
8.	13,870.---	2,886.75	672.75	95.25	---	11,892.75	10,734.50	703.25	517.50
9.	9,068.75	2,146.50	141.50	14.---	---	11,329.25	4,773.75	544.---	541.88
10.	9,279.25	1,866.---	176.---	27.50	---	9,521.50	7,150.75	570.50	405.25
	32,218.---	6,899.25	990.25	136.75	---	32,743.50	22,659.---	1,817.75	1,464.63
	692.68	148.33	21.29	2.94	---	703.99	487.17	39.08	31.49
11.									
12.	177,355.50	38,507.50	4,659.---	6,369.50	---	92,537.50	87,050.50	3,535.---	10,666.50
13.	59,139.---	15,769.---	---	---	---	39,335.---	31,738.---	330.---	3,813.---
14.	55,241.75	16,759.50	1,602.---	216.---	---	47,617.---	48,165.50	636.---	2,093.50
15.	32,126.---	8,813.---	650.---	135.---	---	13,967.---	15,269.---	358.---	1,095.50
16.	23,756.---	5,831.---	540.---	25.---	---	13,206.---	11,599.---	54.---	1,244.50
	347,618.25	85,700.---	7,451.---	6,745.50	---	206,702.50	193,822.---	4,913.---	18,913.---
	2,607.14	642.75	55.85	50.59	---	1,550.28	1,453.67	36.84	141.85
17.									
18.	4,838.---	882.---	---	---	63.---	5,056.---	5,575.---	40.---	101.50
19.	3,753.91	1,098.97	230.---	---	157.68	2,148.75	1,648.45	125.30	13.65
	8,591.91	1,980.97	230.---	---	220.68	7,204.75	7,223.45	165.30	115.15
	1,976.14	455.62	52.90	---	50.76	1,657.09	1,661.40	38.02	26.49
20.									
21.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
22.	1,572.53	523.60	---	---	---	---	2,418.19	52.33	---
23.	346.81	111.32	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
24.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	1,919.34	634.92	---	---	---	---	2,418.19	52.33	---
	153.55	50.79	---	---	---	---	193.45	4.18	---
25.									
26.	4,555.25	1,493.70	---	---	---	4,506.---	6,600.25	213.55	21.75
27.	3,765.30	1,086.80	20.---	---	---	2,826.05	3,193.30	142.50	---
28.	1,700.70	---	---	330.---	---	---	---	---	---
	10,021.25	2,580.50	20.---	330.---	---	7,332.05	9,793.55	356.05	21.75
	527.61	135.86	1.05	17.38	---	386.03	515.63	18.75	1.15
29.									
30.	3,706.35	779.10	---	---	---	3,956.35	4,210.60	---	---
31.	828.10	363.25	---	---	---	1,000.70	1,396.80	---	---
32.	557.30	89.45	---	---	---	600.---	1,597.80	8.50	---
	5,091.75	1,231.80	---	---	---	5,557.05	7,205.20	8.50	---
	141.81	34.31	---	---	---	154.77	200.67	-24	---
33.									
34.	2,713.25	692.30	339.---	322.30	---	---	28.---	30.90	---
35.	5,133.---	1,901.05	355.80	5,451.---	---	91.40	---	---	---
36.	634.30	298.70	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
37.	432.35	205.90	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	8,912.90	3,097.95	694.80	5,773.30	---	91.40	28.---	30.90	---
	248.22	86.28	19.35	160.79	---	2.55	.78	-86	---
38.									
	777.35	62.75	29.85	---	227.60	---	45.70	---	---
	21.65	1.75	-83	---	6.34	---	1.27	---	---
39.									
	87.45	18.55	406.---	---	---	---	100.---	---	---
	3.94	-83	18.27	---	---	---	4.50	---	---
40.									
	81.60	11.---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	3.67	-50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

RECAPITULATION

1.									
2.	1,133.15	327.33	1,529.70	62.35	16.36	577.17	1,214.98	41.74	2.15
3.	692.68	148.33	21.29	2.94	---	703.99	487.17	39.08	31.49
4.	2,607.14	642.75	55.85	50.59	---	1,550.28	1,453.67	36.84	141.85
5.	1,976.14	455.62	52.90	---	50.76	1,657.09	1,661.40	38.02	26.49
6.	153.55	50.79	---	---	---	---	193.45	4.18	---
7.	527.61	135.86	1.05	17.38	---	386.03	515.63	18.75	1.15
8.	141.81	34.31	---	---	---	154.77	200.67	-24	---
9.	248.22	86.28	19.35	160.79	---	2.55	.78	-86	---
10.	21.65	1.75	.83	---	6.34	---	1.27	---	---
11.	3.94	-83	18.27	---	---	---	4.50	---	---
12.	3.67	-50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	7,509.56	1,884.35	1,699.24	294.05	73.46	5,031.88	5,733.52	179.71	203.13
	9,209.37	2,687.99	4,130.56	357.27	430.75	5,386.09	5,308.09	348.92	235.85

Itinerating on our Southwestern Rim

EQUATORIAL AFRICA

French Equatorial Africa is indeed a wilderness of sin and spiritual darkness, where dark-faced men and women are still wandering without light.

This territory has been entered by the heralds of the last message, but our efforts to the present have been confined to the unchristianized, uncivilized tribes of Central-east and North Cameroon. The Southern European Division operates three main stations situated on the old slave route leading from the savannas of the interior to Yaoundé, the capital, which are the administrative centers for the operation of some thirty outpost stations. In addition, the Northern European Division conducts a station in the extreme north of the Cameroon territory, near Maroua. But outside of this work, French Equatorial Africa remains unoccupied. We have nothing in the Moyen Congo, the Gabon, Oubangui-Chari, nothing in that vast territory of forests and rivers and countless villages lying north of the Congo and west of the Oubangui, and stretching inward to the deserts of Central Africa.

This section of Africa is a definite challenge to the vitality of the Advent Movement. The immensity of this challenge forced itself home to my heart last February as I traveled northward from Pointe Noire to Duala, touching port after port and surveying en route the realities and possibilities of mission endeavor in these lands. French Equatorial Africa, with nigh on six million inhabitants, must be evangelized; we cannot escape this, but it will not be an easy field. We must bind up our hearts with dauntless courage as we make plans to move forward. The tropical climate still holds the white man in its fatal grip, jeopardizing constantly the success of his enterprises; and then, too, spiritually speaking, this territory, with all of Equatorial Africa, is a stronghold of Catholicism. Rome claims four million Catholics in Africa, more than half of which are in Equatorial Africa. We know what this means. But nevertheless French Equatorial Africa is a promising field. The rapidly expanding work in the Cameroon is a pledge for future success in the entire territory.

My first contact with the Cameroon was in the spring of 1937. At that time, although less than nine years have elapsed since the arrival of the first missionary, I found a promising work under way, with a number of well developed main and outpost stations. I felt a deep thankfulness to God for what had been accomplished in this unchristianized territory,

practically out of contact with European civilization, by a small handful of loyal missionaries. However, the progress of the past two years is still much more striking, for now the earnest pioneer labors have begun to bear definite fruit. Since my first visit the number of baptized members has more than doubled, being 271 at the end of the first quarter of 1939, while the Sabbath school attendance has reached 3013, a thousand more than in 1937. At the present time the baptismal classes count about 900 candidates.

The regional assemblies held during February and March were also typical of the growth of the past two years. I think the largest gathering we had in 1937 did not assemble more than 700 to 800 people. We held three such meetings, one on each main station. This year the attendance soared far beyond this number on the three main stations. For the Sabbath worship hour at Nanga-Eboko, the mission headquarters, more than 1800 persons were present, including the paramount chief of the Benvaleé tribe. This man, who until recently has shown himself a staunch Catholic, also attended the baptismal service which was held following the eleven o'clock meeting, and displayed a deep interest in all that took place. In fact, he has openly favored our mission of late in a number of his villages. When we asked a local chief in the Benvaleé territory why the Sabbath mission had been invited to his village, he replied: "We see the difference now." Throughout the entire region the natives are beginning to see the difference between the true and the false.

The Batouri meeting had 1,400 people in attendance, and down on the south coast, at Grand Batanga, more than 400 met on Sabbath, most of them Sabbath keepers, where we had only some 250 two years ago. Smaller and larger gatherings were held in other places where interests are developing. In South Cameroon the message is flying from lip to lip and interested groups are forming in all parts. The brethren feel they must step in and follow up God's providential openings before the present opportunities are lost, and they laid plans for the opening of two new main stations immediately. The 1939 budget provided funds for one of these; funds for the second station must still be found. Surely God is leading the way toward definite expansion in French Equatorial Africa.

A full picture of the progress accomplished during the past two years could not be given in figures alone, nor in a recital of geographical

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INTERESTING ITEMS

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During the past quarter, two missionary families have returned permanently to Europe from the Indian Ocean Union: Elder and Mrs. M. J. Bureaud and son, and Brother and Sister H. L. Henriksen and three children. Brother Bureaud connected with the work in Madagascar in 1927, and since then has served the field faithfully in various capacities. For many years he was director of the Madagascar Mission; since the organization of the Indian Ocean Union in 1936 he has carried the superintendency of the field. During the past year he also has served as principal of the Madagascar training school, while directing at the same time the construction of a new plant on the school property. During all these years, and in all their labors, Brother and Sister Bureaud have shown courageous devotion for the mission cause, and they will never be forgotten in Madagascar where they have been so closely identified with the work and its progress in every branch since the beginning. Elder Bureaud is located in South France where he has been called to labor in evangelistic work.

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Brother H. L. Henriksen went to Madagascar with his family in 1933, and has served the field as secretary-treasurer of the mission and manager of the Malagasy publishing house. Since the organization of the Indian Ocean Union he also has carried the secretary-treasurership of the union in addition to his former responsibilities. Brother and Sister Henriksen, though their stay in Madagascar was limited to a single period of service, greatly endeared themselves not only with fellow missionaries, but also with the native churches. Brother Henriksen accepted, when, for health reasons, it became necessary for his family to return to Europe, a call to connect with the Collonges school as business manager; but now the European crisis has caught him and his family in Denmark, where they were spending the last days of their furlough. Because of this, other plans will have to be made for Brother Henriksen, at least for the present.

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